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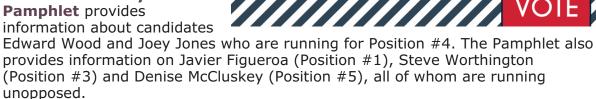
October 13, 2021

Be An Informed Voter

Before you cast your ballot in the Nov. 2 General Election, be sure to learn more about candidates running for open positions in Pierce County, including those running for U.P. School District and U.P. City Council Positions.

The Pierce County Voters' Pamphlet provides

information about candidates



In addition to the Voters' Pamphlet, candidates **Worthington**, **Wood**, and **Jones** participated in a special Video Voters' Guide, which provided them with an opportunity to provide two-minute answers to a series of City-specific questions, including what they view as the most important issues currently facing the City, their priorities for public safety in U.P., and how to address expected growth in the City and region over the next 25 years.

Howard Lee Appointed to Fill Ken Grassi's Position

During its meeting on Oct. 4, the U.P. City Council unanimously voted to approve the appointment of Council Member Pro Tem Howard Lee to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Ken Grassi on Sept. 26.

Council Member Lee will now serve in Position #4 through the remainder of the current term, which will expire following certification of the Nov. 2 General Election results and the swearing in of the newly elected member.





Move UP with a job at the City of U.P.

The City of U.P. has job openings for a Senior Planner and Senior Engineering Technician. To learn more about these job requirements and how to apply for these positions, as well as positions with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and West Pierce Fire & Rescue, visit the City's **job opportunities page**.

Be sure to share this information with family and friends who may be looking for a great Place to work!



What's UP with Biz?

U.P. will welcome another new business to town on Monday, Oct. 18 with a ribbon cutting at Lilith Pole and Aerial Dance, 2310 Mildred St. W., Ste 136 at 11:30 a.m.

This is just the latest in a long line of ribbon cuttings and grand openings in U.P. recently that indicate that more and more businesses want to call U.P. home. A review of current business licenses in U.P. through the third quarter of 2021 reveals that there are 1,966 active business licenses in the city. This is the highest number recorded since tracking began in 2005.



Thanks to all those who support our local businesses and help them thrive while also boosting the City's sales tax base and the public services we enjoy.

Curbside Oversize Brush Pickup

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.

Advisory Commission Vacancies

Commissioners are citizens that, 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 Park Advisory Commission Public Safety Advisory Commission

Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on November 1, 2021. For information about each commission and how to apply, visit the **City's Commissions and Partners** webpage or email **dnicholas@cityofup.com**.

It Takes a Team to Keep Drains Clean

With fall upon us, leaves and needles are dropping and the rain is returning. That

means it is important to keep the catch basins near your property clear of leaves, needles and storm debris to prevent large puddles and ponding on U.P. streets.

Although the City's sweeper trucks are out in full force doing their part to keep the streets clean of debris, they can't cover every street, every day. So they ask residents to team up with them to ensure that U.P.'s stormwater system operates efficiently and is able to transfer stormwater to ponds, streams and Puget Sound.

Please do your part to help City staff keep our roads stay clean, safe and well maintained.



Jazz in the Village

Shake up your lunchtime routine and add some music to your day when Jazz in the Village returns to the Civic Building Atrium each Wednesday in October and on Wednesday, Nov. 3 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

The series will feature:

- Oct. 13 Eugene Bien (piano) with Joey Jewell performing a mix of jazz and blues
- Oct. 20 Eugene Bien (piano) with Darelle Holden performing a mix of jazz and Big Band
- Oct. 27 Eugene Bien (piano) with Susan Tuzzelino performing jazz standards



• **Nov. 3** Eugene Bien (piano) with Tim Cox performing a mix of folk and pophits

Be sure to invite your co-workers and friends to grab some lunch from a local eatery and join you for these free one-hour concerts. You won't want lunch hour to end, but you're sure to have a little more pep in your step when you do go back to work!

UNIVERSITY PLACE HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, Oct. 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

WWW.CITYOFUP.COM





Mayor Pro Tem Steve Worthington









Denise McCluskey



U.P. Proclaims October as National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Held every October, Cybersecurity Awareness Month is a collaborative effort between government and industry to ensure every American has the resources they need to stay safe and



secure online while increasing the resilience of the Nation against cyber threats.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the National Cyber Security Alliance (NCSA) co-lead Cybersecurity Awareness Month.

The City of University Place, in recognizing the importance of cybersecurity awareness, has joined CISA and NCSA as a Champion in this year's campaign.

Keep an eye out for information that will be shared on the City's social media channels; messages will be emphasizing the following weekly themes:

- Week of October 4 (Week 1): Be Cyber Smart.
- Week of October 11 (Week 2): Phight the Phish!
- Week of October 18 (Week 3): Explore. Experience. Share. Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week
- Week of October 25 (Week 4): Cybersecurity First

To learn more about cybersecurity, visit **CISA** and the **NCSA**, and remember: "Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart."

Do Your Part and Get the Shot



What do I need to know about each kind of vaccine?

Vaccines provide excellent protection against severe illness or death from COVID-19. That means a vaccine is your best chance of returning to normal life.

Each is a little different, but your best choice is the vaccine that's available to you now.

- Pfizer:
 - Authorized for people 12 years or older
 - Requires 2 doses at least 21 days

apart.

- Moderna:
 - Authorized for people 18 years or older.
 - Requires 2 doses at least 28 days apart.
- Johnson & Johnson:
 - Authorized for people 18 years or older.
 - Requires 1 dose.

Find your vaccine at **tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture**!



Flashvote

Have you signed up for FlashVote? It's not too late!

Surveys take less than a minute and give participants an opportunity to weigh in on issues within our local community.



Sign up now to take part in upcoming surveys!

Get the Facts: COVID Resources

As the nation and our region continue to battle the COVID-19 outbreak, be sure to stay informed with accurate information from these official sources:

- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control offers the latest facts and information about COVID-19, including information on travel and return to school or work.
- The **Governor's Office** provides details about on-going response efforts throughout the State of Washington, including the State's Risk Assessment Dashboard.
- The **Washington State Department of Health** provides updated statistics on the occurrence of COVID-19 across the State, as well as testing data.
- The Tacoma-Pierce County Department of Health and Pierce County Government provide important local information on testing sites, phased re-opening status and CARES Act funding to support recovery efforts.
- The City of University Place's dedicated COVID-19 info page includes valuable information on resources for businesses and residents, such as local school meal sites and Tacoma Public Utilities' contact information for payment plans or assistance.



CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2021

City Staff will be on holiday on Thursday, November 11 in recognition of the Veterans Day holiday. Normal hours will resume on Friday, November 12 at 9 a.m.



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