

# Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



April 27, 2022

## Duck Daze Parade Registration Underway

In case you haven't heard, Duck Daze will return to University Place on Saturday, June 4.



The highlight of the festivities will be the parade, which begins at 10 a.m. at 29th Street and Bridgeport Way W. The route continues down Bridgeport Way past the Civic Building before turning left onto 37th Street where it will finish at the West Pierce Fire Station.

Businesses, scout troops, community groups and organizations are invited to march in the parade at no cost. This is a great opportunity to raise your group's visibility among residents and visitors while also contributing to the community spirit that makes U.P. such a special—and fun—Place to be.

Pre-registration is required by those who wish to march in the parade. Details and forms are included in the **registration packet** on the City's website. Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 20.

## Great Turnout for Parks Appreciation Day!

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to Paradise Pond Park on April 23 for Parks Appreciation Day! It was a beautiful sunny morning and a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and give back to our local parks.

Volunteers helped spread woodchips throughout Paradise Pond and also helped plant a special Red Sunset Maple in honor of Arbor Day!



A special thank you to **University Place Refuse and Recycling** for all they did

to help make this event a huge success—and to keep the volunteers fed and hydrated!



## Ride with ORCA to U.P. Special Events

Pierce Trips, a carpooling, public transit and telework resource, has provided the City of University Place with 100 ORCA regional transit cards to help those with limited incomes or transportation options get to and from special events in University Place at no cost.

Those who are interested in obtaining an ORCA card will be asked to complete the **online form** and indicate which special events they wish to attend:

- Duck Daze (June 4)
- Music on the Square (July 20, July 27, Aug. 3, Aug. 10, Aug. 24 and Aug. 31)
- Movie Night in the Park (Aug. 6)
- Octoberfest (Oct. 14)
- Christmas Tree Lighting (Dec. 2)

 **Pierce Trips**  
keeping people on the move!

University Place  
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**ARRIVE BY BUS TO  
CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE &  
CITY OF LAKEWOOD  
EVENTS**



The passes will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each pass has enough fare to cover two All Day Passes (or five one-way trips). Households will be limited to no more than four passes. Please share this news with any elderly or isolated neighbors who may enjoy the opportunity to participate in U.P.'s community-building events.

## What's UP with Biz?

Business is booming in U.P.! Check out these photos from two of our recent ribbon cuttings and celebrations at Revolushon Fitness (6928 22nd St. W.) and Galos Flame Grilled Chicken (3556 Market Place W.).

And please make a point to welcome the Baner and Baner Law Firm, 4007 Bridgeport Way W., Suite D, May 2 from 4-5 p.m. for their opening celebration.



**Galos Flame Grilled Chicken**  
3556 Market Pl W, University  
Place, WA 98466



**Revolushon Fitness**  
6928 22nd St W, University  
Place, WA 98466

## Pamper Your Furry Friend: Enter to Win a Free Pet Gift Basket

Is your pet registered to win one of two pet gift baskets that will be given away on May 10?

All you have to do to enter to win is share your licensed pet's picture on social media and tag the City @CityofUPWA on **Facebook** and **Twitter** or @CityofUP\_WA on Instagram and use the hashtag #UPPets.



If your pet is not yet licensed, simply complete the licensing paperwork and pay the fee, which includes discounts for all pets that are spayed/neutered as well as reduced fees for pets of senior and disabled residents. Then take a picture with their license and share it!

Per City ordinance, all pets eight weeks and older are required to be licensed in the City of U.P. License fees fund Pierce County's Animal Control services which assist with lost or stray animals, abused animals, barking dogs and leash law violations.

Visit the **City Website** for more information on how to license your pet as well as how to enter the giveaway!

## Emergency Food Network Offers Home Delivery

Residents of U.P. who are unable to access local food pantries because of transportation or accessibility issues are encouraged to reach out to the The Pierce County Emergency Food Network, which has a Home Delivery program for Pierce County residents who have barriers to accessing their local food pantries including issues such as limited mobility or transportation, prohibitive work schedules or quarantine due to COVID-19, to name a few.



The Emergency Food Network (EFN) includes more than 70 food pantries and hot meal sites, providing meals to over 1.9 million clients annually. The majority of food is donated by farms and large corporations such as Fred Meyer, Carolina Logistics, QFC, and SuperValu, but EFN also acts as a Sub-Distributing Agency (SDA) for the USDA Commodity Food Program and purchases food through its Co-op Food Purchasing Program.

For more information on EFN home delivery services, visit their [website](#) or call 253.584.1040. Application forms are available in Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Russian.

## Stamp Out Hunger on May 14

When you put out your mail for pickup on Saturday, May 14, please leave an item or two of non-perishable food for your carrier to pick up as part of the the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) annual Stamp Out Hunger® food drive.

For 30 years, postal carriers have conducted this nationwide food drive to support local food banks in their communities. In addition to collecting food items, you may also make a donation directly to the event by visiting the [campaign's website](#).



PUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATION IN A BAG BY YOUR MAILBOX. WE'LL DELIVER IT TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK.



UNIVERSITY PLACE

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 2, 2022  
AT 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL: WATCH ON COMCAST  
CHANNEL 21, RAINIER CONNECT  
CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON  
[YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETY](https://www.youtube.com/universityplacety)

#### AGENDA ITEMS:

- Deputy J Sousley Retirement Proclamation
- CHS Swim, Basketball, Wrestling, Volleyball Recognitions
- CHS Daffodil Queen Recognition
- Childcare Provider Appreciation Day Proclamation
- Parks Advisory Commission Report
- NWP Consultant

Agenda Items are subject to change, please visit the City website for more information.

## **Earth Day Work by Rotary Club of UP-Fircrest Spruces UP U.P. Post Office**

Rotary Clubs of Pierce County celebrated Earth Day this year with a variety of environmentally oriented projects. UP-Fircrest Rotary members gathered on April 24, at the U.P. Post Office on 27th Street, to continue last fall's initial Labor Day cleanup, where the Club had tackled 20 years of deferred landscape maintenance. The UP-Fircrest Club began at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning, performing spring cleanup, much less extensive than they faced in the fall. The focus this year was on areas less obvious to patrons, such as the employee parking lot at the rear of the building, which had become home to overgrown blackberry vines.

Among its other activities, the Club has recently held multiple food drives with help from Safeway and Fred Meyer stores, and honored Curtis Junior High School Students of the Month for many years. They have also provided baseball scoreboards at Cirque Park and computers and printers at the U.P. Library Teen Center. A listing of international projects can be found at the **Club's website**.

Until 2021, the Club was known as Tacoma Narrows Rotary, but clubs need to have a name that indicates their service area. As the number of clubs in Pierce County grew, it became important to change the Club's name to more closely mirror its service area. Meetings are continuing to be held via Zoom, and a meeting invitation can be found at the Club's website for community members who'd like to attend.

A promotional graphic for an insect class. The background is a soft-focus image of a tree branch with green leaves and several ripe, pinkish-red apples. The text is overlaid in a semi-transparent white box with rounded corners. The main title is in a large, bold, red serif font. Below it, the date and time are in a smaller, bold, red sans-serif font. The RSVP information is in a bold, red sans-serif font. The instructor's name is in a bold, red sans-serif font. At the bottom, the website and address are in a smaller, red sans-serif font.

## **Curran Orchard Insect Class**

**Saturday, May 7, from 9 to 10 a.m.**

**RSVPs requested to [apples@curranappleorchard.com](mailto:apples@curranappleorchard.com).**

**Taught by PC Master Gardener Bill Horn**

**[www.CurranAppleOrchard.com](http://www.CurranAppleOrchard.com)**

**Curran Apple Orchard, 3920 Grandview Drive West, University Place**

## **Annual Spring Garden Tour Returns in May**

Special early bird pricing for \$20 tickets to the U.P. Historical Society's annual Garden Tour ends this Sunday, May 1. The event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15, and feature five stunning local gardens, as well as the Curran House community museum and orchards. Tickets purchased beginning May 1 will cost \$25.

Early bird tickets can be purchased at Willow Tree Gardens and Interiors in U.P. or by **downloading and mailing a completed order form** and payment to the Historical Society. Beginning May 1, \$25 tickets will also be available for purchase at Chirp & Co. and Gardensphere in the Proctor District, and at Michael Morrison Sotheby's International Realty offices in Proctor and Gig Harbor.



Proceeds from the event support the efforts of the U.P. Historical Society. Major sponsors of this year's Garden Tour include Gray Lumber, Columbia Bank, Seattle Seahawks, Michael Morrison Sotheby's International Realty, U.P. Refuse and Recycling, Karen Bellamy, and Frank and Cindy Bonaro. Other sponsors include Linda & Albert Bird, Suburban Optical, Atkins Chiropractic, The 35 House Vacation Rental, New Tacoma Cemeteries, Funeral Home and Crematory.

## EFN Hunger Walk on May 7

As part of Hunger Awareness Month, the Emergency Food Network is sponsoring a Hunger Walk on Saturday, May 7. Walk in person at Fort Steilacoom Park and participate in virtual activities throughout the rest of the month of May! All proceeds support Emergency Food Network's mission of providing food to neighbors in need "so that no person goes hungry." For more details and to sign up for the in-person walk, visit the **event webpage**. Registrations for the May 7 event must be submitted by May 3 at noon.

**TEAM**  
**WALKS FOR THE**  
**HUNGER WALK!**

#EFNHUNGERWALK  
LEARN MORE AT [WWW.EFOODNET.ORG](http://WWW.EFOODNET.ORG)





Free

## Natural Yard Care Webinars

### The Changing Garden with Marianne Benetti.

Wednesday, April 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Register: [bit.ly/NYCWebinar1](https://bit.ly/NYCWebinar1)

You will learn timely advice on gardening with plants that cope with hot temperatures, so you are better prepared for future hot weather episodes.

### Primo Plants for Potent Pollinators of all Kinds with Robin Haglund.

Tuesday, May 3, 7-8:30 p.m. Register: [bit.ly/NYCWebinar2](https://bit.ly/NYCWebinar2)

You will learn how to develop a gorgeous garden with year-round interest plants that pollinators simply can't resist.

### Rain Gardens: Plan, Prep, Plant and Maintain with Robb Krehbiel.

Thursday, May 5, 7-8:30 p.m. Register: [bit.ly/NYCWebinar3](https://bit.ly/NYCWebinar3)

You will learn how to create and maintain a rain garden using native plants that minimize impacts to stormwater while creating a lush and productive landscape.

#### Questions?

Contact Troy Rowan at [trowan@tpchd.org](mailto:trowan@tpchd.org) or (253) 649-1839.

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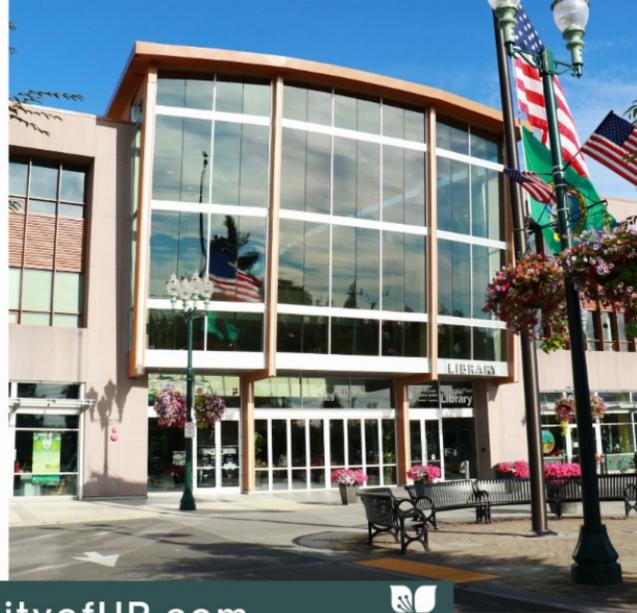
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*Citizens serving on the City's Commissions apply their unique knowledge and experiences to the issues and the needs of their City.*

*They function as a focus group from within the community and create ideas to assist the City Council in shaping legislative policy.*



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Accessible via your smart device or computer, FlashVote surveys come out intermittently, no more than once a month, and are only 3-5 questions.

They take just a few minutes of your time and provide the City with a clear message of how our U.P. community feels about the given topic.

Visit the [FlashVote site](#) to sign up!



## 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

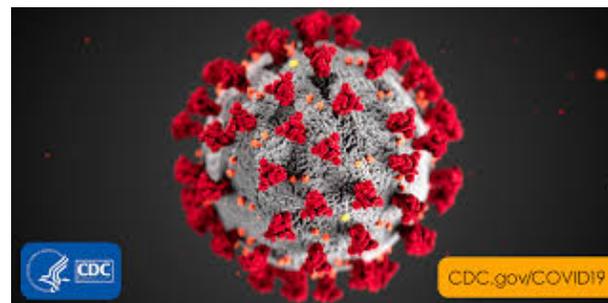
**Governor's Office** – Details about efforts and legislation specific to Washington

**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.



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