

# Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



**September 23, 2020**

## **Human Services Assistance Program**

The University Place City Council voted on July 6 to allot \$100,000 to support local families in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The funds are part of \$992,700 the City received from the State of Washington as part of the federal CARES Act. The balance of the funds will be used to support local businesses (\$500,000) and to reimburse the City for its COVID-related expenses (\$392,700).

The funds for Human Services Assistance are available to qualified residents of U.P. who can demonstrate a substantial loss of income due to COVID-19. Qualified households: must be a resident of University Place and must be current with rent, utilities and childcare through March 16, 2020. Where allowed, payments will be made directly to landlords, utilities and childcare providers. Grants up to \$3,000 per household can be used to assist with:

- Rent
- Utilities
- Childcare

To ensure these funds are distributed quickly and appropriately, the City has contracted with Families Unlimited Network (FUN) to properly vet and distribute these funds. To find out if you are a candidate for CARES funding, please call Families Unlimited Network at 253.460.3134, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Qualifying applicants will be determined by appointment only.

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**Celebrate National Night Out Safely**

Earlier this year, National Night Out celebrations were postponed until Oct. 6 at the recommendation of the National Association of Town Watch (sponsors of NNO). Due to current restrictions in Pierce County, however, U.P. public safety personnel decided to cancel the community First Responder caravan portion of the City's annual National Night Out activities in University Place.

But neighborhoods are still encouraged to celebrate safely by holding outdoor gatherings that allow for safe physical distancing. Although the potlucks of years past might not work this year, neighbors can still bring their own private picnic fare to the gatherings or offer prepackaged individual foods that can be safely shared among attendees.

If your neighborhood decides to celebrate, please be sure to share your photos and videos using the hashtag #WeAreUP, as we strive to find new ways to celebrate our sense of community—digitally.



## National Night Out is Oct. 6

Celebrate safely and maintain social distancing! We'll miss you this year! Share photos of how you're celebrating this year's National Night Out Against Crime and use the hashtag #WeAreUP!

## Housing Action Plan

Our region is rapidly growing and changing. As these changes occur, it is important that we work together as a community to plan for our shared future. Where will people live? Will housing be affordable for all income levels? How far away from my job will I have to live to find a home I can afford? The City recently received a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce ("Commerce") to help us better understand issues like these so we can plan together.

The grant allows us to prepare a Housing Action Plan. The Plan consists of two important pieces:

1. A Housing Needs Assessment to help us understand: How affordable—or not—housing is today, population and employment trends and future housing needs.
2. A Housing Action Plan, based on the results of the Housing Needs Assessment, to help us develop strategies to ensure we offer the right supply of housing to meet future demand.

This project will not result in any policy or code changes but will help identify ideas that the City may consider in the future. This project is an opportunity to focus solely on housing.

### **Project Next Steps**

The Housing Action Plan, including the Housing Needs Assessment will be developed through next spring. The project will conclude by June 30, 2021. We are putting together an Advisory Committee to assist us with project recommendations and developing a project website where all project information will be located. The website will be live within the next 30 days. As draft and final documents are prepared, briefings will take place with both the Planning Commission and City Council. If you are interested in learning more about this project, please contact David Swindale, Planning & Development Services Director, at [DSwindale@CityofUP.com](mailto:DSwindale@CityofUP.com) or 253-468-8638.

## **What's UP with Biz?**

### **Welcome to the Newest Addition to the Village**

Completed in July, the newest addition to development at the Village at Chambers Bay is Bridgeview 125. A five-story mixed-use building, it features 125 apartment homes (studio, 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom), and 8,500 square feet of commercial space. Find more information at [www.Bridgeview125.com](http://www.Bridgeview125.com).



## **University Place Fall Clean-Up & Canned Food Drive**

Dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted items and yard waste for FREE!

### **When:**

Residents **NORTH** of 40th St W. Saturday, October 3rd from 8:00am to 4:00pm

Residents **SOUTH** of 40th St W. Saturday, October 10th from 8:00am to 4:00pm



### **CLEAN-UP RULES:**

- **LIMIT:** 1 load per household for all items EXCEPT for yard waste only loads
- Help us be good neighbors by securing & covering all loads
- For safety reasons, children and pets **MUST** remain in vehicles
- Photo I.D. **WILL BE REQUIRED**
- No liquids, paint, or hazardous materials (car batteries are OK)
- No loads larger than a regular pickup truck or equivalent small trailer will be allowed
- No regular household garbage will be allowed
- Residential items only – NO commercial material or loads will be allowed
- The size of items cannot exceed 5' in any direction (except for appliances and furniture)

- No fuel tanks, enclosed barrels or drums of any kind. Water heaters and propane tanks are OK

**PLEASE SEPARATE ITEMS INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES FOR RECYCLING:**

- Wood items: clean, unpainted lumber, pallets, etc.
- Metal items: scrap steel, appliances, lawn mowers, barbecues, plumbing, etc.
- Yard waste: limbs, grass, leaves, other vegetation, no stumps or limbs larger than 4" in diameter
  - No DIRT, ROCKS, SOD, BLACKBERRIES, SCOTCHBROOM, or OTHER NOXIOUS WEEDS
- Tires: with or without rims
- Concrete, brick, and stone
- Car batteries
- Electronic waste: computers, monitors, printers, TVs, laptops, cell phones, cameras, etc

**GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 3, 2020**



**YOUR VOTE IS  
YOUR VOICE**



**September is Puget Sound Starts Here Month**

Celebrate Puget Sound Starts Here month with us.

We can all do small things in our daily life to protect the waters of Puget Sound and our streams and rivers.



You may already be doing everyday things to save our waters! Check out the starter actions at <https://pugetsoundstartshere.org/TakeAction.aspx>

What are you doing today that has positive effects on our beautiful Puget Sound?



## Natural Yard Care Webinars

### Small yards, abundant gardens, with Sue Goetz

Sept. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86857399450>

You will learn about pocket gardens, containers, micro gardening and more!

- Beautiful flowers on balconies, patios and small yards.
- Grow flowers, herbs, vegetables, and even fruit!
- Design tips to get you started and renovate your yard.
- Composting and watering techniques.

### Low maintenance landscapes, with Bill Peregerine

Sept. 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83685976657>

Reduce labor and your landscape more! Learn how to:

- Put the right plant in the right place.
- Group plants by their watering needs.
- Reduce fertilizer use.
- Lower your water bill.
- Take advantage of nature's free plant food.

### Work less, better looking yard, with Ladd Smith

Oct. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88280680799>

You will learn how to:

- Select plants for an environmentally friendly, low-maintenance landscape.
- Prepare soil and choose eco-friendly products.
- Maintain and improve landscape health
- Choose the least toxic methods to manage pests and disease.

Free

#### Questions?

Contact Walt Burdsall at [wbursdall@tphd.org](mailto:wbursdall@tphd.org) or (253) 798-4708.

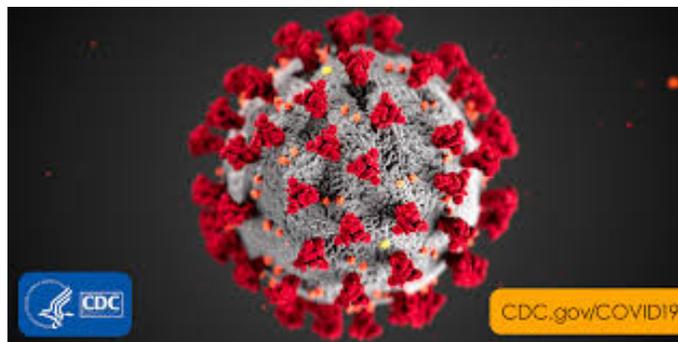
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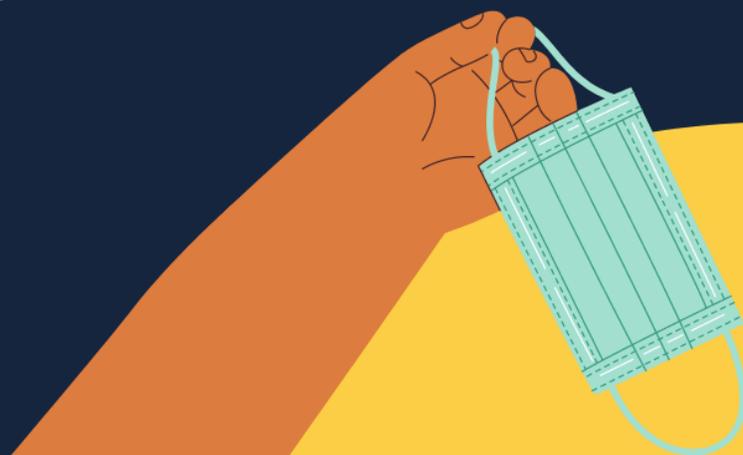
**Get the Facts: COVID Resources**

As the nation and our region continues 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 public utilities' contact information for payment plans or assistance.

## Mask UP to prevent the spread of COVID-19



## 2020 U.S. Census Finalizing Data Collection

Time is running out.  
Respond now.



RESPOND >

Shape  
your future  
START HERE >

United States  
Census  
2020

The 2020 Census will conclude data collection operations on September 30, 2020. Keep track of how many households in Washington State have been enumerated—both on their own through self-response and by census takers through a process known as Nonresponse Followup—**by using this table**. You can also check out the self-response rates by city to see how well University Place stacked up against other cities in the country by visiting the **Self-Response Rates Map**.

If you haven't completed the 2020 Census yet, you can still **respond online**, or by phone at 1-844-330-2020. If a census taker comes to your home, please

cooperate.

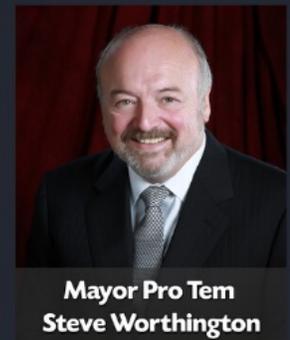
Census results shape the future of communities, as census data informs how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed for health clinics, school lunch programs, disaster recovery initiatives, and other critical programs and services for the next 10 years.

For more information about the 2020 U.S. Census visit [2020census.gov](https://www.census.gov).

# UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, Oct. 5, 2020  
at 6:30 p.m.**

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