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Special Green Edition

UP – Greening our community

Welcome to our second **GREEN UP** newsletter. Preserving our resources is increasingly important, as evident by climate change and diminishing resources.

Although being “green” at City Hall is an ongoing process, a community-wide “Green UP” effort is needed to protect our quality of life in the future.

Within City Hall, actions include recycling bins at each desk and recycling containers next to garbage cans. Sharing emails versus printing hard copies, using both sides of the paper, shutting down computers at night and turning off lights are among the “easy” steps we’ve taken. Carpooling, phone conferences and reducing utility costs by cutting back on watering, purchasing energy efficient lightbulbs and installing an energy efficient HVAC system in the Civic Building are among our efforts.

Developing a community-wide plan, however, requires a broad based approach involving the School, Fire and Library Districts along with Tacoma Public Utilities, U.P. Refuse and local businesses. A Citizens’ Sustainability Committee is also developing recommendations for future action.

We need to think “GREEN” in every aspect of our lives. Here are a few ways you can help “GREEN UP”:

Buy Local

Support local businesses (which also ensures sales tax dollars go toward services in YOUR community). Buying local uses less gas, avoids congestion and saves time. Get fresh, locally grown food from the store, farmer’s market or your own garden.

On the Go

Bundle errands together to reduce trips, saving gas and time. Carpool, walk or ride the bus. (Get a FREE map of walking/biking routes at City Hall.) Take along a reusable mug for your latte.

Green Home

Use energy efficient appliances and light bulbs. Unplug computers, tvs and appliances when they are not in use. Use environmentally friendly cleaning products.

Natural Yards

Reduce watering and/or eliminate fertilizers. Plant ground-cover, shade trees and drought resistant plants. Pick up pet waste, wash cars on your lawn and dispose of motor oil at approved recycling stations to protect our streams.

We all have a stake in our community’s future. Like the MasterCard commercial, “Greening UP” – it’s priceless!

Sustainability:
Meeting the needs of the present while preserving and enhancing the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

City Council dedicates existing property taxes to Public Safety

At its Aug. 23 meeting, the City Council passed a resolution dedicating all of the City’s property tax revenue to public safety. “I believe with this action that we can assure taxpayers that their property taxes are going to pay for the City service they regard as their highest priority,” said Mayor Debbie Klosowski. The change will take place beginning on Jan. 1, 2011.

The City receives revenue from a variety of sources. The primary sources include property tax, sales tax, utility tax, state shared revenue and fees/charges. Property tax is a general City revenue and its dedication to any particular use is not required by law. Property tax revenue, at \$3.7 million a year, amounts to approximately one-third of the City’s total revenue. The amount of property tax paid to the City by the average U.P. homeowner with an assessed value of \$317,820 is \$356 a year, or eight cents out of every dollar paid.

During the Council’s recent retreat, staff provided the Council with an update on the City’s cash flow and biennial budget process. The Council discussed the recent funding options meetings in which the public was asked whether they were comfortable with existing funding levels for public safety, road maintenance and parks/recreation services.

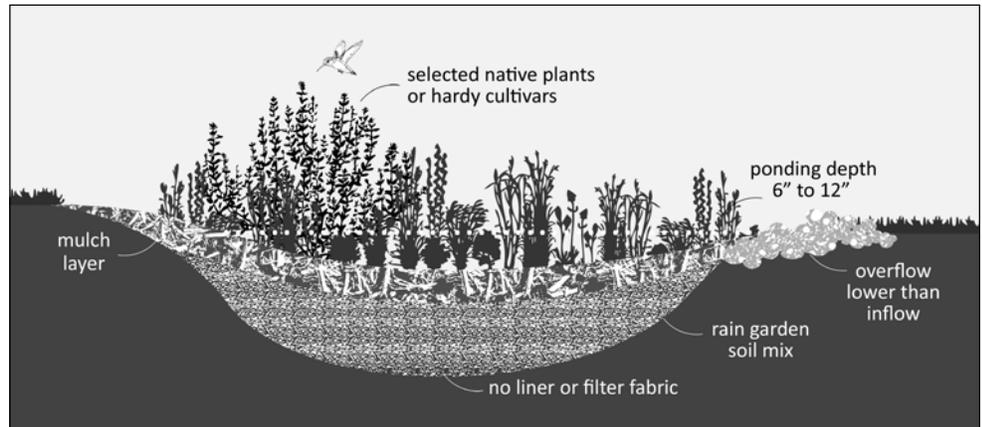
“While this does not result in new money being added to the public safety budget or the addition of new public safety staff, it will provide transparency to the City’s budgeting process and accountability in the expenditure of public funds,” said Councilmember Gerald Gehring.

If you have questions about the City’s budget or the Council’s action, please contact Finance & Administrative Services Executive Director Eric Faison at (253) 460-5443 or efaison@CityofUP.com.

Plant a Rain Garden and Protect the Environment

On July 13, the City hosted a rain garden workshop at Narrows View Intermediate School. At the workshop, residents of University Place and Pierce County learned how to protect regional water supplies by installing rain gardens to filter contaminants out of water runoff.

Rain gardens are shallow depressions planted with flowers, shrubs, and grasses that don't mind a wet growing environment. The gardens soak up water from downspouts, driveways, and sidewalks. By diverting that water into rain gardens instead of the stormwater system, contaminants are able to be filtered out before the water gets to the groundwater supply, creeks, or the Puget Sound.



The workshop was led by Stewardship Partners, a non-profit organization working to restore and preserve Washington's natural landscapes. The group regularly hosts rain garden workshops around the region.

Stewardship Partners is also involved in the Salmon-Safe Farm Certification Program, which recognizes farms that use salmon friendly operating practices. Keep an eye out for the Salmon-Safe label indicating that products, including wine, dairy, produce, and fruit, come from eco-friendly farms.

To learn more about rain gardens or the Salmon-Safe program, visit www.stewardshippartners.org.

Images courtesy of Stewardship Partners

Curran Orchard – Sustainability in Action!

Dozens of apple trees spread across the Curran Orchard provide a delightful green respite from urban life. Orchard volunteers, however, are involved with several projects to help promote “green techniques” that people can use at home.

A hobby farm started by its original owner, the Curran Orchard has evolved into an outdoor classroom offering educational opportunities for children and adults. Several CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts) volunteer programs promoting sustainability include:

Adopt-a-Tree Program

People can “adopt” a tree for one harvest season. Master gardeners provide free on-site instruction to adopters wishing to take care of their trees.

Orchard Tours

Children and adults learn about the life cycle of trees as well as seeing first hand that apples really grow on trees.

Beehives

Beehives are brought in each Spring to help pollinate the trees.



High Density Demonstration Project

A new high density area features 43 trees grafted on dwarf rootstock in a space previously used for two larger trees. Planting the trees close together with appropriate pruning should result in more manageable trees with higher fruit production.

Espalier

Espalier (trained branches) along the Grandview Drive fence and adjacent to the barn offer examples of “decorative” pruning techniques along with instances of different apples grafted onto the same tree.

Both the high density and espalier offer options for homeowners who are interested in locally grown, fresh food. Planting trees also helps provide shade, reduces heating and cooling costs and helps absorb carbon dioxide.

Thanks to a state Community Forestry Assistance grant, CORE is also developing informational brochures and signage to educate people about proper tree care.

For more information about this wonderfully sustainable park or any of the programs associated with it, please contact Debbie Klosowski at 565-8466.

Curran Apple Orchard Cider Squeeze on Sept. 12 from 1-4 p.m.

Crunchy red apples and delicious golden cider are among the highlights at the annual Curran Apple Orchard Cider Squeeze in University Place.

Toss apples into old fashioned cider presses, meet The Big Apple and Johnny Appleseed and enjoy bluegrass music by the Sunset Bible Bluegrass Band at this long-time FREE U.P. tradition. Visit with the Bee Man, participate in children's activities and talk with artist Barry Crust who makes wonderful walking sticks out of pruned apple branches.

Purchase picnic food from the U.P. Kiwanis or bring your own picnic. No alcohol is allowed in the park, which is located at 3920 Grandview Drive West. The public is allowed to pick apples AFTER noon on Sept. 12. Apples will also be available for sale, along with apple pie and ice cream.

To volunteer for this fun event, please contact Molly Wolfe at 564-2562. Thanks to CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts), the City of University Place, Columbia Bank, Click! and U.P. Refuse for sponsoring this event.

CORE is also seeking volunteers to help with various projects throughout the year ranging from phone calls to pruning parties and school tours. For more information, please contact Molly Wolfe at 564-2562.

5 Steps to Natural Yard Care

We enjoy our yards for their beauty, for relaxation and as a space for recreation. But in taking care of them, we often waste water, produce a lot of rubbish and overuse chemicals that are bad for the environment and the health of our family. The good news is that by making some easy changes we can save money and time, protect the environment and our family's health, and make a healthy, beautiful yard without working too hard.

Step 1: Build healthy soil with compost and mulch

- Feed your soil with compost. Dig 1-4 inches of compost into beds when planting.
- Make compost at home, or buy it in bulk.
- Spread 1-3 inches of compost, leaves, grass, bark, wood chips or mulch to conserve water, prevent weeds and feed the soil.

Step 2: Plant right for your site

- Pick plants that resist pests and use less water.
- Group plants by their needs for water, sun and soil.
- Plant your lawns and vegetables where they grow well: in sunny, well drained, level sites.
- Make space for wildlife by using trees and native plants.

Step 3: Practice smart watering

- Moisten the entire root zone, then let the soil dry before watering again.
- Make every drop count by mulching, selecting drought-tolerant plants, using soaker hoses and water timers and only watering early in the morning or in the evening to avoid evaporation.
- Use automatic irrigation systems efficiently. Have a professional test and adjust your system annually. Check for leaks regularly.
- Direct downspouts out into lawns or garden beds. Use open pavers, rain gardens, compost and mulch.

Step 4: Think twice before using pesticides

- Select disease-resistant plants and pull weeds before they spread.
- Identify the problem before you spray, squash or stomp. Most bugs are good bugs!
- Accept a little damage and give natural predators time to control pests.

- Select the least toxic control method.
- Replace problem plants with more pest-resistant ones.
- Only use pesticides as the last resort.

Step 5: Practice natural lawn care

- Mow higher (1-2 inches) and leave clippings. The clippings make lawns healthier and provide free fertilizer.
- Add nutrients to your soil or fertilize moderately in May and September with a natural organic or slow release fertilizer, such as SoundGRO.
- Water deeply but infrequently.
- Think twice before using "weed and feed" fertilizers.
- Consider alternatives to lawns for steep slopes, shady areas, or near streams and lakes.

The "5 Steps to Natural Yard Care" content has been provided by the Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department. Any questions? Call Geoff Rinehart in the Natural Yard Care Program at (253) 798-4587.

Want to know more?

Resources:

- **TAGRO soil products:** www.tagro.com, (253) 502-2150
- **SoundGro fertilizer:** www.soundgro.com, (253) 798-3099
- **Composting:** www.cityoftacoma.org/composting
- **Natural lawn & garden care:** www.cityoftacoma.org/natural-yards
- **Water conservation, indoors and outdoors:** www.tacomawater.com, (253) 502-8723
- **Washington State University Master Gardener information:** <http://gardening.wsu.edu>, (253) 798-7170
- **Yard and garden chemical disposal:** www.cityoftacoma.org/haz-waste, (253) 591-5418
- **Choosing the right plant for the right place:** www.greatplantpicks.org, www.dnr.metrokc.gov/gonative
- **Native plant information:** <http://gardening.wsu.edu/nwnative>, www.wmps.org

City to sponsor Natural Yard Care workshops

Autumn is approaching – would you like to learn how to save money, save time, and have a beautiful landscape? This fall, the City of University Place and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department are presenting a FREE, fun and informative "Natural Yard Care" workshop series. Learn from local experts about landscape design, "Right Plant, Right Place" plant selection, garden pest management, natural lawn care, backyard composting, and building healthy soil.

Come hear advice from local experts, access useful information and

resources, and enter to win great door prizes. Workshops will be presented as a series with different topics and speakers each evening on Tuesdays October 12, 19, and 26. The workshops are free, but space is limited! To register for the workshops and reserve your space, please contact Geoff Rinehart at 798-4587 or grinehart@tpchd.org.

All workshops are 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the City of University Place City Hall (3715 Bridgeport Way W.). Door prizes and refreshments will be provided at each workshop!

Free Natural Yard Care Workshops

October 12, 19 & 26 at U.P. City Hall. Register early!

Clean storm water = clean streams and waterways

Everyone has seen rainwater run into the storm drainage grates in the streets but many people do not realize that, in most places, water in the City's storm system drains directly to our local waterways such as creeks, wetlands, and the Puget Sound. Contaminants carried in storm water are one of the most significant sources of pollution in these waterways.

Each year, various materials are illegally dumped down the storm drainage grates such as motor oil, paint, detergents and other household chemicals. Jack Ecklund, University Place City Engineer, says that this illegal dumping is a serious offense in the City of U.P. and that anyone caught dumping a hazardous substance into the storm drainage system can be subject to up to a \$1,000 fine in addition to the cost of the cleanup. Ecklund adds, "This dumping seriously impairs our waterways, and can cause grave harm to fish, animals, birds, and people."

Direct dumping is not the only source of pollutants in storm water. Many substances placed on our yards, driveways, and streets get carried off by rain water and end up in our local waterways. Some of the most common of these are pesticides, fertilizers, pet waste, household chemicals, detergents, oil and antifreeze.

By minimizing the use of pesticides and fertilizers, catching and repairing oil and antifreeze leaks in our vehicles early, and properly disposing of pet waste, chemicals and detergents, we can make a difference in the water quality in our environment.

Where does the storm water on your street go?

This map can be used to find out where the storm drainage from your neighborhood ends up.

1. Day Island and Soundview drainage basins: In these basins, the storm water is collected in both pipes and open ditches that drain directly to Puget Sound.

2. Morrison Pothole drainage area: In this area, storm water drains to the Morrison Wetland located between Morrison Road and 67th Avenue, immediately adjacent to the Adriana Wetland Park (on Morrison). In high storm events, this wetland overflows into the Day Island basin that drains into the Sound.

3. Crystal Springs Creek basin: In this area, storm water drains directly to Crystal Creek at the north end of the City. This creek runs into Puget Sound at the Day Island lagoon.

4. Curtis Pothole: This area in the center of the City drains to a depressed area near Curtis High School. From there the water ponds and eventually infiltrates into the groundwater.

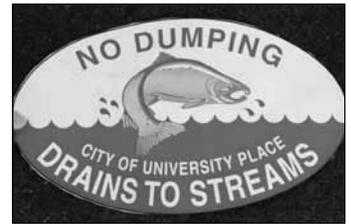
5. Leach Creek basin: Storm water in this area on the east side of the City drains directly into Leach Creek. Both Silver and Chum salmon use this creek for spawning. This creek ultimately runs into Chambers Creek near the Kobayashi Park.

6. Chambers Creek basin: Storm water in this basin drains to Chambers Creek, either directly into the creek or through Peach Creek. Chambers Creek supports Silver, Chum and Chinook salmon and runs into the Sound at Chambers Bay.

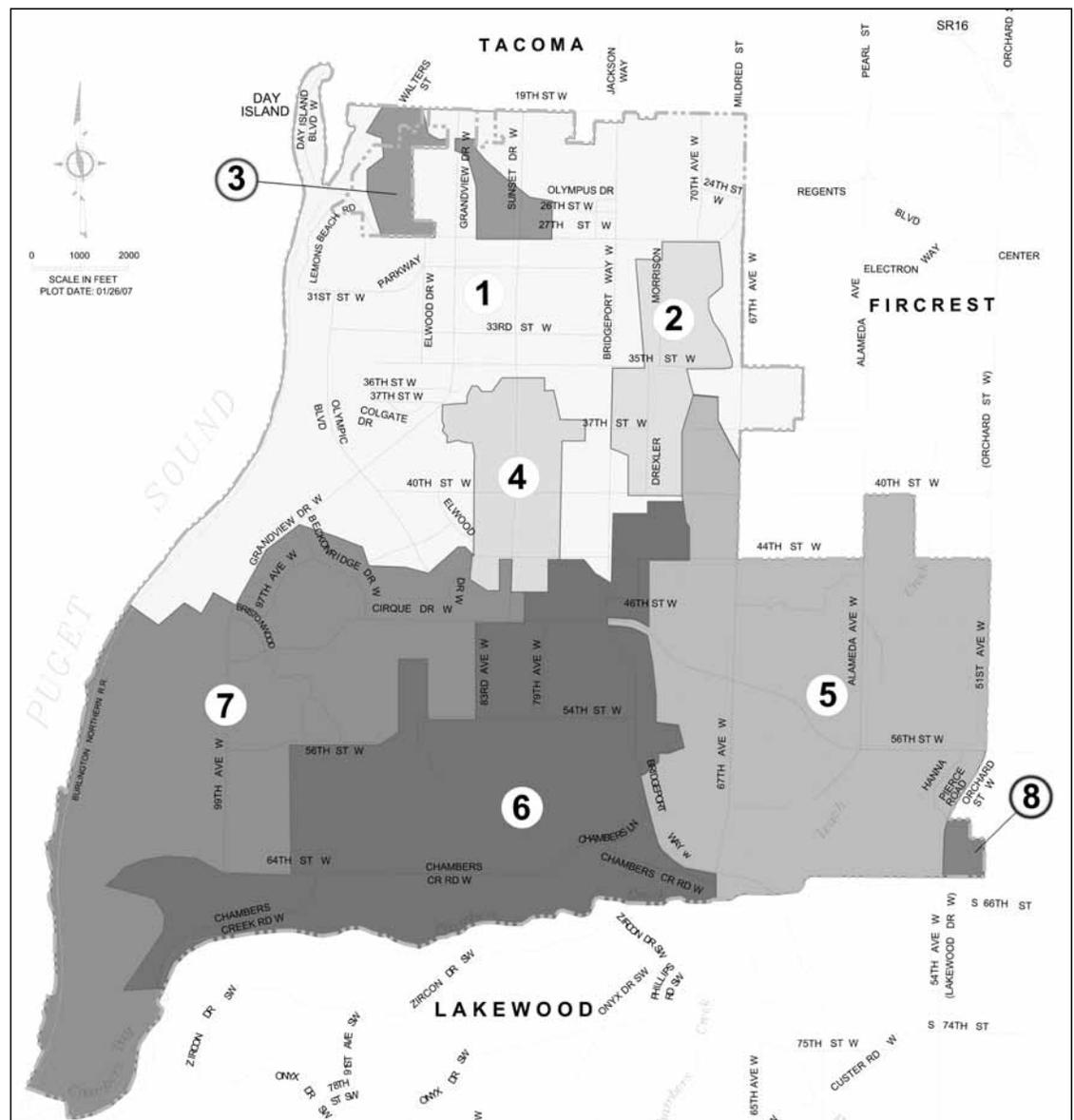
7. West Side basins: Storm water in the southwest area of the

City either infiltrates into the groundwater or drains directly to Puget Sound.

8. Flett Creek basin: Water in this area drains to the south into Lakewood and ultimately runs into Flett Creek. This creek joins into Chambers Creek near the Kobayashi Park.



These markers, grant-funded from the State Department of Ecology, will hopefully increase awareness of the link between the storm drainage in our streets and our environment.



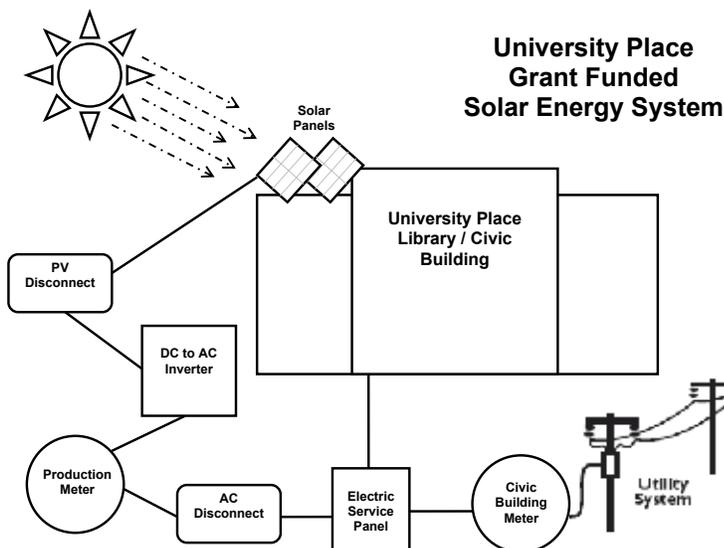
A Solar Powered University Place

Western Washington is known for overcast and rainy weather. But a few clouds and a little drizzle is not enough to keep solar power out of the Evergreen State. The City of University Place is currently preparing to construct a grant funded solar panel system on top of the new Library-Civic Building to capture the power of the sun.

One common misconception about solar power is that you need to be in an extremely sunny area to take advantage of it. At a recent workshop at the City of Tacoma's EnviroHouse, Brad Burkhardtmeier of Sun's Eye Power said that is not true. In fact, the world's leader in solar power, Germany, gets about 70 percent of its energy from solar power in a region that gets less sun than we do in Western Washington. While direct sun is ideal, he explained, panels continue to produce in ambient light. Additionally, one thing that University Place does not generally experience is extreme heat, which can also negatively affect solar panel production.

The City plans to build the solar panel system later this year, using funds from Bonneville Environmental Foundation and an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. As a net metered system, the panels will produce power that is sent back into the Tacoma Power grid, earning a utility credit for the City. Check out the diagram to learn more about how the City's net metered system will work.

Once completed, visitors to the Library-Civic Building will be able to see the actual production of the City's solar panel system at a kiosk inside the building. The monitoring system will provide real time data as well as a



summary of the system's historical production.

For more information about the City solar power project, contact Steven Buter at sbuter@CityofUP.com or (253) 460-2505. To learn about residential solar power, including how you can take advantage of state incentives encouraging renewable energy, visit www.mytpu.org and search "net metering."

Planning Sustainability in U.P.

The City of University Place, under the leadership of the City Council, has launched the "Green UP" initiative to increase sustainability efforts throughout the community. Internally, the Council adopted an Organizational Sustainability Plan outlining the areas and efforts the City is taking. However, with less than 50 full time employees and a handful of facilities, the City is responsible for a fraction of the human impact on our community. In order to make any significant progress toward becoming a more sustainable community, residents of U.P. as well as public and private organizations must work together.

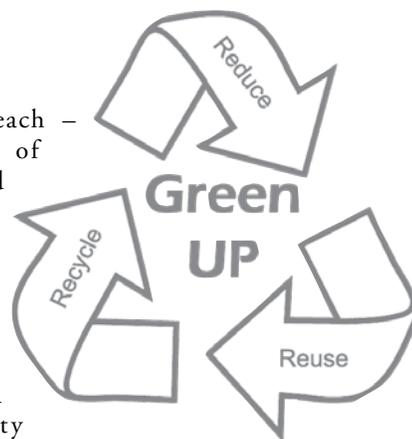
This summer, major University Place stakeholders have united to develop a roadmap to community sustainability. Representatives from the residential community, schools, fire, library, business sector, utilities, refuse, and the City have preliminarily identified five critical areas to address:

1. Energy – reduce the net consumption of energy.
2. Environmental Health & Natural Resources – take care of the environment and reduce net solid waste.
3. Transportation – encourage more efficient and environmentally friendly forms of transportation.
4. Community Vitality – support community engagement & activities, and support the local economy.

5. Education & Outreach – increase awareness of sustainable practices and impacts.

Over the next few months, this stakeholder group, called the Sustainability Advisory Committee, will be turning these five focus areas into a Community Sustainability Plan, outlining how we can work together to improve University Place for current and future residents. The Community Sustainability Plan will be presented to the public and stakeholder groups who will all be invited to take action and turn the plan into reality.

If you have suggestions for the Sustainability Advisory Committee, would like to be involved in future Green UP efforts, or would like Green UP updates, please contact Steve Buter at sbuter@CityofUP.com or (253) 460-2505.



Tahoma Audubon Society – Your local Pierce County Chapter of Audubon

We have lots of opportunities for everyone! Volunteer. Educate. Conserve. Donate. Join.

Come see us at Adriana Hess Wetland Park, 2917 Morrison Road West
(253) 565-9129 | www.tahomaaudubon.org

Tahoma Audubon Society: "Connecting People with Nature"



The Pierce Stream Team

The Pierce Stream Team is a local volunteer organization whose goal is to improve the quality of streams in Pierce County for the benefit of fish, wildlife, and people through public education and action projects. For many people who are concerned about local environmental and natural resource issues, Stream Team provides opportunities to get involved in your community's conservation efforts.

Stream Team background.

Begun in 1994, Stream Team has grown from a one-year program focused on a small



Photo courtesy of the Pierce Stream Team

geographic area, to a countywide, multi-activity organization that has worked with thousands of volunteers over the last 16 years. Housed within the Pierce Conservation District, Stream Team receives partial funding from Pierce County and a number of local cities – including University Place – through a \$5/per parcel conservation assessment fee.

What does Stream Team do?

Stream Team's primary mission is to educate and involve Pierce County citizens in water quality related issues. This can cover topics as diverse as storm water run-off, salmon, native plants, and low impact development. Volunteers can participate in a variety of ways, from becoming water quality monitors on local streams and lakes, to planting native trees and shrubs to restore streamside habitat, to marking neighborhood storm drains with the "Dump No Waste" message.

In University Place, Stream Team volunteers conduct water quality monitoring on Leach and Chambers Creeks,

and have worked with the City on planting projects at several community parks. Last spring, Stream Team helped install a demonstration rain garden at Narrows View Intermediate School, together with a science field day for the students and a public rain garden workshop in July. Stream Team also gives presentations to school and community groups, and can provide free technical assistance to landowners who have questions about invasive weeds or other habitat and restoration issues.

How can you get involved?

It's easy to get involved with Stream Team! Depending on your interests, you can be trained to conduct water quality testing on a stream of your choice, participate in a habitat enhancement project, or just keep up to date through our free, quarterly newsletter.

Perhaps you have your own ideas about stream projects to do, or maybe you've talked with your neighbors about starting your own stream stewardship group. Stream Team can also help with these ideas and can facilitate resources to help you meet your stream goals.

For more information about up-coming Stream Team activities and how you can become involved, please contact us directly at (253) 845-2973 or streamteam@piercecountycd.org. You can also visit our website at www.piercecountycd.org/streamteam.html for a list of volunteer opportunities.

Pierce County completes its "Bridge to the Beach"

Construction will complete soon on the 900-foot-long structure that will open 2.5 miles of Puget Sound shoreline in University Place to the public, a portion of which will be designated as an off-leash dog area.

At a recent visit to the site of the pedestrian overpass project, dubbed the "Bridge to the Beach," Pierce County Executive Pat McCarthy said, "This project offers a wonderful enhancement to the quality of life in the South Sound." Executive McCarthy said, "Pierce County's Chambers Creek Properties is developing into a destination recreation area on par with Point Defiance and other major natural attractions."

Officially known as the North Dock Overpass, the \$4 million project will enable pedestrians to safely cross the railroad tracks and reach a section of west-facing shoreline that was closed to the public during a century of mining operations on the site. Pierce County received most of the project funding from grants from the state Department of Commerce and the state

Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO).

The overpass, being built by Pease and Sons under the direction of Pierce County Public Works and Utilities, is scheduled for its **grand opening on Sept. 16**, just a couple of weeks after the U.S. Amateur Championship at Chambers Bay completes.

"I appreciate the state's support of this terrific project," Executive McCarthy said. "After years of planning, I am delighted that our partners can see dirt moving and know that it won't be long before families will be exploring the shoreline and enjoying this spectacular setting."

County leaders will continue working with state and federal lawmakers to secure funding for the next phase of the project cleanup of contaminated pilings and construction of a new pier over the Sound.

The Bridge to the Beach is the latest in a list of amenities being developed at Pierce County's 930-acre Chambers Creek Properties, which is managed by the Public Works and Utilities

Department. Other features include: Chambers Bay, site of the 2010 U.S. Amateur and 2015 U.S. Open golf championships; the 3.25-mile Soundview and Grandview trail system; the open spaces known as North Meadow and Central Meadow; and an off-leash area for dogs. In addition, neighbors are raising money to build a spectacular "Playground by the Sound" for children next year in the North Meadow.

**Come to the unveiling of the
Terry D. Reim Memorial
Bronze Duck!!!**

**Oct. 16 at 1 p.m.
Market Square
3600 Bridgeport Way**

More info at www.upforart.org

Make a Difference in the city parks on Oct. 23



Make a Difference Day is an annual event held the fourth Saturday of October. It is a national day of neighbors helping neighbors, citizens helping their community. It is estimated that in 2009 over 9 million volunteers came out and made a difference in their communities.

Whether you prefer to volunteer as an individual or as a group, it is a great way to become involved with your community.

This year the City of University Place Parks Department will be coordinating two park property cleanups. One will again be at the City's newest park

property located on 67th Avenue across from the Fircrest Golf course. The primary goal will be trash removal and clearing brush.

The second site will be the Brookside property located on Brookside Way across from the Curran Orchard. Blackberry removal will be the goal at this location. If neither of these projects fit your desires, there are many other opportunities to participate, you are only limited by your imagination.

For more information about the specifics of Make a Difference Day, call the City of University Place Parks Department at (253) 460-5432 or (253) 460-6493.

U.P. Parks: Recreation that supports the natural environment

Our natural resources are a big part of what makes Western Washington great – and the City of University Place is doing its part to support and preserve these resources within the City's parks and open spaces.

The **Adriana Hess Wetland Park** is an excellent example of how U.P. parks embrace the natural environment. This two-acre park includes nature trails that highlight native plants, animal habitat, bird watching, and an overlook to Morrison Pond (the City's largest and most significant wetland). Situated on this park also is the local office of the Tahoma Audubon Society. This partnership between the City and the Audubon Society allows for additional opportunities for people to learn about and become involved in environmental conservation. In addition to the park, just to the south is a City storm drainage pond that incorporates many features supportive of animal habitats and the environment. This pond was designed in cooperation with the Audubon Society and includes all native landscaping, curvilinear slopes, large woody debris and dispersed water flow into the wetland.

Another one of U.P.'s "natural" parks is the **Kobayashi Park**. This is a 5-1/2 acre property that exemplifies natural beauty at the confluence

of Leach and Chambers Creeks. Here, park-goers can enjoy views of the creeks, old growth timber and wetlands while relaxing, taking a walk, or having a picnic. In the late fall, you might even see some spawning salmon as the creeks support several salmon runs.

Preserving native plantings is critical to maintaining our natural habitats. Many of the City's parks are focused on this preservation. At the City's 5-acre

Homestead Park, residents can enjoy the beauty of native plants. One of the highlights is taking the self-guided walking tour of the park's Rhododendron Garden that features hundreds of species of this local beauty.



Adriana Hess

In 2009, City staff were successful in obtaining grant funding for the purchase of 9.55 acres of property located west of 67th Avenue and east of Morrison Pond. To date City staff and volunteers have been working to remove an old shed, tires, trash and various debris and removal of noxious weeds. While the property is known as the "**Morrison Park**," the Volunteer Parks Commission is working to determine a permanent name.

The Parks Commission is set to begin the Master Planning process for this property in early 2011. If you are interested in helping shape the vision for this property, please contact the University Place Park & Recreation Commission.

In addition to these parks, the City has over 30 acres of undeveloped land along Leach and Chambers Creeks. These lands preserve critical habitat for fish and wildlife in U.P. It is hoped that in the future the City will develop nature trails in these areas for residents to further enjoy the appreciate this native environment.

Where to find these parks:

Adriana Hess Wetland Park –

Located at 2917 Morrison Road – between 27th Street and 35th Street

Kobayashi Park –

Located at 6420 Chambers Creek Road – just south of the bend in the road to 67th Avenue

Homestead Park –

Located at 3761 Bridgeport Way – immediately south of City Hall

Morrison Park –

Located at 3124 67th Avenue – between 27th Street and 35th Street



Kobayashi (above), Homestead (below)

Community Survey Inside!

The City is requesting your input and feedback regarding City services! Please take a few minutes to fill out and return the survey enclosed in this newsletter. The survey is anonymous and the postage is pre-paid.

Over the last 15 years, the City has regularly sent out a community survey to gather valuable input from University Place residents. Survey results are evaluated to help the City make decisions about resource allocation, policy and service implementation. They are also compared to responses from previous years and other cities so the City can identify and address any changes or differences.

Thank you for taking the time to tell us how we're doing so we can continue to serve you better and ensure University Place remains a great place to live, work, and play!

Become a Patron of Beautification

Maybe you have seen some of the projects in University Place funded by Beautification dollars. It is quite possible that you may have seen the daffodils blooming or sat on a park bench and not even known it was funded through the Patrons of Beautification Project. Did you know that last year alone almost \$5,000 in donations went toward beautification projects in our community that would not otherwise have been possible?

Beautification donations, large and small, help with city-wide plantings, purchase of waste receptacles placed along our city streets, street benches, decorative lighting and holiday decorations, bike racks, and even help to fund public art projects in our community. Thanks to Beautification funding three years ago, we were able to purchase our Town Center Clock which stands in front of Homestead Park.

Your donation will make a difference in our community! If you would like to become a Patron of Beautification in University Place, it's easy – mail donations to:

Patron of Beautification, 3715 Bridgeport Way W, University Place, WA 98466

Sponsorship Levels:

\$20 Violet \$35 Petunia \$50 Geranium \$100 Marigold \$250-\$500 Bulb Buster

Please verify that your phone number is on your check and your sponsorship level is printed in the Notes section of your check. The name on the check will be the recognized donor.

For more information or assistance, please call 460-2500. And thank you for caring enough to make University Place "THE PLACE" to live in the South Sound!

Volunteer your time as a Commissioner

Commissioners are citizens that, 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:

Economic Development Commission

Parks and Recreation Commission – Youth Position

Public Safety Commission

The application deadline is September 30, 2010. Forms are available on-line at www.CityofUP.com, and at City Hall. For more information contact the City Clerk's office at (253) 566-5656.

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
- District 28 – Candidate Forum

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