

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



September 18, 2019

Candidate Pro Tem Selection

At its regular meeting on Monday, Sept. 16, Howard Lee was appointed by the City Council to fill Council Position #4 Pro Tem. The position, which represents the entire City of University Place, has been vacant due to Council Member Ken Grassi's extended absence due to illness.

Lee was one of 13 residents who applied for the position, which per state law requires citizens seeking appointment to be registered voters and residents of the City for at least one year prior to the appointment.



Council Member Lee has been active in community service for years, having served as the Public Safety Levy campaign manager as well as the treasurer for the UP Historical Society, UP Veterans Plaza 501c3 and the Metro Parks campaign. He currently serves as a commissioner with the Public Safety Advisory Commission. He has also served on the board of directors for Dance Theatre Northwest and the Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club and was the event manager for the Teddy Bear Picnic.

Lee is retired from the United States Navy and was a U.S. Merchant Marine. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Western Michigan University. He has lived with his wife of 54 years, Barbara, in the University Place community for 40 years. They have two adult children who are products of the U.P. School District.

**Miss the Council Candidates' Forum?
Watch it on UPTV!**



In case you were unable to attend the U.P. City Council Candidates' Forum at Curtis High School on Sept. 12, you can now watch it within the City of University Place on Click! Channel 12 or Comcast Channel 21. You can also view it on the **City's YouTube channel**.

The forum included candidates Kent Keel and Betsy Tainer, who are vying for Position #2 and Stan Flemming and Edward Wood who are running for Position #6. Caroline Belleci also participated and is running for Position #7. Rebecca Clark, the other candidate running for Position #7, was unable to attend the event, which was moderated by the League of Women Voters.

You can watch the U.P. candidates state their positions during the second hour of the replay, which begins with a candidates' forum for those running for positions on the Clover Park School District board. The forum replay will be air on UPTV at the following times:

- Monday and Thursday at 10 a.m.
- Tuesday and Friday at 4 p.m.
- Wednesday and Saturday at 8 p.m.
- Sunday at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

As a reminder, Election Day this year is Nov. 5, 2019.

Oktoberfest is Coming to U.P.

Strap on your lederhosen and get ready for U.P.'s newest community celebration!

Oktoberfest is coming to Market Square on Oct. 11 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Come out and enjoy genuine German food and entertainment. Sample schnitzel and strudel from the **Itty**

Bitty Schnitty food truck and test your polka skills while moving to a genuine oompah band.

Watch future issues of Headlines for more details about what promises to be another great community event in U.P.



Chief's Corner - A Solid Investment in Public Safety

In 2017, the City Council voted to restore funding for the position of a criminal investigator within the U.P.P.D., and one year ago this month, Deputy Josh Mills joined the staff of the U.P. Police Department as our dedicated crime investigator.

I recently asked Deputy Mills to provide me with a brief synopsis of his work over the last year. I knew he had made a huge impact in a short period of time, and his report backs that up. In the last 12 months, Deputy Mills has:

- Led or assisted in 202 cases. Nearly 85 arrests have been made associated with these investigations, with more than 90 percent of those accounting for felony arrests.
- Has an additional 27 cases pending prosecutor review. This means there is probable cause for arrest. Deputy Mills continues to work with our local prosecutors to determine if a summons/warrant will be issued.
- Worked a wide spectrum of cases that include shootings, robberies, felony assaults and theft.
- Headed up the investigation into a construction site theft ring. The suspects lived in Tacoma but committed crimes in U.P., Tacoma, Pierce County and as far south as Olympia. Search warrants were executed and several arrests were made. In addition, associated drug dealers were also arrested in conjunction with this case.
- Written over 620 police reports.



Many of these cases would not have been worked at all if we didn't have an investigator position. Although all incidents in U.P. are forwarded to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department headquarters for follow up, they run the risk of getting added to the list of cases from all over the county. This means our cases must vie for the time and monetary

resources of the PCSD's staff.

Having Deputy Mills on our staff ensures that we can control what cases get attention. He is in regular communication with our patrol deputies, who do a good job of sharing with him the information they gather from each call they respond to. But we need those patrol officers back on the street, so having a full-time investigator means we can continue to track down the leads we need to resolve crime and identify ways in which we can prevent similar events from occurring in the future.



I hope you feel, as I do, that having a full-time investigator in the department has proven to be a worthwhile investment in our community's public safety. Deputy Mills' ability to follow cases from crime scene to charging and prosecution sends a message to all would-be criminals: U.P. has put its money where its mouth is when it comes to fighting crime and we continue to look for new strategies and funding to further improve our staffing and crime prevention efforts."

Fall Cleanup - Oct. 5 & 12

The City of University Place, in conjunction with University Place Refuse and Recycling, is offering you an opportunity to dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted items and yard waste for FREE!

When:

Residents NORTH of 40th St W. Saturday, Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Residents SOUTH of 40th St W. Saturday, Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Clean-Up Rules:

- LIMIT: 1 load per household for all items EXCEPT for yard waste only loads
- Help us be good neighbors by securing & covering all loads
 - For safety reasons, children and pets MUST remain in vehicles
 - City of University Place residents ONLY – Photo I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED
 - No liquids, paint, or hazardous materials (car batteries are OK)
 - No loads larger than a regular pickup truck or equivalent small trailer will be allowed
 - No regular household garbage will be allowed
 - Residential items only – NO commercial material or loads will be allowed
 - The size of items cannot exceed 5' in any direction (except for appliances and furniture)
 - No fuel tanks, enclosed barrels or drums of any kind. Water heaters and propane tanks are OK

Please separate the following items into the following categories for recycling:

- Wood items: clean, unpainted lumber, pallets, etc.
- Metal items: scrap steel, appliances, lawn mowers, barbecues, plumbing, etc.
- Yard waste: limbs, grass, leaves, other vegetation, no stumps or limbs larger than 4" in diameter
- No DIRT, ROCKS, SOD, BLACKBERRIES, SCOTCHBROOM, or OTHER

NOXIOUS WEEDS

- Tires: with or without rims
- Concrete, brick, and stone
- Car batteries
- Electronic waste: computers, monitors, printers, TVs, laptops, cell phones, cameras, etc.

For more information visit the [U.P. Refuse website](#).

Sign Up for FlashVote Today!

Have you signed up for FlashVote? It's not too late!



Surveys take less than a minute and give participants an opportunity to weigh in on issues within our local community.

Sign up now to take part in upcoming surveys!

Upcoming Events



Fall Art & Concert Series

Friday, Sept 27, 7 p.m.
Civic Building Atrium
UPforArts.org



Jazz in the Village

Wednesdays, Noon-1:30 p.m.
Civic Building Atrium

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

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