

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



May 25, 2022

Make Plans to Participate in Public Safety Listening Sessions

Recent polling by the City of University Place indicates a strong desire among U.P. residents to address public safety and crime prevention strategies that create a stronger and safer community. This corresponds with the City Council making "increased public safety" its number one goal for this biennium.



Beginning Thursday, June 9, the City of University Place will be hosting a series of community forums to answer questions and gather feedback on this important topic. These events, which will be held in person in the City Hall Council Chamber as well as online, will give City staff an opportunity to share important public safety information and updates, while also providing a forum to listen to concerns and feedback from residents, businesses and community stakeholders.

Three public listening sessions have been scheduled to provide several opportunities for everyone to participate:

- June 9: 6-8 p.m.
- June 23: 12-2 p.m.
- July 14: 6-8 p.m.

This is your opportunity to join the conversation and be an informed citizen. Please make plans to attend one—or all—of these important listening sessions.

Visit the **City website** for more information!

Get Ducky on June 4

Duck Daze is back and will be held next Saturday, June 4 beginning at 10 a.m. when the parade begins 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.

University Place DUCK DAZE

The station will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and invites the public to stop by to get a close look at some of their gear and equipment and to enjoy games, refreshments and even temporary tattoos. There will also be helmet and life jacket fittings for children and adults. The cost is \$14 for life jackets, \$7 for bike helmets and \$10 for multi-sport helmets. The wearer must be present to ensure a proper, custom fit. New this year will be a water balloon toss competition, starting at 11:30 a.m.

And be sure to stop by Market Place Square to "buy and dine local" from the many businesses and restaurants who are proud to call U.P. home. There will also be free live music in the Square from noon to 2 p.m. by one of the region's most popular acts, Mark Hurwitz & Gin Creek.

Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with friends and neighbors while celebrating one of U.P.'s most popular community traditions.



Inaugural Twisted Cider 5K Comes to U.P.

Register now to participate in the first Twisted Cider 5K run and walk in U.P. that will take place on July 30. The 3.1 mile-event will begin and end at the Curran Apple Orchard. There will also be a 1K along Sound View Drive for children 12 and under. Parents can

participate in this part of the event along with their kids (no registration required).

This is a family-friendly course that features gentle rolling hills along with flat and fast sections. And when runners/walkers return to the Curran Apple Orchard, everyone is invited to stop by the Maniac Meatballs Food Truck for their warm gourmet pretzels and other tasty fare—including apple cider (of course!). What better way to wind down than to wander the beautiful grounds of the park while enjoying great food and checking out select vendors?



At this time of year, the trees will be full of a variety of ripe apples, but visitors should not pick them yet. They will be ready to go when the Annual Cider Squeeze arrives this fall.

Kobayashi Park Gets New Footbridge



Before



After

Members of the City's Public Works team recently replaced the old wooden footbridge in Kobayashi Park with a new, steel-framed bridge that is slightly larger and will be able to carry more weight. The old wooden bridge was completed years ago and was beginning to deteriorate.

The improvements complement the new Chambers Creek bridge that was opened downstream from the Kobayashi bridge last fall. Although planning and design for the new footbridge was started several months ago, Public Works staff had to address other projects and wait for improved weather to begin the construction and installation.

"This new bridge is not only safer for park visitors but is also big and strong enough to support equipment needed for trail maintenance throughout the park, so it's a big improvement on lots of levels," said Tony West, Parks maintenance supervisor for the City.

JBLM Golf Tournament

U.P. Council Member
Kent Keel and Kevin

Briske, the City's director of community and economic development, were proud to represent University Place when they participated in the JBLM Garrison Command Golf Tournament at Eagle's Pride Golf Course in Dupont on May 12. The event paired community leaders from the South Sound with their JBLM Community Connector units. Golfing with 16th CAB Commander Col. Shane Finison and members of his command staff, their five-person team brought home a first-place win!



U.P.'s Traffic Control Boxes Are Blooming

Keen-eyed observers may have noticed some not-so-real but incredibly life-like flowers adorning the utility boxes in the Village at Chambers Bay. In addition to being beautiful, the vinyl UV-treated coverings will last for several years and are easy to clean. Graffiti can be cleaned off easily and, when need be, the entire wrap can be removed without chemicals. The wraps were paid for by the City of University Place and efforts are underway to look into opportunities to add them to other utility boxes around town.



What's UP with Biz?

Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of University Place saw its total business license numbers increase from the first quarter of 2020 (when the pandemic hit) to the first quarter of this year. As of March 31, 2022, U.P. has 1,690 licensed businesses.

“Given the extreme disruption to the business community due to pandemic-related restrictions and lockdowns for the past two years, it’s exciting to see our business growth continued—even amid those challenges,” said Becky Metcalf, business outreach liaison in the City’s Community and Economic Development Department. “During the pandemic, we even had new businesses open in the city. Kudos to our business community and to University Place residents for continuing to support local businesses through a very tough time!”



Cheer on the Class of 2022

It’s graduation time and residents of University Place are encouraged to come out to cheer on members of the Class of 2022 as they participate in the Curtis High School mobile graduation parade through town on Saturday, June 11. After they receive their diplomas at the school beginning at 10 a.m., graduates will wind their way through town, ending at the old Windmill Village parking lot.

Help show off our famous U.P. community pride by filling the sidewalks with cheering family and friends as the graduates pass by—often in cleverly decorated vehicles that showcase their creativity and ingenuity!

Watch last year's celebration in the **video** below!



City Hall Holiday Closure

CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED IN RECOGNITION OF THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022. OFFICES WILL REOPEN VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY, MAY 31 AT 9 A.M.

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University Place
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No Fireworks Before the Fourth

With summer rapidly approaching, fireworks stands will start to appear throughout Pierce County. This is an early reminder that the City of U.P. fireworks ordinance only allows for the discharge of approved fireworks (fountains, cones, novelties, smokes and sparklers/morning glories) on July 4 between the hours of 9 a.m. and midnight.



KNOW WHAT'S LEGAL IN UNIVERSITY PLACE

Stay Safe & Legal this Fourth of July

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 6, 2022

AT 6:30 P.M.

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

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Fireworks
- Budget Carryforwards
- Traffic Impact Fee
- Six-year Transportation Improvement Plan
- Council Goals

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

Keep it Down

The City of University Place wants to remind all residents of its noise regulations. The City of U.P.'s noise regulations mirror those of Pierce County's, which make it "unlawful for any person to cause, or for any person in possession of property to allow to originate from the property, a public disturbance noise." Examples of this kind of noise include frequent, repetitive, or continuous sounds from animals, sirens/horns, motor vehicles, musical instruments and audio equipment. There are exceptions, but repeated complaints may result in a civil infraction.

For more information and specifics, please contact **Melanie Boehm**, the City's code enforcement officer, at 253.460.2548. Complete the **Code Enforcement Complaint Form** to initiate an investigation.

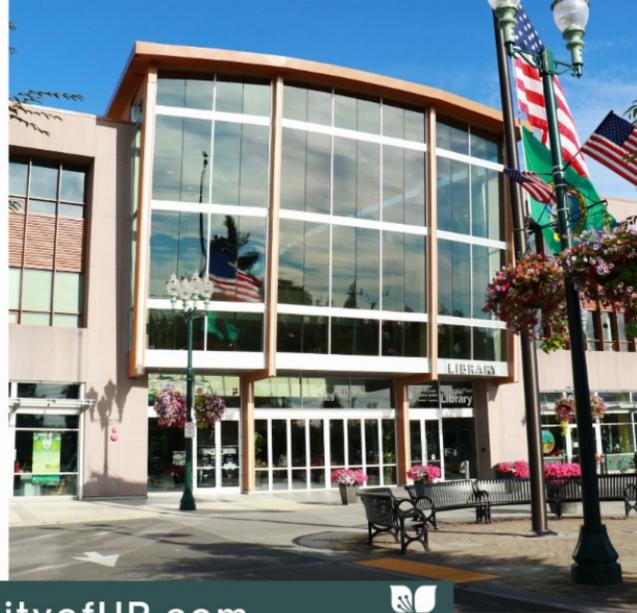
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Citizens serving on the City's Commissions apply their unique knowledge and experiences to the issues and the needs of their City.

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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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

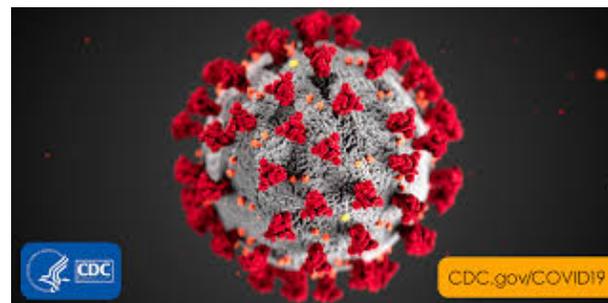
Governor's Office – Details about efforts and legislation specific to Washington

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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