

# Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



November 18, 2020

## Recommendations for Safe Holiday Gatherings

As the number of COVID cases continues to spike in Washington and across the country, public health officials are urging Americans to rethink their traditional holiday gatherings. On Sunday, Nov. 15, Gov. Inslee issued new state-wide restrictions on indoor social gatherings.

**FEWER. SHORTER. SMALLER. SAFER.**

A Guide to Gathering



Under the terms of these new restrictions, indoor social gatherings with people from outside your own household are prohibited unless they:

1. quarantine for fourteen days (14) prior to the social gathering, or
2. quarantine for seven (7) days prior to the social gathering and receive a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 48-hours prior to the gathering.

A household is defined as individuals residing in the same domicile.

The Washington Department of Health has put together an extensive **checklist for how to prepare** for holiday gatherings, as well as **how to talk to your family and friends** about making smart choices in the midst of this pandemic. They also have **tips on how to cope** if you will be apart from loved ones this holiday season.

Remember that even small gatherings create the potential for the virus to spread outside of the immediate group. So please follow the Governor's orders, thinking not just of your own family, but also all those families who have lost a loved one to the virus or who have loved ones at risk.

**Free COVID-19 Testing Available in U.P.**

On December 8 and 19, **West Pierce Fire & Rescue** and the City of University Place will team up to host a **free** mobile COVID-19 testing site at the old City Hall location in Windmill Village from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



There will be walk-up and drive-through testing and, although appointments are not required, safety is paramount so numerous measures will be in place to ensure the tests can be completed without risk to anyone. These measures include:

- Social distancing of walk-up testers will be enforced, and each walk-up will be given a mask.
- Pierce County Emergency Management is providing self-contained trailers (for bio waste and test swabs).
- All testing personnel will be outfitted with personal protective equipment (PPE), including gloves, masks and face shields.

Come prepared: To make the process go faster, please fill out these forms in advance:

**Contact form**  
**Test form**

Complete both forms on your device. Print and bring the forms with you to the testing site. Complete one form for each person being tested in your group.

The test swabs will be taken to a local lab, with results available within five to seven days and shared with the individual. If the test was at the bequest of a person's employer, the **Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department** will contact the employer to share the results with the employee.

These free tests are being offered through a partnership between the Pierce County Department of Emergency Management and with volunteers from West Pierce Fire & Rescue that have been trained through the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program.

For more information about the upcoming free testing sites county-wide, visit the **Pierce County Website**.

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

With Gov. Inslee's new restrictions that went into effect this week aimed at curbing the spread of COVID-19, local businesses will be challenged to remain operational during what for many is traditionally their busiest time of year.

You can still patronize U.P. businesses this holiday season. You will simply need to rethink how you give them your

business. Here are some suggestions:

- Shop online whenever possible. If you have something particular in mind that you've purchased previously, call the business to reorder if they don't have an online store.
- In-store retail is now limited to 25 percent of indoor capacity limits, so call ahead to see if you can schedule a time to come in.
- If you do make a purchase in person, try to make your transaction cashless by using your credit card, debit card or digital payment services such as Apple Pay, PayPal or Venmo.
- Buy gift cards for a post-COVID splurge to a favorite store, restaurant or service provider such as hair salons, barbers, nail salons and spas, all of which must now also operate at 25 percent capacity.
- Use delivery or curbside services so you can keep your germs to yourself. Although restaurants and bars are closed for indoor dine-in service, to-go service and outdoor dining is permitted as long as tables are limited to parties of five and proper physical distancing can be maintained.
- Support local fitness facilities and gyms that are now closed to indoor operations by buying memberships or classes that can be used when the restrictions end.



Let our local businesses know how much we value them by supporting them with a little extra patience as they adjust to the challenges of the restrictions and thank them for being part of our community.

## Coming Soon! Public Safety Special Report

Watch your mailbox for the Fall issue of the U.P. Police Department's Public Safety Special Report. Get updates on crime statistics in University Place, learn about what life has been like for first responder officers during the pandemic, and get recaps of the five Public Safety Academy sessions that were held virtually this fall. You can also read about how an alert citizen helped the U.P. police arrest a serial car prowler.

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### A Message from Police Chief Greg Premo

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you a lot of important information from your UPPD. This issue of the Public Safety Dispatch includes updates on the latest police activity in U.P., as well as news about the revised False Alarm fee structure that was passed by the City Council in October.

You'll also have the opportunity to learn about some of the public safety heroes in our community, from citizens who have taken it upon themselves to play an active role in their community's safety as well as the perspective of some of our first responders and the sacrifices they have made to keep us all safe during the pandemic.

I hope you find this newsletter informative and, as always, I welcome the opportunity to hear from you with your questions and concerns about public safety in University Place. Please email me at [greg.premo@pierccountywa.gov](mailto:greg.premo@pierccountywa.gov).

*U.P. Police Chief Greg Premo*

The newsletter should land in U.P. mailboxes the week of Nov. 29. Please take time to read it and learn more about important issues related to crime and safety in University Place.

## Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulation Amendments Public Hearing

The City Council of the City of University Place will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 7, 2020, as part of its regular meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m., to consider proposed amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan (UPMC Title 16) that will serve to implement the University Place Regional Growth Center Subarea Plan. The proposed amendments are posted on the City's webpage at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com).

Pursuant to Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-25.7 Safe Start – Stay Healthy issued on May 31, 2020 and Proclamation 20-28.12 – Open Public Meetings Act, the public hearing will be held virtually due to health concerns from COVID-19. Members of the public can participate in public testimony for this Public Hearing by the following methods. Written testimony will be accepted via email. Comments should be sent to Emy Genetia, City Clerk at [EGenetia@CityofUP.com](mailto:EGenetia@CityofUP.com). Comments received up to one hour (i.e., 5:30 p.m.) before the meeting will be provided to the City Council electronically. Subject to technological limitations, the Council will also accept telephonic/remote testimony. Direction to access the meeting will be available on the December 7, 2020 agenda.

For further information, please contact David Swindale, Planning and Development Director, at 253.460.2519, or [DSwindale@CityofUP.com](mailto:DSwindale@CityofUP.com).

## Keep Catch Basins Clear this Fall



## Park 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 Park Advisory Commission.

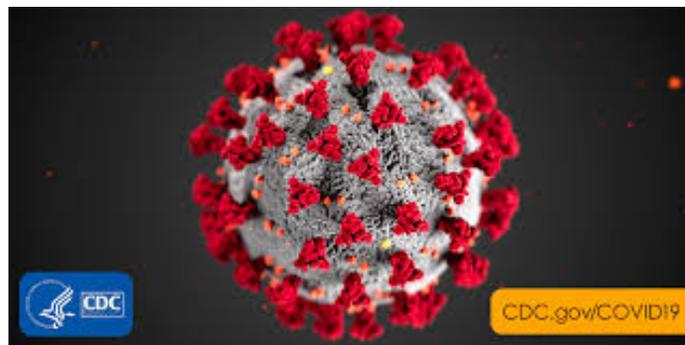
The vacancies will remain open until filled. Forms are available on-line at **Committees, Commissions, and Partners**.

For more information email [DNicholas@CityofUP.com](mailto:DNicholas@CityofUP.com).

## 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**



## CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

CITY STAFF WILL BE ON HOLIDAY  
BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25  
AT 3 P.M. IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY.  
NORMAL HOURS WILL RESUME  
VIRTUALLY ON MONDAY, NOV. 30  
AT 9 A.M.

# UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING



Monday, Dec. 7, 2020  
at 6:30 p.m.

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