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## Mayor / Mayor Pro Tem Elected

At the Jan. 3 Council Meeting veteran Councilmember and recent Mayor Pro Tem Ken Grassi was selected to serve as the City of University Place's new Mayor for 2012-2013. Also that evening Councilmember Denise McCluskey was selected as the Mayor Pro Tem and the Honorable Judge Ernest Heller was on hand to administer the oaths of office to three newly elected Councilmembers: Kent Keel in Position 2, Chris Nye in Position 6, and Caroline Belleci in Position 7.

Every two years the Council elects Councilmembers to serve as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Under its Council-Manager form of government, University Place's City Council is like the Board of Directors of a corporation and the Mayor is the Chairman. The Mayor Pro Tem serves as the Mayor in the Mayor's absence. Within this "business-like" form of government, the Council sets the City's goals and directs the professional City Manager, who acts as the Chief Operating Officer in implementing the Council's decisions.



*Mayor Grassi & Mayor Pro Tem McCluskey*

## 2012-2013 City Council



*Javier Figueroa  
Position 1*



*Kent Keel  
Position 2*



*Eric Choiniere  
Position 3*



*Ken Grassi  
Position 4*



*Denise McCluskey  
Position 5*



*Chris Nye  
Position 6*



*Caroline Belleci  
Position 7*

**The Daddy-Daughter Dance is on Feb. 11!**

*More information can be found on page 8*

# COUNCIL CORNER...

Before we say a final goodbye to 2011, it is important to review and reflect how our community can continue to host fun family events all year long despite a very challenging economy and a “no frills” budget.

First and foremost, without our volunteer base, who bring their endless energy, talents and enthusiasm, coupled with a very generous business community willing to commit hard earned dollars and become event sponsors, they simply would not happen.

I believe this past Christmas season more than any other showed the true spirit of a community coming together in a wonderful way. When the decision was made to expand the annual Christmas Tree Lighting to the new Market Square and atrium, without any increase in the budget (there has been no increase in 15 years!) we were probably being overzealous. We had many new ideas, but of course wanted everything we had done in the past as well.

A committee was formed early in the year and the work began. U.P. Primary agreed to provide wall art for the Council community room (it was fabulous!). Our City SUNDogs group said yes to creating a “Winter Wonderland” in our Santa Room. Volunteers helped our Public Works crew light and decorate Homestead Park. Connie Abubakr from Steilacoom once again coordinated hundreds of students from U.P. Schools to fill Market Square with the sounds of the season for the first time.

The six brightly lit Christmas trees in the square were sponsored by local businesses and decorated by local youth and civic groups. The three beautiful atrium trees and reindeer were donated by U.P. families and decorated by volunteers. Hopefully you noticed the glow of our Civic Building outlined in white lights, with all of the Market Square trees lit with thousands of LED lights. This project was paid for with donated funds from our Patron of Beautification fund. The Community Supported Parks and Recreation volunteers hosted a silent auc-

tion with all the proceeds going to support youth and senior recreation programs. The Curran Apple Orchard volunteers handed out holiday cookies and hot apple cider.

Finally, to make “the connection” between the two sites, our business partners came together and lined Market Street to form Candy Cane Lane with booths that showcased many outstanding U.P. businesses and services. Each vendor gave away tasty treats and offered a chance to win a beautiful gift basket. Parents, grandparents and families stayed warm by the glowing fire in our new outdoor fire pit.

If you were one of the thousands who attended, you know how magical the day was with beautiful December sunshine. If you missed it, mark your calendar now for Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012.

Just imagine... All of this is repeated for the dozen events that we host throughout the year! They are truly the heartbeat of our City as we come together, even if only for a short time, and escape from the daily grind.

I am so grateful to serve you as Mayor, alongside a truly dedicated Council and staff with the following unified goal: Respect and glean from our 16-year history, learn and grow from mistakes of the past, and take the time to celebrate successes. To believe that the future of University Place remains vibrant, forward thinking, and the envy of Pierce County.

I encourage you to attend a City Council meeting or watch them on UPTV. Be assured your comments and concerns will not only be heard, but taken into consideration in a welcoming, non-threatening environment. We were elected to serve you, and more than ever we want to ensure your belief and trust in city government. Please believe with us that 2012 will be a banner year with much progress and growth. May God bless you and your families abundantly in the New Year ahead.

Sincerely,  
Ken Grassi, Mayor



Mayor Ken Grassi

## CITY COUNCIL

Ken Grassi.....	627.7196
Denise McCluskey.....	460.2500
Javier Figueroa.....	226.3927
Kent Keel.....	460.2500
Eric Choiniere.....	460.2500
Chris Nye.....	460.2500
Caroline Bellici.....	389.9517

## PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

Feb. 6 – 6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting
Feb. 13 – 6:30 p.m.	Special Meeting
Feb. 21	No Meeting Scheduled
Feb. 27 – 6:30 p.m.	Special Meeting
Mar. 5 – 6:30 p.m.	Regular Meeting

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Feb. 16 – 6 p.m.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Feb. 16 – 7:30 a.m.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Feb. 1 & 15 – 7 p.m.

### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Feb. 9 – 6:30 p.m.

*All meetings are open to the public. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 460.2510 for more information.*

*All City Council meetings are held in the Town Hall meeting room, Windmill Village, 3715 Bridgeport Way, usually at 6:30 p.m., (unless otherwise posted). Changes to meeting times and locations are posted at City Hall, University Place Library, Fire District #3 and at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com), or contact the City Clerk's Office at 460.2510 for current information about meeting dates and agendas.*

# City Manager's Report

As we begin this new year, I want to take a brief moment to reflect on a noteworthy anniversary in 2011 – the City of University Place celebrated its Sweet Sixteenth! Sixteen years ago, residents voted to incorporate as an independent city. While University Place has long been a close-knit, established community within the county, incorporation provided residents with local control over essential services and community amenities, such as police, roads, parks and recreation.

Aesthetically, the City has been transformed from an undistinguishable part of the county, to a community whose pride is immediately evident upon entering the City. City investments in street trees and street lights have complimented community donations funding hanging baskets and decorative flowers at intersections. Volunteers have played a critically important role in this transformation. They have helped not only in organizing community events and supporting recreation programs, but also in the development of the City's zoning regulations and economic development plans.

The improvements to our community continued in 2011, including the opening of the new University Place Pierce County Regional Library. The new, larger library received over \$600,000 in donations, and the grand opening was celebrated by 4,500 attendees.

The end of the year also saw the opening of the new U.P. Police Station and the federally funded public parking garage. The Library/Civic Building and parking garage include a host of environmentally sustainable features, including six of the first public electric vehicle charging stations in Pierce County.

Grant funding continued to play an important role in development of our community. Two grants totaling over \$1.4 million

enabled the completion of two new sidewalk projects in 2011 – Grandview (19<sup>th</sup> Street to 27<sup>th</sup> Street) and 40<sup>th</sup> Street (Sunset Drive to 67<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Grant funds also helped the community fund the construction of the Playground by the Sound and allowed the City to obtain a new 15-acre park property near Alameda and Cirque, as well as easements to further extend a trail along Leach Creek.

2011 also marked the end to public service for two long serving Council members and the election of two new members. Debbie Klosowski and Gerald Gehring ended their terms on the City Council after 16 and 14 years of distinguished service, respectively. Chris Nye and Kent Keel began their terms following years of public service in different capacities. As a result of this transition, six of seven members on the 2012 Council will have served on the Council for two years or less.

The "new" City Council will have a full plate in 2012. Clearly, like cities throughout our region and around the world, our City is adjusting to life during the most difficult economic period that our country has experienced since the Great Depression. The City has cut its budget, prioritized services and adjusted strategies. The City has balanced its budget while keeping City taxes low, met all of its legal and financial obligations and preserved essential services. While we may not be able to do all that we want to do, we are striving to be the best we can with the available resources.

As we take this time to look back over not only last year, but the last 16 years, it is clear that our community has accomplished a great deal and has much of which to be proud.



Steve Sugg, City Manager



*Ribbon cuttings became the order of business in 2011 as, among others, the City celebrated (top to bottom) the openings of the new Library and the two "Safe Routes" projects at Grandview and 40th Street.*

## U.P. Police Department moves into new facility

The end of 2011 found the University Place Police Department personnel moved into its new facility, located on the second floor of the U.P. Civic Building. While their surroundings may have changed, the contact numbers and office hours have remained the same.

**New address:**

University Place Police  
3609 Market Place West  
Suite 201  
University Place, WA 98466

**Office hours:**

8-4:30 Monday-Thursday  
8-4 Friday



- Animal Control: 798.3133 or 798.3135
- 24-hour Non-Emergency: 798.4722
- Police Office: 798.4058
- Public Safety: 798.3141

**911 – for crimes in progress or that have just occurred**  
**798.4722 – for all other activity or questions**

**An Open House is planned for Feb. 9 – see page 5 for details.**

# University Place reduces Traffic Impact Fees by 20 to 100 percent

In a move to improve and enhance the local business environment, the City Council recently adopted changes to the Traffic Impact Fee regulations that will make it easier for new businesses to locate to University Place while still maintaining funding for needed traffic improvements.

Since 2007, University Place has been collecting a Traffic Impact Fee as a means for new developments to pay their fair share of traffic improvements. This fee is assessed based on the amount of new traffic a development creates. In the current nationwide economic climate, however, such fees can have a significant impact on the feasibility of a new development or business moving forward.

Earlier this year, the City Council formed a committee made up of members from the

City's Planning and Economic Development Commissions for the purpose of reviewing the City's Traffic Impact Fee regulations and providing recommendations for improvement. This committee found innovative approaches to addressing the Traffic Impact Fee that fostered partnerships between the City and new businesses and resulted in a minimum reduction of 20 percent over the current fee with reductions of up to 100 percent for high sales tax generating uses.

One of the most significant options the City is offering in this impact fee partnership model is to use the sales tax generated by a new business to offset the amount of their associated impact fee. In many cases, this will offset the entire amount. Under this program, the City will then reinvest this sales tax money back

into the roadway system to help pay for needed traffic improvements.

Another new approach in this program is to allow developers to defer the payment of the impact fee over five years. This reduces upfront costs to new businesses and spreads out the financial impact of the traffic mitigation by basically providing a five-year no-interest loan to these developers. University Place is the first city in the State to utilize either of these approaches in addressing traffic impact fees.

These are just two of the innovative changes to the impact fee program. The entire report describing all of the revisions can be found on the City's website at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com). If you have any questions regarding these changes or the impact fee in general, please contact City Engineer Jack Ecklund at 253.460.5411.

## City installs electric vehicle charge stations

Come one, come all, to charge your electric vehicles at the newest ChargePoint charge stations, located within the City's Intermodal Transit Garage, on Drexler Drive just under the new Library/Civic Building. Six electric vehicle (EV) charge stations were installed under projects funded by grants from the Federal Transit Administration, the Department of Commerce, and the Federal Highway Administration. The decision to install the EV charge stations was in direct correlation with the "Green UP" initiative to increase sustainability efforts throughout the community.

As you enter the garage from Drexler Drive, you will find the six EV charge stations mounted on the far west wall of that same level. To use the stations one must go to [www.chargepointportal.net](http://www.chargepointportal.net), and create a ChargePoint Network account. Upon creating your account, ChargePoint will send a ChargePass card to be used at these, as well as hundreds of other, charge stations located

nationwide. The ChargePoint website is not only useful for updating and re-loading your ChargePass card, but also finding other stations in the area, reserving stations for specific dates and times, and requesting new stations be added.

What's more? At this point the new charge stations located within the City's Intermodal Transit Garage are free to use, once receiving your ChargePass card! Although this is the current arrangement, the City will be tracking the amount of electricity used, so that an appropriate use fee can be assigned in the near future.



If you have any questions or would like further information regarding the EV charge stations, please contact Jack Ecklund at [jecklund@CityofUP.com](mailto:jecklund@CityofUP.com) or 253.460.5411.

## Green UP Trivia!

**Question: What is the size of the University Place Solar Panel System?** (Hint: It is a \_\_-\_\_ kW system)

The City's new solar panel system generates enough energy to power an average sized house for half a year. Submit your response to the Green UP Trivia question for a chance to win a free Green UP prize. Winners will be selected at random from the correct responses and a minimum of five winners will receive a prize. Submit your response to [sbuter@CityofUP.com](mailto:sbuter@CityofUP.com) or 253.460.2505, and be sure to include your name, address, and a telephone number. Good luck!

*Note: City of University Place employees and their relatives are not eligible.*



# Winter Storm Debris Cleanup

The January snow and ice storm left plenty of trees, branches, and other debris in its wake. In order to help expedite the community cleanup, U.P. Refuse has agreed to allow residents to dump large storm debris (yard waste items) at a reduced rate of \$5 per yard. See below for additional information on how to dispose of storm debris in your yard.

**Curbside Yard Waste Toters** – the best and easiest option is to collect wood debris, such as fallen branches, and cut them to fit inside your curbside yard waste toters, which will be picked up according to the regular schedule.

**Large Debris** – If the debris collected is too large or heavy to fit in the curbside toter, residents can take the debris to one of the following locations:

## U.P. Refuse – 2815 Rochester (off 27<sup>th</sup> Street) in University Place

Storm items will be accepted at a reduced rate of \$5 per yard for a limited time and special Saturday hours will be offered on Feb. 11.

**Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, February 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Bring an ID when you drop items off to show you are a University Place resident.

Contact U.P. Refuse with questions – 253.564.3212.

**Pierce County Transfer Stations** - Pierce County residents can also drop off storm debris for free at the following stations:

**Hidden Valley Transfer Station**, 17925 Meridian Street East, Puyallup  
Seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

**Purdy Transfer Station**, 14515 54th Avenue NW, Gig Harbor  
Seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Prairie Ridge Transfer Station**, 11710 Prairie Ridge Drive East, Sumner  
Seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**White's Pit**, Eckenstam Johnson Road, Anderson Island  
Seven days a week, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Mark your calendar for the Spring Flower Show & Plant Sale

**Sat. April 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Sun. April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Homestead Park, 3715 Bridgeport Way W. | For more info, call 253.576.5663**

**Admission is free!**

## Police Station Open House & Ribbon Cutting on Feb. 9

The City of University Place will hold an Open House on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 4 to 5 p.m. at its new Police Headquarters located in the Town Center Civic Building, 3609 Market Place West, Suite 201. The public is invited and encouraged to join with the City Council, Commission members, City staff, Pierce County Sheriff's Department and University Place Police Department personnel in a ribbon cutting and presentations which will begin promptly at 4 p.m. Tours of the facility will follow the program.

Until Nov. 2011, the University Place Police Department had been located in the Public Safety Building at 3631 Drexler Drive West, sharing

the building with West Pierce Fire & Rescue. As fire services merged, creating a need for more space, and offices in the Civic Building became available, the Police Department planned its move to a new headquarters there.

The City of University Place contracts with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department for its police services. The arrangement allows the City to retain a high level of local control in the law enforcement conducted within its borders, maintaining its own Chief of Police as well as a Public Safety Manager, officers and other staff.

For more information about the Feb. 9 Open House, please call the University Place Police Department at 253.798.4058.

## U.P. Historical Society receives grant award

Each year, through the Valerie Sivinski Washington Preserves Fund, the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation provides grant funding to organizations across the state engaged in preserving local historic resources. From schoolhouses to courthouses, agricultural to industrial, funding through the program assists preservation projects where they really happen – at the local level.

Recipients of the 2012 Valerie Sivinski Washington Preserves Fund grant awards were announced on Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Washington Trust Holiday Party.

Among the award winners was University Place's own **U.P. Historical Society**, which will receive \$1,000 to help restore the deck on the National Register-listed Curran House. Once threatened with demolition, the Curran House now sits as a wonderful example of mid-century residential architecture.

Since 1998, the Fund has awarded 90 projects totaling nearly \$80,000 in funding to local historic preservation organizations and advocates engaged in the important work of preserving Washington's cultural heritage. While priority is given to bricks and mortar rehabilitation of historic resources, eligible projects have also included preservation planning and interpretation of important sites around the state.

Funding for the grant program is obtained from private donations to the Trust with the goal of providing a minimum of \$10,000 in grant funding per year. The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation is a statewide, tax exempt 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1976 to safeguard Washington's historic places through advocacy, education, collaboration and stewardship. For more information, view their website at [www.wa-trust.org](http://www.wa-trust.org) or call 206.624.9449.



# The Tree Lighting brings the Ch

The City's first Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration in Market Square was a great success! The crowd was delighted by the beauty of the Square with its magical lights and holiday trees. This special day for University Place residents and visitors was bustling with excitement and activity. There was something for everyone ranging from train rides in Homestead Park, Silent Auctions to benefit U.P. Parks & Rec; children's games and crafts; Get Local booths; children's

choirs; visits with Santa (and Santa Paws), food and lots of fun topped off with a dazzling display of trees in Market Square and the atrium. Special thanks to the following individuals, who were instrumental in the event: John Heinzinger, Donna Perry, Dave Gallagher (U.P. Volunteer Center), Mayor Debbie Klosowski, Mayor Pro Tem Ken Grassi, Executive Assistant Marian Holloway, Dixie Harris, Jim Baldes, Patty Mannie, Gary Cooper, Todd Smith and the Parks/Public Works crew.

We appreciate the support of the following sponsors, tree adopters and decorators that helped to make the event beautiful: Titan Enterprises LLC, Modern Electric LLC, Jenae Charboneau Interiors, Skelley Piano, Patricia & Co., Palace Law Offices, At Your Service Plumbing, The Wine Bank, Rocky's Mini Mart, University Place Tire & Automotive, Pacific Wellness and Spa, Automotive Import Repairs, Dr. Jeffrey H. Camm, Holland Ornamental Iron, Rainbow International, Pierce County Representative Stan Flemming and Martha Flemming, Johnson Stone & Pagano P.S., Heartwarming Care LLC, Tom

Greg Gooch, Betsy Skevington, & Barbara Mulledy, U.P. Youth



## Furry friends enjoy getting photos with Santa

Wagging tails and festive attire abounded at the annual Santa Paws Pet Photos in December.

Sponsored by SUNDogs, the annual photo event with Santa is a fundraiser for the interim and future off leash dog park in University Place, located on Pierce County's Chambers Creek Properties. It's a sure bet many of the dogs wished for a larger, permanent off leash park to happen soon!

For more information, visit [www.UPDogPark.org](http://www.UPDogPark.org) or email [sundogsof-pierce@aol.com](mailto:sundogsof-pierce@aol.com) for more information.

SUNDogs 2012 calendars are also available for \$5 or they come free with a paid 2012 membership!



## Where would Santa Shop? In University Place, of course!

Christmas carols presented by local school children, steaming cups of hot cocoa, tree lights, and local businesses! That was the order of the day on Saturday, Dec. 3. This year the University Place Tree Lighting event also became an opportunity for residents to meet and greet some of the local businesses that provide goods and services right here in University Place. Twenty-nine local vendors spent the afternoon on Candy Cane Lane, greeting attendees at the tree lighting and providing a friendly face to area business. By their presence, it was obvious that these businesses are a supportive and integral part of the fabric of our community. As residents patronize these local businesses, they also support University Place.

Each vendor also provided a silent auction basket. The auction was a fundraiser for the Community Supported Parks and Recreation program, and over \$5,000 was raised for this important cause.

This was the second Get Local event to be held in 2011. The first Get Local happened in July – vendors were so pleased to have an opportunity to present themselves to the community that this second event was welcomed.

This year was so well received that Get Local events are planned for 2012 as well; the first being planned for July. Watch for more information!



# Christmas spirit to the community

Council, Peace Out, U.P. Women's Club, U.P. Kiwanis, Bartell Drugs, Marsha Moody and State Farm Insurance, SUNDOgs, Club Z and Viking Community Cheer.

We are grateful to our volunteers and sponsors who help make this community very special. Thank you to each and every one of you for your commitment and dedication to U.P.! For information on future volunteer services or sponsorship, please call Marian at 460.2500.



## U.P. gets Quacky at "Duck the Halls"

Singing reindeer, tiny preschoolers and Howl-i-day Howlers were among the highlights of the first annual Duck the Halls Caroling Competition held in Market Square in December.

Hundreds of people gathered around to cheer nine caroling teams surrounded by dazzling lights, beautifully decorated Christmas Trees and a welcoming fire pit on a brisk December night.

Sponsored by UP for Art and Families Unlimited Network, the event was held to spread holiday cheer along with raising several hundred pounds of food for the U.P. Food Bank. Special thanks to Gold Sponsors Team Insurance and Union Bank, and Silver Sponsor Umpqua Bank.

Prizes were awarded to the following winners:

- 1st Place – ABC Children's Group
- 2nd Place – Curtis High School American Sign Language Class
- 3rd Place – SUNDOgs "Howl-i-day Howlers"
- Most Creative – Jingle Bell Rockettes

Thanks to Judges John Falskow, Maia Santell and Kelsie Bahr; Master of Ceremonies Jim McCaffree; along with Owens Press, Green Spot Teahouse & Art Gallery, Laura Clouse, Lori Forrest, U.P. Presbyterian Church, Orlandini and Waldron Law Offices, Kayla Stewart, Doug Stoeckicht, Sue Ring and Debbie Klosowski for making this event possible. For more information about UP for Art, please visit [www.upforart.org](http://www.upforart.org).



## Light UP!

During the 2011 holiday season the festive decorations made Market Plaza come alive and – with the help of a number of local businesses participating in the City's first Light UP campaign – University Place also sparkled as establishments added white lights to their rooftops, brightening the streets and inviting holiday shoppers to come inside and shop.

We wish to thank the following participating businesses:

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>America's Credit Union</b>        | <b>Bartell's</b>         | <b>Hawkins Poe</b> |
| <b>Neighborhood Church</b>           | <b>Hogan Enterprises</b> | <b>Massimo's</b>   |
| <b>Edwards Memorial Funeral Home</b> |                          |                    |

In the 2012 holiday season we are looking to an even more festive atmosphere, as additional businesses join us to "Light UP" University Place!



## Firefighters' Christmas Project assists U.P. Families



The firefighters of West Pierce Fire & Rescue were able to help families in University Place at Christmas with the generosity of our community. Donations of toys, food, and clothing were collected at the Annual U.P. Tree Lighting, the fire station and both U.P. Forza coffee shops. With your donations and the support of Safeway, Albertson's, Fred Meyer, Trader Joe's, Dollar Tree, U.P. Kiwanis and Randal Swanlund Dentistry, West Pierce Fire & Rescue provided Christmas to 34 families and 110 children.

Thank you for your continued support of this project.

## Santa spreads Christmas cheer with West Pierce Fire & Rescue

For one week in December, Santa visited University Place and was escorted around town by West Pierce Fire & Rescue firefighters and their families. He visited as many big and little kids as he could and was checking his list twice.



# Register today for the Daddy Daughter Dance



Dads and daughters, come enjoy an evening of fun just for you! A wide array of music will please all age groups and tastes, so come prepared to dance the night away. All ages are welcome!

Participants will receive refreshments, party favors and a night of fun and entertainment that both daddy and daughter will never forget. Refreshments will include punch, coffee, cookies, cupcakes and cake. Midway through the night take a short break from all the dancing and enjoy a special entertainer!

A photographer will be there to provide you with pictures for a small fee. *Pictures are available prior to the start of the event for pre-registered guests only.*

Register now! Early bird price is \$35 per couple, each additional daughter is \$5. Registration at the door is \$40 per couple, each additional daughter is \$5. Registration is easy! Just call the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530.

The big event is going to be held in the **Curtis High School Cafeteria on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 6:30 – 9 p.m.**

## Escape to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho!

A perfect time of year, a perfect amount of time, and this trip has everything you're looking for in a vacation away!

You will stay in Coeur d'Alene at the amenity packed lakeside Coeur d'Alene Resort. Trip highlights include: a tour and lunch at a Hutterite Colony, a guided tour of Sierra Silver Gold Mine & Museum where you will learn the history and see first-hand how this gold mine operates, time to explore the beautiful Silver Mountain Resort, a visit to the oldest standing building in Idaho at Old Mission State Park, an option to walk the nature trails at Tubbs Hill, wine tasting at the Coeur d'Alene Cellars, a sunset dinner cruise on majestic Lake Coeur d'Alene, and time to discover the gardens at Manito Park.

Scheduled for Monday to Thursday, Apr. 30 to May 3, the per person fee for this trip is only \$349 double occupancy or \$464 single occupancy.

**Included in your trip price is the following:** Hotel stay, all group tours and excursions (11), hot continental breakfasts, one lunch, one dinner, transportation, water and snacks on the shuttle bus, trip management. **\$100 non-refundable deposit will hold your room, payment is due in full by Mar. 19.** The registration deadline is Mar. 28. Refunds on cancellations will not be provided after Mar. 19.

For additional details or to register, please contact Jennifer at the University Place Senior Center; 253.564.1992.

## Seniors – A computer class just for you

This class is designed to help you learn basic computer operations. The content covers the basics of the Windows operating systems (Windows 7, Vista & XP). Students will learn to start programs, manipulate windows, use and customize items, use the active desktop to save documents, create folders, copy and/or save to other drives, and keep track of files, teaching you to understand and learn the tools to use, whether you are using 2007, 2010 or an older version. Additionally, we will teach navigating the World Wide Web and downloading information from the internet, e-mailing, saving, sending and receiving attachments, and much more.

This class meets for two hours each session, for five weeks, for a total of ten hours of instruction, on Tuesdays from 3 - 5 p.m., Jan. 31 to Feb. 28. Call the University Place Senior Center to register, 253.564.1992.

## Ready, Set, Go! Get yourself and your family back to healthy basics

**Ready, Set, Go! 5210** is a community-based initiative in Pierce County to promote healthy lifestyle choices for children, youth and families. Healthy choices are easier to make in a healthy environment with access to healthy foods and physical activity. **Ready, Set, Go!** aims to improve health in Pierce County by making healthy changes where people live, learn, work, and play. The primary target of **Ready, Set, Go!** is children and youth from birth to 18 years old, but everyone can benefit from the 5-2-1-0 message.

What does **5-2-1-0** stand for?

Aim for **5 servings of fruits & vegetables** every day

Aim for **2 or less hours of recreational screen time** every day

Aim for **1 hour or more of physical activity** every day

Aim for **0 drinks with added sugar** every day

In the City of University Place we are trying to put together a Community Task Force to help promote this program. Initial members include City Councilmembers, the Parks & Recreation Manager and a Parks & Recreation Commissioner, but prospective members would

include persons from local schools, churches, pre-schools, doctor offices, grocery stores, PTAs, health clubs, etc.

### Why get involved?

We care about the health of our community.

We have the clear route to parents and children.

The childhood obesity epidemic needs to be addressed.

We need to educate our community.

The statistics are alarming -

*“This is the first generation which may not outlive the previous one.”*

These kids are the future.

If you'd like more information or want to get involved, contact Todd Smith, Parks & Recreation Manager, at 253.460.5432.



# New! A Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee League



In partnership with Pierce County Parks & Recreation and Disc Northwest, the City of University Place Parks & Recreation Department is excited to offer this new up and coming sport!

Two sessions of Ultimate Frisbee will be available at Cirque Park. Sign up as an individual or request a buddy to be drafted onto teams by experienced captains. Individuals from beginning to veteran are welcome to drop by and talk to Ultimate players. This is your opportunity to learn basics through participation and hands-on instruction from experienced players. The program is available to anyone ages 18 years and older and will be held on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. For more information and to register, contact the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530.

## Youth Outdoor Summer Soccer League

U.P. Parks & Recreation is excited to announce a new youth sport league! We have been offering a youth indoor soccer league for years but now we are going to take it outside to the field!

A co-ed summer outdoor soccer league for Pre-K through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will begin after Jul. 4. This will be a six game season and games will be held during the week, no weekend games. The \$45 cost for the league includes the uniform fee.

Look for more information in our Spring/Summer 2012 Recreation Program Guide, going live on our website on Mar. 1!



## Coming this spring – volleyball and golf clinics are back!

These enjoyable youth clinics had their first run the spring of 2011 and were so successful and popular that we are excited to bring them back! Experienced instructors will teach your child the basics of these sports.

For your future golfer this is the perfect time to get them started, especially with the U.S. Open just around the corner, being held in our own backyard down at the majestic Chambers Bay Golf Course, a one of a kind course with the beautiful serene Puget Sound in front and the sleeping Mt. Rainier behind. Your little golfers may even have the chance to play on this one of a kind course!

For those youngsters looking to learn more about volleyball but not sure they want to play on a select team, this is a great place to start! Learn to spike, set, serve and more! The staff on hand have a passion and love for the sport, with years of experience and an enthusiastic attitude and love for teaching. Don't miss out!

Look for more information in the next Headlines as well as the U.P. Parks & Recreation Spring/Summer 2012 Recreation Program Guide going live online Mar. 1!

## Thank You 2011 Recreation Sponsors!

A special thank you to all of our youth sports team sponsors. We started the year with our winter sports league of youth basketball and finished up with fall sports, indoor soccer and flag football, with the largest league in between of youth baseball and softball in the spring. Our basketball league had a total of 13 sponsors for 45 teams with 429 kids served. Our baseball league boasted a total of 40 sponsors for 75 teams with 899 kids served. And, finally, our indoor soccer and flag football leagues came in with 20 sponsors for 35 teams, serving 321 kids.

Without your continued support we would not have the means to provide for the youth in and around our community. With the number of families in need of scholarships rising, we rely on our sponsors more now than before. We thank you so much and look forward to many years of your support as well as new sponsors to come!

From the 1,649 children and their families and the Recreation staff: We sincerely thank you!

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**We are always looking for youth sports team sponsorships!**

**For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation office today at 253.460.2530.**



# Sign up for the Pierce County Sheriff's Community Academy

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department is offering its Community Academy program for persons living in the Pierce County and contract cities who are interested in learning about law enforcement and the role of the Sheriff's Department in the community. The department is taking reservations for the following session:



- Classes will start Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012 and will meet once a week from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for 13 weeks.
- Classes are limited in size to 27 persons.
- Classes will be held at the police station located at 3609 Market Place W., Suite 201, University Place. This will be the first class in our new location!

The Community Academy course is designed to familiarize the public with all aspects of the Sheriff's Department and provides citizens with some insight into the practices of law enforcement and the criminal justice system. The academy also affords an opportunity to meet the Sheriff and other members of the department.

The classes cover constitutional law, procedures of patrol deputies, detectives, internal investigations, narcotics, K-9, domestic violence, and other topics. Field trips are scheduled to the 9-1-1 Communications Center, Jail, and the Marksman firing range.

The academy is free of charge and is open to citizens 16 years old and over living in Pierce County.

You may send your application online at [www.piercesheriff.org](http://www.piercesheriff.org). Applicants are chosen on a first come first serve basis, and class size is limited, so please apply soon.

## West Pierce Fire & Rescue offers Community Programs



West Pierce Fire & Rescue offers a variety of community fire and life safety programs.

Below is a partial list of the offerings. Please contact us for more information at 253.564.1623.

### *First Aid and CPR Classes*

These classes are held on the second Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$30 per student. Class locations rotate, based upon the month. Pre-registration and payment are required and can be completed by calling 253.564.1623.

### *Free Blood Pressure Checks*

Stop by any fire station to have your blood pressure checked. Please be advised that when emergency personnel are out of the station on 911 calls, there may not be anyone at the station to assist you. Thank you in advance for your patience.

### *Custom Fit Helmet Program*

Bicycle helmets are available for \$7 and multi-sport helmets for \$10, cash only. Helmet fittings are scheduled by appointment and the rider must be present in order to purchase.

### *Juvenile Fire Setter Program*

Fire safety education is available for children who are misusing fire or playing with matches or lighters. Please contact us for more information.

### *Fire Station Tours*

If you'd like to bring a group to the fire station for a visit, please give us a call to schedule.

### *School Programs*

Fire and life safety presentations are conducted at each of the elementary schools throughout the Fire District. Fire safety is taught to Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, disaster preparedness to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, how to be safe when participating in wheeled sports to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are taught basic first aid.

### *Preschool/Day Care Visits*

Two free curriculums are offered to pre-schools and daycares throughout the Fire District called *Learn Not to Burn* and *I Spot Something Hot*. Teachers conduct the first portion of the curriculum and West Pierce Fire & Rescue will come in to teach the final lesson so small children learn that firefighters are their friends.

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



# Welcome 16th CAB Community Connector partner

Members of the community officially welcomed the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) as its new Community Connector Partner on Dec. 7 at the new Civic Building.

The Community Connections Program links local municipalities with specific units from JBLM. The program's goal is to encourage community support and partnership with soldiers and families assigned to live within surrounding communities.

The City benefits through the generosity of the soldiers providing countless hours of volunteer services at our local parks, community projects and events. Through their service, the soldiers connect with the community. In return, the 16th CAB is included in the City's community events, and University Place is the place for soldiers and their families to call home.

The Welcome Reception, which drew approximately 100 attendees, included key community leaders and stakeholders along with members of the 16th CAB and their spouses or guests.

The event was made possible by generous contribution and sponsorship from Regence and Triwest, the health care providers for the military.

Topping off the event was a special musical performance by the University Place String Quartet. Catering was provided by Massimo Italian Bar & Grill.



*Left to right: Sgt. Maj. Lucio Vandevoorde, 16th CAB; Col. Robert Dickerson, Commander, 16th CAB; Debbie Klosowski, 2011-12 University Place Mayor; Johnathan Hensley, Regence of Washington Plan President; and George Cargill, Triwest Northwest Operations Vice-President.*

# Frog and Kiwi plans to open in early spring

They go together...peanut butter and jelly, black and white, pie and ice cream, coffee and kids. Coffee and kids? That may be a relatively new combination for many of us, but it is the concept behind the first retail establishment to find its home in the new Civic Building! And it is a first of its kind idea to actually be put into action in the region.

Frog and Kiwi is the name of this new establishment. They are planning to locate in the south retail space just off of the atrium in the Civic Building. The idea of Frog and Kiwi

is simple. Parents want to enjoy a good cup of coffee or tea and relax while enjoying their beverage. Oftentimes, these parents will have children with them who will not wait patiently for mom or dad to enjoy a little break from the day's errands and chores. The solution? A coffee shop that will also contain a play area specially designed to keep the kids entertained and busy, allowing parents a more relaxed opportunity to take a few minutes to themselves while ensuring the safety and happiness of their children. The play area will be soundproof, and

there will be a fee charged for parents to use this option. The concept seems to make logical sense, and the owners are excited to offer this service, as well as excellent beverages, to their customers.

Work is already underway on the space, and plans are for the business to open its doors in February of 2012. The owners, Marc and Kelly Grau, created the fanciful name of the café from a combination of their cultural backgrounds. Marc is of French heritage and Kelly hails from New Zealand.

## Plant UP Project

Plant UP! Help us fill the large planters lining Bridgeport Way and Market Square with year-round color and texture! You may wish to honor someone special or celebrate a special occasion with sponsorship of your very own beautiful planter! For project or sponsorship information, please call Ken Grassi at 253.278.1946.

**YES, I want to support the PLANT UP PROJECT!**

**Sponsorship Level (circle one)**

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

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**Fax:** 253.460.2528  
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# Spring/Fall Art & Concert Series

The Art & Concert Series provided by UP for Art will return in 2012 during the Spring and the Fall, with three concerts each season.

The events, held in the atrium of the Civic Building, at 3609 Market Place West, are meant to showcase local artists. Come and attend for \$10 per person – or **free with an UP for Arts membership.**

The events will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Mark your calendars now for the following dates:

Mar. 30	Sep. 28
Apr. 27	Oct. 26
May 18	Nov. 30

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

# Book returns now open at U.P. Pierce County Library

For your convenience, you can now return books, movies, audiobooks and



other items that you borrowed from the University Place Pierce County Library at two book drops on Drexler Drive. In addition, you can also return your books and other items at two book returns on the south side of the library off Market Place.



With the start of service to the Drexler book returns, the library will stop using the two book drops located in front of the building on Market Place.

# Curran Orchard Pruning Parties

Learn a new skill, meet fun people and help take care of a local park at the upcoming Curran Apple Orchard pruning parties! Novice and experienced pruners are invited to a **FREE Master Gardener Pruning Class on Thursday, Feb. 9, from 7 - 9 p.m.** at United Church Fellowship Hall, 3912 Grandview Dr. West.

Test out your skills under the guidance of master gardeners at several pruning parties held at the orchard on the following Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.:

**Feb. 11                      Apr. 14 & 28                      Mar. 10 & 24                      May 19**

Please bring work gloves, pruners, hand saws and loppers, if available. Some tools are also available at the barn. Refreshments will be provided.

The Curran Apple Orchard is located at 3920 Grandview Drive West. For more information, please visit the CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts) website at [www.CurranAppleOrchard.com](http://www.CurranAppleOrchard.com), email [apples@CurranAppleOrchard.com](mailto:apples@CurranAppleOrchard.com) or call 565.8466.



## UPTV – “UNIVERSITY PLACE” ON TV

Each month different programs about University Place air on Click! Channel 12 and Comcast Channel 21. The following programs are scheduled:

- Regular Council Meetings
- City Manager's Update

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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