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Free Summer 'Concerts in the Park' Series at the Curran Apple Orchard



Join in one of the community's most popular summer pastimes with friends, family and neighbors every other Thursday evening throughout the summer from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Curran Apple Orchard Park, 3920 Grandview Drive West. U.P. Kiwanis and the Friends of Homestead Park will provide food and refreshments available for purchase. This year's fabulous lineup also includes a theatrical performance of 'The Tempest' by Shakespeare in the parking lot. Should inclement weather occur on a concert night, the rainout location will be the Curtis High School Cafeteria.

Sponsored by:



UPfest 2008

August 1 & 2
FREE Family Fun Entertainment!



Come join the celebration of University Place! This year's annual community festival will begin on Friday, August 1 from 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, August 2 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. This two-day event will feature two stages of music with a variety of top-notch family entertainment, and be held at a NEW location, University Place's very own Cirque Park.

The University Place Festival features entertainment for people of all ages, enjoy over 150 local vendors and concessions; a variety of food from hot dogs and barbecue to Mexican cuisine, all available to attendees at reasonable prices. This year it's all about the Kidz Zone; with inflatables & bouncers, youth sport activities, trout pond and much more. We have got a great line-up of fun activities and live entertainment for friends and families to gather and enjoy together. This year Saturday's headline entertainment will be the popular 70's & 80's musical group, "Pablo Cruise," and local rockabilly group "The Dempsey's." The Uptown Cruisin' Association Classic Car Show will have one of the largest car shows in the Puget Sound area featuring car clubs from throughout Western Washington.

Donations and support from area businesses and individuals help to make this event possible. It is easy to become a sponsor of this great community event; sponsorship packages are available at various levels. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or a vendor, information and application forms are available at www.CityofUP.com.

For additional festival information, please contact U.P. Parks and Recreation at (253) 460-2530.

Thank you to our media sponsor CLICK!



National Night Out 2008

It is getting to be time for University Place citizens to turn on outside lights, lock your doors and step outside to join neighbors in the fight against crime. National Night Out will take place this year on Tuesday, August 5. This is a wonderful opportunity for your public safety team to interact with you on your street.

National Night Out is designed to: Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

University Place Police & Fire Departments, along with City Staff and Council, will be caravaning around the City in police and fire vehicles visiting all neighborhoods that register beforehand. Register your neighborhood by Thursday, July 31 by calling the U.P. Police at 798-3141.



Upcoming Events

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| Jun. 7
10-4 | Duck Daze Parade,
Treasures in the Park,
Fire & Police Open House |
| Jun. 26
6:30-8 | Swing Reunion Orchestra
at Curran Apple Orchard |

COUNCIL CORNER...

What better way to ring in the summer season than with one of University Place's most popular events? Duck Daze is coming on June 7 and will be bigger and brighter than ever before. Show your community spirit by wearing yellow on Saturday morning for the parade and then head over to Homestead Park to find some 'treasures' of your own at the Treasures in the Park Antique Sale and Flea Market, or enjoy karaoke and entertainment from the main stage. Local U.P. Firefighters will be hard at work grilling free hot dogs all afternoon for hungry Duck Daze goers, so visit the Public Safety Building for free food, safety demonstrations and the opportunity for kids to sit in a police car or fire engine. The Duck

Daze celebration will offer family-friendly entertainment all day long, the best way to celebrate the summer season and show off your community pride in yellow.

We are all very lucky to live in a community as bright and vibrant as University Place, brimming with opportunities for social interaction, volunteerism, recreation, and event participation. Thanks to the generous support of U.P. residents and volunteers, events like Duck Daze, Treasures in the Park, and the Fire and Police Open House are made possible and made enjoyable in a place where children and senior citizens alike can all live healthy and productive lives, taking advantage of the great opportunities set before them in our city. Here in U.P., we have a

strong sense of community character where helpful citizens and avid volunteers unite to create a sense of place that is unsurpassed anywhere else. Duck Daze is one event that epitomizes community character in University Place, and it's one of my personal favorites because it includes something for everyone. Rain or shine, there is nothing like the dazzling demonstration of enthusiasm and community spirit during the parade.

To experience the magic of Duck Daze for yourself, make sure you attend the ninth annual Duck Daze celebration on Saturday, June 7 and be a part of one of the best events our city has to offer!

*Lorna Smith
Councilmember*



*Ken Grassi & Lorna Smith,
Councilmembers*

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MEETING CALENDAR

- June 9 – No Meeting
- June 16 – 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- June 23 – 7 p.m.
Special Meeting
- June 30 – 7 p.m.
Special Meeting

Q & A

Q: With gas prices up, does the City get more gas tax to work with?

No. Gas tax is based on pennies per gallon, and not the pump price, so as people conserve and use less gas, City (and State) gas tax revenues go down, not up.

Q: How can I find out whether I qualify for a utility tax refund?

Low income households are eligible for a refund of tax paid (not a rebate if you didn't pay the tax). For more information see the article on page 11 or visit our website at www.CityofUP.com.

Where 'art' thou?

It is a classic Norman Rockwell scene: a town picnic, live music, and a cooling breeze rustling through leafy trees. Now don't be crabby if you can't guess.

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Coffee and Cookies with Council

This month you can meet in the evening with Mayor Linda Bird and Councilmember Gerald Gehring for cookies on **Tuesday, June 24 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at City Hall**, 3715 Bridgeport Way West. If you'd prefer a morning alternative, please join Mayor Linda Bird on **Wednesday, June 25 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.



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.

<p>CORE Meets at City Hall 3715 Bridgeport Way W. 1st Wednesdays at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>UP for Art Meets at City Hall 3715 Bridgeport Way W. 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>SUNDogs Meets at U.P. Presbyterian 8101 27th Str. W. 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.</p>
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Time FORE golf!

University Place businesses, civic organizations and individuals are invited to form teams for the second annual Mayor's Golf Tournament at Chambers Bay on August 30. This is a great opportunity for residents to play the course that was named top new course of 2007 by both GOLF and Travel + Leisure Golf magazines and which will be home

to the U.S. Open in 2015.

This community-based event will be open to four-person teams who will compete in a best-ball scramble format. Individuals who wish to participate and are not part of a team will be paired up to form teams based on player handicaps.

The event will include a light continental breakfast and a buffet

lunch, as well as prizes and awards. All participants will also receive gift bags loaded with goodies from University Place businesses.

The cost of the event is \$195 per person for registrations made prior to August 1; registrations after that time will cost \$225 per person. Proceeds from the event will support the development of a tot lot on the North Meadow of the Chambers Bay properties. The City hopes to raise \$60,000 in donations to help develop the lot and cover the cost of the "Big Toy at the Bay" structure that will include slides, swings, climbing walls and more.

Last year, golfers from around the state participated in the first Mayor's Golf Tournament as a way to introduce and build enthusiasm for the Robert Trent Jones links-style course. Community participation is the focus of this year's event, however, as organizers say they want to thank University Place residents



and businesses for their support of the Chambers Bay course.

The number of teams is limited, so sign up early. For more information or if you are a U.P. business owner who would like to contribute to the gift bags or sponsorship, please contact Becky Metcalf at (253) 460-5442 or bmetcalf@CityofUP.com.



'BigToys by the Bay' to provide a stimulating play environment for tots

The North Meadow of the Chambers Creek Properties, overlooking the sun, the Sound, and the Chambers Bay Golf Course, will soon provide a welcome addition for the children of our community: an interactive play structure that will deliver fun, exercise,

and spectacular views to our city's youngest citizens.

Climbing, sliding, running and jumping on a BigToy promotes healthy levels of exercise and social interaction. The new play structure will include a variety of features to stimulate and challenge

our children while they play, including a triple slide, a ladder, a mountain climb, banister bars, a swing set, and bubble panels, all combining to provide the perfect opportunity for engaging in family-fun recreation.

'BigToys by the Bay' is not only safe and healthy for our kids, it is also an environmentally friendly "green" product made from recycled plastic, steel, and renewable wood products. It does not contain any PVS chemicals – keeping our kids and the envi-



ronment safer and healthier.

In order to transform the dream of having 'BigToys by the Bay' into a reality, we need to raise \$60,000 in funds. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to the 'BigToys by the Bay' fund, please contact Mayor Linda Bird at (253) 564-6305.



City receives CDBG Grant to improve 70th Avenue West

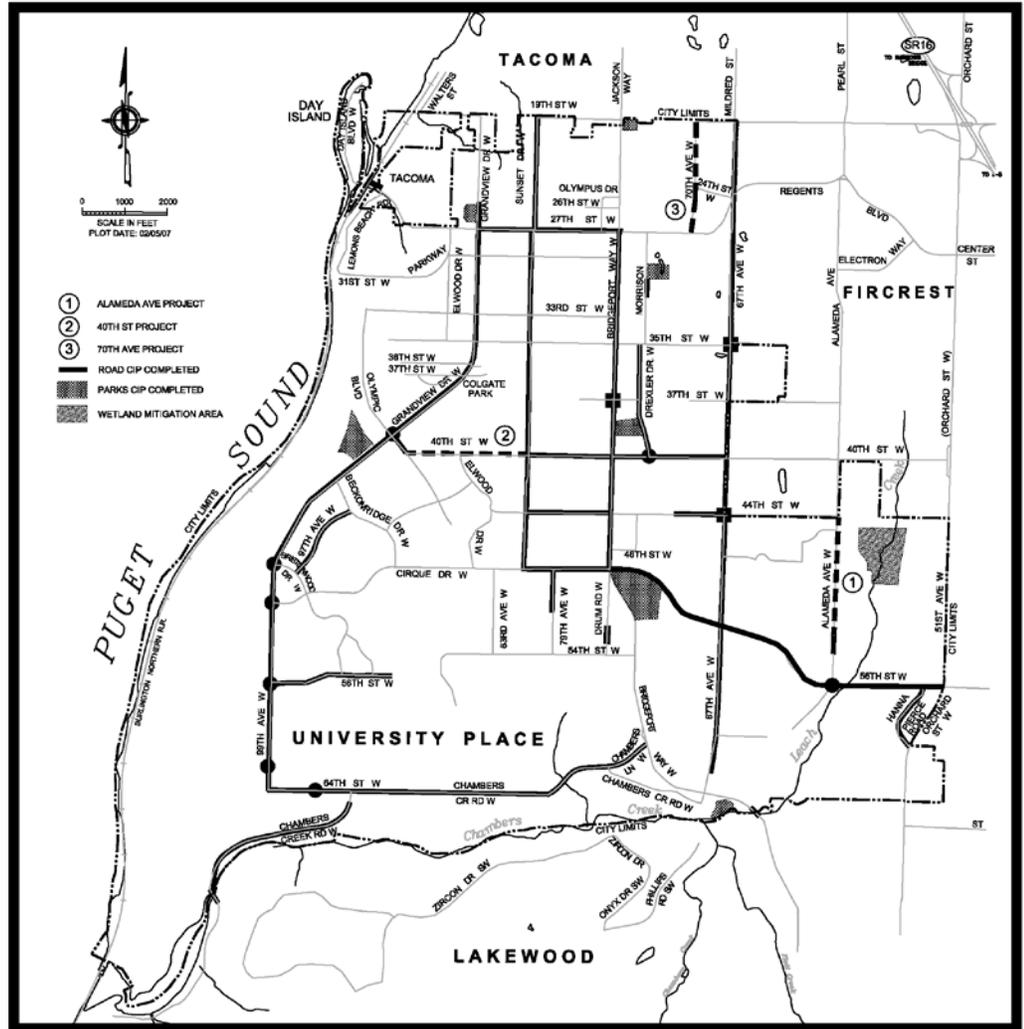
The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds projects in low income areas around Pierce County. A low income area is defined as an area where 51 percent of the population meets or falls below low income standards. These standards are based on family size in relation to family generated income.

Currently, University Place has three pocket areas meeting the low income requirements. One of these areas encompasses 70th Ave. W. in the vicinity of Narrows Plaza.

The City has an opportunity each year to go before the CDBG board to ask for funds to build a physical development or help with a social program. In February of this year, City staff went before the CDBG board to ask for funding to add curb and gutter, sidewalks, and streetlights along the west side of 70th Ave. W. between 27th St. W. and S. 19th St.

The CDBG board recommended that the City receive partial funding for this project in the amount of \$178,870. This will be enough to cover the costs to construct the curb and gutter, widened shoulders, and improved bus stop areas. The City is continuing to explore other funding options with the hope of being able to add the sidewalk to the project.

The City is very pleased that the CDBG board recommended the 70th Ave. W. project for funding. Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg has approved the board's recommendation and the City will begin its work soon.



40th Street and Alameda Pedestrian/Bike Projects scheduled for later this year

The City was successful in obtaining two grants totaling \$1,543,000 for the construction of pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Alameda Avenue and 40th Street. These grants have been awarded as part of the State's pedestrian and bicycle safety program. A total of 88 project applications were submitted to the State for consideration under this program and, out of these, only the top 26 projects were selected by the state for funding.

Alameda Avenue

One of the primary concerns expressed during the public open house and comment process for the Alameda "gap" project (which completed the road between 52nd St. Ct. and 51st St. Ct.)

was the need for sidewalks and street lights along Alameda Avenue. Based on these concerns, the City made it a priority to find funding to make this possible.

Under the State's Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety program, the City has secured \$798,000 for the construction of sidewalk, landscaping buffer, bicycle lane and street lighting along the east side of Alameda Avenue between 52nd St. Ct. and 44th St. W. This project will also include emphasis patrols by the Police Department and the installation of radar speed feed back signs.

40th Street

One of the heaviest pedestrian and bicycle traveled areas in the City is along 40th Street in

front of the Jr. and Sr. High Schools. Over the years, several bicycle and pedestrian accidents have occurred in this area.

In order to improve the safety of this area, the City will be constructing a sidewalk, parking bays, bicycle lane and decorative street lights along the south side of 40th between Sunset Drive and Olympic Boulevard. Enforcement emphasis patrols and radar feedback signs will also be included as part of the project. \$745,000 has been obtained from the State for this construction.

If you have any questions or comments regarding either of these projects, please contact Project Engineer Tim Coleman at (253) 460-2528.

Chipping away at street repair

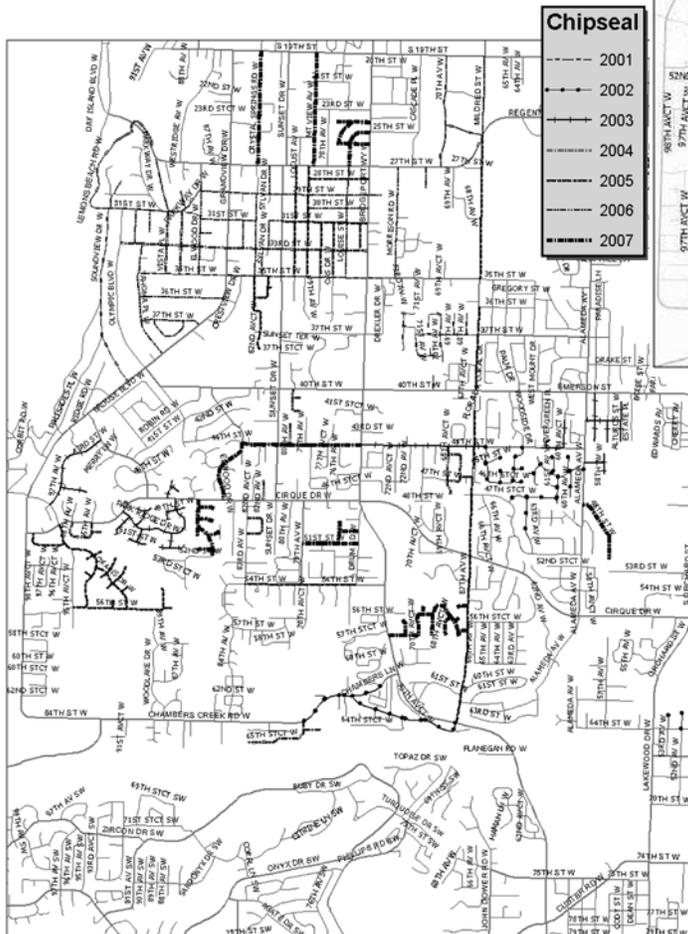
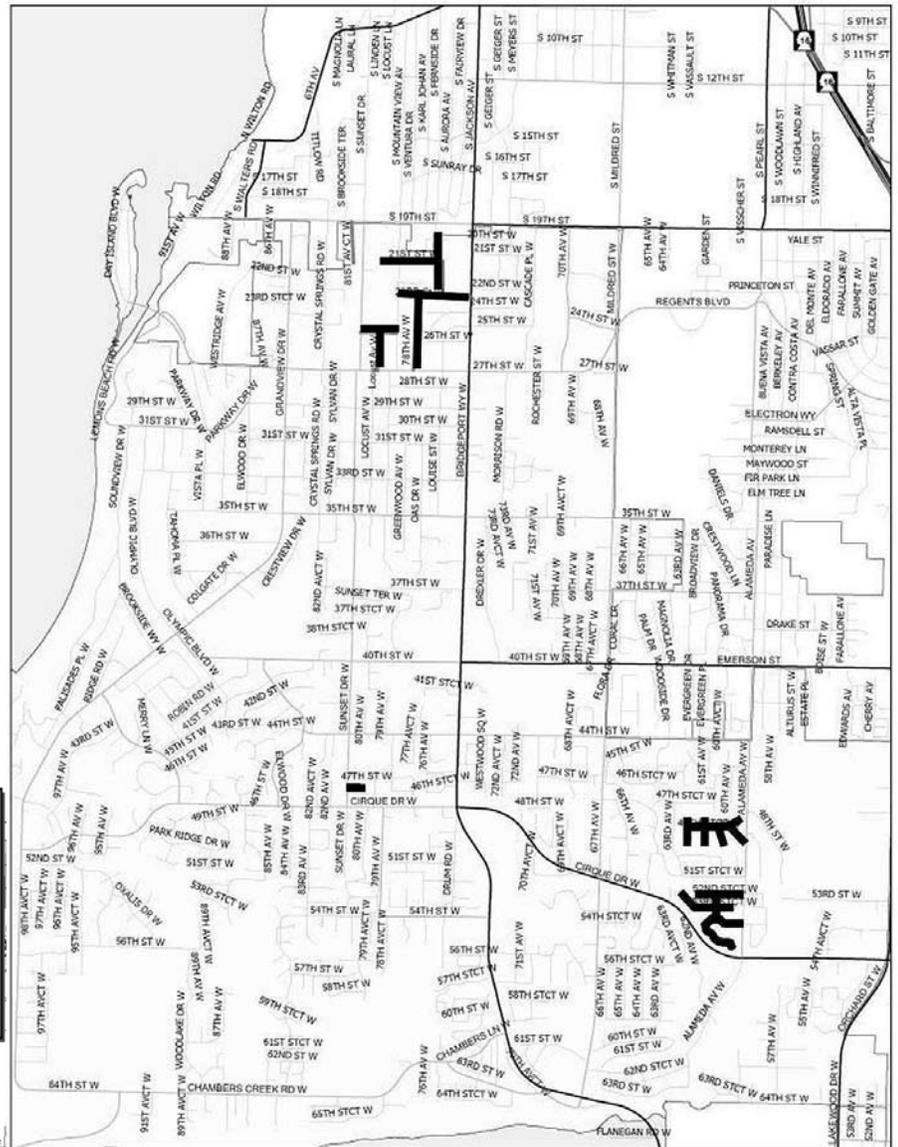
The process of maintaining the streets in University Place is never-ending. City staffers continually make regular maintenance observations as part of their everyday travel on city streets, but the City also thoroughly surveys and rates city streets every two years to assess those that are most in need of repairs and regular maintenance.

Given the high costs of road maintenance, staff tries to catch small problems before they become big ones. Cracks are sealed with hot liquid asphalt to prevent water – which as we all know we have a lot of in the Northwest – from reaching the road base which can cause potholes.

But the City's main line of defense against road damage is chip seal, a thin layer of hot liquid asphalt that is spread across roadways to seal the pavement, followed closely by a layer of crushed rock. For added protection in residential areas, a third layer known as "slurry seal" is added, which consists of liquid asphalt and sand for additional sealing to help lessen the rock shed often associated with chip seal.

Gary Cooper, the City's Public Works Director, estimates that by applying chip seal to local roadways, the City can extend the life of a residential street by eight to 10 years. More importantly, chip seal can be applied for about \$3,300 per mile, which is a mere fraction of the cost of traditional asphalt overlays, which typically cost more than \$20,000 per mile for the same 10-year period. Based on

2008 Scheduled Chip Seal



the City's goal of resurfacing 10 miles of City streets per year, using chip seal instead of asphalt resurfacing results in a savings to the City of nearly \$3.7 million dollars annually.

"In a perfect world, we would have the resources to do a complete asphalt overlay of every city street on a regular basis," Cooper says, noting that there are some streets that become so badly damaged that asphalt overlay is the only appropriate remedy. "But given the tight budgets under which we operate and our efforts to do preventative maintenance to catch problems before they multiply, chip seal enables us to keep our streets in good condition and our drivers safe at a price that works for everyone."

The image to the left shows the last seven years' worth of chip seal work performed in the city, while the top image illustrates the roads scheduled for repair during the 2008 year.

Celebrate a safe 4th of July

As Independence Day approaches, the University Place Fire Department wants to remind residents that every year thousands of Americans are injured and maimed by fireworks. According to the Centers for Disease Control, four persons died and an estimated 10,800 were treated in emergency departments for fireworks-related injuries in the United States in 2005. An estimated 5 percent of those fireworks-related injuries that were treated in emergency departments required further hospitalization. More disturbing, about 45 percent of persons injured from fireworks were children ages 14 years and younger.

Don't let fireworks-related injuries spoil your 4th of July. Start by making sure you know the law and then be smart about fireworks safety.

First, the law:

- Fireworks can be sold and purchased in University Place from noon on June 28 until 9 p.m. on July 4.
- Fireworks can be discharged in University Place from June 28 through July 3 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. and on July 4 between the hours of 9 a.m. and midnight.
- Fireworks that are purchased at reliable retailers licensed by Washington State are legal. If you choose to purchase fireworks elsewhere, you are responsible for knowing the difference between legal and illegal fireworks. Any fireworks purchased at a licensed stand in University Place are legal.
- You must be 16 years of age to purchase, possess and discharge fireworks within the City. Children

under the age of 16 must be under direct supervision of an adult.

- Any person violating ANY provision of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine in an amount not exceeding \$1,000 or by imprisonment in jail for a term not exceeding 90 days, or by both.

University Place Police will have **NO TOLERANCE** for illegal fireworks or noncompliance with the provisions listed above. If you have other questions or concerns, please call the University Place Police at 798-3141 or the University Place Fire Department at 564-1623.

The best way to avoid fireworks-related injuries is to leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals. Visit <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/fireworks/mediakit/fireshow.pdf> for



Fire Prevention Officer Rod Pearce, as part of a U.P. Fire Department team, inspects all fireworks booths in University Place before selling commences.

the dates, times and locations of fireworks shows throughout Washington State.

Fireworks – safe and sane only

What is legal?

- **Dipped Sticks and Sparklers:** A stick or wire coated device that produces a shower or sparks.
- **Filter Sparklers:** A narrow paper tube that produces color and sparks upon ignition. It does not have a fuse for ignition.
- **Smoke Devices:** Tubes or spheres that produce white or colored smoke as their primary effect.
- **Helicopters:** A tube not more than 1/2 inch in inside diameter. A propeller or blade is attached that lifts the spinning device into the air. A visible or audible effect is produced at the height of the flight.
- **Roman Candles:** A heavy paper or cardboard tube no more than 3/8 inch in inside diameter. Upon ignition no more than 10 "stars" are expelled at second intervals.
- **Mines or Shells:** Heavy cardboard or paper tube attached to a wood or plastic base. Propels "stars" firecrackers, or other devices upon ignition.

Ground and Hand-Held Sparkling Devices, including:

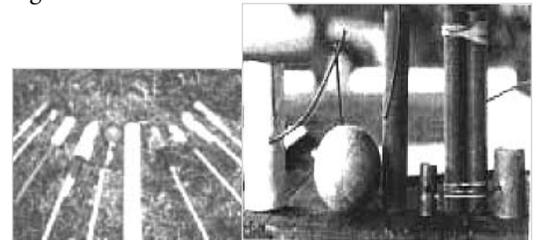
- **Cylindrical or Cone Fountains:** Cylindrical tubes that shower colored sparks. Sometimes a whistling effect is produced. They may have a spike, base or handle for use.
- **Illuminating Torches:** A cylindrical tube that produces colored fire upon ignition. May be a spike, base or hand-held.
- **Wheels or Ground Spinners:** A device that is attached to a tree or post. Upon ignition the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks. Sometimes a whistling effect is produced.
- **Ground Spinners:** Similar to a wheel in design and effect. It is placed on the ground and a shower of sparks and color is produced.

What is illegal?

- **Firecrackers, Salutes, Cherry Bombs, M-80:** Small paper-wrapped or cardboard tube that produces a noise and flash of light upon ignition.
- **Chasers:** A small paper or cardboard tube that ravel along the ground when ignited. A whistling effect is often produced.
- **Skyrockets:** These contain a wooden stick used to guide and stabilize the rocket into the air. A burst

of color or noise or both is produced at the height of the flight.

- **Missile-Type Rockets:** Similar to the sky rocket, except that it uses a fin rather than a stick for guidance and stability.



**"No tolerance for illegal fireworks...
They will be confiscated & citations
issued."**

The Grandview and Soundview Trail: Know Before You Go

The popularity of the Grandview and Soundview trails is growing. As trail use increases, so does the University Place Fire Department's emergency responses to the trail system. Our calls range from breathing difficulties and chest pain to falls and collisions.

While the trails are beautiful and a great place to exercise and spend time with friends and family, the unique terrain and location of this trail system leads to some safety concerns. Here are some safety guidelines and things we'd like you to know before you go.

- **Are you ready for that hill?** The trails have two steep inclines at either end; the switchbacks and one by the clubhouse. The ascent of these hills is strenuous. Persons with respiratory or heart conditions may have difficulties with these sections of the trail. Stay hydrated and take breaks as needed. As you descend the hills watch for rocks, other trail users, and slippery asphalt in the shade. Also stay in control, slow down on the way down.

- **Courtesy is contagious.** Being courteous on the trail is neighborly and can help reduce injuries from

collisions. Stay to the right and keep moving. If you are passing on foot or wheeled device, announce loudly, "passing," or "on your left." When walking a dog, keep them on a short leash and on your half of the trail.

- **Safe Wheeling.** Keep at a safe, reasonable speed. Adjust your speed to amount of trail use and surface conditions. Wear a helmet at all times. Notify other users when you are passing with a loud bell or voice.

- **Keep your person safe.** Be alert and aware of your sur-

roundings. Keep your headphone volume at a level where you can hear another person if they speak to you. Carry a cell phone with you and try to exercise with a partner. Know how to protect yourself. U.P. Police offers a Self Defense class. Call Jennifer Hales at 798-3141 for information.

- **Watch for emergency vehicles.** When responding to an emergency on the trail we may travel to the scene in our Medic Unit, Command vehicle and/or Medical Gator (a golf cart equipped with medical equip-

ment and used for patient transport). Please watch and listen for us. As we approach move to the side of the trail to assist in our travel to the scene.

- **In an emergency call 9-1-1.** Stay calm and provide as much information as possible about the condition of the patient and your location.

The members of the University Place Fire Department want you to enjoy all that this trail system has to offer. Be fit, have fun, and stay safe.



Play It Safe

If you decide to purchase and use fireworks this year, be prepared, safe and responsible:

- Read the directions before using the fireworks and follow them.
- Have a responsible adult present when fireworks are used.
- Have water (for example, a connected garden hose) or fire extinguisher nearby. Only use fireworks outdoors, away from anything that can burn, such as buildings, trees, bark, or dry fields.
 - Light one item at a time, move away quickly and keep a safe distance from the fireworks discharge area at all times.
 - Soak used fireworks and "duds" in water before discarding them. Never try to relight a failed device. "Duds" are dangerous.
 - Keep pets indoors. Be sure they have identification tags in case they run away.
 - Fireworks are prohibited in all city parks and on school property; discharge fireworks on your own property or the street in front of your property.
 - Keep your neighborhood clean by picking up all debris.

Scheduled Police Training

June 30 & July 1

On Monday, June 30 & Tuesday, July 1 your local police agencies, in partnership with the University Place School District, will be conducting around the clock emergency preparedness / active shooter exercises at the old University Place Primary School building (2708 Grandview Dr. W.).

Your University Place Police team together with the Pierce County Sheriff's Dept., and Fircrest Police will be involved in the exercises. This collaborative effort is being conducted to enhance emergency service response to critical incidents in University Place and particularly those incidents that may occur at a school.

This exercise will include practice ammunition and mock explosions. The sounds of these munitions may be heard several blocks away during the exercises.

What I did on my summer vacation...

Attention University Place seniors – are you up for a little adventure?

If so, you are invited to join your friends from the Puyallup Senior Center for a two-day mystery summer get away that will keep you guessing!

Pack your sense of adventure – and your walking shoes and camera – on Aug. 18 and 19 as you travel to destinations that will remain a surprise until you arrive at them! Loaded with lots of fun and exciting mini-adventures along the way, the mystery trip will keep you guessing – and smiling as you enjoy interesting and stimulating activities during the course of your travels.

The cost of the two-day, one-night get away is \$179/per person (based on double occupancy) and includes one meal, all admission and excursion fees, hotel accommodations, transportation and trip management.

To register, or if you have questions or would like more information about the trip, please contact Jennifer Robinson, City of U.P. Recreation Supervisor, at (253) 564-1992. Jennifer will be happy to answer any questions you have – except those about the destinations. After all, we don't want to spoil the surprise – or the fun!



Join the fun at Camp UPlay – Week-long sessions all summer through!

CAMP UPLAY, the best Summer Day Camp around, is ready for another great summer of games, crafts, art projects, swimming, movies, and field trips. Campers will visit the Zoo, have their own private Carnival, party at Steele Lake, and will enjoy many other great places.

Register today to be a part of a summer packed full of energy and excitement! Camp UPlay provides handpicked staff, with many of your favorite Camp Counselors coming back for the summer of 2008.

Camp Info: Eight Weeks of fun (June 23- August 15), Ages 5 -12, Enrollment is limited to 70 children per week. Camp ratio is 1:10, campers will be assigned to a group according to age. Camp Hours and Fees: 9am-4pm is \$115/wk for Residents, \$125/wk Non-Residents. 7am-6pm is \$135/wk for Residents, \$145/wk Non-Residents, T-Shirt included. Location: Drum Intermediate, 4909 79th Avenue W. Scholarships are available.

Register at the University Place Parks and Recreation office at City Hall, 3715 Bridgeport Way W., or get more information by calling the office at 460-2530. Application forms for Camp UPlay are also available on-line on the City's website at www.CityofUP.com.



"Can't Miss" Summer Programs

Art Camp: Experience a week long day camp focusing solely on the arts, for ages 8-12 years, August 18-22, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Curtis Jr. High. Space is limited so register early!

Puppy Jump Start: Dog Training Class, July 8th (six weeks) at Curran Apple Orchard.

Good Dog 101: Dog Training Class, July 9th (six weeks) at Curran Apple Orchard.

New Programs in Recreation –

Young Musicians Camp: Five day music camp for 5th -7th Graders. June 23-27th. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Curtis High School.

Shakespeare in the Parking Lot Workshop: Theater Workshop for 5th-8th Graders. August 5, 6, 7, 12 & 13. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at Curran Apple Orchard.

Dodge Ball League: 5 week all thrills league for 6th-12th Graders. June 9-July 7th. Monday evenings at Fircrest Community Center.

Teen Zone: Late night out for 5th-7th graders, Guitar Hero, Basketball, Dodge Ball. June 6th, 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Curtis High School.

1st Annual Mother Son Sports Ball a big hit in U.P.!

On Friday, May 2 over 19- moms and sons showed up at Curtis High School for a night of games, prizes and pizza! The Mother Son Sports Ball was a perfect opportunity for moms and sons to spend some quality time playing soccer, dodge ball, guitar hero, and many other activities. The Mother Son Sports Ball was created by the University Place Youth Council (UPYC), who felt the event would be a great complement to the popular Daddy Daughter Dance.



A **Big Thank You** to all of those who helped make this event possible: Tacoma Tide FC, UPYC members, Recreation Staff, Curtis High School, Tacoma Rainiers, and Action Photos Northwest. Lastly, a big thanks to all the moms and sons for making this a great year and we look forward to the 2nd Annual Event!



Spring Flower Show & Plant Sale celebrates many successes

The Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale united a wide variety of plant lovers on the weekend of April 26. Many rare native plants were sold to local gardeners while rhododendron enthusiasts entered their most prized rhody trusses in the show. Flower Show visitors enjoyed the spectrum of color Saturday and Sunday, celebrating winners

in every category.

The number one 'Best of Show' Category went to Lake Tapps Nursery's 'Caperci's Plum,' the second place 'Best of Show' to Lake Tapps Nursery's 'Pineapple Delight,' and the third place 'Best of Show' to Homestead Park's 'President Roosevelt.'



Lake Tapps Nursery took home many different wins, including first place in the 'Best Pink,' 'Best Multicolor,' and 'Best Blue/Purple' categories. Homestead Park's 'President Roosevelt' and 'Taurus' Rhododendrons took home the first and second place prize respectively in the 'Best Red Category,' and Dr. Gary Becker's 'Rubicon' took third place in

the same category.

The winner of the 'Best White' category was D&J's 'Exbury Calstocker.' And, finally, the first place prize in the 'Best Azalea' category went to D&J's 'Coral Bells.'

Congratulations to all of the Flower Show winners and participants for entering and sharing their beautiful rhododendrons with our community!



Cirque City-Wide Summer Sale Spectacular

The Cirque City-wide Summer Sale will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. supporting the U.P. Volunteer Center. EVERYONE is invited to take part! Maybe you have things to sell or maybe you are looking for some great buys – either way everyone wins!

GOT "STUFF"? – GET A BOOTH!

10x10 booth space: \$35, on or before July 31; \$50 from Aug. 1 – Aug. 5.

For more information or to request an application call (253) 460-2500. Applications are also available at www.CityofUP.com.



Thanks to our Baskets and Beautification Donors

Baskets

Frontier Bank

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Sign up now for U.P. 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 any type of info within your area. 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** sign up to ensure they are registered, particularly if they have cell phones as primary contact numbers. All personal information will be kept strictly confidential.

Residents of University Place can sign up....

- On the internet visit 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 in the upper right hand corner.
- Call 798-3141; follow the instructions on the voicemail.



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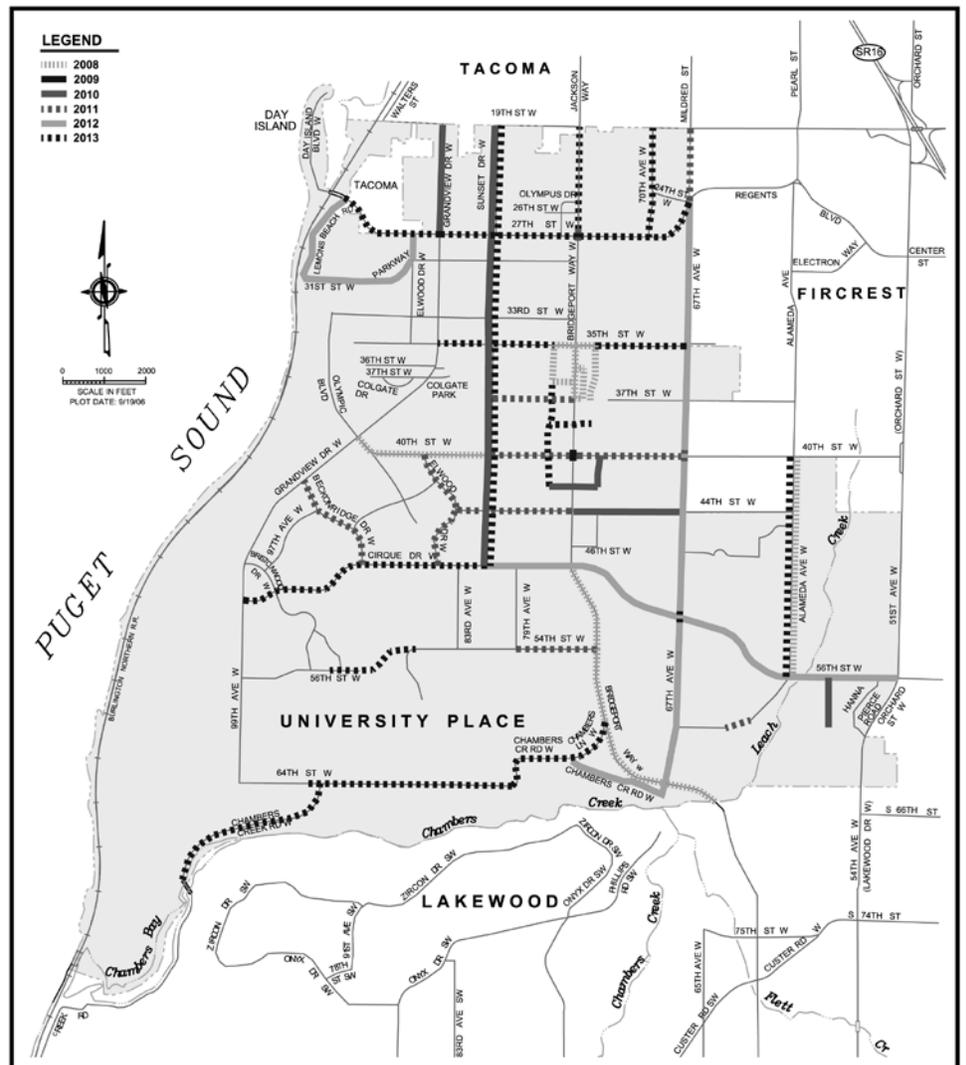
University Place Six-year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

The City of University Place is required by state law to adopt and annually update a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The City prepares and updates the TIP based on Council comments, citizen input, field inspection, and experience. The projects on the TIP have been estimated and scheduled for planning purposes. No project will be constructed, however, until adequate funding has been secured.

The Six-Year Transportation Plan creates eligibility for the City to apply for various grant sources. Many grant programs give preference to projects that are included in the City's TIP. In addition, the TIP provides an indication of the City's planning direction for transportation needs.

Projects covered under TIP and scheduled for the period of 2008 – 2013 are reflected in the map to the right. For a complete description of the projects, visit the City's website at www.CityofUP.com.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact the City Engineer, Jack Ecklund, at (253) 460-5411.

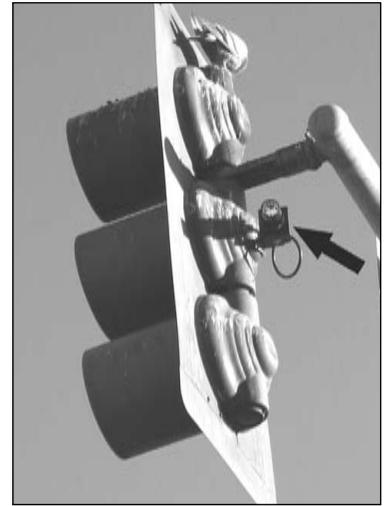


Tattle Tale Lights: A new tool for traffic enforcement

Soon the City will be installing "Tattle Tale" lights at the intersection of 40th and Bridgeport in order to aid in traffic enforcement and improve the safety of the intersection.

A Tattle Tale light is a 2-inch diameter blue light that is designed to show the indication of the red light at a traffic signal. This assists police officers in apprehending red light violators. The Tattle Tale light is attached to the back of a traffic signal and hard wired directly into the red light. With the light in place, an officer can park down the road from the intersection and still see when a violation occurs. These lights are a cost effective alternative to red light running cameras and have been used successfully in many jurisdictions in the State and across the nation.

The intersection of 40th and Bridgeport has been selected as a test location for these lights since this is one of the highest traffic accident locations in the City. If successful here, the City plans on installing these lights at its other traffic signals.



Important information on garage sale signs

When preparing for garage sales, please take note of these requirements when posting signs:

The signs may be placed adjacent to the right-of-way with the property owner's permission. (This means off to the side of the public right-of-way. Not on the City mowing strip, nor on the City sidewalk.)

Yard sale signs shall not be posted sooner than 5 p.m. on the day prior to the sale and shall be removed immediately following the end of the sale.

Yard sale signs must include the address where the yard sale is located and a date or dates of the sale.

Signs for yard sales shall not be allowed for more than three successive calendar days in a 30-day period and shall be limited to advertising not more than three yard sales events in the same calendar year at the same location.

A fine of \$100 per yard sale sign, which exceeds these provisions, may be levied against the property owner where the sales are held.

No private signs, including yard sale signs, are allowed on any street sign, utility pole, roundabout, street median, planter strip or sidewalk.

Where 'art' thou?

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Curran Apple Orchard's bandstand showcases a wonderful example of functional public art as well as a team approach to creating it. The "Apple Crate" band shell was designed and built by mechanical art students of Curtis Senior High School teacher Roz Davis. Metal artist Dave Usher designed the decorative metal railing leading up to the bandstand, which complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The metal class at Curtis High then fabricated the apple trees on the railing.

Curran Apple Orchard is located on Grandview Avenue two blocks south of Curtis High School.



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 9 months or more of 2007.

Application forms may be obtained by:

- VISITING University Place City Hall at 3715 Bridgeport Way W.
- E-MAILING Email a request to City_Hall@CityofUP.com
- DOWNLOADING Go to www.CityofUP.com and download a copy of the form 
- CALLING Call the finance department at 460-2547 to have a form mailed to you

First annual Pierce County READS a huge success

The first annual Pierce County READS was an absolute triumph. Pierce County Library System and The News Tribune's first countywide community one-book program met and exceeded the organizers' expectations.

"The program did beyond what we had hoped and planned," said Georgia Lomax, Pierce County Library's deputy director. "It was a community one-book program in the true community unity sense, and that's a key to its success. People throughout the county embraced the program and participated. Thousands of people were all reading, talking about and sharing the same book at the same time."

Pierce County READS 2008 culminated on Saturday evening, April 26, with a free author event at Pacific Lutheran University, with this year's selected author, international award-winning Alexander McCall Smith. He delighted and engaged 1,600 people at the event. He also signed books from "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective

Agency," as well as other books he has written, for 400 people for nearly two hours. McCall Smith's books have won numerous awards, and have been translated into 39 languages, while selling more than 14 million copies worldwide.

People from throughout the Pacific Northwest attended the author event. The Library's goal was for 800 people to attend the author event, and Lomax said the Library is ecstatic that it doubled its goal.

During the three month program, running February through April, people checked out 8,000 books and audiobooks from "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" series at Pierce County Libraries. Also, more than 1,100 people participated in programs.

Key Foundation, a foundation funded by KeyBank sponsored Pierce County READS. 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 was an event supporter.

Many community partners also participated in Pierce County READS: 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. Also, 15 cities and towns and Pierce County signed proclamations declaring February-April 2008 "Pierce County READS."

Soon, Pierce County Library will announce the Pierce County READS book for 2009.

More about Pierce County READS @ <http://www.piercecountylibrary.org>.

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:

- CodeRED - It's your call
- Regular Council Meetings
- Destination Recreation – Summer Rec Programs

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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