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City begins email distribution of its community newsletter: "Headlines"

On May 30, 2018, the City of University Place will launch the new digital version of Headlines, its long-running community newsletter. The publication will be emailed every two weeks to all addresses the City has on file.

“Our new electronic version of Headlines reflects our commitment to providing our residents and business owners with timely, regular communications while also being good stewards of their tax dollars,” said Steve Sugg, City Manager.

The emailed newsletter will feature valuable information on:

- News from City Hall, with reports from the City Council and from City departments, including Public Safety and Public Works.
- Dates and times of special events happening in University Place.
- Updates from U.P.'s community partners such as Joint Base Lewis-McChord and Pierce County.
- Results of FlashVote, which invites residents to provide instant feedback by web, text or phone on issues affecting University Place.

Headlines used to be printed and mailed to every household in the city, but that became extremely costly. In 2015, the City partnered with the bi-weekly U.P. Press to include Headlines in its publication that was delivered to all University Place homes. U.P. Press ceased production in August 2017 and, since that time, the City has not been able to find another vendor for cost-effective distribution of a printed Headlines.

Those who wish to subscribe to Headlines can sign up by visiting www.CityofUP.com or [@CityofUPWA](https://www.facebook.com/CityofUPWA) on Facebook. The City of U.P. does not sell or release its email list to third parties for commercial purposes; addresses are only used for City communications. Archived copies of each digital issue of Headlines will be posted on the City's website for those who do not wish to subscribe or who choose to unsubscribe.

“We believe our email version of Headlines is the best way to proceed in the digital age,” Steve said. “It is a perfect complement to our existing presence on Facebook and Twitter and the best way to communicate with our constituents quickly and cost-effectively.”



FlashVote is a new quick surveying tool for those who choose to participate. Signing up is easy and takes just seconds. Simply go to www.flashvote.com/CityofUP.

The survey topics will vary and include questions about things like emergency preparedness, public safety education and much more. Participants will be emailed the results or they can also be found at www.CityofUP.com.

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Business is booming in University Place

During the first five months of 2018, the City of University Place formally welcomed six new businesses with official ribbon cutting ceremonies. Considering that the City celebrated a total of seven ribbon cuttings in all of 2017, it is safe to say that business is booming in U.P.

Business openings as of May 31 include:

Anthem Coffee and Tea opened its newest location at 3609 Market Place W. in the Civic Building. This marks Anthem's fourth location in the South Sound area.

CityMD, a new urgent care center, will open at 3556 Market Place W., Suite 109. The facility is one of six other CityMD sites currently serving communities across King and Pierce counties.

HearUSA, audiologists and hearing care professionals, marked the opening of their new location in the Green Firs Shopping Center at 3806 Bridgeport Way W.

Mediterranean Gyro Grill, which opened its second location at 3555 Market Place W., in the Clearview Building in the Village at Chambers Bay. The restaurant also has a Federal Way location.

Sapporo Japanese Steakhouse opened at 3810 Bridgeport Way W. in March.

TRA-MINW Medical Imaging opened its newest administrative office location at 2212 Mildred St. W.

"We are thrilled with the number of new businesses who have chosen to call U.P. home," said Mariza Craig, director of the City's Economic Development Department. "In addition to those that have opened this year, within the next

12 months or so we'll be adding others, including QDOBA, Bliss, European Wax Center and SportsClips. And we still have several new development projects underway that will provide even more space for new businesses."

Those projects include construction in the Village at Chambers Bay on the parcel that faces Bridgeport Way south of Whole Foods. Plans call for two buildings on the site which will provide 17,000 square feet of commercial space. In addition, across Bridgeport Way there are plans for a five-story mixed-use building that will include 125 apartment homes and 10,000 square feet of commercial space.

"Each of these new businesses and projects, when combined with our existing businesses, continues to strengthen and grow our city's tax base," said Mayor Kent Keel. "They are enhancing our fiscal position while also providing products and services to our residents that contribute to our community's high quality of life."



Just south of Whole Foods in the Village at Chambers Bay, new businesses will include CityMD, QDOBA and Bliss.

Fight drug diversion

Dispose of unused prescriptions safely

If you have unused prescription medications in your home, you are encouraged to dispose of them safely and responsibly so they do not fall into the wrong hands. Prescription drug diversion—when drugs are obtained for uses that are illegal and typically not medically authorized or necessary—is one of the leading factors contributing to our nation's current opioid epidemic.

The City of University Place has a safe drug disposal box in the Civic Building Police Department station that residents can use during the department's office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1-4 p.m.

By taking a few extra minutes to dispose of these medications safely, you can contribute to our community's overall safety and well-being.

Public Safety Academy

Want to learn more about law enforcement in University Place? Make plans to attend the next eight-week Public Safety & Criminal Justice Academy that begins in September. Spend just three hours a week to increase your understanding of topics such as use-of-force, legalized marijuana and responsible gun ownership. Space is limited so register now by calling 253.798.3141.

Fireworks Regulations

Legal fireworks discharged on July 4th only from 9 a.m. - 12 Midnight.

Must be 16 years of age to purchase, possess and discharge.

Children under 16 must be under direct supervision.

License Fido and Spot online

Later this summer, residents of University Place will be able to register a new pet or renew their annual pet licenses online using a credit card. Until now, initial pet registration could only be conducted in-person during limited business hours or by mail. By moving new registrations and renewals online, residents can now ensure their pets are annually licensed and registered with the City at their own convenience.

"This new program is based on feedback we received from the public that indicated it could be tough to take care of registering and licensing their pets on weekdays," says Leslie Wheeler, office manager for the Police Department. "Now they can do it from home, at a time that works for them."

As a reminder, per the City of University Place Municipal Code, "It is unlawful for any person to own, keep, or have control of a dog or cat over the age of eight weeks, whether confined or not, within the corporate boundaries of the City of University Place without having a current license tag attached to the collar or harness which is worn by the dog or cat." (UPMC 8.10.010)



A reason to celebrate

U.P. Residents and Business Owners Honored by Tacoma Narrows Rotary Club



Claire Flemming
Keynote Speaker



Daniel Bortle with Dr. Jay Mosser
Scholarship Recipient



Mayor Kent Keel with Roger Gruener
"Volunteer of the Year"



Matt Owens, son of Marty Paul Harris Award

Several University Place residents took center stage at the Tacoma Narrows Rotary & Partners Fifth Annual "Celebrate Community" banquet at Curtis Junior High School on May 5.

Curtis High School graduate **Claire Flemming** was the evening's keynote speaker. In addition to serving as the 2011 Daffodil Queen, the U.P. native was also a Rotary Exchange Student and an intern for the U.S. Department of State to the Embassy in El Salvador.

Rotarian and Master of Ceremonies **Dr. Jay Mosser** awarded Curtis High School students **Daniel Bortle, Ciara Humphreys, Kobe Bond and Tasnem Abdalla** with Rotary scholarships to support their higher education goals. U.P. **Mayor Kent Keel** presented **Roger Gruener**, owner of University Place Refuse and Recycling Service, with the "Volunteer of the Year Award" in recognition of his generous support of U.P.'s annual Spring Clean UP. "Roger is the consummate volunteer," Mayor Keel said.

"He and his company have always been ready to lend a helping hand to this city and its residents. His company has been in our area for 75 years and truly models good corporate citizenship."

The prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship was awarded to **Matt Owens**, who accepted the honor in memory of his father, **Marty Owens**, who passed away in February. Marty owned Owens Press for nearly 30 years and served as the City of U.P.'s printer since the City was incorporated in 1995. In addition to his work with the City, Marty also produced many printed pieces to support the Tacoma Narrows Rotary Club, often working around the clock to get last minute projects printed on time for their community events. Marty was chosen by the club's members to receive the award, which recognizes those who embody Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."

(Picture credit: Larry Baer, Tacoma Narrows Rotary Club.)

Got a buck for bulbs?



Over the years, donations to U.P.'s Patrons of Beautification program have totaled more than \$50,000 and have helped fund city-wide plantings of more than 75,000 flower bulbs. These blooms make U.P.'s roundabouts, parks and street corners come alive with color. In addition, community contributions to Patrons of Beautification have also funded trash receptacles and bike racks.

For those who think these efforts are "just for show," consider this impressive collection of research by the nonprofit organization Project EverGreen:

- There is a significant link between the value of a property and its proximity to parks, greenbelts and other green spaces. Studies of three neighborhoods in Boulder, Colo. indicated that property values decreased by \$4.20 for each foot away from a greenbelt.
- Studies by the University of Washington stated that drivers indicated it was easier to locate roadside businesses when they were framed by trees and vegetation.

- Greening of business districts creates a positive perception of an area, drawing customers who studies reveal would be willing to pay, on average, a 12 percent premium for goods purchased in retail establishments that are accompanied by quality landscaping.
- Employees with an outside view of plants experience less job pressure, greater job satisfaction and enjoy a sense of rest that can increase productivity.
- Trees and flowers protect our waters. The crown of a large tree is a freestanding anti-flood reservoir, in some cases intercepting so much rainfall that more than 1,500 gallons a year evaporates instead of running off into storm drains.

Every dollar donated to Patrons of Beautification will buy two flower bulbs. If you can help with a dollar—or more—please visit the City's website, www.CityofUP.com, and download the Patrons of Beautification form to mail in your contribution. Thank you!

Upcoming events in University Place

Duck Daze

June 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join your friends for the annual Duck Parade along Bridgeport, plus the Fire Station 31 Open House and UP'Town Cruisin' Car Show in the City Hall parking areas!



Teddy Bear Picnic

July 22, 1 to 4 p.m.

Live music, free face painting, family activities, a teddy bear parade through the **Curran Apple Orchard** & a complimentary teddy bear. No vendors, so leave your money at home!



Concerts in the Park

6:30 to 8 p.m.

July 12-U253 Tribute Band

July 26-First Corps "Courage"

Aug. 2-Fabulous Murphtones

Aug. 16-Deacon-Joyner Trio

Free in the **Curran Orchard**!



Moonlight Movie in the Park - "Coco"

Aug. 4, begins at dusk

Bring a blanket to spend a warm summer night in **Cirque Park** watching this outstanding family movie. (Sponsored by **Click! Cable TV**)



National Night Out

Aug. 7, 4 to 9 p.m.

Come to the kick-off at **Market Square** from 4 to 6 p.m. or plan your own neighborhood event by registering at 253.798.3141.



Cider Squeeze

Aug. 26, Noon to 4 p.m.

Crunchy red apples and delicious cider are highlights of the **Curran Apple Orchard** event, along with bluegrass music, the Big Apple and Johnny Applesseed!



For more information on upcoming events, visit www.CityofUP.com.

Nothing but rain down the storm drain

Everything that washes into a storm drain flows untreated to the nearest wetland, pond, lake, stream, river, and then into Puget Sound. About 75 percent of the toxic chemicals like fertilizers, pesticides, soap, oil, pet waste, and other toxic pollutants getting to the Sound are carried by stormwater that runs off paved roads and driveways, rooftops, yards and other developed land.

By making small changes such as practicing natural yard care techniques, picking up pet waste, fixing car leaks and more, you can help be the solution to water pollution! Learn more at pugetsoundstartshere.org.



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