

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



November 14, 2018

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

One of U.P.'s most popular holiday events will return to Market Square on Friday, Dec. 7 with the lighting of the University Place Christmas Tree.

The festivities begin at 4 p.m. and will feature fun inside and out. There will be school group performances from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and the Jolly Ol' Man himself will arrive by fire engine at 5 p.m. The Curtis High School Key Club will offer \$5 photos with Santa from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Building Atrium, with a short break at 6 p.m. so Santa can take the fun outside and flip the switch on the Community Tree.



Amid all the merriment, enjoy Tastyz Kettle Corn, face painting and fun with Entertainment Masters and more!

This event continues to draw large crowds every year, so get there early and stay for all the fun!

The University Place Tree Lighting is just one of many holiday happenings planned for University Place in December. Check out future issues of *Headlines* for more details on those events.

Please note that motorists should expect temporary road closures on Market Place West and Market Square on Friday, Dec. 7, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Visit the University Place Christmas Tree Lighting Facebook Page for more information on this year's event.

America Recycles 2018

Join in this national recycling
emphasis locally, right
here in University Place!

Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

U.P. Refuse & Recycling

2815 Rochester Street, Parking Lot
Recycling details at uprefuse.com

Nov. 17 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Curtis High School

8425 40th Street West

Collecting old and unused electronic items for free!
For a complete list of items, visit sbkrecycle.com



Celebrate Safely

Ready or not, the holidays are upon us. That means turkey and stuffing, festive decorations and holiday toasts...and lots of opportunity for danger if these things are handled carelessly. Here are a few tips from U.P.'s public safety professionals designed to help you keep your holidays safe:

Let's start with the bird. Turkey fryers are a source of hundreds of fires every year. If you insist on deep frying your bird, be sure to use the fryer outdoors, at least 10 feet away from any structure, including porches, garages and decks.

Remember, sides are not a sideshow. Be sure to keep an eye on the stove. Keep anything that can catch fire (hot pads, oven mitts, food wrappers) away from flames. And be sure to call in reinforcements when you open the oven door so you can keep small children away from the hot surface.

Fake is Fine. When it comes to candlelight, use battery-operated candles to reduce the fire risk associated with an open flame. This is especially true for centerpieces. Leaves and pine bows around a candle may be pretty, but they are not practical.

Keep it to Yourself. Don't announce that you'll be out of town. Slip away without big pronouncements on Facebook or other social media. Wait until you are back home to share a post.

Share to Care. If you have been drinking, *do not drive*. Call a ride sharing service or a cab. Hitch a ride with a family member. You can get your car back in the morning, but there is no way to get back the life of someone killed by a drunk

driver.

Watch for more holiday safety tips in December's **Headlines**.

Potty Talk

Can we talk doo-doo? Doggie doo-doo, to be exact.

It might seem like an impolite subject, but proper disposal of dog feces is critical to keeping Puget Sound free of dangerous bacteria that can harm humans, aquatic life and our pets themselves.

Based on Census data and research from the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Washington State University Extension Service estimates that Pierce County is home to more than 193,000 dogs that produce more than 23 million pounds of waste a year! That's a lot of doo-doo.

When dog feces finds its way into the Sound, so too can harmful bacteria and parasites such as salmonella, campylobacter or giardia cysts which are immediately infectious to people. Even old, dried-out or disintegrated dog waste is dangerous since it is more likely to contain harmful parasite eggs. Hookworms take six to 12 days to become infectious and may survive up to four weeks in the environment. Roundworm eggs must age a week or more in dog stool to become infectious.

People exposed to contaminated waters may become ill, especially if they consume shellfish from those waters. But pets can become sick, too. Puppies are especially vulnerable.

To ensure that you and your dog are doing everything you can to keep Puget Sound safe for people, doggie paddlers and its native aquatic life, please make sure you follow these important tips when dealing with dog waste:

- Do not let your dog poop near water or a storm drain or ditch. If you can't, be sure you pick up any waste that might find its way to water to prevent pollution.
- Leave no trace. If there is no trashcan, take the bag home. Never leave bags by the side of the trail or toss them into the woods.
- Biodegradable bags are not necessary. Once in the landfill the plastic may never decompose, even if it is biodegradable. That makes these bags unnecessary.
- Bring an extra bag. Offer a bag to someone who forgot theirs or pick up waste left behind by others.



City Hall Holiday Closure

City Hall will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 22 and Friday, Nov. 23, in recognition of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. In addition, offices will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Upcoming Events in University Place



**Fall Art &
Concert Series**
Nov. 16, 7-8:30 p.m.
Civic Building Atrium



**All Community
Thanksgiving Day
Dinner Nov. 22**
12-2 p.m. U.P. Primary
R.S.V.P. with UP
Refuse



Santa at the Station
Dec. 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
West Pierce Fire &
Rescue Station 31



Santa Photos
Dec. 8 & 22
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
(Break at 12:30).
Civic Building Atrium



Gingerbread Houses
Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Registration Required
University Place Library



Santa Paws
Dec. 9, 9 a.m.-noon
Pet Photos with Santa
Civic Building Atrium

UP For Arts Holiday Gala & Auction

Friday, Dec. 14, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

U.P. Civic Building Atrium, 3609 Market Place W.

Enjoy great food and holiday drinks alongside outstanding holiday entertainment and a silent auction featuring a photo safari to South Africa, local trips, gift baskets and more!

All proceeds will go towards public art in our community. This year's project is "Forever Friends" to honor the legacy of the Curran Apple Orchard Park!

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.UPforArts.org.

**For upcoming events and Council Meeting information
visit the Upcoming Events Calendar.**

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