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U.P. City Council *Election Filings June 1-5, 2009*

Four City Council positions are up for election this Fall. The filing dates for City Council candidates are June 1-5 with the Pierce County Auditor's Office.

University Place is a Council-Manager form of government with seven City Councilmembers elected at-large by position. This year four of the seven positions are up for election in November. When the Council meets in January, they then select the Mayor, who will serve as the Council chair. The Council is also responsible for appointing the City Manager to carry out the Council's direction and run the City operations on a day-to-day basis.

The four Council positions open this year are seats currently held by:



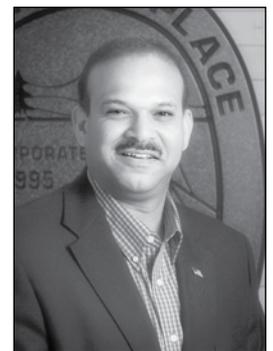
*Linda Bird
Position 1*



*Lorna Smith
Position 3*



*Ken Grassi
Position 4*



*Stan Flemming
Position 5*

Long-time City employee, Diana Harmon, set to retire

Retirement Open House on June 29

After 15 years of service to the citizens of University Place, Diana Harmon, the City Council's and City Manager's Executive Assistant, has decided to retire. The community is invited to an Open House at City Hall on Monday, June 29 from 4-8 p.m. to join us in celebrating her service and bidding her best wishes on her retirement.

Diana was the fifth employee hired by our new City following incorporation in 1995. Diana's job, beyond support to the Council and City Manager, was to organize the City's volunteer program. Under her guidance, the City accrued over 100,000 volunteer hours per year or 1.5 MILLION HOURS of volunteer time in her 15 years with the City!

Our thanks to Diana and all of our volunteers. If you'd like to continue Diana's legacy of community service, please contact the U.P. Volunteer Center at (253) 223-0039 or visit www.upvolunteers.org.



COUNCIL CORNER...

As winter ends, the rain recedes and the sun emerges. By May, University Place comes to life with a broad range of events and activities. We are deluged (no pun intended) with things to do, places to go and nature to enjoy.

The Chambers Creek Properties and Grandview Trail is THE PLACE to see neighbors and old friends out for a bit of exercise. The trails are filled with walkers, bikers and skate boarders. The North and Central Meadows are great places to hold a family picnic, fly kites or play Frisbee.

Through the Spring and Summer months, our City plays host to a wide variety of community events and activities for all ages and interests. These occasions act as the glue that brings people together. They help build the social fabric of our community. As your City Council, we are in the "place making" business. "Supporting Vibrant Community Spaces and Events" is one of our goals for 2009.

The "Events Season" starts with an explosion of color at the 6th Annual University Place Spring Flower Show and Plant

Sale at Homestead Park. The Community Room at City Hall will burst into bloom on May 2 and 3 as we host one of the largest exhibits in the country of Rhododendron Trusses (blossoms). The exhibit is free. Stop by and help "judge" the winners.

While you're there, don't miss the incredible two-day plant sale in the park that weekend as well. The sale is known for its excellent value and competitive prices.

Speaking of the Rhododendron Garden... throughout the months of April, May and early June over 1,000 Rhododendrons in the garden put on a breath-taking floral display.

Things get a little wacky (or quacky) on Saturday, June 6 with the annual Duck Parade, Treasures in the Park Antique Sale, Entertainment, the Fire & Police Open House and the Health Fair, where you can try out exercise classes. Anyone who loves ducks can join the parade. Don't forget to stop by the fire station afterwards and check out all the fire trucks and police cars. Then stroll on over to the park to check out the antique/yard sale vendors and listen

to local entertainment. Even better, find out how to become a "vendor." It's a great way to get rid of all that extra stuff in the garage. Sign up soon. The space is going fast!

The month of June brings long bright days and warm summer nights. On Thursday, June 25 head on over to the Curran Apple Orchard for the first Orchard Concert of the season. You can relax and enjoy the music of the "Dead Edsels." They feature rock and roll music from the '50s and '60s. The event is free. You can bring a picnic or purchase dinner from our local Kiwanis Club. Events at the Orchard continue every two weeks through July and August.

The City Brochure is full of additional outdoor sports activities, day camps and tours throughout the summer. To find out what's coming and when, check out the events schedule on the city website at www.CityofUP.com or look in the Parks & Recreation Spring/Summer Brochure.

Have a great summer!

*Linda Bird
Mayor*



Mayor Linda Bird

CITY COUNCIL

Linda Bird	564-6305
Debbie Klosowski.....	565-8466
Lorna Smith	460-0910
Ken Grassi.....	627-7196
Stan Flemming	460-2500
Gerald Gehring.....	460-2500
Jean Brooks.....	973-0495

MEETING CALENDAR

- May 4 – 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- May 11 – 7 p.m.
Special Meeting
- May 18 – 7 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- May 25 – No Meeting
Memorial Day
- June 1 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- June 8 – 7 p.m.
Special Meeting
- June 15 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

May 14 & June 11 – 6:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

May 6 & June 3 – 7 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

June 18 – 7:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

May 7 & June 4 – 6 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 460-2510 for more information.

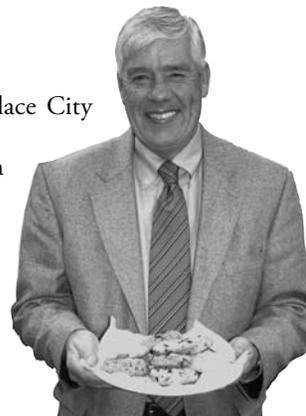
Coffee and Cookies with Council

Have a question or comment about the City? Join your University Place City Councilmembers for coffee or cookies to discuss what's on your mind.

In May and June you can meet in the evening for cookies with Councilmember Stan Flemming on **Tuesday, May 26** or with Councilmember Gerald Gehring on **Tuesday, June 23**. Both events take place **from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at City Hall**, 3715 Bridgeport Way West.

If you'd prefer a morning alternative, please join Councilmember Lorna Smith on **Wednesday, May 27 from 9 – 10 a.m. at the Senior Community Center** at 2534 Grandview Drive West.

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

Library Construction Update

Locating the University Place Library within the midst of our future Town Center has always been a critical component of this ambitious public private partnership. Although the City completed most of the underlying parking garage last year, the national economic downturn forced us to slow down our construction timeline for the library.

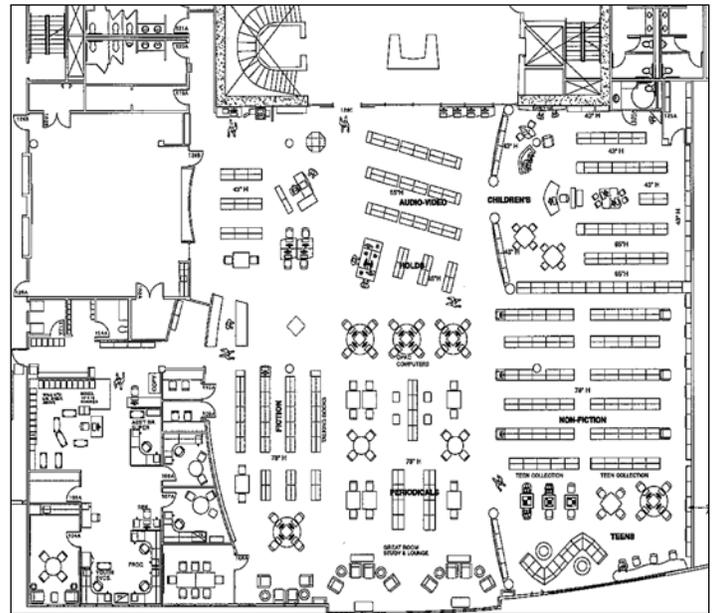
Due to the turmoil of the bond market, the planned bond sale in February was postponed, thus sparing the City from increased interest costs. Now that the market has improved, we anticipate selling this year. Although this meant a slight delay in the opening of the Library, we anticipate



we will have the Library open by late 2010 as agreed.

The Library and the City are partners in the Town Center mixed-use project, with the new Library/Civic Building in the center of the project fronting on Market Square. The City is responsible for replacing the old library which needed to come down for Town Center to proceed. The new library will be 15,000 square feet with expansion room to grow to 20,000 square feet. The old library was 12,000 square feet. The new library is being financed from project revenues, not tax dollars

The Friends of the U.P. Library are conducting a fundraising campaign to purchase enhanced library fixtures and fur-



Proposed U.P. Library floor plan

nishings. If you would like to donate, please call (253) 536-6500.

Pierce County Library System seeks public input re future services

For the past several months, the Pierce County Library System has been gathering ideas and opinions from thousands of people throughout the Library's service area to help it plan for and deliver quality services for you, your children and grandchildren. In response to community needs, the Library now wants your comments on recommendations for future library services and buildings to help meet those needs.

Pierce County Library is developing a facilities master plan, Pierce County Library 2030, in response to community needs. To meet those needs the plan will describe the needed library services and buildings for the next 20 plus years, so it can give you and your neighbors services

where, when and how you will want it. Goals for the plan:

- Library branches will be community centers and the heart of communities.
- Library buildings are located where people want to use them for easy, convenient access.
- The Library reflects what is important to community members and families.

Participate in a community meeting at a Pierce County Library and give your comments on the recommendations to help plan for and deliver quality services.

Community meetings: May 18 – 28, 6:30 – 8 p.m. For specific dates, contact (253) 536-

6500 or visit www.piercecountylibrary.org, keyword: Pierce County Library 2030.

Pierce County Library 2030 will form a basis for future buildings, expansions or replacements of library branches. The goals of the plan are to provide library buildings in convenient locations and of the appropriate sizes to meet the needs of growing and changing communities, and offer buildings that are designed to provide contemporary library services for today and tomorrow. The plan will also identify new ways to deliver services to people in areas where buildings are not conveniently available.

The Library expects to complete the plan in fall 2009.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- May 2 & 3 Flower Show & Plant Sale at City Hall, 9-5 on Saturday, 10-2 on Sunday
- June 6 Duck Daze! 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Bridgeport Way, Public Safety Bldg., Homestead Park
- June 25 Dead Edsels Concert in the Park at the Curran Apple Orchard, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Mother/Son Sports Ball

Friday, May 15 from 7-9:30 p.m.



Come join us at University Place Primary for a night of games, prizes, pizza and fun at the Mother/Son Sports Ball. This event is the perfect opportunity for moms and sons to spend some quality time playing soccer, dodge ball, guitar hero and many other activities.

This event was created by the University Place Youth Council (UPYC), as a complement to the popular Daddy/Daughter Dance.

We look forward to seeing you there! For registration and ticket information, please call the U.P. Parks and Recreation Office at (253) 460-2530.

Skimboarding Day Camp

June 29 – July 30

Kids ages 7-18: You can learn to skim board this summer at a new day camp which will take place at our own Chambers Creek! You will learn skim board etiquette, play games of Frisbee 500, enjoy cool dips in the swimming holes and much more.

To register, call (253) 460-2530.

Free Bike Ride & Rodeo

Saturday, May 9, 2009
9 to 11 a.m.



A fun ride for bicyclists of all ages and experience! Join us on **Saturday, May 9** for a Community Bike Ride and Rodeo throughout University Place! All events begin at the Pierce County Environmental Services Building, 9850 64th Street West (near Grandview and 64th) in University Place.

All bike ride and rodeo participants must wear helmets. Helmets will be available for purchase for \$7 (cash or check only).

Sponsored by
*The City of University Place,
Tacoma Wheelmen's Bicycle Club
and Spoke and Sprocket.*

For more information, contact (253) 460-2530.

Event Schedule:

9 a.m.

Bike Rodeo for new bicyclists

Learn safe biking techniques and receive a free bike safety checkup. Recommended for Grades 1-6.

After completing the rodeo, novice riders are invited to bike down the Soundview Path overlooking the beautiful Chambers Bay Golf Course.

10:15 a.m.

Bicycle Tour

Join the Tacoma Wheelman Bicycle Club on a bicycle tour of University Place (approximately one hour).

Plan now for Camp UPlay, U.P.'s summer daycamp

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 Pt. Defiance Zoo, Seattle Aquarium, go to a Tacoma Rainiers game, and have a party at Steele Lake among other fun trips!

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 2009.

Camp Info:

Ten weeks of fun (June 22-August 28), 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. A commemorative camp T-shirt is included in the camp cost.

Camp Hours and Fees:

	<u>Regular 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.</u>	<u>Extended 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.</u>
Weeks 1–8:	Res/\$115 – Non-Res/\$125	Res \$135 – Non-Res/\$145
Weeks 9-10:	Res/\$100 – Non-Res/110	Res \$120 – Non-Res/\$130

Location:

Evergreen Primary, 7102 40th Street W. Scholarships are available. Register at the University Place Parks & Recreation office. Call (253) 460-2530 for more information.

Mystery Trip 2009 August 18–20

Back by popular demand, this adventurous trip has been extended by one night! The 2009 Mystery Trip will take you to fun and exciting places: our hotel will be lavish, the company energetic and friendly, and our numerous mystery locations full of wonder and fun!

Included in your three days of mystery are your two-day hotel stay, seven mystery locations and accompanying fees, transportation/parking and complete trip management!

To register for this fun excursion, contact the University Place Senior Center at (253) 564-1992.

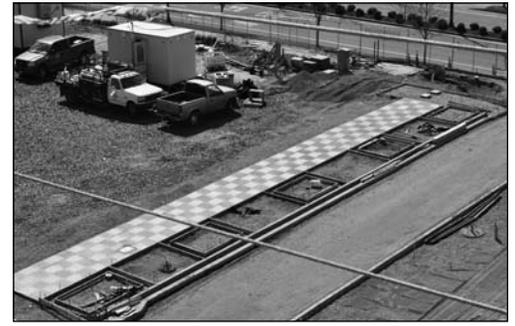


Market Square: June 2009 Completion

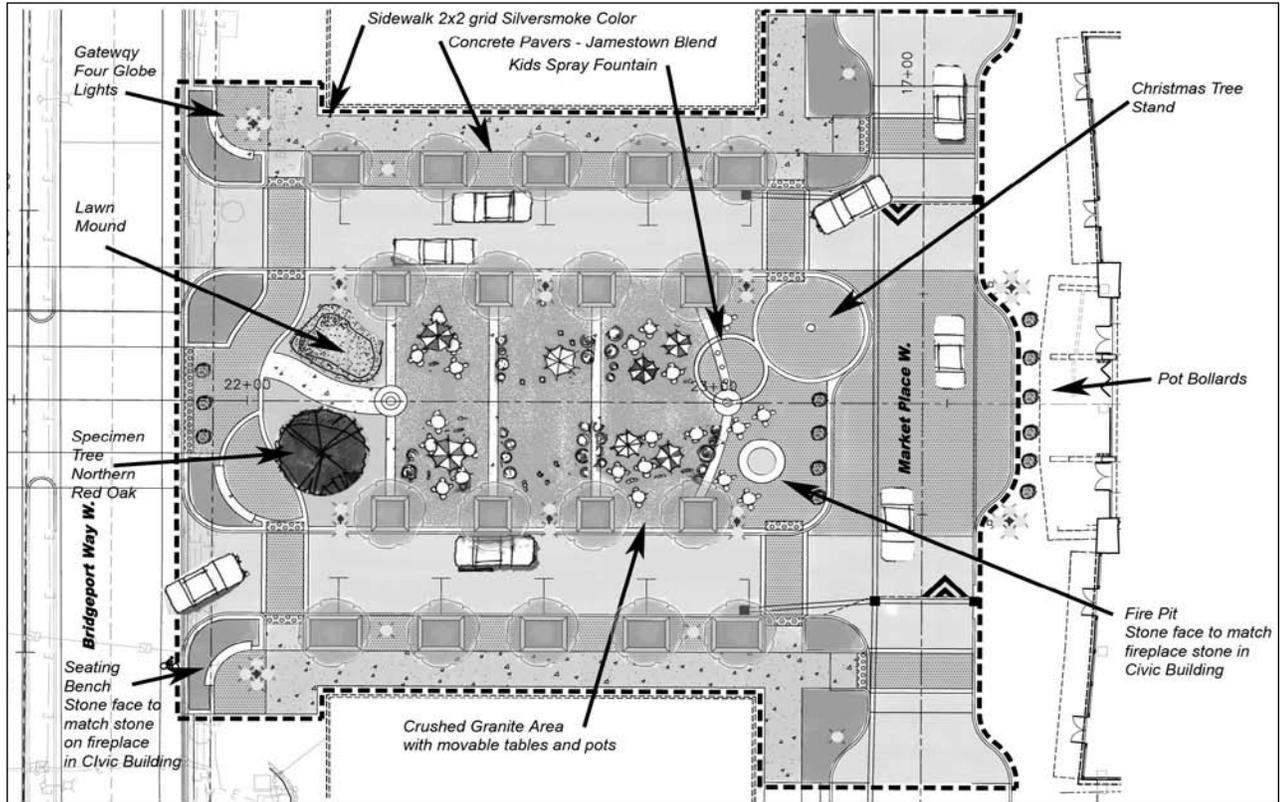
"The PLACE in University Place!"

Market Square, the public plaza in the heart of the Town Center Project, is a 32,000 square foot multi-use area for year-round events and celebrations. One of our Town Center goals was the creation of a real "sense of place" in University Place.

The Market Square improvements are fully funded by a State capital grant of \$988,000. Construction is well underway and completion is scheduled for June, 2009.

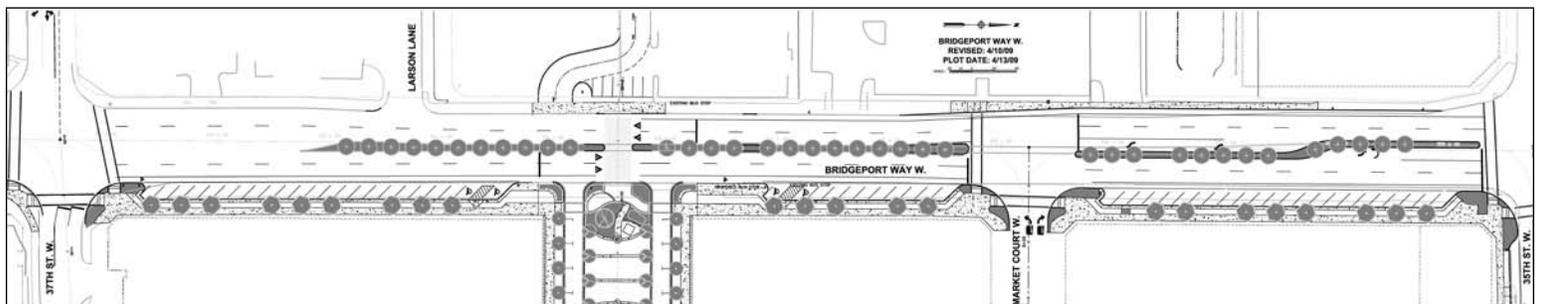


Construction (above) reflects the planned sidewalk, planters and proposed road as illustrated in the upper section of the design drawing (below).



Bridgeport Streetscape: Summer 2009 Construction!

The City received great bids on its Federally-funded Bridgeport Streetscape Project for street widening, plaza, back-in angle parking and wide sidewalks from 35th to 37th. Northwest Cascade, the low bidder, included all optional items within the \$1.9 million Federal grant limit, well under our engineer's estimate. Construction is scheduled for completion this summer.



Parking on Bridgeport? And, why "back-in angle" parking? Real downtowns have on-street parking. Our plans have always included on-street parking along Bridgeport where rights-of-way and budgets permitted. Back-in angle parking is three times safer than head-in or parallel parking, and it is also safer for bike lane users. For more information on safety and other issues, please visit www.CityofUP.com.

Fireworks – Know the rules

As the Fourth of July approaches, you may be thinking about using fireworks as part of your holiday celebration. If you do, we ask you to know the rules before you use.

The City of University Place has amended the Fireworks Ordinance and limited the days of fireworks discharge to **only the Fourth of July**. The University Place Fire Department asks you to help us, the City and the Police Department spread the word about this change. Let's work together to make this a fun and safe holiday for our community.

When can LEGAL fireworks be purchased?

Noon on June 28 until 9 p.m. on July 4.

When can I discharge LEGAL fireworks? (NEW IN 2009)

9 a.m. to 12 Midnight on July 4 ONLY.

What are the age restrictions for LEGAL fireworks?

16 years of age to purchase, possess and discharge fireworks. Children under the age of 16 must be under the direct supervision of an adult.

Fireworks that are purchased at reliable retailers licensed by Washington State are legal. If you choose to purchase fireworks elsewhere, you are responsible to know 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.

NEW FIREWORKS REGULATIONS

Discharge or use of fireworks in University Place is limited to the following date and times:

July 4
9 a.m. to Midnight

Fireworks are prohibited in all City parks and on school grounds.

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.

City safety is our number one concern. Your Police Department will have **NO TOLERANCE** for illegal fireworks or noncompliance with the provisions listed.

What is legal...

Dipped Sticks and Sparklers

A stick or wire coated device that produces a shower or sparks.

Ground and Hand-Held Sparkling Devices

Cylindrical or Cone Fountains

Cylindrical tubes that shower colored sparks. Sometimes a whistling effect is produced. 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/Wheels

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.

Filter Sparklers

A narrow paper tube that produces color and sparks upon ignition. Does not have a fuse for ignition.

Smoke Devices

Tube or sphere that produces 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 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.

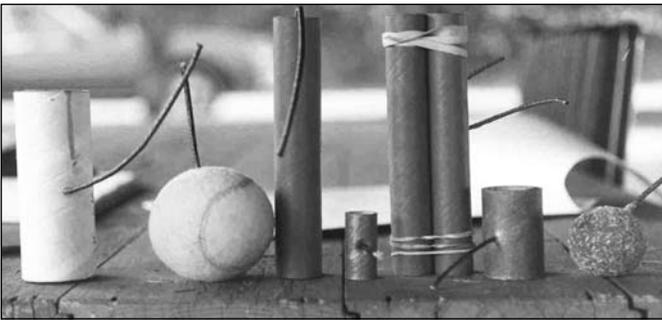
before you use...

*"This year fireworks are legal to discharge only on the Fourth of July. Your University Place police team will be out reminding citizens about the change. We will be increasing staffing levels to accommodate the calls for service during the previous legal discharge dates. We will do our very best to respond to all calls during this time frame. Please do your part by reminding neighbors **BEFORE** the fireworks season of the change. Our objective is to work with neighborhoods to transition this change.*

"To those of you who knowingly choose to discharge fireworks outside of the time permitted on the Fourth of July OR to discharge illegal fireworks at any time, we will be issuing infractions."

*Jim Andrews
University Place Police Chief*

Be smart this Fourth of July. The best way to avoid fireworks-related injuries is to leave the pyrotechnics to the professionals. Visit www.wsp.wa.gov for the dates, times and locations of fireworks shows throughout Washington State.



Illegal explosive devices such as those pictured were responsible for injuries across the U.S. of approximately 9,200 in 2006 and 10,800 in 2005.

Fireworks Tips

If you decide to purchase and use fireworks this year, remember to be prepared, be safe and be responsible. Here are some fireworks safety tips to help you protect people, property and pets.

- Have a responsible adult present when fireworks are used.
- Read the directions before using the fireworks and follow them.
- Have water (for example, a connected garden hose) or fire extinguisher nearby.
- Use fireworks only 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.
- Use only approved legal fireworks purchased from reliable retailers licensed by Washington State.
- 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.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the University Place Police at 798-3141 or the University Place Fire Department at 564-1623.

What is illegal...

Firecrackers, Salutes, Cherry Bombs, M-80

Small paper-wrapped or cardboard tube. A noise and flash of light is produced 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."

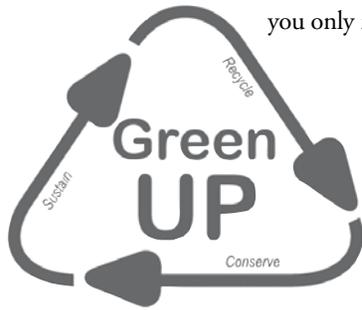
Beware the Energy Vampire!

Did you realize that the energy vampires are slowly draining your home's electricity and your money? The culprits include appliances, devices and other electronics that proceed to pull energy even when they are not in use.

When not in use, electronic devices require what might individually be considered an insignificant amount of energy, called standby energy. However, when it is added up, standby energy use can be significant. In fact, the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) estimates that standby energy accounts for approximately five to 10 percent of residential energy use. In one review of 10 homes, LBNL found that standby energy use ranged from 14 watts to 169 watts. One watt, continuously used for one year, costs about \$1. Therefore, depending on the number and efficiency of devices using standby energy, a homeowner may spend anywhere from 10 to a couple hundred dollars a year on standby energy.

While it may be necessary to leave some devices plugged in, such as your automatic thermostat or cordless telephone, here are a few simple practices that may help reduce overall standby energy use and save a little money:

1. Unplug electrical devices that are not frequently used or are easy to plug in when you need them, such as an electric drill charger or coffee maker.
2. Use a power strip that you can switch on and off for multiple devices, such as computers, monitors and printers. That way you only need to flip one switch.
3. Research products before you buy them. Some products use less standby energy, such as those awarded the ENERGY STAR.



The City has made a conscious effort to purchase lower energy use computers when upgrades are necessary and to turn off electronics when not in use. Join the City's effort to create a "greener" University Place and reduce standby energy use. Even if we cannot eliminate the energy vampire, we can tame it.

Common Devices' Standby Energy Use

Device	Range (watts)	Average (watts)
DVD Player (off)	0 - 10.6	1.6
CD Player (off)	2 - 18.4	5
Microwave	1.4 - 4.9	3.1
Coffee Maker	0 - 2.7	1.1
Computer (desktop, off)	0 - 9.2	2.8
Computer (desktop, idle)	27.5 - 180.1	74
Computer (notebook, off)	0.47 - 50	8.9
Computer Speakers	0 - 5.6	1.8
Television with Remote	0.3 - 10.3	3.1

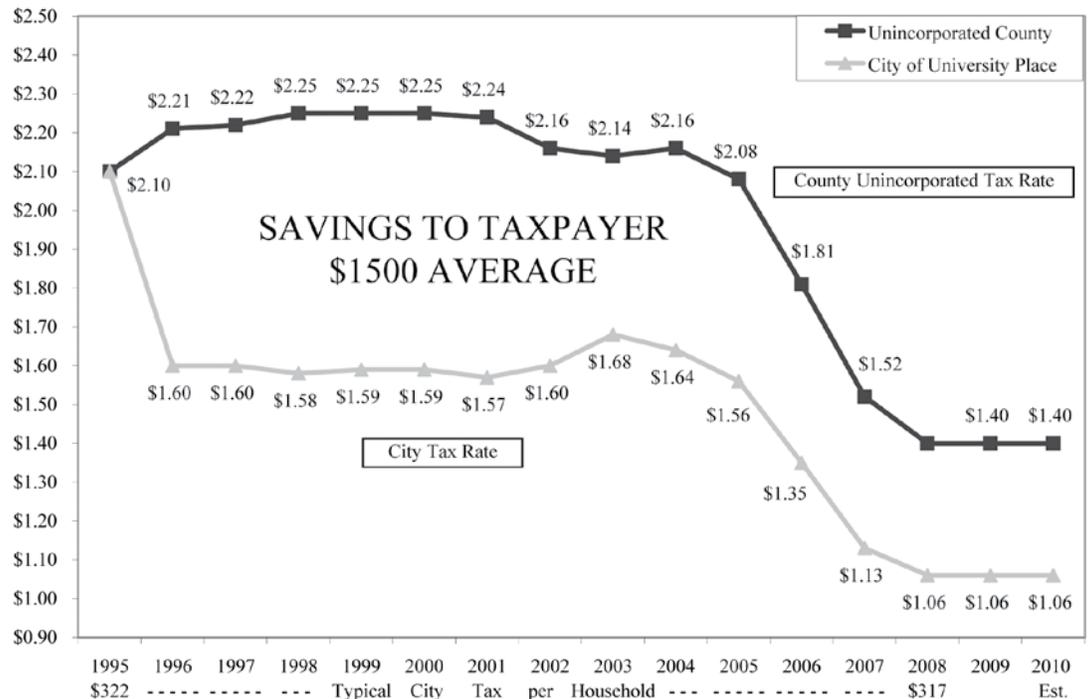
Table adapted from Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory data. For more, see www.standby.lbl.gov.

City Property Tax Rates Still Down

The City of University Place property tax rates and tax per household are among the lowest in the State for cities our size.

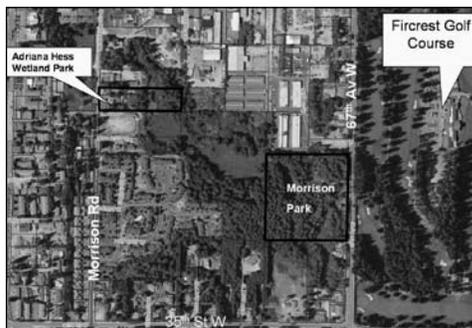
While TOTAL property taxes are higher due to voter approved increases for schools, fire and library, the CITY property tax rates and taxes have gone down steadily since incorporation 15 years ago. The average homeowner has saved over \$11,500 comparing County unincorporated area tax rates to being in the City of University Place.

We are proud to have kept the promise of incorporation – "lower taxes and higher service levels" – for the past 15 years!



Morrison Park opens with Parks Appreciation

A wonderful new addition to the City's parks and open space, Morrison Park, located on 67th Ave., benefited greatly from Parks Appreciation Day. Citizens and officials alike turned out for the ribbon cutting ceremony opening the new park and many stayed for the community cleanup effort.



Morrison Park, east of Adriana Hess Wetlands, is accessible at the 3300 block of 67th Ave. W.

The purchase of 9.55 acres that made this park a reality was made possible by a Pierce County Conservation Futures grant of \$730,000 to be matched by \$50,000 of City park acquisition funds. The property consists of rolling slopes, timber, open space and a wetland buffer.

With 162 volunteers this year, Parks

Appreciation Day was an extremely successful celebration of Earth Day, Arbor Day and National Parks Week. Adriana Hess Wetland Park, Homestead Park, the Curran Apple Orchard and the new Morrison Park were the chosen sites this year. Community members gave over 486 hours of their time to clean up and beautify these four separate park sites in University Place.

Thank you to the sponsors of this great county-wide program: Metro Parks of Tacoma, Click! Cable, Starbuck's Coffee, Marlene's Market & Deli, Tacoma Power and the many municipalities of Pierce County who come together every year to help plan and make this a successful event.

And, most of all, thank you to our wonderful volunteers!



Sisters Anna Schlehlein and Cathy Amburgey, pictured with the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, have childhood memories of their home on this property.

Off Leash Dog Park

City Partnership with Pierce County and SUNDogs

Thanks to the efforts of SUNDogs, County Councilmember Terry Lee and County Executive Pat McCarthy, the City and the County have entered into an agreement for an interim Off-Leash Dog Park next to the Central Meadow at Chambers Bay. Volunteers from SUNDogs, another City partner, have agreed to help with fundraising and maintenance.



Long-term, County plans include three permanent off-leash areas at Chambers Bay, including one along the shoreline.

Given the City's limited Parks budget, partnerships like this with the County and community groups like SUNDogs are extremely important help in stretching our Parks budget while increasing community parks and open space.

For more info, contact Rod Giffels at (253) 722-1418 or Debbie Klosowski at (253) 565-8466.

Crestview Highlands

Designated as park land

Last year, the City and the U.P. School District did a land swap to enable the District to proceed with constructing the new junior high school. In return for a portion of the former Colgate Park (which included the School District Administration offices, tennis courts and ballfields), the School turned over a 12-acre parcel of land just east of Colgate Park along Crestview to the City.

The City began an evaluation process to examine several options, including selling part of the area to obtain revenues for future citywide parks and open space improvements. During this process, several residents in the Crestview neighborhood requested that the City forego the possible sale and instead keep the area for parks and open space. At the April 6 City Council meeting, the City Council unanimously agreed to designate the Crestview Highlands parcel as park land.

As a result, the U.P. Park Commission will be responsible for working with neighbors and other interested parties to eventually develop a parks and open space plan in the future as well as exploring future funding options.

Sign Compliance Program making significant progress

Since 1995 the City has been working with property owners and businesses within the City to bring nonconforming signs out into compliance. The City sent its first notices regarding nonconforming signs in 2002. As of March 4, 2009, the deadline for compliance, 173 nonconforming signs have con-

formed with the City's sign code.

The City continues to work with property owners and businesses that still have nonconforming signs. The majority of these sign owners have been in contact with the City and are working diligently towards bringing their signs into con-

formance. There are still a relative few that are waiting. The City will be starting its enforcement proceedings in these cases shortly.

For those property and business owners who have made their signs to conform to the City's sign code, we thank you. Your efforts are

deeply appreciated. By removing or replacing your nonconforming sign with a new sign, you have helped the City reduce sign clutter and make University Place a more attractive community. We hope the overall appearance of new signs will also attract new customers to businesses in the City.

Put on your yellow - Duck Daze is June 6!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 6 when University Place will celebrate the beginning of summer with its annual Duck Daze celebration. The day-long festivities include the popular Duck Parade, the Fire & Police Open House, the Treasures in the Park Antique Show & Flea Market and a new Health Fair at Windmill Village.



Duck Parade

The day kicks off promptly at 10 a.m. when the Duck Parade heralds the coming of summer. Be a part of the fun! You'll be sure to see "ducks" of every kind not only in the parade, but along the sidelines of the parade route, as Bridgeport becomes awash with yellow.

The Duck Parade began when Terry Reim and Dixie Harris, co-founders of the U.P. Farmers Market, thought the City needed an event to celebrate the end of the rainy season as well as the wonderful improvements to the City's central street, Bridgeport Way. The yellow duck was adopted as the symbol of the parade – it has now become a community mascot!

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the corner of 27th Street and Bridgeport and continues south to 37th Street. You can be in the parade or just come to cheer on the participants. Either way, you'll want to grab your yellow gear!

To be a part of the parade or for more information, call Dixie Harris at (253) 564-6373.



Fire & Police Open House

After the parade, make your way down to the Public Safety Building, where your University Place Fire and Police Departments will be hosting their yearly Open House. Visit with local public safety personnel, outfit your child with one of the low cost/custom fit bike helmets or life jackets, or enjoy a hotdog prepared by your U.P. firefighters – there's something for everybody!



Treasures in the Park

Head over to Homestead Park (next to City Hall) and see what good deals await you at Treasures in the Park. There will be bargains galore as well as food and fun entertainment for young and old alike. The entertainment schedule is set to include storytelling from the U.P. Library, music from the Sunshine Generation, the Totem-Aires and NVI Choir, as well as the opportunity for Karaoke!

You, too, can set up your awning, clean out your closet and bring out the antiques and re-usable items! This is a great no-hassle way to be a part of this "Community Garage Sale!" To participate as a vendor, simply sign up as an early-bird for a 10-by-10 foot booth at \$40 until May 15. The same size booth will cost \$50 if reserved from May 16 through May 31. Space is limited and offered on a first-come, first-serve basis, so be sure to reserve your spot today!

Vendor forms are available at www.CityofUP.com or call (253) 566-5656 to have an application mailed to you. Questions about Treasures in the Park should be directed to Ken Grassi at (253) 278-1946.



Health Fair

Providing an opportunity to improve your health, the first annual University Place Health Fair is joining the cast of Duck Daze. The fair will take place in the Windmill Village complex (next to City Hall) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include classes such as:

- Healthy eating to optimize better health
- Body composition analysis
- Blood pressure check
- Dance / Zumba / Yoga / Pilates / SAIL
- Drums alive
- Muscle toning

The Health Fair is sponsored by U.P. Parks & Recreation in conjunction with the Pierce County YMCA, the Pierce County Health Department and Fit & Fun!



Face painting and temporary tattoos are a special draw for the kids, as well as having the opportunity to get an "up close and personal" look at the big rigs and engines that keep our community safe.

Be sure to stop by and say hello to your police and firefighters!

Come to free concerts at the Curran Apple Orchard

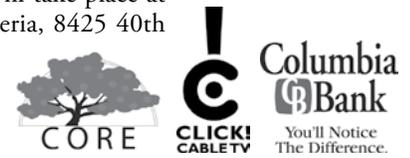


One of University Place's most popular events begins just as school ends – it's the "Concerts in the Park" series at the Curran Apple Orchard. Join your friends and neighbors as they head to the orchard on a warm summer evening. Bring your own picnic or purchase food prepared by the University Place Kiwanis, but remember to bring something to sit on!

A real favorite last year, this year's season begins on June 25 with "The Dead Edsels," who will kick it off with familiar sounds from the fifties and sixties. The series will continue every other Thursday night, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Curran Apple Orchard Park, 3920 Grandview Drive West.

In the event of inclement weather, the concerts will take place at the rainout location of the Curtis High School cafeteria, 8425 40th St W.

Special thanks go to the Concert Series sponsors: Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts (CORE), Click! Cable TV and Columbia Bank.



CORE will have a pruning party and apple insect class (how to fight apple maggots) on Sat., May 30 from 10-noon at the barn. Class fee \$5. More info 460-2530.

Bring a truss to the Flower Show!

Do you have a Rhododendron or Azalea blooming in your yard? Cut off a "spray" or "truss" and enter it in the Spring Flower Show at Homestead Park on May 2 and 3. Bring it to City Hall on Friday from 12-6 p.m. or Saturday from 9 a.m. – Noon. You could have a grand prizewinner growing in your yard today!

Planning a Garage Sale?

Be sure to follow the Garage Sale Sign Requirements which are posted on the City's website at www.CityofUP.com

For more information, call (253) 566-5656

Homestead "Wild Side" Open House

Friends of Homestead Park are hosting an "Open House" to talk about their proposal to construct a Native Plant Botanical Garden on the east side of Homestead Park (the "wild" side – east of Drexler Drive). Neighbors and community members are invited to stop by City Hall on **Wednesday, May 6 at 6 p.m.** to view a short slide presentation about native plants, the proposed "site plan" and tour the garden site.

The "Playground by the Sound" ...

A unique playground – imagined by children, built by community.

Sometimes a good idea just gets better and better... Over the past several months the Tot Lot Committee has been meeting to begin planning construction of a tot lot for children in the North Meadow of the Chambers Creek Properties.

The question of whether the "Big Toys By the Bay" plan would best meet the needs of a regional park, such as for Chambers Creek Properties, has been the topic of much discussion. In February, the Tot Lot Committee began exploring the idea of expanding and adjusting the focus of the playground.

Instead of just a "tot lot," they have recommended that the community build a "Playground by the Sound." It will be a unique, one of a kind play area designed by our children and built by the community. It will reflect the culture, art, history and unique environment of the site and the area.

The proposed playground will be designed

using an "Imagining Workshop" with all the children of the community. When construction drawings are complete and all the funds have been raised, the community can "help build" the project under the guidance of experts in the community build playground process.

The committee feels strongly that a playground that children design and teenagers, parents, seniors and the community builds, creates a strong sense of community pride and ownership. It is not just about community playground assembly. It's about getting people involved, building bridges, empowering volunteers and truly building community. The process not only connects people but also teaches our children community service lessons and proves dreams can become reality when working together for a common cause.

To date, the committee has raised approximately \$10,000 towards construction of the

playground. During the morning of **Thursday, June 11** a team of park "designers" will be visiting all of the schools in the City for a Design Day Workshop where children ages K-4th grade will gather ideas about what activities they want included in their playground. That evening the entire community is invited to the "**Design Day Party**" that will be held at the Environmental Services Building from **6:30-8 p.m.** to "unveil" the playground plan. Everyone is invited to come and see what the children and designers are proposing!

If you would like to get involved with the project, donate or learn more about the "community built" process, contact Mayor Linda Bird at Lbird@CityofUP.com. The Playground Committee meets the first Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall in University Place. Volunteers are welcome to join us.

Time to volunteer? Check out www.upvolunteers.org!

Business Directory additions

2009 Business Directories were delivered to University Place residences/businesses at the end of March. Please add the following entries to your copy:

Bannon, Carlson & Kessel, Inc., Insurance Broker
2121 70th Ave. W., Suite B
University Place, WA 98466
(253) 565-3500

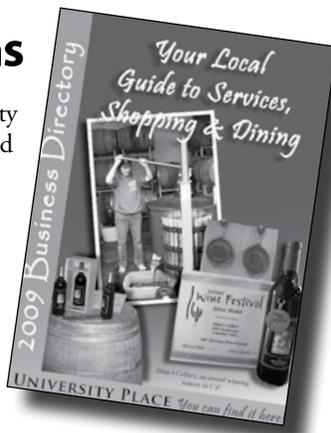
Lasting Beauty Artist & Teacher
(253) 564-4531

Endeavour Accounting, LLC
6824 19th St. W.
PMB #266
University Place, WA 98466
(253) 460-5524

Stina's Cellars
2211 70th Ave. W.
University Place, WA 98466
(253) 227-9748

Sand Dollar Spa & Massage
6808 27th St. W.

University Place, WA 98466
(253) 250-2760



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, 2008. Households that qualify can apply for a refund by obtaining an application form and submitting it no later than June 30, 2009.

“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 2008 utility tax, the income eligibility levels are as follows:

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
One person	\$23,150
Two persons	\$26,500
Three persons	\$29,800
Four or more persons	\$33,100

Applicants must also show proof that they have lived in the University Place city limits for nine months or more of 2008. An explanation of the necessary documentation for proof of residency is included on the application form.

Application forms may be obtained by:

Visiting U.P. City Hall at 3715 Bridgeport Way W.

Emailing 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.

Become a Patron of Beautification

Beautification in University Place is a project that comes straight from the hearts (and pockets) of our community. Residents contribute each year to become a Patron of Beautification and it is through their giving that the City is able to fund projects such as the purchase of street-side benches, community art, Christmas street decorations, decorative bike racks, flower bulbs for city-wide plantings, and park improvements. **Ninety percent of the Beautification projects in U.P. are accomplished through community donations and volunteer work.**



As we watch the daffodils and tulip plantings begin to bloom this spring, consider donating to become a patron yourself. Last year's work saw the total of bulbs planted through this effort top the 100,000 mark. Contributions big and small have helped this goal become a reality!

To be a part of this great effort, visit www.CityofUP.com to download a Patron of Beautification Donation Form or call 566-5656 to have one mailed to you.

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:

- Regular Council Meetings
- U.P. Responds – 911 Awareness
- Meet Your City – Public Works/Parks

Visit our Website: www.CityofUP.com/upty for a schedule of what's on the channel each week. Send program suggestions and comments to UPTV@CityofUP.com or call 460-2537.

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