

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



January 30, 2020

Meet UP with the Mayor

In one of her first initiatives as U.P.'s new mayor, Caroline Belleci invites residents, business owners and all U.P. stakeholders to stop by the Civic Building Gallery on the **second Saturday of every month from noon to 2 p.m. and on the second Tuesday of every month from 6 to 8 p.m.** to share your questions, concerns and ideas.

"This is simply a way for me to provide another means in which I can connect with people and let them know that we truly want to know what's on their minds," Mayor Belleci says. "I realize that for some people, addressing the microphone during the open comment portion of our City Council meetings can be intimidating. So I want these sessions to be informal and comfortable for anyone who has questions or concerns about their city government."

During her years of public service, Belleci has learned that people often have questions about their taxes, how to get potholes filled, why funds can't be used for certain things, etc. "These are all good, legitimate questions and I hope that I can help people get answers. And if I can't answer the question directly, I'll track down the answer and get back to them," she says.

In addition, Belleci will also be able to help people sign up for the City's other outreach efforts, including **FlashVote**, **Headlines**, **CodeRED** and more. "One of

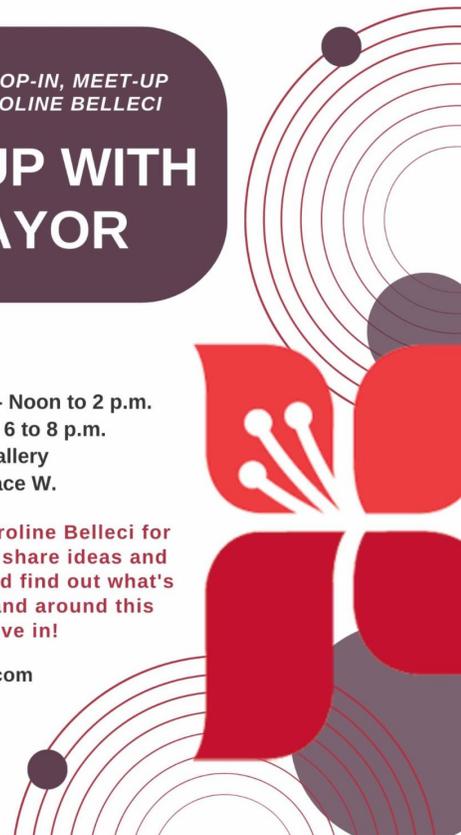
AN INFORMAL, DROP-IN, MEET-UP
WITH MAYOR CAROLINE BELLECI

MEET UP WITH THE MAYOR

2nd Saturdays - Noon to 2 p.m.
2nd Tuesdays - 6 to 8 p.m.
Town Center Gallery
3609 Market Place W.

Join Mayor Caroline Belleci for
discussion, to share ideas and
information and find out what's
happening in and around this
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the benefits of being a city our size is that we can still connect with people on a very personal basis. I like to think of these sessions as fireside chats, without the fire," she quips.

Talking UP Businesses in U.P.

One of U.P.'s newest businesses was recently featured on **KOMO News** for its participation in Tacoma Goodwill's Boots to Shoes® program which provides mentoring services to veterans transitioning to civilian life.



MOD Pizza, which opened last month in the Village at Chambers Bay, held a special fundraiser on Jan. 25, donating 100 percent of all its pizza sales to Boots to Shoes®. As an added incentive, those making donations to Goodwill's on-site trucks that day received MOD Pizza and Goodwill coupons.

By pairing service members who are transitioning to civilian life with a mentor, Boots to Shoes® aims to help "21st century veterans capture 21st century jobs." The program provides everything from assistance with resume writing to setting career goals. In addition to special fundraisers like the one on Jan. 25, **MOD Pizza** will also contribute about \$20,000 to support Goodwill's Boots to Shoes® program and will continue its commitment to providing employment opportunities to veterans.

Given U.P.'s proximity to major military installations such as Joint Base Lewis-McChord and Naval Base Kitsap-Bremerton, there are plenty of transitioning veterans in the area who can benefit from MOD's support of Boots to Shoes®. "We are honored to have so many dedicated service members in our midst and are grateful to businesses like MOD Pizza that want to provide veterans with opportunities to put their leadership and experience to work in our community," said Mariza Craig, U.P.'s Economic Development director.

Chief's Corner By U.P. Police Chief Greg Premo

This past weekend, the City Council held its annual retreat and dedicated the whole afternoon to a conversation on public safety in University Place. This gave me an opportunity to present a review of UPPD operations and our contract with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. I also provided crime statistics in U.P. Here is a brief recap of what I shared:

<u>Type of Crime</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Violent Crime	60	71	70	98
Property Crime	876	892	769	696

Although we have seen a positive decline in property crimes, specifically car prowls (down 13 percent) and vehicle thefts (down 15 percent), we have experienced an increase in violent crime (robbery, rape, murder, and aggravated assault), specifically assault and robberies. Part of the increase is due to several shoplifting incidents that turned into strong-arm robberies because the suspect used physical force to escape. It is important to note, however, that no weapon was used.

I always stress that University Place is a safe community, but it is not a crime-free community. We have work to do to make things better and help people feel safe, but it is important to remember that crime statistics are just one measure of safety in a community.

Now let's take a look at the number of calls we respond to each year:

<u>Call Type</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Dispatched Calls	8,737	8,351	8,664	8,889
Traffic Stops	1,374	1,281	1,072	849

Dispatched calls have remained fairly consistent and the number of traffic stops completed by our officers has gone down. Each dispatched call we receive takes *an average* of 39.7 minutes to resolve, which leaves our officers roughly 20 minutes of discretionary time per hour to complete reports and other administrative tasks. Although certain days and times are busier than others (i.e. weekend nights), with two officers in the field per shift, I believe we are understaffed for a city this size with the type and volume of calls we encounter.

I will be expanding on this topic more at our **Public Safety Forum, which will be held on Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Gallery (3609 Market Place W.)**. This is your opportunity to share your ideas and concerns about Public Safety in University Place, including our staffing levels. I will talk further on some of these points and we can discuss what public safety should look like in U.P. We will also have more information about our upcoming Public Safety classes so you can enroll on the spot. Please make plans to attend.

U.P. POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

Share your ideas and concerns about Public Safety here in University Place, plus learn about department updates from Police Chief Greg Premo.



**FEBRUARY 12, 2020, 6 P.M.
TOWN HALL GALLERY,
3609 MARKET PLACE WEST,
UNIVERSITY PLACE, WA**



New Sidewalks Coming to Cirque Drive

Soon, construction will begin to bring more sidewalks and safety improvements to Cirque Drive between 83rd Avenue and Grandview Drive. This project is the final piece of a eight year effort to improve the safety and mobility of all users along Cirque Drive throughout the City.



This project will result in a safer street for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike, by providing new sidewalks, street lighting, marked crosswalks, improved drainage, and landscaping along this busy street. This project is funded through a \$1.8 million grant from the Federal Highway Administration.

Construction is anticipated to begin in April and be complete by the end of the year. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact the University Place Engineering Department at 253.460.2526.

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There is Still Time to Weigh in on Imagine



The City of University Place has produced a **special 23-minute video** on the Imagine 2045 initiative, which is designed to solicit public input on what the city should look like during its second 25 years.

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Worthington and Council Member Denise McCluskey sat down with Assistant City Manager Mariza Craig to talk about the Imagine 2045 campaign, including ways in which the public can offer its input on topics such as land use, zoning, parks and public safety. The information gathered will be used to create a draft vision statement for the City of University Place that will ultimately be used to help shape the City's Comprehensive Plan, the document the City Council and Commissioners will use as the roadmap for all of the City's planning efforts through 2045.

Members of the community are encouraged to enroll in **FlashVote** to participate in brief, periodic surveys on key topics related to Imagine 2045—and others. Worthington says since launching the campaign last June at Duck Daze, nearly 500 residents have signed up to participate in the one-minute surveys. And the City Council has also received more than 300 written responses from people who want to expand on their thoughts for the City's future.

Although the video makes reference to an additional community survey, since filming, the City Council has decided that given the strong participation in FlashVote and the immediacy of the feedback that the online tool provides, they will not pursue other surveys. There will be six more FlashVote surveys conducted this year, before all the outreach efforts wrap up in June so that the Imagine 2045 team can begin working on the first draft of a visioning document that will be shared at the City's Anniversary Celebration on Aug. 22, 2020. After the public weighs in on the first draft, the Imagine 2045 team will incorporate their feedback to shape the final version of the visioning document that will be unveiled at the City's annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in December.

**Review and Comment on the
2020 Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP)**

February 3 through 18

The Washington State Department of Ecology requires an annual review and update to the Stormwater Management Plan which focuses on 10 major elements/components of our NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit. On February 3, the *Draft* 2020 Stormwater Management Plan will be presented to City Council for review;



and will be open for public review and comment through February 18. At the February 18 Council Meeting there will be opportunity for the public to comment on this plan, prior to adoption by the City Council.

10 required elements of the Stormwater Management Program:

1. Stormwater Planning
2. Public Education and Outreach
3. Public Involvement and Participation
4. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Mapping and Documentation
5. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
6. Controlling Runoff from New Development, Redevelopment and Construction Sites
7. Operation and Maintenance
8. Source Control Program for Existing Development
9. Monitoring and Assessment
10. Reporting

The 2020 Plan to include:

- Convene an interdisciplinary team to lead the Stormwater Planning program, taking into account long range planning, continued low impact development requirements, future projects, and potential code and policy updates.
- Continue Public Education and Outreach opportunities through surveys, workshops, regional and statewide campaigns.
- Updates to the stormwater system map, to keep current with what has been installed or updated within our municipal stormwater system.
- Continued use of real time technology, GIS stormwater system mapping and maintenance tracking of the storm system for field staff.
- Increased focus on commercial, private systems which tie into the public storm system, including education, outreach and inspections.
- Continued updates to the links and information on the City NPDES webpages.

Please go to the **City of University Place website** to see the 2020 *Draft* Stormwater Management Plan. Comments can be made to our NPDES Coordinator, Todd Smith, via email TSmith@CityofUP.com, or phone 253.460.5432.

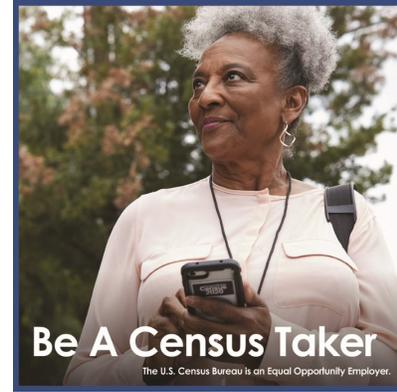
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Upcoming Events

City Hall Holiday Closure

City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17 in recognition of the Presidents' Day holiday.

City Hall will reopen on Tuesday, February 18 at 9 a.m.

Curtis High ASB
SWEETHEART DANCE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
6:30-9 P.M.

Early Registration: \$45 per couple
At the Door: \$50 per couple
(\$5 each add'l child)

Register online at upsd83.org or
at Curtis H.S. More info? 566.5710 X2160

Jazz in the Village

Wednesdays

12:30-1:30 p.m.

Civic Building Atrium



Adriana Hess Work Party
Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m. to noon
Adriana Hess Wetland Park
[More info here!](#)



Free Pruning Parties
Saturdays, Feb. 1 and 15,
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Curran Orchard

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