

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



August 21, 2019

Curran Apple Orchard Cider Squeeze Celebrates 25 Years

Be a part of the celebration when the Curran Apple Orchard Cider Squeeze celebrates its 25th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 25 from noon to 4 p.m. The orchard is located at 3920 Grandview Dr. W. in University Place.

For a quarter century, CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts) has sponsored this free event which has become a huge crowd pleaser for residents of U.P. and neighboring communities. Children who once attended the event with their parents are now bringing their own children to enjoy freshly squeezed cider, apple pie and live entertainment.



The public is invited to pick apples from selected trees (apples cannot be brought into the event), wash them and then bring to the presser to watch them give up their sweet juices. Because of the event's popularity, those who wish to have their apples squeezed are encouraged to be in the presser line by 2:15 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help this event run smoothly and this can be a great opportunity for students who need community service hours. Email apples@curranappleorchard.com to sign up.

For complete details, including what to bring and what to expect, visit the **Cider Squeeze webpage**.

FlashVote

Have you signed up for FlashVote yet? If not, **do so today** so you can render your opinions in our Aug. 28 survey dedicated to the issue of parks in University Place.

FlashVote surveys take less than one minute to complete and are part of the

Imagine 2045 campaign. The information gathered will be used to help shape the City's vision for its second 25 years, including its Comprehensive Plan which will serve as the City's road map through 2045.

Sign up now and let your voice be heard.



MUSIC *on the* SQUARE

FREE | 6-8 PM | MARKET SQUARE

AUG 21 *Little Bill & Rod Cook Duo*

AUG 28 *Mark Hurwitz & Gin Creek*

JOIN US IN UNIVERSITY PLACE MARKET SQUARE EVERY WEDNESDAY IN AUGUST. BRING A CHAIR, YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND ENJOY FOOD TRUCKS, LIVE MUSIC & MORE!



We're Almost There! Attend the Chili Cook

Off & Benefit Concert

UP for Arts is in the final stretch, heading toward the Finish Line for bringing the "Forever Friends" sculpture to the Curran Apple Orchard Park!

UP for Arts has passed the \$100,000 mark toward our \$135,000 goal to bring the "Forever Friends" statue to the Curran Apple Orchard Park!



Sculptor John Jewell has completed the life-size clay model of "Brewster" and a young girl offering him an apple. The wax molds are also done...we just need to raise the final amount to complete the bronze pouring process and bring Brewster back home to the orchard!

Join us and bring your friends for a great time at the **1st UP Chili Cook Off & Concert Fundraiser** featuring U.P. Police Vs. West Pierce Fire and Rescue vying for the title of chili champion!

5-6:45 p.m. - Chili Tasting

Chili sampling at United Church located at 3912 Grandview Drive West. Sample four chilis (vegetarian and meat) and vote for your favorite! Ticket includes a bowl of chili, cornbread, beverages and entry to the concert!

6:30-8 p.m. - Neon Mustang Concert

Country Western and much more! Curran Apple Orchard Park is located at 3920 Grandview Drive West.

Tickets are \$40 and available online (kids 5 and under are free) at www.upforarts.org or at the door the day of the event with all proceeds going to the "Forever Friends" sculpture!

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

From time to time, citizens will post information and opinions about incidents that occur in University Place on various social media sites. But I would like to remind everyone again that posting or sharing information that you can't confirm as accurate can actually be detrimental. I am all for citizens sharing information to help keep each other safe. If a neighbor had their car prowled, it's okay to share that with your neighborhood group. These are good reminders to keep an eye out for suspicious activity and to not leave valuables in our cars. But posting that there is a rash of violent crimes with only limited information is not

helpful.

A recent posting on a social media site prompted several questions to the Police Department and City Council about a recent robbery. In early May, a citizen was robbed by an individual who entered their property while the homeowner had gone outside to look for a pet. There have been no similar incidents reported in University Place or our neighboring jurisdictions. This appears to be an isolated incident, one which our detectives are treating as an open investigation.



Social media can keep events that occurred weeks, months or even years ago alive forever. This can create misplaced hysteria and worry. I would encourage you to attend our University Place Police public safety classes that are offered in the spring and fall. These classes provide tips on how to create a mindset dedicated to increasing your personal safety and awareness. You can get more information about these classes in our Public Safety newsletter that is published and mailed to U.P. homes twice a year.

University Place is a safe community but it is not crime free. We are a city of 33,000+ residents with growing commercial and recreational attractions. So if you see posts on Facebook or other social media platforms about incidents in U.P., please keep in mind that many times this information is based on secondhand or thirdhand information—or sometimes simply a rumor. Before you forward posts or retweet information, please contact the Police Department for the latest and most accurate information by emailing UPPublicSafety@CityofUP.com. We are always happy to work with our citizens to promote safe neighborhoods. By working together, we can promote a well-informed, safe and welcoming community.

Slow Down for Public Works' Crack Sealing Team

Before the winter rains begin, members of the City's Public Works department are out in force, using hot liquid asphalt to fill and seal cracks in the pavement. This prevents water from getting to the base of the roadway, which causes deterioration and the need for extensive repairs. Crack sealing is an important part of the maintenance process and is being done in advance of next year's chip sealing.



The work is part of preventative maintenance the City undertakes every year, based on a review and ranking of pavement repair priorities for all 208 miles of roadway in U.P.

Drivers are asked to exercise patience and caution when approaching a crack sealing team at work. In order to accomplish this work, public works employees must be in the roadway. This may lead to intermittent lane closures and/reduced

speed limits in their work zones.

No one likes traffic slow-downs, but this maintenance is key to preventing the need for much costlier repairs in the future. "We ask that drivers reduce their speeds when they encounter our crews at work," said Gary Cooper, U.P.'s director of Public Works, Parks & Facilities. "If all goes as planned, we hope to wrap this work up in the next few weeks."

U.P. CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM

Date: Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019

Time: 6:30-8 p.m.

**Location: Curtis High School Theatre
8425 40th St. W., University Place**

Hosted by the League of Women Voters

**For more events and Council Meeting information
visit the [Upcoming Events Calendar](#).**

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