

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



May 29, 2019

Duck Daze is Saturday!

Don't forget—Duck Daze is this Saturday, June 1! The fun kicks off at 10 a.m. with the popular Duck Daze parade. Be sure to secure your spot along the parade route, which starts at the corner of 27th Street and Bridgeport Way and continues south to 37th Street, ending at West Pierce Fire & Rescue's **Fire Station 31**.

This year's event will include several new features and the return of several favorites, including:

- A static display of UH-60M Blackhawk and AH64E Apache helicopters at the Fire Station, courtesy of U.P.'s Community Connector Partner, the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB)
- Local vendors in Market Square
- Bike helmet and life jacket fittings by Fire Station 31 personnel during their Open House
- Watermelon eating contest, courtesy of West Pierce Fire & Rescue
- Live music on the square
- Balloons, face painting, activities for kids and carnival treats

And don't forget to step inside the Civic Building Atrium to see the Community Gallery retrospective, which recounts in pictures the City of U.P.'s first 25 years.



Stop by the Community Gallery in the Civic Building

during Duck Daze

Be sure to stop by the Civic Building during Duck Daze—or in the days and weeks to follow—to see a special Community Gallery and take a stroll down memory lane to reflect on where U.P. was in 1995 and what it looks like today. Take a look at Bridgeport Way 25 years ago and compare it to how it appears now. Get a look at the City's original incorporation documents. Reflect on the many community celebrations that make U.P. such a great place to live, work and play.



The special gallery is part of the City's Imagine 2045 campaign, which is designed to solicit public input on what the city should look like during its second 25 years. Public input is sought on topics such as land use, zoning, parks and public safety.

Members of the community are encouraged to enroll in **FlashVote** to participate in brief, periodic surveys on key topics related to Imagine 2045. In addition, the public is encouraged to share their thoughts with City Council members, City staff and commissioners. They will be out and about during community events like Duck Daze and National Night Out to get input from residents, business owners and other community organizations.

The information gathered will be used to create a draft vision statement for the City of University Place that will ultimately be used to help shape the City's Comprehensive Plan, the document the City Council and Commissioners will use as the roadmap for all of the City's efforts through 2045.

A Hot Destination for Health & Fitness

With the arrival of Urban Float, Orangetheory, Trek Bikes, Rainier Medical Health and Fitness and Pure Barre in the Village at Chambers Bay, U.P. has become a sought-after destination for health and fitness businesses, which is one of the nation's hottest market segments.



Statistics from Wellness Creative Co., a health and fitness marketing firm, reveal that the United States is the world's largest health and wellness market, with an annual growth rate of 3.6 percent. Industry revenue is currently estimated at \$30 billion, thanks in part to the more than 55.3 million Americans who belong to health clubs, gyms and studios.

"One of the key elements of successful business recruitment is to demonstrate that your community can attract similar businesses without fear of cannibalization," said Mariza Craig, U.P.'s Director of Economic Development.

"When we think about successful business districts, they often have more than one grocery store, they have several restaurants, shops, etc. In our business centers throughout the city, we are promoting 'destination' environments where people know they have options on where to get the products and services they want."

Urban Float, Pure Barre and Rainier Medical Health & Fitness are currently open in the Village at Chambers Bay. Orangetheory and Trek Bikes are scheduled to open this summer.

Love Fireworks? Make Plans Now to Attend a Public Display

As July 4 draws near, University Place public safety officials want to continue to remind residents of the new fireworks law that went into effect on Jan. 1, 2019 which states that legal fireworks can only be discharged in the City of U.P. from 9 a.m. to midnight on July 4. Legal fireworks are defined as sparklers, cones and fountains, smokes and novelties.



Fireworks stands in U.P. are only allowed to sell these legal fireworks. If you purchase fireworks from stands outside of University Place, you risk purchasing illegal items.

Given the danger of running afoul of the law, as well as the risk of injuries, accidental fires and potential disagreements with neighbors, you might want to make plans now to take in some of the professional fireworks displays that will be available to celebrate the holiday.

As always, the **Tacoma Freedom Fair** will be held along the Ruston Way waterfront from 10 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Admission to Freedom Fair is free and for easy access (and exit) enjoy free parking at the Tacoma Dome Station or at Tacoma Community College. The Freedom Fair Express Bus will stop at each location all day and after the fireworks.

Joint Base Lewis-McChord Freedom Fest will take place at Cowan Stadium, south of Tacoma from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and will feature live music, a car show, food, kids activities, and a grand finale fireworks show. Admission and parking are free. Due to security checks, expect some delays when entering the base. Visit the Freedom Fest website for additional instructions and restrictions.

And don't forget, the **Tacoma Rainiers** offer great post-game fireworks following every Friday night home game.

For the latest updates on fireworks safety, visit the **West Pierce Fire & Rescue website**.

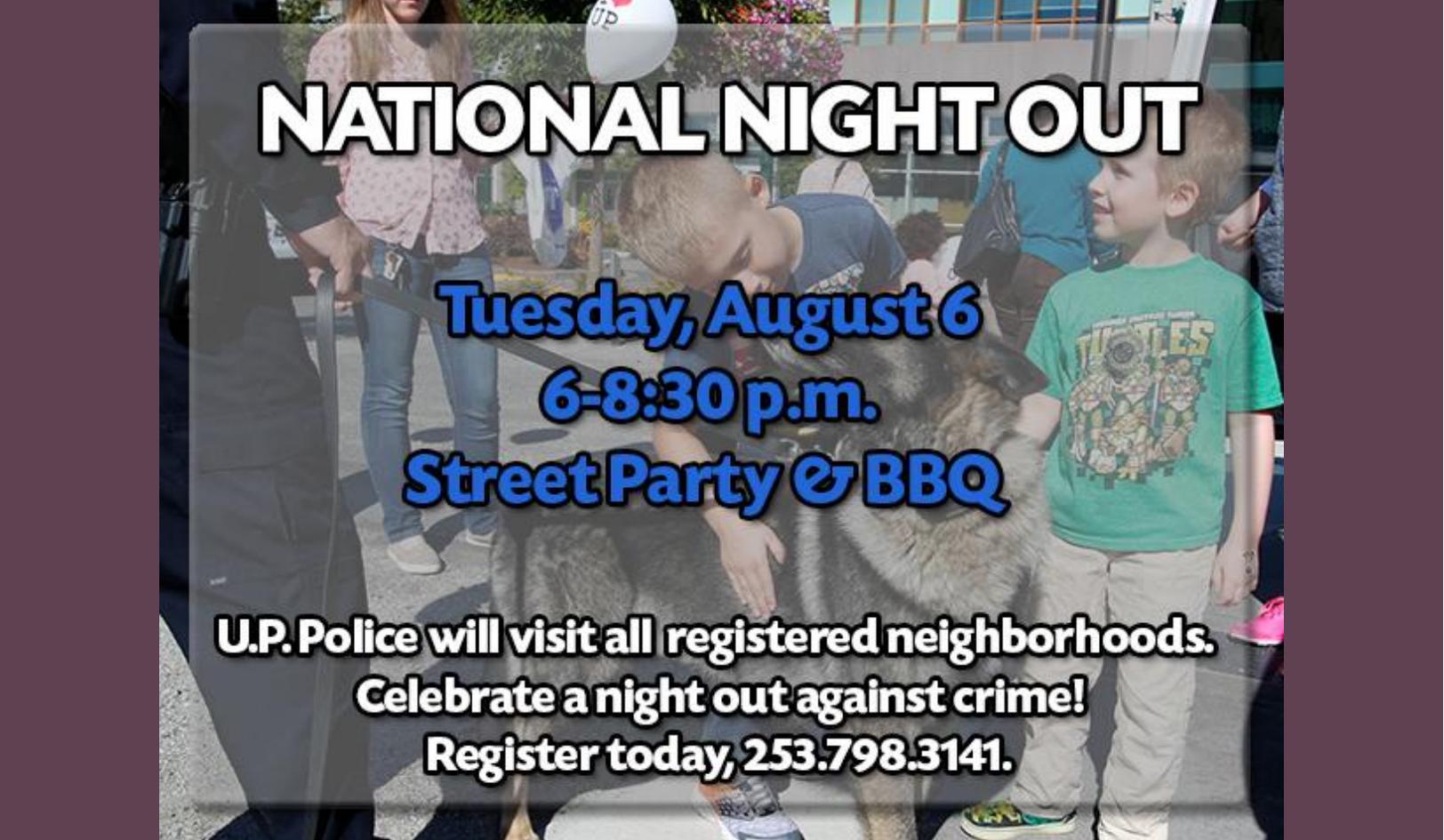


Memorial Day Ceremonies

This past Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, Mayor Pro Tem Caroline Belleci was honored to attend the Memorial Day services at New Tacoma Cemetery, as a Special Guest Speaker, following Keynote Speaker Col. James M. Sims.

Highlights of the event included placement of a Mother's Wreath in memory and honor of SPC Hunter Jake Schmidtke, singing of the National Anthem by Sarah Seevers and posting and retirement of the colors by the Clover Park High School Junior ROTC Cadets.



A photograph of a street party. In the foreground, a young boy in a blue shirt is petting a large, shaggy grey dog. To his right, another boy in a green t-shirt with a 'TURTLES' graphic is looking towards the dog. In the background, a woman in a pink patterned shirt and blue jeans is visible, along with other people and a white balloon with 'lip' written on it. The scene is outdoors on a paved area.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 6

6-8:30 p.m.

Street Party & BBQ

U.P. Police will visit all registered neighborhoods.

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