

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



March 11, 2020

Coronavirus Update from the City of University Place

As the story continues to evolve by the minute, the City of University Place wants all residents and business owners to know that it continues to collaborate with local, state and federal experts to monitor the status of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). These include our partners at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, the Washington State Department of Health, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, West Pierce Fire & Rescue, City of Lakewood, University Place School District and the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management.

"Given that the story is changing rapidly, we strongly recommend that people turn to trusted sources for updates," said Jennifer Hales, public safety administrator for the City of U.P. "We will continue to update the City's media channels including the **website**, UPTV, **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **Twitter** with the latest news. But we also encourage people to visit the **Centers for Disease Control**, the **Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department** and the **Washington Department of Health**." These sites update regularly so you can rely on them as trusted sources of the most up-to-date information.

The City of University Place is making operational changes to mitigate risks to our residents and City staff. Residents are encouraged to conduct City business or ask questions by phone or by email and to call ahead prior to a planned visit to City Hall. Email and phone numbers for City staff are available on the **Staff Directory** or **Who To Call** pages of our website at **www.CityofUP.com**. Many City events may be postponed or rescheduled for the foreseeable future. Changes may happen quickly, be sure to check the website for updates or connect with event organizers or contacts prior to heading to an event.

Hales says the City is working with local businesses to provide best practice updates and resources to help them prepare their staff and customers for uncertainty. "This is a great time for folks to be looking at continuity of operations," she said.

As of 2 p.m. on March 11, there were 17 confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus in Pierce County. To prevent acquiring or transmitting the virus, follow the recommendations of health professionals:

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water, vigorously for a minimum of 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.

For those seeking additional information on ways to be prepared for any crisis, visit the **Pierce County Department of Emergency Management**.



COVID-19 is a new virus that spreads from person-to-person.

- It can cause mild illness, like the common cold.
- It can cause severe illness like SARS.
- Currently, no treatment or vaccine is available.

Symptoms



Fever.



Cough.



Shortness of breath.

Do I need to be concerned?

Only if you:

- Have these symptoms.
- Visited an affected area in the last 14 days.

Call your healthcare provider before you go to a clinic, urgent care or emergency room.

How does it spread?

- Coughing or sneezing.
- From a sick person who is within 6 feet.
- Touching a surface or object with the virus on it.



Plan ahead.



Have an emergency plan in case children can't go to school or you can't go to work.
Talk to your employer about alternative work arrangements.

Stay healthy



Wash your hands often with soap and warm water.



Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



When you're sick, stay home and rest.

Learn more and get updated information at tpchd.org/coronavirus.



Check Out This Week's City Council Agenda



If you would like to see the items that your City Council will be addressing during next Monday's (March 16) meeting, be sure to check out the agenda that is available **here**. This is a great way to see the specific topics that will be discussed and considered for final action. This is yet another way for you to stay informed and engaged with your local government.

What's UP with Biz?

Creative & Company, one of U.P.'s newest businesses, is an art studio at 7406 27th St. W., that offers art camps, workshops and private events for aspiring Picassos of all ages.

The space encourages young children to socialize and become more confident through art play groups, crafts and workshops. Children ages two-and-a-half to five are encouraged to engage in sensory fun art activities that also bolster their fine motor, problem-solving and social skills. Older children (ages 7-12) can participate in crafts during Open Studio time and utilize an array of art supplies. There are also workshops and camps with themes such as Slime, Tiny Home, Unicorn and Galaxy Camp, to name a few.



But Creative & Company offers programming for teens and adults, too, including open art nights such as Mom's Night Out, Family Nights and more. The studio is also available for birthday parties and other private events. Visit

Local Leaders Promoted at West Pierce Fire & Rescue

Over the past month, four newly promoted West Pierce Fire & Rescue chiefs were recognized and pinned with their new badges.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue has seen quite a few retirements in recent years and 2020 was no different. Filling those positions means movement within the ranks and watching leadership evolve, making for an even stronger organization. While it is difficult to see anyone decide to leave, WFPR is excited for their next chapters in life.



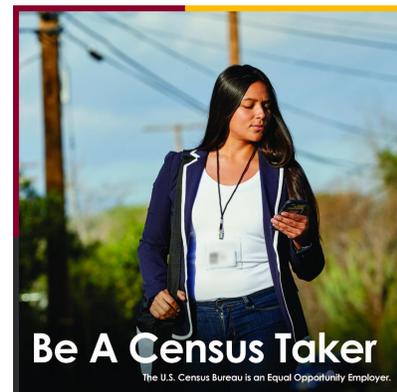
WPFR is very proud of the hard work and dedication these individuals have shown and it has paid off as they step into their new roles. Congratulations to (shown left to right) Assistant Chiefs Ernst Hebeisen and Scott Adams, and Deputy Chiefs Hallie McCurdy and Mike Boltz. There is no doubt they will all excel in their new positions as they serve the community.

Be a Census Taker

You can help your community! Apply for one of thousands of temporary #2020CensusJobs.

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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!

Upcoming Events

UP for Arts - Spring Arts & Concerts Series

All events occur on Friday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the University Place Civic/Library Atrium located at 3609 Market Square (36th and Bridgeport).

Each performance pairs performing artists with visual artists. Free parking is available underneath the library.

Friday, March 27: The Compass Winds quintet brings a fresh new approach to beloved works from the Classical era to the present. Rose Johnson (flute), Logan Esterling (oboe), Lori Shepherd (clarinet), Stacey Eliason (horn) and Derek Smith (bassoon) combine their passion to provide audiences with an incredible night of music.



Watercolor Artist Andrea Newell Greenfield's passion for nature is evident in her paintings featuring flowers, birds, animals and a bit of whimsy. (Photo: *Watercolor Painting by Andrea Newell Greenfield*)



The Compass Winds



Meet UP with the Mayor



The next Meet UP with the Mayor will take place on Saturday, March 14 from 6-8 p.m.

Stop by the Civic Building Gallery to share your questions, concerns and ideas with Mayor Caroline Belleci.

Parks Appreciation Day

In honor of Earth Day, Arbor Day and National Parks Week, the City of University Place will hold its annual Parks Appreciation Day on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. This marks the 19th year that U.P. residents have brought their shovels, rakes, gloves and pruners to a U.P. park to clean and beautify the public space in anticipation of the warm months

ahead.

This year's event will take place at Paradise Pond Park, 3124 67th Avenue West where we'll be spreading wood chips on the trails and performing trail maintenance.

Individuals, families, businesses and neighborhood and community groups are encouraged to participate. Dress warm and bring your own tools (be sure to label them with your name and phone number).



For more information on how to volunteer and get involved in Parks Appreciation Day, call 253.460.6493.

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