



# CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE HEADLINES

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## 2009 Holiday Event & Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 3 to 6 p.m. at City Hall

Come celebrate the Holiday season with an afternoon of festivities and cheer! Activities kick off with Santa arriving on a fire truck and making his way to his Santa throne where he will be available for photos with the children (proceeds will go to U.P. Kiwanis). After telling Santa their list, kids will want to check out the "Santa Express" train rides through the lights and decorations in Homestead Park. A holiday bounce house will be available on the City Hall back patio and there will be festive balloons and face painting for everyone! Ivar's Seafood will be handing out toasty warm clam chowder, and there will be free coffee sponsored by Forza, as well as hot cider and cookies.

The University Place Professional Firefighters Local 2105 will be holding their annual food, new toy and clothing drive to benefit local families and will be on hand accepting donations personally. Operation Hands On will be holding a silent auction of wonderful and unique gift baskets to benefit crisis stricken families in our community.

The day's music performances will include choirs from Curtis Jr. High and High School, Sunset Primary, Evergreen Primary, Narrows View Primary and others, all singing new and old Christmas and holiday favorites. Be sure to put the U.P. Christmas Tree Lighting on your holiday list of events to attend!



## Santa Paws on Dec. 12!

Has your pet been naughty or nice? Don't miss the third annual "Santa Paws Pet Photos" on Sat., Dec. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the City Hall complex, 3715 Bridgeport Way West. Sponsored by SUNDogS (Safe, Unleashed & Natural), this fun event is a fundraiser for the off leash dog park on the Chambers Creek Properties.



Please bring your leashed and socialized pets to meet Santa and get a great holiday photo! Photos are \$10 each. For more information, please visit [www.updogpark.org](http://www.updogpark.org) or contact Debbie Klosowski at (253) 565-8466.

## U.P. Volunteer Center Thanksgiving Dinner

Don't have plans for Thanksgiving Day? Join the U.P. Volunteer Center for a delicious meal with friends and community members on Nov. 26 from 12 to 2 p.m. at U.P. Primary. Volunteers from University Place will generously dedicate their time this Thanksgiving to provide a delicious, quality meal for community members in our city.

Volunteers are needed to set up, greet guests, serve and clean up. Shifts are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Monetary donations can be made payable to the U.P. Volunteer Center. Call (253) 223-0039 to donate or to volunteer.

### Event Schedule

ARRIVAL OF SANTA		3pm
<i>(Santa arrives by fire truck in the North parking lot)</i>		
"Santa Express" Train Rides	\$2	3pm-6pm
Kids Holiday Bounce House	\$1	3pm-6pm
Face Painting/Balloons		3pm-6pm
Photos with Santa	\$4	3:15-6pm
<i>(Benefits U.P. Kiwanis)</i>		
Free Cider, Coffee, Cookies		3pm-6pm
<i>(Coffee courtesy of Forza)</i>		
Ivar's Clam Chowder		3pm-6pm
Musical Performances		3:10pm-5:55pm
<i>(By local school choirs)</i>		
(New) Clothing, Food, Toy Drive		3pm-6pm
<i>(Sponsored by U.P. Firefighters)</i>		
Silent Auction		3pm-6pm
<i>(Sponsored by Operation Hands On)</i>		

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AT 6PM!**

## Curbside Food Drive

Your U.P. Volunteer Center will be coordinating a curbside food drive on Sat., Dec. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help replenish the University Place Fish Food Bank of "Families Unlimited Network." Place non-perishable food by your curbside mailbox by 9 a.m. or drop your donation at the Fish Food Bank at 8101 27th W., next to U.P. Presbyterian Church. Cash donations should be made payable to F.U.N. Food Bank.

All the food will be collected by volunteers with volunteered vehicles. Want to help? Contact Julie Kerrigan at (253) 223-0039 or [jkerrigan@upvolunteers.org](mailto:jkerrigan@upvolunteers.org).

# COUNCIL CORNER...

As the holiday season begins, many of us are starting to plan holiday get-togethers with family and friends. Although the economy is starting to improve, there are many people within our University Place community who are facing difficult circumstances, whether it is the loss of a job or a family member serving away from home. Our community has always come together to help each other out and this year is no different.

Please consider making a small donation to one or more of these groups...your gift will make a world of difference to someone in our community.

### Families Unlimited Network (FUN) –

FUN is accepting holiday gifts and food baskets (turkeys, hams, canned food) through mid December. Dropoff hours are Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2610 Sunset Drive West. Contact: Barbara, 460-3134 or [barbaras@familiesunlimitednetwork.org](mailto:barbaras@familiesunlimitednetwork.org).

FUN is a non-profit organization primarily involved with the permanent U.P. Food Bank. During the holidays, however, FUN collaborates with school counselors, community groups and individuals to assist University Place community members in need. More information can be found at [www.familiesunlimitednetwork.org](http://www.familiesunlimitednetwork.org).

### City of U.P. Tree Lighting –

Please bring your donations of food, holiday food and new unwrapped gifts to the City’s Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 5 from 3 to 6 p.m. at 3715 Bridgeport Way West. Contact: Todd Smith, 460-2530 or [tsmith@CityofUP.com](mailto:tsmith@CityofUP.com).

### U.P. Professional Firefighters Local 2105 –

Food, new unwrapped toys (infants-teens), gift cards and new clothes (infants and teens especially needed) to the locations in the next column until December 16. Contact: Michelle Johnson, 534-3284 or [mjohnson@piercefire.org](mailto:mjohnson@piercefire.org).

### Donation sites:

- Public Safety Building, 3631 Drexler Drive West
- Forza Coffee, 27th & Bridgeport
- Forza Coffee, Bridgeport & Cirque

People can also **donate items to “Santa”** when he visits neighborhoods on the fire truck between 5 and 8:30 p.m. on the schedule listed on the City’s website at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com).

### Operation Hands On –

Operation Hands On provides furniture and household items all year long to people in need.

Auction items and theme baskets are also needed for the organization’s auction at the City’s Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 5, which helps purchase items for the annual Christmas Party for kids (ages 1-12) in mid December. Donations will be accepted on the following schedule:

\*Auction items and theme baskets through Saturday, November 28; \*New, unwrapped gifts (age 1-12) through December 8; \*Furniture and household items all year round.

Donations are accepted Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays from Noon to 4 p.m. at 8427 27th Street West. Contact: Larry Nelthrop, 273-9616. More info at [operationhandson.org](http://operationhandson.org).

Thank you to everyone who opens their hearts to help someone else throughout the year. On behalf of the City Council, I wish you and your families a joyful holiday season.

Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Klosowski



Happy Holidays from your U.P. City Council!

## 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

- November 9 – Special Meeting
- November 16 – Regular Meeting
- November 23 – No Meeting
- November 30 – Special Meeting
- December 7 – Regular Meeting
- December 14 – Special Meeting
- January 4 – No Meeting
- January 11 – Special Meeting

## Winter Weather Fire Safety

The winter months in Western Washington can bring us a wide array of weather conditions. From high winds to snow and ice, winter storms increase the chances of home fires. The University Place Fire Department and the U.S. Fire Administration encourage you to follow these safety tips to help protect your family and home from the threat of fire during or after a winter storm.

- Have flashlights and battery powered lanterns on hand for light during a power outage. Candles pose too high a level of fire danger to be used as a light source.
- Do not use your oven or stove to heat your home. It is a fire danger and can be a source of

toxic fumes.

- Do not use charcoal or gas fired grills indoors as a source of heat or for cooking.
- When using a wood burning fireplace for heat, use a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace and keep all combustibles three feet away.
- Make sure you have a smoke alarm(s) that have battery back-ups in case of power outages.
- Use generators and other fuel-powered machines outside the home in a ventilated area.
- If you suspect a gas leak, do not strike a match. Leave the area and report the leak.
- Assume that all wires on the ground are electrically charged.

*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 agenda.*

# City Manager looks back and ahead

*Retiring in 2010 after 15 years as University Place City Manager*

As I prepare to retire after almost 15 years with the City, I am both very proud of our accomplishments, and yet, concerned about our ability to meet the challenges ahead.

For 40 years now, I have watched University Place grow and change for the better. I turned 21 in 1968 in an ROTC foxhole at Fort Lewis, and on weekends I'd stay at my Aunt Mildred's home off 23rd and Bridgeport. Back then I had no idea I'd come to call U.P. home, let alone be the first City Manager.

As promised, when we incorporated as a new City in 1995, we have:

- Lowered City property taxes;
- Improved City services;
- Made capital improvements; and, so far,
- Maintained financial stability.

At your request and with your support, we have reduced crime rates, improved parks and recreation, controlled growth, while requiring that "growth pay its own way," and improved traffic safety. We built 23 miles of sidewalks, installed 530 streetlights, planted 2,445 street trees, opened new parks, eliminated most flooding problems and improved streets.

I remember when Grandview was two lanes and gravel shoulders, with speeds of 45-50 miles per hour. When we proposed building sidewalks and using roundabouts to calm traffic, we were told "nobody walks there and traffic is too fast, why bother?" Now Grandview is the most popular walking street in town, with traffic at safe 30-35 miles per hour speeds.

And that would have been reason enough, but it was the Grandview Street improvements that also led to the Chambers Bay Project. So to those who say "why bother," I say "good things sometimes happen in unanticipated ways."

After we lost \$3 million a year in General Fund revenue following I-695, we cut to "Limited Services." We next worked through the recession of 2002 following 9/11. We then started our investment in Town Center in order to build a long-term tax base. We again

adjusted and lowered service levels and capital improvements after I-747 limited property tax growth to one percent in a 3-5 percent cost environment.

We've been cutting services and capital budgets for 10 years. Now we're in the middle of the worst economic crisis in 61 years since the Great Depression, and this time we need to cut to "Core" levels and have limited capital improvements to just grant funded projects.

As I said in 2005, if "we are to achieve your vision of an even better University Place... then we need to realize that continued budget cutting isn't going to get us there."

Earlier this year, I stated "I am seriously concerned that in our zeal for tax-cutting, we begin to think there are no consequences."

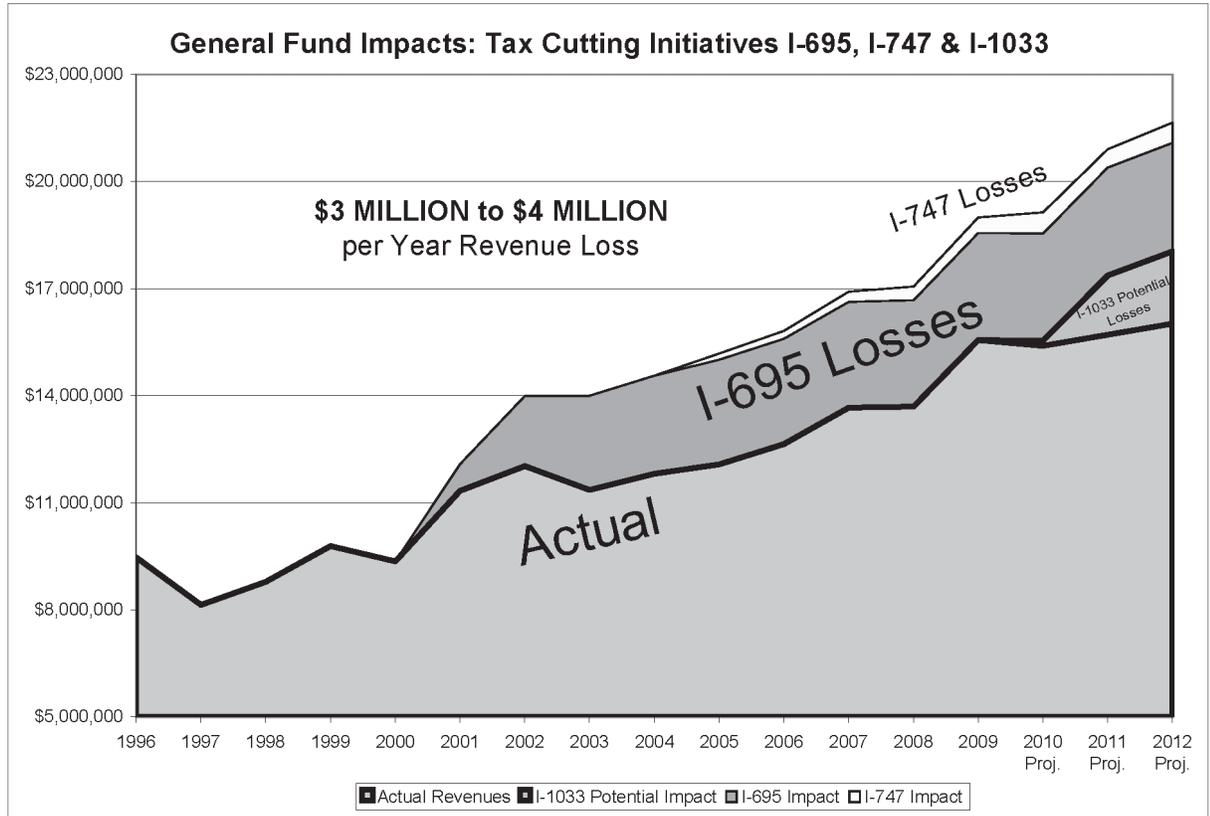
For 2010 our revenues are down due to the economy another \$1.2 million. We are struggling with the real consequences of 10 years of State-wide tax-cutting initiatives and the worldwide economic crisis: City service levels cut by 33 percent and Police by 25 percent to Core levels, recreation programs and events dependent on volunteers. We will use the rest of our reserve or rainy day funds in 2010. And unless voters approve a Police levy in 2010, should I-1033 pass, then City services will stay

at Core levels for at least the next five years or until Town Center revenues start to offset the I-1033 property tax cuts.

As citizens of University Place, we must rethink our responsibilities and recognize that "there is no free lunch." Somehow we need to decide how we want to pay for the City services we have come to take for granted.

So, we can be proud of our accomplishments as a community these past 15 years, but we need to face the challenges ahead with a real understanding of how we've limited our abilities to provide and pay for the services we want. Ultimately, our investments in community pay direct dividends to us and our families.

Bob Jean, Retiring U.P. City Manager



NOTE: The newsletter print date was before 11/3 and any I-1033 outcomes were able to be known.

**City Manager Recruitment/Selection**

The City Council will meet with Councilmember(s)-Elect on November 30, 2009 to discuss the City Manager Recruitment/Selection and public involvement in the process.

## Name one of the City's new parks!

The past year has seen the acquisition of new park land within University Place – a very exciting time! And now the City is seeking your help in naming its newest parks.

### Brookside Way

At the north end of the Curran Orchard is a strip of land of about two and a half acres that runs along Brookside Way, a parcel which was purchased from the United Church. Brookside Creek flows through the southern end of the property.

### 27th and Elwood Drive

This parcel is approximately one acre of land located at the northwest corner of 27th Street and Elwood Drive, located in the same block as the new University Place Primary School. The park land was acquired as a result of a land swap with University Place School District and the City of University Place; it would be an ideal location for a tot playground.

### 67th Avenue

In the 3300 block of 67th Avenue, across from the Fircrest Golf Club, close to 10 acres of undeveloped land were acquired through the use of a grant from Pierce County Conservation Futures. Wetlands, mature timber and a meadow occupy this undeveloped property. The possibility of future trail system access to Adriana Hess Park is also possible.

Suggestions for the names and uses of these three parks are being sought by the Park Commission. Email or send your suggestions to Gretchen Hayes at ghayes@CityofUP.com or 3715 Bridgeport Way W, U.P. 98466. The Commission requests that park names with a person's name associated with it not be submitted.

In 2010, the Park Commission will meet to select names from those that have been submitted to make a recommendation to the City Council for the names and uses of these three parks.

## Curran Concert Series ideas

The Curran Orchard Committee is seeking ideas for future bands for the 2010 Summer Concert Series. Do you have a favorite local band or type of music that you would like to hear next year? If so, please send your ideas to Dorothea Richards at blkkoffee@hotmail.com.

Interested groups can also send resumes, CDs and price lists no later than January 8, 2010 to CORE Summer Concerts, c/o City of University Place Parks & Recreation, 3715 Bridgeport Way West, UP 98466.

CORE is also seeking businesses and individuals who wish to help sponsor individual concerts. For more information, please contact Faye Anderson at (253) 565-3754.

## Volunteers make a difference...



Make A Difference Day 2009 was a great success! At Homestead Park, 17 volunteers helped to install a new trail into the Wildside of Homestead, planted and transplanted rhodies, did trail work and park cleanup. Adriana Hess Wetland Park had 26 volunteers who planted a new native plant demonstration garden, and performed weeding, landscape cleanup and used the rain barrels installed at the last work party to water the new plants. The Morrison Park Property had nine volunteers who filled two

large dumpsters full of invasive species debris. The positive impacts made by volunteers at these parks will be recognized and enjoyed by the community. Thank you!

This event was made possible by a Together Green Volunteer Days grant from Toyota and National Audubon, and was coordinated by the U.P. Volunteer Center.



## What's new at the Curran House?

Curran House at Curran Orchard Park is the former home of Charles and Mary Curran, long-time University Place residents, and originators of the orchard. A citizens' committee has been formed to look into potential uses and long term financing for Curran House, which is now vacant. Named "CHIPS" for Curran House Investigating & Planning Study, this committee held an open house September 12 to gain input from the community regarding future uses for the 3,000 square foot structure.

In preparation for the event, committee members held several work sessions to refresh the interior and exterior of the house. Thanks are due

to Wolfe's Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning which donated carpet cleaning, and to Roger Gruener of University Place Refuse & Recycling who donated prep mulch for the garden area.

About 50 citizens were present at the open house, which was also attended by Charles Curran, Jr. A good historian, Chuck recounted many adventures from his years growing up in the house and orchard.

Attendees at the open house rated "community meeting space" highest among the potential uses for Curran House. "University Place History Museum" was next, followed by "Environmental and Agricultural Education and Exhibit Space."

## Great Holiday Gifts!

Searching for a great holiday gift idea? Fret no more, the Curran Orchard can help you out! Consider giving that special person their own Apple Tree! There are several varieties available with tree adoptions starting at \$35 a year which entitles the adopter to several free pruning classes (if they choose) along with a delicious bounty in the fall which they can enjoy in apple pies, apple cider or just a great healthy treat.

CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts) also offers orchard-themed tshirts, sweatshirts, travel mugs, cookbooks and children's books. Don't miss out on these great gifts. For more information, visit [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) or [www.CurranAppleOrchard.com](http://www.CurranAppleOrchard.com).

Through a collaborative effort between CHIPS and Clover Park Technical College, Curran House is the fall quarter laboratory for the Clover Park Interior Design students. Working in groups, the students will design configurations to comply with the highest rated uses identified by citizens at the open house. Their plans will be available for viewing at a future U.P. City Council meeting.

CHIPS is open to any interested persons. Contact Managing Librarian Cindy Bonaro at University Place Library, 565-9447 or cbonaro@piercecounitylibrary.org, for the next meeting date and place.

# Playground by the Sound Component Legacy Sales Underway



We asked our children to design their dream playground in June and, boy, did they deliver! The new 12,000 square foot playground will occupy the North Meadow of Chambers Creek Properties overlooking the golf course and Puget Sound. The kids turned many South Sound icons into a fabulous adventure and play zone which will open in June 2010. A complete

schematic is available online at [www.playgroundbythesound.org](http://www.playgroundbythesound.org).

Now it's our turn to deliver on their dreams. Our design firm, Leathers and Associates, developed the component list below based on the children's ideas. These major components will be recognized on a permanent kiosk near the playground entrance. Component sales represent about \$85,000 of an

overall budget of \$200,000. Other opportunities for donations include fence pickets, t-shirts, golf shirts and corporate sponsorships ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000.

"We expect the components to go pretty fast," said Jeff Allen, chair of Playground by the Sound's fundraising committee. "What better way to impart a sense of community to your children, grandchild-

dren and family members for years to come."

To secure your individual, family or corporate legacy on one of the playground components listed below, please call Mark Kahley at (253) 460-5866. For information on volunteering for the blitz-build, fence picket sales or other aspects of this community project, visit [www.playgroundbythesound.org](http://www.playgroundbythesound.org).

## Major Gift Recognition

Platinum – \$25,000

Gold – \$10,000

Silver – \$5,000

Bronze – \$2,500

## Major Components

Mountain Maze	\$8,500	Entrance with Birds	\$2,250	Soft Climber	\$1,350	Bouncy Bridge	\$750
Giant Tree Houses (2)	\$6,000	Clam Shack	\$2,250	Lookout Tower	\$1,250	Chain Bridge	\$750
Spiral Slide	\$6,000	Cradle Climber	\$2,250	Boats (2)	\$1,250	Arched Bridge	\$600
Light House	\$4,500	Forest Climber	\$2,200	Double Slide	\$1,100	Fish	\$600
Whale Spring Toy	\$3,800	Rings	\$1,900	Stage	\$1,000	Low Ladder	\$550
Alpine Triple Slide	\$3,700	Galloping Gertie		Pod Climber	\$1,000	Pod Hops	\$500
Tire Swing Bay	\$3,500	Suspension Bridge	\$1,850	Climbing Wall	\$950	Phone System	\$500
Swing Bays (3)	\$3,200	Monkey Bars	\$1,800	Rubber Bridge	\$850	Moving Beam	\$275
Rock Wall	\$2,800	Sea Life Box	\$1,500	Fire Pole	\$850	Chin-Up	\$250

## Cider Squeeze – A Grand Old Time!



Bright sunshine sparkled down upon hundreds of smiling visitors patiently waiting to squeeze apples into delicious cider at the annual Curran Apple Orchard Cider Squeeze in September.



Johnny Appleseed delighted kids with caramel apple suckers while The Big Apple, a barbershop quartet and the Wickline Down Home Bluegrass Band entertained the crowds. Master Gardeners were on hand to answer questions about apples while other people headed straight for the trees to claim apples for cider, pies and just plain good eating!



Special thanks to CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts), the U.P. Kiwanis, press operators, the City of U.P. (especially Parks and Public Works) and the multitude of volunteers who donated more than 350 volunteer hours to continue this outstanding community tradition.

CORE is seeking volunteers for ongoing as well as short term projects ranging from tours to hands on tree care and fundraising. For more information, please contact CORE Chair Faye Anderson at (253) 565-3754.

## Buy your tickets early for the 2010 U.S. Amateur



Tickets for the U.S. Amateur, scheduled for August 23-29, 2010, went on sale this summer at [www.2010usamateur.com](http://www.2010usamateur.com). The ticket cost is very reasonable – and they make great holiday gifts! A weekly pass is \$65; a daily ticket is \$25.

Ryan Moore, the 2004 U.S. Amateur champion, will serve as Honorary Chairman of the 2010 U.S. Amateur Championship. Moore was born in Tacoma and grew up in Puyallup. He won his first PGA Tour event this summer. "The golf courses that host this championship are among the most historic, memorable and challenging in the game, and to have the opportunity to showcase our very own Chambers Bay on this stage is a rare opportunity for all of us who call the Northwest home," Moore said.

USGA events rely heavily on hundreds of volunteers to help with operations, both on the course and behind the scenes. The response has been very impressive, but applications are still being accepted. If you have already applied, then you should be receiving your committee assignment soon. The volunteer package includes breakfast or lunch, two shirts, a golf cap, a weekly pass to the Championship and a volunteer parking pass while on duty.

Players at USGA amateur championships pay their own way, so staying with local host families has long been a tradition at these events. Nearly 90 residents have already signed up to host players in their homes. It's possible that residents in the communities surrounding Chambers Bay will host more players in 2010 than in any other U.S. Amateur site in the 110-year history of the Championship.

Check out [www.2010usamateur.com](http://www.2010usamateur.com) for more information.

# City implements "Go Green" resolution

## Using recycled products in Public Works

In addition to the City's improved internal recycling, Public Works and a number of departments continue to increase demand for recycled products by using them for regular activities.

Medians and green space around the City do not take care of themselves. The City's Parks and Public Works crews work hard to keep the City looking great. The City uses compost and fertilizer made with locally recycled materials from local providers. Not only does it provide nutrients to help the City's green spaces and vegetation look great, it also increases the demand for recycled products throughout the region.

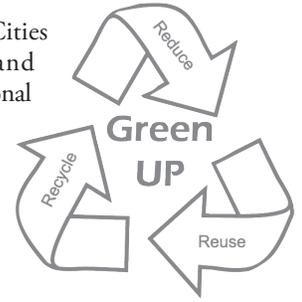
The Public Works Department recycles asphalt and concrete from street projects through local vendors who crush it and include it in freshly mixed asphalt and concrete. And when the City paves a road or patches a pothole, the material used includes recycled asphalt and concrete.

Public Works has been and will continue to be increasing sustainability efforts, including the effort to "go green" by using recycled products.

## City passes "Green" resolutions

The City is continuing to increase its sustainability and the City Council recently took two steps forward in the effort to "go green." The Council passed two resolutions supporting the Green UP initiative, one joining the Cascade Agenda Cities Program and the other supporting the Green UP initiative as a multi-jurisdictional collaborative effort.

As a member of the Cascade Agenda Cities Program, launched by the Cascade Land Conservancy, the City will benefit from regional resources such as technical expertise and advice, best practice research on sustainable practices, and shared learning opportunities with other agenda cities.



## UPFD goes "Green"

The University Place Fire Department, like the City, is encouraging employees to go green and is setting a great example of how individuals and organizations can make a difference.

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" has become a new motto around the fire department and recycling bins are filling up faster than garbage cans. The department has now set up additional recycling stations and are even encouraging staff to bring in batteries and plastic bags from home. They are reusing old uniforms as garage rags, using concentrated detergents, and making sure that the washing machine is completely full before starting it.

Altering habits is one step to improve sustainability. The Fire Department recognizes that there is more to be done and the City and Fire Department will benefit from the multi-jurisdictional Green UP initiative now underway.

## University Place vies for Regional Growth Center designation

In 2008 Puget Sound Regional Council, the regional planning agency for Snohomish, King, Pierce and Kitsap Counties, adopted Vision 2040, an integrated, long-range vision for the future that lays out a strategy for maintaining a healthy region – one that promotes the well-being of people and communities, economic vitality and a healthy environment.

One of the Vision 2040 strategies involves strengthening and revitalizing existing centers as well as encouraging development in sub-urban places that are emerging as new community and regional hubs. The term "regional center" is used to differentiate centers that are designated for regional purposes from those that have a more local focus. A key goal of Vision 2040 is focusing development in urban growth areas and attracting an increased portion of regional jobs and housing growth that occurs within urban areas into regional centers. Designated Regional Centers will receive priority for Federal and State transportation funding.

On Aug. 3, 2009 the City Council appointed nine people representing citizens and business to serve as members of a Regional Growth Center Ad-Hoc Committee. The committee's job will be to recommend an area for regional center designation, develop goals and policies that will guide its development and recommend amendments to the City's regulations to implement the goals and policies. The committee will make a recommendation to the Planning Commission which will hold a Public Hearing about the topic before sending their recommendation to the City Council for consideration.

For further information on the Regional Growth Center Ad-Hoc Committee's work, for meeting dates or to provide comment, visit the City's website at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) or call David Swindale, Planning and Community Development Director, at (253) 460-2519.

## Pilot Cottage Housing zoning

The City Council recently adopted a set of zoning amendments that will offer residents a wider variety of housing options in the future. Approximately 60 percent of the City's households contain one or two persons, many of whom are seniors or other individuals who may prefer something other than a large detached house on a large lot. This demographic is expected to continue to increase in the future.

One of the types of housing authorized by Council is cottage housing. Cottage housing is defined as a group of small, single-family dwelling units clustered around a shared common area, developed with a coherent plan for the entire site. This housing has gained popularity in recent years as a type of development on small sites, within existing developed areas. The shared common area and coordinated design may allow densities that are somewhat higher than typical in single-family neighborhoods while minimizing impacts on adjacent residential areas.

The size of the homes is typically smaller (less than 1,500 square feet) than what has been the norm for detached homes over the past several decades. As a result, it offers owners a quality living experience that is less expensive than traditional single family housing. It also offers a degree of privacy and some of the benefits of single family housing combined with the lower cost and maintenance of attached housing.

Ordinance No. 558 establishes development of up to three pilot projects of no more than 24 units per project for a limited period. Once the pilot projects have been built and critiqued, Council will consider whether to make the innovative housing provisions "permanent."

# A Night on the Force:

## *Friday night with the U.P. Police Department*

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a police officer in University Place? At any given moment there are between three and six police officers patrolling the community, responding to citizen concerns, and keeping U.P. safe. Each shift differs from the last, and officers are trained and prepared to handle both expected and unanticipated situations.

U.P. Police Officer Jason Smith welcomed me to ride along with him on a Friday night swing shift to see firsthand what it is like to work that particular period of time. Over the course of my six-hour ride along, Officer Smith shared some of his insights based on eight years of police experience and I was able to observe some first-rate police work in action. The City's community focus and proactive approach to public safety and the officers' hard work and dedication have helped make U.P. the safe and friendly City it is today.

### Community Focus

Not 10 feet out of the parking lot, Officer Smith was already getting flagged down by a U.P. resident. A young woman walking a dog had a question about a conflict she was having with a local business. "Can you go over there and just take care of them for me?" she asked light-heartedly through the open window of the cruiser. Officer Smith smiled and patiently explained that she was asking about a civil issue, not a criminal issue. After a little chit chat, the woman, pleased with Officer Smith's answer, continued on her walk.

University Place Police Officers are used to fielding all sorts of questions and concerns. The City's "No Call Too Small" policy encourages City residents not to hesitate to contact the police or public safety department



if they have a question or concern. Many issues can be handled directly by Public Safety Manager Jennifer Hales, the City's liaison to the police department. The Public Safety Manager bridges the gap between patrol and the public, helping solve chronic problems encountered by police and working with residents throughout the City on a variety of neighborhood public safety issues.

### Proactive Approach

U.P. patrol officers are alert to their surroundings and pro-actively tackle issues before they are able to become serious problems. Officer Smith, for example, drives with his windows cracked, not just for the fresh air, which is a benefit in the stuffy cruiser, but so he can hear what is going on around him.

The police also maintain a presence in the school system by dedicating one patrol officer to function as a School Resource Officer (SRO), partially funded by the school district. The SRO addresses day-to-day issues involving juveniles and their families throughout the entire U.P. school district. This provides security in the schools, a valuable resource to both school staff and parents, and a contact for U.P. patrol staff, keeping them in the loop on issues from the school that affect the greater community.

### Hard Work and Dedication

While some interactions, such as traffic stops, may make you nervous or frustrated, it is important to remember that the police are working to do what is best for the whole community. For example, when a car drove by without headlights on well after dusk, Officer Smith flipped on his lights and whipped the patrol car around. After the driver's license and registration checked out, Officer Smith used his discretion and let the driver go with a warning. Every officer does things a little bit differently, he explains, but in the end, their goal is just to help make the community safe.

### Do you have a question or comment for U.P. Public Safety or Police?

If it is an emergency, always dial 9-1-1. Otherwise, contact Jennifer Hales, Public Safety Manager, at (253) 798-3141 or [jhales@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:jhales@co.pierce.wa.us).

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## Alert from



Did you get the call? On Tuesday, September 22 your University Place Police team launched a CodeRED call to approximately 3,275 households in the southwest corner of the City. CodeRED was activated due to a substantial increase in "theft from vehicle" in this part of the City. Residents were asked to remove all valuables, lock their vehicles and report any suspicious activity occurring primarily between the hours of 12 midnight and 5 a.m.

A week later, on Tuesday, September 29, a concerned resident who received the CodeRED call successfully apprehended a suspect involved in several break-ins in that neighborhood.

CodeRED works! It increases awareness and neighborhood safety and can give you important safety information that is relative to your neighborhood. You can sign up for CodeRED anytime by going to the City's website at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com). Scroll down to the very bottom of the homepage where you'll see the CodeRED logo. Follow that logo to the "Residential Data Collection Form" where you can sign up for CodeRED.

Don't miss the call – be sure and sign up today!

## Fire-free festivities

Gathering with family and friends to celebrate the holidays is a fun tradition. But the holiday season also brings with it a greater risk for fire. The University Place Fire Department encourages you to follow these safety tips for a fire-free holiday season:

### Holiday decorating

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Do not leave holiday lights on unattended.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

### Holiday entertaining

- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside and use deep ashtrays.

# City of University Place Commission Vacancies

Commissioners are citizens who, through their volunteer efforts, play an integral role in the growth and development of their City. Citizens serving on the City's Commissions apply their unique knowledge and experiences to the issues and the needs of their City and then create ideas, identify resources and make recommendations toward fulfilling the Council's Vision.

Applications are currently being accepted from citizens interested in serving on the following commissions:

Community Oriented Public Safety Commission  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Planning Commission

The application deadline is Monday, November 23, 2009. Forms are available online at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) and at City Hall, 3715 Bridgeport Way West. For more information or to obtain an application, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (253) 566-5656.

## Take a Hard Hat Tour!

Come take a tour of the new Town Center Library/Civic Building and Market Square! Tours will be leaving from City Hall, located at 3715 Bridgeport Way West, and will be given by our very own City Engineers. Many people have already taken this opportunity to walk through the new Library location, strolled through the newly finished Market Square, heard the history of the development and had their questions answered.

This is an active construction site so you will be fitted with a hard hat and vest for the tour. Be sure to bring identification, and sturdy closed toe shoes are required. Everyone is welcome; however, children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their parent/guardian with proper identification.

Get a look at the new U.P. Town Center project – call (253) 460-2526 to make your appointment today!

## 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:

- A Walkable Community
- City Manager's Retrospective
- A Tribute to Diana Harmon

Visit our Website: [www.CityofUP.com/uptv](http://www.CityofUP.com/uptv) for a schedule of what's on the channel each week. Send program suggestions and comments to [UPTV@CityofUP.com](mailto:UPTV@CityofUP.com) or call Linda Seesz, Communications/I.T. Manager, at 460-2537.

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## Donate to a Local Veterans Memorial

A local citizens group is working to construct a Veterans Memorial within the City of University Place. The site of the monument is being considered and the group is working with the City to determine the best location.



If you are interested in contributing to the Memorial, or would like more information about this worthwhile cause, contact Councilmember Jean Brooks at (253) 973-0495 or [jb Brooks@CityofUP.com](mailto:jb Brooks@CityofUP.com).

## Take the online stormwater survey

University Place is conducting an online survey to find out the community's awareness of the City's stormwater drainage system. The survey results will help determine future stormwater training and education provided in response to the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System).

To take the survey, visit the City's website at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) and click on "Take the NPDES Survey." Thank you in advance for your participation!

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