Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



November 24, 2021

Ed Wood Elected to City Council Position 4

Pierce County Elections has certified the results of the Nov. 2 ballot and confirmed that Ed Wood has been elected to Position 4 on the University Place City Council. He will be officially sworn in on Nov. 29 during a special Council meeting that is being held due to technical difficulties that occurred during its last meeting on Nov. 15. Wood will assume his duties that evening, replacing Council Member Howard Lee who was appointed to fill the position vacancy left by the illness and passing of Ken Grassi.

Per the final vote tallies, Wood garnered 65.30 percent of the vote with a total of 4,951 votes. His opponent, Joey Jones received 2,595 votes, or 34.23 percent of those voting. There were 36 write-in votes.

"I am humbled by the trust expressed by the people of University Place in electing me to Coun-cil," Wood said. "I will honor that trust by helping build a stronger community while acting as a faithful steward of our resources. Together we can continue to grow our city into the future."

Incumbent candidates Javier Figueroa (Position 1), Steve Worthington (Position 3) and Denise McCluskey (Position 5) ran unopposed and will be sworn in for their next terms at the City Council's first meeting of 2022 on Monday, Jan. 3.



Be sure to check out **U.P.'s YouTube channel** on Wednesday, Dec. 1 for a virtual lighting of the City's Christmas Tree in Market Square.

To ensure the public's safety, City leaders





may be another year before we can celebrate this annual tradition together again in person, this video reminds us of all that we have to be grateful for in U.P. this holiday season.

The public can see the tree in person when visiting Market Square. And everyone is encouraged to join in this year's Holiday CheerUP reverse parade festivities on Dec. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. Enjoy holiday music and festive characters as you meander through the Village at Chambers Bay in the safety of your own vehicle. Drop off a gift for the Toys for Tots campaign and enjoy holiday treats and goodies from Village at Chambers Bay businesses. Watch for more details in the Dec. 3 issue of Headlines or visit the **Holiday CheerUP event on Facebook**.

If you have not yet subscribed to U.P.'s **YouTube channel**, you can do so easily here. Be sure to click on the bell to ensure you get notifications when new videos are posted.

What's UP with Biz? U.P. Celebrates Two More Grand Openings

As 2021 draws to a close, the City of U.P. will wrap up a record year for new business openings with two additional ribbon cuttings. On Monday, Dec. 6, Fox Medical Center and My Own Gym, both located at 4620 Bridgeport Way W., will celebrate their grand openings together from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend the festivities and to learn more about what these new businesses have to offer.



Watch U.P.'s Veterans Day Ceremony

Despite a cold, steady rain, a large crowd came out to participate in U.P.'s Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11 near the site of the under construction Veterans Memorial Plaza in Cirque Park.

U.P. City Council Member and Ret. Brigadier General Stan Flemming served as the emcee for the moving ceremony that included remarks from U.P. Mayor Caroline Belleci and Col. D. "Shane" Finison, commander of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade at JBLM. They were joined by young and old alike, from local scouts and members of the Curtis High School Navy Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) Color Guard to University Place veterans and Veterans Plaza committee members, many clad with their service insignia. In addition, a large number of community members, including families of veterans, braved the weather to pay their respects.

If you were unable to attend, please take a few minutes to watch this video of the event. Tap along as each of the service branches' songs are played and join in a moment of silence for all those who have served our country.



ALL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER Drive Through Style! Please join us for a Thanksgiving you'll never forget! This is a community dinner and everyone is welcome at no charge. Thanksgiving Day **Thursday, November 25** 11am to 1 pm **NEW LOCATION: Curtis Jr High 3725 Grandview Drive West** Due to covid restrictions, this year we will be doing things a little different. Head into the Junior High parking lot on Grandview to pick up a full Thanksgiving Dinner. No Reservations Needed Chef Derek Bray from The Table will be preparing meals for our community! **Ouestions?** What a treat! Email Nicole Jovich Johnson at Nickibellejojo@gmail.com or call 206-240-7173

Pierce County COVID-19 Assistance

Monetary donations made payable to Peace Out are appreciated, or you may submit donation with refuse payment

Help is available to University Place families that need COVID-related assistance with things such as:

Derek Bray, The Table • University Place Refuse

Rent

Sponsored by:

- Utilities (water, electric, sewer, gas, garbage pickup, fuel oil, internet)
- Mortgage payments
- Eviction resolution
- Homeless resources
- Developmental screenings

- Behavioral health services
- Support for older adults
- Food pantries
- Domestic abuse support
- Diaper bank
- State services

Encourage them to visit the **Pierce County** website dedicated to **COVID-19 Human**Services assistance. Although U.P. is a separate municipality, residents of the City can still apply for and receive help from Pierce County.



UNIVERSITY PLACE HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, Nov. 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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Steve Worthington













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Get the Facts: COVID Resources

As the nation and our region continue to battle the COVID-19 outbreak, be sure to stay informed with accurate information from these official sources:



- principles for work or school.
 The Governor's Office provides details about on-going response efforts throughout the State of Washington, including information for families, businesses, workers and health providers.
- 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, and the various types of assistance which are available to community members.
- The City of University Place's dedicated **COVID-19 info page** includes valuable information on resources for businesses and residents.



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Mayor Pro Tem
Steve Worthington



Council Member Javier Figueroa



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Council Member Howard Lee



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