

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



July 7, 2021

City Hall is UP and Open!

Following Governor Jay Inslee's announcement that the State of Washington has officially reopened as of June 30, City of University Place offices are getting ready to begin resuming normal operations as well.

- Effective July 6, City Hall has reopened with in-person hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The U.P. Police Department will reopen to walk-in traffic beginning Monday, July 12. The front desk will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed for lunch from 11 a.m. to noon), with staff on hand to address questions and concerns related to public safety, how to obtain copies of a police report or to report a non-life-threatening crime.
- The Community and Economic Development Department will be open in person but, given the small staff, those who wish to stop by are encouraged to call or **email** in advance to set up a time to meet and ensure someone will be available to assist them.



In all cases, the goal is to have personnel available to handle all walk-in traffic during open hours, although initially some coverage may be staggered to ease the transition from full remote work to an on-site presence.

With in-person visits now permitted, all City of U.P. offices and departments will operate pursuant to **U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Washington State Health Department** and **Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department** directives.

Council Member Keel Elected President of Washington Association of Cities

University Place Council Member Kent Keel has been



elected president of the **Association of Washington Cities** (AWC) Executive Committee for 2021-2022. He served as the group's vice president for the past year and has been a member of the AWC Board of Directors since 2014.

"It is my honor and pleasure to serve as AWC's president and to be a strong advocate for all cities and towns in our state," Keel said. "Our voice is clear, direct, and resolute. AWC is on a great path!"

The AWC Board of Directors is comprised of 25 directors, 23 of whom are elected officials (mayors or councilmembers) from Washington cities, and two non-elected city officials who also serve as the

president and past president of the Washington City/County Management Association.

AWC serves its members through advocacy, education, and services. Founded in 1933, AWC is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan corporation that represents Washington's cities and towns before the state legislature, the state executive branch, and with regulatory agencies. AWC consistently maintains 100 percent participation from Washington's 281 cities and towns.

Chief's Corner: We're Ready to Get Back Out for National Night Out

I can say that, without a doubt, one of my favorite annual events in University Place is **National Night Out**. So I am thrilled that we will be able to join you in celebrating your support for our community-police partnerships again this year on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

There are neighborhoods that I still remember visiting on National Night Out for the first time when I was a sergeant here in U.P. back in 2009. When I returned in 2019 as your chief, I'll admit that I couldn't wait to get back out there and visit U.P. neighborhoods again. I was anxious to reconnect with folks...and yes, I admit it: I was also looking forward to some of the amazing food everyone so generously shares with us.



Having served in numerous capacities and locations for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, I know that what we have here in U.P. is special. For a community our size to have the level of participation we do on National Night Out is truly remarkable. In 2018, we had 54 neighborhoods or community groups gather across our eight square miles! There are communities twice our size who don't get half that level of enthusiasm.

But as you might imagine, trying to make sure our public safety caravans hit 54 neighborhoods in the course of a few hours is a logistical challenge. I am continually amazed that Jennifer Hales, our public safety administrator, manages to make it happen, year after year. As you can imagine, it takes hours and hours of planning to put the puzzle pieces together, which is why it is critical that if

your neighborhood would like us to stop by, make sure you register by **emailing Jennifer** by July 23.

We've missed seeing everyone and are anxious to reconnect on Aug. 3. But until then, and as always, stay safe.



National Night Out is Aug. 3

What's UP with Biz?

With our region's record-breaking temperatures, why not treat yourself to something cool and icy from some of U.P.'s businesses?

Consider:

- Iced Coffee from Anthem, Starbucks, Cutters Point or Classic Coffee
- A double scoop of anything from Bliss Creamery
- A frosty margarita from Maria's Cocina Mexicana
- An icy draft at Chambers Bay Grill, The Ale House or U.P. Station Bar & Grill
- A creamy shake from Lefty's Burger Shack
- Chilled sashimi or sushi from Sapporo or spring rolls or noodle salad from Fresh Rolls
- A nice, air-conditioned sit-down meal at Applebee's, Cheers Bar & Grill, Round Table Pizza or Mediterranean Gyro Grill
- Take in some teriyaki from Kobe Teriyaki, Ginza Teriyaki, Joy Teriyaki, Happy Hana or LAON Sushi & Teriyaki
- Grab a pizza, subs or sandwiches from MOD Pizza, Jersey Mike's Subs, McDonald's, Jack-in-the-Box, Subway, Steph's Pizza or Papa Murphy's and find a cool shady spot in a local park
- Or roam the aisles of Trader Joe's, Whole Foods and Harbor Greens to find some cool inspiration for dinner

And if you just can't get enough of the heat, visit Antojos Mexican Grill, India Mahal or Chili Thai!

Upcoming Summer Events



After taking a year off, one of U.P.'s most beloved family traditions, Movie Night in the Park, will be back in 2021.

Pack a picnic dinner, grab a blanket and load up the family to enjoy Disney's "Moana" on Saturday, Aug. 7 at Cirque Park. The fun will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at dusk. Laugh along as Moana tries to break a curse and set things right on her ancient Polynesian island.

Watch for more details in future issues of Headlines and on the **City's Facebook page**. Just make sure to set aside Aug. 7 to rediscover the joy of laughing with your family, your friends and your neighbors under the moon on a warm summer night in U.P.



Live music is returning to Market Square!

Every Wednesday from Aug. 4 to Sept. 1, the public is invited to come out and enjoy live music on Market Square from 6 to 8 p.m. Enjoy a different band each week, accompanied by a different food truck vendor as well.

Here's the line-up:

Aug. 4: Music by Mark Hurwitz and Gin Creek, food by Boss Mama's Kitchen

Aug. 11: Music by Pearl Django, food by Tacoma Weiner Company

Aug. 18: Music by Mambo Cadillac, food by Ruca

Aug. 25: Music by T Town Aces, food by Velvet's Big Easy

Sept. 1: Music by Jovino Santos Neto, food by Ruca

Don't miss this chance to gather together again with friends and neighbors while enjoying great food and music. We waited a year...let's not wait any longer!

For all the latest details on Music on Square and other exciting events happening in U.P., visit the **City's Facebook page**.

Jazz in the Village is Back!

Jazz in the Village returns on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Civic Building Atrium! Stop by for a free concert during the lunchtime hour with Eugene Bien on the piano and new featured guests every week!



- **July 21:** Eugene Bien with Tracey Hooker (Jazz Trumpet/Vocals)
- **July 28:** Eugene Bien with Melanie Vail (Jazz/Pop Vocals)
- **Aug 4:** Eugene Bien with Peter Kirkland (R&B/Jazz Vocals)
- **Aug 11:** Eugene Bien with Jennifer Lind (Jazz Vocals)
- **Aug 18:** Eugene Bien with Lisa Donovan (R&B/Jazz Vocals)
- **Aug 25:** Eugene Bien with LaVon Hardison (Jazz Vocals)
- **Sept 1:** Jon Philips with Osama Afifi (Jazz)

Do Your Part and Get the Shot



What do I need to know about each kind of vaccine?

Vaccines provide excellent protection against severe illness or death from COVID-19. That means a vaccine is your best chance of returning to normal life.

Each is a little different, but your best choice is the vaccine that's available to you now.

- Pfizer:
 - Authorized for people 12 years or older.
 - Requires 2 doses at least 21 days apart.
- Moderna:
 - Authorized for people 18 years or older.
 - Requires 2 doses at least 28 days apart.
- Johnson & Johnson:
 - Authorized for people 18 years or older.
 - Requires 1 dose.



Find your vaccine at [tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture!](https://tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture)

Flashvote

Have you signed up for FlashVote? It's not too late!

Surveys take less than a minute and give participants an opportunity to weigh in on issues within our local community.

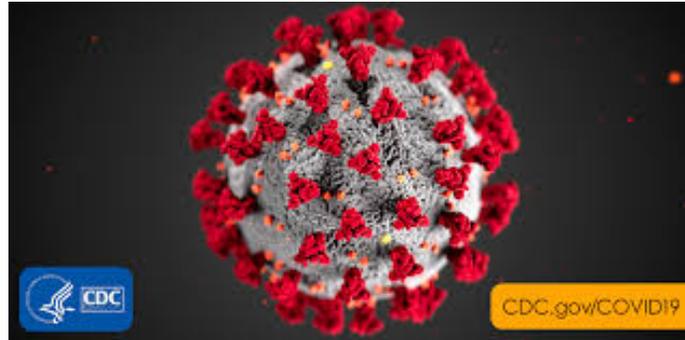


Sign up now to take part in upcoming surveys!

The best way to survey and engage citizens

Get the Facts: COVID Resources

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

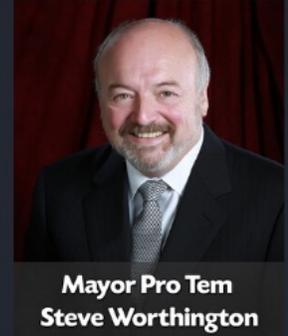


- The **U.S. Centers for Disease Control** offers the latest facts and information about COVID-19, including information on travel and return to school or work.
- The **Governor's Office** provides details about on-going response efforts throughout the State of Washington, including the State's Risk 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 Tacoma Public Utilities' contact information for payment plans or assistance.

UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 19, 2021
at 6:30 p.m.

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