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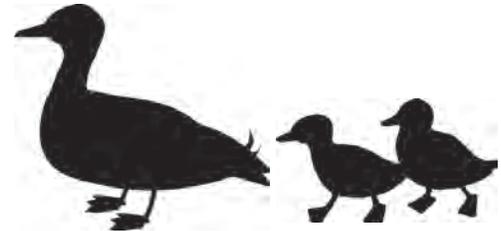
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Toss that umbrella and put on your yellow, it's time for...

Duck Daze!

Saturday, Jun. 2



Start your day with the Duck Parade

The Duck Parade began when community members Terry Reim and Dixie Harris thought the community needed an event to celebrate the end of the rainy season as well as the wonderful improvements to Bridgeport Way. The yellow duck was adopted as the symbol of the parade and now is a community mascot!



The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of 27th and Bridgeport and continues south to 37th where it ends at the UPTown Cruisin' Car Show and Get Local Business Summerfest. You can be in the parade or come to cheer on the participants. Either way, you'll want to grab your yellow gear!

This year we will be including a Disney theme section in the parade. We encourage participants to wear their costumes. We know we have a lot of little princesses, not to mention

all the other characters we could name. Rumor has it that we may have Donald and Daisy Duck joining us along with their friends Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Let's bring Disney fun to University Place!

Rain or shine, this annual parade is fun for the whole family. Bands, parade vehicles and marchers, walkers and bikers take part in this community outing.

Proceeds will support University Place Community Supported Parks and Recreation. Contact Dixie Harris, Team Insurance, at 253.564.6373 for more information or visit the City's website at www.CityofUP.com.

Thank you to our sponsors!



And the fun's only just begun!

There is truly something for everyone during Duck Daze – whether your interests are running, public safety, cars, local businesses or you just love a good, old-fashioned garage sale/ antique show with live entertainment.

Turn to pages 6 & 7 for details on the exciting events planned for this 2012 Duck Daze!

Race a Duck

Hurry and enter your Lucky Duck in the first annual "Race a Duck" Duck Race! Thousands of floating ducks will brave the treacherous artificial waterway toward the finish line. The lucky winner will have the prestigious honor of being the first winner of this annual event.

The race will be located near the end of the Duck Parade on Jun. 2. For details and to adopt your duck, go to www.raceduck.org. Proceeds will benefit University Place Community Supported Parks and Recreation and the University Place Volunteer Center.

Duck Daze Schedule:

Peace Out 5k Fun Run	9 a.m. start
UPTown Cruisin' Car Show	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Duck Parade	10 a.m. start
Race a Duck	After parade
Fire & Police Open House	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Summerfest - Get Local Business Fair	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Treasures in the Park	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

New roadway improvement projects will make U.P. even safer

Soon residents will enjoy a safer place to walk and bike along both 27th Street West and Beckonridge Drive West. The City is moving forward with design of the 27th Street and the Beckonridge Drive Safe Routes to School projects with construction scheduled to begin this summer!

The City successfully obtained two grants totaling \$1,740,000 for the construction of pedestrian and bicycle improvements along these two routes. The grants were awarded under the State's Safe Routes to Schools program which has been established to provide and promote safe walking and biking to schools. Both projects include a public education campaign and enforcement emphasis.

Completion of these two projects will increase the number of children able to bike and walk to school safely by providing a safe, dedicated area for them to do so. Additionally, these projects will also make connections to over 20 miles of currently constructed sidewalks and bike lanes within the City!

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

For more information on either of these projects or on the State's Safe Routes to Schools program, contact Jack Ecklund at 253.460.5411.

27th Street

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

Beckonridge Drive

This project improves the school route to Sunset Primary along the west side of Beckonridge Drive between Cirque and Grandview. These improvements include sidewalk, curb and gutter, bike lane, streetlights, landscaping, radar feedback signs and crosswalk improvements.



From Recyclable to Recycled:

Processing Pierce County recyclable materials for re-use

The implementation of single stream recycling makes it easier than ever for University Place residents to divert waste from the landfill. Tossing your cans, empty plastic bottles and junk mail into your recycling toter is easy, but what happens when U.P. Refuse or Lakewood Refuse takes them away? The answer is that it is taken to a high-tech, efficient sorting center. The majority of University Place recyclables are taken to a facility in Tacoma where they are processed. The other two main processing facilities are located in the Tacoma Tide Flats and in Frederickson. The SP Recycling Center, located in Frederickson in Pierce County, is the newest facility and they recently welcomed a tour of local government professionals into their facility for a first-hand view of the high tech process they use to sort where your recyclable materials go through the following sorting and separating process that turns them into recycled materials.

All Materials

Load the Materials – Once the recyclable materials are dumped at the SP Recycling Center in Frederickson, it is scooped up with heavy machinery and dumped into a hopper, where a large roller spreads the material evenly.

Pre-sorting – Conveyor belts take the materials through a pre-sorting area. Here, human sorters are responsible for picking out trash and hazardous items as the material passes. This is called “negative sorting” because the sorters are picking out the bad or non-recyclable material rather than the good, recyclable material.

Paper Materials

Paper Product Screening – The conveyor belts then take the material through a series of three disc sorters that are rotating and allowing cardboard and other large paper to bounce over the top of the discs while the plastic, metal and smaller items fall through. The disc screens can be tilted to any angle to ensure maximum effi-

ciency. It is here that plastic bags can get wrapped around the discs, reducing the space between the rows of discs and preventing proper sorting.

Quality Control Sorting – The cardboard and large paper stream that pass over the top of the disc screens are put through quality control where optical sensors eject non-paper items with bursts of air and then human sorters pull out any remaining non-paper items.

Baled and Shipped – After the paper passes the quality control sorters, it is dumped by conveyors into piles, where it is baled and prepared to ship.

Non-Paper Materials

Non-Paper Screening – The materials that drop through the initial cardboard and paper disc screens go through a second disc screen again allowing larger paper over the top and three dimensional items to drop through. The paper items are returned to the paper stream for quality control.

Air Drum Separator – The materials travel

through an air drum separator that catches two dimensional material and allows the three dimensional material to bounce off. This separates paper products still in the stream, diverting it back to the paper screening section, and sends the three dimensional items to the next phase.

Ferrous Metal Removal – The three dimensional materials are sent under a rotating magnet that removes ferrous metals, which contain iron.

Plastics Removal – The materials are then sent through a series of optical sensors, where each sensor detects and shoots a burst of air at a specific type of plastic, allowing it to drop into the proper bunker.

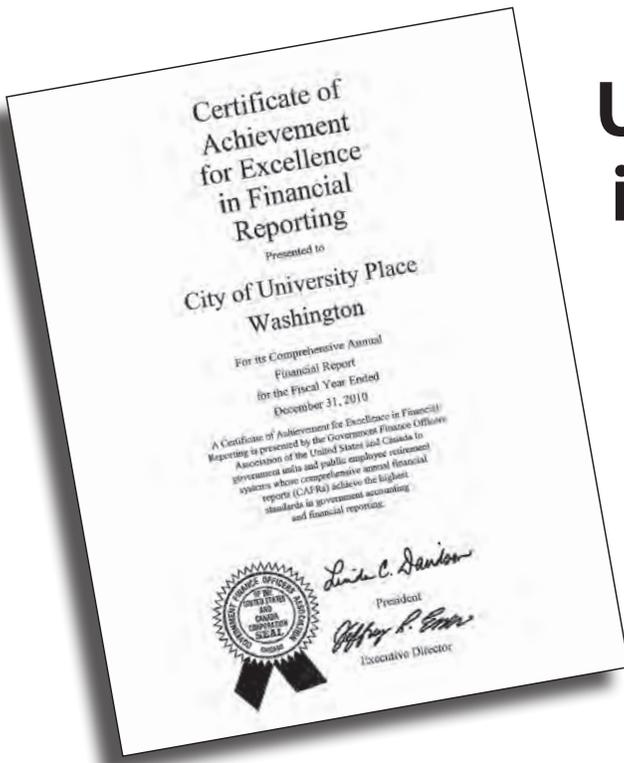
Aluminum Removal – Aluminum cans are sorted by an electromagnetic current, called an eddy current, which makes the aluminum cans literally fly off the conveyor belt down the correct chute.

Shipping – Finally, after all the materials are sorted, they are shipped out to recycled material processors that use the materials for everything from newsprint to boxes to plastic bottles.

University Place receives its fourteenth CAFR Award

The City of University Place Finance Department was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2010. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) in its notification states, "The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management."

This marks the fourteenth consecutive year the City has received this award. Finance staff members Sandy Garrett and Leslie Blaisdell were presented with the award by Mayor Ken Grassi at the Mar. 19 City Council Meeting. Currently, the department is working on the preparation of the CAFR for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2011 and will be submitting the report for review in July.



Sewer main project to begin this summer

This summer the City will be constructing over 2,000 linear feet of new sanitary sewer main piping through the University Hills neighborhood. This new sewer main will make sewer accessible for numerous unsewered residents. In addition, this project will free up much needed capacity in the sewer system in the north end of the City, which will help accommodate new growth.

In order to finance this project, the City obtained a \$485,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency and secured \$500,000 in funding from Pierce County Utilities.

Construction is expected to begin in July and be completed before the end of the year.

If you have any questions regarding this project, you may contact Jack Ecklund at jecklund@CityofUP.com or at 253.686.3066.



Recycling – Fact or Fiction

Can you identify which of the following are facts and which are fiction? Give it a shot and then see the article on page 4 to check your answers and learn more.

1. FACT or FICTION

10 to 15 percent of materials processed at recycling facilities end up being disposed of as garbage.

2. FACT or FICTION

Due to low demand, recycling facilities have to pay companies to take the recycled materials processed at the facility.

3. FACT or FICTION

Much of the recycled materials processed are sent to Asia.

4. FACT or FICTION

Plastic bags, such as grocery bags, are recyclable and can be included in your single stream recycling toter.

Historical Society hosts Home & Garden Tour



The University Place Historical Society announces its 2012 Home and Garden Tour which will be held on Sunday, Jun. 10 from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 with the proceeds to benefit the preservation of the history of University Place.

There will be four homes with a garden component and one specialty garden on this tour. Three of the featured homes are examples of mid-century modern architecture,

designed by local architects and lived in by local artists. Participants will see common features in these homes – skylights, floor-to-ceiling windows, flat roofs, natural materials, and a few steps!

The fourth house is particularly noteworthy for its setting in a formerly

agricultural area, reminding viewers of the history of farming unique to University Place. The specialty garden on the tour is an example of urban farming, showing tour participants a variety of produce that can be grown in residential neighborhoods in this area. Of special interest are the espaliered apple and pear trees.

The University Place Historical Society is a non-profit organization and all ticket purchases are tax-deductible. Tickets will be available for purchase by check or the exact amount of cash starting May 1 at these locations:

- Grassi's Flowers and Gifts, 3602 Center St. and 1702 Pacific Ave.
- Massimo's Italian Bar and Grill, 4020 Bridgeport Way W.
- Westside Community Bank, 4922 Bridgeport Way W.
- Willow Tree Gardens, 7216 27th St. W.
- Curran House, 4009 Curran Lane, on the day of the tour.

There is something for everyone on this tour of homes and gardens. We invite you to join us! For questions, or if you want to volunteer to be a docent, call Karen or Cindy at 253.565.3211.

Fact or Fiction Answers

After going through the Fact or Fiction section on the previous page, check your answers with the correct answers below.

1. Fiction. Washington state law allows a maximum of 5 percent of materials processed by a recycling plant to be disposed of as waste. The Frederickson SP Recycling Facility is extremely efficient. Of the 69,000 tons of materials processed by the plant in 2011, only 2.7 percent was waste material, including glass.

2. Fiction. Although there was a period when the economy slowed down during the first half of 2009 when demand dropped and companies were paid around \$5 per ton to take material, the demand has picked up in recent years and companies now pay for it.

3. Fact. Some of the paper materials are sold to domestic users, but much of the paper is sent to Asia, including China, Korea, and Taiwan. Most of the plastic is sent to China.

4. Fiction. Do not put plastic bags in your curbside recycling! Plastic bags are a hazard during the sorting process because they get caught in the machines, reduce the efficiency or cause stoppages at the facility. Please only recycle those items that have been approved by your hauler.

UP for Arts presents Spring Arts & Concerts

Sit back and relax to the sights and sounds of outstanding local musicians and artists during UP for Arts Spring Arts & Concerts Series scheduled in the Civic Building Atrium, 3609 Market Place West.

May 18 - Peggy Thorndill and Jeffrey Meeks will perform music for the cello and piano; along with Watercolor Artist Jim Sheasley.

Performances start at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person or purchase an UP for Arts membership (\$25 per household) which includes free admission to the remaining 2012 arts and music events.

For more information about the Arts & Concerts series, please visit www.upforart.org.

Save the date! 17th annual University Place Festival 2012

Aug. 4, 2012 – Cirque Park – 10 a.m. to midnight

Mark your calendars for 14 hours of fun-filled day and night happiness at Cirque Park for all ages and interests to celebrate your City's 17th birthday. Come enjoy the Army, Police, Fire, crafts, music, and play to your hearts' content. The event will capstone with a movie adventure of "UP."

This exciting day is your University Place Festival on Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. to midnight. Come join "UP," your University Place mascot for the Festival. "UP" is your sunshine ambassador who will help you enjoy family, food and entertainment.

We hope to see you there so save the date: **Aug. 4, Cirque Park, 10 a.m. to midnight.**

The current event line-up includes:

- Hogs vs. Hosers Baseball Game

- Fire, refuse and tow trucks
- Army Helicopter/Stryker
- Movie night
- Soccer Clinic with a well known soccer player
- Beer Garden
- Kids' Zone
- Vendors
- Crafts
- Watermelon eating contest

- Music – Dance to the music of Three Dog Night with Shambala, Rock N Roll Magic, Maia Santell, Keri Ehli plus the winner of the Curran Apple Orchard's Battle of the Bands, and much more.



Curran Apple Orchard 2012 Summer Concerts!

Kick back, relax and enjoy great music at the 2012 Curran Apple Orchard Summer Concerts. This year's events feature a great variety of music from 6:30 - 8 p.m. on the following dates:



Jul. 12	Danny Vernon's "Illusion of Elvis" Show (www.DannyVernon.com)
Jul. 26	Washington National Guard 133rd Army Band (Patriotic and popular tunes)
Aug. 9	Surf Monkeys (Blues, jazz and surf music)
Aug. 23	Stacy Jones Band (Blues, soul and rock)



Hotdogs and other goodies are available from the U.P. Kiwanis for purchase. Thanks to CORE and sponsor Columbia Bank for their support.

The Curran Orchard is located at 3920 Grandview Drive W. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will relocate to the Curtis St. High School Cafeteria. For more information, visit www.curranappleorchard.com.



2nd annual Battle of the Bands – Battle in the Orchard!

Want to be a rock and roll star? Or is playing cool jazz or other musical genres more your style? If you're 13-21 years old, check out the 2nd annual Battle of the Bands Contest sponsored by CORE.

Last year, three bands performed in the final round at the Curran Apple Orchard to compete for a chance to play on the big stage at the U.P. Festival in August. Individuals or groups interested in competing this year can try out in person in June. Or enter online for a chance to compete at the Curran Apple Orchard on Thursday, Jun. 28 starting at 6:30 p.m. Once again, the winner will get to perform at this year's U.P. Festival.

For more information and contest rules, please visit www.Battleintheorchard.com.

Help name the City's most recently acquired parks

Would you like to make a significant contribution to the history of our community? The Park Commission is hoping you do!

One of the important steps in the development of our community has been the acquisition of our recreational infrastructure – our public parks and open spaces. As part of an ongoing effort to acquire lands for future development into parks and open spaces, with the use of grant funding as possible, currently the City has three parcels which have been acquired and designated as “park land” which are awaiting names, as noted in the inset box.

While many cities are identified by their public parklands – Central Park and Woodland Park, to mention a few – University Place has also become regionally recognized for our parks such as Homestead, Curran and Adriana Hess. While recommending names for the three new parcels is officially the responsibility of the U.P. Parks & Recreation Commission, they will be doing so under an established process and guidelines which look toward community input – and that is how you can make your contribution to the history of our community!

The Park Commission has formed a naming committee which has already circulated a survey, had a booth at the City Festival and reached out

Brookside Way – At the north end of the Curran Orchard is strip of land of about two and a half acres that runs along Brookside Way, with the Brookside Creek flowing through the southern end of the property. This land was purchased from the United Church.

67th Avenue – In the 3300 block of 67th Avenue, across from the Fircrest Golf Club, are about 10 acres of undeveloped land acquired with a combination of Park CIP and Washington State Grant funds. Wetlands, mature timber and a meadow occupy this undeveloped property.

Cirque and Alameda – This 15-acre southeast corner property at the intersection of Cirque and Alameda is approximately 20 percent wetlands, some timber with a large meadow. Leach Creek flows through and the Leach Creek trail border the western edge of the property. This land was purchased from the Tacoma Public School District with a grant from Conservation Futures and a grant from the State of Washington.

to the U.P. Historical Society for citizen input. The committee will also be hosting an open house / public meeting the first week of May. At their July meeting they will present a consolidated report to the Park Commission, who will then prepare and forward the recommendation for naming these three park properties to the City Council in the fall.

Wouldn't you like to make a name recommendation yourself? To do so, contact the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530 or the Commission Vice Chair, Greg Gooch, at 253.906.1074.

Springtime in the Curran Apple Orchard!

Cabin fever got you down? Join us for a glimpse of spring and a lot of fun at the Curran Apple Orchard Pruning Parties! New and experienced volunteers are needed to help prune trees and spruce up the orchard. Master Gardeners are on hand to provide free instruction plus there are always great refreshments!

Bring work gloves, loppers, hand pruners and hand saws. Some tools are available to borrow. The last scheduled pruning party this spring will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, visit www.curranappleorchard.com or email apples@curranorchard.com.

Duck Daze Events – Saturday, Jun. 2

Continued from the front page...

Be sure to check out the information on the front page about the parade, which begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of 27th and Bridgeport and continues south to 37th, and the Duck Race which will take place immediately after the parade.

The schedule to the right lists the events for the entire day – pull this section out and bring it with you on Saturday, Jun. 2, so you don't miss any of the great attractions!

For general questions about Duck Daze, visit the City's website at www.CityofUP.com. For individual events, check the the contact information listed at the end of each of the articles on these two pages.

Duck Daze Schedule:

Peace Out 5k Fun Run	9 a.m. start
UPTown Cruisin' Car Show	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Duck Parade	10 a.m. start
Race a Duck	After parade
Fire & Police Open House	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Summerfest - Get Local Business Fair	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Treasures in the Park	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Peace Out 5k Fun Run

9 a.m. start – Chambers Bay Golf Course public trails, 9850 64th St. W.

The Peace Out Fun Run will be held on a fast and rolling paved course with a tough uphill finish. The basic entry fee is \$25. The first 200 registrants will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Other options will include free race entry with donations to Peace Out at, or above, the \$50 level.



Registration forms are available by visiting www.myPeaceOut.org.

For more information, contact Sue Sholin at 253.651.0378 or go to the website at www.mypeaceout.org.

Thank you to our sponsors: A+ Auto License, Puget Sound Energy, U.P. Refuse, Starbucks and American Neon, Inc.

This event is being held to raise funds for Peace Out, a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization established to foster a growing awareness among youth of the importance of civic and social responsibility through individual philanthropy.

Our mission is to enrich communities by giving teen students the experience of raising and donating money to causes that are important to them. Through Peace Out students earn community service hours that can be applied toward school graduation and other requirements.

UPTown Cruisin' Car Show

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Windmill Village Parking Areas

The UPTown Cruisin' Association and American Legion Post 138 invite all residents to our annual Car Show during Duck Daze. Come see one of the best displays of hot rods, tuners, classics, antique, modern cars and motorcycles. Last year we had over 100 vehicles on display – one of our largest turnouts – and a lot of these vehicles are housed right here in University Place!

Car and motorcycle owners who are interested in showing their vehicles can go to www.CityofUP.com/page350.aspx and download an application. Those who want to wait to check the sun level on Saturday morning are welcome on a drive-in basis, no reservations required. Fee for entry is staying at \$15 per vehicle this year. Proceeds will go to U.P. Community Supported Parks and Recreation.

In previous years UPTown Cruisin' Association has donated funds for the clock in Homestead Park, scholarships for students from Curtis High interested in the automotive industry, Operation Hands On, Families Unlimited Network and U.P. Parks & Recreation.

Show trophies are sponsored by local businesses and the grand prize has been sponsored and funded by Dixie Harris and Team



Insurance. Any business interested in sponsoring a trophy can contact Bob Schwartz at 253.381.6453 or Charlie Maxwell at 253.405.9014.

The UPTown Cruisin' Association is a group of local car enthusiasts who came together for this car show. The group started when the U.P. Festival was held at the Curtis High School baseball fields, then the football field, to Cirque Park and now at Town Center and Duck Daze. Anyone interested in helping us is welcome. There are NO membership fees other than helping with the Car Show. Contact Bob or Charlie at the above numbers. Polish the chrome, buff up the finish, check the oil and water and we'll see you on Jun. 2!



Fire & Police Open House

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – WPFR Headquarters, Station 31

Do you have junior firefighters or policemen in your midst? Children of all ages love to check out the police cars, fire engines and all of the cool equipment available for viewing at the Fire & Police Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at West Pierce Fire & Rescue Headquarters.



There will be refreshments, helmets, life jackets, tattoos and more! Best of all, family members of all ages will have the chance to meet and talk with local law enforcement professionals and learn all about what they do!



Highlights of the day will include:

- Refreshments
- Face painting, temporary tattoos
- Pierce County Sheriff's Special Units
- Helmet & life jacket fittings – child must be present – cash only
 - \$14 Life jackets
 - \$7 Bike helmets
 - \$10 Multi-sport helmets

Non-perishable food donations will be collected for local area food banks – don't forget to grab yours as you head to the parade!

Get Local Summerfest

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Market Place

Are you a business that wants to be involved in our community?

Let people know who you are by joining us for this third Get Local event, this time being held at Duck Daze. Put together a gift basket for display that will encourage people to stop by your booth.

Registration includes the pre-event celebration at the Wine Bank in University Place. Booth space is available for \$100. Proceeds from the Summerfest will benefit U.P. Community Supported Parks and Recreation.

Contact Dixie Harris at Team Insurance, 253.564.6373, or download the Get Local application from www.CityofUP.com.



Treasures in the Park

June 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Homestead Park

After you enjoy the Annual Duck Parade, bring the family on down to Homestead Park, where you can join the crowd in the hunt for treasures at this year's annual "Treasures in the Park" event. The event is free, open to the public, and a great opportunity for family fun. You don't want to miss this!

Treasures in the Park is University Place's community garage, antique and plant sale. On-stage entertainment will feature an array of local musicians and dance groups throughout the day. There may even be an opportunity for budding vocalists to showcase their talent during a fun karaoke session. Sign up for a booth, clean out those closets, bring out the antiques, reusable and new treasures to sell. There will be bargains galore, rides and activities for the kids, food, fun and entertainment on stage for the whole family.

Booth space for this great event is limited, so sign up for your space today! 10x10 spaces are available at an early bird rate of \$50 if you sign up by May 15 and the regular rate of \$60 after May 15. The final deadline to sign up is May 31. Applications are available online on the City's event calendar at www.CityofUP.com. For more information, call Ken Grassi at 253.278.1946.



CAB Connection

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

Through the Community Connections Program, the City benefits greatly by the generosity of the soldiers providing countless hours of volunteer services at our local parks, community projects and events. Through their volunteerism and service, the soldiers connect with the community, and the 16th CAB becomes part of the City's community

family. University Place is a great place for the soldiers and their families to call home...away from home.

The 16th CAB Battalions are comprised of 4,000 troops and their families, and is the largest aviation brigade west of the Mississippi. During the past few months, discussions have taken place regarding potential collaboration on events including the U.P. Festival and City participation with the Special Olympics, among others. In the months ahead, the City will help to facilitate and foster event coordination and relationship building between key community groups and



Members of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade dug post holes for the community-built Playground by the Sound.

our community partner, the 16th CAB.

For more information or to participate in upcoming discussions relating to the CAB, please call 253.460.2500.

A new Branch Manager for the U.P. Pierce County Library

The University Place Pierce County Library welcomed a new Branch Manager in March. Jennifer Patterson replaced Cindy Bonaro, who retired at the beginning of the year.

Jennifer has over 14 years of library experience and has worked as a law librarian, children's librarian and a training librarian before moving into public library management and administration. She spent the past six years at the Seattle Public Library, serving most recently as a Public Services Director overseeing the Central Library and the 26 branch libraries. She worked at the Pierce County Library System in 2005 to 2006

as a temporary manager at the South Hill and Graham Pierce County Libraries.

She has continued to be impressed with the services and innovation that she has seen from the Pierce County Library System during the past several years and is excited to be back working for this excellent library system. Jennifer was particularly interested in working at the University Place Library because of the great community and the beautiful new building. Jennifer is looking forward to getting to know community members and organizations, so stop by and say hello.

Nat'l recognition for Curran house

The University Place Historical Society recently learned that the Curran House and property have been named to the National Register of Historic Places.

"The National Register records the tangible reminders of the history of the United States and is the official repository for documentation of cultural resources worthy of preservation," writes Dr. Allyson Brooks, Washington State Historic Preservation Officer, in a letter to UPHS president Cindy Bonaro.

This is the first National Register listing in University Place, and Allyson Brooks commends our community's support and stewardship of this "significant property." As a fairly young city, University Place can salute this honor which documents our contribution to the rich cultural heritage of Washington State.



An old photo of Charles and Mary Curran at the Brookside fenceline of what is now the Curran Apple Orchard on Grandview Drive.

Upcoming UPCSPR Events

Joeseppi's Italian Ristorante
Take-Over Day



Pasta for Parks
Wednesday, May 16
4-8 p.m.
2207 North Pearl Street, Tacoma
Call 253.761.5555 for reservations

This event is presented by West Pierce Fire & Rescue and the University Place Police Department. A special thank you to our sponsor **At Your Service Plumbing.**

Proceeds from the Pasta for Parks will support the University Place Community Supported Parks and Recreation 501(c)3.

Contact Dixie Harris at Team Insurance, 253.564.6373, for more information.

Grillin' for Seniors BBQ

Save the date: Wednesday, Jul. 18

Grillin' for Seniors is presented by West Pierce Fire & Rescue and the University Place Police Department. Thank you to sponsors **New Tacoma Cemeteries & Funeral Home** and **Directors Mortgage.**

Proceeds will support the University Place Community Supported Parks and Recreation 501(c)3.

Contact Dixie Harris at Team Insurance, 253.564.6373, for more information.

Sign up today for Camp UPlay!

Summer fun is right around the corner! Sign your 5 to 12-year-old up today for Summer Day Camp UPlay! Each week consists of creative arts, games, crafts, nature discoveries, fun projects and great field trips from Northwest Trek to the Sky High indoor trampoline. Campers go swimming one to two times a week and attend a summer movie program. All activities are included!



The week-long program is available on a weekly basis and is run by a staff that enjoys working as counselors so much that many of them return each year. Kids must bring a sack lunch, snacks and something to drink every day. Space is limited – sign up starts now! Call 253.460.2530 to sign up your kids today.

Outdoor Soccer League Youth Volleyball

University Place Parks & Recreation is excited about the new summer sports league that is about to begin! Register your pre-k through 2nd grader today for the Summer Outdoor Soccer League. Registration deadline is Jun. 15 with this co-ed league set to begin after Jul. 4.

This will be a six-game season and games will be held during the week, no weekend games. The cost is \$45, which also includes a uniform. This is an instructional league, great for introducing youth to the ever popular game of soccer.

To find out how to register, call the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530.



With youth volleyball being such a successful sport in University Place, the Parks & Recreation Department is excited to offer a youth volleyball clinic and two summer camps! Experienced, energetic and knowledgeable coaches will provide a fun environment to develop the fundamental skills required to play volleyball. In addition, participants will learn basic offensive and defensive strategies along with communication skills needed to play as a team.

The clinic will be held May 17 – Jun. 7 for ages 9-13 years. Call the Recreation Office today at 253.460.2530 to register.

Explore the possibilities with Art Day Camp

Parks & Recreation is excited to bring back this week-long summer Art Day Camp sponsored by Liberty Towing. The camp focuses solely on the arts for ages 8-12 years. Campers will let their imaginations run wild as they draw, paint, sculpt and perform other styles of art. Young artists will also take field trips to the Tacoma Art Museum, Seattle and local galleries.

At the end of camp, campers will create their very own gallery with their artwork displayed so that friends and family can view their amazing pieces. Come join us in a unique getaway into the fantastic world of art! Register by calling 253.460.2530.

Strength/Conditioning Camp Track Club for youth 9-18

Athletes, do you want to start your season ahead of the competition? Coaches, do you want your athletes beginning their sports season already in shape? Be sure to register for the Scholar Athlete Strength and Conditioning Camp.

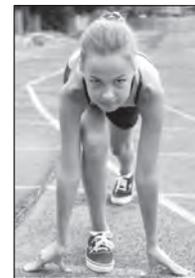
A week of intense, get-off-the-couch workouts designed to get you physically and mentally ready for all fall sports. From basic core aerobic conditioning exercises, to more challenging plyometrics and agility drills, athletes will get stronger and fitter for optimum success in both team and individual sports. Sports massage therapy, nutritional counseling, flexibility, sports psychology and basic exercise physiology concepts will also be included.

The camp will be held Jul. 30 – Aug. 3 for 11-18 year olds from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 253.460.2530 to register.

University Place Parks & Recreation is bringing back our Youth Track Club for ages 9-18. The summer of 2011 was the first time we offered the youth track program. With 15 youths participating, it was a big success!

Youth will have six weeks of training with experienced track and field coaches – and they will even have the opportunity to compete in a track meet! Track Club will focus on running and jumping events.

Registration deadline is Jun. 1; the program begins Jun. 12. Call today to register for one or both of these programs at 253.460.2530.



University Place Parks & Recreation has a Facebook page – it's the easiest way to keep up-to-date on Rec events, classes and programs. 'Like' us today!



Is there a burglary problem in University Place?

Over the past several months various media sources have reported a regional increase in burglaries. When we are affected by crime, we have a tendency to assume that the neighborhood is going down the tubes and/or the City is plagued with crime. Feelings of safety and security are replaced with paranoia and insecurity.

The truth of the matter is that burglary in University Place is NOT significantly on the rise.

Residential Burglary in U.P.	
2009	162
2010	183
2011	173
2011 Feb. YTD	39
2012 Feb. YTD	41

It is important for neighbors to have an accurate understanding of what is really going on, however, if you've been affected by crime, it can be hard not to feed into perceptions of an overall increase in crime. What can you do? You can become empowered by increasing your personal awareness, apply good prevention strategies and report all suspicious activity by dialing 911.

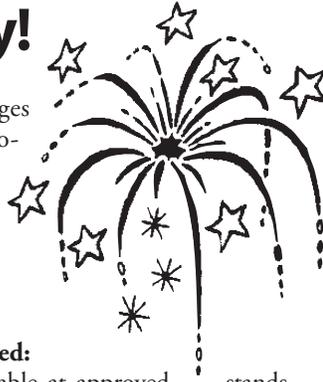
Many folks are not aware that MOST burglaries occur during the daytime. Burglars will often go door to door asking random questions like "Can you tell me how to get to Curtis Junior High School" or offer to clean gutters. It is important for neighbors to use good common sense and when they get that uneasy feeling about a person in their neighborhood, take the time to report it to authorities. If you feel that a speedy response will make a difference, dial 911. All other reports can go to the 24-hour non-emergency number: 253.798.4722.

In addition to reporting suspicious activity to authorities, neighbors can also increase safety by informing one another of suspicious circumstances, keeping an eye on each other and

working together to prevent crime. Neighbors can learn more about how to do this by hosting a neighborhood/police meeting by calling Jennifer Hales at 253.798.3141. Your University Place Police team is eager to help you gain a better understanding of crime in your neighborhood, crime in your City and how we can work together to continue to make University Place one of the safest and most livable communities around.

On this Fourth of July – celebrate safely!

West Pierce Fire & Rescue encourages everyone to leave fireworks to the professionals and attend a public display. However, if you decide to use fireworks, we'd like to remind you to be prepared, be safe and be responsible this Fourth of July.



Before you light fireworks — be prepared:

- Purchase only legal fireworks, available at approved stands.
- Talk with family members and guests about laws in your area.
- Place pets indoors; they may become frightened.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to place used fireworks inside.
- Have a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out any stray sparks from fireworks.
- Know the emergency number to call for your area, your home address/location, and basic first aid.

When lighting fireworks — be safe:

- Only a designated adult should light all fireworks.
- Light one at a time, move away quickly, and keep at a safe distance until the display is finished.
- Use only outdoors, away from anything that can burn.
- To prevent injuries, never throw fireworks and never hold fireworks in your hand.

After you finish — be responsible:

- Clean up all debris when finished.
- If a device does not light or fire, an adult should wait at least 15 minutes and approach it carefully.
- Place it in a bucket of water to soak.
- Be sure all unused fireworks, matches and lighters are out of the sight and reach of children.

West Pierce Fire reminds you to play it safe this summer

As the weather gets warmer, West Pierce Fire & Rescue sees an increase in injuries related to outdoor activities, travel and the heat. To help you play it safe this summer, we'd like to share a few safety tips with you.

• Gear up for safety.



Make sure everyone wears the right safety gear when riding bikes, scooters, roller blades or skates. Helmets can reduce the chance of a head injury by nearly 90 percent.

• Be water wise.

Closely supervise all children who are near or around the water. And everyone needs to wear a life jacket when out on the water. Life jackets float, you don't.

• Ride Right.

Buckle up every time you get in the car. Make sure children are riding in an appropriate car or booster seat. And, remember, 12 and under should ride in the back seat.

• Watch the window.

When opening windows on upper levels of your home, use window guards to limit the opening size and move all furniture that can be climbed on away from the window. This will help prevent children from falling from the window.

• Hot – hot – hot!

When the sun comes out, things heat up and can hurt us. Avoid sunburns by wearing protective clothing, using sunscreen and staying in the shade during peak sun times. As you grill up a summer meal, keep children away from the hot BBQ and do not use gasoline to light the grill. And never leave a child alone in a car. The internal temperature of a car heats up very quickly and can be deadly for a child.

Let's clear the air



During the winter, many residents are breathing unhealthy air. Most of Pierce County currently exceeds the federal health standard for fine particles. These fine particles are coming from residential wood burning devices, such as wood stoves and fireplaces. Breathing wood smoke is a health hazard and can harm you and your neighbors. Wood smoke has been linked to increased heart and lung disease, asthma, strokes, and cancer. Children, older adults and people with respiratory and cardiac illnesses are especially at risk.

There are three main consequences of exceeding the federal standards: 1) More attention is being placed on homes using wood burning devices; 2) Local businesses are impacted because they have to meet tougher emission standards than similar businesses in other communities; and, 3) If we don't solve the problem, the federal government may dictate the solutions which could prohibit wood burning devices.

This fall money will be available to help residents switch to cleaner heating devices. To sign up for programs to change out wood stoves, visit: www.cleanairpiercecouny.org.

Ready to switch to non-hearth alternatives?

- Electric, natural gas, and propane fireplace inserts are OK to use during burn bans
- Air-source heat pumps and Energy Star gas furnaces are efficient and cleaner
- Ductless heat pumps are efficient and excellent for baseboard heated homes

Looking for cleaner hearth options?

- EPA Certified wood stoves produce less smoke and burn more efficiently than an uncertified wood stove, and are OK to use during a Stage 1 burn ban
- Pellet stoves are simple and efficient to use and are OK during Stage 1 burn bans
- Manufactured logs are cleaner and some burn longer than wood

If you currently have a certified woodstove or fireplace, please follow these simple steps:

- **Check before you burn.** Know when a burn ban is issued or cancelled. Call toll-free at 1.800.595.4341 or visit www.cleanairpiercecouny.org.
- **Check your chimney for smoke.** Generating excess chimney smoke is un-neighborly and illegal. To file a wood smoke complaint call toll-free at 1.800.552.3565.
- **Learn to burn cleaner.** Burn only dry, seasoned firewood or manufactured logs – it is illegal to burn anything else.

For more tips please visit www.epa.gov/burnwise.

It is in the best interest of our community to reduce the amount of wood smoke in our air, please do your part!

Joint website makes licensing your pet easier

Pet licensing in Pierce County is done by multiple agencies – which in the past has been confusing to the public. The City of University Place has recently chosen to help alleviate the confusion by partnering with Pierce County (includes Carbonado, South Prairie and Wilkeson), Tacoma (includes Fircrest), Sumner Metro (includes Algona, Bonney Lake, Edgewood, Milton, Pacific and Puyallup) and Lakewood (includes Dupont and Steilacoom) in a regional pet license information website.

At www.PierceCountyPets.org a citizen needing a pet license can enter their address, get information and link to the jurisdiction responsible for issuing the license. The website will improve citizen access to pet licensing, create a uniform entry point for information, allow sharing of common animal control messages, reduce citizen confusion as to licensing jurisdiction, and increase pet licensing compliance.

Look for this new website to become active in April 2012.



Green UP Trivia

Question: Can you name two items that should not be put in your single stream recycling toter?

Improvements in how recyclable materials are processed have made recycling facilities much more efficient. But there are materials that should not be included with your single stream recycling. Some of these items may harm the machinery, reduce the processing plant's efficiency, or even present a potential health risk to workers. Make sure you know what should be placed in your recycling toter and what should be recycled or disposed of elsewhere.

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 sbutter@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 relatives of employees are not eligible. You must be a University Place resident to win. If you won a prize previously, you may not receive a prize but are encouraged to participate.



Door to door sales in University Place

Spring and summer are upon us and, with the increase in warm weather, we often see an increase in door to door sales in our City. There is a lot of confusion out there about the rules and regulations that solicitors must follow to be allowed to sell door to door. It is important for residents to understand these regulations so that they can be better informed, increase awareness and report suspicious activity as it is occurring.

Do solicitors/peddlers in University Place need to be licensed?

Yes. Solicitation businesses must complete a solicitor license application and submit it to the City. The permit is reviewed by various City Department Heads, including the Chief of Police. Additionally, an individual solicitor must receive a background check and approval of the Police Chief.

Are ALL representatives of a soliciting entity required to carry a license?

Yes. All solicitors are required to carry the license on their person while soliciting. It is good practice to ask to see this license and, if there is no proof of a license, neighbors can report activity to

police by calling non-emergency at 253.798.4722 (24 hours). Your police team has an interest in people disguising themselves as door to door salespeople. There are many legitimate vendors that use this method to sell things and there are many who simply use it as a cover and mean to do you harm. Plain and simple, if they don't have a license, we want to know about it.

Are there lawful times for a person to peddle and solicit?

Yes. Oct. 1 through Apr. 30 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. of any day. May 1 through Sep. 30 between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. of any day.

If you are getting people at your door outside of these time frames please report it to non-

emergency (24 hours) at 253.798.4722.

Residents who are concerned about door to door sales or get that "uneasy feeling" should report it to police by calling non-emergency at 253.798.4722. Nobody knows your neighborhood better than you do. Don't assume that police know about the issue. It is your neighborhood; you have an obligation to your neighbors to keep it safe. Don't talk yourself out of an "uneasy feeling." Your police team relies on those reports to partner with you to solve crime.

If you have questions about door to door sales or would like to set up a neighborhood Block Watch, please call Jennifer Hales at 253.798.3141.

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

May 17 – 6 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

May 16, Jun. 6 & 20 – 7 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

May 17 – 7:30 a.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

May 10, Jun 14 – 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public. Contact the City Clerk's Office at 253.460.2510 for more information.

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
- Business is UP

Visit our Website: www.CityofUP.com/Page49.aspx for a weekly schedule. Send program suggestions and comments to UPTV@CityofUP.com or call Linda Seesz, Communications/I.T. Manager, at 253.460.2537.

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