

# Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



**February 12, 2020**

## ***Corrections:***

- ***The next Meet UP with the Mayor will take place on Tuesday, March 10 from 6-8 p.m.***
- ***The Police Department Administrative Offices will be closed from February 17 - March 2. The department will still be active.***

## **Meet UP with the Mayor**



Don't forget to stop by the Civic Building Gallery on the second Saturday of every month from noon to 2 p.m. and on the second Tuesday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m. to share your questions, concerns and ideas with Mayor Caroline Belleci.

Her "Meet UP with the Mayor" sessions kicked off this month, with about ten U.P. residents stopping by to chat with Mayor Belleci to share

what was on their minds. She says the topics discussed ranged from property taxes to speeding in neighborhoods and questions about reinstating speed hump traffic control measures. Some also asked for updates on various projects in town that are currently on hold. "The conversation was casual and really fun," Belleci said. "People just wanted clarification on some things."

Although she was prepared to help these residents sign up for the City's various communications tools, including this newsletter, **FlashVote**, and **CodeRed**, Belleci said she was pleasantly surprised to learn they were already enrolled and connected.

"My intention is for these conversations to be driven by the citizens, so I don't come prepared with any agenda other than finding out what they are thinking," she said.

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## What's UP with Biz?

Tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 13, the newly formed Village Collective in University Place will be hosting a special Valentine's Voyage for kids from 3 to 7 p.m.

Children are invited to "sail" among participating businesses in the Village at Chambers Bay to score sweets and treats. But parents can get in on the action, too! Enter to win a Village Collective gift basket—valued at over \$500—loaded with lots of nice treats from member businesses.



**The Village Collective is comprised of businesses located in the Village at Chambers Bay and works to support and encourage their success through joint marketing and promotions such as the Valentine's Voyage. To learn more about the group and the Valentine's Voyage, visit them on Facebook. And be sure to spread the word—and the love—for this special promotion.**

## Chief's Corner By U.P. Police Chief Greg Premo

In my Chief's Corner column in the Jan. 15 issue of Headlines, I referenced the loss of Deputy Cooper Dyson, who died on Dec. 21, 2019 in a car crash as he was responding to help fellow deputies who were being assaulted while responding to a domestic violence call.

I now want to take a little more time to honor Deputy Dyson and his service to our community.

Deputy Dyson was not assigned to the U.P. Police Department, but he did work here fairly often covering overtime shifts. He also joined us for our National Night Out event last August, when he accompanied Mayor Kent Keel as they visited several neighborhoods.

The tragedy of Deputy Dyson's passing reminds us of one of the challenges—and costs—of low police staffing. In U.P., we operate with two-person patrol teams. A majority of our in-progress calls for service require at least two officers. If one officer is busy (i.e. has someone in custody, is handling a traffic accident, is at

U.P. POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

### PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

Share your ideas and concerns about Public Safety here in University Place, plus learn about department updates from Police Chief Greg Premo.



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**TOWN HALL GALLERY,**  
**3609 MARKET PLACE WEST,**  
**UNIVERSITY PLACE, WA**



the jail, etc.) the other officer must decide whether to respond alone to the in-progress call or to wait, knowing police assistance is needed. Because of their dedication to service, our officers—like so many in other jurisdictions—frequently then respond to these calls alone.

We are fortunate that a majority of these calls are resolved peacefully and the officer can address it alone or at least manage the situation long enough until backup arrives. But I will state for the record that having only two officers in a city with the number of calls we receive is not a level of service we should accept. U.P. has more than 33,000 residents and a growing business community. Our officers are facing “big city” type calls on a regular basis and demands for our services are increasing.

More police on the street will not eliminate crime, but it will help us respond more effectively and increase the level of safety for our officers and the community. That will never bring Deputy Dyson back to his wife, young son and newborn daughter, but it could serve as a way to honor and perpetuate the passion he had for his profession and his dedication to the communities he served.

***I invite all members of the University Place community to attend our next Public Safety Forum, which will be held TONIGHT Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Gallery (3609 Market Place W.).***

***This is your opportunity to share your ideas and concerns about Public Safety in University Place, including our staffing levels. I'll provide crime updates and we can discuss what public safety should look like in U.P. We will also have more information about our upcoming Public Safety classes so you can enroll on the spot. Please make plans to attend.***

***Notice: The Police Department will be closed from February 17-March 2.***

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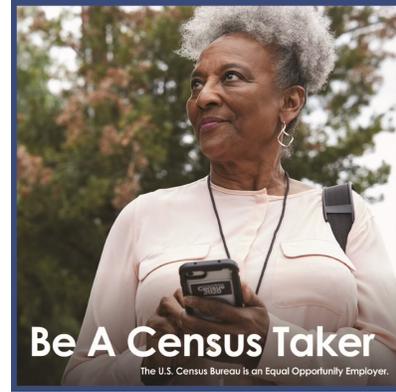


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Census results determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as how funds are spent on roads, schools and hospitals.

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## Upcoming Events

### Stormwater Management Program Public Hearing

The City Council of the City of University Place will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, as part of its Regular Council meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m., to consider updates to the City's Stormwater Management (SWM) Program.

The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers, 3609 Market Place West, Third Floor, University Place. For further information, please contact **Todd Smith**, NPDES Coordinator, at 253.460.5432.

### City Hall Holiday Closure

City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17 in recognition of the Presidents' Day holiday.

City Hall will reopen on Tuesday, February 18 at 9 a.m.

*Curtis High ASB*  
**SWEETHEART DANCE**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**6:30-9 P.M.**

**Early Registration: \$45 per couple**

**At the Door: \$50 per couple**

**(\$5 each add'l child)**

**Register online at [upsd83.org](http://upsd83.org) or  
at Curtis H.S. More info? 566.5710 X2160**

**Jazz in the Village**

**Wednesdays**

**12:30-1:30 p.m.**

**Civic Building Atrium**



**Free Pruning Party**  
Saturday, Feb. 15,



**Parks Appreciation Day**  
Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. to noon

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Curran Orchard

Paradise Pond  
More info here!

**For more events and Council Meeting information  
visit the Upcoming Events Calendar.**



**University Place City Council**



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