

# CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE HEADLINES

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## Election Day is Nov. 8

University Place is a Council-Manager form of government with seven City Council Members elected at-large by position. This year three of the seven positions are up for election in November. Council Members serve staggered four-year terms.

Kent D. Keel and Steve Smith are vying for Position 2, Ken Campbell and Chris Nye are running for Position 6, and Incumbent Caroline Belleci and Howard Lee are pursuing Position 7.

UPTV wants to help you make your vote count on Election Day – check out the 2011 Video Voters' Guide that is now airing daily at 5 & 11 a.m. and 5 & 11 p.m. A Council Candidate Forum hosted by the League of Women Voters is also playing on UPTV at 6 a.m. & 6 p.m. every day. And, lastly, the U.P./Fircrest Chapter of the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum is on-air at noon and midnight daily. UPTV plays in University Place on Click! Channel 12 or Comcast Channel 21.

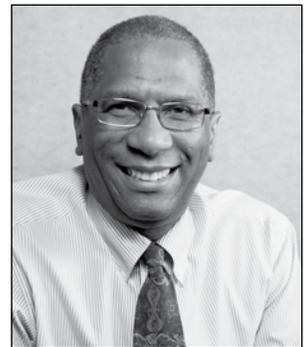
These programs are also available 24 hours a day on the UPTV On-line page on the City's website, visit [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com), click on Resident, then UPTV.

Learn more about the candidates who are running for the University Place City Council by tuning in now – and then turn out to vote on Nov. 8!

### COUNCIL POSITION 2



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**HOWARD LEE**  
Support  
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## Fall Art & Concert Series

Enjoy a wonderful evening with Edgar Allan Poe, musicians and artists during UP for Art's Fall Art & Concert Series. The free events, held in the atrium of the new Civic/Library Building, are meant to showcase local artists. Upcoming events are slated for two more Friday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. followed by an artist reception.

Thanks to Green Spot Teahouse and Skelley Piano for their sponsorship.

**Oct. 28 –** Edgar Allan Poe, performed by actor **Tim Hoban**, and fabric artists **Helen Hein and Anne Doumit Sparks**

**Nov. 18 –** Guitarist **Andrew Sherbrooke** and gourd artists **Stacy Annon and Sally Favors**

For more information, visit [www.upforart.org](http://www.upforart.org).

# COUNCIL CORNER...



*Debbie Klosowski, Mayor*

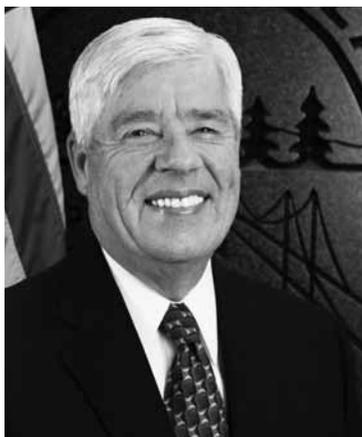
Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to serve you on the City Council for 16 years.

For those of you who have only lived here a short time, it's hard to imagine the changes that have occurred. My family and I moved here in 1990. Shortly afterwards, I joined a local group who wanted something better for our community AND were willing to get involved to make it happen.

Controlling our destiny was the rallying cry behind incorporation. We wanted better zoning to protect our neighborhoods. We wanted sidewalks, parks, more police and a real downtown with thriving shops and a central gathering place.

During the past 16 years, our City has accomplished many of those desires. We've built miles of sidewalks, streetlights and bike lanes; planted 2,400+ trees, acquired 146 acres of parks and developed a U.P. Police Department. We enacted stricter zoning and development regulations to protect neighborhoods and provided greatly improved services with lower property tax rates.



*Gerald Gebring, Council Member*

This December will mark the end of my 4th term on the U.P. City Council, a total of 14 years. I have had the privilege of working with ten other Council Members and countless members of our commissions, whom I respect and appreciate for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of University Place. They are all to be commended for their vision and concern for our community.

In addition to these fine men and women, I have also had the distinct pleasure to work with many wonderful staff members of our city. From City managers and assistants, IT professionals, attorneys and their staff, city clerk personnel, planners, engineers, inspectors, police, fire and library, and public works crews, my life has been enriched by being associated with these fine people. I have made many close friends, indeed.

Finally, to you the citizens of University Place, a sincere thank you for your support of what has been accomplished during my time in office. I have met hundreds of you over the years. All these special associations will remain with me for the rest of my life. Whether you have lived in U.P. for 56 years, as I have (or longer), or are relatively new to our wonderful community, you know this is a unique, special place because of the great people who live here.

Much has been accomplished in our City since incorporation in 1995. We had no sidewalks, only a few lights high on power poles,

Our economic development services have assisted numerous local businesses; however, the Town Center project is an ongoing effort. The Council embarked upon this project several years ago after realizing we could not sustain basic services without broadening the tax base. Rather than continuing to hope that the private sector would act, we decided to jump start the community's vision for a downtown gathering place with retail, commercial and housing options.

We've completed necessary public improvements and have recently signed agreements with two private housing and commercial developers. Although the national economy has slowed private sector development, a recent community survey reaffirmed that the City should continue its focus on attracting quality developments to our Town Center. Town Center was, and still is, an ambitious plan. But there is no doubt in my mind that we will accomplish our goals of creating a quality downtown within the next few years.

On a personal note, I want to thank our exceptional City staff (particularly former City Manager Bob Jean and City Manager Steve Sugg) for their expertise, professionalism and devotion. I'm also grateful to community members I've worked with over the years, many of whom have become close friends.

Finally, I'd urge everyone to get educated and get involved. It's not enough just to live here. Find out what is going on in our City and then contribute in some way. University Place is special because of the people who care about it.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve on the City Council. It is an experience that I will always cherish.

and only one park. Since then we have over 33 miles of sidewalks, with more to come. We have planted thousands of trees and improved many of our major streets. We now have several parks available, some with ball fields and picnic areas, and a state of the art skateboard park that our youth helped design. We have a new playground designed by kids and built by volunteers, and a world class golf course that will host the 2015 U.S. Open.

When the Town Center project was envisioned several years ago, we were all optimistic that it could be accomplished quickly. We obtained millions of dollars in state and federal grants to help along the way. I remember early on our consultants saying that your vision is "spot on," but control your optimism. These major projects take time, sometimes more than 20 years to reach fruition. It has turned out that they were correct. It has taken longer than we had hoped for, but the vision is still "spot on." The Town Center will happen and will be a tremendous asset for our community. We have recently announced a new residential/retail development to be built north of the Civic Building, and the leasing of existing retail space in the Civic Building. These new developments fit the vision for the Town Center. We continue to have high interest from prospective tenants in the Town Center properties, despite challenging economic times.

Over the years, there has been some negative criticism about the time it is taking to develop Town Center, or a number of other policies that the Council is dealing with. One thing I have discovered in my years on the Council is that being negative never accomplishes anything. Have faith in our Council. They are good people trying to do the right thing. One thing that makes our City great is a wide cross section of citizens with differing opinions and ideas that can collectively come together and make the right decisions for the majority of the people.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

# The City of University Place retains A+ Rating from Standard & Poor's

Standard & Poor's (S&P), the international credit ratings agency, has conducted a periodic review of the City of University Place's bond rating and affirmed the City's "A+" rating, with a "stable outlook."

According to S&P, the rating reflects the following factors:

- Established economic base, with strong wealth and income indicators;
- Strong institutionalized policies and practices; and,
- Record of maintaining very strong available balances in the past five years.

Mayor Debbie Klosowski was pleased with S&P's rating. "Financial stability has been the top priority for Council. We have balanced the budget, allowing us to meet all of our obligations while maintaining a healthy strategic reserve."

S&P's statement cited the City's management practices. "We consider the City's management practices 'strong' under Standard & Poor's Financial Management Assessment (FMA) methodology." The rating further noted that the City's financial position and cost structure is sufficiently flexible that the City will be able to adequately respond to the current economic trough.

"Council has made difficult decisions to adjust to current market conditions. I'm pleased that S&P has independently recognized our efforts to strengthen the City's financial position during these challenging times," said City Manager Steve Sugg.

For questions about the City's finances, please feel free to visit the City's website at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) or contact Steve Sugg at 253.460.2500.

## City Council approves agreements for Town Center retail and housing

The City Council on Sept. 26 approved agreements with the Frog & Kiwi Café and SEB, Inc. for new businesses to be built in University Place Town Center.

Frog & Kiwi Café will be located in one of the for-lease spaces at the front of the new University Place Library Civic Building. Frog & Kiwi Café is a startup business owned by Mark and Kelly Grau. The name is a play on their ethnic backgrounds. Mark is of French descent, hence the "Frog," and Kelly is a New Zealander, from which comes the "Kiwi."

The café business itself is as unique as the

name. Frog & Kiwi Café will feature coffee drinks, but will also offer healthy, locally-sourced sandwiches and baked goods.

In addition, the café will feature a separate children's play area with a U.S. made Cedarworks play set. The play area can be booked for birthday parties and other events. Construction of the Frog & Kiwi Café in the leased space is expected to commence this year and Mark and Kelly plan to be open for business early next year.

The other new business is a mixed use residential and commercial building to be con-

structed and operated by SEB, Inc., a local developer with a track record of building and operating quality housing. The new building will be constructed next to the Civic/Library Building and will feature 100 high quality housing units over 12,000 square feet of leasable commercial space fronting Market Court.

The Town Center vision and plan has always included residential mixed use buildings and the SEB, Inc. project will begin to fulfill that element of the vision and plan. The project is expected to close and be under construction in 2012.

## Ribbon cutting completes Safe Routes project



*Evergreen and Narrowsview students cut the ribbon for the 40th Street Project.*

On Oct. 5 the City and U.P. School District held the ribbon cutting for the 40th Street Safe Routes to Schools project. This ribbon cutting celebrated the completion of this much needed project that has greatly improved the walking and biking routes to both Evergreen Primary and Narrowsview Intermediate Schools. Under this project the City has filled in critical gaps in our sidewalk, bike lane and street light network on 40th Street between Sunset Drive and 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Now, for the first time, we also have a direct sidewalk and bike lane connection linking the improvements on Bridgeport Way to Grandview Drive. This project was funded through a \$697,000 grant from the State's Safe Routes to Schools program.

# Pierce Transit service change focuses on efficiency and ridership



Bus riders recently prepared for significant changes in their bus service which started on Oct. 2. Weekday and weekend service have been reduced, segments of some routes have been cut, and in some cases entire routes were eliminated.

The two primary routes serving University Place are Routes 2 and 53. Both will continue to operate seven days a week. Route 2 provides connections along Bridgeport Way. On weekdays most trips are every 20 minutes and weekend trips are every 30 minutes. Route 53 now offers hourly service to TCC and Downtown Tacoma.

Visit Pierce Transit's website at [www.piercetransit.org](http://www.piercetransit.org) for the latest changes or to pick up a new "The Bus Stops Here" book to see these and other route changes.

## U.P. welcomes new businesses

This year several new businesses opened their doors in University Place. Have you had your first burger at Lefty's, or a fabulous Italian meal at Massimo's? Perhaps you've bought a great pair of shoes at the new Payless Shoes, had a cup of coffee

at Java Tech or worked out at Vision Quest gym?

Hopefully, you have been noticing these new neighbors as they have moved into our community and set up shop. And you have made the effort to welcome these new establishments to your neighborhood by taking your business to them.

By keeping your shopping dollars in University Place, you help to make our community vibrant and economically healthy. As more of your spending stays local, so more of

the tax dollars generated by business activity are captured in University Place, increasing the funding available to provide necessary services to the community, and decreasing the tax burden on residents. You also benefit by saving wear and tear on your vehicle, not to mention gasoline costs, by eliminating trips to other communities to make your purchases or enjoy a meal out.

Become a proactive supporter of your community, and encourage these new businesses by patronizing them regularly!



## Citizens report on City services

In September, the City produced its first citizen-based City Services Report. The four page report focuses on providing U.P. residents with an overview about City services that residents care about in a format that they will find interesting and informative.

Thanks to funding from the National Center for Civic Innovation, the City was able to get feedback from residents through the 2010 Citizen Survey and a series of three 2011 focus groups. Among other things, residents helped City staff understand what they want to see in a services report from the City (City finances, other visible services), how they'd like the information presented (easy to understand graphs, short explanations), and how long the report should be (a maximum of four pages).

The report is available on the City Manager's page under the "Government" tab on the City's website ([www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com)), along with background information.

Please take a look and let us know if you have questions or suggestions for future reports by emailing Steve Buter at [sbuter@CityofUP.com](mailto:sbuter@CityofUP.com) or 253.460.2505.

## Civic Building solar panel project

On Sept. 1 the City's solar panel project was officially completed when a representative from the Bonneville Environmental Foundation, a grantor and partner on the project, finished hooking up the operational solar panels to the monitoring equipment.

Stop by the atrium in the new Civic Building on Bridgeport Way and check out the real-time energy production information on the silver kiosk. Or visit the Energy & Sustainability page under the "Services" tab on the City's website ([www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com)) to see the production data at home.



The 4.8 kW solar panel system was funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Energy and the Bonneville



Environmental Foundation as a functional and educational example of renewable energy. If you have questions about the project, please contact Steve Buter at [sbuter@CityofUP.com](mailto:sbuter@CityofUP.com) or 253.460.2505.

## City Receives Public Safety Grant

On Aug. 26 the City was awarded an \$11,604 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the United States Department of Justice. The funding will support a special emphasis on multi-family housing complexes, in which the City works with rental property managers to create safe and livable communities.

# Shoreline Master Program update

Washington State's Shoreline Management Act (SMA) requires jurisdictions that contain "shoreslines of the state" within their boundaries, including University Place, to periodically update their Shoreline Master Programs (SMPs). The City, with the assistance of ESA Adolfsen and a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), 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 regulations for its shoreline areas, including adjacent upland areas within 200 feet of designated shoreslines 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 shoreslines (RCW 90.58.020).

The CAC's current focus 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. One challenge is determining how

to protect shoreslines from further ecological damage resulting from new development while protecting private property rights. Another challenge is finding ways of accommodating economic development in shoreline areas abutting the Day Island waterway while protecting the character and quality of life in nearby residential neighborhoods.

The CAC typically meets the first Thursday of each month 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 the Shoreline Master Program Update at [www.CityofUP.com/page204.aspx](http://www.CityofUP.com/page204.aspx) or by sending an email to Project Planner Jeff Boers at [JBoers@CityofUP.com](mailto:JBoers@CityofUP.com).

## Chambers Creek Tunnel Rehabilitation Project

Anyone driving on Chambers Creek Road has noticed one of the Pierce County's Sewer Utility's major projects – preservation of the Chambers Creek Interceptor Tunnel. The tunnel is the main line that brings all collected wastewater from the Utility's 117 square mile service basin to the Chambers Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Preservation work is required due to hydrogen sulfide erosion in the tunnel which is produced by naturally-occurring bacteria in the system. This \$9.5 million project, funded solely by Sewer Utility ratepayer fees, will preserve 3,500 feet of the existing 72-inch interceptor tunnel. To rehabilitate and protect the tunnel, the Utility will reline it with fiberglass reinforced pipe. The time frame for completion of the work is approximately nine months with a project

completion date of March 2012.

Access to the tunnel is by way of a temporary access shaft or portal on Chambers Creek Road. This portal allows the contractor to enter the existing interceptor tunnel and lower sections of the new liner into position.

To assist in the project a 2,700-foot long wastewater bypass pipe has been installed along the north side of Chambers Creek Road and along perimeter areas of the Chambers Creek Properties. This bypass extends westerly from the portal along Chambers Creek Road crossing the Chambers Creek Properties recreational play fields and perimeter trail and reentering the tunnel adjacent to the Pierce County Environmental Services Building. The bypass is operational only between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Once construction is completed, the bypass line will be removed and construction shafts on Chambers Creek Road will be abandoned. Final work will restore the road and any other disturbed areas to their original condition.

Questions pertaining Sewer Utility Projects can be sent to [pcutilities@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:pcutilities@co.pierce.wa.us).

## City welcomes the 16th CAB as its Community Connection

One of the unique programs that University Place has with Joint Base Lewis McChord is the **Community Connections Program**.



This program matches local municipalities and communities with designated units within JBLM. The goal of the program is to foster lasting and positive community relationships between soldiers and their families with the surrounding communities.

In previous years the City of University Place partnered specifically with the Dentac Unit and would like to thank the members of this unit, most especially Col. Robert Shakespeare, for this wonderful partnership.

On Oct. 3 the City Council welcomed and introduced Col. Dickerson, the Commander of the 16th Combat Aviation

Brigade (CAB), as the City's new Community Connection partner. The 16th CAB have recently relocated from Alaska and are part of the base staff expansion that the region has been anticipating.

While our partnership may have just started, the 16th CAB has already proven to be strong community supporters. During the Playground by the Sound construction, their members volunteered their time and skill to dig the more than 100 post holes necessary for the project.

The City of University Place is looking forward to more "Community Connections" with the 16th CAB in the future.

# Annual Christmas Project

## West Pierce Professional Firefighters Local 1488



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

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

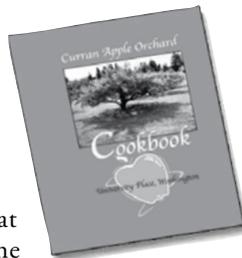
### Christmas Project needs:

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

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

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

## Curran Orchard stocking stuffers



Looking for a special gift or an item that says "University Place"? Check out all of the wonderful items available from the Curran Apple Orchard!

Adopt A Tree for one harvest season or enjoy hot or cold beverages in glass cups or travel mugs adorned with the Curran Apple Orchard Park logo. Glass suncatcher/ornaments, t-shirts and books are also available along with a full color Curran Orchard cookbook featuring scenes of the orchard throughout the year along with a host of delicious recipes for appetizers, entrees, drinks and desserts.

For more information, visit [www.curranappleorchard.com](http://www.curranappleorchard.com) or email [apples@curranappleorchard.com](mailto:apples@curranappleorchard.com).

## Duck the Halls caroling contest

*Friday, Dec. 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.*

Start a new tradition and form a caroling team for the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Duck the Halls Caroling Competition!** Get a team together with friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to perform two holiday songs in this competition to benefit the U.P. Food Bank.

Each team will compete for awards by performing two holiday songs. Costumes are encouraged.

Teams must also donate at least five items of nonperishable food for each member. Audience members are also encouraged to bring food items for the U.P. Food Bank.

The event will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9 at the Civic Building / Market Square.

For more information, entry forms and contest rules, please visit [www.upforart.org](http://www.upforart.org).

## Santa is coming to U.P. on a fire engine!

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

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



### December 4:

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

### December 5:

Bridgeport to Tahoma  
between 27th & 35th

### December 6:

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

### December 7:

Bridgeport to Grandview  
between 40th & Cirque Drive

### December 8:

Bristonwood  
Meadows West  
Chambers Creek Road Area

### December 9:

Parkridge - Park Royal  
West Hampton - Twin Hills

### December 10:

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



# U.P. Christmas Tree Lighting

**10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3**  
**Windmill Village & Market Square**



**Dec. 3**

**Activities**

Santa Paws Pet Photos  
 Silent Auction Fundraiser  
 Get Local - at Market Square  
**Arrival of Santa**  
 "Santa Express" train rides  
 Kids' bounce house  
 Face painting/balloons  
 Kids' holiday crafts  
 (New) Clothing, Food, Toy Drive  
 Photos w/Santa  
 Hotdogs, pop, candy & popcorn  
 Free cider, coffee, cookies  
 Chowder  
**Holiday Entertainment at Market Square**  
**Candlight parade to Market Square**  
  
**Christmas Tree Lighting**

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Windmill Village, \$10, benefits SUNDOgs)  
 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (Sponsored by UPCSPR)  
 2 - 7 p.m.  
**3 p.m. (Santa arrives by fire truck – North Parking Lot)**  
 3 - 6 p.m. (\$3 charge)  
 3 - 6 p.m. (\$3 charge)  
 3 - 6 p.m. (Free – sponsored by UPYC)  
 3 - 6 p.m. (Free – sponsored by UPYC)  
 3 - 6 p.m. (Sponsored by U.P. Firefighters)  
 3 - 6 p.m. (\$4 charge – Benefits U.P. Kiwanis)  
 3 - 6 p.m. (Sponsored by U.P. Kiwanis)  
 3 - 6 p.m. (Coffee courtesy of Forza)  
 3 - 6 p.m. (Provided by Ivar's)  
**3:30 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**6:15 p.m.**  
  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Free Parking in the garage under the Civic/Library Building.**

**Silent Auction**

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

## Santa Paws pet photos

Bring in your favorite friend for a photo with Santa on Saturday, **Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the City Hall complex, 3715 Bridgeport Way W. Photos are \$10 each (\$5 for each additional copy). SUNDOgs is sponsoring this annual event as a fundraiser for the future **permanent** dog park on the Chambers Creek Properties.

People who obtain or renew SUNDOg memberships (\$10) will also receive a **FREE** SUNDOgs calendar featuring local dogs and events! Additional calendars are available for \$5. For more information, please visit [www.updogpark.org](http://www.updogpark.org).



### Christmas Tree Lighting sponsors needed

**YES, I want to support the Tree Lighting Festival!**

**Sponsorship Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship Level (circle one)**

\$500 – Event Sponsor      \$150 – Santa's Helper      \$50 – Reindeer  
 \$250 – Elf                      \$75 – Snowman                      \$25 – Snowflake

**Enclosed is my check for \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **– Or –** **Please charge my Visa/MasterCard (Circle one)**

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form with payment to:**

City of University Place  
 Christmas Tree Lighting Festival  
**Attn: Marian Holloway**  
 3715 Bridgeport Way W.  
 University Place, WA 98466

## New City park – Leach Creek

With grant funding assistance from Pierce County Conservation Futures (\$685,000) and the Recreation & Conservation Office (\$65,000) the City was recently able to add 15 acres of open space to its parks system. The property, previously owned by the Tacoma School District, is located at the southeast portion of the City, south of Cirque Drive and east of Alameda Avenue. The undeveloped property, which is bordered by Leach Creek, was purchased for \$750,000.

While no formal designs have been developed, conceptual plans show space for a ball field, rest room, open space, wetland buffer and a trailhead for the proposed Leach Creek Trail.



## University Place snow response plan

When snow and ice impacts our region, the University Place Public Works crew works around the clock to make sure that the main arterial streets and school bus routes are sanded and plowed for citizens. The City works closely with the School District each winter monitoring road conditions and making decisions regarding transportation. Bus drivers often relay trouble spots back to the Public Works office as well. Based on forecasts the crew place anti-icing liquid on streets prior to a weather event in efforts to reduce icing.



*For more information about the University Place snow response plan, call the Public Works office at 253.460.6493.*

Priority streets for plowing and de-icing are Bridgeport Way, Grandview Drive, Sunset Drive, 67th Avenue, Cirque Drive, Alameda Avenue, Chambers Creek Road, 44th Street, 40th Street, 35th Street, 33rd Street, 31st Street, 27th Street, and Day Island Bridge.

Why does the City not plow residential streets? The answer is simply resources. Plowing and sanding 154 lane miles of residential streets would require the additional purchase of 8-10 snow plows at \$100,000 each and 18-20 additional employees to operate around the clock.

## Seniors musical field trips to the Fifth Avenue Theatre

Since 1926, the magnificent Fifth Avenue Theatre has captivated audiences with outstanding performances of all types. Don't miss out on this amazing mini season offer for seniors at a remarkable price of \$165 (actual ticket package valued at \$289). Tickets must be purchased as a package and the ticket purchaser must be 59+.

\$165 includes all four shows, parking, transportation and trip management. A lunch stop will be made before each matinee showing; the lunch fee is not included in the ticket price. Tickets are transferrable if you choose to share with a friend and/or family member. Refunds are available if tickets can be resold.

Show dates and times are listed below. Trips will depart from City Hall at 10 a.m. with a planned return time of 5:30 p.m.

Limited tickets – sign up today! Contact the University Place Senior Center, 253.564.1992.

Show 1	Cinderella	Dec. 15, 2011	1:30 p.m.
Show 2	Oklahoma	Feb. 23, 2012	1:30 p.m.
Show 3	First Date	Apr. 5, 2012	2 p.m.
Show 4	Rent	Aug. 2, 2012	1:30 p.m.

## Wine, dine – and win!

**Chase away the winter weather with a trip that has something for everyone**

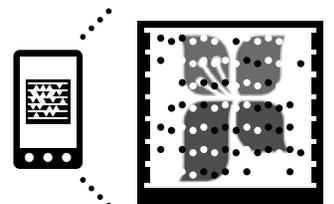
Wine, dine & win your way through these two days of shopping, gaming, and eating!

On day one enjoy time in Fairhaven-Bellingham with wine tasting and appetizers at Purple Smiles, after which you'll check in at the Silver Reef Casino around 5 p.m.

Day two brings a 10 a.m. check-out followed by a drive on Chuckanut Bypass with a stop at Larrabee Park. Next, you'll have three spectacular hours at the Tulalip Casino and Seattle Premium Outlets.

Included in your trip price: Hotel stay, \$10 slot play & \$5 match play for table games, buffet dinner voucher for day of arrival, continental breakfast voucher for day of departure (all at Silver Reef Casino), wine tasting & light appetizers, transportation and trip management.

This trip takes place on Feb. 8 & 9, 2012. Single occupancy is \$175 per person. For those coming with friends, double occupancy is \$125 per person or triple occupancy is \$110 per person. Call the Senior Center for registration deadlines, a full trip description and the cancellation policy, 253.564.1992.



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# In only six days – a Playground by the Sound

When we work together, great things happen! Volunteer labor applied to the materials purchased with community donations together with Foundation, City, and State RCO grants resulted in a distinctive playground in the North Meadow of Chambers Creek Properties (4900 Grandview Dr.) and a positive sense of community.

What we'll remember isn't our tired bodies, but the sense of teamwork and accomplishment, the thrill of creating something permanent, and the joy of sharing the creation with delighted children and happy families.

We also got a reminder that we have great neighbors – Fircrest, Gig Harbor, Lakewood, Steilacoom, Tacoma and other cities sent their

support in the form of more individuals, club, and business builders and donors.

Thanks goes out to our talented construction captains and all of the playground volunteers. Folks were willing to do whatever was needed to overcome typical construction hiccups, and that made it possible to finish on the six-day blitz schedule. Altogether about 9,000 hours of service were donated.

Our complete list of donors is too long to list here (please see our website at [www.playgroundbythesound.org](http://www.playgroundbythesound.org)) but it is good to highlight some of the critical in-kind construction donations from local business and organizations, such as:

- U.P. Refuse Service
- Jerry Anderson & IBEW Local 76
- Jon Heinzinger (surveying)
- JBLM and USS Stennis crews
- Public Works
- Ness Crane Company
- Wagner Development
- Kemper Sports
- Owens Press
- Mixx96
- Tacoma News Tribune
- U.P. Patch
- Holland Ornamental Iron
- Entertainment Masters



## U.P. Commission vacancies

Commissioners are citizens who volunteer to play an integral role in the growth and development of their City.

Citizens serving on the City's Commissions apply their unique knowledge and experiences to the issues and the needs of their City and then create ideas, identify resources, and make recommendations toward fulfilling the Council's Vision.

Applications for terms beginning in 2012 are currently being accepted from citizens interested in serving on the following commissions:

- **Parks & Recreation Commission**
- **Planning Commission**
- **Public Safety Commission**

The application deadline is November 30, 2011. Forms are available on-line at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) and at City Hall. For more information contact the City Clerk's office at 253.566.5656.

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## We're listening!

University Place facilitates various programs throughout the year designed to assist local businesses to become more successful. There are monthly newsletters, quarterly networking events, and on-going opportunities for support and assistance. These programs and activities, however, are only the tip of the iceberg and the most visible outcome of hours of strategic planning.

2011 has been a year for just such efforts, and the City's Economic Development staff, along with the Economic Development Commissioners, have been working hard to identify challenges and opportunities facing our business community that might

be addressed by our Economic Development efforts for the next three years. The Economic Development Strategic Action Plan is the document that will set the direction for economic development efforts in University Place for the next three years. The Plan is being written this fall, but the process to get to this point began early in 2011.

The Economic Development Strategic Action Plan, in order to be effective, must grow out of an accurate understanding of current economic conditions in the City. In order to develop this understanding, a better part of the last six months has been devoted to gathering this information and then analyzing the data.

We have gathered current demographic information about University Place from a variety of sources. We've reached out to the business community, various business focus groups, and individuals identified as community stakeholders. And we have heard loud and clear various messages from these groups.

The Economic Development Commission is now tasked with the responsibility to sift through this information, identify major opportunities and challenges, and develop goals for the next three years, keeping in mind City resources and staffing. The completed Plan will come before City Council later this year for approval and adoption.

# A Thanksgiving dinner for the community

Join County Councilmember Stan Flemming and City Councilmembers Ken Grassi and Denise McCluskey for a delicious meal with friends and community members on Thursday, Nov. 24 from 12 – 2 p.m. at University Place Primary School Cafeteria, 2708 Grandview Drive.

Volunteers from University Place will generously dedicate their time this Thanksgiving to provide a delicious, quality meal for fellow community members. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to U.P. Refuse at 253.564.3212.

Volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monetary donations made payable to the U.P. Volunteer Center are appreciated. Contact 253.223.0039 for information on donating.

This great community event is sponsored by the U.P. Volunteer Center, U.P. Refuse, Superior Linen, Owens Press and Mr. Ricks Catering.



## Let's have a fire-free winter & holiday season

The holiday season is arriving soon and with it comes a greater risk of fire. Also coming soon is winter, which can bring a wide array of weather conditions which increase the chance of home fires. West Pierce Fire & Rescue would like to share these safety tips to help you have a fire-free winter and holiday season.

### Winter Storm Safety

- Have flashlights and battery powered lanterns on hand for light during a power outage. Candles pose too high a level of fire danger to be used as a light source.
- Do not use your oven or stove to heat your home. It is a fire danger and can be a source of toxic fumes.
- Do not use charcoal or gas fired grills indoors as a source of heat or for cooking.
- When using a wood burning fireplace for heat, use a glass or metal screen in front of

the fireplace and keep all combustibles three feet away.

- Make sure you have a smoke alarm(s) that have battery back-ups in case of power outages.
- Use generators and other fuel-powered machines outside the home in a ventilated area.
- If you suspect a gas leak, do not strike a match. Leave the area and report the leak.
- Assume that all wires on the ground are electrically charged.

### Holiday decorating

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

- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.
- **Do not leave holiday lights on unattended.**

### Holiday entertaining

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

Stay in touch with what is happening with your fire department, West Pierce Fire & Rescue. LIKE us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/westpiece](http://www.facebook.com/westpiece) and visit our website at [www.westpiece.org](http://www.westpiece.org).



## Do you use life-sustaining equipment? TPU wants to hear from you...

If you or someone you love uses life-sustaining medical equipment that requires power and water services, help Tacoma Public Utilities help you prepare in the event of planned or unexpected outages. Notify us about your use of critical life-sustaining equipment and we will place you on our special list of customers who need us to restore essential services as quickly as possible.

While we cannot guarantee uninterrupted services, due to special circumstances or planned outages, your well-being remains our priority.



### What to know

- “Critical” means your life would be in immediate jeopardy without life-sustaining equipment that depends upon continuous power or water services.
- Your physician or health care agency must verify the type of equipment used in your home and the hours of operation necessary, so we can coordinate planned outages.
- Being on our critical life support list does not automatically prevent disconnection of services if you do not pay your bill.

### What to do

- Call 253.502.8600 and inform Customer Services that you use critical life-sustaining medical equipment.
- Provide Customer Services with the Certification of Healthcare Provider Form completed by your doctor or medical provider.
- If you experience a life-threatening emergency during an outage, call 911.

### What we do

- Notify customers in advance of outages when possible.
- Tag meters with medical seals for customers needing services for life-sustaining equipment.
- Regularly update our list of customers needing life-sustaining equipment.
- Verify accounts annually and request renewal information from customers.
- Send updates to dispatchers and necessary offices.
- Work with you to help you prevent service disconnection if you have trouble paying your bill.

# Are you prepared?

Should you be worried about emergency preparedness? What would you do if a natural or manmade emergency made it necessary for you to alter your normal daily routines? How many of you knew that Pierce County had the most federally declared Natural Disasters in the nation in 2010?

Emergency events come in all shapes and sizes, from earthquakes, to train derailments, to winter storms and flooding. No one can predict with any certainty the next event, major or minor – but you can determine how you will respond in the event of any disaster.



The Public Safety Commission has prepared a short preparedness presentation we'd like to bring to you and your group. If you feel the members of your church, HOA, rental community, civic group, work or business team could benefit from a short preparedness presentation, please contact Jennifer Hales at 253.798.3141 or [jhales@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:jhales@co.pierce.wa.us) to schedule a presentation!

## EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTE

# Are you ready for winter weather?

Cities and counties from all over the Western Washington Region, including University Place, are participating in the "Take Winter by Storm" campaign to urge residents to become prepared ahead of time for the upcoming winter season. Please visit [www.takewinterbystorm.org](http://www.takewinterbystorm.org) to view winter weather preparedness tips, resources for Western Washington residents, and for additional information on the "Take Winter by Storm" campaign.

Take these three steps to get ready:

- Create an emergency preparedness kit with at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food and water for your home and office. Kits prepared for vehicle road travel and winter weather evacuation go-kits are also advised.
- Make a plan and practice the plan with your family and those who depend on you.
- Stay informed and know the weather approaching so you are prepared for whatever Mother Nature throws our way.

Use the tools provided at [www.takewinterbystorm.org](http://www.takewinterbystorm.org) to help you get prepared. Share them with those you love (family, friends, neighbors, and community members) to help them get prepared, too.



Get prepared now so you can Take Winter by Storm!

# Light U.P.!

Brisk winter nights, holiday decorations, and brightly lit store-fronts beckoning you inside to shop. These are all images evoked by the approaching season of holiday celebrations.



Now imagine buildings outlined in white lights, starkly contrasting with the winter evening darkness. Through a Light UP campaign, Councilmember Ken Grassi is hoping to encourage local businesses to bring this idyllic scene to life. Businesses and property owners on Bridgeport Way between 27th and 44th Streets as well as those located on 27th Street west of Bridgeport have been encouraged to participate, drawing holiday shoppers into inviting, festive buildings.

The goal is to make shopping in University Place a welcoming, interesting experience. A positive shopping experience will encourage return customers. Satisfied shoppers tell their friends and neighbors, who will also come to experience shopping in University Place. A bustling, active shopping district can do much to enhance not only the festive atmosphere of the season, but also serves to support the vision of an engaged community. Friends and neighbors greeting each other between stops to various shops, and visiting over coffee or hot cocoa, portray a true "home-town" feel, and make University Place a very desirable community. A vibrant and alive business district supports the health of the entire community.

Watch for your favorite businesses to shine brightly this winter!

# Become a Patron – support Fall/Winter plant maintenance

Patrons of Beautification are special residents who support beautification improvements throughout our community that otherwise would not be covered by the City's limited resources. Among some of the patron-sponsored projects are city-wide plantings of more than 75,000 colorful flower bulbs, the purchase of decorative trash receptacles, bicycle racks, and glimmering Christmas decorations along Bridgeport Way, as well as necessary behind-the-scenes fall and winter plant maintenance required to keep our City beautiful all year!

You, too, can become a special Patron of Beautification by simply completing the fall and winter sponsorship form which can be found on the City's website at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com). All sponsors are recognized in the **City's Headlines Newsletter** and on **UPTV!**

For project or sponsorship information, please call Ken Grassi at 253.278.1946.



# Curran Orchard Tree Adopters – Thank you!!!

This year's Cider Squeeze was a great success with hundreds of people enjoying the day and squeezing apples into cider. Thanks so much to all of the volunteers, press operators, United Church, Sunset Bible Church Bluegrass Band, U.P. Refuse and CORE, whose efforts made this event possible. Also, thanks to the below tree adopters whose ongoing support helps maintain the orchard:

Kim & Carol Anderson	Katrina & Craig Coovert	Greg Gooch	The Kresh Family	Narrows Coop Nursery	Bev Smith
Ann Antos	Trina Cudney	Steve & Suzanne Goold	Forence Krueger	School	Jeanne & Jason Smith
W.R. Ayer	Mike Davis	Evelyn Sally Gutter	Bob & Sandra Kuharic	Nature in Nurture	Caroline Spear
Betsy Baker	Jane Davison	Don Hager	Fred Langton	Preschool	Debbie Steckler
George & Eleanor Ballasiotes	Connie & Lewis Decker/	Amy & Andy Hand	Gertrude Langton	Katrina & Craig Neff	Jay Stricherz
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## PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

**November**  
Regular Meetings: 7th & 21st  
Special Meeting: 14th

**December**  
Regular Meeting: 5th  
Special Meeting: 12th

**January**  
Regular Meetings: 3rd & 17th  
Special Meetings: 9th & 23rd

*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](http://www.CityofUP.com), or contact the City Clerk's Office at 460.2510 for current information about meeting dates and agendas.*

## 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
- Candidate Forums/Video Guide

Visit our Website: [www.CityofUP.com/Page49.aspx](http://www.CityofUP.com/Page49.aspx) for a weekly schedule. Send program suggestions and comments to [UPTV@CityofUP.com](mailto:UPTV@CityofUP.com) or call Linda Seesz, Communications/I.T. Manager, at 460.2537.

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