

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



June 26, 2019

Be Safe, Sane and Neighborly this July 4

University Place Public Safety personnel want to remind all residents of U.P. that this is the first year that the new fireworks ordinance is in effect. To ensure your celebration is legal:

Only discharge legal fireworks, defined as:

- Sparklers
- Fountains
- Smokes
- Novelties such as smoke balls, snakes and pop-its

Remember that fireworks can only be discharged from 9 a.m. to midnight on July 4.

"We want to encourage people to be good neighbors on the Fourth of July," said Jennifer Hales, public safety administrator for the City of University Place. "If you know your neighbors have little children who are likely to be sleeping or like to turn in before midnight, we encourage people to be considerate. After all, you will be neighbors every day of the year, not just on Independence Day. Plus, since the sun will set at 9:09 p.m. on July 4, it will be plenty dark well before midnight for discharging fireworks."



For those who want to leave the fireworks to the professionals, there will be large public pyrotechnic displays in Steilacoom, at Tacoma's Freedom Fair and on Joint Base Lewis-McChord. For more information visit the [West Pierce Fire & Rescue website](#).



National Night Out Returns on Aug. 6

Round up the neighbors and start making plans for this year's National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6. Last year, National Night Out festivities broke a record with 54 neighborhoods participating in the evening's festivities. Organizers hope to smash another record this year.

The activities will begin with a special Public Safety Open House and kick-off event in the Civic Building Atrium from 4 to 6 p.m. where residents can get an "up-close-and-personal" look at police cars, fire trucks and Pierce County Sheriff's office special unit displays. There will also be other safety providers there to share information and answer questions.

At 6 p.m., public safety personnel, City Council members and City staff will head out in patrol cars, fire engines and medic units to neighborhoods that pre-registered for a visit to their NNO festivities. Whether your neighborhood hosts a cookout, potluck picnic, softball game or casual gathering, National Night Out will be a great opportunity for residents to meet—or become reacquainted with—U.P.'s new Police Chief Greg Premo, who previously served as an administrative sergeant and patrol officer in University Place.

Given the growing popularity of this event, if you want your neighborhood to be included on the caravan schedule you must pre-register by calling 253.798.3141 by July 26. Neighborhoods are asked to host their events from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The City Caravan cannot take specific requests to be at a neighborhood party at any certain time, but every effort is made to get to all registered events by 8 p.m.





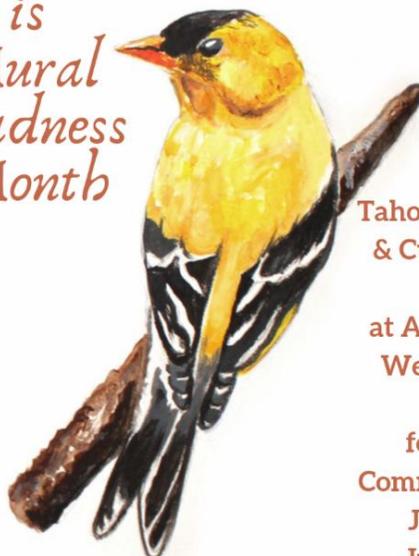
Be Wary of Wily Coyotes

University Place residents are reminded to keep their domestic cats and dogs safe amid several reports of coyotes in the area. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife recommends that residents:

- **Feed dogs and cats indoors.** If you must feed your pets outside, do so in the morning or at midday, and pick up food, water bowls, leftovers, and spilled food well before dark every day.
- **Keep dogs and cats indoors, especially from dusk to dawn.** If left outside at night in an unprotected area, cats and small to mid-size dogs may be killed by coyotes. If you suspect losing a dog or cat to a coyote, notify your neighbors. Once a coyote finds easy prey it will return to the area.
- **Don't feed feral cats.** Coyotes prey on these cats as well as any feed you leave out for the feral cats.
- **Maintain the area around bird feeders.** Prevent the buildup of feeder foods under bird feeders. Coyotes will eat bird food and are attracted to the many birds and rodents that come to feeders.
- **Secure your trash.** Use garbage cans with clamps or use rope, chain, bungee cords or weights to hold lids on. To prevent tipping, secure the side handles to metal or wooden stakes driven into the ground. The ideal solution is to keep trash in a shed or garage.
- **Prevent access to fruit and compost.** Keep fruit trees fenced and remove fruit that has fallen. Keep compost piles within a fenced area or securely covered. Cover new compost material with soil or lime to prevent it from smelling and never include animal matter in your compost since it attracts coyotes. If burying food scraps, cover them with at least 12 inches of soil.

If you see a coyote—or traces of one—or have lost a pet to the animals, you can report it to the Department of Fish and Wildlife at 877.933.9847 or [submit an online report](#).

June
is
Mural
Madness
Month



Join
Tahoma Audubon
& Curtis Ashby

at Adriana Hess
Wetland Park

for live art
Community Days
June 18th
June 22nd
July 7th

Mural Madness Ribbon Cutting

Join the Tahoma Audubon Society at Adriana Hess Wetland Park in University Place on July 7 at 11 a.m. for a ribbon cutting event in honor of the newly painted mural by Curtis Ashby. For more information about Tahoma Audubon events, visit their [website](#).

Upcoming Events



Concert in the Park
U253 - U2 Tribute Band
July 11, 6:30-8 p.m.
Curran Apple Orchard



Teddy Bear Picnic
Dance Theatre NW
July 21, 1-4 p.m.
Curran Apple Orchard



Movie in the Park
The Lego Movie II
Aug. 3, begins at sunset
Cirque Park

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

Tell Pierce County what you think about a stage at Chambers Creek Regional Park Central Meadow

Local residents have two additional opportunities to attend an open house and provide comments on a possible stage in the Chambers Creek Regional Park Central Meadow.

The open houses, hosted by Pierce County Parks and Recreation, will be held on June 27, 2019 and August 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Environmental Services Building, 9850 64th St W, University Place, Wash.

The June and August meetings will provide opportunities for the public to share their opinions and concerns regarding a possible stage in the park's Central Meadow. In addition, attendees can meet the project team and provide their input about the concept plans that have been developed.

On May 21, the Parks staff and project team held the first open house regarding the Central Meadow stage study. An analysis and comparative information were presented. This information, along with public input gathered at the May meeting, was used to develop a series of concept plans which will be presented at the June 27 meeting.

For those who cannot attend in person, public comment is being collected by email (ChambersStageStudy@piercecountywa.gov) and via surveys that will be available on the project website at <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/6331/Chambers-Creek-Regional-Park-Stage-Study> following each open house. The survey and the presentation materials from the June meeting will be available from June 27 through July 12.



City Hall Holiday Closure

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in recognition of the Fourth of July holiday. Normal office hours will resume on Friday, July 5 at 9 a.m.

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