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University Place Pierce County Library Grand Opening on Sat. Feb. 12

Join in the University Place Pierce County Library grand opening on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at 12 p.m., in the Civic and Library Building at 3609 Market Place W.

"Please join in the celebration," said Neel Parikh, executive director of Pierce County Library System. "Be among the first to check out a book, study at the new cyberbar, read and learn on interactive computers, or get help finding a job or starting a business at your new library. You will find spaces and services to learn, study and connect."

Since 2007, the Library System has been talking with residents about their ideas for the services and designs in the new library. People will see many of their comments in the new 15,000 square foot library. 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, 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. Teenagers will study and game on computers and at a cyberbar.

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.

Tour the sustainable building practices throughout the library. The Library will earn a 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, and the use of local and sustainable building materials.

Thanks to the University Place Library Campaign the new



library is brimming with innovative features including more books, resources and technology.

Committee Co-Chairs Ruthann Reim McCaffree and Steve Smith along with 21 volunteers worked with Pierce County Library Foundation and University Place supporters to raise funds. Gifts and pledges from generous individuals and organizations total more than \$500,000.

The opening will include local entertainment and photo ops with Lily the Librarian Ladybug, and free reusable book bags for the first 3,000 visitors, a gift from Pierce County Library Foundation. A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony is set for 12 p.m. Opening day hours will run 12-5 p.m.

More information can be found at www.piercecountylibrary.org, search site: University Place Library.



SPEAK UP! We want to hear from you!

The City is hosting a series of neighborhood community meetings to inform residents about recent events and to obtain citizen input. Please join us at one of the following meeting locations or feel free to contact the City Manager's Office at (253) 460-2500 if you would like to host a meeting in your neighborhood. Meetings start at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 9 – Senior Center, 2534 Grandview Drive West

Thursday, February 10 – New Tacoma Cemetery, 9212 Chambers Creek Road

Thursday, March 3 – First Baptist Church, 2844 Mountain View West

Wednesday, March 23 – New University Place Library, 3609 Market Place West

COUNCIL CORNER...

By Councilmember Javier Figueroa

The following information is provided by the Municipal Research and Services of Washington.

The Job of a Councilmember

The principal job of a city or town council is to make policy. A policy is a course of action for a community. Policy-making often takes the form of passing ordinances or resolutions. After policy decisions are made by the legislative body, others perform the administrative task of implementing the policies. The distinction between formulation and implementation may not always be clear, necessitating open communication between legislators and administrators.

Because the city council is the "legislative body," it has the power to make laws and policy. The council also makes rules that govern its procedures, including public meetings and hearings. If the city uses the council-manager form of government, the mayor has essentially the same role as other councilmembers.

For example, the council will:

- Vote to enact the city budget;
- Define the powers, function and duties of city officers and employees;
- Set employee wages and salaries; and
- Enter into contracts.

Adopting policy

The council does not make policy in a vacuum. Councils rely on ideas from many sources, including the council staff, citizens' groups, advisory committees, chambers of commerce, and others. It is the council's responsibility to consider the merits of each idea and then approve, modify, or reject it. In doing so, councilmembers analyze community needs, program alternatives, and available resources. The decision often takes the form of an ordinance or resolution, although it may take the form of a rule, regulation, motion, or order. The budget and comprehensive plan are powerful policy tools that are adopted by ordinance.

RCW 42.56.030 Construction.

The people of this state do not yield their sovereignty to the agencies that serve them. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may maintain control over the instruments that they have created. This chapter shall be liberally construed and its exemptions narrowly construed to promote this public policy and to assure that the public interest will be fully protected. In the event of conflict between the provisions of this chapter and any other act, the provisions of this chapter shall govern.

So, who actually runs the city?

It is important to recognize that it is not the role of the councilmember to administer city affairs. The council sets policy, but it is either the mayor – in mayor-council cities – or the city manager – in council-manager cities – that actually sees that the policies are implemented. This means that it is not the role of the councilmember to supervise city employees on the job or become involved in the day-to-day administration of city affairs. This can be a source of conflict between the executive and legislative branches of city government.

Responding to citizen complaints

Residents often contact a councilmember when they have a problem, whether it involves a land use matter, a barking dog, or a pothole. Councilmembers shouldn't hesitate to send them to the appropriate city staff person for resolution of their problems, keeping in mind that they lack the authority to take action in administrative matters.

Personnel management

The statutes generally give the mayor or city manager, as chief executive, the broad authority to hire and fire employees. The city council, however, determines the number of employees that can be hired and those employees' duties. The council establishes salaries and other forms of compensation paid city workers. The council may also establish job qualifications. One piece of advice is to have good, consistent personnel policies. Up-to-date, clearly written policies help avoid lawsuits, promote consistency, and contribute to employee morale.



CITY COUNCIL

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

PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

Feb. 7 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Feb. 14 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

Feb. 22 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Feb. 28 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

Mar. 7 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Mar. 14 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

Mar. 21 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Mar. 28 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

Apr. 4 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Apr. 11 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

Apr. 18 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Apr. 25 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting

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.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Feb. 17, Mar. 17 & Apr. 21 – 6 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Feb. 17, Mar. 17 & Apr. 21 – 7:30 a.m.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

Feb. 2 & 16, Mar. 2 & 16 & Apr. 6 & 20
7 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Feb. 10, Mar. 10 & Apr. 14 – 6:30 p.m.

A message from the newly appointed City Manager

Working for the City of University Place

University Place is a wonderful city and I am honored to have been appointed City Manager by the City Council on December 13, an appointment that became effective on January 1. I am excited about the opportunity to lead a very dedicated and talented group of employees as we implement the University Place City Council policies and serve the University Place community.

As City Manager, my responsibility remains to implement City Council goals and policy. The City Council makes policy decisions and sets annual goals that are broadly based on the City's Comprehensive Plan and Economic Development Strategic Action Plan. As City Manager, I am looking forward to taking the policy decisions and Council goals and working with staff to implement them in ways that will best serve our community. Limited resources and a small organization result in staff assignment changes from time to time; but, partnerships and creativity help us continue to find new and efficient ways to accomplish big things for University Place.

I am fortunate to have a talented team of individuals to work with in implementing Council policy and addressing the challenges we face as a city. The City has experienced a substantial amount of change over the past two years. We cut over 25 percent of our staff and asked remaining staff members to take on additional responsibilities. Our short-term goals are to weather the economic storm while providing essential services until the economy recovers. Our long-term goals include continuing to work toward the vision of a sustainable, walkable and livable University Place, consistent with the 1996 Community Vision Statement. By working to achieve these goals, we are working to maintain University Place's reputation as a great place to live, work, play and shop.

Transitioning into the Next Biennium

In December 2010, the City Council adopted a balanced budget for the 2011-12 biennium. The budget includes conservative revenue and expenditure estimates and still projects that the City can continue to meet all of our financial obligations, maintain our Strategic Reserve and hold at 2010 service levels through the biennium and for the reasonably foreseeable future. While existing limited resources are expected to be enough to hold service levels, they are not enough to restore or increase service levels. As part of the effort to find ongoing resources for University Place services, the City will continue to support the City's existing businesses and grow the sales tax base to increase future sales tax revenue.

When University Place incorporated as a city, it inherited a very weak sales tax base. On

A Brief Bio of Steve Sugg

City Manager Steve Sugg, appointed in December 2010, steps into his new role with over 30 years of private and public sector engineering and management experience, including 15 years with the City of University Place.

Originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Steve holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Villanova University and a Master's Degree in Engineering Management from the University of Kansas. Prior to his employment with the City of University Place, Steve worked on a variety of civil, environmental, military, and aviation engineering projects, the most recent of which was with a private sector consulting and construction firm in Overland Park, Kansas.

In January 1996, shortly after the City of University Place incorporated, Steve was hired as the City's first Engineering Manager. Since then, Steve has gained considerable experience and a thorough understanding of the city organization while holding the position of Engineering Manager, City Engineer, Public Works Director, Community Development Director and Deputy City Manager.

Steve was appointed Interim City Manager in early 2010 and appointed as City Manager in December of the same year. During his time with the City, Steve has overseen a variety of redevelopment and improvement projects during times of growth, as well as cutbacks and maintaining services with limited resources during times of financial constraint. As the City heads into the next biennium, Steve says he is looking forward to continuing to work on achieving Council goals and implementing Council policies.



a per resident basis, the City of University Place collects far less sales tax revenue than similarly sized cities in the Puget Sound Region. In fact, a 2002 study revealed that U.P. loses over \$300 million a year in taxable sales to other communities due to a lack of sufficient shopping choices. Until 2000, the State of Washington backfilled a portion of our sales tax shortfall through the Sales Tax Equalization Program. That program was phased out after Washington voters approved Initiative 695. I-695 eliminated motor vehicle taxes which provided funding for the Sales Tax Equalization Program, eliminating millions of dollars in funding for University Place services.

One promising sign for future development in University Place was the announcement that Applebee's signed an agreement in November 2010 for a 200-seat restaurant with the City. We now know that we were overly optimistic in 2003 when we expected Town Center to take 3-5 years. However, thanks to the work of our Planning Commission and Economic Development Commission, dozens of public meetings, com-

munity support and Council leadership, the Economic Development Strategic Action Plan and the Town Center Project are succeeding. The public infrastructure is nearly complete and despite the worldwide recession the City is seeing a great deal of activity from the private sector, including the announcement that Applebee's should open on Market Square in late 2011.

The pace of private sector development in Town Center will depend on the health of the commercial lending market, which is outside of our control. Our broker, Jeff Kraft of Neil Walter, is currently working with several tenants interested in occupying the Civic Building retail spaces and tenants interested in locating businesses along the pads fronting Bridgeport and Market Place. In the meantime, the City is eager to complete the first phase of the project by welcoming a state-of-the-art 15,000 square foot library which will open its doors on February 12, 2011. The new library will be the flagship library in the Pierce County Library System.

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U.P. Police Department will add investigator

From the desk of Chief Rusty Wilder



The University Place Police Department is excited for the New Year and the opportunities that it offers for us to serve the citizens of University Place! We're still looking at providing

core level services and feel steadfast in our ability to deliver professional services for 911 and patrol responses. We have one addi-

tional benefit coming during the 2011 year.

The City Council was responsive to community needs and prioritized one additional full time employee for the University Place Police Department in the 2011 budget, which will be utilized as an investigator's position. We will fill this position during the month of June after an announcement period within the Police Department. As you are well aware, the City's partnership with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department allows for the City of University Place to leverage broader and unique investigative resources within areas such as arson, sexual assault, domestic violence, major crimes and

narcotics enforcement without carrying the positions as full time employees.

We are excited about having a local investigations position back here for University Place. Your new investigator will be able to address the chronic property crime concerns, provide face-to-face service with our citizens and act as an investigative link with other county resources. The reality of our cases and the calls for service will still force us to prioritize the investigator's time and the number of cases that can be realistically resolved. None the less, we will now have a local investigative resource to direct towards local crime issues and the needs of University Place.

Fire Marshal Retires

On January 31, 2011 Dave Dupille, Assistant Chief, Fire Marshal, retires after 32 years of dedicated service with the University Place Fire Department.

Dave began his career with the University Place Fire Department in 1979. He has seen many changes in his years with the department and held the positions of Firefighter, Paramedic and Lieutenant before promoting and becoming the Department's and the City's first Fire Marshal in 1998.

The City was recently incorporated and growing when Dave took his Fire Marshal position. Since the beginning, he worked closely with the City to develop a program that works to prevent fires and increase the safety of our citizens and firefighters in University Place.

We all thank Chief Dupille for his years of service to our community and wish him well in his future ventures.



A message from the City Manager, *continued from page 3*

A Promising Future

Despite the lull in the economy, there is much to be excited about in University Place. From the dozens of fun and educational recreation programs to the beautiful parks and open spaces, we live in a wonderful city where there always seems to be something going on or some community organized event to go to. Civic engagement is strong and we continue to see projects and partnerships such as the new University Place Municipal Court and our revamped Recreation Department come to fruition thanks in part to our dedicated Public Safety, Planning, Economic

Development, and Parks & Recreation Commissions, along with volunteer groups.

Following the tremendous success of last year's U.S. Amateur, the country's premiere golf event for non-professionals, I am especially eager for the U.S. Open, one of the biggest professional golf events in the world. As the host city for the 2015 U.S. Open, our management team is working closely with Pierce County, which has the lead for all planning and coordination associated with this event. In June 2015 tens of thousands of spectators will visit Chambers Bay to watch the best golfers in the world play a spectacular course. This event will

have a significant economic benefit to the City and the region.

I am proud of University Place. This city has a unique sense of community with strong support for quality education, public safety and an incredible amount of volunteerism. University Place is a very desirable community to raise a family given our excellent schools, low crime rate, extensive pedestrian and bicycle network, landscaped boulevards, and quality parks and recreation programs. I am thankful to the Council for the opportunity to serve them and the University Place community in 2011 and beyond.

Playground by the Sound

Donate! Please help make the **Playground by the Sound** a reality by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Playground by the Sound Project c/o the Chambers Creek Foundation. Join your neighbors in creating this lasting gift to your family and community.

Volunteer! We need over 750 volunteers to help construct the playground planned for a one-week build phase in Fall 2011. Both skilled and unskilled workers are needed to make this project happen. There is a job for every ability and talent.

Learn! For more information visit www.playgroundbythesound.org or become a "Fan" on our Facebook page!

2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The City Council has directed the Planning Commission to review and, if necessary, update the City's Comprehensive Plan in 2011.

Per the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA), cities are required to plan for accommodation of expected growth for the next 20 years. This planning involves a projection of how much growth is likely to occur and what the impacts of that growth will be on the City. Based on the estimates from the Washington State Office of Financial Management the City's population in April 2010 was approximately 31,550.

GMA requires that cities develop and maintain a comprehensive plan as a management tool for growth. The Comprehensive Plan addresses land uses, housing, the environment, transportation, capital facilities (roads, sewers, parks, etc.) utilities, community character, parks, recreation and open space, and shorelines. Each of these comprehensive plan elements must be consistent with GMA policies and requirements. The City adopted its first Comprehensive Plan in 1998 shortly after incorporation.

At the county level, GMA requires a

county and its cities and towns to develop and maintain a framework of policies that serve to ensure consistency between plans in the county and compliance with GMA. The Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) made up of elected representatives from the County and each of its cities and towns adopted the first policy document which is known as the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies in 1992. Since that time the PCRC has amended the Countywide Planning Policies several times to address changing conditions.

Likewise, to manage growth in the region, GMA requires the County and its cities and towns to work with other counties in the region and their cities and towns to develop and maintain a regional framework of policies that serve to ensure consistency between all comprehensive plans in the region and compliance with GMA. The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), made up of elected representatives from Snohomish, King, Kitsap and Pierce counties and the cities and towns within each of those counties, developed and adopted a regional growth plan known as VISION 2020 in 1990. In 2007, PSRC

replaced VISION 2020 with VISION 2040. VISION 2040 includes specific growth targets for Snohomish, King, Kitsap and Pierce counties and the cities and towns within each of those counties. VISION 2040 allocates a significant amount of population and employment growth in University Place within the next 20 years.

In addition to reviewing the comprehensive plan for consistency with the Countywide Planning Policies, VISION 2040, and anticipated population and employment growth, the Planning Commission will review the City's transportation plans including an existing plan to extend 37th Street from Bridgeport Way to Sunset Drive.

The Comprehensive Plan review and update also provides an opportunity for individual property owners to make requests to re-designate their land for another use. For example, a property owner may want to convert a home to a business but cannot because of its Comprehensive Plan map designation.

If you are interested in learning more about this review and updated process, please contact our Development Services Department at (253) 460-5656.

Shoreline Master Program Update

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

University Place, with the assistance of ESA Adolfsen and a Citizens Advisory Committee, is proceeding with its update, which must be completed by July 2012. Funding for this project comes from a \$100,000 grant awarded by the State Department of Ecology.

The City's updated SMP will be used as a planning document that 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 shoreline planning area encompasses approximately 314 acres.

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 has adopted a Public Participation Plan, which identifies opportunities for public participation throughout the SMP Update process. The plan is designed to solicit early and continuous feedback from stakeholder groups as well as the University Place community to

include the public comment in the decision-making process. The Citizens Advisory Committee meets on a regular basis and its meeting agendas are posted on the City's website. The public is welcome to attend and provide comment at these meetings.

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.



"A Night to Remember"

In support of Community Recreation

Come join us for the 1st Annual **Black Tie Ball & Auction** to be held on **February 4** at the beautiful **Fircrest Golf & Country Club**.

You can look forward to a wonderful social outing complete with no host bar, silent and live auctions, delectable dinner of "Salmon Sesame gratin broiled & topped with ginger lime" or "Pepper roasted, bacon wrapped filet mignon with bordelaise," and then a night of dancing to live music by the band "Fingertips."

Don't miss out on an incredible evening and opportunity to help support the University Place

Parks & Recreation Programs. For tickets please call 460-2530 or 564-6373, or stop by the City of University Place Recreation Office.

Schedule:

5-7 p.m.	No host bar
7-9 p.m.	Dinner and live auction
9-11 p.m.	Dancing to the great music of the "Fingertips"

Tickets are \$100 each or reserve a table for 10 for \$1000. Black tie is optional.

This event is for guests 21 years and older.

Dads and Daughters, let's make some memories

Dads and their daughters wait all year for this special night set just for these special couples. Sign up now for the **Eighth Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance** which will be held on **Saturday, Feb. 12**. The event begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. at Curtis High School and the evening ends at 9 p.m., just in time for the littlest ones to get home for bed.

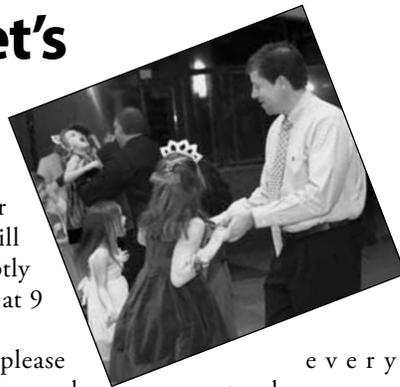
All ages are welcome and the array of music will please every age group and taste. Come prepared as the D.J. will play everything from ballads to "YMCA!" Participants will receive refreshments, party favors and a night of fun and entertainment that both daddy and daughter will always remember!



A photographer will be on hand to memorialize the event with a photo for a small fee. Photos are available prior to the start of the event for pre-registered guests only.

To register, please contact the Parks & Recreation office at (253) 460-2530. Registrations before Jan. 25 will receive the "early bird" special.

This is an extremely popular event with limited space – sign up early to guarantee a spot. We'll see you on the dance floor!



every to dance – as

ballads to "YMCA!"

Seniors on the Beach!

May 3-5, 2011

This fabulous experience is back... join seniors from across Washington State for two nights and three days in Seaside, Oregon.

Our hotel stay will be at the Shilo Oceanside Resort where the rooms will come with an ocean view unless otherwise requested. A variety of day excursions are offered – or just enjoy time on your own in this scenic town.

Price and details will be available soon. Please call the University Place Senior Center at 564-1992 to be added to the interest list.

Leavenworth Garden & Winery Tour

*Save the Date!
June 14-16, 2011*

Don't miss out on a wonderful two-night, three-day trip to the Leavenworth and Chelan area. Highlights will include Ohme Gardens, a Cherry Orchard Tour & Tasting and a winery tour. There will be plenty of time for exploring on your own and enjoying the beauty of this area.

Cost, excursions and additional details will be available soon. Call 564-1992 to be added to an interest list.



Great Senior activities – and free

Trips & Tours

The University Place Senior Center is full of fun and opportunities for you in 2011. Returning this year are the very popular Trips & Tours. Both day and overnight excursions will be available at reasonable costs.

A glimpse of our upcoming adventures includes an overnight to Seaside in May and the Leavenworth/Chelan area in June. Day trips to watch for are Woodinville Wine Tasting, Shopping at IKEA with lunch at Claim Jumpers, and a day at Clearwater Casino.

There's also the opportunity to spend a day in the mountains and lunch at the Paradise

Inn or spend the day shopping at the Mall Hop Super Shop trip and many more!



Fun-filled classes for children and adults

University Place Parks & Recreation is offering several new programs, including a program that is brand new to University Place...Kindermusik!

- Kindermusik is a program that will offer classes for children ages 18 months to 5 years old to encourage their creativity and help initiate his/her own ideas. One of those classes in Kindermusik is "OUR TIME," a class for children ages 18 months to 3 years old.
- "OUR TIME" is designed as a parent/child program that will encourage children to be creative, initiate their own ideas, and respond in their own way. Participants will be able to play instruments, sing, move and explore, while building self confidence.
- Another class U.P. Parks is offering is "IMAGINE THAT." This class is designed for the 3-5 year olds using the power of music! "IMAGINE THAT" will tap into the preschooler's creative spirit and boundless energy, focusing on the development of their learning strengths and self confidence.
- Also new to our Cultural Arts program is Youth Jazz Dance classes! This program is offered to kids 7-12 years old. This class is upbeat and fun! Your children will learn dance skills through technique, rhythm and dance combinations.
- University Place is also excited about featuring some fun classes for adults! Art Fun for Adults include basic art classes like Oil Painting, Abstraction in Oil, Ceramics, Stone Weaving and Portrait Sculpture.

For more information on registration, contact the Recreation Department at (253) 460-2530 or visit www.CityofUP.com.

Take me out to the ball game!

University Place Parks & Recreation invites children Pre-K through 7th grade to join us in playing recreational baseball!

Our Youth baseball league will focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, basic fundamental instructions and most importantly HAVING FUN! Our spring registration deadline is March 11 and practices will begin in late April.

All of our youth coaches are volunteers, and games will be scheduled on the team's coach and

field availability. A big thank you to all of our coaches of 2010. Without you, we wouldn't have had such a great turnout and so much fun.

If you are interested in becoming a coach this year, please contact the University Place Parks & Recreation Department at (253) 460-2530.

This year the youth baseball season will extend through the summer! This league will be for those 3rd-7th grade teams that want to continue their baseball season another 10 games.



More information regarding summer ball will be coming soon!!

It's time for "School's Out" Camp UPlay



Back by popular demand is one of our most popular programs: Camp UPlay! Winter Break day camp runs February 21-25, for grades K-5, and Spring Break day camp takes place April 4-8. All your favorite staff and activities are here for a week of fun while school is out.

Parents, no need to worry about a sitter, taking off work or finding a daycare, register

your child online for Camp UPlay where they will play games, participate in small group activities, arts & crafts, story time, movie day and a field trip!

For more information please contact Brason Alexander at (253) 460-2530, www.CityofUP.com. Don't miss out – register early, as space is limited.

transportation!

Classes & Programs

A variety of free grant-funded programs are offered to University Place and Fircrest residents who are age 61-plus. Fitness, arts, and transportation are all available by simply signing up. Our newer classes include Tai Chi, Meditation, Glass Painting, and Make a Miniature Gazing Ball.

We are excited to offer you a variety of opportunities to enhance your 2011. Call the Senior Center for additional programs and details, 564-1992 or check out the winter 2011 Recreation Program guide for more information by visiting our website at www.CityofUP.com today!

Free Transportation

The U.P. Senior Center is offering weekly FREE transportation to our meal site, transportation to medical appointments, and bi-monthly transportation to local shopping centers. Our 14 passenger shuttle will 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 drivers cannot escort participants).
- Be 61 years of age or older.

Call 564-1992 to sign up or get more information.



Safer routes to schools thanks to \$1.4 million in State Grants

The City was successful in obtaining two grants totaling \$1,479,000 for the construction of pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Grandview Drive West and 40th Street West. These grants have been awarded as part of the State's Safe Routes to Schools program. The purpose of this grant program is to promote and to improve the safety of walking and biking to primary and secondary schools (K-8).

Grandview Drive

Construction has begun on Grandview Drive that will add a sidewalk, bikelane, and streetlights along the west side of the street between 27th and 19th. This has been one of most requested locations in the City for new sidewalks and is a major route serving University Place Primary school. Under the State's Safe Routes to Schools program, the City has secured a \$782,000 grant for this work. Emphasis patrols by the Police department and the installation of radar speed feedback signs will also be included.

40th Street

The City obtained another Safe Routes to Schools grant in the amount of \$697,000 for the construction of sidewalks, bikelane, and streetlighting along the south side of 40th Street West between Sunset Drive West and 67th Avenue West. Enforcement emphasis patrols and radar feedback signs will also be included. This project will greatly improve the walking and biking routes to both Evergreen Primary and Narrows View Intermediate schools. Construction is anticipated to begin in March.

If you have any questions or comments regarding either of these projects, please contact Tim Coleman at (253) 460-2528.



Bring on Spring with the Annual Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale!

While we are taking a look at our bleak winter gardens, and putting on another layer, volunteers are getting ready to celebrate the colors of spring by organizing the University Place's Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale scheduled for Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, at City Hall.

This annual event is the kickoff to the spring gardening season which will feature a wide variety of Rhododendrons, roses, fuchsias, dahlias and ferns. Don't miss out on the opportunity to see one of the largest Rhododendron truss displays on the West Coast.

For more information on how to enter your Rhododendron in the show, or how you can get involved, please contact Lorna Smith at (253) 460-0910. The City of University Place website at www.CityofUP.com will also have information on how to display your truss in the show.

If the final days of winter are dragging you down, let this explosion of color help lift your spirits and be a part of something beautiful. So mark your calendars, the University Place's Spring Flower Show and Plant Sale is something that you are not going to want to miss!



University Place Municipal Court now open



For the first time since incorporation in 1995, the City of University Place now has its own court. On January 1, 2011 the University Place Municipal Court officially opened for business, as infractions and misdemeanors began being routed to the Municipal Court at the City of Lakewood.

The University Place Municipal Court is a separate entity from the Lakewood Municipal Court. However, in order to achieve cost efficiencies and provide residents with a high level of service, the City has contracted with Lakewood to provide municipal court, prosecution, and public defender services for the University Place Municipal Court. The City of University Place will continue to evaluate the agreement, as will our partner City of Lakewood, through the first year of operation and beyond in order to determine how to best provide residents with quality services at reasonable costs.

Residents that need to use the new court will benefit from the high level of service and the convenient location of the court. The court is located next to Lakewood City Hall at 6000 Main Street Southwest, Lakewood, WA. University Place Municipal Court is a Court of Limited Jurisdiction,

which hears criminal misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors, infractions, and parking violations that occur in University Place. For all other issues, University Place residents will continue to be served by Pierce County District Court.

If you have any questions about Municipal Court services or would like to receive any additional information, please visit www.CityofLakewood.us/departments.html#p/departments/municipal-court.html or contact the Municipal Court at (253) 512-2258 or CityCourt@CityofLakewood.us.

City Commissions:

Important volunteers behind the scenes

When most people think about how the work of running a city is accomplished, they think of elected officials and city staff. Although these people have necessary roles in the city's operations, there is another group of dedicated individuals which fulfills critical functions for the city as well. They operate well out of the limelight, and often provide years of service to the community on a volunteer basis. These are the members of the City's Commissions.

University Place currently utilizes four commissions: Economic Development Commission, Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, and the Public Safety Commission. Commissions are Council-appointed groups that exist to advise and make recommendations to the City Council and staff on certain decisions and policy matters.

Below is a brief summary of each Commission's purpose.

Economic Development Commission:

The Economic Development Commission is comprised of seven citizens who advocate for the implementation of the Economic Development Strategic Action Plan as adopted by the City Council. It serves as a sounding board for various business community interests, and as the "eyes and ears" for the City in the business community. In addition, the Commission will, as necessary, participate in community outreach efforts to communicate economic development initiatives that impact University Place.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION
7:30 A.M.
3RD THURSDAYS
TOWN HALL**

2011 Workplan: The major task for 2011 is to develop an Economic Development Strategic Action Plan for 2012 to 2015. Additionally, the Commission will be initiating discussions with the business community regarding the upcoming U.S. Open in 2015, as well as reviewing the first year of business licenses being processed by the State Department of Licensing.

Parks & Recreation Commission:

The University Place Parks and Recreation Commission is a group of seven citizens and one alternate position appointed by the City Council. This group advises the City Council on various parks and recreation issues, including CIP (Capital Improvement Projects), land acquisition, park development, and recreation programs. They are also responsible for promoting community outreach efforts, fundraising, volunteerism and special events, and serve as a liaison to the

**PARKS & RECREATION
COMMISSION
6:30 P.M.
2ND THURSDAYS
TOWN HALL**

University Place's Parks and Recreation Friends Group

2011 Workplan: The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a retreat in January to determine their 2011 workplan priorities.

Planning Commission:

The purpose of the seven-member Planning Commission is to advise the City Council on the following topics: Growth management, general land use, transportation planning, long range capital improvement plans, and other matters as directed by the City Council. The Planning Commission shall also hold hearings on and develop a Comprehensive Plan for the City and make recommendations to the City Council on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Code and map, and City Development Regulations.

**PLANNING COMMISSION
7 P.M.
1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS
TOWN HALL**

2011 Workplan: The Planning Commission will undertake an update of the City's Comprehensive Plan in 2011 and also continue work on the Shoreline Master Program, pursue a Planned Action Update, and address the Zoning Code, Critical Areas, and Shoreline Use regulations. Town Center Overlay Standards and Chambers Creek Design Standards will be reviewed along with vesting issues.

Public Safety Commission:

The Public Safety Commission is appointed by the City Council and advises the City Council regarding public safety issues. The Commission also maintains non-voting liaisons from Police, Fire, School and Youth. The Public Safety Commission works collaboratively and proactively to address public safety concerns in University Place. Through City Council interaction and public education the Commission strives to promote and enhance public safety awareness to the citizens of University Place.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
6 P.M.
3RD THURSDAYS
TOWN HALL**

2011 Workplan: The Public Safety Commission will hold a retreat in early 2011 to determine their 2011 workplan priorities.

To learn more about City Commissions or to get to know the current commissioners, visit www.CityofUP.com.

Curran Apple Orchard Pruning Parties

Help take care of a unique park and learn a new skill during Pruning Parties at the Curran Apple Orchard Park. Join us at a **FREE**

Master Gardener Pruning Class on Thursday, Feb. 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. at United Church, 3912 Grandview Drive West.



Learn from a true expert as professional arborist Robert Sweet demonstrates how to properly prune trees.

After you get a few tips, come out and practice your new skills at several pruning parties at the orchard. Master Gardeners are present at all parties which are held on the following Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9 and May 14.

The Curran Orchard is primarily maintained by the CORE (Curran Orchard Resource

Enthusiasts) volunteer group. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall and helps plan various orchard events such as the free summer concerts, annual Cider Squeeze in September, tours for children and adults as well as tree care classes.

Everyone is invited to attend and we are always looking for new members to help us with one time projects as well as longstanding events. For more information, please contact us at www.curranappleorchard.com.

Participate in a Planter Party!



Patrons of Beautification will be throwing a Planter Party in the Spring. The group needs to fill the ceramic planter pots that line Bridgeport Way and Market Square with year-round color!

You can choose to sponsor a pot for Mother's Day or any special occasion, help plant or simply donate at any level. Be part of this great city beautification effort and come join the party!

For more information, please call Ken Grassi at 278-1946 or visit the City's website at www.CityofUP.com.



Many hands make the Christmas Tree Lighting a success!

There is nothing better to ring in the holiday season than the University Place annual Christmas Tree Lighting! The event on December 4 was a flurry of activity and fun for the entire family. With one of the largest crowds in the history of the event, this year was a great success. The traditional Christmas carol performances and tree lighting always spark that Christmas magic.

This year included a silent auction sponsored by U.P. Community Supported Parks & Recreation. The Auction created buzz and excitement, and helped raise funding for recreational programs.

Thank you to all the wonderful sponsors: Lions Club, Chambers Bay Women's Club, U.P. Library Foundation, U.P. Patch, Forza Coffee, Ivar's Seafood, CORE, SUNDogs, U.P. Community Supported Parks & Recreation, Phil Hoffman, Bonnie Schwab, Lorna Smith, Connie Aboubakr and all the talented musical performers!



Thank you to our University Place Volunteers for once again making a difference. What an outstanding job decorating for the U.P. Community Christmas Tree Lighting this year! Pictured above, left to right: Judy Veliz, Barbie Lampman, Mayor Pro Tem Ken Grassi, Lorna Smith and Danice Anderson. Not pictured: Kathy Makenas and Elmer Smith. Start out the New Year by becoming a volunteer by visiting www.upvolunteers.org.

Spring into Safety

As we head into spring, with dreams of sun and warmer days, we can't let our personal safety get off track. We want you to bring in Spring fire free, injury free, and healthy. Here are a few safety reminders from the University Place Fire Department that can help you spring into safety.

- "Buckle up," "Four foot nine, boost them every time," "The back seat is the best seat;" these are just a few of the slogans reminding us how important it is to be properly restrained when traveling in a motor vehicle. Seatbelts save lives and the law requires their use by all persons not covered by the state's child restraint law. Children up to their 8th birthday, unless they are 4'9" tall (whichever comes first), must ride in a child restraint. And children under the age of 13 are required to travel in the back seat where it is practical to do so.

- During a power outage be prepared in order to protect your family and home from a fire.
 - Have flashlights and battery powered lanterns on hand for light. Candles pose too high a level of fire danger to be used as a light source.
 - Do not use your oven or stove to heat your home; it is a fire danger and can be a source of toxic fumes.
 - Do not use charcoal or gas fired grills indoors as a source of heat or for cooking.
 - When using a wood burning fireplace for heat, use a screen in front of the fireplace and keep all combustibles three feet away.
- Be healthy, be happy. Along with the American Heart Association, we encourage you to live better with Life's Simple 7: Get

active, control your cholesterol, eat better, manage your blood pressure, lose weight, reduce your blood sugar and stop smoking. We also ask you to learn the signs and symptoms of heart attack and stroke and take a CPR class.

- Daylight savings time is on March 13. This is a good time to get familiar with your smoke alarm.
 - Are your alarms hard wired with battery backup?
 - What type of batteries do your alarms use (9 volt or 10 year lithium).
 - Have you cleaned and tested your alarm recently?
 - Does everyone know the sound of the alarm and what to do when it sounds?

Know your alarm and plan and practice a home fire escape plan.

How to report a power outage

Tacoma Power works to restore power safely to the greatest number of people in the shortest time possible. Restoration priorities vary depending on the situation.

To report a power outage, broken line or broken power pole, call (253) 502-8602. Please call only once to keep lines open for others.

Tacoma Power needs to know:

- Your name
- Address of the place without power
- Phone number (for possible call back)
- Approximate time the outage started and if it is still in progress
- Visible damage such as a tree on a power line, a wire down, an audible explosion or a broken pole, etc.

What we can share with you:

We might not be able to tell you how long an outage will last. The length of the outage depends on the extent of the damage and the kind of repairs that we have to make. Bad weather or darkness might hinder work, but our crews will work around the clock until all customers have service.

Learn more about keeping you and your family safe during an outage by visiting tacomapower.com/outage.

Power and water rates to rise this year

State and federal requirements, system reliability needs and tough economic conditions top the list of reasons why your Tacoma Public Utility provided water and power rates for U.P. residents will rise this year.

Pending Tacoma City Council approval, water rates will rise in 2011 and 2012 about \$1.50 for people who live inside Tacoma to \$1.90 per month for people who live outside Tacoma city limits. They will go into effect in February. With Tacoma City Council approval, power rates will rise approximately \$5 per month in 2011 and 2012 and will go into effect in April.

Tacoma Water must respond to increased federal and state water quality requirements by building a water filtration plant and ground-water treatment system, and covering the

remaining open reservoirs.

Tacoma Power must meet Washington state energy conservation requirements, and federal reliability and hydroelectric project relicensing requirements.

What you can do

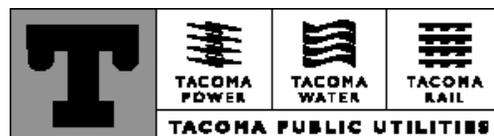
You can reduce how much you pay each month and have several options for managing your bill.

Tacoma Power offers energy conservation programs that can reduce your bill by as much as 40 percent. Get more information at KnowYourPower.com or call 502-8377.

Tacoma Water also offers ways to reduce how much water you use each month. Visit TacomaWater.com/smart or call 502-8723.

Want to pay the same amount each month? Call 502-8600 and ask about our budget billing program. Tacoma Public Utilities also offers bill payment assistance programs that include discount rates, bill payment assistance and emergency payment assistance. Call 502-8369 or visit mytpu.org/customer-service for more information.

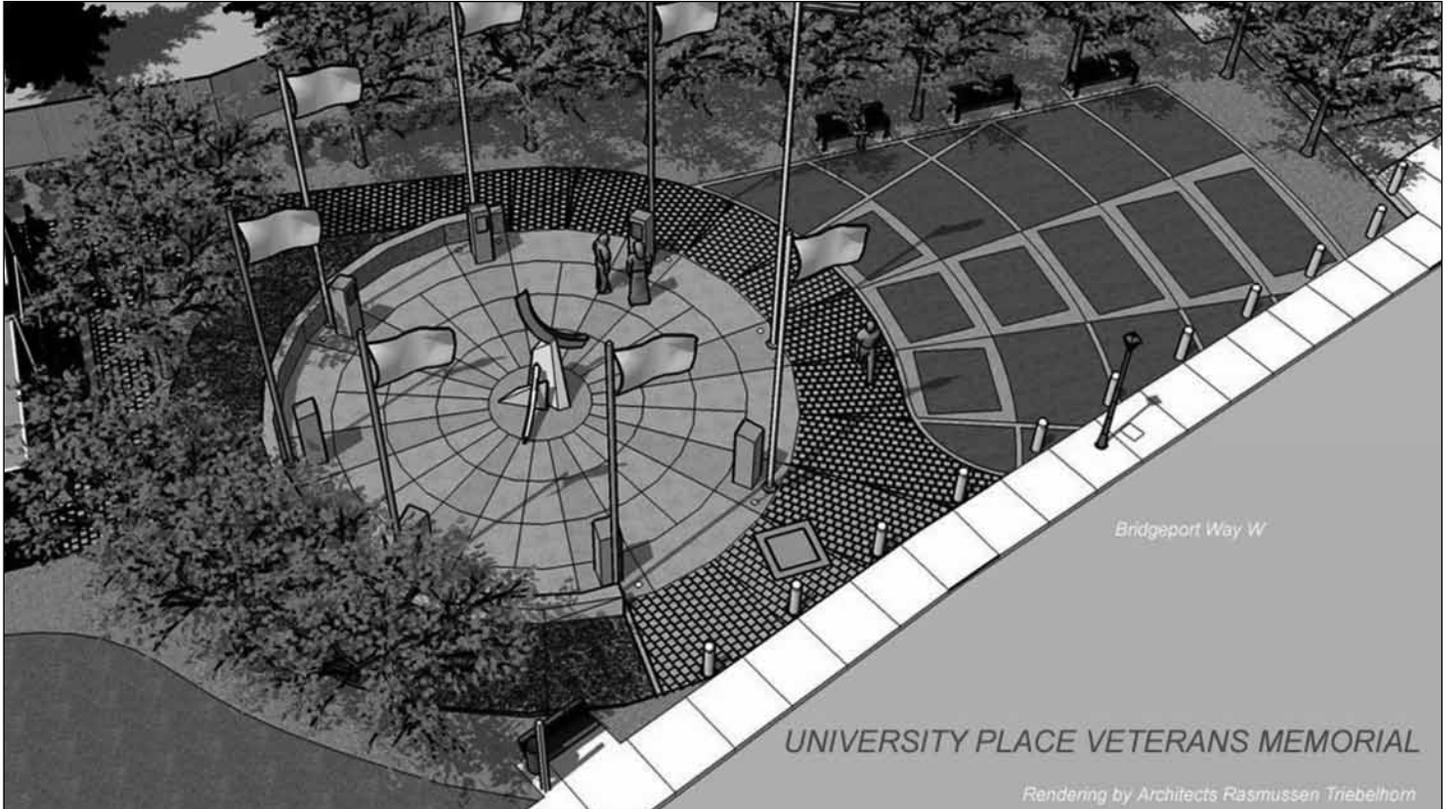
You can also pay ahead – before your bill even arrives in the mail. Visit a PayBox located at many of the Safeway stores in our service area to make payments of any amount, at any time.



Veterans, Active Duty Military, family members or supporters – help build a memorial in U.P.

Looking for a unique gift or a remembrance? Would you like to honor the service of a former or current military member or family member? How about a memorial paver at the University Place Veterans Memorial? Donations are now being accepted.

Check out the plans or donate at www.UPVeteransMemorial.org. NO City funds will be used in this project. The project site is located at Bridgeport Way and Cirque Drive W. by the small basketball court. Call Dennis at (253) 202-7134 for details.



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
- State of the City

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

Send program suggestions and comments to

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