

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



July 21, 2021

City to Chipseal Neighborhood Streets Next Week

The City of U.P. Public Works Department will be chipsealing eight miles of neighborhood streets from **July 29 through July 31**. On-street parking on affected roads will be prohibited that day from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the roads will be closed during the actual chipseal application. Motorists will be able to access the roadway immediately after the application, provided they drive slowly to avoid spraying any remaining loose materials at pedestrians or other vehicles.

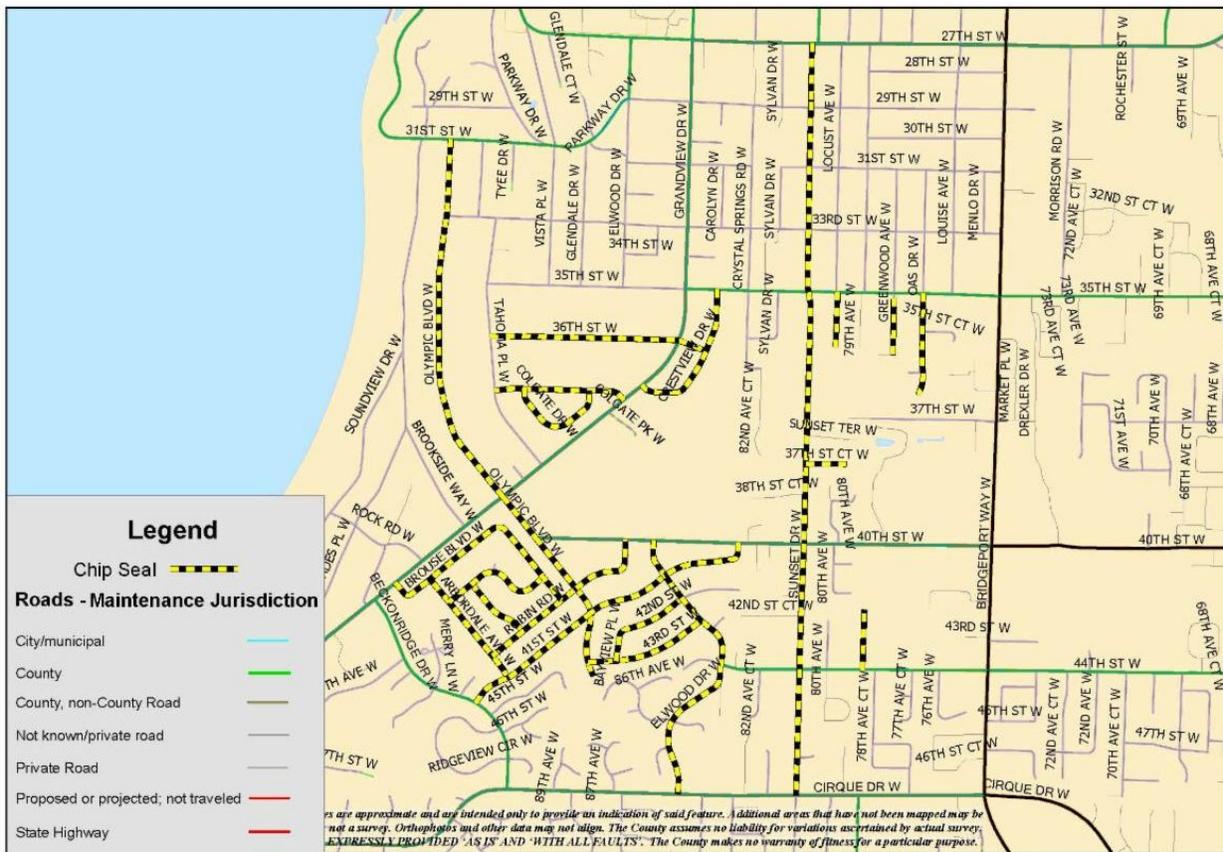
Chipsealing is a cost-effective surface treatment that typically extends the life of the pavement by seven to 10 years and reduces maintenance costs. A coat of liquid asphalt and a layer of rock chips are applied to the road. The roadway is then swept clean of loose rock chips. Several days later, a final application of liquid asphalt, called a seal coat, is spread over the surface of the road to keep out water and improve rock retention.

During seal coating, one lane will be closed during the application and flaggers will direct traffic. Coated roads will be closed for three to seven hours after the application, depending on temperature and humidity. Residents should plan accordingly. On-street parking will again be prohibited since the product could drift in the air and stick to nearby objects.

Public Works staff will distribute door hanger notices to all residents living on streets scheduled for resurfacing two weeks in advance, followed by a reminder 24 hours prior. Residents are asked to:

- Make plans for alternative parking since on-street parking is prohibited on affected roads and streets.
- Remove any personal items from the roadway, such as basketball hoops and garbage cans.
- Delay car washing, yard watering, etc., to keep water from running into the roadway during the work.
- Be cautious and limit pedestrian activity near the work area.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 253.460.6493.



Chief's Corner: New Laws on Police Response

Beginning this Sunday, July 25, several new State laws around police reform take effect. These laws reflect a national trend following the murder of George Floyd. Some of these laws place significant limitations on police actions/authority and will require police departments to make operational changes.

The City is working with our contracting partner, Pierce County, other cities and policing organizations to evaluate strategies to address these new requirements. In the next few weeks, UPPD hopes to provide additional information on how these laws will affect police operations in our community.



In University Place, our crime rate has fared well during the pandemic. We have not experienced the increase in violent crimes that major urban areas have experienced. We are evaluating, however, allocation of our public safety resources, including ideas related to staffing and alternative policing strategies. I look forward to discussing these needs and ideas with the community in the near future.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or ideas.

National Night Out

National Night Out is approaching on Aug. 3 and this is a reminder that this Friday, July 23 is the deadline for including your neighborhood on the list of stops for the Public Safety caravan that evening.

Don't miss this chance to make sure your neighborhood celebration is visited by police, fire or rescue personnel from the U.P. Police Department and West Pierce Fire & Rescue. U.P. City Council members will also participate in the evening's festivities.

So fire up those grills, organize a potluck or maybe just a simple drinks-and-dessert gathering to show—once again—that University Place is a community that values its police-community relationships and is serious about supporting safe and secure neighborhoods.

Email Jennifer Hales, public safety administrator for the City of U.P., **no later than 5 p.m. on July 23** to register your neighborhood for the National Night Out Public Safety Caravan.



National Night Out is Aug. 3

Celebrating the CHS Class of 2021

The sidewalks of U.P. were ablaze in blue and white with enthusiastic family and friends of the Curtis High School Class of 2021 during the school's graduation parade last month. This moving send-off was a way to congratulate the Viking graduates on all their accomplishments and wish them well in their future endeavors.

After picking up their diplomas at Curtis High, the graduates made their way along a pre-designated route where they showed off lots of smiles as well as a number of creatively "tricked out" parade vehicles.

Check out the fun, the smiles and the community spirit that was on display that day in this **special video recap**. It is a compelling reminder of the energy and enthusiasm that makes University Place such a special Place.



What's UP with Biz?

Please join us in welcoming one of U.P.'s newest businesses, **Wild Birds Unlimited** at 3814 Bridgeport Way W. during their ribbon cutting on Monday, July 26 from 5 to 6 p.m. Let their Certified Birdfeeding Specialists™ show you how to roll out the welcome mat in your yard to create a birdfeeding habitat that benefits wild birds and the environment as well. Then check out their large selection of bird seeds, feeders, bird baths, bird houses and books.

Join the flock and fly by to be part of the celebration!



Upcoming Summer Events



Get ready to swing your hips and have some good old-fashioned family fun when Movie Night in the Park returns to **Cirque Park on Saturday, Aug. 7**. This year's feature film will be **Disney's "Moana,"** a laugh out-loud adventure that follows the efforts of young Moana to break a curse and set things right on her ancient Polynesian island.

The evening's fun will swing into action at 7:30 p.m. with free hula lessons from Moana herself! Moana is provided by MAGIC in the PNW—Character Parties and Events LLC, a small mother-daughter run business based in University Place.

Moana will perform a hula dance at 7:30 p.m., followed by a dance lesson and then will be available for photos with the children. City Council members will also be handing out free "I Love UP" stadium cushions and there will also be a food truck, bounce houses and face painting. The movie will begin at dusk.

So make plans to pack up the kids, a blanket or chairs and get ready for a memorable evening of free family fun courtesy of the City of University Place!



The City of University Place will celebrate the return of one of its most popular summer traditions when Music on the Square returns to Market Square on Aug. 4.

This will be the first of five Music on the Square events to be held every

Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. from Aug. 4 to Sept. 1. The entire line-up includes:

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

Two-time nominee for "Best Band" by the Washington Blues Society, Mark Hurwitz and Gin Creek will kick off the concert series on Aug. 4 with their mix of jump blues (an upbeat style with elements of jazz and swing), roots rock, funk and New Orleans R&B. Get dinner from an on-site food truck or a local restaurant and then dance off all those calories as Gin Creek shows why it has become a staple at some of the region's biggest and best music festivals.

Be there, in the Square, on Aug. 4!

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)

Thanks to Local Rotary, U.P. Post Office Gets a Facelift

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of University Place-Fircrest had noticed that the grounds around the 25-year old University Place Post Office had fallen victim to the Post Office's financial troubles and were looking uncared for and overgrown. As one of the prominent public buildings in the UP-Fircrest community, the post

office is an important community focus. The Club decided to take on the challenging task of restoring the appearance of the post office, by improving the landscape around the building. This included vegetation in front of the building, the streetscape, and the employee parking lot. The post office lies between University Place and Fircrest along 27th Street West.



On Labor Day, Sept. 7, 2020, club members spent a total of 40 hours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., hedge trimming the laurels along the street front of 27th Street West, pruning overgrown trees, pulling weeds and “volunteer” shrubs, pruning shrubs, removing blackberry bushes from the employee parking lot, weed-whacking unwelcome grasses, and more. Despite this strong effort, when the club assessed the impact of its work, members decided there was more to be done and planned a second effort. Last month, on Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, the Rotarian work crew reassembled to finish the task. District 5020 Governor Greg Horn dropped by to lend a welcome hand to the effort. The club received the following “thank you”:

"On behalf of the Tacoma Postmaster, Karen Bacon, University Place Post Office Manager, Dagmar Wilson and the entire craft employees of Tacoma-University Place Post Office, we want to extend our sincerest gratitude to you and all the volunteers who provided such awesome service to our community post office. The University Place Post Office looks awesome because of your caring efforts and the efforts of the Fircrest Rotary Members and Volunteers. Please extend our sincere "Thanks" to a group of AWESOME citizens."

The Rotary Club of University Place – Fircrest recently changed its name to more accurately reflect its service area. Formerly known as the Tacoma Narrows Rotary, the club is celebrating its fiftieth year of service. The name change brings the club closer to its two service communities.

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.

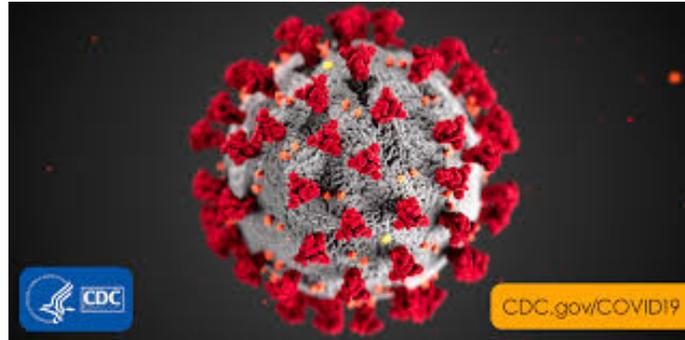


Sign up now to take part in upcoming surveys!

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.

The Aug. 2, 2021 City Council Meeting has been cancelled.

UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING



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

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