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Town Center Selection Advisory Committee moves ahead

Immediately following the January 14 Community Meeting on **Town Center Next Steps**, the City Council undertook several actions, the first of which was the appointment of a Selection Advisory Committee (SAG). The City Council as a whole, along with three Planning Commission members, two Economic Development Committee members, and Bruce Kendall, President of the Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board, were all appointed to the SAG. They immediately went to work and have had public meetings on February 1, 5 and 26, March 18, 25 and 31.

As a result of the committee's hard work, the City has received three Statements of Qualification from three very impressive groups, one from Portland/Bellevue, one from Washington D.C., and another from Denver. The SAG is in the process of reviewing and narrowing down the proposals and may have a preferred developer selected as early as April.



From left to right: (front row) Bruce Kendall, TPC Economic Development Board; Linda Bird, Mayor; Jean Brooks, Councilmember; (back row) Dirk Thompson & John Siridakis, Economic Development Committee; Sue Harwood, Caroline Bellici & Cliff Quisenberry, Planning Commission; and Debbie Klosowski, Mayor Pro Tem.

Town Center public information & updates



Other Action Steps taken by Council following the Community Meeting in January:

- Town Center updates on UPTV at every regular Council Meeting
- Town Center updates on the City's website, www.CityofUP.com 
- Newsletter and newspaper updates
- Additional Council Coffee and Cookies Meetings
- Performance Audit authorized March 3, 2008
- Hiring additional consultant "experts" to assist Selection Advisory Group

Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale

Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 27 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Homestead Park at City Hall, 3715 Bridgeport Way W.



COUNCIL CORNER...

"What's going on in University Place, especially with Town Center?"

I frequently hear this question from citizens at work, on the Grandview path or at the grocery store. Keeping citizens informed is one of our Council's priorities; yet, it's often challenging due to the nature and number of issues within our community.

Citizens can obtain updates in several ways. Our regular council meetings and special programs are broadcast on UPTV. People can attend meetings or check out our website at www.CityofUP.com.

Our monthly newsletter "Headlines" is mailed to all citizens; however, it is difficult to present time-sensitive issues since articles must get to the printer two to three weeks before they are mailed out. Although sending out special meeting notices is another option, we must use this judiciously since it costs at least \$5,000 per mailing.

Everyone is welcome at "Coffee with Council" at the Senior Center the last Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. or a new monthly evening event entitled "Cookies with Council" at City Hall (see the article below for upcoming dates).

Finally, if you have a question

or comment, please contact us via email, phone or letter...we would love to hear from you!

Besides the usual business of running the city (which is hectic in itself at times!), Town Center remains one of our top priorities. Since January, we have hired two independent consulting firms: Shiels, Oblatz, Johnson Inc. and Heartland, LLC, both of which have extensive public/private sector experience in evaluating, negotiating and structuring complex real estate projects. Attorney Jay Reich of K&L Preston Gates Ellis, LLP continues to provide additional expertise along with our Selection Advisory Group (composed of members from our Economic Development Committee, Planning Commission, City Council and Bruce Kendall of the Tacoma Pierce County Economic Development Board). Together, this team will help us evaluate the credentials, finances and experience of potential developers.

As of mid-March, the Town Center Team was evaluating three potential development groups: Gerding Edlen out of Portland and Bellevue; F&F Development from Washington, DC; and Alberta Development Partners of Greenwood Village, Colorado. Past Gerding Edlen projects include

Brewery Row (Portland's Pearl District); F&F developed Santana Row (San Jose); and Alberta developed Northlands (Denver).

It is our duty to thoroughly assess each applicant's capacity for developing a Town Center that will create a community gathering place with appropriate retail, restaurants and entertainment along with providing sufficient sales tax revenues.

Meanwhile, work continues on the public portion of Town Center which includes starting construction of the Library/Civic Building this summer. Potential designs are underway for the Market Square public plaza which will be presented for community review and input later this Spring. Also, be sure to drive by the parking garage behind City Hall...I guarantee you will be amazed!

As many of you know, Town Center is an extremely complicated project and we take our responsibility seriously to thoroughly examine all proposals to make the best decision for our community's future. We deeply appreciate your support and patience and look forward to keeping you apprised throughout the process.

*Debbie Klosowski
Mayor Pro Tem*



Debbie Klosowski, Mayor Pro Tem

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MEETING CALENDAR

- April 7 – 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- April 14 – 7 p.m.
Special Meeting
- April 21 – 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- April 28 – 7 p.m.
Special Meeting
- May 5 – 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting

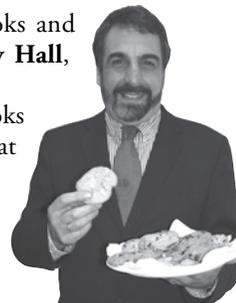
Coffee or Cookies with Council

Have a question or comment about the City? Would you like to get to know your City Council better? Your U.P. City Councilmembers have regularly scheduled citizen meeting times during the last week of each and every month and everyone is invited to attend!

This month you can meet in the evening with Councilmembers Jean Brooks and Ken Grassi for cookies on **Wednesday, April 23 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 3715 Bridgeport Way West.**

If you'd prefer a morning alternative, please join Councilmember Jean Brooks on **Wednesday, April 30 from 9-10 a.m. at the Senior Community Center at 2534 Grandview Drive West.**

Take the time to drop in to say hello and get your questions answered. Citizens can also schedule other dates and times with City Councilmembers by calling 460-2500.



CORE

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



UP for Art

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

SUNDOGS

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



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.

Come to the Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale!

Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. & Sunday, April 27 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Homestead Park at City Hall, 3715 Bridgeport Way W.

Don't miss the fantastic explosion of color at the University Place Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale. The show features an exhibit of over 400 rhododendron trusses and a spectacular Viraia (tropical) Rhododendron Arbor display. The event also includes a self-guided walking tour of the five acre Homestead Park Rhododendron Garden in full bloom.



You are invited to enter your favorite rhododendron trusses to be judged in our unique Truss Exhibit – one of the largest FREE exhibits in the Pacific Northwest. Entries will be accepted from 3–6 p.m. on Friday, April 25 and from 8–Noon on Saturday, April 26.

Visit the Garden Shop, (open Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 10-2) composed of specialty plant vendors from around the Puget Sound area. There will be a large selection of rare and unusual rhododendrons, azaleas, roses, ferns, fuchsias and other companion plants especially suited to Northwest gardens.

For information on how you can participate in the juried rhododendron truss exhibit, visit www.CityofUP.com. If you are interested in being a plant vendor, contact Dr. Becker at (253) 265-2796 or GBecker@Centurytel.net, or Lorna Smith at LornaSmith37@yahoo.com. Volunteers are need to help out, especially during Friday's daytime setup. Please call Linda Bird at (253) 564-6305 to sign up as a volunteer.

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

Cirque City-wide Summer Sale Spectacular

*Planning is underway now for this community yard sale on August 9 at Cirque Park
All proceeds go towards the University Place Volunteer Center*

Do you have things to sell? Want to clean out the house or garage? Why not get a booth, sell those unused items and take home the \$\$! 10x10 spaces are available. Groups and organizations – this is a GREAT fundraising opportunity!!!

Nothing to sell, but you are looking for some great buys? Join the shoppers at this year's CITY-WIDE SALE! Reserve your space now!!

Booth Size: 10x10

\$35 "Early Bird" (on or before July 31)

Application Deadline: August 5

\$50 (August 1 – August 5)

Remember: To take advantage of the "Early Bird" special, applications must be received by July 31!

Summer Sale Spectacular Application Form

Please fill in the following information and mail with check or money order made payable to:

U.P. VOLUNTEER CENTER, 2815 Rochester St., University Place, WA 98466

Vendor Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Rules and guidelines are available on the City's website at www.CityofUP.com. Need more information? Please call (253) 460-2500 or (253) 564-3212.

Application Deadline: August 5 – "Early Bird" Deadline: July 31

Help cultivate your other backyard during Parks Appreciation Day

If you enjoy spending time in our City's beautiful parks, please set aside a few hours this month to help get them in tip-top shape for the warm months ahead.

Pierce County will hold its 7th Annual Parks Appreciation Day on Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m. until noon. Invite your University Place

friends and neighbors to join us as we spend three hours improving the grounds and trails at Adriana Hess Wetland Park (2917 Morrison Rd W), Cirque Park (at the corner of Cirque and Bridgeport), and Homestead Park (3716 Bridgeport Way W).

Plans call for volunteers to assist with general cleanup and landscape work, including planting flowers and trees, clearing and building trails, trimming limbs, and grooming the grounds.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring (and label) tools from their homes such as small hand tools, loppers, pruners, rakes,

shovels, small pitch forks and even wheelbarrows.

As a token of thanks to those who plan on volunteering, HomeStreet Bank is giving away free pairs of gardening gloves prior to the event at the bank's Tacoma (3315 S 23rd St) or Lakewood (10802 Gravelly Lake Dr SW) branches.

For more information on the project, visit www.parksappreciationday.net.



Where 'art' thou?



This quaint and nostalgic painting depicts an historic landmark.

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Zumba! NEW for Seniors!!!

ATTENTION ZUMBA SENIORS!!! This class is for YOU!

Zumba was created for those who love to dance and who also enjoy Latin music. Take the dance movements from the Salsa, Merengue, Cumbia, Cha Cha and Belly Dance and, when you put it all together, you have ZUMBA.

This Zumba Gold program is designed for any participant, the active adult population or the true beginner. Zumba Gold addresses the anatomical, physiological, and psychological needs specific to these populations. It also includes a Zumba Chair workout. Created to emphasize the basics, this explosive program is so easy to follow that everyone any age can do it! The program is designed to provide a safe and effective total body workout. Zumba Gold is great for the mind and body – sign up and find out what the craze is all about!

Classes **begin in May** and are held on **Tuesdays 11-11:45 a.m. or 5:30-6:15 p.m.** Sessions run for one month. Please contact Jennifer Robinson to register, (253) 564-1992.

Staying Connected, living fuller @ 55+

You are invited to participate in a lively, free public event, and explore your options as an active older adult. Take part in Staying Connected at University Place Presbyterian Church, 8101 27th St W, on Saturday, May 3, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Hear Joe Piscatella, dynamic speaker and bestselling author, describe how to make your health last as long as your money. Choose from ten learning sessions on topics such as fitness, technology and travel. Tell Pierce County Library System and other community agencies how they can best serve you.

Enjoy a healthy breakfast, easy access parking, health screenings and door prizes at this free event. More info is available at <http://www.piercecountylibrary.org>, keyword Staying Connected.

Pierce County Library System and Pierce County Library Foundation are sponsoring the event. A grant from the Washington State Library with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services is also helping to sponsor the program.



Thanks!

Thank you to the American Legion for donating a new flag to the University Place Senior/Community Center. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Correction:

The Rainforest Adventure trip was mistakenly advertised for late June; the actual trip date is June 10-12.

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

Daddy Daughter Dance – A night to remember

On February 8 dads and daughters came to dance the night away at the Fifth Annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Over 650 dads and daughters enjoyed a night of cake, punch and music at Curtis High School Cafeteria. Every daughter that attended the Daddy Daughter Dance received a magical star wand and goodie bag with treats and games.

Action Photos Northwest helped capture the night by providing dads and daughters with por-

traits (photos taken by Action Photos Northwest can be viewed online at actionphotosnorthwest.com). To get a firsthand understanding of the magic of the Fifth Annual Daddy Daughter Dance you can review the pictures on the City website; go to www.CityofUP.com under Current Topics.

The Parks and Recreation would like to thank Forza Coffee Company and Brad Carpenter for their generous donation; they kept the dads pleased with great coffee all night.

The Daddy Daughter Dance would not have been possible without the work of the University

Place Youth Council. UPYC was again a major force in providing the City of University Place with another great community event. Thank you also to Curtis High School and their staff for their continued support.



Local U.P. Youth Council works to make a difference

University Place Youth Council (UPYC) is in full swing and continuing their great service of providing events and programs in the community. Recently the group aided in Camp UPlay winter break camp, the Fifth Annual Daddy Daughter Dance and a Late Night Out dance at the Environmental Center.

The UPYC also has big plans for the future: They are planning a Mother & Son Sports Ball for May 2 (more info on this event will be available in the Spring/Summer Brochure and at the Recreation office). The motivated teens felt that it was important that Mothers & Sons get the same unique opportunity offered to Dads and Daughters at their annual dance.



The UPYC will also be a part of UPFest 2008 on August 2 as well as planning and help organizing the Second Annual Cirque Slam event which will be held in late summer at Cirque/Bridgeport Park.

The Youth Council is open to 8th-12th graders and its mission includes providing constructive activities and positive role models for the youth of University Place. The group meets the first Monday of every month at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about the UPYC or would like to join, please check out the information at www.CityofUP.com/parksandrec/youthcouncil.asp or call the Parks & Recreation office at (253) 460-2530.



Camp UPlay will be starting soon...

Spring Break (April 7-11) is quickly approaching and Camp UPlay will be geared up for 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 (3715 Bridgeport Way W., Bldg. B-1) or faxed to (253) 460-5416. Don't miss out on the fun! Space is limited, so register early!

Winter Break camp (February 18-22) provided a safe and fun environment for 31 kids during the school break. Campers had a great week of fun, games, and ended the week with a bowling trip. Big thanks to Camp UPlay staff and Evergreen Primary, especially Steve.

University Place crime rates down... Identity Theft

University Place continues to be one of the safest places to live in our county. Our citizens care about one another and report suspicious and criminal behavior when they see it.

Your University Place Police work in partnership with communities to address issues by practicing Community Oriented Policing. Neighbors in University Place have a vested interest in maintaining the quality of life in their neighborhoods – this is the reason we continue to be successful at retaining some of the lowest crime rates in our region, as noted in the charts below. Also important to be aware of is the amount of

crime recorded in specific areas – the "Density of Calls for Service" map helps to illustrate the amount of crime which occurs along major thoroughfares in the city.

Please remember to **report all emergencies by dialing 911**. Citizens are requested to call 911 for any life threatening incidents or crimes in progress. For all other suspicious activity, please report by dialing 798-4722. This non-emergency number is also a 24-hour service line. It goes into the same dispatch center as the 911 calls, but is just prioritized differently.

Identity Theft

University Place Detectives agree that 90 percent of their caseloads involve identity related crimes. This type of violation can be devastating. It is difficult to find and charge those who commit this crime. Though you live in University Place, someone in Florida may have obtained your information and may be using it down there.

There are some ways you can help protect you and your family. As a general rule do not carry Social Security cards or any cards with your Social Security number on them. Please only carry these cards for planned visits where a card is required. Criminals involved in identity theft frequently use Social Security numbers to create fraudulent documents so they can gain access to your money. Your Social Security number combined with your bank account number and credit card numbers can be a disastrous combination in the wrong hands!

Take a photocopy, front and back, of all the cards in your wallet and keep those

Response time comparison

Area	Emergency	Priority	All Other
2005 University Place	4.0	9.0	23.8
Unincorporated Pierce County	9.0	18.1	42.0
2006 University Place	3.8	8.6	17.5
Unincorporated Pierce County	10.2	18.3	42.1
2007 University Place	3.9	8.8	19.2
Unincorporated Pierce County	9.8	17.9	41.7

Time is displayed in minutes from the time the call was received to the arrival of the first unit.

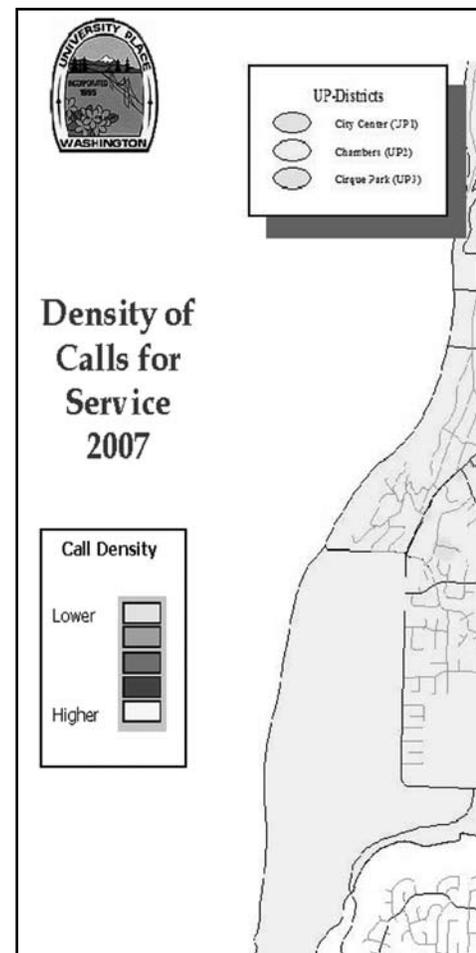
"Part One" Property Crime

Crime Type	2005	2006	2007	Change from 2006	Change from 2005
Arson	5	8	*20	*150.00%	*300.00%
Burglary	244	233	235	0.86%	-3.69%
Auto Theft	171	167	148	-11.38%	-13.45%
Theft	870	768	601	-21.74%	-30.92%
Total	1290	1176	1004	-14.63%	-22.17%

*Increased arsons due to dumpster fires

"Part One" Violent Crime

Crime Type	2005	2006	2007	Change from 2006	Change from 2005
Aggravated Assault	43	43	38	-11.63%	-11.63%
Rape	13	17	13	-23.53%	0.00%
Robbery	26	23	21	-8.70%	-19.23%
Homicide	0	0	0	N.C.	0.00%
Total	82	83	72	-13.25%	-12.20%



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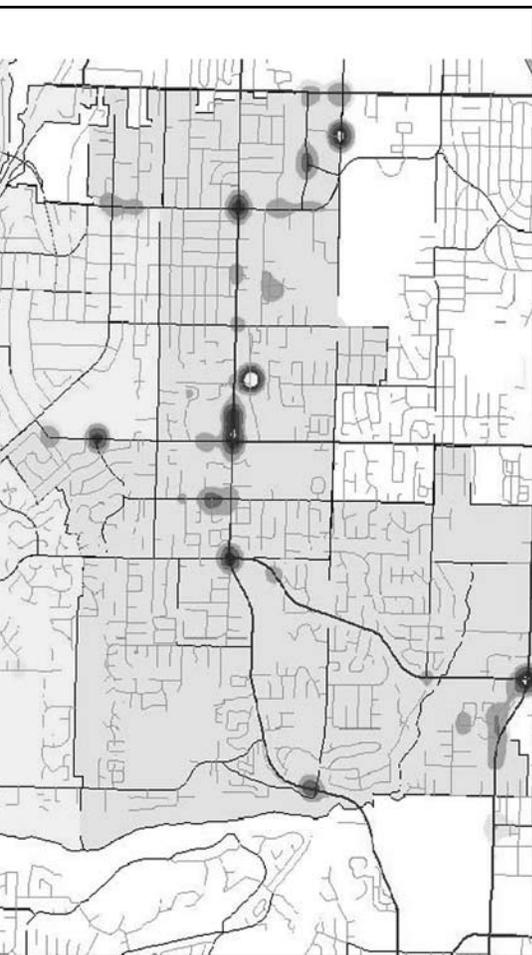
copies in a safe place. If your wallet is lost or stolen, you will know exactly what was in there and you will be able to call and get those credit cards cancelled. Plus, you'll know what personal information has been exposed.

Evaluate the personal information you keep in the glove box of your car. **"Theft from vehicle" is a consistent problem in Pierce County.** If you leave valuables in your vehicle, thieves may break into the car to steal those items and may also steal the items in the glove box – looking for personal information to steal your identity.

Check your credit reports with all three major credit reporting agencies at least once a year for accuracy and suspicious activity.

- Trans Union 800-888-4213
www.transunion.com
- Experian 888-397-3742 www.experian.com
- Equifax 800-685-1111 www.equifax.com

For more information on how to guard yourself against this type of crime, please call 1-877-ID-THEFT or go online to www.consumer.gov/idtheft.



University Place CodeRED "It's your call"



CodeRED is a **free and secure emergency notification service** for family safety and peace of mind. This system sends phone messages only to people affected by a particular situation, or, in the case of a widespread emergency like an earthquake, to the City's entire population.

CodeRED will be used for crime updates that affect your neighborhood, which may include suspect information, along with the type of increase in your area. It may also be used for earthquakes and other types of severe weather, wildfire, water main breaks, alerts concerning a missing child or adult, road closings, traffic alerts, hazardous material spills – in short, any and all emergencies and community alerts.

If the power goes out, you may not be able to depend on radio and TV. However, because telephone lines are self-powered, the City can continue to keep you informed. Make sure you have at least one working corded telephone and be sure to turn the ringer on.

Currently there are only 7,405 households registered for CodeRED in University Place. **Residents MUST register** to ensure they are registered, particularly if they have cell phones as primary contact numbers.

It's your call! Don't be the only one in your neighborhood to NOT get the call. Register today. Your personal information will not be shared.

Residents of University Place sign up one of two ways...

- Go to <http://www.CityofUP.com>.
- Scroll down to "Current Topics" where you'll find "CodeRED comes to University Place." Click on that link, it will take you to a Q&A sheet.
- Click on the "Residential Data Collection" form link in the upper right-hand corner.
- Call 798-3141; follow the instructions on the voicemail.

Frequently requested contact info

Animal Control	798-3133 or 798-3135
Report strays, found or injured animals	Mon-Sat 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
For ALL emergencies such as a dog bite or an aggressive dog – CALL 911	
Public Safety	798-3141
Chronic nuisance barking dogs	
Animal Licensing	(888) 798-4251
Reporting a lost license or concerns regarding your pet(s) licenses	
Public Works Department	460-6493
Deceased animals on roadway or city right of way	
Department of Fish & Wildlife	(360) 902-2925
Wild Animals i.e. deer, raccoons, skunks, opossums and coyotes	
Tacoma/Pierce County Humane Society	383-2733
Locating lost animals/turning in strays	
Pierce County Health Department	798-6500
Deceased Birds	
Animal Emergency Clinic	474-0791
For animals found injured after hours	

Improvements slated to begin on Alameda Avenue West

After several years of planning, Alameda Avenue is about to become a safer and brighter place for pedestrians and cyclists.

For years, residents have expressed their concerns about the narrow gravel shoulder that currently serves as the road's only off-street area for non-motorized traffic. Three open houses, dating back to 2005, have been held regarding the improvement of Alameda between Cirque Drive and 44th Street. At these open houses, the majority of the comments received from the public regarded the need for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements as well as the need for additional traffic enforcement.

The City's limited budget for street improvements is insufficient to build sidewalks and bike lanes on Alameda without other financial assistance. Based on the comments received during the open houses, the City made it a priority to seek out other sources of funding for this

project. **In 2007 the City was successful in obtaining a State grant of \$798,000 for the improvement of Alameda Avenue between 52nd Street Ct W and 44th Street W.**

Later this year, construction will begin on approximately 2,140 linear feet of sidewalk, bike lane, and street lighting improvements along the east side of Alameda Avenue West. Plans call for a 6-foot-wide concrete sidewalk with curb and gutter, a 5-foot-wide planter strip for a pedestrian buffer, a 5-foot-wide striped bicycle lane, and 16-foot-high pedestrian-oriented street lighting along the east side of the street.

In addition to these physical improvements, the University Place Police will be stepping up enforcement patrols on the street and the City will be conducting a public information campaign emphasizing pedestrian and bicycle safety.

"This is another example of the citizens of University Place speaking up and their government



The narrow gravel shoulder on both sides of Alameda Avenue West leave very little room for non-motorized traffic to travel. Patient residents will soon be rewarded as a State grant will pay for the much-needed improvements.

listening," says City Manager Bob Jean. "Residents of the area not only told us there was a problem, but they also shared ideas on solu-

tions. When the work is complete, Alameda Avenue will be a safer place for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists."

Utility tax refunds for low income households

All City of University Place low income households are eligible to apply for a utility tax refund of \$56, with an additional \$9 refunded for gas utility customers for utility taxes paid through December 31, 2007. Households that qualify can apply for a refund by obtaining an application form and submitting it no later than June 30, 2008.

"Low income" means a household earning less than 50 percent of median income as described by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

For refunds on your 2007 utility tax, the income eligibility levels are as follows:

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
One person	\$21,750
Two persons	\$24,850
Three persons	\$27,950
Four or more persons	\$31,050

Applicants must also show proof that they have lived in University Place for nine months or more of 2007.

Application forms may be obtained any of the following ways:

- **Visiting** University Place City Hall at 3715 Bridgeport Way W
- **E-mailing** a request to City_Hall@CityofUP.com
- **Downloading** a copy of the form at www.CityofUP.com
- **Calling** the Finance Department at 460-2547 to have one mailed to you

Local horses injured in probable wild animal attack

A couple of animals in University Place last month may have gotten too close for comfort. Several chunks were bitten out of two horses, Gaymar, 28, and Ezzy, 8, at the Campbell family residence, leaving the owners Ken and Colleen suspicious of what creature is capable of doing this. While the horses are being treated for infection and Gaymar may require a skin graft, they are expected to be fine. Ken's hope is that the incident will increase awareness in the area of the dangers of wild animal attacks.

These types of attacks are not a typical occurrence in a suburban setting such as University Place, but it can happen. While coyotes are hunters and scavengers, there are ways to prevent possible attacks to you, your home and your pets. According to "Living With Wildlife," an educational pamphlet distributed by the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, when encountering a coyote, make them believe they are in potential danger by making loud noises or waving your arms. The key is that you don't want the coyotes to mistake you as prey.

Other prevention tips include never leaving small children unattended where coyotes are frequently seen or heard, educating children how to respond to a possible encounter, never feeding coyotes and not leaving unattended garbage or pet food outside of your home, as this could lead to loss of fear to humans and encourage aggressive behavior. Keep pets such as cats and dogs indoors from dusk until dawn as these family friends are considered prey for coyotes. Last but not least, secure livestock and home with a fence to keep the critters out, such as an electrical fence or a coyote roller.

Being prepared should prevent close encounters. For the complete "Living with Wildlife" pamphlet, visit www.CityofUP.com, or get more information at the Department of Fish and Wildlife website at wdfw.wa.gov.

City services up ... City tax share down

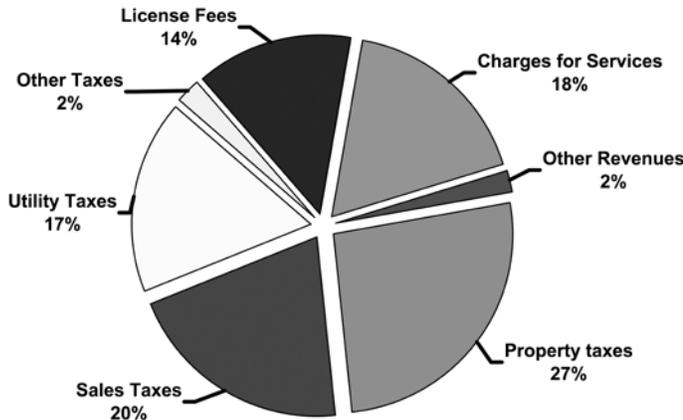
While TOTAL property taxes are up in University Place because of VOTER-APPROVED increases for schools, fire and library, CITY property taxes are DOWN. In 2007 the City tax rate was \$1.13/thousand and a typical homeowner paid \$346 in CITY TAX. For 2008 the City tax rate is \$1.05/thousand for a CITY TAX of \$316 – DOWN \$30.

Fund Revenues. Police/Public Safety services are about one-third of our expenses. Property taxes don't even cover the cost of the City Police contract!

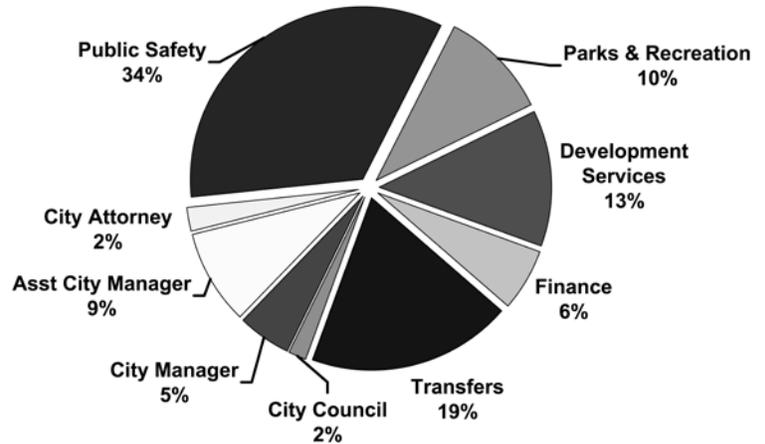
The City's economic development strategy (Town Center, Chambers Bay and other such programs) are intended to grow the local tax base WITHOUT increasing individual property tax shares.

City property taxes are about one-quarter of the City's General

General Fund Revenues



General Fund Expenditures



With nearly 33 years at U.P. Fire, Chief Bleecker retires

On April 1, 2008 University Place Fire Department's Chief Richard "Rick" Bleecker will begin his second career as 'retiree.'

Rick began his career as a



professional firefighter with University Place Fire Department in September of 1975. He held the positions of Lieutenant, Battalion Chief, Assistant Chief of Training, and Deputy Chief of Operations/ Training & Safety Officer before being promoted to Fire Chief in 2003.

He will be missed by the department and community for his dedication and leadership to the fire service and the citizens of University Place over the past 33 years.



His service honored and recognized by the City Council at its March 3 meeting, Chief Rick Bleecker was joined for the presentation by his fellow firefighters.

Chief Bleecker is looking forward to more time with his family and time on golf courses and hunting grounds. We all wish him the best.

Where 'art' thou?

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The Narrows Bridge Mural can be found in the strip mall at 27th and Grandview, on the outside wall of the old Red Apple grocery store. The unknown artist draws us into a beautiful day in a bygone era.

If you have any information about this mural, please help us solve the mystery. Contact Patricia Lebbert, Up for Art, 460-0137.



Treasures in the Park reservations for booths being accepted now!

Do your Spring Cleaning and bring reusable items to University Place's BIGGEST "Community Garage Sale." The **Eighth Annual Treasures in the Park** event is coming up on **June 7** and you won't want to miss this opportunity to clear the closet for perhaps some summer vacation cash or spare gas money.

To participate, simply sign up as an early-bird for a 10-by-10 foot booth at \$35 until May 15. The same size booth will run \$50 if reserved from **May 16 – May 31**. Space is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis, so be sure to reserve your spot today!



As in years past, Treasures runs in conjunction with the **Duck Daze Parade and the Fire & Police Open House**, with all events beginning at 10 a.m. Join the fun of watching the parade, then head to Homestead Park, next to City Hall, where you can find your



own special "treasure" for sale. There will be bargains galore, food, and fun entertainment for the young and old as you make your way through the vendor tables. Be certain to head over to the Public Safety Building, where you can visit with local public safety personnel and enjoy a hotdog prepared by your U.P. firefighters.

For more information, call Ken Grassi at (253) 627-7196 or (253) 278-1946. To sign up for a booth, send in the form on the next page.

Mark your calendars now for June 7 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.! Happy cleaning – and we'll look forward to seeing you there!

Spring Clean Your Garden

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 totes 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 four inches in diameter will not be picked up. Placing over-sized items such as large tree and shrub limbs in a standard yard waste toter can damage the container. Yard waste totes 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 pickup schedule, please contact U.P. Refuse at (253) 564-3212 or Lakewood Refuse at (253) 588-1705.

Curran Apple Orchard Park espalier captures the attention of travelers along Grandview Drive West

A new espalier is being installed in the Curran Apple Orchard Park. Espalier (es-PAL-yay) is the horticultural technique of training trees through pruning and grafting to create formal "two-dimensional" or single plane patterns using the tree's branches. These living sculptures were popular in the Middle Ages in Europe and produced fruit inside the walls of a typical castle courtyard without interfering with the open space. Solid walls were also decorated with the trees planted near them. Evidence exists suggesting that the technique dates back to ancient Egypt. The word espalier initially referred to the actual trellis on which the plant was trained to grow, but over time has come to be used to describe this training technique.

Today, all that is visible in the Curran Orchard is the trellis, the supporting structure, to which apple trees will be trained. Thirty-four dwarf apples trees are being planted and will be trained to form the 22 individual sculptures that will spell out "CURRAN APPLE ORCHARD PARK." In three to four years the trees will totally hide the supporting structure

and only the individual living sculptures will be visible.

There are several benefits to espaliers. Espaliers save space. Espaliered fruit trees provide loads of fruit in a fraction of the volume of a natural tree. Espaliered trees bear earlier than full sized trees, they bear much more heavily (in spite of the reduced number of branches), and they bear for a longer time. A well-trained espalier often remains fruitful for over a hundred years.

Espaliered trees are naturally healthier than full sized trees. Air circulation through the tree is greatly enhanced by the practice, greatly diminishing the incidence of bacterial and fungal diseases.

Finally, from an aesthetic point of view, an espaliered fruit tree becomes a piece of landscape sculpture. It is beautiful in all seasons of the



On a recent sunny day Fred Langton, the volunteer responsible for creating the espalier, could be seen from the roadside as he planted the first of numerous varieties of apple trees which will adorn the structure in years to come.

year: in winter, when the geometry of the skeletal structure is most apparent; in spring, when that same structure is accentuated with drifts of blossoms; and in summer and fall, when the espalier is ornamented with developing and ripening fruit.

CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiast) volunteer Fred Langton is responsible for creating the espalier, which will also be used as an educational tool for residents.



"Treasures in the Park" June 7, 2008



Vendor Application

When: Saturday, June 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Homestead Park, 3715 Bridgeport Way W., University Place
Information: Ken Grassi, 627-7196 or 278-1946

Vendors:
 Cost per 10x10 ft. space:
 Early Bird Special - \$35 (Postmarked by May 15)
 \$50 (Postmarked May 16-31)

REMEMBER: TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE "EARLY BIRD" PRICE, APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 15!

Set up your awning, clean out your closet, bring out the antiques and re-usable items! This is a great no-hassle way to be a part of our "Community Garage Sale!" Please fill in the following information, then read the rules and guidelines on the bottom of this page, sign as indicated and return by mail with check or money order made payable to: Friends of Homestead Park, 3715 Bridgeport Way W., Suite B-1, University Place, WA 98466.

Vendor Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Description of booth and items to be sold:

Antiques _____

Crafts _____

Collectibles _____

*Food _____

Garage Sale Items _____

Plants _____

Other _____

Non-Profit _____

Will you need access to electrical power? (extra \$10 charge) Yes _____ No _____

Please mark one: I would prefer my booth to be _____ On the blacktop area _____ In Homestead Park

Application Deadline: WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Participant commitment includes Saturday morning set-up between 6:30 and 9:30 a.m. Tear down will be allowed beginning at 4 p.m. **NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS PRIOR TO 6:30 a.m.** and they must be parked off site between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

All participants shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and requirements, and shall be solely responsible for the payment of any taxes imposed by any lawful jurisdiction as a result of the activities of this event.

RULES AND GUIDELINES:

1. *Participants are purchasing booth space only – each participant must provide their own booth. Food booths must bring a fire extinguisher to be kept in their booth.
2. Booths shall be free standing, no ground stakes will be allowed.
3. Participants shall present themselves in a reasonable and non-offensive manner.
4. If participant has a structure to erect, they must ensure at all times that such structure shall not obstruct walkways.
5. Should participant at any time occupy the premises in a manner contrary to this agreement, upon request of the staff, participant shall immediately cease offending conduct. Failure to immediately comply as requested shall be cause for revocation of this permit and expulsion from this event.
6. Application will be juried as to assure conformity with the event mission and objectives.

7. *Electrical power is extremely limited. If you need access to power, an extra \$10 fee will be charged. Need for power must be indicated on this form at the time of application.

8. *Food Vendors are responsible for obtaining their own temporary food vendor licenses in compliance with Pierce County Health Department regulations.

9. APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

Participant has read and understands the rules and guidelines for the 2007 "Treasures in the Park" sale and is bound by the terms and conditions outlined in the guidelines. Participant shall indemnify, keep and save harmless the City of University Place, Friends of Homestead Park and staff from and against any and all claims and demands, whether for injuries to persons or loss arising out of the use or occupancy of the premises by participant and shall defend at participant's own expense any action brought against the above mentioned entities of/by participant's acts or omissions.

WE ENCOURAGE EARLY REGISTRATION. BOOTHS ARE APPROVED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND ALL THE ABOVE, INCLUDING RULES AND GUIDELINES.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Beautification – A work in progress in University Place

Daffodils blooming in the roundabouts, in parks and on street corners herald the arrival of Spring in University Place. Plantings in the early Fall accomplished by volunteers and paid for with donation dollars are one of the reasons University Place is a blaze of color once Spring arrives.

Ninety percent of the Beautification projects in U.P. are accomplished through community donations and volunteer work. Attractive bike racks and waste receptacles that line Bridgeport were purchased through donations from citizens called "Patrons of Beautification." Patrons are residents who want to see improvements to our community and are willing to share their dollars to help make our City a more beautiful place to live, work and play. Anyone can become a Patron. ALL of the dollars that are received go directly into purchase of supplies and materials for beautification projects that wouldn't otherwise be covered by the City's limited resources.

Over the years since incorporation donations from **Patrons have totaled over \$36,000** and sponsored projects including City-wide plantings (bulbs planted total over 100,000, more than in the City of Puyallup!), purchase of trash receptacles and bicycle racks, Christmas lighting decorations for Bridgeport, and contributions to assist with the art in University Place.



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!

UPTV "UNIVERSITY PLACE" ON TV

Each month different programs about University Place air on Click! Channel 12 and Comcast Channel 21. The following programs are scheduled:

- Health Watch - Eating Disorders
- Businessfest
- Destination Rec - Kid-friendly Parks
- Council Meetings

Visit our Website: www.CityofUP.com/uptv for a schedule of what's on the channel each week. Send program suggestions and comments to UPTV@CityofUP.com or call 460-5441.

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