

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



October 7, 2020

City Council Approves Additional CARES Funding

At its meeting on Oct. 5, the University Place City Council approved a contract with the Washington Department of Commerce for an additional \$496,350 in federal CARES Act funds which will be used to support business and human service needs in University Place.

Residents of University Place who have incurred COVID-related financial hardships can apply for grants. These funds can be used to provide assistance with necessities such as rent, childcare or utilities. To ensure these funds are distributed quickly and appropriately, the City has contracted with **Families Unlimited Network** (FUN) to properly administer and distribute these funds. Families Unlimited Network is a registered 501(c)(3) organization that has been serving residents of University Place since 2003 through programs such as its food bank, summer meal program and Community Christmas, to name a few.

FUN will screen qualified applicants over the phone and then schedule in-person meetings when applicants will be asked to provide additional documentation. Please call Families Unlimited Network at 253.460.3134 to begin the application screening process.

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Chief's Corner: U.P. Launches New Security Alarm Permit Program

According to ADT Security Services, about 20 percent of U.S. homes now have some kind of home security/alarm

system and that number is projected to grow in the years ahead, as this technology becomes more affordable.

These systems can be a useful tool to help keep one's property safe and secure. Although responding to alarms is not a core function of the U.P. Police Department, we recognize that it is a service that most U.P. residents and business owners want.

Alarm Type	Number of Calls	Reports
Burglary – Commercial	173	4
Burglary – Residential	390	2
Robbery – Commercial	18	0
Robbery -- Residential	4	0
Panic – Commercial	5	0
Panic – Residential	34	0
TOTAL	624	6

Alarm calls are incidents in which an alarm system triggers a call to 911 indicating unlawful entry into a structure. This does not include calls from homeowners who are at home when their alarms are triggered and call 911. Those calls, and other similar calls, have an element of human discernment which gives more credibility to the potential for criminal activity. False alarms are when the system alone is used to alert police and it is found that the alarm was triggered due to user or system error.

Within the City of University Place, there are currently close to 4,000 alarm permits, but nearly all of our alarm calls are false. In fact, we respond to 400 false alarms annually. This is a significant waste of police resources since these calls take officers away from handling other duties. We examined an 18-month time period for alarm calls and found 624 total alarms in U.P. Only six of those calls resulted in the officers finding evidence of criminal activity.

The existing alarm permit program in U.P. had not been updated since its inception more than two decades ago. Since the tracking software system had to be replaced at this point as well, we decided the time was right to make updates to the entire program.

As a result, permits will now require annual online renewal of \$40. Renewal notices will be sent to existing permit holders to ensure that alarm owner information is updated and to remind owners to check their systems. The fee to respond will be \$100 and there will also be no free response. It should be noted, however, that our fees are in-line with other local jurisdictions and can be appealed. All fees collected from the program go back into our Public Safety Fund.

I hope U.P. residents will see the value in having a comprehensive alarm permit program. Our goal is to work with homeowners and businesses to reduce the number of false alarms so that we can make the best use of our limited personnel resources.

What's UP with Biz?

U.P. businesses are finding creative ways to continue to offer their products and services to residents and visitors alike.

Did you know:

- Pure Barre in the Village at Chambers Bay is offering live stream classes on Zoom, private sessions, small in-studio classes, pop up outdoor/weekend classes and closed Facebook group page classes. They also fog the studio once a day with hospital-grade disinfectant to clean air and surfaces and allow 30 minutes between classes for additional cleaning.
- Sapporo and Maria's restaurants in Green Firs Towne Center have outdoor seating.
- Orangetheory has temporarily leased a few of the vacant spaces next to their suite in the Village at Chambers Bay to allow for the social distancing required for gym spaces.
- Green Firs' Trader Joe's has installed a shaded and dry tented waiting line area.
- Bliss Creamery in the Village at Chambers Bay has been serving ice cream outside of their space while the weather has been nice and takes orders of prepacked pints of its signature ice cream.
- Mud Bay at Green Firs has a welcome station outside of their entrance complete with sanitizing equipment and customers can call the store to place an order and request curbside pickup.
- Pensee Nails in the Village at Chambers Bay offers each of its clients a complimentary kit with a disposable face mask and a hand sanitizer pack and has also installed sneeze guards to minimize contact and to allow social distancing.
- The Green Firs Safeway is launching a 'Drive Up & Go' initiative with branded signs at their parking lot entrance.



These businesses are working hard to serve you safely, so please continue to support them and the vital contributions they make to our community.

University Place Fall Clean-Up & Canned Food Drive

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

When:

Residents **SOUTH** of 40th St W. Saturday, October 10th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



REFUSE AND RECYCLING

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

On September 30, 2020, University Place Police Officers Jason Smith and Ryan Johnson visited Aiden's fifth birthday party! Thank you for letting our officers be a part of your big day.

Happy Birthday, Aiden!





Natural Yard Care Webinar

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.

Questions?

Contact Walt Burdsall at wbursdall@tpcd.org or (253) 798-4708.

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Public Hearing - Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Amendments

The City of University Place is amending the Comprehensive Plan to implement the City's Regional Growth Center Subarea Plan. The Planning Commission will hold a Virtual Public Hearing to discuss these amendments on October 7, 2020, at 7 p.m.

The University Place Planning Commission will REMOTELY hold its scheduled meetings to ensure essential city functions continue. However, to ensure compliance with Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-25.7 Safe Start - Stay Healthy issued on May 31, 2020 and Proclamation 20-28.11 - Open Public Meetings Act (subject to further amendments), there will be no in-person attendance by members of the public.

Notice

Smoke Alarm Program Available to Lakewood and University Place Residents

It has proven itself repeatedly: working smoke alarms save lives. Smoke alarms alert sleeping occupants to the possibility of a fire or smoke in the home. West Pierce Fire & Rescue wants to remind residents that having them inside and outside each sleeping area is imperative to their safety.

In the mid-90s, building and fire codes changed to require smoke alarms be hard-wired into the electrical system of a home. This requirement was for new construction and certain tenant improvements (or remodels), which is why many homes have different types of alarms.



So what is the best alarm for your home? The answer is simple: a working one. Whether hard-wired or battery operated, working smoke alarms save lives. Not only should residents be sure they have alarms in and outside of sleeping areas, but one on every level is just as important.

Please think about these three questions:

1. Do you have working smoke alarms?
2. Are they less than 10 years old?
3. Are they installed inside and outside every sleeping area, and on every level?

If you answered "no" to any of those questions, we can help!

Thanks to a recent grant, we have a smoke alarm program for residents of Lakewood and University Place. WPFR personnel will assess your home for current smoke alarms and their status, then will replace or install any you may need. Carbon monoxide and hearing impaired smoke alarms are also available.



This program is performed by appointment only. Appointments can take approximately 15-45 minutes, depending on the needs of your home. WPFR personnel installing the alarms will be wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and will be guided by the resident through the home. If you have other fire and life safety concerns while we are there, please let us know when you book your appointment so we can help.

To schedule an appointment, please call (253) 983-4594 or visit our **website**. Please share this information with your neighbors! All residents of Lakewood and University Place are eligible for this service. There is no income requirement or restrictions as to who can utilize this program and there is no cost.

¿Ustedes hablan español?

Por favor díganos, porque tenemos nosotros "El Coordinador de Alarmas de Humo que habla fluente el Español".

Advisory Commission Vacancies

Commissioners are citizens that, through their volunteer efforts, play an integral role in the growth and development of their City. Citizens serving on the City's Commissions apply their unique knowledge and experiences to the issues and the needs of their City. They function as a focus group from within the community and create ideas to assist the City Council in shaping legislative policy.

Applications are currently being accepted from City residents interested in serving on the following Commissions:

- Economic Development Advisory Commission
- Park Advisory Commission

The vacancies will remain open until filled. Forms are available online at **Committees, Commissions, and Partners**. For more information email DNicholas@CityofUP.com.

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2020



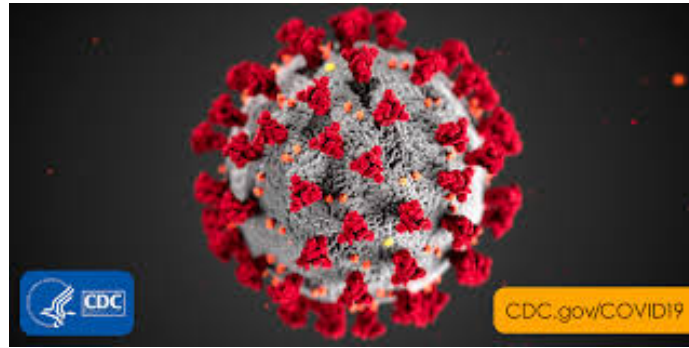
YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE



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



UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING



**Monday, Oct. 19, 2020
at 6:30 p.m.**

WWW.CITYOFUP.COM



**Mayor
Caroline Belleci**



**Mayor Pro Tem
Steve Worthington**



**Council Member
Javier Figueroa**



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