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"Investing in Community"

University Place is all about "community" and enhancing the overall community's quality of life. Like most of the Puget Sound region, until recently we had been largely unaffected by the national economic slowdown, starting with the "housing bubble" in 2007 and then the "credit crisis" in late 2008. No longer, however.

Our community and our City have had to adjust to the changing national and regional economies. In January 2008 we terminated our previous Town Center developer, largely due to the changed financial environment. Since then we regrouped and are now in the final stages of negotiating a new Town Center agreement with a more experienced and better capitalized development team.

We started to see the effects of the general economic slowdown late last year and adjusted early to avoid major budget cuts and impacts on service delivery to citizens. As a result, our Operating Budget is well positioned as we go into the 2009-2010 budget cycle, even though on a "no new services" basis and at our current "limited" level of service.

The Capital Budget, following voter rejection of the proposed levy lid lift for capital improvements in 2007, remains at "core" levels and on a "pay-as-we-go" basis. But our staff and citizen advisory committees have done an excellent job of setting priorities for the limited Capital Improvement Project funds, and what we do build, we will be able to do well.



So while challenging in the near-term, this budget continues our policy of investing in economic development and building a long-term tax base, capable of sustaining our Operating Budget services and Capital Improvement needs. Town Center and economic development remain our long-term investments in rebuilding the local tax base while enhancing the real "sense of place" in University Place.

By staying true to our vision of a walkable Town Center and steady in our actions, we can achieve our long-term goals of building a real "sense of place" in University Place, and a tax base capable of supporting the community's service and expected improvement needs. The 2009-2010 Budget should prove to be the turning point in our 10-year effort to make University Place "THE PLACE" to live, work, play, and shop.

To view the proposed 2009-2010 Budget, visit the City's website at www.CityofUP.com.

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Exercise your right to vote on November 4th!

COUNCIL CORNER...

Imagine this: You're lounging on cool green grass, a picnic basket at your feet. A sweet breeze is swirling across your face... Chambers Bay Golf Course and Puget Sound's best scenery is spread before you, while the kids and grandkids play happily and safely a few feet away on the new "BigToys by the Bay" playground...

There is just one problem with this dream, despite all the amenities that have been built at the Sewer Utility site: There is still no safe place for young children to play at the Chambers Creek Properties.

One reason I was such an ardent supporter for incorporation was because we lived in a community that had no functioning parks, public playgrounds or tot lots. Significant progress has been made over the past 12 years, but we are still far below the number recommended for a city of 30,000 people. As a parent and grandparent, I know the value of community playgrounds. Active play improves school performance, concentration, mood and behavior, and helps prevent childhood obesity.

We can help solve this problem by coming together and donating funds to help build a playground

located in the North Meadow of the Chambers Creek Properties. The playground will make a great destination in itself or a nice start to a longer hike around the golf course. It's the perfect place for a picnic on a warm summer day.

One of the reasons University Place is such a great place to live and raise a family is the volunteer ethic of its citizens. Your generosity helped erect the play structure at Sunset Terrace Park, and the donations and hard work of our local Rotary Club helped build the playground at Cirque Park. The beautiful hanging baskets along our streets and daffodils that spring up each year have all been funded by community donations. This same generous spirit can help make this playground a reality.

The "BigToys by the Bay" playground will feature a triple slide, curly climber, Big Wheel, chinning bar, ladder, mountain climb, slide pole, rock'n cross, and a swing set. It will sit atop a four inch thick 60' x 60' RB rubber matting to help make the play structure handicap accessible. It will be made of high quality recycled materials that contain no PVC chemicals. The play structure itself will cost about \$23,000. The rubber mat-

ting that goes under the structure for safety and accessibility for the handicapped costs an additional \$30,000.

Some may wonder: Why are we building it with donations? Can't the City just budget and build it? The answer is simple. The softening economy, declining sales tax revenue, and the one percent property tax limit, while inflation is running at over five percent, has severely limited the dollars we have for "capital projects." Revenue available for parks projects has declined considerably as the cost of maintaining existing parks has increased.

So far we have raised approximately \$4,300 in cash donations and approximately \$500 through "in kind" donations. If you are interested in improving the health and well-being of our community's children, get involved. Help build the "BigToys by the Bay" playground! A project like this requires the work of many hands and hearts. Please join in the fundraising campaign. Go to www.CityofUP.com to find out how you can get involved. One of our community's most precious assets are our young children. Let's do it for the kids!

Linda Bird, Mayor



Mayor Linda Bird

CITY COUNCIL

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MEETING CALENDAR

- October 6 – 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- October 13– 7 p.m.
Special Meeting
- October 20 – 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- November 3– 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- November 10– 7 p.m.
Special Meeting
- November 17– 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting

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 Commission meetings, as well as current information about meeting dates and agendas, please contact the City Clerk at (253) 460-2510.

Friends of Homestead Park

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

Adriana Hess Committee

Meets at Adriana Hess Wetlands
2917 Morrison Road
3rd Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

CORE

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



UP for Art

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

SUNDOGS

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



Coffee and Cookies with Council

This month you can meet in the evening with Mayor Bird for cookies on **Tuesday, October 28 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 3715 Bridgeport Way West.** If you'd prefer a morning alternative, please join Councilmember Gehring on **Wednesday, October 29 from 9 – 10 a.m. at the Senior Community Center at 2534 Grandview Drive West.**

Citizens can also schedule other dates and times with City Councilmembers by calling (253) 460-2500.



Clean up and help out – Fall Cleanup is Oct. 18 & 25

The City of University Place and University Place Refuse will hold the annual community-wide cleanup this month to allow residents to dispose of and/or recycle junk, non-organic items and organic (yard waste) for free.

There is no curbside service associated with this clean-up so residents must take their items to University Place Refuse located at 2815 Rochester, just off 27th Street West. In an effort to help shorten the wait at the drop off site, residents are asked to adhere to the following schedule:

Residents who live north of 40th Street
Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents who live south of 40th Street
Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The following items must be separated prior to arrival so they can be properly recycled:

- **Metal:** scrap steel, appliances, barbeques, plumbing, etc.
- **Wood:** clean, unpainted lumber, wood furniture (Formica covered is OK), pallets, etc.
- **Organic materials:** limbs, grass, leaves, other vegetation. No stumps or limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter. No dirt or sod.
- **Tires:** with or without rims.
- **Concrete, bricks, blocks and stone.**
- **Car batteries.**

To get you in and out faster the following restrictions will be imposed:

- Keep items that can be recycled separated. Residents with loads that are dedicated recyclable may be given priority at the site.
 - Children and pets must remain in vehicle.
 - Items can be no larger than 5 feet in any direction (except appliances).
 - For residential customers only. No commercial material or loads.
 - No regular household garbage.
 - No propane/fuel tanks or enclosed drums. Water heaters are OK.
 - No paint products or liquids, solvents, or hazardous materials of any kind (car batteries are OK).
 - Limit 1 load per household. Photo I.D. with U.P. address required.



Residents participating in the cleanup are asked to help out their neighbors in need by bringing a donation of canned food to help re-stock the University Place Food Bank.

For more information call University Place Refuse at (253) 564-3212.

“Green” Civic Building construction underway

You might have noticed a great deal of construction activity recently at the Town Center Project site. Now that the underground parking structure is completed, construction is underway on the new Civic Building. The building will include a new, expanded Library and City Hall, retail space and an expansive public atrium.

Construction of the elevator shafts is complete and installation of the steel support structure will be complete by December. The construction crews will complete the exterior shell of the building by Fall 2009, with completion of the interior finishes and occupancy scheduled for early 2010.

Both the Library District and the City have taken steps to be more environmentally (and economically) efficient in building the new Library/Civic building. In its bid award for the building, the City

Council used some budget savings from lower bids to select the more energy efficient, cost-saving heating/cooling system. It is expected that the added upfront cost will be recovered in 7-10 years, and then will be a net cost and energy savings over the life of the building.

The Council also added in roof structure to allow for a possible “green roof” if budgets in the future permit. Several other “green” features of the building involve the use of bamboo window finishings instead of endangered or slow-growing hardwoods, and the use of recyclable carpeting. The Library is also opting for “LEED” certifiable interior finishes.

To learn more about the new Civic Building, please visit the City’s website at www.CityofUP.com or call Nuri Avcular at (253) 460-5417.

City wins \$780,000 grant to preserve local wetlands

The City of University Place recently received a \$780,000 grant from the Pierce County Conservation Futures program to purchase nine and a half acres of land at 3124 67th Avenue W. City staff and Parks and Recreation Commission members have been eyeing the land, known as the “Wagner Property,” for some time as a site to preserve and protect from potential development.

In addition to preserving the many native trees, plants and wildlife within the area’s wetlands, the City hopes to be able to develop a trail system that will connect the property and Morrison Pond to nearby Adriana Hess Wetland Park.

“We’ve been looking at this site for a long time, so it is really rewarding to know that we were able to secure the grant and save it from potentially

being developed,” says Gretchen Hayes, Deputy Director for University Place Parks and Recreation.

At this point, plans call for the site to remain a passive park designed for nature walks and hiking. Hayes says although the goal is to leave the property essentially untouched, there may be one change in the works. “At this point, we keep referring to it as the ‘Wagner property’ but we may find a different name for it as time goes on,” she says.

Pierce County’s Conservation Futures is a land preservation program designed to protect threatened areas of open space, timber lands, wetlands and other habitat areas. Funded by Pierce County property taxes, Conservation Futures funds are used to acquire land or rights to future development of the land.

International "Town Making Tour" honors U.P.'s accomplishments

A delegation of international and national planners on the "Great Pacific Northwest Town Making Tour" had rave reviews for the City of University Place's efforts in making our community a more pedestrian friendly and sustainable community.

Led by Dan Burden, internationally renowned expert on sustainable and walkable communities, the group visited University Place in late August to take a first hand look at the City's efforts to promote multi-modal transportation, creating safer streets and places for pedestrians along with building for a sustainable future.

Mr. Burden, director of Walkable Communities, Inc., further honored our City for its "extraordinary courage" in townmaking starting back in 1997 when the City hired Mr. Burden to help guide citizens and community planners in developing a plan for improvements starting with traffic calming and beautification along Grandview Drive.

The "Great Pacific Northwest" tour group, which included planners from as far away as New Zealand and Taiwan, visited Grandview Drive, the Chambers Creek Properties and sites along Bridgeport Way, culminating in a dinner at City Hall which included presentations on our Town Center plan. Based upon comments, the planners were clearly impressed

with our progress and were anxious to return home to pursue their own dreams of creating true walkable, sustainable communities.

Representatives from Readers Digest and our local media were here to cover the tour and speakers which featured University Place Deputy City Manager Stephen Sugg along with keynote speaker Peter Steinbruck, a renowned sustainability consultant and former three-time Seattle city council member.

Mr. Steinbruck's speech, which focused on retooling our cities and building blocks to promote "urban sustainability" and a greener future, can be seen on UPTV. To determine dates and times, visit the UPTV schedule located under "Favorite Links" at www.CityofUP.com.

"One day University Place will be celebrated, standing tall among all other giants in city making..."
Dan Burden, Sustainable Cities Expert



Dance Theater NW

Located in University Place, Dance Theatre Northwest has provided access to dance education and performance to our community for nearly 20 years. Recognizing the important role cultural awareness and education plays in society, the City of University Place City Council has provided past financial support to Dance Theatre Northwest.

For more information on their programs and upcoming performances, check out www.dancetheatrenorthwest.org.

Where 'art' thou?

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Not too far from the convex version of her sister fish, you will find a large number of these ceramic objects. This location is the perfect environment for this piece of Public Art.



Longtime volunteer Vern Lange will be greatly missed

The City notes the passing of one of our long-time volunteers, Vern Lange. Vern and his wife, Kay, moved to U.P. in 1958. They attended U.P. Presbyterian Church and later United Church in U.P.

Vern was a founder, along with Adriana Hess, of the organization "Save Our University Place" (SOUP), actively supported incorporation and was instrumental in obtaining both the Woodside Nature Preserve and Conservation Park. He developed a trail system for Woodside Nature Preserve and volunteered with the Adriana Hess Wetlands organization and our Parks Department. Vern will be missed by all whose lives he touched.

What is going on at 40th & Bridgeport?

Workers in hard hats, trucks delivering materials, chain link fence protecting a site. These are new sights at the corner of 40th and Bridgeport Way West. As the concrete is poured and the steel is erected a three-story building will take shape. With an anticipated opening of March 2009, this project will bring new businesses to University Place, providing more options for local services and goods.

Although specific businesses are not being made public yet, developer Jim White of Hogan Enterprises has shared the following intended uses for tenants of the building: The first floor will feature a credit union, teriyaki shop and nail salon, while the second floor will house a travel agency.

It will be exciting to watch the construction process on this new addition to our community!

If you have additional questions about the project, please contact Jim White of Hogan Enterprises at (253) 565-8661.



Alameda Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Project begins

Residents will enjoy a safer place to walk and bike along Alameda Avenue thanks to a Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Project. The project includes the construction of a bike lane, sidewalk and street lighting along the east side of Alameda Avenue between 51st Street Ct. W. and 44th Street W. The project also includes emphasis patrols by the Police Department and the installation of radar speed feedback signs.

In order to fund this project, the City obtained a \$798,000 grant under the State's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program. The project is scheduled to begin this month with completion in early spring.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this project, please contact Tim Coleman, City Project Engineer, at (253) 460-2528.

Curran Orchard entertainment survey

The Curran Apple Orchard Park wrapped up an extremely successful Summer Concert series and Cider Squeeze this year, providing hundreds of people outstanding FREE entertainment thanks to the generosity of our sponsors: Columbia Bank, Click, CORE and the City of University Place.

Now we would like to hear from YOU regarding what types of entertainment you would like in the future. Please go online to www.CityofUP.com and take the Curran Orchard Survey to help us plan next year's entertainment. The survey must be completed by November 15.

Don't have access to the internet? Please mail Debbie Klosowski at City of U.P., 3715 Bridgeport Way W., 98466, with your requests!



Christmas Tree Lighting and Crafter's Fair on Dec. 6

Let it snow! Bring on the figgy pudding and "deck the halls" – 'cause the U.P. Christmas Tree Lighting will be here in the 'twinkling of an eye'! Please join us on Dec. 6 as we celebrate the 14th Annual Holiday Christmas Tree Lighting in University Place.

This year's celebration will feature a **Handmade Crafts Sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** in and throughout Windmill Village at 3715 Bridgeport Way W. Come and shop for special handmade crafts by local artists that will make great holiday gifts. Be sure to come early for the best selection!

The event will also feature the third annual "Operation Hands On" **Christmas Auction from 3 to 6 p.m.** Bring your checkbook or credit card to bid on one of the beautiful themed holiday baskets and help support the work of Operation Hands On right here in our own community.

The **activities will begin promptly at 2:50 p.m.** when Santa arrives by fire truck. Musical entertainment by choral groups from many of the local schools will begin at 3 p.m. and there will be children's games and activities, a "bounce house," visits with Santa, rides on the Santa Express, and much more from 3 to 6 p.m. The festivities will culminate with the lighting of the Christmas tree at 6 p.m.

We hope you will join us for this year's spectacular Christmas Tree Lighting. It promises to be a memorable event for the entire family!

If you are interested in being a vendor at this year's crafters' fair, please call Annette at (253) 566-9702.



Come to the Market Square Forum on Monday, Nov. 17

Residents are invited to team up with City staff and design consultants to explore options available for landscape, streetscape and public amenities within the Town Center Market Square.

Described as the outdoor "living room" in Town Center, Market Square will be the space where the City can host community celebrations, holiday events and the like. It will truly be the central gathering space for the citizens of U.P.

Join us at a special forum on **Monday, Nov. 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. at City Hall** to discuss the design elements of Market Square and help us create an energetic and comfortable place to gather that is unique to University Place!

Bring your pet to Santa Paws on Dec. 13

Does your Christmas list include dog bones, chew toys and catnip? If so, don't miss out on a unique holiday photo of your pet with Santa Claus!

Mark your calendar now for "Santa Paws" on Saturday, December 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the U.P. City Hall Complex. You and your pet can pose with Santa for a great holiday memento!

Photos are \$10 each or \$7 for SUNDog members. All proceeds from the event, which is sponsored by SUNDogs, will go toward the off leash dog park at the Chambers Creek Properties. For more information, contact Debbie Klosowski at (253) 565-8466.

Breakfast with Santa!

Come one, come all. Have breakfast with Santa and your University Place Lions Club. Kids get to talk with Santa. Parents bring your cameras. Adults get to visit with neighbors and shop for craft items. All this for \$3 for adults and \$2 for kids. Held at the new University Place Primary School on 27th & Grandview on Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Proceeds directly benefit citizens of University Place.

This event is co-sponsored by the U.P. Volunteer Center.

Tips for terrific trick-or-treating

Halloween brings frightful fun to young and old but to make the day and night safe for everyone, the University Place Police remind you that:

Traffic represents the greatest danger to trick or treaters:

- Remind your children to stop and look before they cross the street.
- Trick-or-treat up one side of the street and down the other. Do not zig-zag across the street.

Motorists need to stay alert, too!

- SLOW DOWN! Give children lots of time to cross the street. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks.
- Keep an eye out for children who may suddenly dart out from between parked cars.
- Remember that neighborhoods that don't normally have a lot of pedestrian and bicycle traffic may experience an increase on Halloween.

Unsafe costumes are scary:

- Try on costumes before Halloween to ensure they do not interfere with your children's ability to see or walk.

- Use light-colored fabrics or incorporate reflective material into the front and back of costumes so motorists can see your children more clearly.

Halloween is for kids:

- Youngsters who think they are too old to have mom or dad go trick-or-treating with them are probably too old to go.
- Juveniles who normally would not be allowed out alone at night are often responsible for many of the criminal mischief acts committed on Halloween. "Tricks" that involve the destruction of property will result in punishment. Stealing candy by force is robbery – a felony.
- Call 9-1-1 or the non-emergency line at 798-4721 *promptly* to report suspicious or criminal activity.
- As always, visit only houses with porch lights on and be home by 9 p.m.



Candidate Forums available on UPTV

Interested in hearing more about the candidates and their views? Watch UPTV for the Candidate Forums held by University Place for the Pierce County Executive and 28th Legislative positions. Forums are shown on UPTV on Channel 12/Click! and Channel 21/Comcast or on the Rainier Communications Commission Channel 22 on either cable provider.

28th Legislative District Forum

UPTV

Daily
12 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Pierce County Executive Forum

Daily
7 a.m. & 7 p.m.

RCC

Check out the RCC schedule on-line at www.rcc.pierce.wa.us/html/crcc.html

U.P. Fire Department promotes new chief

Twenty-nine years after joining the University Place Fire Department as a volunteer, Mitch Sagers was appointed the eighth Fire Chief of the department on July 1, 2008. He brings with him many years of experience as a firefighter, paramedic, lieutenant, and battalion chief. He is a graduate of Pacific Lutheran University and the U.W. School of Medicine's physician assistant program.



Chief Sagers is a 'local boy' who attended U.P. Primary, Curtis Junior and Curtis Senior High schools. He lives in University Place and his wife also works in U.P. His son is a 2006 Curtis graduate and his daughter is a member of the school's Class of 2009.

The fire department has been a part of Chief Sagers' life since he was a child. Not only did he dream of being a firefighter, his grandfather, Wayne Gotchy, was a U.P. fireman as well and served as Fire Chief of University Place from 1966 until 1977. Chief Sagers has many fond memories of visiting "Grandpa" at the fire station and learning the ropes. Wayne would be very proud of his grandson's achievement.

We congratulate Chief Sagers on his promotion and look forward to his leadership of the University Place Fire Department.

Thank you very much for donating to Operation Hands On during our time of need!

Christie Bazar & Larry Nelthropp

Fire Department hosts Fall Fun Day on Oct. 25



Get ready for some Fall fun courtesy of the University Place Fire Department!

Children and their parents are invited to join U.P. firefighters for a day of Halloween fun and safety ideas on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. at the U.P. Fire Station at 3631 Drexler Dr. W.

There will be lots of treats for the kids, including:

- Free pumpkins for the first 300 children*



- Halloween safety bracelets and bags (one bracelet/bag per child)*
- Free digital picture for kids in costume courtesy of Bradley Bogue Photography, Inc.
- Pony rides and petting zoo
- Refreshments
- Tips for safe trick-or-treating

*Children must be present to receive these giveaways.

Those attending are asked to donate a non-perishable food item to help support families in need in University Place.

The event will be held rain or shine, so get those costumes ready and make plans to join your friends and neighbors for some seasonal family fun!

New Commission members approved

Volunteers have always been important in University Place. Many community events and decisions would not be possible without their involvement. A very vital group of volunteers are those citizens who are appointed to City Council Commissions.

The City Council has identified four separate commissions – Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC), Community Oriented Public Safety Commission (COPS), the Economic Development Commission (EDC), and the Planning Commission (PC). Each Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council,

with the exception of the Planning Commission, which has council-delegated authority in certain matters. Members of these commissions commit to attending regular meetings and providing informed input on issues within the scope of their commission. Councilmembers rely on their expertise and dedication to the good of the community to provide recommendations that Council then takes under advisement.

The City Council recently appointed new commissioners to fill vacant positions. The individuals to the right have been appointed to the respective commissions shown:

COPS Commission

Mitch Sagers, Fire Representative
Casey Crawford, School Representative
Kevin Watts, Youth Representative
Michael Smith, At Large Position
Bob Niehl, Alternate

PARC Commission

Eric Choiniere
Steve Johnson
Alyssa Weber, Student Alternate

A special thank you to each of these citizens who have made the commitment to serve the University Place community as a commissioner!

Eagle Scout Projects focus on health and fitness

“Sixty percent of Americans do not engage in the Surgeon General’s recommended level of physical activity, while 25 percent are not active at all.” – Report of the Surgeon General, Physical Activity and Health At A Glance

Recently two Eagle Scout Projects were completed which provide fitness opportunities for the community. When these scouts came in to discuss possible project opportunities with the city, Todd Smith, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, challenged them with trying to find a way to help with increasing physical fitness and walkability in our community.

Ian Hand, Troop 299, developed a project to increase the interest in the Grandview Sidewalk by identifying a three-mile trail (sidewalk) starting at either the Senior/Community Center on 2534 Grandview or near the driveway to the

Pierce County Environmental Service Building on Chambers Creek Road. He stenciled chevrons and mileage markers both north and south bound on the west Grandview sidewalk at quarter mile increments with signs at each mile point.

The hope of this project is to provide the community with enhancements to the sidewalk to help create similar interest to the Grandview sidewalk as the very popular Soundview Trail. These enhancements should begin to create “urban sidewalk trails” through our city, which then increase the walkability and fitness opportunities in our community.

The second Eagle Scout project began much the same way, with a challenge to find a way to increase fitness and health opportunities. Austin Williams, Troop 438, designed a proposal to build five fitness stations along the Cirque Park walking trail. This project provides five separate fitness activities: pull ups, sit ups, stretching, balance, and push ups, which enhance an already

very popular walking trail. This project was made possible by donations from family and friends, Gray’s Lumber, Lakewood Hardware, Mario’s Landscaping, Star Rentals, BMC West and over 100 hours of volunteer work.

These two scout projects have no doubt provided a positive impact on the overall health of our community. Thank you to Ian and Austin for their vision, hard work, volunteerism, and cooperation.

To view photos of these projects, look under “Current Topics” on the City’s website at www.CityofUP.com.

“Americans can substantially improve their health and quality of life by including moderate amounts of physical activity in their daily lives.” The report also found that “health benefits appear to be proportional to the amount of activity; thus, every increase in activity adds some benefit.” – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Surgeon General Report Physical Activity and Health

Where 'art' thou?

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The eye catching group creation is the work of the 2001 eighth grade class of Charles Wright Academy under the direction of their art teacher, Christopher Hoppin, who received a grant to fund this project. Individual glazed ceramic pieces are stacked on steel poles signifying a wide range of issues, such as extinction, excessive use of natural resources, dependency on oil, and global warming. Taking a moment to walk the few steps around the displays rewards the viewer with a close-up view of the variety and beauty of the individual designs. “Environmental Columns” are located at the corner of Chambers Creek Lane and Bridgeport Way, in Conservation Park.



Family Fun Night
November 14, 7 – 10 p.m.
Curtis High School (both gyms)

Come join other University Place families for three hours of dodgeball, inflatables, Guitar Hero, pizza and more! A favorite event for families, don't miss it!

\$25 for a family of four
\$5 for each additional child

For more info call (253) 460-2530

Purple Light Nights

Everyone deserves to be safe, whether it is in their home, relationships or at work. The U.P. City Council has proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Besides talking to friends and neighbors, residents can also participate by purchasing lightbulbs for "Purple Light Nights."

"Purple Light Nights" is a national fundraising campaign to promote the idea that domestic violence has no place in our community and that everyone deserves to be safe.

Why not see if you can light up your whole neighborhood during October and help educate people about the importance of being safe at home, at work and with friends?

People can purchase lightbulbs for \$3 each or two for \$5 at the U.P.

Volunteer Center located at Team Insurance, 2811 Bridgeport Way West, University Place (next to Affairs) or by visiting <http://communities.southsound.com>.

All proceeds from the fundraising campaign go to the Commission Against Domestic Violence to increase awareness. The Commission is also sponsoring a YWCA Shelter Wishlist campaign to collect items for victims of domestic violence. Citizens can mail giftcards to Target, Fred Meyer, Safeway or Albertson's directly to the YWCA Shelter, Attn. Jennine Devenuti, 405 Broadway, Tacoma, WA 98402.



University Place Recreation Highlights Summer '08

The Summer of 2008 produced two new camps/workshops: The **Musicians' Camp**, a five-day camp, was designed for students to explore both classical and contemporary composers through listening to music and studying composer biographies. **Shakespeare in the Parking Lot** was a six-day workshop where youth learned comedic acting techniques, elements of comedic stage combat, and a little Shakespeare. This workshop culminated with a performance at the Curran Apple Orchard.

New **Cooking Classes** were also a big hit. With classes available twice a day Monday through Thursday, kids spent three weeks learning how to make pizza, spaghetti, tacos, and more.

Art Camp was completely full; 25 kids participated in an entire week dedicated to art. For seven hours a day campers immersed themselves in art. They painted, drew, sculpted and visited galleries: the Tacoma Art Museum, Seattle Art Museum, and the Olympic Sculpture Park. Camp concluded with an Art Camp gallery featuring the work of the campers. Photos of both Art Camp and the artwork produced are available under Current Topics at www.CityofUP.com.

At the **Second Annual Cirque Slam**, youth were treated to day of music, prizes, food and fun at their local skate park. Skateboarders and cyclists alike

put on excellent displays of athleticism and artistry. Great photos of this event are also at www.CityofUP.com. The event was put on by the University Place Youth Council (UPYC). Over \$1,500 worth of prizes were donated by NW Snowboards, Zumiez, Tacoma Athletic Club, and U.P. Fire Department.

Camp UPLAY, U.P. Parks and Recreation's day camp, had another wonderful summer with an average of 70 kids participating each week. Campers were treated to a swim twice a week, movies, various games, and also participated in weekly field trips. This year Camp UPLAY went the extra mile by providing campers with even more experiences:

- A visit to City Public Works for exploration of all the dump trucks, loaders, gators, etc. (the young campers really enjoyed this experience!),
- The option to participate in a week-long theater camp,
- Participation in a Toy Drive with U.P. Fire Department,
- Lastly, the camp was visited by the Tacoma Tide (U.P.'s minor league soccer team) and their mascot "Surf Dude," who later invited campers to a Tide match.

Camp UPLAY has, once again, successfully provided the youth of U.P. with a positive and busy home for the summer!

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- Destination Recreation – Kid Friendly Parks
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