

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



December 22, 2021

Merry Christmas to the 16th CAB, U.P.'s Community Connector Partner

On Friday, Dec. 17, U.P. City Council Member Javier Figueroa hosted a special Christmas outing for 14 members of JBLM's 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, U.P.'s Community Connector Partner.

Service members from the 16th CAB and their families enjoyed a day that began with a lunch hosted by Council Member Figueroa before setting off to do their holiday shopping at Macy's with funds that were donated from other U.P. City Council members, Pierce County and U.P. residents, and four U.P. businesses: U.P. Refuse & Recycling, Max MPG Scooters, U.P. Radiators & Mufflers, and the U.P. McDonald's.



To make their holiday shopping spree dollars go farther, Macy's offered a 25 percent discount on all shopping, even on already discounted items. The CAB members could also take advantage of Macy's personal shopping services, a free raffle and free gift wrapping—complete with free Frangos while they waited.

"Having served in the 16th CAB during my tour in Vietnam, this unit is special to me," Figueroa said. "I know that these men and women—and their families—make significant sacrifices throughout the year in service to our country. This holiday outing was just a way to show our gratitude for all they do."

Council Member Figueroa, along with Chaplain Major Ryan Steenburg, who moved into University Place recently, showed the true meaning of Christmas to make this event happen. "I especially want to thank all the businesses and citizens who contributed to the shopping spree fund," Figueroa added. "And a special thanks to Macy's and their staff for making our 16th CAB members feel like VIPs—which they are!"



What's UP with Biz: Holiday CheerUP Wrap Up



As you finish up the last of your holiday shopping, don't forget to shop local! Please patronize our U.P. businesses with purchases of merchandise or gift certificates for services.

These small businesses are vital to our community and there is no better time of year to show how much we love the convenience of having them close by!

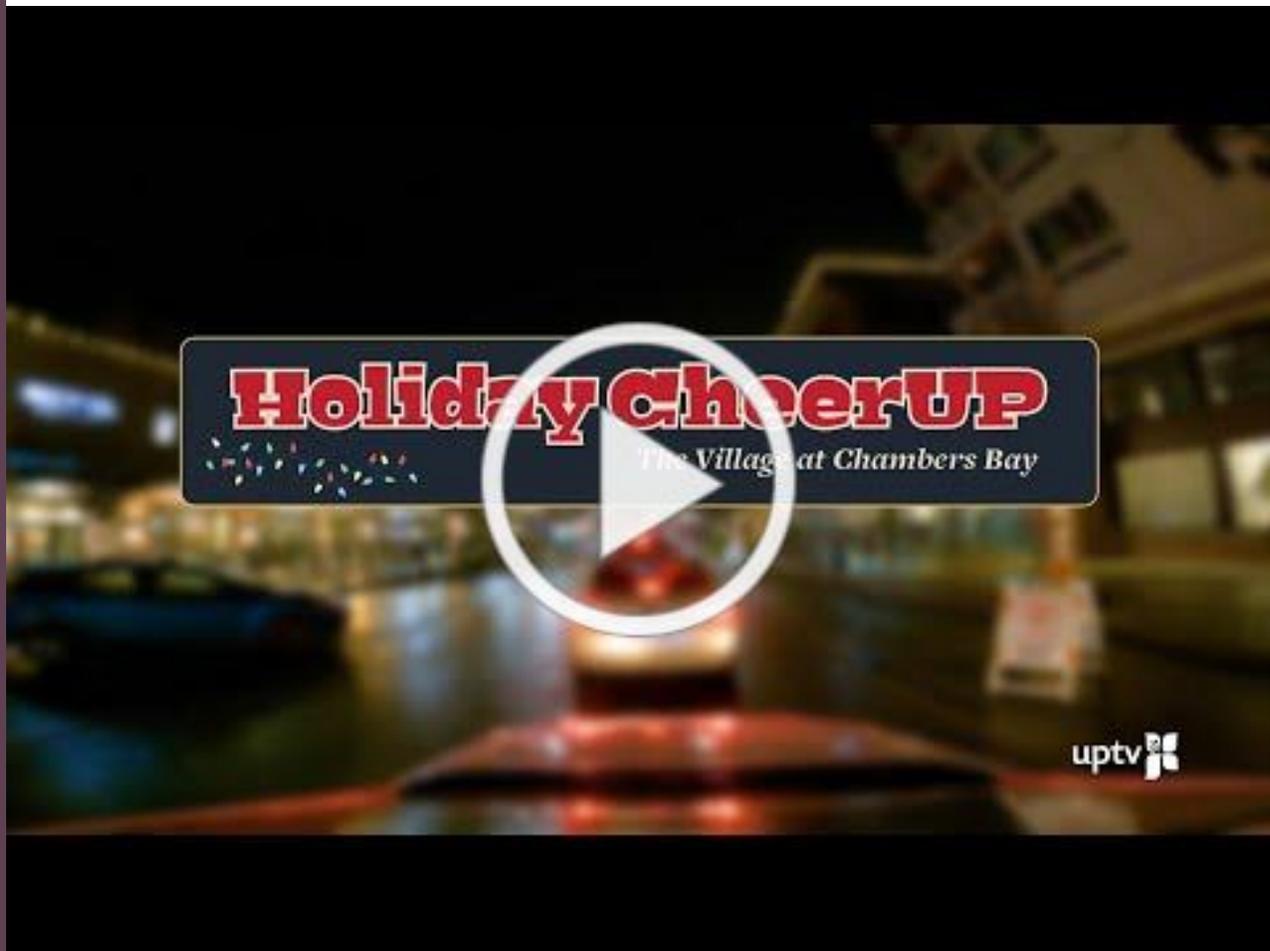


To get a sense of their contributions to University Place, check out [this special video of the Holiday CheerUP! in Market Place](#) that was held on Dec. 10. Under the leadership of Dawn Morris of Bishops Cut and Color, with support from First Financial NW Bank and Coldwell Banker Bain, as well as City staff, the two-hour event provided music, lots of giveaways and many festive costumes!



West Pierce Fire & Rescue's engine was one of the evening's top draws, as was a very tall stilt-walking elf. The Curtis High School cheerleaders were also on hand to keep the participants excited as they rolled along in their vehicles past a number of sidewalk stands with giveaways like hot cider, sweets and goodie bags with special offers from local businesses. Coldwell Banker Bain had a gingerbread house for sale and there were free fun craft kits for kids to take home. And the generosity and holiday spirit were returned by those who came out with donations that generously helped fill more than four boxes of Toys for Tots.

This marks the second year of this event, which shows that even amid the need for pandemic precautions, University Place knows how to throw a good party.



Chambers Creek Bridge Ribbon Cutting

The City of University Place and the City of Lakewood, in conjunction with Pierce

County, held a special ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 18 for the new pedestrian bridge over Chambers Creek that links the two cities.



Located just west of Kobayashi Park, the bridge spans Chambers Creek Canyon, which is part of Pierce County's Chambers Creek Regional Park. With the bridge complete, pedestrians can now

travel from Lakewood to the Kobayashi trailhead. This safe, walkable and modern span is designed to prevent hikers from traversing across the creek, which can be dangerous and lead to environmental damage as well. The three trail partners are now focusing their collective efforts on completing design on the next phase of the trail that will include another bridge. When complete, hikers will be able to continue on to connect with trails that ultimately lead to Chambers Creek Regional Park.



Virtual Tree Lighting again this year

Don't miss this last chance to watch the video that captures the "flipping of the switch" on the U.P. Christmas Tree in Market Square earlier this month. With holiday messages from U.P. City Council Members, this virtual tree lighting celebration reminds us that, despite the challenges of a pandemic, we remain a community that is connected by tradition and accomplishments.

Merry Christmas to all from your U.P. City Council and staff!



Serve Your City as a Volunteer

The seven-member Public Safety Advisory Commission, which advises the City Council on issues related to public safety, is seeking another citizen volunteer. This is a perfect opportunity for those who wish to contribute to meaningful discussions related to policing, fire and rescue, and other issues related to public safety in University Place.

This role is ideal for those who want to volunteer but who cannot commit to an extensive time commitment. The Public Safety Advisory Commission does not have standing monthly meetings. It meets to work on matters specifically assigned by the City Council, either as part of an annual work plan or by separate resolution.

To learn more and download the application, visit the City's [Commissions and Partners page](#).

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

From your University Place City Council and Staff



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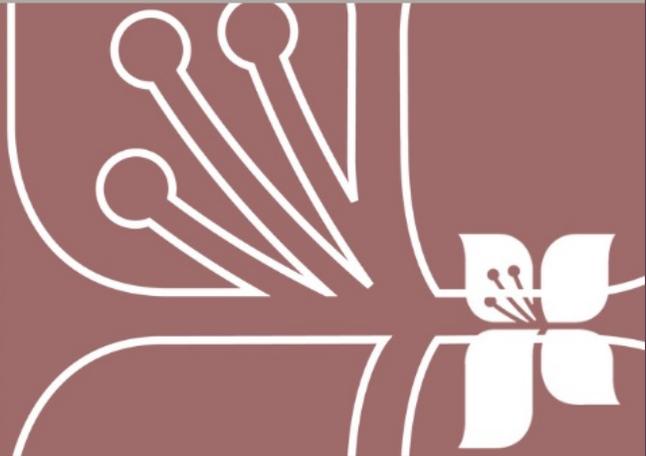




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UNIVERSITY PLACE HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETING



Monday, Jan. 3, 2022
at 6:30 p.m.

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COVID-19 Resources

Looking for specific information related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Here's a list of official sources of information on which you can rely:

U.S. Centers for Disease Control – Pandemic facts and information

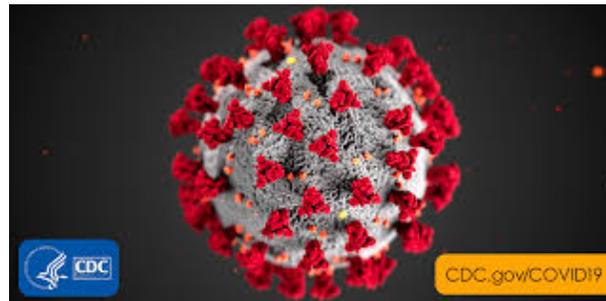
Governor's Office – Details about efforts and legislation specific to Washington

Washington State Department of Health – Updated statistics and testing data

Tacoma-Pierce County Department of Health – Testing sites, vaccine info

Pierce County – Resources for rent, utilities, mortgages, and much more

City of University Place – Pandemic resource updates specific to U.P.





City Hall Holiday Closures

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, DEC. 24 AND WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON THURSDAY, DEC. 23. CITY HALL WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, DEC. 27 AT 9 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY



CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, DEC. 31 AND WILL CLOSE AT 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY, DEC. 30. CITY HALL WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, JAN. 3 AT 9 A.M.



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