

# Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



**September 5, 2018**

## **Squeezed to Perfection**

Curran Apple Orchard was buzzing with activity on Sunday, Aug. 26, as more than 400 people came out to enjoy apple picking and pressing during one of U.P.'s most popular annual community events.

The pressers were busy turning out half gallons of beautiful golden cider, with an estimated 400 half gallons filled.

In between, participants enjoyed rousing bluegrass and country music by the Sunset Bible Bluegrass Band and the children enjoyed a myriad of activities, including being entertained by the orchard's mascots, Big Apple and Johnny Appleseed.

"This year we seemed to have a lot of first-time participants," said Debbie Klosowski, a member of Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts (CORE). "People were intrigued by the idea that we have a park like this that is open to the public.

That also led to a lot of interest in participating in the adopt a tree program for next year."

If you'd like to know more about CORE and its efforts to support and preserve U.P.'s unique asset of the Curran Apple Orchard, visit the [\*\*CORE website\*\*](#).



## **U.P. Delegation Attends FEMA Training**

In an effort to ensure that the City of University Place and its staff are ready to respond to any kind of disaster, be it natural or man-made, several representatives of the City

recently attended a week-long training at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Md. The cost of the training was covered by FEMA as part of its efforts to ensure communities across America are prepared to handle disasters.



City Manager Steve Sugg, Assistant City Manager and Director of Economic Development Mariza Craig, Police Chief Mike Blair, Public Safety Administrator Jennifer Hales, Finance Director and Risk Manager Leslie Blaisdell and City Council members Caroline Belleci and Javier Figueroa attended the training. Over the course of five days, they participated in classroom training on how to help community stakeholders, including residents, businesses, churches, schools and other governmental entities plan and prepare for long-term post-disaster recovery.

In addition to their classroom training, the U.P. delegation also took a short field trip to Frederick, Md. Located 25 miles south of the FEMA training center, Frederick was nearly wiped out when a devastating flood in 1976 caused \$25 million in damage to its historic downtown. To prevent further damage, the City's leadership and Army Corps of Engineers developed an underground flood control project that has become the centerpiece of the city's recovery and revitalization. Today, the waters of Carroll Creek are diverted to large underground culverts, while above ground, three feet of water are surrounded by brick sidewalks, water features and pedestrian bridges featuring public art.

Training and field trips like this are so enlightening," said City Manager Steve Sugg. "In this case, while we really focused on the nuts and bolts of recovery in our classroom sessions, seeing first-hand how Downtown Frederick handled its recovery after being nearly wiped out by a flood reminds us that when we work together, with a plan, nothing is impossible."

## UPTV Videos Win National Honors

The City of University Place took home several communications honors at the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) 33rd Annual Government Programming Awards in Philadelphia last week.



The awards recognize excellence in broadcast, cable, multimedia and electronic programming produced by local government agencies from across the country. The City of University Place earned honors in the following categories:

- **Community Awareness:** Third Place for the "University Place - Target Zero DUI Patrol" video.

- **Promotion of a City/County:** Honorable Mention for the "University Place, WA - Live. Work. Play" video.
- **Partnership Production:** Honorable Mention for "Rainier Country - UP for Arts" video.
- **Public Safety and Public Education:** Honorable Mention for "University Place - Target Zero DUI Patrol" video.

"This year, NATOA received more than 880 nominations," said Linda Seesz, Communications manager for the City of University Place. "Given the size of our city and the budget we have to work with, it is very rewarding to have our efforts recognized like this on a national level."

If you'd like to view any of these award-winning videos visit UniversityPlaceTV on YouTube!

## Run for Trails

Chambers Creek Foundation is sponsoring a 5K and 1 mile run/walk at Chambers Creek Regional Park to raise funds for the development of the trail in the Chambers Creek Canyon.



**Chambers Creek Foundation**

Check in time for the race is 7 a.m. on Sept. 22 with the race beginning at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$35 for the 5K and includes a T-shirt or \$27 with no T-shirt. The 1 mile run/walk along the upper Chambers Trail that borders Grandview Drive cost is \$10 (\$5 if you register before Sept. 7).

All proceeds from this run/walk will be used for the 2.5 mile development of the canyon trail along Chambers Creek in the Chambers Creek Canyon. Call 253.798.4141 for additional information. To sign up for the race, go to <https://goo.gl/8qX284>.

## Upcoming Events in University Place



**3 Days and Beyond  
Emergency  
Preparedness  
Sept. 11, 6-8 p.m.**

Deputy Dan Hacker will provide participants with practical, valuable and



**U.P. Historical Society  
Michael Houser  
Presents:  
Robert Price  
Sept. 12, 7 p.m.**

On Wednesday, Sept. 12 Michael Houser will present Robert Price, the



**Survival Mindset  
with Sergeant Erik  
Clarkson  
Oct. 25, 6-8 p.m.**

Sergeant Erik Clarkson will demonstrate how the thought of thinking

potentially life-saving tips throughout this course.

Learn what kind of preparations you should make, including economical ways to prepare for both short and long term emergencies.

Call 253.798.3141 to register.

architect of the Curran House at 7 p.m. in Suite D2 in Windmill Village.

Visit the University Place Historical Society website to learn more information about upcoming events.

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through various survival scenarios is the first step to being prepared.

He will touch on "fight vs. flight" and provide mental exercises designed to help participants prepare their brains to act and not shut down in life-threatening situations.

Call 253.798.3141 to register.

**For more upcoming events visit the City website at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com)**

