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Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 4



Carolers and a magical "forest" with twinkling lights and reindeer will transform University Place into a winter wonderland during the city's annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. throughout the City Hall complex, 3715 Bridgeport Way West.

Start off the day by bringing in your leashed pet to get a photo with Santa at "**Santa Paws**" from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** sponsored by SUNDogs. Photos are \$10 each with all proceeds going toward the off leash dog park.

After Santa takes a short nap (he needs to rest up for his big ride on Dec. 24), **Santa returns at 3 p.m.** to officially open the holiday festivities. Carolers and musicians from all University Place schools will entertain the crowd with seasonal tunes. Holiday crafts for children along with visits with Santa are sure to entertain the younger crowd.

Fun gifts for everyone on your list will also be available at the silent auction sponsored by U.P. Community Supported Parks and Recreation, a tax exempt nonprofit organization, with all proceeds going toward the University Place Senior and Youth Recreation programs.

Also, please help make the holidays brighter for those in need by participating in the annual gift and food drives sponsored by the U.P. Firefighters and Families Unlimited Network. New, unwrapped toys and clothes are needed for infants and children through age 17. Items such as new winter coats, teen gifts (gift cards, MP3 players, hair accessories), new bikes, fleece throw blankets and Christmas stockings are some gift ideas. Suggested food items should be nonperishable and in the original package (no glass, please).

Volunteers are needed for indoor and outdoor event set up on Tuesday, Nov. 30 starting at 10 a.m. Take down assistance is also required after the event concludes at 6:15 p.m. For more information, please contact Ken Grassi at 278-1946. The complete schedule for the event is located on page 6. Happy Holidays!

2011-2012 Budget On-line

The City Council got its first look at the proposed 2011-12 City budget during two Council Meetings held at the beginning of October. A Budget Open House for the community was also held on Oct. 19 featuring the newest UPTV program "Budget 101." Department budget presentations as well as "Budget 101" are currently available for viewing on the City's website at www.CityofUP.com.

A final Council Meeting regarding the budget is scheduled for Nov. 15.

Anyone wishing to comment on the proposed budget can do so by email to city_hall@CityofUP.com, calling 460-2500 or sending letters to the U.P. City Council, 3715 Bridgeport Way W, University Place 98466. Citizens can also provide comments at the Nov. 15 budget meeting.

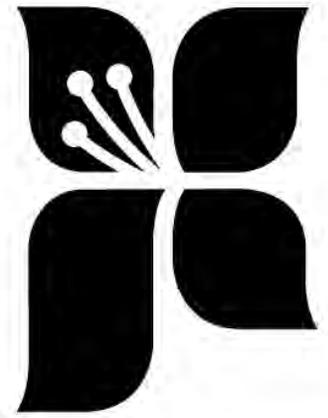


COUNCIL CORNER...

Every two years, the University Place City Council adopts a set of Council Goals. These Council Goals not only reflect the City Council's issues and priorities, but determine how budget, staffing and work plans will be developed over the biennium.

2011-2012 City Council Goals

1. ENHANCE ECONOMIC STABILITY
 - Maintain Bridge Strategy
 - (Operations at core level services, pay as you go Capital Improvement Projects)
 - Continue Town Center project
 - Continue efforts to encourage redevelopment of other commercial hubs
 - Continue implementation of Economic Development Strategic Action Plan
 - Expand regional economic development partnerships (Economic Development Board, Prosperity Partnership, Chamber, Convention & Visitors Bureau)
 - Maintain a competitive regulatory environment through continued review of zoning/city codes and ordinances
 - Explore business opportunities for the 2015 U.S. Open with Chamber
 - Continue to improve competitive advantage for local businesses
2. IDENTIFY FUNDING SOURCES FOR SERVICE LEVELS BASED UPON PUBLIC INPUT AND PRIORITIES
 - Police
 - Road maintenance
 - Recreation
3. IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS
 - Enhance infrastructure, tools and technology to improve communication (i.e. website, newsletters, UPTV)
 - Improve public trust through direct public interaction (i.e. quarterly council doorbelling, town hall/neighborhood meetings, annual service group updates)
 - Encourage youth dialogue to determine how to engage ages 25 and under
4. INCREASE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
 - Explore Civics 101 partnership with schools (UP, Tacoma and Charles Wright) to educate and encourage participation
 - Sustain/promote volunteerism
5. ENCOURAGE VIBRANT PLACES & COMMUNITY EVENTS
 - Support Chambers Bay Events (especially US Open)
 - Encourage and enhance volunteer sponsored programs
 - Rely and provide support to Friends groups to implement plans, programs, events
 - Help create a "Community Pulse" in downtown (such as Market Square events)
6. CONTINUE "GREEN" SUSTAINABILITY
 - Encourage community education, participation and support for sustainable practices
7. INCREASE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OUTREACH
 - Coordinate leadership with other jurisdictions regarding city challenges
 - Increase participation in regional organizations including AWC, PCRC, PSRC, Pierce Transit, Sound Transit
 - Lobby state legislature for local economic development tools
 - Establish joint meetings with surrounding jurisdictions (i.e. Tacoma, Lakewood, and Fircrest)



CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Debbie Klosowski.....	565-8466
Mayor Pro Tem Ken Grassi..	627-7196
Javier Figueroa.....	226-3927
Eric Choiniere	460-2500
Denise McCluskey.....	460-2500
Gerald Gehring.....	460-2500
Caroline Bellici	389-9517

PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

Nov. 1 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Nov. 8 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

Nov. 15 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Nov. 29 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

Dec. 6 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Dec. 13 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Nov. 18 & Dec. 16 – 6 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Nov. 18 & Dec. 16 – 7:30 a.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Nov. 17 & Dec. 15 – 7 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Nov. 11 & Dec. 9 – 6:30 p.m.

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

All City Council meetings are held in the Town Hall meeting room, Windmill Village, 3715 Bridgeport Way, usually at 6:30 p.m., (unless otherwise posted). Changes to meeting times and locations are posted at City Hall, University Place Library, Fire District #3 and at www.CityofUP.com, or contact the City Clerk's Office at 460-2510 for current information about meeting dates and agendas.

City of University Place 2011-2012 Biennial Budget

By Interim City Manager Steve Sugg

Impact of "Great Recession"

Two years ago in October the worldwide economic crisis now known as the "Great Recession" shook the world's economies. Major financial institutions and corporations disappeared in a matter of days; the world's capital markets dried up and projects like Town Center were impacted. As the values of our homes and businesses dropped, and jobs were lost, dreams were put on hold. As our communities and families were impacted, so too were Federal, State and Local government revenues which all fell at the same time.

Economists and politicians may argue the causes and the impact of government inter-

ventions worldwide, but here in the City of University Place we saw a significant decrease in our annual operating income. We slashed our budget, staffing and services so that expenses were consistent with our lower revenues. All departments were cut down to our core service level minimums. Even police services were cut as the contract with Pierce County went from a 2009 staffing level of 23 officers to 15 officers in 2010, a decrease of 32 percent.

Meanwhile, the community stepped up with donations to supplement park and recreation fees and protect these reduced programs from even deeper cuts. Street maintenance projects were minimized and repaving projects were put on

hold indefinitely. To help avoid further service cuts, City employee compensation was reduced 5 percent in the form of furlough days off without pay and increases in the employee share of health premiums.

But make no mistake about it, the impacts of the Great Recession on our nation, community, families and on our City's ability to provide needed services have been severe. And it is not likely to turn around any time soon. It may be another two-three years before we start to see any meaningful economic recovery, and perhaps as many as 10 years before we get back to pre-recession levels. It is within this context that we draft the 2011-2012 budget.

Financial Guidelines

The City's 2011-2012 Budget is balanced and is based on the following conservative financial assumptions:

City Budget

- Operations Budget at Core Service Levels.
- Capital Improvement Budget at Core Service Levels, using local dollars to leverage grants.
- Continue use of interfund loans for cash balancing.
- Repay \$1 million bank loan in 2011.
- Build cash reserves to pay down \$4 million in debt in 2013.

Debt Management

- Debt payments made according to debt schedule.
- Maintain Strategic Reserve.

Town Center

- No Town Center Land Sales during Biennium.
- Complete remaining street and parking infrastructure with existing federal grants leveraged by City funds and proposed revenue bond repaid with State Local Revitalization Fund (LRF) grant funds.

Revenue Assumptions

The "good news/bad news" about the City's revenues are that, other than fees, the City's revenues do not change as much as some cities. Our Sales Tax revenue declined 5 percent in 2009 and for this year is projected to decline another 3 percent. For 2011, we project that sales tax will remain flat. The City's property tax revenue is limited by State law and also is projected to remain relatively flat. For other revenues, such as utility tax, development fees and recreation fees, we project that revenues will increase by less than 2 percent. With a very weak commercial real estate market, we have assumed no Town Center land sales and no Town Center revenues in 2011 and 2012.

Lastly, we have included revenue from State liquor profits and liquor taxes. However, we have not allocated an expense for the revenue that would be lost if either or both of the Statewide liquor privatization initiatives (I-1100 and/or I-1105) are approved by voters in November 2010.

Expenditure Assumptions

For the 2011-2012 budget, a modest level of inflation has been assumed for most expenditures. However, medical/insurance rates are forecast to increase by 15 percent in 2011 and another 15 percent in 2012. City staff salaries have been frozen at 2009 levels with no COLA or merit pay increases until 2013.

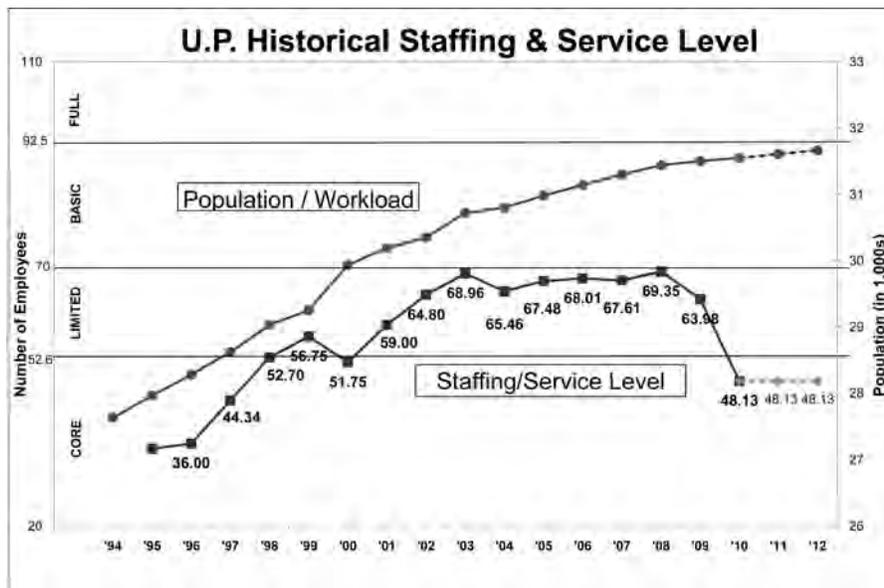
The 2011-2012 budget maintains the 2010 year-end core levels of staff. Through cross-

training and teamwork we have been able to reassign and retain our experienced City staff, adjusting to tighter budgets and shifting workloads. University Place has one of the lowest staffing levels of cities its size.

Conclusion

The 2011-2012 biennial budget is balanced. Our conservative revenue/expense estimates project that we can continue to meet all of our financial obligations, maintain our Strategic Reserve and hold at these reduced service levels through the biennium and for the reasonably foreseeable future with our existing limited resources. However, any new services or enhanced service levels will require new revenues.

Long-term, the overall vision for University Place is to foster and maintain a community where our citizens feel safe, connected and engaged. We cannot achieve this vision alone. But with patient, thoughtful and creative residents and businesses, along with our regional and intergovernmental partners, we can ensure University Place is "the Place" to live, work, play and shop.



University Place Pierce County Library Grand Opening Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011

Be the first to search the Internet at the new cyberbar, read and learn on interactive computers, get help finding a job or starting a business at your new University Place Pierce County Library, starting Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011!

You are invited to your new University Place Library's grand opening on Feb. 12 beginning at noon. Residents of UP are sure to delight in services from a larger, contemporary library.

The new location is in the heart of University Place in the Civic and Library Building at 3609 Market Place W by Bridgeport Way. The new location is centrally located and easily accessible.

Library staff will be packing and moving to the new location starting Wednesday, Dec. 8.

During that time the current location at 7315 27th St. W. will offer limited services.

The new 15,000 square foot library will be the heart of U.P. with spaces and places for people to learn, study and connect. The new space is 3,000 square feet larger than the original library.

From 80,000 books and other materials to high-tech offerings, the library will have something for everyone. To stimulate learning and exploration,



An extraordinary architectural feature of the Library! Civic building is the fireplace, which begins in the building lobby and rises through all three floors.



the children's area will offer two distinct zones with computers, books and furniture – space for children ages 0-5, and an area for children, ages 6-12.

A Teen Space, with considerable funding from the Tacoma Narrows Rotary Club, will feature computers, a cyberbar and seating where teenagers can hang out and study. Also, the Michael Hedges Gift Fund will give the teens a film editing station.

People looking for jobs or help starting and running a small business can visit the Library's Job and Business Center, which will be a dedicated area with computers, resources and staff.

The library will also boast sustainable building practices at Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification level. Some of the LEED elements

include low flush toilets, natural light and energy efficient lighting, use of local and sustainable building materials, and an efficient cooling and heating system.

Thanks to the University Place Library Campaign the new library will shine with innovative features including more books, resources and technology.

This month the campaign is launching an Adopt-A-Book fundraiser which will give people an opportunity to select or adopt a book for the new library by giving a gift of \$50 to the campaign. To date, generous contributions from individuals and organizations have pledged \$519,000 for the library campaign.

Look for news soon about the University Place Library's grand opening — a celebration for the whole community — in early 2011!

More choices, more money back from Cash for Appliances

Buying new appliances is starting to verge on fun. You can now add Energy Star-rated dishwashers, water heaters and ductless heat pumps to the list of things for which Washington state will give you a Cash for Appliances rebate. Combine the state's rebates with those offered by Tacoma Power, and you're looking at some major savings.

Get more information at KnowYourPower.com/cashforappliances.

Rebates apply to qualifying Energy Star-rated models, while funds are available.

Clothes washers: \$250 total rebate

\$150 rebate from Cash for Appliances

\$100 rebate from Tacoma Power

Refrigerators: Up to \$105 total rebate*

\$75 rebate from Cash for Appliances when you buy a new fridge

\$30 from Tacoma Power when you recycle your old fridge by calling 1-877-577-0510 or visiting KnowYourPower.com/fridge to schedule your free fridge haul away

Dishwashers: \$75 rebate

\$75 rebate from Cash for Appliances

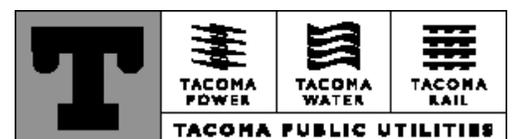
Heat pump water heaters: \$250 rebate

\$250 from Cash for Appliances

Ductless heat pumps: \$750 rebate

\$750 rebate from Cash for Appliances

*You must recycle your old fridge through Tacoma Power to get the entire rebate. Fridge must be at least 10 cubic feet.



Growing Together:

Gauging interest in Community Gardening

Community gardens are popping up all over the Puget Sound and around the country. Simply put, community gardens are pieces of land gardened by a group of two or more people. However, when successful, community gardens are much more than gardening a piece of land.

Community gardening offers neighbors an opportunity to get to spend time together, help beautify a corner of their community, and stay active while producing healthy food. In general, a community garden is split into plots anywhere from 50 to 2,000 square feet. The plots are rented by individuals who commit to caring for the plot for one year. Individual programs often have additional rules such as requiring organic gardening methods, contributing a minimum number of volunteer hours or donating some of the harvest to food banks.

According to U.P. resident and local Rotarian Scott Seitz, University Place is a great location for a community garden. Seitz approached the City about starting a garden with the support of Rotary. He has already presented the idea to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to the public at the Native Plant Sale and Green Fair at Adriana Hess Park in October.

“I am very excited about the prospect of having a vibrant community garden. It could provide residents, young and old, with the opportunity to come together and work the land,” Seitz said. “I especially would like to see us grow food for our local food bank. The big question is: **Is there support for a garden by the community for the community?**”

Meanwhile, the City is requesting input from residents about whether they are interested in a community garden, possible locations and whether people would personally sign up to participate.

“U.P. is a tremendously active community and has a great track record of volunteerism and we’re thankful that Scott and the Rotary are interested in exploring the idea of a community garden in U.P.,” says Steve Buter, the



City’s Management Analyst/Sustainability Coordinator. “However, there are a number of issues to address before a community garden can proceed, including who will be responsible for ongoing administration costs. But before we get into the details, we simply want to hear from the community whether a garden is something they’d support and take ownership of.”

If you are interested in more information and providing feedback on community gardening, please contact: Steve Buter at sbuter@CityofUP.com or Scott Seitz at scott@SolomanIns.com.

Where can I Recycle in U.P.?

	Location	Accepted Items
	CURBSIDE At home recycling bin	PAPER – junk mail, newspapers, cardboard, other clean paper products PLASTIC – bottles with necks narrower than the container TIN / ALUMINUM CANS <i>Note: Please rinse out containers before recycling</i>
	U.P. REFUSE 2815 Rochester University Place, WA (253) 564-3212 M-F: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat: 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	GLASS – jars & bottles only (no cookware, plate glass, etc.) METAL – small scrap pieces: pots & pans, plumbing parts, etc. INK & TONER CARTRIDGES – bring into the office CELL PHONES & CELL PHONE BATTERIES – bring into the office METAL* – large items WOOD* – non pressure treated scrap YARD WASTE* – grass, brush, small limbs, leaves, weeds CLOTHES & SHOES, BOOKS <i>*Fees apply to these items, contact U.P. Refuse for details</i>
	GLASS DROP BOXES: Cirque Park (end of parking lot) 7250 Cirque Drive West U.P. Fire Department 7909 40th St. West	GLASS – jars & bottles only – clear, green and brown glass without lids (no cookware, plate glass, etc.)
	OTHER ITEMS: The following items can be recycled or disposed of safely at locations near U.P.: Household Hazardous Waste (batteries, automotive products, oil based paint, fluorescent bulbs, etc.) Tacoma Hazardous Waste Facility – Tacoma Landfill, 3510 S Mullen St, Tacoma, open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily Computers & Televisions E-Cycle Washington – visit www.ecyclewashington.org to find the most convenient location for you.	

Thanksgiving Day Dinner



Don't have plans for Thanksgiving Day?

Join the U.P. Volunteer Center for a delicious meal with friends and community members on Thursday, Nov. 25 from 12 – 2 p.m. at University Place Primary School Cafeteria, 2708 Grandview Drive.

Volunteers from University Place will generously dedicate their time this Thanksgiving to provide a delicious, quality meal for fellow community members. Please RSVP to U.P. Refuse at 564-3212.

Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monetary donations made payable to the U.P. Volunteer Center are appreciated. Contact 223-0039 for information on donating.

Santa is coming to U.P. on a Fire Engine

University Place Firefighters will escort Santa around U.P. for seven nights in December. Santa and his helpers will hand out candy and spread the holiday cheer! Santa's helpers will also collect food, new toys, and cash donations for the Firefighter's Christmas Project.

Santa can be seen in the following areas between 5 - 8:30 p.m.

December 6th:

Mildred to Grandview between 19th & 27th
Day Island
35th to 40th between 63rd & Bridgeport

December 7th:

Bridgeport to Tahoma between 27th & 35th

December 8th:

Bridgeport to Soundview between 35th & 40th/48th
Trader Joe's between 8 - 8:30 p.m.

December 9th:

Bridgeport to Grandview between 40th & Cirque Drive

December 10th:

Bristonwood
Meadows West
Chambers Creek Road Area

December 11th:

Parkridge — Park Royal
West Hampton — Twin Hills

December 12th:

Alameda to Bridgeport between 44th & Cirque Dr.
Stonewood — Chambers Creek Crossing
Trader Joe's between 8 - 8:30 p.m.



**University
Place
Professional
Firefighters
Local 2105**



**Annual
Christmas
Project**

Each year your generous donations to our Christmas Project allows us to help families in University Place during the holiday season. Please donate new, unwrapped toys, and clothes or food to the locations below until December 24.

Gifts and clothing are needed for infants and children through 17 years old

Christmas Project needs:

Winter coats (new)
Teen gifts
(such as gift cards, MP3 players,
hair accessories)
Bikes (new)
Fleece throw blankets
Christmas stockings

**To donate to our Christmas Project,
please deliver to the following donation sites:**

3631 Drexler Drive West
(Public Safety Building)
Forza Coffee at 27th and Bridgeport
Forza Coffee at Bridgeport & Cirque

Bring your pet to Santa Paws on Saturday, Dec. 4!

Give Fido and Fluffy a chance to tell Santa what they REALLY want for Christmas at the third annual "Santa Paws" pet photos on Saturday, **Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the University Place City Hall Complex, 3715 Bridgeport Way West. Photos are \$10 each (\$5 for additional prints and \$1 for holiday frames).



Sponsored by SUNDOgs, all proceeds go toward the operation of the off leash dog park. All pets must be leashed and socialized.

For more information, visit www.updogpark.org or contact Jeff Yost at SUNDOGSoftPierce@aol.com.



U.P. Christmas Tree Lighting

3 - 6:15 p.m., Saturday, December 4
Windmill Village



December 4

Arrival of Santa

Activities

3 p.m. (Santa arrives by fire truck – North Parking Lot)

"Santa Express" train rides

3 - 6 p.m. (\$3 charge)

Kids' bounce house

3 - 6 p.m. (\$2 charge)

Face painting/balloons

3 - 6 p.m. (free – sponsored by UPYC)

Kids holiday crafts

3 - 6 p.m. (free – sponsored by UPYC)

(New) Clothing, Food, Toy Drive

3 - 6 p.m. (Sponsored by U.P. Firefighters)

Photos w/Santa

3 - 6 p.m. (\$4 charge – Benefits U.P. Kiwanis)

Hotdogs, pop, candy & popcorn

3 - 6 p.m. (Sponsored by U.P. Kiwanis)

Free cider, coffee, cookies

3 - 6 p.m. (Coffee courtesy of Forza)

Musical performances

2:50 - 6 p.m.

(local school choirs)

Christmas Tree Lighting

6:15 p.m.

Silent Auction

U.P. Community Supported Parks and Recreation, a 501(c)3 that supports the University Place Parks & Recreation programs, would love to help you with your holiday shopping list. Join the fun and pick up one-of-a-kind gift baskets perfect for everyone on your list at our silent auction while supporting your U.P. Parks & Recreation programs. Be the highest bidder on a variety of baskets and gifts, many wrapped and ready for giving, and take home the excitement to keep for yourself or give to someone on your list.

Musical performances:

- 2:50 - 3:15 – Electric Strings
- 3:15 - 3:40 – Curtis HS Jazz Band
- 3:40 - 4:00 – UPP Holiday Choir
- 4:00 - 4:20 – Narrowsview Intermediate Choir
- 4:20 - 4:40 – Drum Intermediate School Choir
- 4:40 - 5:00 – Curtis Jr. High Choir
- 5:00 - 5:20 – Sunset Holiday Choir
- 5:20 - 5:40 – UPSD Administration Holiday Choir
- 5:40 - 6:00 – Evergreen 4th Grade Holiday Choir
- 6:00 - 6:15 – Community Sing

Event Sponsor: Forza Coffee

Curran Orchard Holiday Gifts



Looking for a unique holiday gift or special present? Why not give someone an apple tree by adopting a tree at the Curran Apple Orchard Park? Trees are available for adoption for one harvest season. Adopters can prune their own trees (free instructions available) or request volunteers to do so. Other great gifts include a Curran Apple Orchard Cookbook featuring seasonal color photos of the orchard along with a multitude of great apple recipes ranging from appetizers to main dishes to dessert. For more information, visit www.curranappleorchard.org.

Sign up for Youth Basketball

Deadline: Nov. 19 Grades Pre-K through 7

Basketball season is just around the corner! This year we will offer recreational basketball leagues, focusing on teamwork, sportsmanship, basic fundamentals and, most importantly, having fun!

Days: Monday - Saturday (days & times will vary)

Location: University Place Schools

Practices: Start in December

Games: Start in January

\$70 Resident / \$75 Non-resident. A \$10 late fee will be applied after Nov. 19.

Call 460-2530 or come by our office to register.



Shuttle UP



A FREE transportation program!

The University Place Senior Center is offering bi-weekly transportation to our meal site program and bi-monthly transportation to local shopping centers. We will use our 14 passenger shuttle to pick you up from your home, take you to the designated destination, and return you to your front door. To qualify for this service, you must:

- Live within University Place City Limits or a partnering organization.
- Be independently mobile or aided by a care-giver. Our bus driver cannot escort shoppers.
- You must be 61 years of age or older.

If you are interested in this free and unique opportunity, call the University Place Senior Center, 564-1992.

Support UP Parks & Recreation

Help support youth and senior programs along with your favorite park through a donation to "UPCSPR."

UPCSPR (UP Community Supported Parks & Recreation) is a newly formed 501(c)3 which enables people to donate directly to a park or rec program of their choice. While all donations are tax exempt, the 501(c)3 status also allows the independent group to seek grants for local programs.

For more info, please contact UPCSPR Chair Jim Baldes at jbaldes@comcast.net.

Cultural Art Classes

Sign up NOW for one of our Cultural Arts classes! We are continuing to offer Creative Movement, pre ballet for ages 3-5 years and Beginning Ballet for 5-8 years. **NEW** to our dance program is beginning Jazz class and beginning Hip Hop class for ages 7-12 years. Also new to our cultural arts programs is our After School With Art program! Explore the magic of mud! Kids will learn how to create art out of clay. For more information on class dates, times and fees contact the Recreation office at 460-2530 or check out the online brochure at www.CityofUP.com. Watch for the Winter 2011 Recreation Brochure online in mid November!



Space is available for your holiday parties at the Senior/Community Center on 27th and Grandview. Call for more info: 564-1992.

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers to help with our front desk customer service in the Parks and Recreation office. Basic duties of answering the phone, handling questions, greeting the public, helping with program registrations and computer experience is needed.

We are looking to fill 4-hour shifts Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call for more info: 460-2530.

Thank You – Lee & MaryAnn Greenfield, Narrows Plaza Bowl, for your continued support!

Thank You – Bridgeport Place for providing snacks for nine of our very popular walking club excursions.

Ski & Snowboard School

Winter is here and the City of University Place Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to again offer Ski & Snowboard School!

With a great snow season expected, this is the perfect opportunity for first-timers to learn how to ski and snowboard – or for experienced skiers and snowboarders to finetune their skills.

Lessons are provided by Alpine West Ski School at the Summit at Snoqualmie.

A registration form is required so visit the City website at www.CityofUP.com or contact the Recreation Office at 460-2530.



Winter is the time to learn to bowl!



Come on out and bowl with us! Learn the proper bowling skills and meet other bowlers.

Fee includes professional instruction, equipment, shoes and two games of bowling each day! Sign up now!

Cost: \$30 (4 weeks)

Ages: 7-18 years

Days: Tuesdays 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Fall II Session: 11/2-11/23

Classes are held at Narrows Plaza Bowl located at 2200 Mildred St W, University Place.

Sign up your dog for training

Ages 6 months & older

Basic training and agility fun! In this class you will learn communication skills that will prove invaluable throughout your relationship with your dog. Using voice and hand commands, participants will learn to guide rather than force their dogs into the correct behavior. Training methods are based on positive motivation and rewards, which makes for happier dogs and people, and creates a rewarding relationship between pet and owner. Dog training is supposed to be fun and should not cause stress in you or your dog. The class costs \$40 a session.

Session II: November 16, 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Session III: December 14, 5 – 6:30 p.m.



Thank you to our sponsors for Indoor Soccer & Flag Football!

You helped make it possible for many youth to enjoy the great experience of playing soccer and football. Thank you!

**Grange Insurance
Team Insurance**

Would you like to sponsor a team?

Sponsorships are available for 2010 Youth Basketball Teams and 2011 Sports Leagues – what a great way to support the youth in your community!

Your sponsorship will provide the foundation for youth sports programs that offer not-to-be-missed sports experiences, instruction, competition, physical fitness, and also help to teach youth sportsmanship, teamwork and cooperation. Call 460-2530 for more information.

Individual team sponsorships at \$195

4 sport sponsorship at \$700

(basketball, baseball, flag football, indoor soccer)

Visit the Parks and Recreation page on www.CityofUP.com to see more exciting programs!

The City of University Place Parks & Recreation Department provides an incredible benefit to the community. Thank you to all of our supporters. We could not make it without you. As we move into 2011 it is more crucial than ever for us to work together with our partners, individuals, local businesses and our many community groups to continue to provide quality parks and recreation opportunities to this community. We all benefit from a strong, healthy community and your Parks & Rec team plans to continue to be at the forefront in this endeavor.

Thank you – and we look forward to your continued support!

Drug Take Back Day – a huge success in U.P.

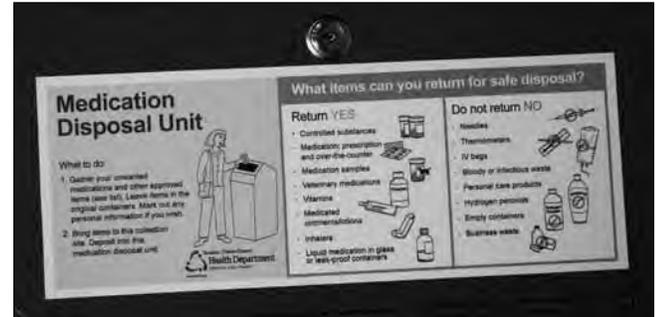
Thank you University Place Citizens! University Place Police had a phenomenal public response to the National Pharmaceutical Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the University Place Public Safety Building. People came from as far away as Mason County and Bremerton to safely dispose of unused medications. We collected a total of 167.5 pounds – a total of four boxes of pharmaceuticals.

Please remember that the University Place Public Safety Building (3631 Drexler Dr. W) is now an official pharmaceutical collection site. If you have unwanted medications you'd like to dispose of safely, please bring them in anytime during office hours, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. For more information please visit www.takebackyourmeds.org or call 798-3141.

Prescription drug abuse is the fastest-growing drug problem in the country. In Washington State, almost 11 percent of teens use medicines for non-medical reasons – a rate that's among the highest in the nation. The abuse of medicines by teens often results in medical emergencies or fatal overdoses. Most abusers of medicines, including teens, get the drugs from a friend or

relative – not from a drug dealer. A safe medicine take-back program gets potentially dangerous leftover drugs out of our homes.



Animal Licensing moves to permanent license tags



In Jan. 2010 the City's animal licensing operations moved back in-house to the University Place Police Department. The change not only saved money for the City, but allowed implementation of better services and more direct citizen communication.

Pet License Applications are available at www.CityofUP.com, but we encourage residents to come into the police station at 3631 Drexler Dr. and purchase their animal licenses at the front counter. This will save you postage along with getting the license to you at the same time.

In Jan. 2011 animal licensing will begin issuing permanent tags. Pet owners will pay a renewal fee each year but a new physical tag

will not be issued. In the event your pet loses their tag, a replacement tag can be purchased for \$5.75.

There are several reasons for this change. First, the City is trying to go greener in all areas of its operations. By issuing a permanent tag, no more tags will need to be thrown away. Second, it will save money since the extra postage it takes to mail out the tags is very expensive. And, third, it just makes it easier for you, the citizen, to not have to change your animal's license tag every year.

We hope you will be happy with this change. If you have any comments or questions regarding animal licensing, please feel free to call 798-4251.

Sign up now for the Sheriff's Community Academy

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department is offering its Community Academy program for residents living in Pierce County who are interested in learning about law enforcement and the role of the Sheriff's Department in the community.

The department is taking reservations for the following session:

University Place – February 24, 2011

Classes are limited in size to 30 persons and will meet once a week from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

The Community Academy course is designed to familiarize the public with all aspects of the Sheriff's Department and provide citizens with some insight into the practices of law enforcement and the criminal justice

system. The academy also affords an opportunity to meet the Sheriff and other members of the department. The classes cover constitutional law, procedures of patrol deputies, detectives, internal investigations, narcotics, K-9, crime analysis, domestic violence and other topics. Field trips are scheduled to the 9-1-1 Communications Center, Forensics, Jail and the Marksman firing range. The academy is free of charge and is open to citizens 16 years old and over living in Pierce County.

You may send your application online; print an application off of our website

at www.piercesheriff.org or stop by the University Place Police Station and pick up an application. Applicants are chosen on a first come first serve basis, and class size is limited.



Oversized Brush Curbside "PickUP" Event

Nov. 1-12, 2010

University Place Refuse Services, Inc. and the City of University Place are teaming up once again for the oversized brush curbside pickUP event. This is an expansion of the spring brush cleanUP event, so now you can participate twice a year.

Pile limitations: 1 per household no larger than 6' wide x 6' long x 6' high.

The oversized brush pickUP is available to all residential customers of University Place Refuse Services, Inc., including those that do not have regular Yard Waste Service. The pickup day for your area will be the

same as your curbside recycling or yard waste pickup day, during the weeks of Nov. 1-12. Remember, this is a one-day event for each neighborhood. The oversized brush pickUP targets the larger brush and limbs that don't easily fit into a regular yard waste toter.

Oversized brush includes: branches, brush and limbs not larger than 6 feet in length or 4 inches in diameter. Please stack loosely for pick up (no bags or bundles).

Oversized brush DOES NOT include: blackberry, holly, or other vegetation with thorns; stumps, or limbs larger than 6 feet or

4 inches in diameter, small loose items such as grass, leaves, weeds, bark, pine or fir needles, etc.

If you are signed up for yard waste service, please make maximum use of your yard waste toter first before placing brush in a pile. Place your oversized brush in a loose pile at the curb (or within 5 feet of the drivable portion of the roadway) for pickup. Make sure that the pile isn't in the street and doesn't block access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

If you have any questions about this specific event or any other waste services, please contact U.P. Refuse at 564-3212.

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.



Power Outage?

Bounce back fast if power is on the brink.

Storm season is ahead. Wind up for winter weather by preparing a power outage kit that includes:

- Flashlight(s)
- Wind-up or battery-powered clock
- Battery powered radio
- Extra batteries for flashlight(s), clock and radio
- Food that you don't have to heat
- Manual can opener

Visit tacomapower.com for more preparedness information.

Weather the weather in comfort this winter

Follow these simple tips to stay warm and save energy.

Warming up made easy

- Add, or check the quality of, weather stripping on doors, windows and your attic hatch.
- Set your thermostat to a comfortable temperature while you're home and five to 10 degrees less than that when you're sleeping or away from home. Every five degrees you set back saves 15 percent on the heating portion of your electric bill.
- If you sleep with your window open, shut the bedroom door so you don't lose heat in the rest of the house.

Tempting temperatures

- If you store things in your attic, build shelves above the insulation instead of placing items on the floor, on top of insulation. Insulation works best when it's fluffed up.
- Fill any holes for plumbing or electrical in exterior walls and ceilings with expandable foam to prevent cold air from leaking in or heated air from leaking out.
- Put foam covers on your water faucets to prevent freezing.
- Have your heating system serviced according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Insulation matters

- Add insulation to your ceiling and under the floor. Seal and insulate furnace ductwork in the attic and crawlspace. Up to 30 percent of your home's warm air can be lost through leaky ducts, so have ducts tested and sealed. Tacoma Power offers up to \$3,600 in rebates to make those improvements.
- If you have an electric furnace, consider upgrading to a high-efficiency heat pump system, which may cut the heating portion of your electric bill 30 to 50 percent. Tacoma Power offers up to \$1,000 in rebates and services on qualified new heat pump installations.

Check out the beach at Chambers Bay!

On a recent sunny day it was clear that a lot of people have found the long-lost beach in University Place thanks to the new pedestrian overpass at Chambers Bay. While on the north side children could be seen climbing over and around the driftwood, on the south end the off-leash dog area was filled with the sounds of happy dogs chasing sticks in and out of the brisk waters of Puget Sound.

The North Dock Overpass or, as it's more affectionately known in U.P., the "Bridge to the Beach," enables pedestrians to safely cross the railroad tracks and reach a section of west-facing shoreline that has been inaccessible to the community for more than a century.

If you haven't yet had an opportunity to enjoy the outstanding views of the Puget Sound and the Chambers meadows and trail system, every day is a good day to visit. While visiting, please be aware of the "Three Ts":

Trash – Help keep your beach clean. Please pack out your trash and dispose of it in the receptacles.

Tides – Portions of this beach are unavailable at high tide. Remember to check the posted tidal charts to avoid being stranded.

Trains – Keep off the railroad track. Always use the pedestrian overpass to cross the tracks. Trains may approach without warning.

To get to the beach, follow the signs along Grandview to Chambers Bay Golf Course, turn in the main entrance to the course. Take the road to the left of the clubhouse and go down the hill to the Central Meadow parking lot below.



Above: The grand opening ceremonies on Sept. 2 were well-attended, despite the rainy weather.

Left: Beach access for an off-leash dog park means freedom and fun for man's best friend.

City Commissions seek applicants

Commissioners are citizens whose volunteer efforts play an integral role in the growth and development of our City. Citizens serving on the City's Commissions apply their knowledge, interest and experiences to City issues before making recommendations to the City Council.

Applications for 2011 are currently being accepted from citizens interested in serving on the following Commissions:

Economic Development Commission

Planning Commission

Public Safety Commission

Forms are available on-line at www.CityofUP.com and at City Hall. The application deadline is Monday, Dec. 20. For more information contact the City Clerk's office at 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:

- Budget 101
- U.P. Responds

Visit our Website: www.CityofUP.com/uptv for a weekly schedule.

Send program suggestions and comments to UPTV@CityofUP.com or call Linda Seesz, Communications/I.T. Manager, at 460-2537.

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