

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



June 4, 2020

CARES Act Funding

During its regular meeting on Monday, June 1, the University Place City Council discussed options for how to best distribute \$992,700 that the City will receive from the State of Washington as part of the federal CARES Act relief fund. Per state and federal requirements, the City can seek reimbursement from the allocation for expenses directly related to the COVID-19 health emergency, and only for expenses incurred between March 1 and Oct. 31, 2020.

Generally speaking, the funds can be used to reimburse the City for:

1. City expenses to facilitate remote work for City employees and remote public access to City services;
2. City expenses to disinfect public facilities, add mitigation measures to public facilities and provide protective equipment to City employees;
3. Expenses as part of a City program to provide financial assistance to residents impacted by the COVID-19 health emergency; and
4. Expenses as part of a City program to provide financial assistance to local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 health emergency.

At the meeting, Council provided staff with direction on what elements staff should include in a program that will be voted on by Council in July. Council emphasized the need to support affected businesses, while also directing funds to assist renters who face eviction due to job losses as a result of the health emergency. Council directed staff to work with Council and members of the City's Economic Development Advisory Commission in establishing criteria for the programs.

City Manager Steve Sugg and staff will present a resolution to the City Council on July 6 to formally adopt the funding program. After Council approval, staff will seek applications for funding, with a goal to distribute the funds by July 29.

Residents may view the entire City Council meeting [here](#). Discussion about the CARES Act Funding begins at 1:04.

Curtis High School Virtual Graduation

Curtis Senior High School will hold its virtual commencement ceremony for the Class of 2020 at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 5. The ceremony will be broadcast on YouTube and on UPTV on Click! Channel 12 and Comcast Channel 21. The YouTube Link will be available and posted on the school and district's website at www.upsd83.org. During this ceremony, individual senior accomplishments will be recognized, and then the entire class will be recognized at the end of the ceremony with their name and picture.



Then on Saturday, June 6, the community is invited to celebrate the seniors by cheering for them during a special "Senior Community Tour" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents are encouraged to show their support for the Class of 2020 Vikings as they participate in a three-mile car tour through the city that will begin at Curtis Senior High School and then travel along Grandview Drive, 27th Street, Bridgeport Way and Drexler Avenue before ending the West Pierce Fire & Rescue Station.

This is an opportunity for the University Place community to support these seniors and help them finish their high school careers on a high note, but if you choose to come out to participate, please continue to follow rules for physical distancing and face masks.



Celebrate our Seniors!

LINE THE ROUTE

Saturday, June 6 // 10am to 1pm

*Dear University Place Neighbors,
Citizens and Partners:*

Curtis Viking Seniors are facing some unique challenges in their last year of high school. Many traditions have been changed or canceled. Help us recognize our seniors by **LINING THE ROUTE** of our senior community tour on June 6 between 10am to 1pm. The 3 mile tour will **begin** at Curtis High School, travel along Grandview, 27th St., Bridgeport and Drexler Avenues and **end** at the fire station behind town center.

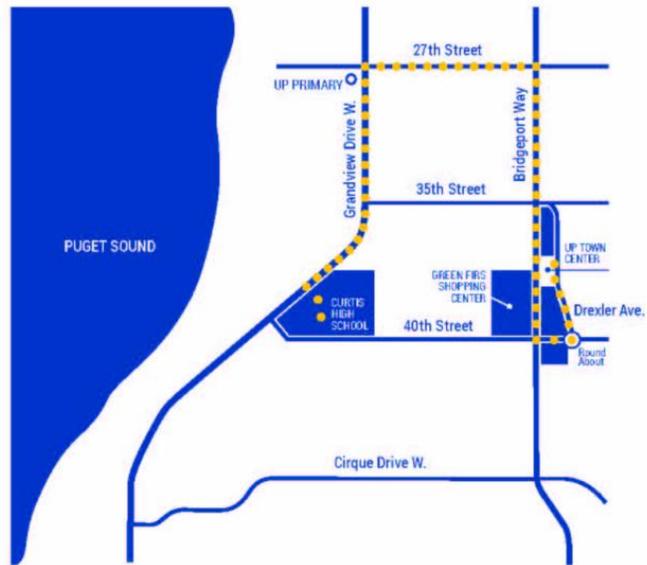
How the Senior Celebration Tour Will Work

Graduating seniors will pick up their official diploma at CHS and travel by car through the community. Each senior will be given a sign to post in their car window to identify them as a graduate and we are encouraging students to decorate their cars, as well. We are inviting UP citizens and supporters to find a safe spot on the route to cheer on the seniors as they drive the route. Everyone is welcome and we ask that you follow some basic rules of engagement.

Rules of Engagement

We need lots of participation and we want everyone to have fun and be safe. We ask all participants to follow these rules:

1. Practice social distancing (6 feet apart)
2. Wear Royal Blue and White to show your Viking Pride!
3. Be respectful of businesses and neighbors
4. Make signs, bring balloons, activate noisemakers and be NOTICED!
5. Avoid large gatherings—these are still prohibited
6. Be careful, stay out of traffic, consider wearing a cloth face mask



HELP US HONOR AND CELEBRATE OUR SENIORS!

Questions? Contact Lainey Mathews at (253) 566-5600 or lmathews@upsd83.org

New Curbside Pickup Parking in the Village at Chambers Bay

To support businesses in the Village at Chambers Bay who are providing take-out service during the COVID-19 shutdown, the City recently installed eight designated 15-minute curbside pick-up spaces along Market

Square. Additional 15-minute curbside parking signs will also be installed along Market Street.

Please take advantage of this new convenience to support these businesses. Although this signage is specifically related to COVID-19 restrictions, members of the Imagine 2045 committee are carefully reviewing feedback received from FlashVote surveys regarding parking issues throughout the city. Watch

future issues of Headlines for more information on this topic—and others related to feedback received from FlashVote surveys.

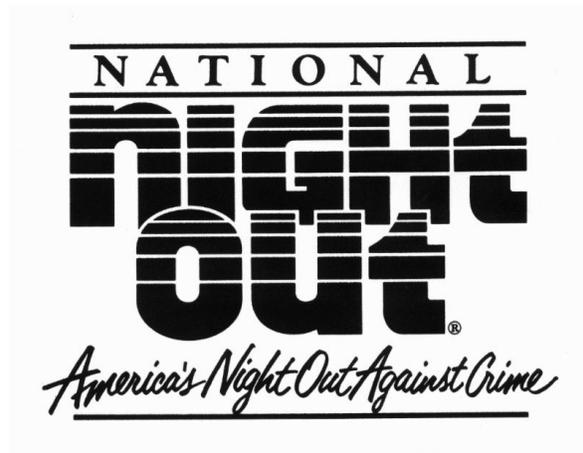


National Night Out Moved to Oct. 6

Upon the recommendation of the **National Organization of Town Watch** (the official National Night Out organization), the City of University Place is joining other communities across America and moving its planned National Night Out activities to Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Organizers hope that delaying the event by two months will provide enough time to plan for activities as we enter the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. "This date, like so many aspects of our lives today, is fluid," said Jennifer Hales, public safety administrator for the City of University Place. "Many of our National Night Out parties include very large neighborhoods with 50-plus people gathering, so we are hopeful that an October date will allow neighborhoods to participate as usual, where everyone is welcome and we are also in compliance with the Governor's phased re-entry plan."

Although the event is still several months away, you can register your neighborhood now by emailing **Jennifer Hales** or calling at 253.797.3141. Then watch future issues of Headlines for more details on National Night Out events and schedules as plans are solidified.



Fireworks Regulations in U.P.

It is legal to discharge fireworks in University Place only on July 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 midnight.

- May be discharged ONLY on July 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 midnight
- Must be purchased, possessed and discharged by persons 16 years of age; children under 16 must be under direct adult supervision



KNOW WHAT'S LEGAL IN UNIVERSITY PLACE

Stay Safe & Legal this Fourth of July

- Must be hand-held and ground-based sparking devices which are non-aerial and non-explosive
 - Fountain - A ground device that emits showers of sparks several feet in the air
 - Cone - A type of fountain in the shape of a cone
 - Novelty - Fireworks such as snaps, snakes, poppers; they can shoot white smoke or even multi-color parachutes
 - Smoke - 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 Glory - 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

You are responsible to know the difference between legal and illegal fireworks. Most violations of the University Place fireworks law are infractions and could lead to a \$250 fine, plus fees, costs and assessments.

A Message from U.P. Refuse and Recycling

Since the Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center at 3510 S. Mullen St. has now limited its access to Tacoma residents only, U.P. Refuse has seen an increase in customers who are bringing their recycling materials to the U.P. Refuse facility at 2815 Rochester Rd. W. This recycling center only has five parking spaces, however, so customers are asked to be patient and stay in their vehicles until a spot opens up. Additional parking is available along the fence for those who are waiting their turns.



REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Customers are asked to follow this procedure to ensure that social distancing measures can be maintained. In addition, those who need to enter the U.P. Refuse offices should note that only one customer will be allowed inside at a time. These measures are being taken to protect the safety of customers and U.P. Refuse employees alike.

Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated. **View a virtual walk-through of the U.P. Refuse and Recycling Center.**

Pledge to Complete the 2020 Census



Saturday Talks at the Puyallup Demo Garden to be offered online using Zoom!

Join Pierce County Master Gardeners Karlina Packard and Faith Potter for these upcoming Saturday Talks.

On June 26, Pollinators & Beneficial Insects will be discussed. Find out how beneficial insects and pollinators help your garden and how to attract them.

Watch for future Saturday Zoom Talks announcements throughout the Summer!

Rescheduled to June 26, 10 a.m. - Pollinators:

<https://wsu.zoom.us/j/96750166347>

Meeting ID: 967 5016 6347

Call in by phone option: +1 646 558 8656

Miss the May 23 Master Gardener Class on Vertebrates? Watch in on UPTV Rainier Connect Channel 12 and Comcast Channel 21:

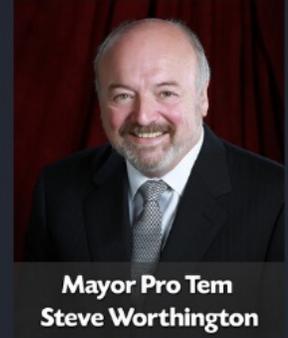
- Monday and Thursday at noon
- Tuesday and Friday at 4 p.m.
- Sunday at 11 a.m.

More information on upcoming Master Gardener Events and Workshops

UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 15, 2020
at 6:30 p.m.

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