# Headlines

### News from University Place City Hall



#### October 26, 2022

#### **Oktoberfest Draws Record Crowd**

Nearly 1,500 people turned out for Oktoberfest in Market Square on Oct. 14, where they danced to polkas and pop tunes from the Lyle Schaefer Band and enjoyed traditional Bavarian fare as well as festive treats like large soft pretzels, potatoes-on-a-stick and more.

This family-friendly event offered activities such as corn hole, face painting, spin art and other amusements, including Stilt Dancer



Janet Rayor, accordionist Jakob Bean and Magic in the Pacific Northwest characters Snow White and Rapunzel.

For the over-21 crowd, the E-9 Brewing Co.'s beer garden served up local craft beers and more, with a portion of the evening's proceeds benefitting the Curtis High School Booster Club.

"After two years of being apart, it was wonderful to see so many of our neighbors together, celebrating and enjoying this amazing community we call home," said U.P. Mayor Steve Worthington.



















## **Veterans Memorial Plaza Dedication Ceremony to be held on Veterans Day, Nov. 11**

Please plan to set aside some time on Friday, Nov. 11 to attend the dedication ceremony for the new University Place Veterans Memorial Plaza at Cirque Park (7401 Cirque Dr. W.). Dedicated volunteers, including members of U.P.'s Community Connector, the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade at JBLM, have been working tirelessly over

the last few months to put the finishing touches on the site. All of the flagpoles representing the different service branches, as well as POW/MIAs, are now installed and approximately 200 dedication/donor recognition plaques will be in place in time for the event.

All guests should be seated by 10:55 a.m. The formal ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. with a bell ringing and moment of silence.



There will be brief remarks by keynote speakers, a presentation of the U.S. flag by Cub Scouts and soldiers, singing of the national anthem and a bugle performance of "Taps." Following the ceremony, attendees are invited to enjoy a complimentary spagnetti lunch hosted by American Legion Post #138.

The event will be held rain or shine.

#### **Northeast Business District Survey**

The City's Planning and Development Services Department is asking for feedback from the community about a Northeast Business District plan that will be integrated into the City's 2024 Comprehensive Plan update. This new business district effort will identify goals, policies



and action steps for the area that is located between South 19th and 27th Streets from Cascade Place West to Mildred Street.

A brief, six-question online survey asks for public input on the biggest opportunities and challenges facing the area in the next 20 years as well as suggestions about events, organizations, or businesses that should be included in future discussions about the new business district.

Please take a minute to **complete the survey here**. Plans call for the survey to close on Dec. 31, 2022. Look for a recap of the results in a future issue of Headlines.

#### Mark Your Calendar for Dec. 2

A beloved University Place tradition will return to Market Square on Friday, Dec. 2 with a celebration of the City's Christmas Tree Lighting. Be there for Santa's arrival, live music, school group entertainment, food vendors, and of course, the flipping of the switch that lights up the tree.



Watch for updates on the evening's activities in future issues of Headlines.

# **GENERAL ELECTION** TUESDAY, NOV. 8, 2022





#### 2022 Fall Oversized Brush Curbside Pickup

November 7-18, 2022

**Pile Limitations:** 1 per household no larger than 6' wide by 6' long by 6' high

The Oversized Brush Pickup is available to all residential customers of University Place Refuse and Recycling, even those without yard waste service. The pickup day for your area will be the same as your curbside recycling or yard waste pickup day during the



weeks shown above. Remember, this is a one day event for each neighborhood. The Oversized Brush Pickup is only for the larger brush and limbs that do not easily fit into a regular yard waste cart. Limbs are removed by machine or pitchfork. Sweeping of small items by the customer can be expected.

**Yes, Oversized Brush Includes:** branches, brush, and limbs no larger than 6' in length or 4" in diameter. Please stack loose for pickup (no cans, bags, or bundles).

**No, Oversized Brush Does Not Include**: blackberry, holly, or other thorny vegetation; stumps, limbs larger than 6' or thicker than 4"; small loose items such as grass, leaves, weeds, bark, pine/fir needles, etc. No noxious weeds like scotchbroom or English ivy, etc.

If you are signed up for yard waste service, please make maximum use of your cart before placing brush in a pile. Place your oversized brush in a loose pile at the curb or within 5 feet of the driveable portion of the roadway for pickup. Make sure the pile isn't in the street or blocking access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

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

#### **Help Us Keep Catch Basins Clear**



#### What's UP with Biz?

Motorists, pedestrians and cyclists in the vicinity of the old Red Apple Market at 2526 Crystal Springs Rd. W., are advised to use extra caution in the area as demolition of the existing structure begins in earnest over the next few weeks.

Plans call for the four-acre property to be developed into a



mixed-use project with commercial spaces and approximately 300 market-rate apartments. Construction should begin sometime in 2024.

The property was purchased earlier this year by Dobler Management, which currently owns and manages 950 units across 11 multi-family sites in University Place.

## **Capital Improvement Projects Underway Across U.P.**

Residents in University Place will soon enjoy smoother streets and safer places to walk thanks to more than \$4.3 million in Federal Highway Administration (FHA) grants. Construction is already underway for three roadway projects along Grandview Drive, Lakewood Drive and Chambers Creek Road.

New pavement surfacing will be installed along Grandview Drive between 48th Street and 62nd Street Court near the entrance to Chambers Bay park. In addition, all sidewalk ramps will be upgraded to current accessibility standards along this three-quarter-mile stretch of



roadway. The sidewalk work is nearly complete, and paving is anticipated to occur within the next few weeks, weather permitting. This project is funded through a \$1.1 mil FHA grant.

On Lakewood Drive, a \$500,000 FHA grant funded new pavement surfacing and new curbs between Hannah Pierce Road and 64th Street. Sidewalk ramps were also improved to meet accessibility standards. Work to bring utility lids up to the new pavement surface and cleaning is wrapping up.

New sidewalks, street lighting and landscaping will soon be installed along Chambers Creek Road and Chambers Lane. These improvements will begin at the intersection of Bridgeport Way and Chambers Lane and extend to the intersection of 81st Avenue and Chambers Creek Road (near the westerly entrance to Charles Wright Academy). A fully signalized crosswalk is being installed at Chambers Creek Road near 81st Avenue and should be complete next spring. This project is funded through a \$2.7 mil FHA grant.

As with all construction, traffic delays are expected, however flaggers are onsite to guide motorists and pedestrians through the construction safely with as little delay as possible. Thank you for your patience during construction.



#### **Advisory Commission Vacancies**

Commissioners are citizens who, through their volunteer efforts, play an integral role in the growth and development of their City. 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.

Applications are currently being accepted from City residents interested in serving on the following commissions:

Economic Development Advisory Commission Planning Commission Public Safety Advisory Commission

Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Nov. 4, 2022. For information about each commission and how to apply, visit the **City's Commissions and Partners webpage** or email **DNicholas@cityofup.com**.

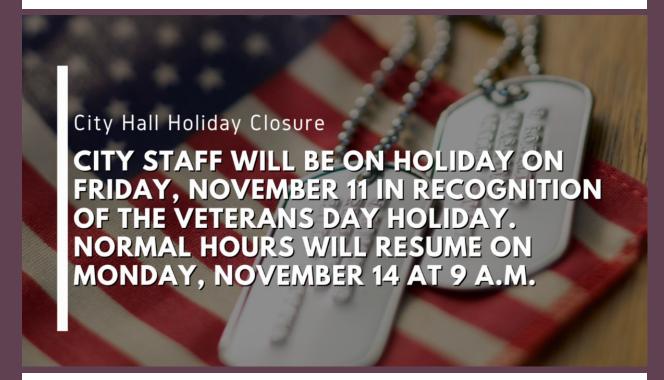
#### **See Yourself in Cyber!**

Today we are connected to our smartphones or a computer wherever we go, because of that our world is becoming increasingly dependent on cybersecurity. We are proud to be a part of the national Cybersecurity Awareness Month to help us all understand the latest ways to protect ourselves, our friends and our families online.



You can greatly increase your cybersecurity online, at work and at home by taking a few simple steps: Think Before You Click: Recognize and Report Phishing, Update Your Software: Use Strong Passwords, Enable Multi-Factor Authentication.

At CISA's <u>Cybersecurity Awareness Month website</u>, there is basic information, classes, and even live events happening throughout October. In the end, the security we place around our organization is only as strong as you. We encourage you to visit the CISA website, download the Tips Sheets, and share them with your coworkers, family, and friends.



#### **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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