

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



October 30, 2019

We Want to Hear from You! Help Shape the Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) Plan

Great parks and open spaces that contribute to a community's quality of life and economic development don't just happen; they are planned deliberately by both City staff and, more importantly, the citizens. Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS) plans serve as the guide for future developments and outline the recommendations for park and recreation capital improvement projects the City will work on implementing over the next six years. In addition, larger aspirational projects which require longer-term planning or "saving up for" are also outlined in the PROS plan.



These plans aren't just eye-candy. They are a critical component to a city's larger comprehensive plan which articulates a series of goals, objectives, policies, actions, and standards that are intended to guide the day-to-day decisions of elected officials and local government staff. Certified PROS plans are required by the State of Washington to maintain a city's eligibility for major parks, recreation, and habitat grant programs – many of which are managed by Washington's Recreation Conservation Office (RCO).

If there is one key metric RCO looks for when deciding which potential projects to fund, it is community involvement in the planning and decision-making process. More people means more demonstrated need and we need your input! Our consultant team, SCJ Alliance, is currently working with City staff and the Park Advisory Commission to implement a robust public involvement and planning process allowing as many voices to be heard as possible.

Last night in the Gallery at City Hall, the first public open house was held to begin this process. If you missed it, do not worry. There will be several other opportunities over the next few months to describe what you love about our existing parks, what else is needed, and finally, have a voice in prioritizing the

projects. So, keep an eye out for updates on the **City Website, Facebook and Twitter!**

If you want to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact either David Swindale at 253.460.2519, Chris Overdorf at chris.overdorf@scjalliance.com, or any of your Park Advisory Commission members.



Sweet Tips for a Safe Halloween

The weather experts tell us that our favorite ghosts and goblins should enjoy perfect trick-or-treating weather this year, which means that U.P.'s streets and sidewalks will be packed with little ones for much of the late afternoon and early evening tomorrow, Oct. 31.

A few reminders for adults:

- If you are driving, slow down, use your headlights, watch for overly enthusiastic—and distracted—children. Be patient.
- The sun will set just before 6 p.m., so make sure costumes include some kind of reflective material on the front and back. Make sure your children have flashlights to better navigate sidewalks and porches.
- Make sure costume items like masks, capes and princess gowns don't interfere with the ability to see and walk safely.



For children who are old enough to trick-or-treat without adult supervision, remember these important safety tips:

- Visit houses on one side of the street and then down the other side. Do not zig-zag across the street. When it is time to cross, make sure to stop and look before venturing into the street.
- Trick or treat in your own neighborhood and only approach houses with porch lights on.
- Clearly communicate that you expect them to be home by 9 p.m. (or earlier!)
- Remind your children to wait until they get home to sample their goodies, so that you can inspect it (and maybe sample a piece or two as well!)

The U.P. Police Department reminds parents that Halloween is generally a night for younger children. Unfortunately, tweens and teens often commit many of the criminal mischief acts that occur on Halloween. Remind your children that property destruction is not a "trick"—and could result in criminal fines or punishment.

If you witness suspicious or criminal activity, call 911 immediately. You can also call the non-emergency line at 253.798.4722 to report concerns about speeding vehicles in your neighborhood.

U.P. Volunteers Make a Difference

As part of the nation's annual Make a Difference Day activities on Saturday, Oct. 26, 24 volunteers, accompanied by staff from the City and University Place Refuse, tackled the removal of underbrush on the west side of Cirque Park. Before the day was over, the team had filled an entire yard waste recycling truck donated by U.P. Refuse. The result is that the park now has a new trail for visitors to explore and enjoy.



In celebration of Arbor Day, the volunteers also planted a Pacific Dogwood in the park. This ornamental tree is native to western North America and can be found from the lowlands of southern British Columbia to the mountains of southern California.

"To see the amount of underbrush and overgrowth that we cleared away, it was obvious that we could not have done it without our volunteers," said Gary Cooper, director of Public Works, Parks and Facilities for the City of University Place. "We'd like to extend a huge thank you to all those who helped. It was another great display of our outstanding community spirit and pride."





City Council Candidate Forum

Watch the Council Candidate Forum that took place on September 12, 2019 to learn more about your local candidates before the General Election taking place on November 5, 2019.

The Forum is also playing on UPTV on Click! Channel 12 or Comcast Channel 21. It is also available on the **City's YouTube channel**.



Stormwater Runoff carries pollutants into our waterways

Runoff Picks Up

- Pet Waste
- Leaves
- Fertilizer
- Motor Oil
- Detergents
- Trash

Help us by doing your part to keep our waters clean!



U.P. Refuse offers Oversized Brush Curbside Pickup

From Oct. 28 to Nov. 8 the Oversized Brush Curbside Pickup program is available to all residential customers of University Place Refuse Service, Inc., even those that are not signed up for yard waste service. The pickup day for your area will be the same as your curbside recycling or yard waste pickup day.

Remember, this is a one-day event for each neighborhood. Oversized brush pickup targets the larger brush and limbs that don't easily fit into a regular yard

waste toter. Oversized brush includes thornless branches and limbs only, no larger than four inches in diameter. No stumps or loose materials such as leaves.

If you are signed up for yard waste service, please make maximum the use of your yard waste toter first before placing brush in a pile. Place your oversized brush in a loose pile at the curb for pickup. Make sure that the pile isn't in the street and doesn't block access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

Pile limitations: 1 per household no larger than 6' wide x 6' long x 6' high.

For more information, contact U.P. Refuse at 253.564.3212 or check out their website at UPRefuse.com.

Advisory Commission Vacancies

Commissioners are citizens who, through their volunteer efforts, play an integral role in the growth and development of their City. Citizens serving on the City's Commissions apply their unique knowledge and experiences to the issues and the needs of their city and then create ideas, identify resources, and make recommendations toward fulfilling the Council's Vision.

Applications are currently being accepted from City residents interested in serving on the following commissions:

Parks Advisory Commission

Planning Commission

Public Safety Advisory Commission

The application deadline is November 15, 2019. Please note that late applications will not be considered. Forms are available on-line at CityofUP.com/committees-commissions-and-partners, and at City Hall. For more information contact the City Clerk's office at 253.460.5427.

City Hall Holiday Closure

City Hall will be closed in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday on Monday, Nov. 11 and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Upcoming Events



Fall Art & Concert Series
Friday, November 22, 7 p.m.
Civic Building Atrium



Jazz in the Village
Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Civic Building Atrium



FREE! Watershed 101 Workshop

Pierce Conservation District in partnership with University Place is offering a FREE workshop on your local watershed and how you can keep our water clean!



Workshop includes:

- Watershed basics
- Stormwater impacts
- Salmon
- Volunteer Stream Monitoring & Habitat Stewardship

Join us on November 13th at 6:30-8PM in the Gallery located off the lobby of the University Place Civic Building

(3609 Market Place W, University Place, 98466. Free parking located in the parking garage.)

Why Attend this Workshop?

- Find out more about how your everyday actions have far reaching effects
- Learn how to participate in citizen science efforts by monitoring your own local stream
- Stay in the know about what is happening locally to your environment
- Volunteer with our Habitat Stewardship program and let your voice be heard during the restoration of land in your neighborhoods and parks



If you are interested in PCD's Watershed 101 Workshop, contact Belinda Paterno.
253.845.9770 x117 | belindap@pierced.org

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

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