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Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem Elected

Every two years, the Council elects the Councilmembers they want to serve as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Under our Council-Manager form of government, the City Council is like the Board of Directors of a corporation and the Mayor is the Chairman. The Mayor Pro Tem serves as Mayor in the Mayor's absence. Under this "business-like" form of government, the Council sets the City's goals and directs the professional City Manager, who acts as the Chief Operating Officer in implementing the Council's decisions.

Linda Bird was elected as Mayor and Debbie Klosowski as Mayor Pro Tem for 2008-2009.



Mayor Linda Bird



Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Klosowski

Town Center Next Steps?

On behalf of the entire City Council, I want to thank everyone who came to the January 14 Town Center Community Meeting. Over 200 citizens participated. Your questions were thoughtful and your suggestions useful. The Council met again on January 17 with members of the Planning Commission and Economic Development Committee to discuss what we heard and to begin our next steps on the Town Center Project.

I wish it were possible to meet with every U.P. resident individually, and I apologize to those who couldn't get into the Monday, January 14 meeting. I was mistaken when I said the High School was not available; we should have met there. Hopefully we can do a better job of keeping everyone informed from here forward.

At the January 17 followup meeting, Council decided:

- To investigate and consider proposal(s) for a Town Center Project Performance Audit;

- To create and contact a list of private sector development consultants to serve as a technical resource to the DDA Contract Negotiation Team and Council;
- To begin informal discussions with prospective development partners for the next phase(s) of Town Center;
- To set the bid award for Lot Number 8 parking garage; for February;
- To prepare the Library/Civic Building plans and specifications for bid and construction this summer; and,
- To implement a stronger and more effective program to inform citizens of Town Center issues and progress.

For more about what we heard and what was discussed, see the center section of this newsletter, watch for the upcoming UPTV programs, or visit our website at www.CityofUP.com.

Linda Bird, Mayor

COUNCIL CORNER...

I would like to thank the citizens of this great city for giving me the opportunity to serve you on the City Council for the past 12 years. Like all of you, I care deeply about this community and want it to always be a great place to live, work, and raise our families.

During the next two years we have problems to resolve and goals to achieve. I will discuss some of our major issues in a moment, but first I want you to understand what my core values are.

I believe strongly in open and accessible government and will do all I can to promote this goal. A first step will be to begin televising all regular council meetings. My door is always open, and I welcome your input and suggestions. I look forward to visiting with you and your neighbors in your home, community meeting room, service club meeting or in my office here at City Hall.

I believe that the opinions of all citizens and Councilmembers deserve respect, and will work to ensure that our council meetings always reflect that value. While we may not always come to the same conclusion on a particular

situation, I believe we all share a common interest and concern to do what is best for our community.

My priorities as a Councilmember have always been to ensure your public safety, maintain a balanced budget, support sensible land use planning, and continue to keep the City property tax rate lower than if we had remained in the County. I believe we have achieved this for the past 12 years and will continue to do so in the future.

I recognize that the City will face a significant challenge during the next few months as we sort out and address the ramifications of our decision to terminate our agreement with Town Center Development, Inc.

I want to assure you that we have already begun the process of determining what mistakes were made, and what we can learn from them. The days and weeks to come will be demanding. We are all likely to hear a lot of rumors, half truths and untruths. I ask for your patience over the next few weeks as we work through these issues and explore our options.

We will do our best to keep you fully informed of the status of the project and how we plan to proceed.

It would be foolish to deny that we are facing difficult times. But it would be just as foolish to deny the tremendous potential we have to continue to move forward. I have confidence in our ability to call on our contingency plans, determine our priorities, and as community work together toward a solution that is beneficial to our City business district and our taxpayers.

My challenge to all of us as a community is that as we go through this process, we respect all points of view, demonstrate a willingness to listen to all options, and keep an open mind, as we consider the best path forward. I am confident we can work together toward a solution to create a successful Town Center for our City. I invite your input, cooperation and assistance in this endeavor.

Linda Bird, Mayor



Linda Bird, Mayor

CITY COUNCIL

Linda Bird	564-6305
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Stan Flemming	460-2500
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MEETING CALENDAR

February 11 – 7 p.m.
Special Meeting

February 18 – No Meeting
Presidents' Day

February 19 – 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting

February 25 – 7 p.m.
Special Meeting

March 3 – 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting

March 10 – 7 p.m.
Special Meeting

The City Council has proposed the following change to the Fireworks Ordinance:

SALE DATES – JUNE 30 THROUGH JULY 4

DISCHARGE DATES – JULY 3 & 4

This matter will be considered at the **Tuesday, February 19, 2008 Council Meeting.**

Public Comment will be taken at that time.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 460-2510.

Coffee with Council

Have a question or comment about the City? Join U.P. City Councilmembers for coffee on the **last Wednesday of each month from 9-10 a.m. at the Senior Community Center** at 2534 Grandview Drive West.

Everyone is invited to attend!

Citizens can also schedule other dates and times with City Councilmembers by calling 460-2500.



All City Council meetings are held in the Town Hall meeting room, Windmill Village, 3715 Bridgeport Way, usually at 7 p.m., (unless otherwise posted). Changes to meeting times and locations are posted at City Hall, University Place Library, and Fire District #3, or contact the City Clerk's Office for current information about meeting dates and agendas. For information on the location of other City Committee meetings, as well as current information about meeting dates and agendas, please contact the City Clerk at 253-460-2510.

U.P. Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale

April 26 & 27 in Homestead Park

Don't miss this fantastic explosion of color at the University Place Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale on **April 26 from 9-5** and **April 27 from 10-2** at Homestead Park, 3715 Bridgeport Way, in University Place, Washington.

The show features an exhibit of over 400 Rhododendron trusses, and a spectacular "Mountain of Flowers" Rhododendron display. The event also includes a self-guided walking tour of the five-acre Homestead Park Rhododendron Garden in full bloom.

A highlight of the Flower Show is an incredible two-day plant sale offering a large selection of rare and unusual Rhododendrons, azaleas, fuchsias and companion plants from specialty vendors across Puget Sound.

For information on how you can participate in the juried Rhododendron truss exhibit go to www.CityofUP.com. If you are interested in being a plant

vendor, contact Dr. Gary Becker at 265-2796 or GBecker@Centurytel.net.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of Homestead Park and the Peninsula Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society.

For additional information contact Lorna Smith at 460-0910.



April 26-27

Saturday 9-5
Sunday 10-2

3715 Bridgeport Way
Homestead Park
(Just behind City Hall)

Councilmember Dr. Stan Flemming earns national accolades

University Place Councilmember and former Mayor Dr. Stan Flemming is one of five outstanding alumni who will be recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges at a special ceremony in Philadelphia in April.

Flemming, who was nominated for the award by Pierce College Chancellor Michele Johnson, was chosen for this prestigious national honor due to his career achievements, his inspirational impact, and his philanthropic and public service contributions to the community and college.

After earning his associate's degree from Pierce College in 1973, Flemming went on to earn a bach-

elor's degree from the University of Washington, a master's degree from Pacific Lutheran University and a doctorate of osteopathic medicine from Western University of Health Science - Pomona.

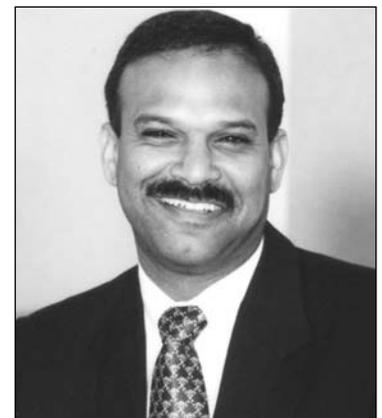
He is the president and chief executive officer of the Yakima-based Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, a new medical school specializing in disease prevention training for rural primary care physicians. He is also the commanding general of the Northwest Army Reserve Medical Region and 8th Medical Brigade.

During the course of his career, he also served two combat tours of duty, was president of the Rainier

Communications Commission, chaired the Board of Trustees of The Evergreen State College, and became the first Native American to serve in the State House of Representatives when he represented the 28th District from 1992 to 1995.

In 1997 he was awarded Pierce College's highest award, Distinguished Alumnus, in recognition of his contributions to the school as graduation speaker, donor and legislative advocate.

"Those of us who have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Flemming and benefit from his leadership know that this award is well-deserved," said University Place



City Manager Bob Jean. "Given all he has accomplished, we are especially proud to be able to say he calls University Place his home."

Join a Music Program today!

University Place Parks and Recreation is continuing to add more cultural arts programs. On the music side: viola, violin, and guitar classes are all being offered. Students who attended classes in the Fall really enjoyed the opportunity to learn how to play new instruments.

(Please note, students must provide their own instrument.)

There is also a Jazz/Hip Hop Dance class that begins February 5 for ages 10-15!

For questions on music classes, contact Brason Alexander at the Parks and Recreation Office, (253) 460-5404, or baalexander@CityofUP.com.



Time for New Year's Resolutions!

Don't miss out on our fitness classes

The following programs are offered through the University Place Recreation Department. Please call 564-1992 or 460-2530 for further information or check out online registration on the City's website at www.CityofUP.com.

Stay Active and Independent For Life Fitness Class (S.A.I.L.)

Classes are offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 3-4 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per class. This program is for older adults of all physical abilities, call for more details.

Zumba

Zumba is NEW and offered Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. or Thursdays from 6:30-7:30. Try out this fun, easy way to exercise. Classes run for 4 weeks and are \$60 per session.

Yoga

Yoga is offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings, at various times depending on class level. Sessions run for 7 weeks and are \$85 per session.

Thank You to Our Flag Football & Soccer Coaches



We Appreciate You!

Enjoy a trip to the Seattle Symphony!



Enjoy a day to relax and educate yourself – sign up for a visit to the Seattle Symphony! The trip begins with motor coach transportation to Benaroya Hall. Once you arrive you will enjoy your lunch and an educational seminar on the symphony you are about to experience.

Following the pre-concert lecture, you will see the Seattle Symphony perform “Bach’s Mass in B minor”. What a great way to spend your Friday!

Date: March 21

Price: \$42 (without lunch), \$52 (with catered lunch)

Departure time: 8:30 a.m.

Return time: 5:30 p.m.

Minimum signup: 5

Maximum signup: 14

Camp UPlay is back for Winter and Spring Breaks!

With **Winter Break (2/18-22)** and **Spring Break (4/7-11)** quickly approaching, the City of University Place Recreation office is proud to offer two weeks of Camp UPLAY. Camp UPLAY is a week of fun activities, games, arts & crafts and much more. Children will be in a well-supervised environment with trained staff as well as an on-site administrator ensuring safety, structure and fun! Camp UPLAY is an excellent option for childcare during breaks from school, providing a fun and safe environment.

Camp will be held at Evergreen Primary (7102 40th Street West) and is for ages 5-12. **Regular hours are from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.** and **extended hours are from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.** To register for camp a completed registration form must be turned in to the Parks and Recreation office at 3715 Bridgeport Way W, Suite B-1 or fax your registration to (253) 460-5416. For more information or to obtain a registration form, call (253) 460-2530.

Don't miss out on the fun! Space is limited so register early!



School House Rock Live! Jr.

The Tacoma Musical Playhouse and U.P. Parks and Recreation have partnered to bring a Spring Break Camp for youth interested in performing. Tacoma Musical Playhouse will put on a week-long camp where students will learn musical theater from well-trained instructors of Tacoma Musical Playhouse. School House Rock camp will finish with two performances of School Houses Rock Live! Jr.

Camp will run from April 7-11 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The camp is for students in grades 1-12. Placement auditions will be held on Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m.

Final performances are April 11 at 7 p.m. and April 12 at 2 p.m. Camp will be held at Tacoma Musical Playhouse (7116 6th Ave, Tacoma, WA 98406).

For information, questions and registration, contact Brason Alexander at the Parks and Recreation Office at (253) 460-5404 or balexander@CityofUP.com.

U.P. Youth Council donates time and energy in the community

The University Place Youth Council (UPYC) Holiday food drive was a huge success. On December 15, Youth Council members roamed the streets of University Place collecting food donations from residents of the community. The food collected by the Youth Council would later be donated to the University Place Professional Firefighters Local 2105.

UPYC members had a great time giving back during the holidays and would like to thank everyone who donated. The UPYC will continue their great community works in 2008, starting with the Annual Daddy Daughter Dance on February 8 in the Curtis High School Cafeteria.

If you have questions or would like to join UPYC, contact Brason Alexander at the Parks and Recreation Office at (253) 460-5404 or balexander@CityofUP.com.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is February 15-18, 2008

People from all across the United States and Canada will be watching and counting birds during the Great Backyard Bird Count – for fun and for conservation. Last year, they counted more than 11 million birds and tallied 616 species for the 10th Annual GBBC. It was a record-breaking count, with more than 80,000 checklists submitted.

National Audubon and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology are hosting the GBBC with sponsorship from Wild Birds Unlimited. During the event, everyone who enjoys birds can submit their observations through www.birdsource.org/gbbc. Be sure to go to the website before you count to see the very important easy-to-follow instructions and local checklists.

To have more fun, join Tahoma Audubon Society's Seventh Annual GBBC Special which we hope will feature four separate days of events. The January flyer will give place, time, etc. Call TAS, (253) 565-9278, to get directions and let us know which day's activity you wish to join. There will be a meal, a crash course, and birding with a Master Birder. It is free, though we encourage non-members to take out an introductory membership for the family at \$20 (\$15 for seniors or students).

Do you wish to offer the use of your yard for this GBBC? You will be asked to choose whether you would like to make a breakfast, lunch or supper. You will be supplied a Master Birder unless that is a job that someone in your family can do. Thanks for considering this and letting us know as soon as possible.

Please call Thelma Gilmur, 564-8210, to offer to help or for further information. Call TAS early to sign up so that hosts will know how much food to plan on.



Town Center: Next Steps

A Walkable, Livable Downtown

- Create a sense of place (a real downtown, not a strip mall)
- Develop a social and economic focal point for our community
- Accommodate new growth as required by State mandates
- Preserve our neighborhoods by concentrating growth in Town Center



A new, larger, high-tech library



Town Center M



What We Heard:

Vision/Goals –

The vision and goals for Town Center still seemed right to many, but the phasing more, however, the key message was to proceed.

Library and University –

The City needs to get the Library/Civic Building construction

Project Costs –

Some thought the City was funding the full \$250 million project. However, some streets, Market Square, the Library/Civic Building and much of the cost of project costs should be paid from project revenues, not current

Project Management –

Consider adding some private sector development experience. This is a Public-Private project. The Public parts of the project are clearly the next developer(s) need their own onsite project management

Developer Selection –

Can the City involve someone with experience on the developer(s)? Can our Economic Development Committee and other organizations

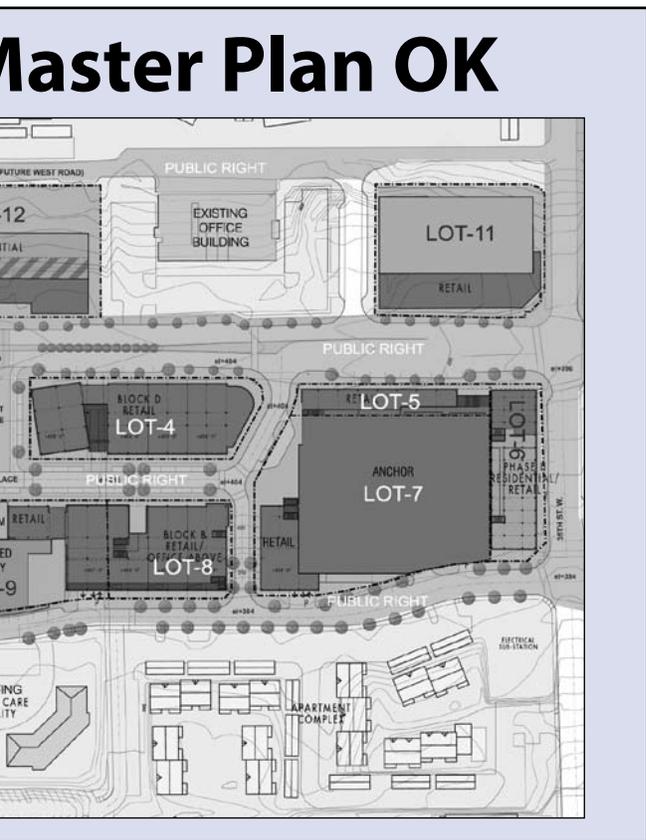
Traffic Mitigation –

Several local developers asked if the Town Center Project would

More Information & More Open –

Can the City provide more ongoing information on the Project? Yes, and several useful suggestions were received. More in

On January 14 the City Council hosted a Next Steps Community Meeting at U.P. City Hall to discuss options for the future of the Town Center development. The previous goals of a walkable, livable downtown and sustainable tax base were reaffirmed; and the Master Site Plan seemed acceptable to most. The Council is continuing to work on Next Steps to build upon the work to date.



most; some people are open to scaling back or building in phases; n started and get a private developer for the University Building.

ject. Not so, the City is responsible for the public improvements: the public parking. Everyone seemed to agree that the City's share tax dollars.

e to the City's overall Town Center Project Management Team. are on time and on budget. It is the Private side that is behind. ger for the private project portions.

velopment side of things in the selection process for the next Planning Commission be involved more? Yes, to both sugges-

uld be responsible for its share of traffic mitigation and fees. Yes.

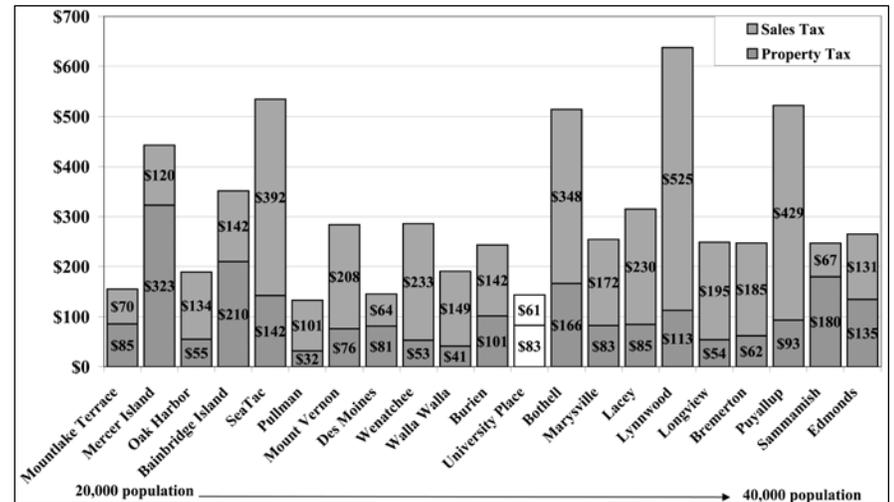
ject status and be even more open in its discussions about Town information on the website www.CityofUP.com.

A Strong, Sustainable Tax Base

- Generate revenue to sustain and expand services (streets, sidewalks, street lights, police) desired by residents and to repay our investment in economic development
- Attract high quality retail and restaurants to capture sales tax dollars our residents currently spend elsewhere
- Diversify our tax base, where more of the property taxes are paid by business and less by residents

Property and Sales Tax Per Capita

University Place has the lowest sales and property tax per capita of any city its size in the State.



Project Costs from Project Revenues (not from current tax dollars)

The Town Center Project short-term costs are to be repaid from land sales. The City purchased \$17 million worth of land. The Separation and Termination Agreement of \$1.75 million and the General Fund start-up costs for the Town Center Project now totals approximately \$20 million. The land has appreciated considerably and is currently worth about \$20-21 million.

Long-term, the bonds sold for the public improvements (Library/Civic Building, streets, utilities, Market Square and public parking) will be repaid from a portion of the new tax revenues generated by Town Center. Revenues above the bond payments will then be available to increase City services and pay for capital improvements city-wide.

The average *City share of the property tax* per household has actually gone DOWN during the last five years that we've been working on Town Center. Project costs will be paid from project revenues, not from current property taxes.

City Council adopts Zoning Code amendments

On January 22 the City Council adopted a package of amendments to the City's Zoning Code. This action represented the culmination of Council and Planning Commission efforts in 2007 to review existing zoning regulations and prepare amendments that will help guide future development within the community. The intent was to refine existing regulations to better implement the goals, objectives and policies contained within the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Specific amendments were suggested by Councilmembers, Planning Commissioners, City Staff, citizens and others who use the Zoning Code. A series of public meetings were conducted by the Commission and Council to solicit input. The end result of this process is the adoption of amendments to the following chapters:

Chapter 19.20 – Zones, Map Designations, Interpretation of Boundaries

Chapter 19.25 – Uses and Zone Classification Tables

Chapter 19.45 – Density and Dimension

Chapter 19.60 – Off-Street Parking Requirements

Chapter 19.65 – Landscaping/Trees

Chapter 19.80 – Nonconforming Uses

Chapter 19.85 – Discretionary Land Use Permits

Some of the more significant amendments:

- Establish minimum lot sizes and minimum lot widths in the R1, R2 and certain other zoning districts. This change will help ensure that the size and dimensions of newly created lots are more in keeping with historic development patterns.
- Delete a provision that allowed density calculations to be rounded to the nearest whole number. This change will mean that the number of dwelling units permitted in some future developments may be less than previously allowed.
- Revise various building setback requirements, in terms of how they will apply to historic lot lines and in terms of the conditions under which they may be reduced in planned development districts.
- Change the off-street parking standard for theaters and re-establish parking dimen-

sion, size and access standards omitted from the previous regulations.

- Revise the nonconforming use provisions so that structures containing a nonconforming use may be replaced if destroyed by more than 50 percent of the improvement value as a result of accidental fire or natural causes, but only if permits to rebuild are taken out within one year of the damage and reconstruction is substantially completed within 12 months of permit issuance.
- Include various "housekeeping" amendments intended to improve the user-friendliness of the code.
- Modify the planned development district (PDD) regulations to improve their effectiveness in ensuring that future PDDs will be well designed and include amenities that will benefit the community.

For more information on specific amendments, please contact the Development Services Department, at (253) 460-2509.

Free Pruning Parties offered at Curran Apple Orchard Park



Join us for free pruning parties at the Curran Orchard from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following Saturdays: February 9, February 23, March 8, March 15 and October 4.

Free instruction by Master Gardeners and a Certified Arborist will be given. Goodies will be provided. If possible bring work gloves, loppers, hand saws and hand pruners. Some tools are available for use that day. You will be asked to help prune a tree in the orchard that day for practice.

The Orchard is located at 3920 Grandview Drive West, University Place, WA. For more information contact Marie at 460-2530, or Molly at 564-2562, CORE chairperson. You will enjoy your day in our beautiful working apple orchard!

UP for Art

Meets at City Hall
3715 Bridgeport Way W.
3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

CORE

Meets at City Hall
3715 Bridgeport Way W.
1st Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

SUNDOGS

Meets at U.P. Presbyterian
8101 27th St. W.
3rd Wednesdays at 7 p.m.



Time to volunteer? Check out www.volunteermatch.org!
Or visit the U.P. Volunteer Center at Team Insurance, 2811 Bridgeport Way W.

Firefighter Christmas Project a Success

Thanks to the community of University Place, the Annual University Place Firefighter Christmas Project was very successful. With generous donations we were able to provide 53 families and 148 children with a holiday meal and extra food, clothing, new toys and a stocking. Your donations made this project a success.

The Fire Department would like to thank:

The Community of University Place
 UP Counselors & ECAEP program
 Kenna and Sue Little
 Owens Press
 Forza Coffee
 Narrows View Intermediate
 Sunset Primary
 UP Youth Council
 Operation Hands On
 UP Presbyterian Church
 UP Presbyterian Church MOPS group
 Dr. Lisa Block
 Dr. Bob William
 UPAC Swim Club
 Dollar Tree



First things first

Fire department offers First Aid and CPR class

Because the best way to handle an emergency is to be prepared for one, the University Place Fire Department is offering First Aid and CPR classes for U.P. residents who want to know basic life-saving skills.

Class participants will be instructed on the basic techniques of CPR including airway management, first aid for choking, burns, control of bleeding, splinting, bandaging, sprains, strains, poison control and other first aid procedures.

This course meets Labor and Industries and Department of Social and Health standards and upon successful completion, participants can receive a "course completion" or "certification" card for the workplace that is good for two years. Given the basic nature of the course, however, it does not meet healthcare provider requirements.

The course costs \$30 and can be completed in one day. Classes will

be held on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates:

- Feb. 16
- April 19
- June 21
- Aug. 16
- Oct. 18
- Dec. 20

Pre-registration and pre-payment is required and classes may be postponed if the minimum class size of four students is not met.

To register, please include a check for \$30 payable to PCFD #3 and mail to: University Place Fire Department, 3631 Drexler Drive W. Suite B. University Place, WA 98466. Please indicate on your check the class date for which you are registering.

For more information or questions, please call Pierce County Fire District 3 at (253) 564-1623.

Spring yard pickup

Even though the warm days of summer may seem months away, it is time to start pruning your gardens to maximize your spring and summer blooms and clear away



any debris left behind by winter's winds.

University Place Refuse will conduct its annual free spring yard waste/recycling pickup of oversized items during regular recycling/yard waste days from April 14 through April 25.

Lakewood Refuse and University

Place Refuse will collect items – namely branches and tree limbs that do not fit in the standard yard waste toters – as long as they are placed at the curb in a pile no larger than 6-by-6-by-6 feet. Tree stumps and branches/limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter will not be picked up.

Placing oversized items such as large tree and shrub limbs in a standard yard waste toter can damage the container. Yard waste toters should be reserved for smaller items such as lawn clippings, leaves, roots, etc.

If you have any questions about the kind and size of acceptable yard waste items or the pick up schedule, please contact University Place Refuse at (253) 564-3212 or Lakewood Refuse at (253) 588-1705.

Pierce County READS

What if everybody read the same book, at the same time, in the same community? Find out February-April 2008, during Pierce County Library System and The News Tribune's first community one book program: Pierce County READS, sponsored by Key Foundation, a foundation funded by KeyBank.

Pierce County READS is a community involvement program where everybody in one place, at one time, reads, talks about, shares and enjoys the same book.

The goal of Pierce County READS is to result in thousands of residents reading, discussing and enjoying the same book, and coming together as a community.

Many community partners are also participating in Pierce County's first READ program: Associated Ministries, Barnes & Noble, Borders, Clover Park Technical College, Fort Lewis Library, Garfield Book Company, King's Books, Lakewood Historical Society and History Museum, McChord Air Force Base Library, Mostly Books, Pacific Lutheran University, Pierce College, Pierce County Library Foundation and donors, Pierce County Library Friends organizations, Puyallup Public Library, Roy Public Library and Sumner Arts Commission.

The City of University Place plans to proclaim February through April 2008 Pierce County READS.

Community one-book programs have been wildly successful in communities throughout the United States. The Library, Key Foundation, The News Tribune and the numerous community partners will invite people throughout the county to participate during a focused three-month period. Pierce County READS 2008 is targeted for adults with an anticipation that college and high school students may participate, too.

Feb. 3, 2008, Pierce County Library System and The News Tribune will unveil the featured book and author for Pierce County READS 2008. Look for the announcement in Pierce County Libraries, The News Tribune and online at www.pierce-countylibrary.org.

Hint: the 2008 Pierce County READS book is written by a worldwide best selling author and



At the January 22 City Council Meeting, Mayor Linda Bird presented Cindy Bonaro, Pierce County Library's Managing Librarian in U.P., with a framed proclamation recognizing February-April 2008 as the time for Pierce County READS.

this book has been a best seller. Readers will be engaged by the novel's cunning craft and discussion of moral values.

Pierce County READS will conclude with the author giving a free presentation at Pacific Lutheran University, Olson Auditorium, on April 26. Attendees may meet the Pierce County READS 2008 award-winning author and have

their books signed.

Washington State Library, Office of the Secretary of State, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded Pierce County Library Foundation with A One City One Book grant to support Pierce County Library's Pierce County READS. Rainier Pacific Foundation is an event supporter.

New Pierce County Disaster Preparedness Guide helps citizens prepare future emergencies

Windstorms, floods, earthquakes – the question isn't if, but when. The new Pierce County Disaster Preparedness Guide helps citizens prepare for such events.

The guide covers how to assemble a disaster kit, make a family communication plan and care for people with special needs. Copies of the guide were mailed this month to 18,000 Pierce County floodplain and shoreline residents. It is available online at www.pierce-countywa.org/flood.

To open, scroll down and open

Flood Preparedness Information and then mouse click on the Disaster Preparedness Guide, which was produced by the Public Works and Utilities Water Programs Division in cooperation with the Department of Emergency Management. It is useful for almost any kind of natural disaster.

"Keeping Pierce County a safe place to live is one of our primary missions," said Public Works and Utilities Director Brian Ziegler. "We want people to stay safe during emergencies, so we can focus on

clearing roads, repairing damage and restoring services. The new guide provides details people can use to get ready."

Emergency Management Director Steve Bailey said personal preparedness is the key to surviving disaster. "In order to be prepared, people need to understand potential hazards in their communities and know how to prepare and respond. This guide is part of Pierce County's on-going effort to educate our citizens so they can be ready before a disaster strikes," he said.

In the past, the County recommended storing a three-day food supply for emergencies, but now the recommendation is seven days. According to the guide, County residents should be prepared to be self-sufficient for a week during a disaster or emergency.

For more information, contact Gloria Van Spanckeren, Water Programs Outreach and Education, at (253) 798-4688, or Dick Ferguson, Media and Community Relations, at (253) 798-3979.

Why Should I become a Patron of Beautification???

What makes University Place different from so many surrounding communities? It's our University Place residents and their commitment to making U.P. one of the most livable and beautiful cities in the Northwest!

A variety of projects in our community are funded through COMMUNITY DONATIONS (not tax dollars). Some of these projects include the purchase of street-side waste receptacles, benches, community art, Christmas street decorations, decorative bike racks, flower bulbs for city-wide plantings, and park improvements – your donation, large or small, makes a significant difference in our community.

Spring is a great time to see your donation dollars at work. To date, over 75,000 daffodil and tulip bulbs have been planted and will soon be popping up all over our City adding beauty and color to the landscape.

YOU can be a part of making Beautification happen in our City... How? Just fill out the form below and mail it in with your donation.



Remember, every donation dollar counts in University Place – so mail your donation form in today!

Patron of Beautification Donation Form

I like what I see being done to beautify our community. How can I become a Patron of Beautification?

Mail your donation to:

PATRON OF BEAUTIFICATION, 3715 Bridgeport Way W., University Place WA 98466

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Sponsorship Levels: \$15-Violet \$25-Petunia \$50-Geranium \$100-Marigold \$250-Bulb-buster \$500-Green Thumb

Enclosed is my check for: \$ _____ to benefit the City's Beautification effort.

(Circle one) Visa Mastercard Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Your dollars do make a difference in University Place!

Special thanks to the following Patrons of Beautification:

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Richie Steffen, well-known horticulturalist, will speak on March 20 at City Hall

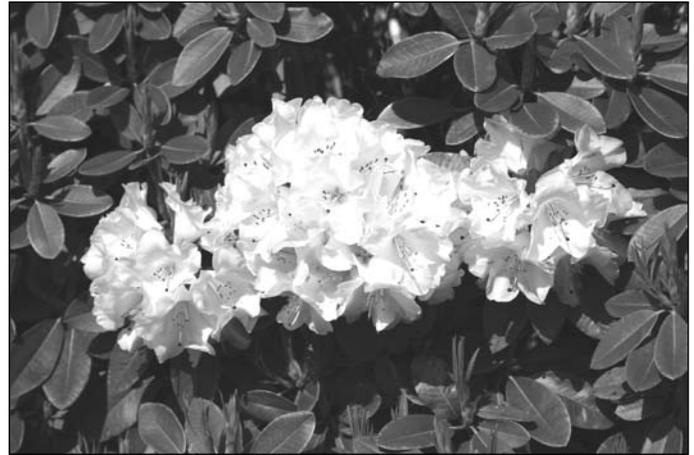
The Friends of Homestead Park Committee will be hosting a joint meeting of the Tacoma Rhododendron Society and the Peninsula Rhododendron Society at the City Hall Community Room on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 7 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The guest speaker will be Richie Steffen of the Elisabeth Carey Miller Garden in Seattle.

The Elisabeth Carey Miller Botanical Garden was the private home and garden of Elizabeth and Pendleton Miller. The garden is known for its exceptional collection of fine trees and shrubs in addition to an expansive collection of woodland herbaceous perennials.

Mr. Steffen is a well-known personality on the Pacific Northwest horticulture scene. He joined the Miller Garden in 2000, bringing with him a variety of horticultural expertise. After moving to Seattle in 1989, he worked at Sky Nursery in Shoreline and then, as propagator/nursery man-

ager, at the Rhododendron Species Foundation and Botanical Garden. He studied horticulture at the University of Maryland, majoring in nursery and greenhouse management.

At the Miller Garden, Richie oversees general horticulture and manages the garden's special collections, including rare plants, ferns, hepaticas, auricular primroses, rare bulbs, and alpine plants. Richie keeps ahead of horticulture trends throughout the country by reading, attending lectures, traveling, plant collecting, visiting gardens and networking with other horticulture professionals. Richie is a superb photographer and is building an archival slide collection at the Miller Garden.



His photos can be seen in GardenWise magazine (B.C.), Pacific Horticulture, Washington Park Arboretum Bulletin, and Pacific Magazine.

For more information, contact Linda Bird, Friends of Homestead Park, 564-6305.

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Police/Fire/Medical Emergencies	911	Animal Control/Codes Enforcement	798-3133
Pierce County Sheriff (24 hours, non-emergency)	798-4721	Tacoma Public Utilities (customer service)	502-8600
University Place Police (business)	798-4058	Tacoma Power Outages (24 hours)	502-8602
University Place Fire Dept. (non-emergency)	564-1623	Water Emergency	502-8384, after 4:30 p.m. 502-8344
Domestic Violence Help Line	798-4166	Washington Natural Gas Emergencies	1-888-225-5773

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U.P. Regular City Council Meetings (taped the first & third Mondays and played 24-48 hours later)

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