

# Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



**August 18, 2021**

## **Celebrate the City's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Music on the Square on Aug. 25**

Don't miss a very special Music on the Square on Wednesday, Aug. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Market Square, when the City of University Place will commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its incorporation with a special birthday celebration.



City Council Members will be on hand to distribute special giveaways and treats and there will be a special Business Fair as well to showcase area businesses. The business fair kicks off at 5 p.m.!

Grab some authentic New Orleans "Big Easy" Cajun and creole cuisine by Velvet's Big Easy Food Truck and then settle in for the evening's headliners, T Town Aces. A veritable all-star band of Pacific Northwest blues musicians, T Town Aces won the 2020 Washington Blues Society's Best Recording award for their disc "Grit City."

This will be a celebration to remember so get there early and enjoy the fun.

## **"Moana" Swayed into Movie Night in the Park**



The setting may have been Cirque Park in University Place, but there was a decidedly tropical mood in the air as families came out in droves to stake their spaces for the return of the popular summer tradition of Movie Night in the Park on Aug. 7.

Picnic blankets and lawn chairs dotted the landscape and children enjoyed the antics of a stilt walker, bouncy houses, face painting and sing-alongs. And before the evening's feature showing of Disney's "Moana" at dusk, the crowd moved their hips to free hula lessons from Moana herself, courtesy of the talented performers of MAGIC in the PNW—Character Parties and Events LLC, a small mother-daughter business based in University Place.



The Sugar & Spoon Food Truck was on hand to keep the crowd cool with icy treats and U.P. City Council Members were on hand to welcome the crowd and distributed free "I Love UP" stadium cushions.

This evening of free family fun and happy memories was provided by the City of University Place.





## Chief's Corner

It's hard to believe that the start of the new school year is just two weeks away. And if fall is coming, it means that it is time for us to host another Public Safety Forum.

Based on the positive feedback we received from the forum held last spring, we've scheduled our next **Public Safety Forum for Thursday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m.** Among the topics I want to cover are:

- UPPD staffing, services and programs
- U.P. crime data
- Impacts of new legislation

But in addition to what I have to share, this is a chance for you to ask questions, voice your concerns and discuss ways we can work together to enhance public safety in University Place. Please feel free to **send me your questions, ideas or concerns** so that I can be prepared with information and answers to share that evening.



At this point, we anticipate holding this event in person, but as always, things can change. So stay tuned for updates and as always, stay safe.

## **Miss This Year's National Night Out? Watch the Recap!**



## **5 Tips to Help Protect Our Local Waterways**



## What's UP with Biz?

Travelers along Bridgeport Way between 40<sup>th</sup> and 44<sup>th</sup> streets have been asking a lot of questions about what is happening on the lot at 4201 Bridgeport Way W.

The old, dilapidated structures on the property were demolished to make way for two new, multi-story buildings that will house 104 apartment units.



As part of the approved project, the developer SEB Inc., will build a new public road off Bridgeport to provide ingress and egress from the site and for future expansion of the Town Center road grid. The company also developed the Latitude 47 and Bridgeview 125 apartment homes in University Place.

Plans call for this new project to be complete next summer.



## 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!

- **Aug 25:** Eugene Bien with LaVon Hardison (Jazz Vocals)
- **Sept 1:** Jon Philips with Osama Afifi (Jazz)



## Veterans Plaza Groundbreaking at Cirque Park

The University Place Veterans Plaza Committee invites the community to attend its Groundbreaking Ceremony this **Thursday, August 19 at 10 a.m., at Cirque Park, 7250 Cirque Drive West, in University Place.**

The program begins at 10 a.m. with short speeches from local dignitaries. Refreshments will be available afterwards. If you plan to attend, please park to the left in the Cirque Park parking lot.



The Committee sends their thanks to everyone who has supported this project. They ask that you also mark your calendars for the planned dedication for the

Plaza, which is expected on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2021.

For more information on the project, visit [www.UPVeteransPlaza.org](http://www.UPVeteransPlaza.org).

## 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](http://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.

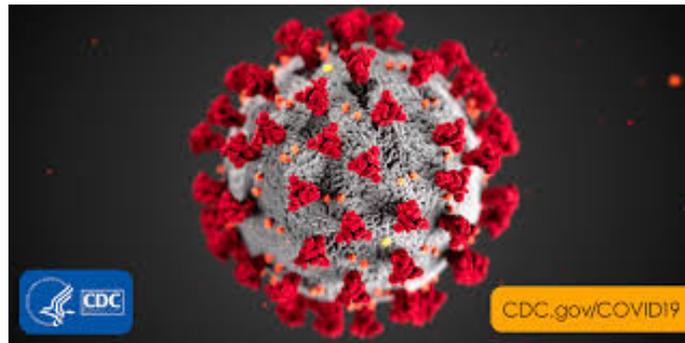


**Sign up now to take part in upcoming surveys!**

## 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.



# City Hall Holiday Closure

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City Staff will be on holiday on Monday, September 6 in recognition of the Labor Day holiday. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, September 7 at 9 a.m.

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## UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021  
at 6:30 p.m.

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