## Headlines

### News from University Place City Hall



June 22, 2022

### **Tomorrow is the Second of Three Public Safety Listening Sessions**

Did you know the City of U.P.—even when fully staffed—has the fewest police officers per 1,000 residents in the state?

Cities with populations from 20,000-60,000 have average staffing of 1.19 officers per 1,000 residents.

University Place has a staffing ratio of 0.45 officers per 1,000.



As a result of the 2009 recession the city was forced to make drastic cuts to City services and personnel to include the police department. Since that time the City has only regained one of those lost positions. As demands on public safety services grow the City needs to evaluate how to meet the needs of our community.

That is why the public is encouraged to attend the City's Public Safety Listening Sessions to learn more about a levy proposal the U.P. City Council is considering that would support public safety in U.P., an issue that residents deemed a top priority in recent polling.

Join tomorrow's session in person at noon in the City Council Chambers or learn how to **stream it live** or watch it on local cable channels. Listen, learn and be informed.

### What Does Public Safety Mean to You?



#### **Report Fireworks Violations Online**

With Independence Day only two weeks away, residents are reminded that legal fireworks can only be discharged in University Place on July 4 from 9 a.m. to midnight.

Only hand-held and groundbased sparking devices which are non-aerial and non-explosive are legal for discharge in U.P. These are:



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Stay Safe & Legal this Fourth of July

- Fountains A ground device that emits showers of sparks several feet in the air.
- Cones A type of fountain in the shape of a cone.
- Novelties Fireworks such as snaps, snakes, poppers; they can shoot white smoke or even multi-color parachutes.
- Smokes Any item that produces a smoke effect, including smoke balls and aerial items that produce smoke instead of light or noise; smoke items are generally used during the daytime.
- Sparklers/Morning Glories A handheld stick with a coating of pyrotechnic composition that creates sparks when lit; Morning Glory sparklers are a larger thin cardboard tube filled with powder.

Residents who wish to report a violation of U.P.'s fireworks regulations should go to **www.fireworksreport.com**. The site will be live to take fireworks complaints from 6 p.m. on July 1 through 6 a.m. on July 5. Call 911 if there's a medical emergency, injury or active fire.

As a reminder, violating the University Place fireworks law could lead to a \$250 fine, plus fees, costs and assessments.



#### TWISTED CIDER 5K REGISTRATION INCLUDES...

5k finisher medal, t-shirt (register by 6/30 to guarantee a shirt/size), collective bib (register by 6/30 to add custom message), complimentary giant pretzel & cider at the finish line.

#### What's UP with Biz: Soak UP the Sun

If you've waited all winter for the sun to come out, don't waste a minute sitting inside when you can enjoy many of U.P.'s outdoor spaces, including:

- Market Square: Grab a doubledip cone, sip a cold drink, enjoy the sunshine and watch the world go by.
- Chambers Bay Golf Course:
   Take on the famous championship links right in our back yard—and enjoy a cold one afterward at the Chambers Bay Grill.



- Chambers Creek Regional Park: If golf isn't your game, you can still enjoy the spectacular views from Chambers Bay by hiking its miles of trails or combing its beach (which is accessible via the bridge just west of Central Meadow). Pick up picnic supplies from one of our local grocers and make a day of it.
- Shake it UP: Stop by Lefty's Burger Shack, the beloved U.P. institution on 27th Street, for a frosty shake (and throw in a burger and fries while you're there).

• Park yourself in a park with a good book: Stop by the U.P. Library in the Civic Center and then seek out one of U.P.'s great parks. Bring a blanket and a cold drink. Then lose yourself in literature.

This summer, save on gas and make a point of returning to your old U.P. favorites while also enjoying what our newest local businesses have to offer.



### U.S. Women's Amateur Comes to Chambers Bay in August

Chambers Bay will host another major U.S.G.A. event in August, when the U.S. Women's Amateur comes to the course Aug. 8-14.

The event field will feature 156 sides, with stroke play qualifying scheduled for Aug. 8-9. Match play will begin on Aug. 10 with a round of 64. Semifinals begin on Saturday, Aug. 13 with the final 36-hole match scheduled for Sun. Aug. 14.



Because this is not a ticketed event, organizers do not anticipate any significant traffic implications.

For more details, visit **ChambersBayGolf.com**.



City staff will be on holiday on Monday, July 4 in recognition of the Fourth of July holiday. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, July 5 at 9 a.m.

### Mark Your Calendars: National Night Out 2022 is Aug. 2

If it's summer in U.P., that means National Night Out is just around the corner!

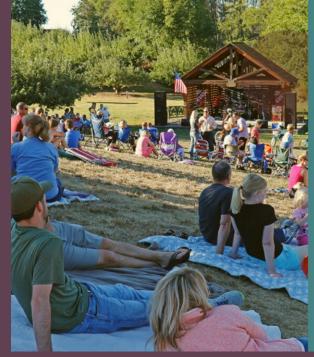
It may still be a month or so away, but it's not too early to start thinking about how you will celebrate this annual night of community connections and commitment to safe and secure neighborhoods.

As is tradition, UPPD and West Pierce Fire & Rescue members,



as well as City Council members and City staff, will participate in a public safety caravan. They will stop at neighborhood celebrations that have registered their events in advance.

Simply email **UPPublicSafety@cityofup.com** by July 28 to get your event added to the caravan schedule.



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July 7 July 21 August 4 August 18

The Thunderbirds
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Clave con Jazz
First Corps Band's Brass Band

Visit www.curranappleorchard.com for more details!

### Online Security System and Pet Licensing Services Get a New Look

Residents who go online to register their home security systems or pets with the City of U.P. will soon notice some changes. The City is switching to a new online licensing system that will enable users to create an account so they do not have to re-enter their information every year. It also offers improved credit card processing abilities.



The new user-friendly licensing platform should be live by July 1.

#### **Get your Free ORCA Card!**

Need a ride to Music on the Square? The City of U.P. has free ORCA regional transit cards to help those with limited incomes or transportation options get to and from special events in University Place. **Simply complete the online form in advance.** 







The best way to survey and engage citizens

### Sign Up Today!

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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