Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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What's UP with Biz: Watch the Newest Episode of Open for Business

Please spend a few minutes watching **the second episode of the City's Open for Business** video series to learn more about some of U.P.'s businesses that are perfect for busy families, including:

- **Second Born Maternity** (7530 28th St W., Suite A) offers stylish and affordable clothing for moms-to-be.
- **PopUP Kids Consign and Shop** (7530 28th St W., Suite B) allows parents to consign their own children's outgrown clothing and save money on clothes consigned by others.
- The Pod Works (7024 27th St. W.) is a co-working and event space especially designed for working parents of young children who want to get out of the house while still having their kids close by.
- Fresh Folds Laundry (2310 Mildred St., Suite 126) has high-capacity washers and dryers that are perfect for busy families who need to get their laundry done in a hurry.

Be sure to spread the word among your friends and neighbors that these businesses are UP and open!

And then be sure to join us as we welcome two more businesses to U.P. On March 29, **Revolushon Fitness** will celebrate its location at 6928 22 nd St. W. The following day, March 30, **Galos Flame Grilled Chicken** at 3556 Market Place W. will cut its grand opening ribbon. Both events will run from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.



Alameda Avenue Construction Nears Completion

Traveling around U.P. will soon be easier with completion of the Alameda Avenue Extension construction. This project fills a critical gap in the City's street network, connecting the southern end of Alameda Avenue (at 62nd Avenue W.) to the eastern end of 62nd Street (at 64th Avenue W.). Once completed, there will be a new, continuous route between 67th Avenue (near Fred Meyer) all the way to Cirque Drive at the



Alameda roundabout. This roadway will be renamed to Alameda Drive between 67th Avenue and Cirque Drive.

This project will improve traffic circulation, reduce congestion and provide critical improvements to emergency vehicle response times in this part of the city. In addition, new streetlights and sidewalks will improve motorist and pedestrian safety. Although the new connection will make travel more efficient, the U.P. Police Department will be conducting patrols in the area once the road opens to deter speeding.

Finishing touches are underway and the roadway is scheduled to be open by the end of the month.

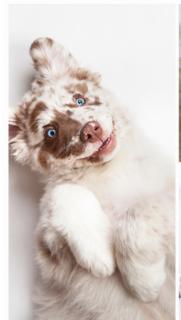
City Council Issues Proclamation in Support of Ukraine

During the City Council's regular meeting on March 7, Mayor Steve Worthington greeted special guest Honorary Consul Valeriy Goloborodko from the Consular Post of Ukraine in Seattle before reading a proclamation in support of Ukraine.

Noting that "University Place is home to Ukrainian Americans who bring with them their beautiful culture and strengthen our diverse community," the proclamation went on to say that "the City Council of the City of University Place, on behalf of its citizens, do hereby stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and commend the brave citizens in both Russia and Ukraine who are standing up against this brutal assault on democracy."

You can **watch the meeting here**, including the reading of the proclamation and Consul Goloborodko's remarks. Read the proclamation in its entirety on the **City's website**.









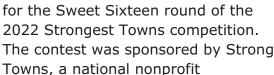
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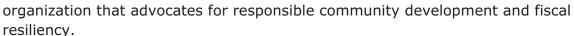
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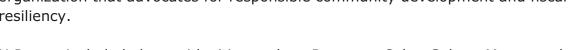
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U.P. Makes the Sweet 16 of Strongest Towns Competition

Citizens of U.P. have always known that our city is small but mighty, and we proved it when we were selected for the Sweet Sixteen round of the 2022 Strongest Towns competition. The contest was sponsored by Strong







U.P. was included along with cities such as Durango, Colo., Salem, Mass., and Champaign, Ill., in the round of 16. And although the City lost by just a few percentage points to White Salmon, Wash., (52% to 48%), community members provided compelling and inspirational arguments on why U.P. is truly a strong town.

Thanks to all those who weighed in and especially those who nominated U.P. for the competition. If you'd like to see how the remaining cities are faring, check out the tournament bracket.

2022 University Place Spring Clean-UP and Canned Food Drive!

When:

Residents NORTH of 40th St W. Saturday, April 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents SOUTH of 40th St W. Saturday, April 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted



items and yard waste for FREE!

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

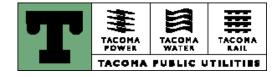
PLEASE SEPARATE ITEMS INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES FOR RECYCLING:

- 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

Visit the **University Place Refuse and Recycling website** for more information.

Tacoma Moratorium on Utility Disconnection ends March 31

Advanced notice on disconnection provides customers time to pay down \$30 million in past due balances.



On Feb. 8 Mayor Victoria Woodards announced that the City of Tacoma will maintain the moratorium on utility disconnections until March 31, 2022. The March 31 date provides Tacoma Public Utilities' customers with advance notice so that TPU can provide assistance and access to resources that may help them make a plan for how to pay down past due balances and apply for available payment assistance before disconnections for nonpayment resume.

When the moratorium ends on March 31, TPU will place all past due balances on an automatic, interest- free, 24-month installment plan. Making payments on past due balances now ahead of the March 31 date will lower the monthly amount customers will owe on their installment plans.

Read the remainder of the article, including information about payment plans and how to apply for relief and assistance programs, on the **TPU COVID-19 response page**.





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U.P. to Launch Dog Walker Watch

University Place dog walkers are invited to take part in a special training and awareness opportunity on a new public safety initiative being launched across the city.

The public is invited to join U.P. Police Chief Greg Premo and Jennifer Hales, public safety administrator, in the City Council Chambers on **Wednesday, April 20 at 6 p.m.** to learn more about Dog Walker Watch. This program, sponsored by the same group that launched National Night Out, aims to put the eyes and ears of dog walkers to use in spotting and reporting suspicious behavior in their communities.



According to the American Pet Products Association, there are more than 75 million dog owners across the nation. Imagine the potential of putting just a tiny fraction of those—U.P. dog owners—to work by enlisting their help in preventing crime before it happens. Given that 95 percent of arrests are the direct result of a citizen's call, this is an opportunity for dog walkers to partner with UPPD and help make our city safer and stronger.

Please make plans to attend the meeting on April 20 and learn what to look for and when to call the police. These are invaluable skills for every setting, since increasing your level of awareness protects you everywhere you go. Register for the class by submitting your name and phone number to **uppublicsafety@cityofup.com.**

Parks Appreciation Day is April 23

Please make plans to get dirty at Paradise Pond Park on Saturday, April 23 for U.P.'s annual Parks Appreciation Day which will be held in conjunction with global Earth Day efforts. The public is invited to come out and help maintain the park's trails by spreading new wood chips and removing overgrowth.



The work will begin at 9 a.m. and go through noon. Participants are

invited to bring their own tools and gloves. U.P. Parks will provide additional rakes and shovels for those who do not have their own.

University Place Refuse and Recycling is co-sponsoring the event with the City of U.P. and will provide coffee, donuts and water for the volunteers.

Paradise Pond Park is located on 67th Avenue West, just north of 35th Street.



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.



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