

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



February 3, 2021

Chief's Corner

I want to remind everyone to make plans to join us (**virtually via Microsoft Teams**) tomorrow night, Thursday, Feb. 4 for our 2021 Public Safety Forum. We will begin at 6 p.m. at which time I will provide a high-level overview of some of the major topics related to public safety in University Place. I will then address some of the questions that were sent to me in advance. Before we wrap up, there will be time for a “real-time” question-and-answer session as well.



I want to do my best to address as many of your questions as possible, but I realize that it can be difficult to do that in just one session. That's why on Thursday, March 4, I will launch my first “Conversation with the Chief.” My goal in these sessions will be to do a “deep dive” on a different topic related to public safety. I invite you to **email us** with your thoughts on the topics you'd like to see me cover in-depth, as well as the time of day that these conversations might work best for you (lunch, afternoon, evening). I'll provide information on the March topic and time of the conversation in my next Chief's Corner.

For the time being, these conversations will also be held virtually via Teams. You can email us to register and then we will send you the invite information. These will be casual conversations that will enable me to engage with you and other members of our community while also providing more detailed information on topics that are of interest to you.

I hope you will join me every month and also participate in the Public Safety Forum tomorrow night. Please make sure you have Teams loaded onto your phone, tablet or desktop computer in advance so you'll be ready to **join us at 6 p.m.**

VIRTUAL PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

Share your ideas and concerns about Public Safety here in University Place, plus learn about department updates from Police Chief Greg Premo.

FEBRUARY 4, 2021, 6 P.M.
VIRTUALLY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS



Give it a Shot: An Important Reminder about COVID Vaccines

Reference **the Phase Finder tool** for details on who qualifies for each phase of the vaccination roll-out and how to make an appointment for your injection.

Don't wait. ***Vaccination is the best way to bring about the end to the pandemic.***

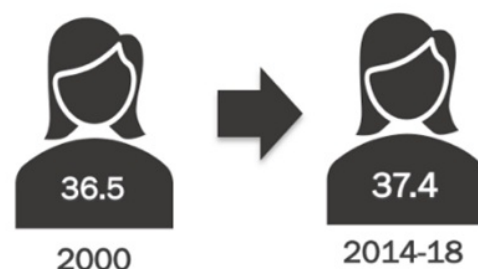


Housing Action Plan Update

In our September 3, 2020 newsletter we announced that the City was developing a Housing Action Plan (HAP) funded by a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce. Since reporting on the HAP, the City and our consultants, LDC Inc., have completed a Housing Needs Assessment and released a Draft HAP for public review and comment.

Analyzing housing is complex since it represents a bundle of services that people are willing or able to pay for, including shelter and proximity to attractions (job, shopping, recreation) access to public services (quality of schools, parks, etc.) and transportation. It is difficult for households to maximize all these services and minimize costs; as a result, households make tradeoffs and sacrifices between needed services and what they can afford.

MEDIAN AGE INCREASED



Comparisons: Pierce increased to 36.4 and Washington state increased to 37.6 years.

The results of the housing needs assessment show that around 8,373 additional housing units will be needed in University Place by 2040, as the city's population is forecasted to grow from 33,000 persons in 2018 to over 48,000 persons by 2040, an increase of 43%. Currently, the city "outperforms" the county in household to housing unit production, meaning there is no aggregate underproduction in the city. However, to keep up with population growth, the city will need to build 419 new household units per year from 2020-2040, as opposed to the 220 new housing units the city has built per year since 2010. Effectively double the current growth rate.

The population forecast for University Place, provided by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), estimated the future housing needs or housing gap between 2020 to 2040. Consequently, if PSRC's forecast is above actual growth, the estimated number of housing units needed by 2040 should be recalibrated. University Place households are mostly families without children, and the population is aging. Some national trends are reflected in the inventory of households and housing in University Place. For example, nuclear family households, the predominant type of household shrank from 40% in 1970 to 20% in 2018 while, in contrast, the share of single-person households increased from 15% in 1970 to 28% in 2018. Households with single persons living alone have become the most prevalent household type, which could result in smaller household sizes and increased housing unit demand.

Household sizes in University Place average 2.53 persons per household. The dominant household compositions are families without children (37%) and non-families (34%). It is likely that a growing senior population has contributed to the smaller number of families with children.

Read the entire article on the City's website at [Housing Action Plan Update](#).

For more on the Housing Needs Assessment, see the Draft Housing Action Plan in the document list at www.CityofUP.com/housing-action-plan. Comments and questions are welcome. Send them directly to David Swindale, Director, Planning and Development Services, at DSwindale@CityofUP.com. Look for future surveys on this topic on FlashVote. If you haven't signed up for FlashVote yet, surveys take less than a minute and signup is easy at flashvote.com/cityofup.

Free Mobile COVID-19 Testing in U.P.



On February 11, **West Pierce Fire & Rescue** and the City of University Place will team up to host a **free** mobile COVID-19 testing site at the old City Hall location in Windmill Village from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be walk-up and drive-through testing and, although appointments are not required, safety is paramount so numerous measures will be in place to ensure the tests can be completed without risk to anyone. These measures include:

- Social distancing of walk-up testers will be enforced, and each walk-up will be given a mask.
- Pierce County Emergency Management is providing self-contained trailers (for bio waste and test swabs).
- All testing personnel will be outfitted with personal protective equipment (PPE), including gloves, masks and face shields.

Come prepared: To make the process go faster, please fill out each of these forms for each individual being tested in advance, print them and bring them with you to the testing site:

Contact form

Test form

The test swabs will be taken to a local lab, with results available within five to seven days and shared with the individual. If the test was at the bequest of a person's employer, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department will contact the employer to share the results with the employee.

These free tests are being offered through a partnership between the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management and with volunteers from West Pierce Fire & Rescue that have been trained through the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program.

For more information about the upcoming free testing sites county-wide, visit the **Pierce County Website**.

What's UP with Biz? Step Out and Step UP to Support Businesses Open in Phase 2 of Recovery Plan

Effective Monday, Feb. 1, Gov. Jay Inslee announced that the Puget Sound Region could progress to Phase 2 of the state's Roadmap to Recovery plan.

This means that local restaurants, personal service providers such as nail and hair salons, retail establishments and fitness facilities can open for indoor service provided they do not exceed 25 percent capacity. Restaurants that open must stop alcohol sales at 11 p.m. For complete details on the specifics related to the Phase 2 reopening, visit the Roadmap to Recovery dashboard at **www.coronavirus.wa.gov**.

Please take advantage of these new guidelines to patronize our local businesses as much as is safely possible and help them on their road to

As of Tuesday, Feb. 2, approximately 582,420 first doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered to Washingtonians. This covers 26.6 percent of the state's prioritized population and 7.7 percent of the entire state population.

Vaccination efforts are ramping up, but the public is still reminded to continue to follow CDC guidelines for limiting the spread of the virus, including wearing masks, maintaining safe physical distances and frequent hand washing and/or sanitation.

Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery

Activities	Phase 1	Phase 2
Social and At-Home Gathering Size — Indoor	Prohibited	Max of 5 people from outside your household, limit 2 households
Social and At-Home Gathering Size — Outdoor	Max of 10 people from outside your household, limit 2 households	Max of 15 people from outside your household, limit 2 households
Worship Services	Indoor maximum 25% capacity	Indoor maximum 25% capacity
Retail Stores (includes farmers' markets, grocery and convenience stores, pharmacies)	Maximum 25% of capacity, encourage curbside pick-up	Maximum 25% of capacity, encourage curbside pick-up
Professional Services	Remote work strongly encouraged, 25% capacity otherwise.	Remote work strongly encouraged, 25% capacity otherwise.
Personal Services	Indoor maximum 25% capacity.	Indoor maximum 25% capacity.
Eating and Drinking Establishments (establishments only serving individuals 21+ and no food remain closed)	Indoor dining prohibited. Outdoor or open-air dining, end alcohol service/delivery at 11PM, max 6 per table, limit 2 households per table	Indoor dining available 25% capacity, end alcohol service/delivery at 11PM. Outdoor or open-air dining available, max 6 per table, limit 2 households per table
Weddings and Funerals	Ceremonies are limited to a total of no more than 30 people. Indoor receptions, wakes, or similar gatherings in conjunction with such ceremonies are prohibited.	Ceremonies and indoor receptions, wakes, or similar gatherings in conjunction with such ceremonies are permitted and must follow the appropriate venue requirements. If food or drinks are served, eating and drinking requirements apply. Dancing is prohibited.
Indoor Recreation and Fitness Establishments (includes gyms, fitness organizations, indoor recreational sports, indoor pools, indoor K-12 sports, indoor sports, indoor personal training, indoor dance, no-contact martial arts, gymnastics, climbing)	Low risk and moderate risk sports permitted for practice and training only in stable groups of no more than 5 athletes. Appointment based fitness/training: less than 1 hour sessions, no more than 1 customer/athlete per room or per 500/sq. ft. for large facilities.	Low and moderate risk sports competitions permitted (no tournaments). High risk sports permitted for practice and training. Fitness and training and indoor sports maximum 25% capacity.
Outdoor Sports and Fitness Establishments (outdoor fitness organizations, outdoor recreational sports, outdoor pools, outdoor parks and hiking trails, outdoor campsites, outdoor K-12 sports, outdoor sports, outdoor personal training, outdoor dance, outdoor motorsports)	Low and moderate risk sports permitted for practice and training only (no tournaments). Outdoor guided activities, hunting, fishing, motorsports, parks, camping, hiking, biking, running, snow sports, permitted.	Low, moderate, and high-risk sports competitions allowed (no tournaments), maximum 200 including spectators.
Indoor Entertainment Establishments (includes aquariums, indoor theaters, indoor arenas, indoor concert halls, indoor gardens, indoor museums, indoor bowling, indoor trampoline facilities, indoor cardrooms, indoor entertainment activities of any kind, indoor event spaces)	Private rentals/tours for individual households of no more than 6 people permitted. General admission prohibited.	Maximum 25% capacity or 200 people, whichever is less. If food or drinks are served, eating and drinking requirements apply.
Outdoor Entertainment Establishments (includes zoos, outdoor gardens, outdoor aquariums, outdoor theaters, outdoor stadiums, outdoor event spaces, outdoor arenas, outdoor concert venues, rodeos)	Ticketed events only: Groups of 10, limit 2 households, timed ticketing required.	Groups of 15, limit 2 households per group, maximum 200 including spectators for events.

NOTE: Live entertainment is no longer prohibited but must follow guidance above for the appropriate venue. Long-term Care facilities, professional and collegiate sports remain governed by their current guidance/proclamations separate from this plan. Not every business activity is listed. For a complete list of guidance for business activities, click [here](#).

The City of University Place is Seeking Applicants for AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship

University Place is now accepting applications for the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Center for Quality Communities scholarship. The scholarship is available through a statewide competitive process for students who are actively engaged in their city government and/or community and plan to attend post-secondary school in fall 2021.

To be eligible, a student must be a Washington resident who will graduate from high school, complete home schooling, or receive a GED in spring/summer 2021. The student must plan to continue their education at an accredited college or trade school in the 2021-2022 academic year on at least a half-time basis and must have a history of involvement with a city government or with a community/school leadership activity.

Information and application materials can be obtained on the **City Website** or **cfqc.org**. Completed applications are due no later than Friday, February 26. Submit completed materials to:

City of University Place

Attention: Lisa Petorak
3609 Market Place W. Suite 200
University Place, WA 98466
LPetorak@CityofUP.com

AWC's Center for Quality Communities promotes municipal leadership development and civic engagement. The Center's goal is to develop a broad public understanding of the important role cities and towns play in Washington. The Center is a 501(c)(3).

NOW HIRING!



**The City of University Place is hiring
Temporary Seasonal Maintenance Workers**

VIEW THESE AND OTHER JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT WWW.CITYOFUP.COM

Visit the [Job Opportunities](#) page on the City Website for job description and details! Applications close on Friday, Feb. 26, 2021 at 4 p.m.

Advisory Commission Vacancies

Commissioners are citizens that, through their volunteer efforts, play an integral role in the growth and development of their City. Citizens serving on the City's Commissions apply their unique knowledge and experiences to the issues and the needs of their City. They function as a focus group from within the community and create ideas to assist the City Council in shaping legislative policy.

Applications are currently being accepted from City residents interested in serving on the following Commissions:

Park Advisory Commission
Planning Commission

Vacancies are open until filled. Applications are available on the **City's webpage Committees, Commissions, and Partners**. For more information email **DNicholas@CityofUP.com**.

2021 Storm Water Management Plan Draft

The Draft 2021 Storm Water Management Plan is now open for public review and comment from Feb. 2-16. Direct your comments and questions to our NPDES Coordinator Todd Smith at TSmith@CityofUP.com or 253.460.5432 or participate in the Public Hearing which will be part of the Feb. 16 City Council Meeting.

THE POOP PROBLEM

Dog poop spreads diseases to people and pets.

Rain washes poop down ditches and drains and into waterways.



When high levels of fecal bacteria are detected, shellfish beds are closed to harvesting and waterways are unsafe for swimming or fishing.

THE POOP SOLUTION

Scoop the poop, bag it and put it in the trash!



At home, scoop at least weekly if not daily, especially before it rains, this prevents pathogens from being tracked indoors on paws, shoes and files.

**Puget Sound
Starts Here.org**

On walks, bring extra bags, scoop every time and carry it to the trash! Be prepared. Always keep bags and a flashlight on your leash.



**Experts agree, the trash is the safest place to dispose of pet waste!
Healthy Families. Healthy Pets. Clean Yards.**

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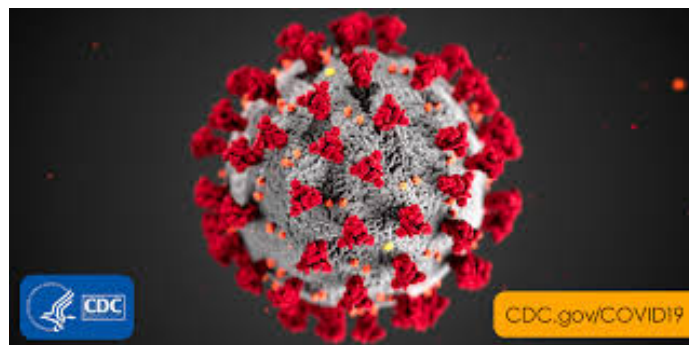
Cirque Drive Construction Update



Get the Facts: COVID Resources

As the nation and our region continues to battle the COVID-19 outbreak, be sure to stay informed with accurate information from these official sources:

- The **U.S. Centers for Disease Control** offers the latest facts and information about COVID-19, including information on travel and return to school or work.
- The **Governor's Office** provides details about on-going response efforts throughout the State of Washington, including the state's Risk Assessment Dashboard.
- The **Washington State Department of Health** provides updated statistics on the occurrence of COVID-19 across the state, as well as testing data.
- The **Tacoma-Pierce County Department of Health** and **Pierce County Government** provide important local information on testing sites, phased re-opening status and CARES Act funding to support recovery efforts.
- The City of University Place's dedicated **COVID-19 info page** includes valuable information on resources for businesses and residents, such as local school meal sites and public utilities' contact information for payment plans or assistance.



**Mask UP to prevent the
spread of COVID-19**



CITY HALL CLOSURE

CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 IN RECOGNITION OF
THE PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY.

CITY HALL WILL REOPEN VIRTUALLY ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 9 A.M.

UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING



**Monday, Feb. 16, 2021
at 6:30 p.m.**

WWW.CITYOFUP.COM



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Caroline Belleci**



**Mayor Pro Tem
Steve Worthington**



**Council Member
Javier Figueroa**



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