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## Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

*Mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 1*



Local school carolers, Santa photos, a silent auction, food and clothing/gift drives, plus hands-on holiday activities for children are the highlights of this year's annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** on **Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** throughout the Market Square complex at 3609 Bridgeport Way West.



Begin the day by bringing in your leashed pet to get a photo with Santa at **"Santa Paws" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at Windmill Village. Sponsored by SUNDOGS, photos are \$10 each and all proceeds go toward the off leash dog park.

Be sure to see (or participate in!) the popular **"Duck the Halls" event, from 1 - 3 p.m.** in Market Square. Benefiting the F.U.N. Food Bank in University Place, registered singing groups will have just eight minutes to capture your holiday heart. Audience members are invited to bring food donations.

Just as the carolers close, **Santa will make his grand arrival at 3 p.m.** Children and parents alike love this opportunity to share their holiday wishlist as well as get their own commemorative photo with Santa.

A real community favorite, from **3:30 - 5:30 p.m.** carolers and musicians from **University Place Schools** will entertain the crowd with seasonal tunes.

The day is filled with much, much more. Be sure to check out: **The Gingerbread House Activity** in the U.P. Library; fun gifts for everyone on your list at the **Silent Auction**; the **"Get Local"** businessfest; **holiday crafts** for children, sponsored by the U.P. Youth Council; the annual **gift, clothing and food drives** sponsored by the U.P. Firefighters and Families Unlimited Network. Last, but certainly not least, the day culminates with a community sing-along and the **lighting of the Christmas tree at 6 p.m.** For a complete schedule of the day's activities, turn to **page 7**.

Volunteers are needed for event setup and takedown. For more information, contact Ken Grassi at 253.278.1946. Happy Holidays!



### Meet your local businesses at "Get Local"

Join us for our fourth "Get Local" Businessfest, presented by U.P. Community Supported Parks & Recreation, City of University Place and U.P./Fircrest Chamber of Commerce.

Booths will be located on Candy Cane Lane from **12:30 to 6:30 p.m.** during the Christmas Tree Lighting festivities on **Saturday, Dec. 1**. Come and meet with your local businesses to see what is new and exciting this year. Be sure to stop and bid on the silent auction baskets at every booth. These are great businesses that help raise funds that support the youth and seniors in our community.

To apply for booth space, please contact Dixie Harris at 253.564.6373.



# Council Corner

One of the most important events in the history of University Place is headed our way in less than three years. The beautiful Chambers Bay Golf Course has been selected by the United States Golf Association as the site of the 2015 U.S. Open Championship.

This most prestigious championship in American golf has never before come to the State of Washington, and in 2015 University Place will be its host city. Golfers and golf fans from around the world will be visiting our City. The 2015 U.S. Open represents an unprecedented honor and an important opportunity for the State of Washington, Pierce County, and the City of University Place.

In order to identify and seize the opportunity, as well as keep our residents informed about the championship, the University Place City Council has created a City Council 2015 U.S. Open Host City Task Force (2015 Task Force). I co-chair the Task Force with Councilmember Kent Keel, and Councilmember Javier Figueroa is the third member. We call our effort a task force rather than a committee, because unlike a typical committee we have a single defined mission.

Our mission is to research, study, learn and coordinate with local governments and business associations to implement plans to increase the public awareness and economic development opportunities for University Place to make the 2015 U.S. Open the most pleasant and rewarding

experience possible for U.P. citizens, USGA Officials, players and golfing fans alike. The 2015 Task Force will focus on host city issues, and as the research and planning progresses we expect to be in contact with local business associations, community organizations and others.

The work of the 2015 Task Force is now underway and as we gain information and identify opportunities for University Place and our residents, we will be giving periodic updates to our City Council colleagues and the public. Information and updates will be posted on the City's website and there will be special links to allow you to ask questions or make suggestions to Task Force members.

As the host city, it is imperative that we plan ahead to identify and take advantage of the tremendous opportunities that the U.S. Open will afford our City. It is also vital to provide our residents information about the tournament and let companies who are sponsoring or are otherwise tied to the event know that University Place is open for business and new investment.

The national and worldwide exposure our City will receive from hosting the world's best golfers is a huge opportunity. We look forward to exploring, identifying and seizing many of the positive opportunities for University Place that will arise out of the 2015 U.S. Open.

Chris Nye, City Councilmember



Councilmember Chris Nye

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## PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

- Nov. 5 – Meeting Cancelled
- Nov. 12 – No Meeting  
Veterans' Day
- Nov. 19 – 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting
- Nov. 26 – Meeting Cancelled
- Dec. 3 – 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting
- Dec. 10 – 6:30 p.m.  
Special Meeting
- Dec. 17 – 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

*All City Council meetings are held in the Town Hall meeting room, Windmill Village, 3715 Bridgeport Way, usually at 6:30 p.m. (unless otherwise posted). Changes to meeting times and locations are posted at City Hall, University Place Library, Fire District #3 and at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com), or contact the City Clerk's Office at 253.460.2510 for current information about meeting dates and agendas.*

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Nov. 15 & Dec. 20 – 6 p.m.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Nov. 7 & 21, Dec. 5 & 19 – 7 p.m.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Nov. 15 & Dec. 20 – 7:30 a.m.

### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Nov. 8 & Dec. 13 – 6:30 p.m.

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

## Commission Vacancies

Commissioners are citizens who, through their volunteer efforts, play an integral role in the growth and development of their city. Citizens serving on the City's Commissions apply their unique knowledge and experiences to the issues and the needs of the City and then create ideas, identify resources, and make recommendations toward fulfilling the Council's Vision.

Applications for terms beginning in 2013 are currently being accepted from citizens interested in

serving on the following commissions:

- Economic Development Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Public Safety Commission

The application deadline is Nov. 30. Forms are available on-line at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) and at City Hall.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 253.566.5656.

# An Olympic Achievement

*U.P.'s Adrienne Martelli brings home hardware from London*

For two weeks this summer, Americans from Miami to Seattle cheered on U.S. athletes as they faced competitors from around the world at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games. But while the nation and the media may have been focused on the men's basketball "Dream Team," many residents of University Place scoured the sports pages for the results of the women's sculling competition and the accomplishments of one particular athlete, U.P. resident Adrienne Martelli.

Martelli was a member of the U.S. Quadruple Scull team that won a bronze medal in the 2,000-meter race. (Sculling is the rowing sport in which each member of the boat has two oars, unlike "sweeping," in which each rower uses only one oar.) In honor of her Olympic achievement, Mayor Ken Grassi declared Aug. 1, 2012 "Adrienne Martelli Day" in University Place.

You might say her Olympic success was literally the culmination of years of blood, sweat and tears. Martelli competed for the University of Washington and several national teams prior to the Olympic Games, so this was not her first taste of international competition. But having trained for years to finally reach her ultimate goal of making the Olympic team and the right to represent her country in the Olympics, Martelli says this competition trumped all others.

She and her teammates arrived in London 10 days before their racing began, but those days were hardly spent visiting the sites and sipping tea. The team continued its Olympic preparations with more hours of training and practicing, so much so that she and her boat mates did not even get to attend the Opening Ceremonies. "We had to race the next day," she says, recalling that they needed to be in bed by 9 p.m. and the ceremonies would not have been over by then.

In fact, Martelli says during the first half of her Olympic experience, she stayed so focused on the competition that she pur-

posely blocked out the magnitude of the moment. "It was almost like I had blinders on," she says. "I didn't allow myself to think about where I was."

It wasn't until her final race in the medal round that she says she finally allowed herself to grasp the magnitude of all she had achieved.

"I finally said to myself, 'You are racing in an Olympic final.'"

Her boat finished third in the race, earning a bronze medal. It marked the first time a U.S. boat has ever won a medal in a 2,000-meter event. "It was a really big deal and it is one of the things I am most proud of," Martelli says.

Standing on the medal stand, she found herself overcome with emotion. "I was overwhelmed," she recalls. "I was so happy to have all the work we put into it pay off and I was proud to represent our country and to see our flag."

Her Olympic mission accomplished, Martelli could finally become an Olympic spectator instead of a competitor. She was able to take in a beach volleyball game and was there when Saudi Arabia's first female athletes competed in the women's 800-meter heat in track and field. "That was really neat because even though they only had a two-person team and they didn't win, they received a standing ovation," she recalls.

Although she never got to meet some of her more well-known teammates, such as Michael Phelps or LeBron James, she did have the chance to meet fellow athletes from other countries, a



*The U.S. Quadruple Scull team was all smiles on the medal stand (from left to right): Natalie Dell, Kara Kohler, Megan Kalmoe and Adrienne Martelli. Photo credit: Ed Hewitt, Row2k.com.*

memory that is capped off by her recollections of the games' closing ceremonies. "Walking into the arena and seeing all the performers and hearing the crowd cheering for you, seeing the flags from all over, it was such an incredible event," she says. "It was just wonderful to be part of a really clean competition and watch people having fun in a peaceful environment."

The games may be over, but for Martelli, the fanfare is not. In addition to the proclamation of Adrienne Martelli Day in University Place, she has traveled to Washington D.C. to meet the President and First Lady and has also attended a movie premiere in Philadelphia. Back home in University Place, she has been the guest of honor at the Curtis homecoming game and spoken to various community groups.

Although undecided about whether she will continue her sculling career, Martelli says her Olympic experience has given her the opportunity to make friends around the globe while also reconnecting with folks back home. "All that is going on has let me catch up with teachers, classmates and coaches that I've kind of lost touch with over the years," she says. "It's been great."



## Parks & Rec has moved!

Your University Place Parks & Recreation team has made their move to the **Civic Building, 3609 Market Place, Suite 101**. Just across the atrium from the U.P. branch of the Pierce County Library, the Rec staff are looking forward to this location being a real convenience for the community.

So stop on in and say hi to your Recreation Team (from left to right): Public Works/Parks Director Gary Cooper, Recreation Supervisor Brason Alexander, Recreation Specialist Brittany Bibby, and Parks & Recreation Manager Todd Smith.

# The Library's new manager is no stranger to U.P.



Even though she probably is a new face to most University Place citizens, Lynne Zeiher started her career with Pierce County Library over 19 years ago supervising several branches including University Place. During those years, she also served as the manager of many of the branches around the County, including 17 years at the Gig Harbor branch. Most recently she worked on various special projects at the

Library's administrative center, all the while hoping to find her way back to a branch like U.P. Lynne started as the Branch Manager in U.P. on Oct. 1.

Returning to University Place is particularly satisfying not only because it is a great new building with many special features, but also because the staff and people in U.P. are really wonderful. Her goal is to have continuous improvement and excellent customer service for all of the U.P. community.

In her first days at the library, Lynne began to make connections with the U.P. community by participating in United for U.P., the Christmas Tree Lighting Committee and U.P. Library Friends groups. One of her goals is to meet with more of the groups, businesses and organizations in the U.P. area so that the Library can be more receptive to the community's needs.

Lynne's "claim to fame" in the library world is as the creator of the PCLS Library Book Cart Drill Team that began in 1996 and has appeared in many parades throughout the County, including several Duck Daze parades. After her book "Library Book Cart Drill Team Manual" was published, teams began popping up around the country. They became so popular that the American Library Association has a national competition at their annual conference.

Ms. Zeiher has a BA from Wake Forest University, in Winston-Salem, NC, 1974, and a MSLS (Masters of Science in Library Science) from University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 1978. She is a Member and Youth Exchange Officer of the Gig Harbor MidDay Rotary.

She is married to a retired computer tech rep and considers herself a dog lover, currently owning a Clumber Spaniel and a Clumber/Springer mix. Lynne is a major Harry Potter fan and has visited the Wizarding World of Harry Potter in Orlando, FL.

## Be "In the Know" with "Business is UP"!

Quick...can you name University Place's largest and most visible economic development project? And did you realize that it is a public/private partnership, and do you know what that means? The answers to these questions can be found in the second episode of "Business is UP," a City-produced television program focused on how our community is attracting and welcoming business and commerce in order to enhance the quality of life that every U.P. resident enjoys.

Mariza Craig, Assistant City Manager for Community and Economic Development, hosts City Manager Steve Sugg in a segment reviewing the vision for Town Center, both its history and its current status. The Civic Building, a structure that features prominently in the Town Center vision, is a reality, and is becoming a focus for activity. The hope is that soon the Market Square Plaza and the Civic Building atrium will be viewed as the City's "living room," a place where every member of the community feels comfortable and makes use of the space for relaxation and enjoyment. The amenities built into these areas, including the fire pit, water feature, and fireplace, as well as plenty of tables, chairs and benches, enhance the usability of these spaces, and were specifically designed to attract regular leisure time use.

And if you have been wondering what is being constructed directly to the north of the Civic Building, this show gives you the opportunity to

hear from the developers themselves. Steve and Kevin Berg of SEB Inc. are Ms. Craig's guests for the second half of the program. They speak about the project – the Clearview Building – and even mention an anticipated date when the building will be ready for occupancy.

The Bergs chose this location in University Place specifically because of the energy and synergy that will be created by the various uses in the Civic Building, and the desirability of the University Place community. Several of the Bergs' other developments are shown, giving the viewer an idea of the quality and caliber of the University Place project when it is completed.

If you want to know what is going on in your community, you won't want to miss this edition of "Business is UP"! You can view the show everyday on Click! channel 12 or Comcast channel 21 at 5:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.



## New tennis courts a hit at Curtis High

Tennis players are busy serving and returning on four brand new tennis courts and three refurbished courts at Curtis High School this autumn. The new courts offer University Place residents yet another outdoor recreational opportunity to enjoy.

Completed in Aug. and located just behind the new visitors' stadium where the north parking lot previously sat, the courts are another visible example of what the School District's 2006 voter-approved capital bond has provided in University Place. The bond, approved by over two-thirds of voters, was the major funding source for a variety of significant projects, including the new courts and the new covered visitors' section of the stadium.

"Without the community support, our School District would not have the outstanding reputation in academics and athletics that we currently

enjoy," Terry Pullen, UPSD Deputy Superintendent explained, "We deeply appreciate the community partnership, and look forward to sharing our aquatic center, tennis courts, and other facilities with the general public."

The new courts replace courts that were spotted with potholes and striped with cracks, made worse by winter flooding due to runoff water that flowed in their direction. The three salvaged and refurbished courts and the four new courts provide a safer facility for current and future tennis players.

According to Pullen, the new courts are already seeing plenty of use, including physical education classes throughout the school day and community use after school hours. On some evenings, all seven of the courts are occupied by community members enjoying the fresh, smooth court surfaces and the cool fall weather, an image of enjoyment sure to be seen for years to come.

## Final Fall Arts & Concerts Show

We hope you've been enjoying the second annual Fall Arts & Concerts Series sponsored by UP for Arts! The final event, pairing a watercolor artist with a musical group, will again occur in the atrium of the Civic Building, 3609 Market Square, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30. Admission is \$10.

**Watercolor Artist Bonnie Cargol** will showcase various subjects including landscapes, waterscapes and floral designs. **Singer & Songwriter Kelsie Bahr**, along with her band (Drummer Jason Bahr, Osama Afifi on base and Cliff Colon on sax) will provide outstanding soul, funk, gospel and jazz.

For more information, please visit [www.upforart.org](http://www.upforart.org). Special thanks to event sponsors Skelley Piano and Orlandini & Waldron.

## Squeezing cider is fun!

The second Sunday in Sept. found the Curran Apple Orchard filled with people looking for a good time and some home-grown fresh-squeezed apple cider. With apple pie, ice cream and Kiwanis hotdogs on hand for the hungry, the Sunset Bible Bluegrass Band to entertain those awaiting pressing, and beautiful Pacific Northwest Sept. weather, the crowd was kept busy and happy. Thank you to CORE for sponsoring this great event!



## Pierce County gears up for major construction at the Chambers Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

Pierce County's Sewer Utility has been planning for the expansion of the Chambers Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) since 2007. Pre-construction activities began in 2011, and in Jan. 2013, construction of the WWTP expansion itself will begin.

The purpose of the expansion project is to repair and replace aging treatment plant infrastructure, keep plant capacity ahead of demand, and accommodate all current and future customers with a cost effective, environmentally responsible sanitary sewer system. Routine maintenance and replacement has done a great job of preserving and extending the life of the original treatment plant. However, after nearly 30 years some major pieces of the equipment and facilities need to be replaced to

avoid potential failure of the existing system.

University Place businesses may experience a boost during construction. Pierce County estimates that nearly 400 trade workers will be onsite during the construction peak. These additional workers are likely to make local purchases, increasing sales and generating forecasted local sales tax revenues in excess of \$300,000 over the four-year construction period.

### Upcoming Construction Activities

The General Contractor/Construction Manager (GC/CM), Mortenson Construction, is mobilizing on site now and will soon launch into construction of the first of four packages. This first unit of construction will occur from Nov. 2012 through Oct. 2014 and will build a new

fueling facility, laboratory, operations building, and maintenance storage building. Also included is rehabilitation of the energy dissipator, which is an important element in controlling odor at the WWTP.

Impacts to University Place residents will be minimal. Construction work will be contained on the treatment plant site and construction traffic will be primarily confined to Chambers Creek Road for the duration of the project. The Chambers Creek Properties recreational areas and trails will not be affected by the construction. Allowed construction hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and holidays.

Visit [www.piercecountywa.org/sewerexpansion](http://www.piercecountywa.org/sewerexpansion) to get up-to-date information about the project.

## Grandview Interceptor Rehabilitation Phase 1 construction update

Pierce County's Sewer and Water Utilities will begin construction this fall on the Grandview Interceptor. Construction will occur between Heitman Way W. and Cirque Drive W.

The contractor was on site in late Oct. to set up traffic control and the above-ground bypass pipe. The sewage that normally flows through the interceptor pipe will be re-routed through this temporary bypass to allow the

contractor to rehabilitate the interceptor.

Local residents and visitors will see concrete dividers along the bike lane on Grandview Drive separating traffic from the bypass pipe. Readerboards at either end of the project will inform travelers of any traffic impacts.

Preventative maintenance is an important part of the Utilities' Asset Management pro-

gram. Without this project the interceptor pipe could fail, creating sinkholes and sewage spills. Large road excavations will be avoided by using Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) technology and the above-ground sewer bypass pipe will reduce the amount of time road lanes need to be closed.

For more information about the project, visit [www.piercecountywa.org/grandview](http://www.piercecountywa.org/grandview).

**Correction: Team Insurance and Titan Enterprises were mistakenly left off the University Place Festival sponsor list in the Sept./Oct. edition of the "Headlines." We apologize for this mistake and wish to thank Team Insurance and Titan Enterprises for their roles as University Place Festival sponsors!**

# All Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner



Volunteers from University Place will provide a delicious quality meal for members of the community on Thanksgiving, Nov. 22 from 12-2 p.m., at the University Place Primary School Cafeteria, 2708 Grandview Drive W.

This is a community dinner and everyone is welcome at no charge. Join several of our U.P. Councilmembers for a delicious meal with friends and families. RSVP to U.P. Refuse at 253.564.3212.

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

Sponsored by the U.P. Volunteer Center, U.P. Refuse, Superior Linen, Owens Press and Mr. Rick's Catering.

## West Pierce Professional Firefighters Local 1488 Annual Christmas Project

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

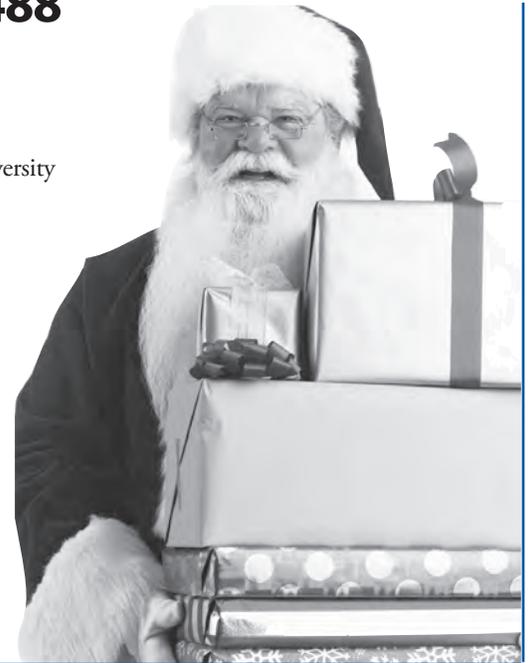
**Gifts and clothing are needed for infants and children through 17 years old**

Winter coats (new)  
Teen gifts (gift cards,  
MP3 players, hair accessories)

Bikes (new)  
Fleece throw blankets  
Christmas stockings

**To donate to our Christmas Project, please bring items to the Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 1 or deliver to the following donation sites:**

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



## University Place Community Food Drive on Nov. 17

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming University Place Community Food Drive scheduled for Nov. 17, the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Food and cash donations benefit the "Families Unlimited Network" food bank in University Place.

Thank you to the many volunteers in the University Place community for a successful "back-to-school food drive" that was held on Sept. 1 at the Fred Meyer Shopping Center. A special thank you goes out to our friends in the community: U.P. Refuse, Owens Press and Mail NW. The food drive was a great success with a total of 2,200 pounds of food and \$312 collected to help feed hungry people in our community.

To volunteer, contact the U.P. Volunteer Center at 253.223.0039 or [www.UPVolunteers.org](http://www.UPVolunteers.org).



## Curran Orchard Holiday Gifts

Looking for a unique holiday gift or special present? Why not give someone an apple tree by adopting a tree at the Curran Apple Orchard Park? Trees are available for adoption for one harvest season. Adopters can prune their own trees (free instructions available) or request volunteers to do so. Other great gifts include a Curran Apple Orchard Cookbook featuring seasonal color photos of the orchard along with a multitude of great apple recipes ranging from appetizers to main dishes to dessert. For more information, visit [www.curranappleorchard.org](http://www.curranappleorchard.org).



# Christmas Tree Lighting

10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1

Market Square



## Activities

Santa Paws Pet Photos  
 Silent Auction Fundraiser  
 "Get Local" Businessfest  
 Duck the Halls Caroling  
 Gingerbread House Activity  
**Arrival of Santa by firetruck**  
 Photos w/Santa  
 "Christmas Train" Rides

Kids' Bounce House  
 Kids' Holiday Activities & Crafts  
 Hotdogs, brats, drinks & snacks

## **Holiday School Concerts**

Featuring Evergreen, CJH, Narrows View, Drum and Sunset singers

## **Christmas Tree Lighting**

## Time

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Windmill Village  
 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Sponsored by UPCSPR)  
 12:30 - 6:30 p.m. along Candy Cane Lane  
 1 - 3 p.m. in Market Square  
 2 - 4 p.m. in the U.P. Library  
**3 p.m. in Market Square**  
 3 - 6 p.m. at Civic Building  
 3 - 6 p.m. off Market Square  
 (Sponsored by Columbia Bank)  
 3 - 6 p.m. off Market Square  
 3 - 6 p.m. (Coordinated by UPYC)  
 11:30 - 6 p.m.  
**3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in Market Square**  
**6 p.m. at Market Square**

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

## Silent Auction

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

Thank you to our sponsors: America's Credit Union and Albertson's!

## Bring your pet to Santa Paws on Dec. 1!



Get a great photo of your pet with Santa at the annual Santa Paws Pet Photos on Saturday, **Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** in the U.P. City Hall complex, 3715 Bridgeport Way W. Photos are \$10.

Feel free to bring your favorite four legged friend in holiday attire or come as they are for this fun event which is sponsored by SUNDOGS.

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



## Second Annual "Duck the Halls" caroling contest

Saturday, Dec. 1, 1 - 3 p.m. in Market Square



Join us for the second annual "Duck the Halls" caroling competition to benefit Families Unlimited Network & the U.P. Food Bank by forming a caroling group with your friends, family, neighbors or co-workers! This fun event will take place from **1 - 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1**, during the Christmas Tree Lighting festivities, at the Civic Building/Market Square.

Groups should prepare a minimum of two holiday/seasonal songs with a maximum time limit of eight minutes for judging purposes. Each group may prepare additional songs to entertain the crowd if time permits. Costumes are encouraged. No musical accompaniment, instruments or recorded music is allowed. Professional singers are not eligible to compete.

Each group must provide at least five nonperishable food items per member or a check (\$10 per member) made out to Families Unlimited Network. Audience members are also encouraged to bring donations.

Registration is limited. **All entries are due by Monday, Nov. 19.**

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

# West Pierce implements smoke alarm program

West Pierce Fire & Rescue received a grant that will fund more than 2,500 smoke alarms to be installed in residences within Lakewood and University Place, starting in Oct. Installations will be done by appointment by West Pierce Fire & Rescue personnel.

This program funds smoke alarms with a 10-year battery. The battery will not need to be changed each year like a typical 9-volt, but will need to be tested monthly to ensure it is working properly.

Appointments can be made based on the following criteria:

**If your smoke alarms are more than 10 years old.** However, if your home has smoke

alarms that are hard-wired into your electrical system, we cannot replace them, as the protection you have is greater than the battery powered alarms can offer.

**If you do not have alarms *inside and outside* each sleeping area.** We recommend a smoke alarm is in each sleeping area, as well as in the hallway outside. If you do not have alarms in both places, we can add alarms where they are needed.

**If your smoke alarms are not working properly.** We can replace battery operated alarms that are not currently working properly. However, if you have hard-wired alarms, we cannot replace those with a battery operated alarm.

**If you are not sure what kind of smoke alarms you currently have.** Please call us to make an appointment and we can assess your current alarms. We will then replace or add any alarms we can for you.

Installations will be scheduled one day per week between 3 and 7 p.m. Days rotate from week to week. To schedule an appointment, please contact Captain Jenny Weekes at 253.983.4574 or via email at [Jenny.Weekes@westpierce.org](mailto:Jenny.Weekes@westpierce.org).



## Have a fire free winter & holiday season

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

### Holiday entertaining

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

### Holiday decorating

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

### Winter storm safety

- Have flashlights and battery powered lanterns on hand for light during a power outage. Candles pose too high a level of fire danger to be used as a light source.

- Do not use your oven or stove to heat your home. It is a fire danger and can be a source of toxic fumes.
- Do not use charcoal or gas fired grills indoors as a source of heat or for cooking.
- When using a wood burning fireplace for heat, use a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace and keep all combustibles three feet away.
- Make sure you have a smoke alarm(s) that has battery backup in case of power outages.
- Use generators and other fuel-powered machines outside the home in a ventilated area.
- If you suspect a gas leak, do not strike a match. Leave the area and report the leak.
- Assume that all wires on the ground are electrically charged.

## Get prepared for a disaster – check out West Pierce CERT

*CERT empowers individuals and communities with the knowledge they need to serve, survive, and persevere during a disaster.*

- Rachel De Forrest, U.P. CERT Team Leader



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for University Place is a small, but strong team of individuals. We've all volunteered our time and participated in the free CERT training program that West Pierce Fire & Rescue offers, and through the training we gained experience in basic disaster response skills, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

The classes aren't your usual sit down and read from a book type of class, but they offer hands-on activities like putting out a real fire with a fire extinguisher and practicing triage with victims. We prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

Recently U.P. CERT participated in the Duck Daze Parade and handed out candy to the children and emergency blankets to adults. We wanted University Place to start to recognize our green vests and hats because, in the event of a

disaster, we may be the first sign of help you see.

As a team, we have monthly meetings to discuss upcoming trainings, team operations in the event of a disaster, and how we can organize and help our community. We know that if we keep saying, "we'll get our emergency kit together another day," the emergency can and will happen whether we are prepared or not, and that is one thing CERT has taught me. My family and I were ill-prepared for a disaster, but now I know I can adequately take care of myself and family for at least two weeks without the aid of emergency response teams or grocery stores. I also can help my neighbors and community because I've been trained to do so.

University Place CERT is a great place to start your preparedness journey and I encourage you to find out more about CERT by visiting West Pierce's CERT page at [www.westpiercecert.org](http://www.westpiercecert.org).

# Enhancing tools for law enforcement...

Several years ago your University Place Police team began partnerships with the police agencies that border the City at Cirque and Orchard. This team consists of University Place Police, Tacoma Police, Pierce Transit Police, the Liquor Control Board and the Department of Corrections. This area has long been an area of concern, in part because it is a border area. Crime in border locations can be difficult to get a handle on because we only have control of OUR City's preventive and reactionary measures to address those issues. Because of this, University Place Police developed the "Orchard Corridor Task Force" and approached bordering city agencies to be a part of reducing crime and nuisance activity in this area.

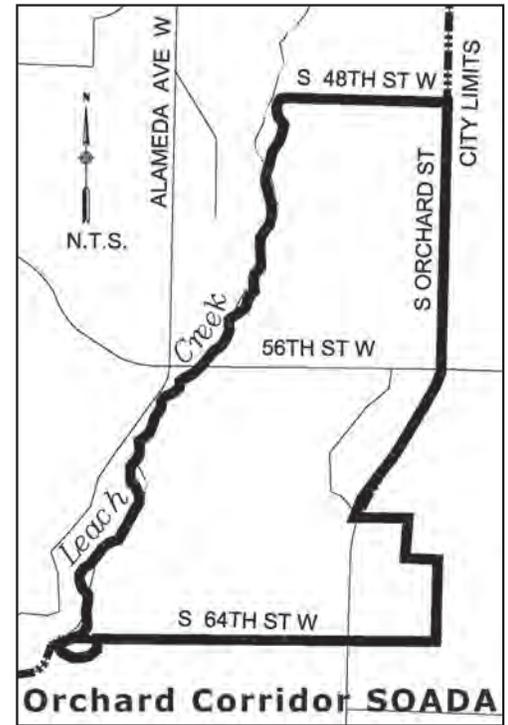
In Jun. 2012, we began high visibility patrol emphases in the Orchard Corridor. Partners from the University Place Police Department, Pierce Transit Police, Pierce County Sheriff's Department and the Washington State Liquor Control Board teamed up for foot patrols, traffic emphasis and compliance checks at businesses. Weapons, narcotics and stolen property were recovered along with arrests for court order violations, DUI and drivers with suspended licenses. We worked with apartment managers to help evict non-tenants as well as to solve nuisance issues within their properties.

In addition to this Task Force of police agencies, approximately 12 years ago U.P. Police developed and has fiercely maintained a longstanding partnership with the residents,

property owners and apartment managers in this part of the City. The rental community partners are truly the champions in this area; working tirelessly to maintain safe and livable communities in a border location such as this takes consistent and unwavering support of a follow-through partnership with Police. Kudos to all of our management partners in this area! You are the true unsung heroes. Fifteen years ago the Department of Corrections had nearly ALL of their offenders residing in this section of the City. They now only have one. This is a direct result of the partnerships created in this part of the City...the fruits of our labor.

On Monday, Oct. 4, 2012, the University Place City Council unanimously enacted into law a Stay Out of Areas of Drug Activity order (SOADA) to give Police another tool in addressing issues within the City. SOADA is an order after conviction that a judge may impose as part of the sentence. The judge, based on the conviction, may order the offender to stay out of a certain area. In this case SOADA covers the Orchard Corridor.

To avoid arbitrary coverage with SOADA, the Orchard Corridor and another high density residential and business district were compared. The Orchard Corridor had half the population of the other district yet had twice the crime rate. The disturbing statistic which stood out was the fact that of those arrested in the Orchard Corridor, 65 percent were not even residents of the City of University Place. SOADA addresses



the law abiding residents of the Orchard Corridor to keep convicted drug offenders from coming back to where they committed their criminal acts. SOADA champions a safer and more livable community for our citizens. Your University Place Police team is committed to creating and maintaining safe and livable communities.

Thank you for your support!

## Community Academy accepting applications for 2013

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.

Classes will start Thursday, Feb. 21, 2013

and will meet once a week from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for 13 weeks. Classes are limited in size to 27 persons and will be held at the University Place Police Station, 3609 Market Place W., Suite 201, located in the second floor of the U.P. Civic Building.

The Community Academy course is designed to familiarize the public with all aspects of the Sheriff's Department and provide 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.

Applications are being accepted online at [www.piercesheriff.org](http://www.piercesheriff.org). Applicants are chosen on a first come/first served basis, and class size is limited, so please apply soon.

## 9/11 Reflection Park donations

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, West Pierce Fire & Rescue held a dedication ceremony for the new 9/11 Reflection Park. More than 200 firefighters, police officers, City officials and community members were in attendance to join in the celebration.

For more information on the park or how to donate, please visit [www.westpierce911park.org](http://www.westpierce911park.org).



## Above and beyond – how one driver chooses to serve

Mike Wilcox is not your ordinary shuttle driver. Mike has taken a part-time position and turned it into a full-time, heart-felt service. Originally hired for the new and still developing “Shuttle UP” program, Mike has since become the primary driver for all Senior Programs.

Monday through Friday he shuttles participants to and from their homes for doctor appointments and Friday lunch, providing up to nine transports per day. On Saturdays he drives our trip participants throughout Western Washington to enjoy various destinations. Continuing to surpass expectations, in between driving Mike will help in the Senior Center volunteering to answer phones, set up tables and chairs, and assist with general office work.

Mike serves the seniors, and staff, with a smile and can-do attitude. He is the type of person who holds recreation programs together, an individual who sees a need and quietly fulfills it, putting the programs and its participants first.

Mike, we are truly grateful for your contribution to our Senior Center, you make a difference to both the staff and senior participants. Thank you!



**A special thank you to the U.P. Community Supported Parks and Recreation Board for sponsoring September's transportation program for senior citizens! Your support of this much-needed and utilized program is greatly appreciated.**



## Check out the FREE senior citizen programs

If you are age 61-plus you are eligible to participate in the following free classes/programs;

- Zumba Gold
- Chair Yoga
- Transportation to doctor appointments, shopping, and the Senior Center for our Catholic Community Services Lunch Program (you must reside in University Place to qualify)
- T'ai Chi Chih
- Qi Gong

Call the University Place Senior Center for schedules and details at 253.564.1992.

## Dance! Dance! Dance!

Sign up now for one of our Cultural Arts Classes! We are offering Irish Dance Classes in an introductory class combining soft and hard shoes with a focus on building new techniques traditional of this athletic dance form. Classes for **ages 5-11 as well as 12 years and older** are available. Register today!

We are also bringing back our **Youth Creative Movement, Ballet, Jazz and Hip Hop classes**. Our instructors are looking forward to sharing their love of dance with your child!

For more information on class dates, times and fees, contact the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530 or check out the Fall 2012 Recreation Program Guide at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com).

## Go on an overnight Casino Hop!



Enjoy two nights and three days at various casinos in Western Washington!

On both nights you will stay at the Clearwater Casino in Suquamish. On day two a variety of day excursions will be provided: casinos, local museums, wineries, and other options will abound.

Further details and prices will be available in early Nov.

Call the University Place Senior Center at 253.564.1992 for a flyer or to register.

*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!*



# Time to hit the slopes!



Are you looking for that perfect gift for your son or daughter or grandchild; how about for yourself? Look no further!

There is no better time than now to register for the coming snow season, with ski and snowboard lessons and transportation brought to you by Alpine West Ski School. University Place Parks & Recreation has been partnering with Alpine West for the last several winter seasons, offering a little something different to University Place residents. With a great snow season expected, this is the perfect opportunity for first-timers to learn how to ski and snowboard, or for experienced skiers and snowboarders to fine-tune their skills.

Lessons are provided at the Summit at Snoqualmie and there is something for the whole family ages five and up.

Stop in to the Recreation Office today in the Civic Building to pick up a registration form.

## Sign up now for pre-k through grade 7 Youth Basketball Leagues

It's time to start prepping for the winter youth sports leagues. U.P. Parks & Recreation offers instructional basketball leagues focusing on teamwork, sportsmanship, basic fundamentals and, most importantly, having fun!

There are co-ed leagues for pre-k (4-5 years) through third grade, as well as boys and girls only leagues for grades 4-7. The leagues are scheduled to begin practice the beginning of Dec. and games will begin after the first of the year.

The deadline for registration is Nov. 16. You can find a registration form in the online Fall Recreation Program Guide or in the Parks & Recreation Office.

For more information regarding the Youth Basketball League, give the Recreation Office a call at 253.460.2530 or send us an email to [ParksandRec@CityofUP.com](mailto:ParksandRec@CityofUP.com).



## Wanted!

**Volunteer Coaches, Officials & Site Supervisors! For all fall and winter youth sports leagues!**

If you would like to volunteer coach or become an official for the Indoor Soccer or Flag Football season please contact Brason Alexander by phone at 253.460.2530 or by email at [BAlexander@CityofUP.com](mailto:BAlexander@CityofUP.com).

## We thank you soccer and football sponsors!

Thank you to our youth indoor soccer and flag football sponsors!

University Place Parks & Recreation Department, along with our coaches, parents and participants, would like to thank all of our generous sponsors. Sponsorship was at about 50 percent this season for our teams, and we look forward to 100 percent team sponsorship over the next couple of years!

Thank you again!

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## Team Sponsorship & Donor Recognition

Become a Youth Team Sponsor! Help support a youth baseball team by becoming a donor. Your company name will be placed on the back of the uniforms, as well as your company receiving recognition in the Online Recreation Program Guide and other printed materials.

Sponsorships cost \$195 for one team, \$700 for four teams, or \$1,000 for six teams.  
Call the Parks & Recreation Office for more information at 253.460.2530.

# University Place snow response plan

The University Place Public Works snow removal arsenal consists of three snow plows with sanders which attach to the City's dump trucks, two truck-mounted 500-gallon liquid anti-icing tanks, a 3,000 gallon anti-icing storage tank and seven maintenance workers to operate the equipment.

University Place has a total of 208 lane miles. The City's goal is to keep the priority plow routes, which consist of the arterial streets and school bus routes, a total of 54 miles, sanded and plowed for our citizens. The crew works closely with the School District each winter, monitoring road conditions and making decisions regarding transportation. Bus drivers often relay trouble spots back to the Public Works Office.

Based on weather forecasts, crews will place anti-icing liquid down prior to a weather event in an effort to reduce icing before it even occurs. When snow hits, the seven-member crew works around the clock to keep the priority routes open.

One question which is often asked is: "Why doesn't the City plow residential streets?" The answer is simply resources. To plow and sand the additional 154 lane miles of residential streets would require the purchase of 8-10 additional snow plows, each costing approximately \$100,000, as well as adding 18-20 more employees to operate them around the clock. With the rarity of snow and a relevantly short snow season, it just does not make sense to purchase this equipment.

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



## New bus shelter on Bridgeport Way



A new bus shelter has been built on the east side of Bridgeport Way at the stop in front of the University Place Civic Building. During a recent Pierce Transit Town Hall meeting hosted by Pierce Transit Commissioner and University Place Councilmember Kent Keel, University Place community members expressed the need to have a shelter built at that location.

Pierce Transit staff examined the ridership at that stop and determined a bus shelter was warranted. Now, just in time for the inclement weather, University Place Pierce Transit riders may wait for the bus sheltered from the elements.

### 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
- Rainier Country

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)

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