

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



July 24, 2019

Register for National Night Out Caravan Visits by Friday

If your neighborhood is planning an event in conjunction with U.P.'s National Night Out festivities on Tuesday, Aug. 6, remember to register with the City by Friday, July 26 if you'd like a visit from the Public Safety Caravan.



Call 253.798.3141 to make sure your event is on the schedule of stops made by public safety personnel, City Council members and City staff who head out in patrol cars, fire engines and medic units. Although the caravans cannot commit to visiting any neighborhood event at a specific time, every effort is made to reach all pre-registered group events by 8 p.m.

The evening's activities will kick off at 4 p.m. with the Public Safety Open House at the Civic Building. The Public Safety Open House is designed to give all residents of U.P. an opportunity to participate in National Night Out events, even if their neighborhoods are not hosting a specific gathering. Meet U.P.'s new Police Chief Greg Premo and all the other professionals who work to keep our community safe, including members of the Pierce County Motorcycle, Dive, Marine Services and SWAT teams. Deputy Theron Hardesty and his dog, the newest member of Pierce County's K9 team, will also be on hand, as will members of West Pierce Fire & Rescue with their big rigs and life-saving equipment.

U.P. is regularly recognized across the nation for its outstanding turnout for National Night Out activities. Sign up today and make sure 2019 is another record year for our community.



Chief's Corner: Communication is Key by U.P. Police Chief Greg Premo

I have asked for a little bit of space in *Headlines* to keep you apprised of news and events from the U.P. Police Department. These brief updates will enable us to keep you informed of important news from our team in between the distribution of our semi-annual Public Safety newsletters.

I want to do this because I believe communication is key to effective community based policing. That's why I was thrilled to meet recently with members of U.P.'s Kootnai Street community. They had a puzzling armed robbery occur in their neighborhood in April. They contacted my office to coordinate a meeting to learn more about the incident and to get facts about crime in their neighborhood, crime in the area and the City at large, as well as ways to prevent crime in the future.



The victims of the April incident were present at the meeting, which gave us an opportunity to discuss the robbery and address their questions and concerns, as well as those of their neighbors. I was pleased that the victims said our officers, Deputies Chris Rather and David Rose, responded promptly and were reassuring and comforting while working quickly to determine what happened and catch the suspect(s) involved.

If I had my way, I'd do this every time there is an incident in our community. That's because meeting with our residents in person enables us to dispel rumors, state the facts and alleviate false fears and anxiety. These one-on-one events are some of the most rewarding interactions we are privileged to be a part of and most importantly, they are available to anyone who asks.

If your neighborhood group would like to schedule a meeting with me and members of the U.P. Police Department at any time, please contact Jennifer Hales, our public safety administrator, at 253.798.3141. We hope to hear from you.

**WEDNESDAYS
IN AUGUST**
Market Square
FREE | 6-8 P.M.

MUSIC
on the
SQUARE

The graphic is split into two vertical sections. The left section has an orange background and features a stylized sun icon with a teal center and white rays. Below the icon, the text 'WEDNESDAYS IN AUGUST' is in white, 'Market Square' is in a white script font, and 'FREE | 6-8 P.M.' is in white. The right section has a teal background with white musical notes and staff lines. The text 'MUSIC on the SQUARE' is centered, with 'MUSIC' and 'SQUARE' in large white block letters and 'on the' in a smaller white script font.

Movie in the Park

Grab your picnic dinner, blanket and chairs and head out to Cirque Park (7250 Cirque Drive W.) on Saturday, Aug. 3 for the return of Moonlight Movie in the Park. Watch as the citizens of Bricksburg struggle to defeat invaders from outer space in this year's feature, "The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part."

As a special treat this year, Community Connection Place will be hosting a concession booth offering popcorn and soda. So grab your spot early and settle in before the movie begins at 9 p.m. and enjoy another great evening of family fun in University Place.

Please note: As a courtesy to all viewers, those with taller lawn chairs are asked to set up their seats toward the back of the viewing area so that everyone can see the movie.



First FlashVote Survey a Success

Thanks to all those who participated in our first FlashVote survey on July 7-8 which asked for feedback on the Village at Chambers Bay.



A total of 171 people participated in the three-question survey, which asked about the kinds of businesses they visited in the Village at Chambers Bay as well as how they felt about issues such as parking and the area's mix of uses.

Overall, 65 percent of those responding indicated they liked the Village at Chambers Bay's blend of living and retail spaces, although many of the open ended responses indicated that people believe parking is an issue. There was also lots of input on the types of new businesses survey participants would like to see added in the future. You can view the entire results [here](#).

Be sure to **register for FlashVote** so that you can voice your opinion in future surveys.



Mayor Keel Elected AWC Secretary

At its annual conference in June, the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) elected University Place Mayor Kent Keel as the organization's secretary. Per AWC's by-laws, Keel will serve in the role for one year before assuming the vice presidency. He will become president of the group in 2021.

The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan corporation that represents Washington's 281 cities and towns before the state legislature, the state executive branch and with regulatory agencies. The organization provides advocacy, education and services, including research and training.

Green Firs Gets a Facelift

If the Green Firs Shopping Center looks a little different these days, it's not an illusion.

Major renovations to the property have been undertaken, some of which are visible and some of which—like a voluntary seismic upgrade—are not.

"We have completed structural and non-structural repairs and are repainting the entire façade with a new updated color scheme," said Jennifer Hagge of PMF Investments, Green Firs' property management company. The new paint complements the center's updated landscaping that was completed



last year. In addition, the property now also features two community gathering spaces.

Anchored by Trader Joe's, Green Firs continues to be a key contributor to University Place's emerging commercial hub along Bridgeport Way from 35th Street West to 40th. "A key tenet of successful economic development is the concept of niche clusters," said Mariza Craig, U.P.'s director of Economic Development. "People tend to think that when similar businesses open near each other they risk driving each other out of business, but research shows that is not true. They actually create a density that draws customers, who know that if they can't find what they are looking for at one business, they may find it at another nearby store."

That concept is demonstrated in areas like New York's Diamond District or California's Napa Valley. "University Place is still a small city—and always will be," Craig said. "But we are becoming increasingly known as a place where people—and not just residents of U.P.— can come and choose from a variety of businesses to get the products and services they need."

She cites the new ATI Physical Therapy in Green Firs as a great example of U.P.'s growing reputation as a health and wellness hub. And with the much-anticipated opening of MOD Pizza, the area's dining options continue to grow as well. "Our goal is to create a strong business tax base that serves consumers while also strengthening the City's coffers," Craig says.

Public Safety Lobby Hours

Although the City of U.P. Police Department has relocated its public lobby to the new entrance off of Drexler Drive, the public is reminded that the lobby is only staffed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Because the department has limited resources, there is no ability to staff the lobby when Office Manager Leslie Wheeler is on vacation or out sick. When this occurs, a notice is always posted on the main doors which gives directions on how to handle many different types of questions.

Wheeler stresses that the Police Department's deputies work 24/7 so even if the office is closed, officers are still working. For emergencies or to report a crime in process, call 911. "If the business is not urgent, the public can always call the department's main phone 253.798.4058 which gives them several options or they can call the non-emergency number 253.798.4722 to report a crime after it has occurred," she said.

Upcoming Events



Concert in the Park
Military Rock Band
July 25, 6:30-8 p.m.
Curran Apple Orchard



Chili Cook Off
UP for Arts
Aug. 22, 5-6:45 p.m.
United Church



Cider Squeeze
Aug. 25, noon to 4 p.m.
Curran Apple Orchard

CAMP CONNECTION

**Early Bird registration fee
is \$50.00 BEFORE April 30th**

June 24th thru August 16th 2019
Camp Location at Evergreen Primary
7102 40th Street West UP, WA

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Ages 5 –12

All hot & cold meals are provided

Activities; dance, yoga & music; arts & crafts; science & gardening,

Basketball camp/chess.

Field trips; Mini golf; movies; bowling; Reptile Man; Parrot lady and more!

FIELD TRIPS ARE AN ADDITIONAL FEE—NO CAMP ON JULY 4TH



REGISTRATION LOCATION:

Community Connection Place

2534 Grandview Drive W

University Place WA 98466

Mon-Fri 9:00 am –4:00 pm

253-564-1992

communityconnectionplace.org

CAMP DATES:

JUNE 24TH THRU AUGUST 16TH 2019

CAMP HOURS: 6:30 AM –6:00 PM

REGISTRATION FEE: \$60.00

Includes t-shirt

WEEKLY RATE \$160.00 per week /per
child

NON-REFUNDABLE- Discount for all 8
week paid in full @\$150.00 per week

COMMUNITY CONNECTION PLACE

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