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City Manager Steve Sugg: City's Financial Forecast Stable

City Manager Steve Sugg held a meeting at City Hall on June 16 to provide the public with an update on the City's finances and Town Center. This meeting followed a series of neighborhood meetings held throughout the City over the spring.

"What we've discovered is there has been a lot of confusion and misinformation in the public about the City's finances," said Sugg. "I thought it was important to more clearly identify for everyone the status of the City's finances, and to let the community know that we have adjusted to current economic conditions. The City's finances are holding steady."

The update included an explanation on how the City develops its financial forecast. "While any financial forecast is based on certain assumptions and is only as good as those assumptions, the City's major assumptions are very conservative," said Administrative Services Director Eric Faison.

Those assumptions include:

- No Town Center land sales.
- Refinance a bond in 2013.
- Property tax revenue will grow by 1% per year in accordance with State law.
- All other revenue will remain relatively flat.
- Expenditures will grow by a rate greater than inflation.

The City Council regularly reviews the City's financial condition and has reviewed and approved, line by line, all of the City's revenue and expenditure assumptions.

A lot of attention has been directed toward how the City is managing its current debt obligations, particularly

Projected Ending Fund Balances

	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2013	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	12/31/2016
General Fund	\$417,879	\$1,128,976	\$615,410	\$177,350	\$622,442	\$1,585,988
Other Funds	156,531	305,569	62,386	121,088	181,893	245,053
Replacement Reserves	178,034	179,358	685,712	685,712	685,712	685,712
Strategic Reserve	825,164	825,164	827,164	829,264	831,469	833,784
Sub Total	\$1,577,608	\$2,439,067	\$2,190,673	\$1,813,415	\$2,321,516	\$3,350,537
Restricted Funds	6,078,711	7,828,057	9,990,865	11,154,106	12,703,154	14,256,901
Grand Total	\$7,656,319	\$10,267,124	\$12,181,538	\$12,967,521	\$15,024,671	\$17,607,438

a \$12 million bond payment coming due in 2013. Faison stated that the City has the legal ability and financial capacity to refinance the bonds when they come due. He added, "The City Council has made serious adjustments to staffing levels, and correspondingly service levels, to ensure that the City will meet all of its contractual and legal obligations, including financial obligations under its outstanding bonds."

The chart above illustrates the City's projected cash balances in its major accounts at the end of each year through 2016. The chart shows that the City will have sufficient fund balances within its funds through 2016 to maintain existing service levels and meet all of its obligations.

Mr. Sugg stressed, "Statements made to the effect that the City is going bankrupt are simply untrue. I'm hopeful that this update explains where we are and where we're going."

The June 16 meeting was recorded and is being broadcast on UPTV. If you have additional questions or comments, information on the City's finances can be found on the City's website at www.CityofUP.com under "Services - Finance", or you can contact Eric Faison at 253.460.5443 or efaison@CityofUP.com.

June 16 Meeting Replay Times:

Daily after the U.P. City Council Meeting. Visit www.CityofUP.com to view the UPTV schedule.



August 6
University Place
Festival Info Inside!

COUNCIL CORNER...

by Eric Choiniere, City Council Member

I have served as one of your City Councilmembers for University Place for the past 18 months because I wanted to bring new ideas and better solutions to our city. Our Council and community have had many challenges during this time, but we have worked together diligently on these issues to create solutions that will benefit University Place.

From the beginning our new Council walked into a very tight budget situation. The budget had just undergone substantial cuts which were done to prepare for any potential budget shortfalls. From Council's perspective, the budget was not as bad a crisis as some cities experienced. Nonetheless, we worked hard with our staff to balance it. The budget did not include any land sales in order to meet our debt obligations. At one point in order to meet all of our obligations we would have had to spend all of the strategic reserve, leaving only \$180,000 in cash reserves. Since then, with the hard work of staff and Council, we have not spent a penny of the strategic reserve and our cash on-hand has increased to over \$2 million. We did this responsibly and without any continued cuts or reduction of services.

Next, our residents, as well as Police Chief Rusty Wilder, asked for more police services, specifically to

help investigate crimes and incidents. It was determined that we should hire an Investigator, and after review of the budget and responsible reallocation of funds, the Council was able to add an Investigator to the Police Department.

Town Center is progressing. The Library opened in February and our broker, Jeff Kraft at Neil Walter Associates, continues to work with our staff, including City Attorney Steve Victor, on advancing Town Center. This is being done in adherence to the vision of all of our residents and not to just sell property for "quick deals." Although all parties involved would love to discuss who we are talking to and what is happening behind the scenes, ongoing negotiations cannot be made public. This would hurt the progress of our negotiations and would allow other cities, developers and brokers to come in and "steal away" potential buyers and tenants. Whatever the final completion of Town Center will be, it will be here for decades and cannot be re-done. Therefore, we must make sure it is done right the first time.

The City Council is fully in support of residents and outside groups who have brought back the University Place Festival, as well as those who

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by Denise McCluskey, City Council Member

JBLM. We have seen the jumble of letters designating McChord Air Force Base's merger with Fort Lewis. Signs are up letting us know that they exist. These are the neighbors who continually give back to their nation to protect our freedom and quality of life. But who are they and what does it mean to have them in your backyard?

The military has a responsibility to ensure that certain birthrights such as freedom are not only protected but that all uniformed military have the moral courage to extend this idealism on and off the battlefield. As a community, we are proud to see our military's displays during the 4th of July but may not have given too much thought on how to support them. They are the military. They take care of their own.

Now, our humble and gracious neighbor is willing to go beyond their call to duty and begin a collaborative partnership to help both of us better understand each other's needs. JBLM has acknowledged just how much they impact the immediate area and that the communities may lack the resources to support their military service members and families. That is why JBLM implemented the 'Military Community Covenant.' So on June 22 local officials gathered with the Generals, Sergeants and military families to solemnly embrace a vision of support and sign the Military Community Covenant to support "Those Who Serve."

The Covenant reads as follows:

We, the Community, recognize....

...The commitment Service Members and their Families are making every day.

...The strength of Service Members comes from the strength of their Families.

...The strength of Families is supported by the strength of the Community.

...The strength of the Community comes from the support of Employers, Educators, Civic & Business Leaders and its Citizens.

We, the Community, are committed to...

...Building partnerships that support the strength, resilience and readiness of Service Members and their Families.

...Assisting in the implementation of the Family Covenant.

To address the following areas: Transportation, Land and Community Development, Emergency Protection, Data Coordination, Grants, Health Care Coordination, Population Forecasting, Workforce, Moving Logistics, Education, Housing, Use Planning, Environmental Protection and Economic Development.

In the end, the Covenant will collaboratively help all stakeholders to resolve the unique stresses of our military neighbors for the benefit of all. As a signer of the Covenant and in acknowledgment of the military's protection of freedom, I am proud to note that University Place will be an active participant to become one of the best supporters of JBLM.



Eric Choiniere, Council Member

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Debbie Klosowski.....	565.8466
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Javier Figueroa.....	226.3927
Eric Choiniere.....	460.2500
Denise McCluskey.....	460.2500
Gerald Gehring.....	460.2500
Caroline Belleci.....	389.9517

PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

August

Regular Meetings: 1st & 15th
Special Meetings: 8th & 22nd

September

Regular Meetings: 6th & 19th
Special Meetings: 12th & 26th

October

Regular Meetings: 3rd & 17th
Special Meetings: 10th & 24th

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.



Denise McCluskey, Council Member

City Council Primary Election - August 16

University Place residents will have an opportunity to vote for three City Council positions this year: Positions 2, 6 and 7. These positions are currently filled by Debbie Klosowski and Gerald Gehring, who are not seeking re-election, and Caroline Belleci.

City Council positions are four year terms. The person elected to Council Position #7 will fill the position upon the certification of the results for the 2011 General Election. All other positions will be effective January 1, 2012. Candidates are listed below in the order noticed by the Pierce County Elections Division.

Position #2

Steve Smith
Kent D. Keel

Position #6

Chris Nye
Carl J. Mollnow
Ken Campbell

Position #7

Caroline Belleci
Howard Lee

Important dates:

July 29	Primary Election ballots are mailed
August 15-16	Voting Centers open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
August 16	Primary Ballot deadlines – ballots must be turned in by 8 p.m.
November 8	General Election

Ballots returned at deposit sites must be in by 8 p.m. on August 16, 2011. By law, ballots cannot be accepted at deposit sites after 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Watch UPTV beginning in late September/early October for a General Election Video Voters Guide and Council Candidate forums.

If you have any questions, please contact the Pierce County Elections Division at 253.798.7430 or www.piercecountywa.org/elections.

Ballot Deposit Sites in U.P.

University Place Fire Department
3631 Drexler Dr. W., University Place, WA 98466
Open 24/7 starting July 5, 2011

Voting Centers nearest to U.P.

Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID)
6315 S 19th St., Tacoma, WA 98466
Open August 15 and 16, 2011 from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

City obtains \$1.74 million in Safe Routes to Schools grants for Beckonridge Drive and 27th Street

The City was successful in obtaining two new grants totaling \$1,740,000 for the construction of pedestrian and bicycle improvements along 27th Street W. and Beckonridge Drive W. The grants were awarded under the State's Safe Routes to Schools program which is established to provide and promote safe walking and biking to schools.

27th Street – Grant Award: \$910,000

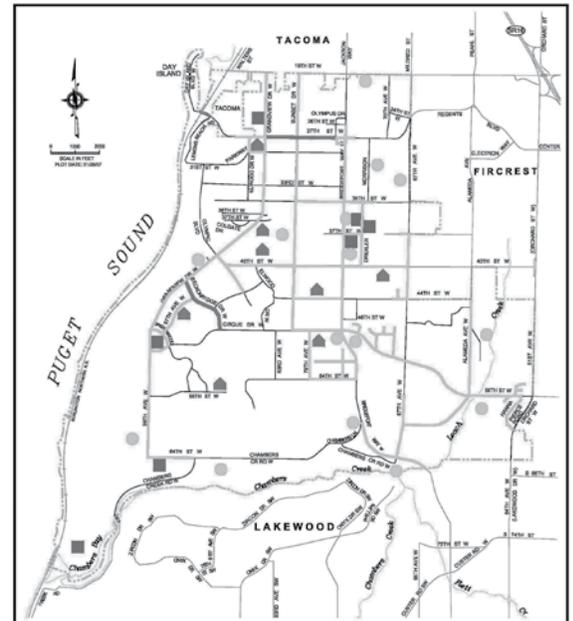
This project improves the school route to U.P. Primary along the north side of 27th Street between Grandview Dr and Bridgeport Way. These improvements include sidewalk, curb and gutter, bike lane, streetlights, landscaping, radar feedback signs and a pedestrian signal at Sunset and 27th. This project also includes a public education campaign and enforcement emphasis.

Beckonridge Drive – Grant Award \$830,000

This project improves the school route to Sunset Primary along the west side of Beckonridge Dr. between Cirque and Grandview. These improvements include sidewalk, curb and gutter, bike lane, streetlights, landscaping, radar feedback signs, and crosswalk improvements. This project also includes a public education campaign and enforcement emphasis.

Construction on both of the projects is scheduled to begin next summer. These projects demonstrate the City's continued commitment to providing safe areas for walking and biking throughout our community with an emphasis around our schools. With these two grants, the total amount of grants received by the City is now over \$46 million since incorporation.

For more information on either of these projects or on the State's Safe Routes to Schools program, contact Jack Ecklund at 460.5411.



**CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
CONTIGUOUS SIDEWALK NETWORK**

- Public Facilities
- ▲ Schools
- Parks / Open Space
- Contiguous Sidewalk Network
- New Safe Routes to Schools Projects

Sidewalk Image to right: These projects add to the City's growing sidewalk network that now spans the City. This network now connects seven of our public schools, eight of our parks and open spaces and six of our public facilities.

Team sponsors needed for youth flag football & indoor soccer



Team sponsorships are needed for the fall 2011 Youth Sports Leagues. In 2010, there were close to 175 teams spread over all the sport seasons, with an average of 10-12 kids per team that equalled over 2,000 youth who participated!

Team sponsorship helps to support each individual sports league by covering costs of uniforms, equipment, officials, facilities, maintenance, scheduling and administration. Your sponsorship also supports the entire community recreation program by showing your individual or business's support for the great recreation opportunities we provide and the wonderful parks we have in our community.

Donor Benefits:

- Donor recognition on the back of the team's uniforms
- Sponsorship classifies as a tax deductible donation
- Donor receives recognition on league schedules, on-line brochure and City Recreation website
- Donor receives a Team Picture/Thank You Sponsor wall plaque



\$195 for Sponsorship of 1 team
\$700 for Sponsorship of 4 teams
\$1,000 for Sponsorship of 6 teams

Call 253.460.2530 for more info or go on-line to www.CityofUP.com and print out the sponsorship form today.

Youth Sports Leagues

It is time to register your youth for our fall sports leagues! Indoor soccer is back for Pre-K through 4th grade age groups as well as our Flag Football Leagues for grades 1 through 6! Registration deadline is September 16 so be sure to register in our office at 3715 Bridgeport Way W, Suite D-4 or online at www.CityofUP.com. Practices will begin in late September and games will run from October through the end of November. Practices are determined by each team's coach and all of our coaches are volunteers. Without the hundreds of volunteer coaches, U.P. Parks & Recreation would not have the successful sports leagues that we have. Soccer will be held at the University Place Schools and football will be at Cirque Park and some of the school district fields.

Camp Wrinkle Ranch

Once again Camp Wrinkle Ranch will take place at Falls Creek Retreat Center in Raymond, WA from Sept. 13-15. Join senior citizens from Pierce and King County for a fun filled three days and two nights enjoying a camp-like atmosphere with all the comforts of home.

\$239 per person includes transportation to camp, accommodations, all meals, entertainment, and activities. Register by August 24. For more information contact Jennifer Robinson at the U.P. Senior Center, 253.564.1992.

Fall Harvest Get-a-Way

Enjoy one night and two full days in the Cashmere/Wenatchee area on October 19-20. You'll be surrounded by the beauty of fall as we treat you to a day at the Cider Mill, a tour of the Rocky Reach Dam, a stop at Applets & Cotlets, Annie's Antique Mall, a Pioneer Village tour and dinner at The Brick in Roslyn. One night and two days of fall fun! Call the University Place Senior Center for price and information, 253.564.1992. Trip price includes hotel accommodations, two meals, all tour and entrance fees, transportation and trip management.

Adult Health & Fitness Classes

Before you know it the holidays will be upon us, which means tons of foods high in carbs, sugars and calories! Get a head start on getting into shape or staying fit! U.P. Parks and Recreation has a variety of fitness classes to offer ages 15 & up. Try our new Zumba class, and Polynesian and Tahitian Dance classes. There are Pilates and Yoga for your less aerobic classes, as well as Max Meditation and Tai Chi Chih. We are also bringing back Ballroom Dancing Classes this fall! There will be a new style each month starting with Foxtrot in September. Contact the Parks & Recreation Office today to register at 253.460.2530 or register online at www.CityofUP.com.

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are supporting our recreation programs with fundraising, and volunteers who will be completing the Playground by the Sound this fall. I applaud their efforts and continue to support the hard, positive work they are doing for everyone in our community.

Finally, the Council continues to work with our commissions to review specific City ordinances with which residents or business owners may have issues. Like all ideas, each proposal will

be examined to be certain that they are in the best interest of the entire community. With the many new fresh ideas from our commissions, I see groups working together with positive ideas while also keeping the community vision in mind.

Add this in with the upcoming U.S. Open in 2015, our accomplishments by students in school programs, and our community supported Fire and School Districts, and I am happy to make University Place my home and I am proud

By Eric Choiniere, City Council Member

to be a representative of our City.

While there may be a small group of people out there who like to spread inaccurate comments such as "crisis," "failure," "bankrupt" and "business-unfriendly," I encourage everyone to focus on the future of our City. I myself, and I hope most others, see a much brighter future for University Place. I know that the best is yet to come for our entire community.

Curran Apple Orchard FREE Summer Concerts

Great American tunes and Elvis are in store for upcoming concerts at the Curran Apple Orchard Park this summer.

Join us on July 28 for the Department of Washington American Legion Band followed by Danny Vernon's Illusion of Elvis on August 11. All concerts are on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Bring a blanket and picnic or purchase food from the U.P. Kiwanis.

The Curran Orchard is located at 3920 Grandview Drive West. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be relocated to the Curtis High School Cafeteria.

Special thanks to Columbia Bank and CORE for sponsoring all concerts.

Visit www.dannyvernon.com for more information about the artist or to join his online mailing list!



Curran Orchard Cider Squeeze Sunday, September 11

Juicy ripe apples and delicious apple pie await you at the annual Curran Apple Orchard Cider Squeeze. Step back into time and enjoy a relaxing, fun filled afternoon in the beautiful Curran Apple Orchard. Johnny Appleseed, the Big Apple and free musical entertainment situated in a wonderful seven-acre orchard brimming with apples are among the treats that await you.



Don't miss out on this wonderful University Place tradition. Apples are also available for purchase along with picnic fare provided by the U.P. Kiwanis.

For more information, please visit www.CurranAppleOrchard.com.

Pups in the Park Saturday, August 20

Flying disc dogs, doggie contests, food and fun are among the events scheduled for the 5th annual Pups in the Park! Bring your favorite four-legged friends on Saturday, August 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cirque Bridgeport Park, 7250 Cirque Drive West, to enjoy the fun!



This year's featured event is the Skyhoundz Northwest Regional Championship which attracts contestants from eight states. (Check out the outstanding tricks and skills of dogs and their owners on www.woofd2.com or www.skyhoundz.com). Other fun events include doggie contests, pet vendors, demonstrations and much, much more!

There is no charge to attend Pups in the Park; however, there is a \$10 entry fee to participate in doggie contests. SUNDOgs (Safe, Unleashed & Natural) is sponsoring this great event for dogs and their owners to help raise funds for the permanent off leash dog park on the Chambers Creek Properties.

For more information, please visit www.updogpark.org.

Whoopee Cats win Battle of the Bands



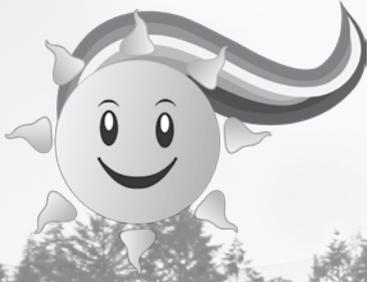
Congratulations to the Whoopee Cats for winning the Battle in the Orchard, Battle of the Bands on June 30. You can see them perform again at the University Place Festival on August 6 at 10 a.m. at Cirque Park. (See page 7 for more information).

A special thank you to Columbia Bank, KLAY AM 1180 Radio, Ted Brown Music, Cadence Music Management, Custom Impressions, Forza Coffee Company, Guitar Center, The Hungry Bard Foundation, Randi Nicole Photography, Safeway, Shari's Restaurant, The Suburban Times, The University Place Festival and the University Place Patch for sponsoring this great event. For more information about the Battle of the Bands visit www.battleintheorchard.com.

UP for Art Fall Music & Culture

Classical music, fine art and an evening with Edgar Allan Poe are among the featured events in the 1st Annual Cultural Arts Series sponsored by UP for Art this year. Join us for an evening out to enjoy musical interludes along with meeting local artists. Look for these events to begin starting in the fall of this year.

For further information on the events, please visit www.upforart.org.



University Place Festival

Family Food! Fun! Entertainment!

Saturday, August 6

10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cirque Park

Live Music &
Entertainment
Classic Car Show
Vendors & Concessions
Kids Zone

Cirque Slam
Hogs vs. Hosers
Beer Garden

And much, much more!

Main Stage

10 - 10:30 a.m.	The Whoopee Cats - Winner of the Battle of the Bands
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Uprising
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	The Kari Ehli Band
2 - 3:30 p.m.	Rock n' Roll Magic
4 - 5:30 p.m.	Maia Santell & House Blend
6 - 7 p.m.	The Diamond Experience

Seating: All seating is festival-style on the lawn, on a "first come, first served" basis. Blankets and/or beach chairs are recommended; NO reserved or bleacher seating available.

Kids Zone

10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Bounce houses and amusements for kids, miniature golf, karaoke, music videos, and video games.
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Parking Lot

10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Car Show, sponsored by the Tacoma Events Commission
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Green UP Recycling Event, benefiting the U.P. Community Garden.

Field

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Navy SEAL Fitness Challenge, presented by Vision Quest Sports & Fitness in U.P.
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	West Pierce Fire & Rescue Activities
12 - 4 p.m.	Congo Productions Drum Circle
1 - 3 p.m.	ESPN Deportes Soccer Clinic
4 p.m.	Watermelon Eating Contest
5 p.m.	Hogs vs. Hosers Softball Game

Festival Vendors

10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	A variety of food concession stands will be available at reasonable cost. Arts & Crafts presenters, demonstrators and local businesses will be on hand to welcome visitors. Beer garden will also be available.
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ESPN Deportes Seattle Stage

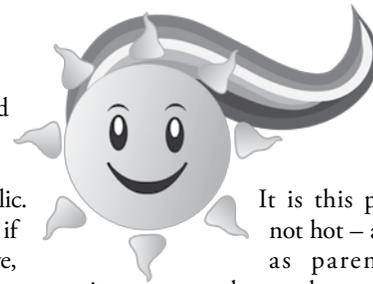
10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Colorful Mexican & South American music, dancing, food and fun presented by ESPN Deportes Seattle.
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Skate Park

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Cirque Slam
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Let's meet UP, your Festival mascot!

Think sun and rainbows at the end of a rainy day. "UP" who was brought to life by a Fairy Godmother named Robie, was the brainchild of festival event promoter Doug Miller. You will be able to meet UP and take your picture with UP at your University Place Festival!



It is this part not hot – and as parents, together and provide is the line-up.

Just saying the word "festival" rings in a myriad of memories from past summers with friends, BBQs and frolic. of summer that we most fondly remember and look forward to each year. School is out, the weather is warmer – if we take time to relax with our family in the outdoors. Opportunities to create memories such as these are what we, leaders and city staff, would like to incorporate into our community lifestyle. Events like the festival bring the community social connectivity. What will you be able to experience with your fellow neighbors at this year's University Place Festival? Below

The Whoopee Cats

This year's winner of the Battle of the Bands, the Whoopee Cats, a two-person group comprised of Laurel Lundgren and her musical partner Jill Nelson, have appeared at the Northwest Folklife Festival, The Antique Sandwich Company and the Elliott Bay Brewhouse. The Whoopee Cats write and perform their own folk and blues numbers, along with a variety of songs spanning decades. Laurel and Jill are 2010 graduates of the Tacoma School of the Arts who have taught music for the Metro Park District and at the Al Davies Boys & Girls Club.



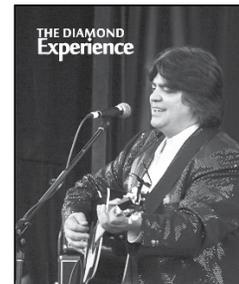
attendance records for the longest running house gigs for years and have a musical vocabulary of over a thousand hit dance songs from the fifties through the eighties.

Maia Santell & House Blend

The Maia Santell band consists of vocals with a background of guitar, saxophone, bass and drums. They perform music from jazz to blues, swing, big band, jump blues and rhythm & blues. The band has a repertoire of popular music from the fifties through the nineties.

The Diamond Experience

In his show 'The Diamond Experience' Billy Farmer strives to recreate the magic of a Neil Diamond performance and delivers a tirelessly practiced interpretation of the voice and guitar combination that has captivated millions of fans over the last five decades.



'The Diamond Experience' is the headliner act for this year's University Place Festival!



Uprising

One of our local favorites, Uprising is a band from Sunset Church which perform a mix of country and blues, and fun, upbeat music. They have previously played at the Curran Apple Orchard Cider Squeeze.

The Kari Ehli Band

A product of the new music revolution, the Kari Ehli Band is riding the edge of blues, jazz, country and rock, blending them nicely to form an analogous whole that is distinctive yet reminiscent of titans in music history. With a distinctive sound and edge, Kari Ehli delivers one of the sweetest sounding, yet powerful voices you will ever hear!

And more!

The University Place Festival Committee is hard at work bringing even more events to the festival for your enjoyment and to help celebrate the City's 16th birthday!

We hope you will take time out of your hectic schedule, load the family in the car for a day of old fashioned fun and frolic at Cirque Park on August 6. The exciting day starts at 10 a.m. and goes until 7:30 p.m.

See you there!

Rock n Roll Magic

Rock n Roll Magic has been getting people out of their chairs and onto the dance floor for over 25 years in the Puget Sound area. They have set



Cirque Slam

The Cirque Slam is a four-hour free event for local skateboarders to celebrate their athletic prowess. This year will include four hours of music (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.), t-shirts, prizes, and much more.

The Cirque Slam was created by the University Place Youth Council (UPYC), a teenage volunteer group from University Place, committed to bettering their community.

A big 'Thank You!' to our great sponsors:



A special thank you to Boy Scout Troop #248 for providing security services on Friday night.

Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips



Halloween activities bring fun and fright to young and old. To make the events of Halloween safe for youngsters to enjoy, the University Place Police suggests these guidelines:

- Traffic represents the greatest danger to youngsters who will be out on Halloween. Reinforce with children the traffic safety rule: stop, look, and cross the street. Encourage kids to “trick or treat” up one side of the street and down the other, do not zig-zag across the street. Design light-colored costumes or incorporate reflective material on the front and back of costumes. Try on costumes before Halloween

to ensure that the costume does not interfere with the child’s ability to see or walk. Check the batteries in your flashlight, so that the flashlight will be ready for use when your child is ready to trick or treat on Halloween.

- Motorists need to stay alert! Neighborhoods that don’t normally have a lot of pedestrian traffic and bicycle traffic may experience an increase on Halloween night. Remember that kids will be excited and may suddenly dart into traffic from between parked cars.

- Trick or treat in your own neighborhood. Go to only those houses with porch lights on. Finish trick or treating and be home by 9 p.m.

- At what age should children go trick or treating alone? If your youngster feels that they are too big to have mom or dad go trick or treating with them then they are too old to go. Trick or treating is for the kids!

- Make Halloween a safe and fun night for your family and your neighborhood. Plan ahead. Discuss safety and the law with youngsters before the excitement of Halloween night.

Back to school safety tips

This time of year, parents eagerly scan newspaper ads for the best prices on book bags, lunch boxes and notebooks. Soon we’ll see more kids on the roadway as pedestrians. With pedestrian injuries the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages 5 to 14, drivers need to be extra cautious.

Children under eight years old should never cross the street without an adult or a responsible older child. Young children do not have the judgment, vision, or experience to cross safely.

Drivers should be cautious of school zone speed reductions. The 20-MPH speed reduction zone applies as you pass the first 20-MPH speed limit notification and ends when you pass through the next speed limit sign during school hours and/or when children are present. As a good “rule of thumb” all drivers should lower their speeds to 20 MPH through this zone even if not required. Drivers beware! There will be increased school zone enforcement during the first few weeks of school.

Get off to the right start this school year with a family back-to-school safety review. It’s the best bargain around!

Fall Fun Day

Get ready for fall with West Pierce Fire & Rescue at Fall Fun Day. Children and their parents are invited for a day of Halloween fun and safety ideas on **Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Safety Building at 3631 Drexler Dr. W.**

There will be lots of treats for kids, including:

- Pumpkins for kids
- Safety bags and bracelets
- Petting zoo and pony rides
- Free digital photo for kids in their costumes

***Child must be present for giveaways. Due to limited supply one giveaway per child per item.**

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



Fire Prevention Week - October 9-15



West Pierce Fire & Rescue is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) October 9-15, to let our community know: “It’s Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!”

West Pierce Fire & Rescue offers the following tips for protecting your home and family from fire:

- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood, or portable space heaters.
- Have a three-foot “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Replace or repair damaged or loose electrical cords.
- If you smoke, smoke outside. Use deep, wide ashtrays on a sturdy table.
- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.

These tips will help keep your family safe if there is a fire in your home:

- Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home (including the basement).
- Interconnect all smoke alarms in the home so when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test smoke alarms at least monthly and replace all smoke alarms when they are ten years old or sooner if they do not respond when tested.
- Make sure everyone in your home knows how to respond if the smoke alarm sounds.
- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible ways out. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
- If you are building or remodeling your home, consider installing home fire sprinklers.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in West Pierce Fire & Rescue, please contact us at 253.564.1623. To learn more about “It’s Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!” visit NFPA’s website at www.firepreventionweek.org.

Volunteers Needed for Playground by the Sound - Sept. 20-25



Imagine a playground for children designed by the kids themselves! **Playground by the Sound** is a community-wide volunteer effort to build an ADA accessible playground for children ages 2-12 in the North Meadow of the

Chambers Creek Properties in University Place. We enlisted the help of hundreds of elementary school children in the City to help design the playground. As well as an exciting and stimulating play area, they incorporated many of the historical and natural elements of our Puget Sound Community.

Volunteers have spent the past 2 1/2 years soliciting community donations and grants to raise over \$200,000 for the materials and equipment to construct the 12,000 sq. ft. Playground by the Sound.

Now all we need are 1000 volunteers to help us construct it in a six day building blitz. We need your special talents and skills to help complete this project. We need carpenters, painters, strong backs, food preparers and servers, child care volunteers, coordinators, construction captains, and moral support.

You can also help by:

- Lending us your building tools. We will return them in "as good, or better" condition or we will replace them.
- Donating "in-kind" materials and services; including helping to provide lunch or dinner for volunteers working on the site each day.

Mark your calendars, and find your wheelbarrows, saws and drills. We are getting ready to build the Playground by the Sound from September 20 - 25. We will be running three shifts a day,

8 a.m. - 12 p.m., 12:30 - 5 p.m., and 5:30-9 p.m. Please visit www.playground-bythesound.org and sign up for as many shifts as you can. We need at least 100 people per shift. Lunch and dinner will be provided.

Children ages 14 and older may work on the construction site. Children ages 10-13 may volunteer to work alongside their parents. We will provide free childcare for children age 2 (and potty trained) to 9. Be sure to reserve a space for your child in advance if you are planning to use the childcare services.

Expert building skills are not necessary to help build the **Playground by the Sound**. There is a job for everyone! Please help bring this amazing community-built playground project to reality!



Pancake Breakfast Bash

Mmmm, pancakes! You will enjoy them even more knowing the money raised supports the U.P. Senior Center, and youth sports and recreation activities in our community. Please join us on **Saturday, September 17** at 9 a.m. in the Curtis High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$50 per person pre-paid, \$55 at the door or, \$400 for a sponsor table of eight. Contact Patty Mannie, 253.208.0135 to get your tickets today!

University Place Community Supported Parks & Recreation - A 501(c) 3 organization.



Plant UP Project

Plant UP! Help us fill the large planters lining Bridgeport Way and Market Square with year-round color and texture! You may wish to honor someone special or celebrate a special occasion with sponsorship of your very own beautiful planter! For project or sponsorship information, please call Ken Grassi at 278-1946.

YES, I want to support the PLANT UP PROJECT!

Sponsorship Level (circle one)

- \$250 – Flower (*Sponsorship of entire pot includes nameplate*)
- \$100 – Bloom \$50 – Sprout
- \$75 – Bud \$25 – Seedling
- \$ _____ – Wildflower (specify amount)

- Enclosed is my check for \$ _____
- Please charge my Visa/MasterCard (Circle one)

Card number _____
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 Printed Name / Phone _____
 Address _____

Fax: 253.460.2528
Mail: **PLANT UP!**
 Attn: Marian Holloway
 3715 Bridgeport Way W.
 University Place, WA 98466
Info: Ken 253.278.1946



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Town Center drive-throughs - Planning Commission recommendations

The Planning Commission has had a busy and interesting first half of the year. In particular, the Commission spent five of our 10 meetings addressing the controversial subject of allowing new drive-through uses in the Town Center Zone, an issue the Commission had last tackled back in 2005. At that time, we held several meetings involving public workshops and joint meetings with the City Council and the Economic Development Committee and came to the conclusion that in order to be consistent with the City's vision of promoting a pedestrian-friendly Town Center, no new drive-through uses should be allowed there.

However, this has remained a contentious issue as many citizens have felt that the restriction unreasonably interferes with the property rights of the landowners, is business unfriendly and inhibits economic growth. Many others argue that drive-through uses, whether they involve fast food restaurants, coffee huts or banks with drive-up windows, are simply not compatible with the City's vision of a pedestrian friendly and focused Town Center. While these may seem to be competing interests, keeping the Town Center Zone pedestrian friendly, protecting property rights and encouraging economic growth are all stated goals and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan, the guiding document for how the City

should grow and develop.

So, it was no surprise when the issue was raised again by request of an owner of a shopping center and a recommendation by the Economic Development Commission. The Planning Commission spent considerable time reviewing the pros and cons and held a very productive public hearing. From this hearing, it became apparent that those citizens opposed to drive-throughs were mostly concerned about their being allowed in the City's Town Center project area which falls within a portion of the Town Center Zone called the Town Center Overlay. In addition, the Commission felt that if drive-throughs were allowed in shopping or commercial centers, it would only be fair that these centers should provide additional pedestrian amenities to help offset the impact of those drive-throughs and thereby promote improved pedestrian access that might not otherwise have been developed.

After much internal debate and deliberation, the Planning Commission came to a decision by a narrow margin to recommend that the City Council allow drive-up pharmacies and banks in the Town Center Zone but only allow drive-up



Planning Commission members, front row: Chris Saunders, Jeff Yost and Sue Harwood; back row: Chris Barrett, Cliff Quisenberry, Frank Boykin, Jr. and Anthony Paulson.

pharmacies, which the Commission determined are relatively low impact, in the Town Center Overlay around its periphery. In addition, it was recommended that large shopping centers over 50,000 square feet, like Green Firs or Albertsons, would need to provide additional pedestrian amenities such as additional raised sidewalks if new drive-through uses were added.

Note: The City Council is expected to make a decision on this issue mid August.

Are you really prepared?

Fall is upon us and soon the winter storm weather will be also. Have you and your family discussed how to become better prepared in the event of a disaster? Have you considered that preparedness experts are recommending that we **prepare our households to make it on our own for seven days**, and maybe longer? It can be difficult to know where to begin. The important thing is to start!

Your University Place Public Safety Commission is challenging every household to prepare two household kits. In one kit, put everything you will need to stay where you are and make it on your own. The other should be a lightweight, smaller version you can take with you if you have to get away.

Just like having a working smoke detector in your home, having emergency supply kits will put the tools you may need at your fingertips. While there are many things that might make you more comfortable, think first about fresh water, food and clean air. Remember to include, and periodically rotate, medications you take every day such as insulin and heart medicine.

Plan to store items in an easy-to-carry bag, such as a shopping bag, backpack or duffle bag.

The Department of Homeland Security has some great tools on becoming prepared. This basic kit guideline was provided from a document found at www.co.pierce.wa.us/xml/abtus/ourorg/dem/ready%20brochure.pdf.

Water

Store one gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation in clean plastic containers. If you live in a warm weather climate, more water may be necessary.

Food

Store food that won't go bad and does not have to be heated or cooked. Choose foods that your family will eat, including protein or fruit bars, dry cereal or granola, canned foods and juices, peanut butter, dried fruit, nuts, crackers and baby foods. Remember to pack a manual can opener, cups and eating utensils.

Clean Air

Many potential terrorist attacks could send tiny microscopic "junk" into the air. For example,

an explosion may release very fine debris that can cause lung damage. Given the different types of attacks that could occur, there is not one solution for masking. For instance, simple cloth face masks can filter some of the airborne "junk" or germs you might breathe into your body, but will probably not protect you from chemical gases. Still, something over your nose and mouth in an emergency is better than nothing.

Have heavyweight garbage bags or plastic sheeting, duct tape and scissors in your kit. You can use these things to tape up windows, doors and air vents if you need to seal off a room from outside contamination. Consider precutting and labeling these materials. Anything you can do in advance will save time when it counts.

Basic Supplies

Store a flashlight, battery powered radio, extra batteries, a first aid kit, utility knife, local map, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, soap, garbage bags and other sanitation supplies, plastic sheeting, duct tape, as well as extra cash and identification. Periodically rotate your extra

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Shoreline Master Program Update

Washington State's Shoreline Management Act (SMA) requires jurisdictions that contain "shores of the state" within their boundaries to periodically update their Shoreline Master Programs (SMPs).

University Place, with the assistance of ESA Adolphson and a Citizens' Advisory Committee, is proceeding with its update, which must be completed by July 2012. Funding for this project comes from a grant awarded by the State Department of Ecology.

The City's updated SMP will set policy and regulation for its shoreline areas, including adjacent upland areas within 200 feet of designated shorelines and associated wetlands and floodplain areas. These areas include approximately 5.9 miles of Puget Sound shoreline and 2.65 miles of Chambers Creek shoreline.

The three primary areas of focus of the SMP Update are to:

- 1) Accommodate reasonable and protective uses of the shoreline;
- 2) Protect shoreline environmental resources; and
- 3) Protect the public's right to access and use the shorelines (RCW 90.58.020).

The City's Public Participation Plan identifies opportunities for University Place residents, business owners, and stakeholder groups to participate throughout the SMP Update process. A Citizen Advisory

Committee typically meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. and its meeting agendas are posted on the City's website. The public is welcome to attend and provide comment at these meetings.

The current focus of the Committee is on developing policies and regulations that will govern how the shoreline may be used and modified in the future – while protecting shoreline ecological functions. These provisions will apply to the following shoreline environments:

- **Natural** – areas located along Chambers Creek
- **Urban Conservancy** – areas abutting Chambers Bay and other marine shorelines; Kobayashi Park
- **Shoreline Residential** – Sunset Beach and Day Island residential areas
- **Day Island Medium Intensity** – Day Island marina and yacht club properties
- **Marine Deepwater** – Puget Sound waters below the -10 mean lower low water (MLLW) line

Additional information concerning public participation, technical documents, and proposed shoreline policies and regulations, may be downloaded from the City's website by clicking on the link to Shoreline Master Program Outreach at www.CityofUP.com or obtained from Project Planner Jeff Boers at jboers@CityofUP.com.

Curran House receives historic designation

In a press release dated June 27 the University Place Historical Society (UPHS) announced that the Charles and Mary Louise Curran House at 4009 Curran Lane, University Place, has been officially named to the Washington State Heritage Register.

At their meeting June 23, the Governor's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation voted unanimously in favor of placing the City of University Place owned property on the register, and in favor of forwarding the nomination to the next level for consideration by the National Register of Historic Places.

The Curran House was designed by noted Tacoma architect Robert Price. It is the first Price property to be named to the Heritage Register. The house is significant as characteristically mid-century modern; reflecting new building materials, cultural changes and values following World War II. The house is well known for its association with the Currans apple orchard and hobby farm, now part of University Place's beloved Curran Apple Orchard Park.

It is considered an honor to be listed on the register and the UPHS thanks the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation for their assistance and consideration in achieving this goal.

The UPHS also wishes to thank the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Artifacts-Inc. of Tacoma for their assistance and support for this project.

The University Place Historical Society ad hoc committee CHIPS (Curran House Investigating and Planning Study) is taking leadership in the Curran House and considering future usage for the structure once it is refurbished. All interested community members are invited to the UPHS meetings, the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the University Place Library.



Youth Cultural Arts offered through Parks & Recreation

Don't forget to register your dancer for one of our dance programs this fall! We offer creative movement for ages 3-5 years, ballet for 5-8 year olds, jazz for 7-12 year olds and hip hop for ages 7-12!

Creative movement, ballet and jazz classes are held on Thursdays and the hip hop classes are held on Tuesdays. Classes are located in the Windmill Village Complex and run for six weeks at a time.

Call to register over the phone at 253.460.2530, register online at www.CityofUP.com or stop by our office Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. –

4 p.m. at 3715 Bridgeport Way W., Suite D-4.

Guitar classes are back this fall as well, for beginners ages 7-11 years old. Once they've completed the beginner class and are ready to move on, they can sign up for the continuing guitar class.

Classes are held on Wednesday evenings in the Windmill Village Complex and are taught by Meredith Connie. For more information or to register contact our office at 253.460.2530.

Thank you to our 2011 youth baseball sponsors!

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Public Safety Challenge

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batteries to be sure they work when you need them.

Recommended Supplies to Include

Warmth – If you live in a cold weather climate, you must think about warmth. It is possible that the power will be out and you will not have heat. Have warm clothing for each family member in your supply kit, including a jacket or coat, long pants, a long sleeve shirt, sturdy shoes, a hat and gloves. Have a sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person.

Special Items – Think about your family's unique needs. Pack diapers, formula, bottles, prescription medications, pet food, comfort items, books, paper, pens, a deck of cards or other forms of entertainment.

Emergency Supplies in a Basic Kit:

- Water – one gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation
- At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First Aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask or cotton T-shirt, to help filter the air
- Moist towelettes for sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Infant formula and diapers if you have an infant
- Garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation

The University Place Public Safety Commission is committed to community preparedness. Please visit the City's website at www.CityofUP.com for more information on how to be prepared when disaster strikes.

Holiday Tree Lighting

Planning is underway for University Place's Annual Tree Lighting and volunteers are needed. If you are interested in volunteering contact Debbie Klosowski at 253.565.8466.

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
- What's UP Presentation

Visit our Website: www.CityofUP.com/Page49.aspx 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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