

# Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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## 16<sup>th</sup> CAB Welcomes Col. Braman

Col. Matthew Braman, the new commander of the 16<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade at Joint Base Lewis McChord, made a brief presentation to the University Place City Council during its Sept. 17 meeting. Col. Braman shared some of the brigade's accomplishments over the course of the last year, including its efforts to support operations in the Indo-Pacific theater.



Representing the 2,864 soldiers assigned to the 16<sup>th</sup> CAB, Col. Braman expressed gratitude for the opportunity to be partners with the University Place community. "After leading off the Duck Daze parade a few months ago, it was instantly clear that this is a military-friendly community," he said, noting that if they participate in the parade again next year, they need to stock their pockets full of candy to toss to the kids.

After several back-to-back deployments, Col. Braman noted that many of his soldiers will now enjoy one of their longest extended periods at home. "This time will enable us to live, have our children attend the schools, shop and play golf in the City of U.P.," he said. "And as an avid golfer, I look forward to taking full advantage of this."

Col. Braman is Master Aviator qualified in the OH-58C, UH-60A/L/M, MH-60L, and MH-60L DAP aircraft. His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star (OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (4OLC) and Air Medal (6). He has been awarded the Senior Parachutist Badge and the Combat Action Badge, and is a graduate of Jumpmaster Course, SERE-C (High Risk), and the Special Operations Aviation Training Course. He holds a BS in Communications from Norwich University, a MA in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College and a MS in National Security Strategy from

## Be Smart. Be Prepared.

The images coming out of North Carolina in the last week remind us that Mother Nature can be unpredictable and unrelenting. When disaster strikes, the best way to ensure the safety and survival of loved ones and property is to be prepared.

That is why the Washington state Division of Emergency Management has produced a colorful new brochure that encourages citizens to have emergency plans in place for home, work and school. Preparing for disasters includes creating emergency communications plans, survival kits for up to 14 days (a new recommendation) and raising awareness on how to help neighbors, especially the elderly and disabled.

"Hurricane Florence is a perfect example of why we can never become complacent about our preparedness plans," said Jennifer Hales, public safety administrator for the U.P. Police Department. "Whether it be flood waters, an earthquake or a man-made disaster, we must be ready. Sometimes that means evacuating, other times it may be sheltering in place. But having a plan and making sure we have all of our supplies in place in advance is critical to survival."

**Download and print a copy** of the "Be Prepared" brochure right now. Additional copies are also available at City Hall and at the U.P. Police Department. If you know of someone who cannot download a copy, please bring one to them or remind them to pick one up.

**Remember to sign up for CodeRED and PCAAlert.** These two separate notification systems offer U.P. citizens safety updates relevant to you in your neighborhood. Please take the time to sign up for BOTH programs. They are both tremendously valuable insurance policies to help you protect your family and your property.

## University Place in the Spotlight

Be sure to check out the latest episode of Pierce County TV's "The Business Next Door" which this month spotlights economic development in University Place.

The five-minute video features Pierce County Councilmember Connie Ladenburg's interviews with Mayor Kent Keel and Bryan Reynolds, owner of Anthem Coffee. There is also stunning video of the community.

**Take a look** and see why U.P. definitely has a lot to brag about.

## Young Artist Uses a Rock to Get Her Career Rolling

Visitors to Sunset Terrace Park at 1902 Seaview Ave. W. in University Place may have noticed that

its big rock is rocking a new look these days. Earlier this year, Felina Martens, a U.P. resident and aspiring artist, noticed that the rock, which had always been covered with graffiti, was looking particularly shabby. So she set out to change that.

"I decided I was going to do something about it," she recalled. So the 16-year-old approached City of U.P. Director of Public Works Gary Cooper with a proposal. She volunteered to give the rock a fresh face by painting on it iconic community images, including the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, Chambers Bay, Curran Apple Orchard and a sunset over Puget Sound. Amid the images, she left room for a quote by A.A. Milne, author of "Winnie the Pooh." It reads, "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think."



It seems an apt description of the young artist who found the courage to suggest the project after attending an exclusive camp for creative arts students this summer in California. Surrounded by 120 other young people who share her passion for the arts, Felina found herself inspired to use her talents to benefit her community.

"I think it is a testament to Felina—and her parents—that this young person could come up with such a bold idea and have the poise to present it to us," said Cooper. "Now that the project is finished, we have lots of people asking us, 'Who did that?' and telling us they love the art as opposed to the graffiti."

Felina has more ideas in store. As a student in Tacoma Community College's Running Start program, she is already completing some college credits and exploring the possibility of pursuing a career as a professional artist. She acknowledges that making it in the art world can be difficult, but as her work in Sunset Terrace Park demonstrates, she's got a rock-solid start.

To see more of Felina Martens' work, visit her [website](#).

## U.P. Fall Clean-UP & Canned Food Drive

The city of University Place, in conjunction with University Place Refuse and Recycling, is offering you an opportunity to dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted items and yard waste for FREE!

### When:

Residents NORTH of 40th St W. Saturday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents SOUTH of 40th St W. Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Clean-Up Rules:

- LIMIT: 1 load per household for all items EXCEPT for yard waste only loads
- Help us be good neighbors by securing & covering all loads
- For safety reasons, children and pets MUST remain in vehicles

- City of University Place residents ONLY – Photo I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED
- No liquids, paint, or hazardous materials (car batteries are OK)
- No loads larger than a regular pickup truck or equivalent small trailer will be allowed
- No regular household garbage will be allowed
- Residential items only – NO commercial material or loads will be allowed
- The size of items cannot exceed 5' in any direction (except for appliances and furniture)
- No fuel tanks, enclosed barrels or drums of any kind. Water heaters and propane tanks are OK

**Please separate the following items into the following categories for recycling:**

- Wood items: clean, unpainted lumber, pallets, etc.
- Metal items: scrap steel, appliances, lawn mowers, barbecues, plumbing, etc.
- Yard waste: limbs, grass, leaves, other vegetation, no stumps or limbs larger than 4" in diameter
  - No DIRT, ROCKS, SOD, BLACKBERRIES, SCOTCHBROOM, or OTHER NOXIOUS WEEDS
- Tires: with or without rims
- Concrete, brick, and stone
- Car batteries
- Electronic waste: computers, monitors, printers, TVs, laptops, cell phones, cameras, etc.

For more information visit the [U.P. Refuse website](#).

## Make a Difference Day

Residents of University Place are invited to join millions of Americans across the country on Saturday, Oct. 27 for annual Make A Difference Day activities that are designed to make their communities better, cleaner, safer and more welcoming places.

University Place invites residents to gather at Kobayashi Park (6420 Chambers Creek Rd. W.) to assist with ivy removal, trail clean up, and painting of the picnic shelter. Bring your own tools and gardening gloves and prepare to get dirty and have fun.



The efforts will begin at 9 a.m. and continue through noon. This is a great opportunity for students to earn community service credits and for young and old (and everyone in between) to enjoy the fulfillment that comes from giving back.

## U.P. Historical Society Receives State Grant

The University Place Historical Society is happy to announce that it has been awarded a state grant of \$41,300.00 to develop a history museum at the Curran

House at Curran Apple Orchard Park.

Administered by the Washington State Historical Society, the grant is part of our state's 2019-2020 budget, and must be approved by the legislature. Pending approval, your UP Historical Society can begin Phase I of the University Place History Museum at the Curran House.

Currently, a temporary museum is located in Windmill Village, D-2 and 3, and open the first Saturday of each month from 10 am to 2 pm. Stop in to see our array of artifacts and records of early day and recent events. (Find out why there is no university in University Place!) The space is small and may be unavailable by the end of 2019, which is why the permanent museum at the Curran House is so necessary. Eventually, the UPHS will be soliciting the community for historic and culturally significant items available to donate for the new museum.

Through its annual garden tour funds, as well as other grants and donations, the UPHS has been able to begin renovations on the Curran House to bring it to code for public use and to begin the museum development process. While the state grant will be the most significant funding received so far, more monies will be needed as this project continues. Your donations in any amount are welcome! Please send to University Place Historical Society, PO Box 65887, University Place, WA 98464.

**For upcoming events and Council Meeting information  
visit the [Upcoming Events Calendar](#).**

