# Headlines

### News from University Place City Hall



#### August 4, 2021

#### **Music on the Square Kicks Off Tonight!**

Get ready to move and groove when Music on the Square returns to Market Square tonight. Kicking things off will be Mark Hurwitz and Gin Creek. A two-time Best Band nominee by the Washington Blues Society and a popular draw at



regional music festivals, this group specializes in jump blues (an upbeat style with elements of jazz and swing), roots rock, funk and New Orleans R&B.

Make it an evening by grabbing food from the Boss Mama's Kitchen food truck or from one of our local restaurants. The music goes from 6 to 8 p.m., but come early and stay late.

Tonight's concert marks the first of five Wednesday night Music on the Square concerts. The rest of the lineup includes:

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

What better way to celebrate summer and reconnect with old friends? The concert is free so come out—just be sure to wear your dancing shoes!

#### **Another National Night Out Success!**







What a thrill it was for me and all the members of our public safety caravans to get back out for National Night Out after taking 2020 off because of the pandemic!

After a year's absence, it was great to see and talk to folks again in these casual, relaxed settings. We were impressed by the stories you shared about how you stayed connected during the pandemic through outdoor gatherings, impromptu mailbox meetings and informal check-ins to see how your neighbors were faring. It is such a testament to our community that neighbors were looking out for each other. That is, after all, one of the most important components of personal and neighborhood safety.

In all, we visited 37 neighborhoods over several hours. We enjoyed great food, lots of laughs and also heard your concerns and questions about public safety in U.P. Best yet, though, was your willingness to think about ways we can all work together to address some of the persistent issues we face, like speeding through neighborhoods.

I would like to take a moment to extend a special thanks to Jennifer Hales, our public safety administrator, and the team at West Pierce Fire & Rescue. They spent much of the week prior to NNO organizing the public safety caravans' routes so every team could maximize the amount of time they spent at each stop. This was not an easy task, since many



neighborhoods ask us to visit during specific times, which can complicate matters even more. But these amazing folks did their best to make sure we got to everyone, at the times they requested. What a feat that was!

Jennifer and I were talking after the event and noted that we don't have to do much marketing and outreach regarding this event. That's a real testament to the neighborhood spirit in our city. Our community is a place where people come to raise their families, and events like National Night Out are proof-positive that they have chosen to do so in one of the very best communities in all of Puget Sound.









#### "Moana Comes to U.P."



Don't forget that this **Saturday**, **Aug. 7** marks the return of the popular U.P. summer tradition of Movie Night in the Park. This year's feature presentation is Disney's "Moana," the story of a young girl who tries to break a curse and set things right on her ancient Polynesian island.

Come out to Cirque Park and get settled in time to see Moana herself perform a hula dance at **7:30 p.m**. Afterward, she'll lead a dance lesson and pose for photos. Moana is provided by MAGIC in the PNW—Character Parties and Events LLC, a small mother-daughter run business based in University Place.

Make it an evening by packing a picnic supper and getting sweet treats for dessert from a ice cream truck on site. There will also be bounce houses and face painting and U.P. City Council members will be handing out free "I Love UP" stadium cushions.

Then snuggle up under the stars and get ready for the show to begin at dusk. This FREE evening of fun and entertainment for the whole family is provided courtesy of the City of University Place.



Moana is provided by MAGIC in the PNW - Character Parties and Events LLC, which is a children's entertainment company with a mission to create one of a kind experiences at affordable prices.

MAGIC PNW is an award winning small mother-daughter run business based here in University Place!

The best part about booking with MAGIC PNW is that over half of the money earned goes right back into the community, starting with their amazing team of local high school/college performing arts students who help bring the characters to life. They specialize in birthday and community event visits.

Movie in the Park schedule:

7:30-7:35 - Moana Hula performance 7:35-7:45 - Moana Hula lesson / dance with kids 7:45-8:15 - Photos / meet & greet with Moana





#### **Stormwater Mitigation Efforts Continue in U.P.**

With our location on the shores of Puget Sound, residents and business owners in University Place share the pleasure and responsibility that comes from living so close to this beautiful natural resource.



As such, the City of University Place is committed to meeting its obligations as a Phase II community that must comply with the Western Washington Phase II National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Stormwater Permit.

Implemented under the Federal Clean Water Act that was enacted by Congress in 1972, NPDES aims to reduce the amount of pollution that reaches streams, lakes, wetlands, oceans and all other water bodies. It requires municipalities to regulate stormwater runoff through programs that protect water quality to the "maximum extent practical."

In University Place, a concerted effort is underway to reduce stormwater runoff. Of particular concern is stormwater that is polluted by toxic chemicals, such as those from:

- Copper used in brake pads and boat paints.
- Mercury from fluorescent light bulbs, dental fillings and other sources.
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from legacy products and some current paints and dyes.
- Polychlorinated dioxins and furans (PCDD/Fs), compounds formed during combustion.
- The pesticide DDT (and its metabolites DDD and DDE).
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) from petroleum, creosote and wood combustion.
- Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), a plastic additive.

Each year, the City is required to report to the State by March 31 what it has done to achieve and maintain permit compliance in five major areas:

- Educational Outreach Program
- Public Involvement & Participation
- Detect & Eliminate Pollution
- Construction & Development
- Operation & Maintenance

Watch the next issue of Headlines to learn about the City's efforts to fulfill these requirements.

#### What's UP with Biz?

Please help us roll out the welcome mat and show our U.P. hospitality to the city's newest business, UP Pho and Teriyaki at 2620 Bridgeport Way W, #B.

Join us on **Monday, Aug. 9 from 5 to 6 p.m.** at the formal ribbon cutting and be sure to take a look at their delicious menu offerings. You might even pick up some teriyaki and pho for your family dinner.



New businesses like UP Pho and Teriyaki bring jobs and tax revenue—not to mention outstanding food—to U.P., so let them know you appreciate them making our city their Place of business.

#### 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 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)



Since it was first used in 2015 by the developers of the Latitude Building in the Village at Town Center, the City of University Place eight-year Multi-Family Tax Exemption program has helped spur close to \$120 million in private investment.

The program is open to developers of multi-



family housing in three specific areas of U.P.:

- Town Center (Village at Chambers Bay)
- Northeast Business District (Mildred and 19<sup>th</sup> streets)
- Town Center South (south of 40<sup>th</sup> Street)

Director of Community and Economic Development Kevin Briske said that in addition to the Latitude project, the



developer of the Bridgeview 125 Apartments at 3610 Bridgeport Way W. also took advantage of the tax abatements, which take effect when construction is complete. Two additional projects, the Larson Apartments at 3706 Larson Lane W. and another at 4201 Bridgeport Way W., also plan to take advantage of the tax incentive, which applies only to the structures and not the land on which they are built.

"This program has enabled us to encourage development on under-utilized or hard-to-develop parcels," Briske said. "In addition to creating more housing opportunities, our financial analysis reveals that over the course of 10 years, these projects have benefitted the City at three times the property tax rate. We project that in 20 years, that number will increase to eight times. That means that any short-term losses in property taxes during the eight-year abatement are more than made up for with increased overall property value and future tax income."

### **Work Begins for Chambers Creek Canyon Trail Project**

Work on a new bridge that will be installed as part of the Chambers Creek Canyon Trail project began July 26. The work is expected to be complete in mid-October.

The first phase of the work will result in a new bridge crossing connecting the City of Lakewood to University Place near Kobayashi Park. The bridge will provide a safe crossing point for trail users and prevent wading through the creek which causes environmental damage.

Work in the first bridge phase will include installation of a prefabricated bridge, bridge abutments, trail approaches and changes to reuse the existing roadbed on the south side of the stream. This is one of the first steps towards a vision of connecting a trail the length of the canyon.

Read the entire **press release here**.

For more information, including maps and how to sign up for updates, visit the **Pierce County website**.

#### **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**!

#### **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.

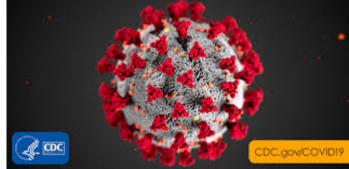


Sign up now to take part in upcoming surveys!

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, August 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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