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Winter Fest 2014

Saturday, Dec. 6: Christmas Tree Lighting – 2 to 6 p.m. in Market Square

Mark your calendars and experience the holiday magic of Winter Fest with the annual University Place Christmas Tree Lighting in Market Square – always the first Saturday in December. This seasonal extravaganza will take place at the **Civic Building, 3609 Market Square**, on Dec. 6 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Join us for **the arrival of Santa at 2 p.m.**, entertainment, crafts & food in Santa's Loft, the Christmas Tree Lighting, and an abundance of holiday cheer!

Make sure to get a picture with Santa (and confide your secret wishes), cozy up with a warm winter treat by the fire, or gather near the outdoor fireplace surrounded by the holiday lights in the evening. Refreshments will be provided by Whole Foods Market, Jersey Mike's Subs and Frog n Kiwi Cafe.

University Place Winter Fest will feature live musical & dance performances by local schools and organizations. New this year, enjoy special performances by the Dickens Carolers!



A very special thank you to our sponsors for making this event possible: Click! Cable TV, Whole Foods Market, Columbia Bank, The Mandon Foley Agency, Directors Mortgage, U.P. Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, the Star Center, World Concern, and O'Brien Dentistry.



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Check out pages 6 & 7 for more details!

UNIVERSITY PLACE WINTER FEST



Thank you to our sponsors!



COUNCIL CORNER...

WOW! 2014 will soon be coming to an end and will soon be in the history books! 2015 will be here before we know it! Where does the time go?

As I reflect over, not only the last year, but the past 19 since we incorporated, I can't help but be extremely proud of this community. The way the citizens united to form this City and then rolled up their sleeves to undertake the hard work needed to put everything in motion isn't easily put into words. I want to thank each and every one of you for making this a community that I am extremely proud to call home and serve!

Over the past 20 years, thousands of community members have contributed their time, sweat and expertise to help set the community's vision into motion. These individuals helped set University Place apart from any other city in Washington. As a result of their hard work we have the Curran Apple Orchard Park, the only park of its kind anywhere. We have a beautiful park in the heart of our town center area, Homestead Park, a peaceful retreat along Leach and Chambers Creek known as Kobayashi Park, a place to enjoy birds at Adriana Hess Wetland Park, and the County Chambers Bay Playground by the Sound, to name a few. Other individuals provided us with beautiful pieces of unique artwork throughout our city. Still others have worked tirelessly to preserve our unique history and operate a history museum.

These are real visible signs of community pride and things we love to show off to visitors. None of this existed prior to our incorporation 19 years ago! Without donations of money and time by members of our community, these may still have been visions due to limited budgets.

Still there are countless other people who serve on committees and commissions, and take our community values and vision and translate them into policies and plans. Because of that effort and community vision, we now have sidewalks, trails and bike lanes throughout our community where none existed. We have gorgeous tree-lined streets, flower baskets, a parks and recreation program, and community festivals. Much of these amenities are also a result of the efforts of individuals and businesses within our community who have contributed money and time to make these a reality for all to enjoy.

There have been many highs and lows over the past 19 years but I do believe that the highs have outweighed the lows and have given us a community that we are all proud to call our home. I want to thank everyone for their contributions, encouragement and support as our vision continues to take shape.

Contributing one's time and money to enhancing their city brings a special sense of community that government just cannot provide. It's this sense of pride that we will be putting front and center as we move into 2015 – our 20th anniversary – and onto the world stage.

I would like to challenge the entire community to roll up their sleeves, get involved and give back in some way to your community and make it a better place to live, work and play! Let's show the world what makes us special!

Council Member Caroline Belleci



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PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

- Nov. 17 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- Dec. 1 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- Jan. 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- Jan. 20 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

All City Council meetings are held in the Town Hall meeting room, Windmill Village, 3715 Bridgeport Way, at 6:30 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month. Changes to meeting times and locations are posted at City Hall, University Place Library and at www.CityofUP.com. Or you may contact the City Clerk's Office at 253.460.2510.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Nov. 20 & Dec. 18 – 6 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Nov. 19, Dec. 3 & 17 – 7 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

(No meetings scheduled.)

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Dec. 11 – 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public.

Contact the City Clerk's Office at 253.460.2510 for more information and meeting locations.

Mayor Denise McCluskey receives "2014 Women of Influence" award



Mayor Denise McCluskey

Denise McCluskey, the mayor of University Place, was one of seven local area women honored at the "2014 Women of Influence" event held on Wednesday, Oct. 15 near downtown Tacoma.

The distinction of being a part of this select group was special for the Mayor: "I was humbled to be part of the class of 2014 honorees; these are amazing people who enrich the lives of everyone around them."

The list of "2014 Women of Influence" included:

- Jean Carr, Principal of SCJ Alliance, Olympia
- Robin Lucas, Founder/CEO of ShowCase Media & Showcase Magazine, Edgewood
- Denise McCluskey, Mayor of University Place & Foreign Language Training Manager, JBLM
- Mary Pontarolo, Executive Director of SafePlace, Olympia
- Julie Tappero, Founder/CEO of West Sound Workforce, Gig Harbor

In addition, Lois Bernstein, senior vice president at MultiCare Health System in Tacoma, received the 2014 Lifetime Achievement recognition, and the creator of local blog www.TacomaWorkingMom.com, Rosie Martinson, received the 2014 Rising Star Woman of Influence.

Women of Influence recognizes outstanding female leaders in the South Puget Sound. Honorees are selected for their achievement in community, business, government, military and/or nonprofit sectors. The panel of judges, comprised of previous years' honorees, may also name rising stars and a Military Award honoree, when applicable. Nominees/Applicants must work/reside in Pierce, Thurston or South King Counties. This year almost 30 individuals were nominated for these honors.

After months of war, 16th CAB aviation unit returns home

A smiling Spc. Kevin Salas held his daughter Alannah for the first time the night of Sept. 20 inside hangar 2158 on JBLM's Gray Army Airfield. "I just can't believe I'm here right now. It's amazing; she's amazing," said Salas. When Alannah was born, Salas was deployed to southern Afghanistan with the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade.

The Raptors were responsible for providing general aviation support for Operation Enduring Freedom. At 11 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 that mission came to an end for more than 100 Raptor Soldiers. They marched into the hangar to the sound of cheers, applause and colorful banners welcoming them home.

"It's nice to see families out supporting, and [the unit] supporting. Soldiers coming home is special," said Jason Brier, brother-in-law to one of the returning soldiers, Spc. Matthew Shutter. "One-hundred and five soldiers went out and 105 heroes are coming home." Brier's daughter, Alexis Tenney, attended the homecoming to see her uncle. She's just seven years old, but she stood at the entrance of the hangar patiently waiting for Shutter to return.

"When he deployed, she was in first grade and it hit her pretty hard," said Brier. "He gave her his [patrol cap] and one of his dog tags with the promise that he would come home to get it." As promised, Tenney returned Shutter's patrol cap, and a big hug to go with it.

The homecoming ceremony is considered the first step for soldier and family reintegration. Salas, Shutter and the other returning soldiers will spend the next two weeks receiving resources to help them reintegrate, and medical evaluations to make sure their immediate needs are addressed.

The Army provides a number of resources to include behavioral health specialists and family advocates to assist soldiers and families in getting back to life as normal. Reintegration is a different experience for everyone, but to help, soldiers are provided a period of leave to allow time to reconnect with their loved ones. But first there is the homecoming.

Family members waited anxiously to greet their loved one inside hangar 2158. They were comforted by a video feed showing their soldiers exit the plane that carried them home from war.



Spc. Kevin Salas and wife Roxan Salas pose for a photo with their newborn daughter Alannah after a homecoming ceremony on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., Sept. 20, 2014. Salas was deployed to southern Afghanistan with the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, and was able to hold his daughter for the first time at his homecoming.

"I love the live feed. They've really done a great job at keeping the families involved," said Brier.

More Raptors will return home in the coming weeks through a series of flights. Each will have their own stories, but they will all come home to the sounds of excitement.

An emotional Salas held his daughter as he recalled seeing her on Skype while deployed, "but this is way different," he said.

Story by Staff Sgt. Bryan Dominique

All Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Peace Out and the U.P. Volunteer Center invite you to attend their annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner at U.P. Primary School cafeteria, located at 2708 Grandview Drive West. Derek Bray with Grassi's Ristorante will be cooking and everyone is welcome! Dinner will be served from noon until 2 p.m.

Reservations are helpful as seating and food are limited. Please call 253.691.3029 to make reservations or to volunteer (volunteers are needed from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Special thanks to Owens Press, U.P. Refuse, Superior Linen, Derek Bray, and all the dedicated U.P. volunteers, for making this free community dinner possible!



Fall Arts & Concerts Series finale

The semi-annual Fall Arts & Concerts Series is held in the atrium of the U.P. Civic Building located at 37th & Bridgeport Way West, from 7-8:30 p.m. Join us for our **final performance on Friday, Nov. 21** as we welcome the following artists:

- **Pianist Scott Cossu and flutist John Croarkin** will delight audiences with a blend of jazz, classical and ethnic music. Pianist Scott Cossu was one of the original artists to sign with Windham Hill along with being labeled a "jazz luminary of the future" by Billboard Magazine.
- Multi-talented **graphite artist Lori Forrest** will also exhibit her exquisite illustrations.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 for students, free for UP for Arts members, and can be purchased at the door. More info: www.upforarts.org.



Dancing our way through the holidays

Dance Theatre Northwest, University Place's premiere dance company, has a busy schedule for the remainder of the year!

We start off the season with early November performances and then on Dec. 6 our dancers will escort Santa to his royal chair at the City's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony.

Dec. 13 and 14 bring performances of the Nutcracker at Mt. Tahoma High School's Auditorium, located at 4634 S. 74th St. in Tacoma.

Performance times are:

- Saturday, Dec. 13 – 2:30 and 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 14 – 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$11-13 for student, senior, child and \$21-26 for adult tickets. Proceeds support Dance Theatre Northwest's free "Arts Are Education" performances in local schools.

DTNW will be raffling off a 53-inch snuggly teddy bear 'Bearanova Ballerina' and her trunk of ballet goodies at the dance studio, and at the

Nutcracker. See her online at www.DTNW.org or find her on the Dance Theatre Northwest Facebook page. Raffle tickets are \$2 each, \$5 for three tickets or \$10 for seven tickets.

Make someone happy this holiday season with our cuddly bear while supporting Dance Theatre Northwest's community efforts.

Dance Theatre Northwest wishes everyone a very happy 2014 Holiday Season!

Tahoma Audubon invites you to their events

Climate Change

Thursday, Nov. 20

7-9 p.m. at the Tacoma Nature Center
1919 S Tyler Street, Tacoma

Audubon is greatly expanding its Climate Initiative, aiming to engage a larger and more diverse set of voices in support of protecting birds. Solutions will include personal choices to conserve energy and create backyard bird habitat, local engagement to create community climate action plans, and more.

Sameer Ranade will present on the Clean Fuels Advocacy Campaign. Krystal Kyer will present the Audubon Climate Change Initiative.

Winter Open House

Friday, Dec. 5

2-5 p.m. at the Adriana Hess Wetland Park
2917 Morrison Road West, U.P.

It's the Adriana Hess Audubon Center's 15th Anniversary! Come join us as we celebrate this momentous occasion with an Open House at the Adriana Hess Wetland Park in University Place.

You'll be able to sign up for the Christmas Bird Count, share holiday treats and take a stroll in the park, all while meeting with friends of Audubon. With a holiday sale happening in our Nature Bookstore, it will also be a great time to do a little Christmas shopping.

115th Annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC)

Saturday, Dec. 20

In U.P. and across North America!



Join the longest running citizen science project and start a new family tradition this winter!

Pick one of seven survey circles from across the area, including University Place, and join others in counting bird species and having a celebration dinner with report back. It's free to participate in the survey.

To sign up for the Christmas Bird Count, call 253.565.9278. To learn more about the CBC, visit <http://wa.audubon.org/christmas-bird-count-1> or www.tahomaaudubon.org.

Santa Paws Pet Photos

Sunday, Dec. 7 – 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

U.P. Civic Building/Library Atrium, 3609 Market Place

Were Fido and Fluffy good this year? Find out what they tell Santa at the annual Santa Paws Pet Photos!

Get a great holiday photo of your pet (and yourself!) with Santa! Sponsored by **SUNDOGS and Layla and Me Photography**, this annual event is a fundraiser for the off-leash dog park.

Prices are: \$35 for 8x10 \$25 for 5x7 \$15 for 4x6
with additional prints for a nominal fee

For more info, visit www.up-dogpark.org.



Curran Apple Orchard Tree Adoptions

Adopting an apple tree is a great way to start off 2015! The Curran Apple Orchard Park offers people opportunities to learn how to take care of apple trees...or just simply enjoy the harvest at the end of the season!

Two adoption categories are available:

*Pruning Adoptions (available December through March) - \$40

Adopters are REQUIRED to prune, thin and remove wind-falls according to orchard maintenance policies listed on www.curranappleorchard.com. Free pruning classes are available along with trained volunteers to assist people in the orchard.

*Orchard Supporter (available all year) - \$65

Supporters assist financially but may be unable to participate in tree maintenance.

Note: Current adopters have priority on readopting trees until Dec. 31. Open adoptions begin in January.



CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts) volunteer group is responsible for the adoption program along with other orchard activities. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with pruning, website, concerts, tours, cider squeeze and other tasks. For more information on adoptions or other programs, please contact apples@curranappleorchard.com.

CORE meets the first Tuesday of each month in Building E-2 in the City Hall/Windmill Village Complex, 3715 Bridgeport Way W. Everyone is invited to attend.

Thank you to our 2014 Tree Adopters!

Charles Wright Acad
Kindergarten

Regina Anderson

Debbie Andre

Lana Bacon

Sally Barrett

M. (Montana) Bradley

Kelly & Diane Bradley

Kathy Brown

Jennifer Carlson

Phil Chapple

Chow Family

Ian & Karen Chow-Miller

Alex & Tina Coleman

Jeremy Cook

Robert Cooper

Katrina Coovert

Mike Davis

Jane Davison

Howard Dempsey

DesChane Family

Kristine Docherty

Jessica Dvorak

Lisa Espinosa

Nancy Feagin

Reg & Karen Fennell

Abbie Fennell

Teresa Ferreira

Ellie Fronev

Peggy Fuchs

Stephanie Gaston

Greg Gooch

Tami Guilmain

Sue Gurley

Don Hager

Lee Haines

Dan Hall

Amy & Andy Hand

Jean Hayes

Nancy Henderson

Lillian Herd

Cliff Higley

Sean & Chris Hoey

Lois Holsinger

Scott Hoover

Ray Humphreys

Andrew Hutchison

Tom & Angela Janicki

Barbara Johnson

Judith Karman

Brett & Anne Kiehl

Laura Klein

Debbie Klosowski

Thomas Kucera

Robert & Sandra Kuharic

Su Kwon

Gertrude Langton

Fred Langton

Lola Larson

Griselda Lehrer

Mary Lewis

Peter & Coni

Liljengren

Sandra Lindstrom

Marie & Allen Lynn

Merissa Marr

Emma & Tony Martelli

Lester & Emilia Martin

Cara McCune

Dave McDougall

MaryLou Michael

Greg & Erin Miller

Jean Milton

Bob & Janet Mohr

Joanne Moran

Matthew &

Margaret Moravec

Jason & Patty Mykland

Scott & Katrina Neff

Joe Norton

Catherine Nugent

Mitchell Orpilla

Orrino Family

Linda Patten

Leslie & David Pearson

Pat Pepper

Kristen & Bruce Pooler

Old Town Preschool

John & Maryellen Priedeman

Ann Read

Theresa Reid

Marie & Robert Robinson

Jane Robinson

Terry & Donna Roth

Brandie Shipps

Bev Smith

Tony & Dianne Stefanko

Katherine Stinson-Jenny

Jay Stricherz

Kathy Strom

Harry & Delia Taylor

Steve & Pat Thompson

Kim Thompson

Jan Thornburg

Cheryl Torem

Shirley Tronsgard

Amy Utecht

Mark VanBeek

Misty Villarreal

Steve Voigt

Susan Wagsheet-Golden

Lawrence Warwick

Kathleen Weber

Susan Wigley

Jessica Wille

Marcy & Tom Williams

Charles Williams

Victor & Ann Wilson

LuAnn Wolden

Chamber's Bay

Women's Club

Linda Zahrlay

Cory Zimmerman

Winter Fest Highlights

The lighting of the Christmas Tree!

Experience the wonder as we light the Christmas Tree at 5 p.m.!

The lighting of the Christmas Tree is treasured by many. This year, prepare to be dazzled! Gather your family and friends for this wonderful holiday tradition in the heart of University Place.

Santa's Loft

Sponsored by Click! Cable TV, Whole Foods Market, and University Place Family & Cosmetic Dentistry

Located on the second floor of the Civic Building, Santa's Loft will have crafts for the kids and an array of goodies provided by Whole Foods Market. Click! Cable TV, Whole Foods Market, and University Place Family & Cosmetic Dentistry are proud sponsors of Santa's Loft and the 2014 Winter Fest.

Tacoma Power's Click! Network provides competitive residential and business services, including cable television, internet and broadband services, in the cities of Tacoma, University Place, Fircrest, Lakewood, Fife and portions of Pierce County. Visit clickcabletv.com or call 253.502.8900 for more information.

Whole Foods Market continues to be a leader in the organic and natural food industry. Be sure to say hello to the folks at the Whole Foods Market vendor booth during Winter Fest and find out why their store is such a popular destination for shoppers everywhere. Make sure you check out their brand new Village at Chambers Bay store coming Spring of 2015 to University Place!

University Place Family & Cosmetic Dentistry is a family dental practice on Bridgeport Way next to Harbor Greens in the center of University Place. They pride themselves on providing your entire family with quality general and cosmetic dentistry. Drs. Kim-Aun are happy to sponsor this year's Winter Fest. Be sure to check them out at www.myUPdentist.com.



Winter Fest Stage

Sponsored by Columbia Bank

Enjoy non-stop entertainment as we celebrate the lighting of the Christmas Tree! Our Winter Fest Stage will feature live musical & dance performances by local schools and organizations. The Winter Fest Stage is sponsored by Columbia Bank.

Columbia Bank is proud to be a local bank, strongly committed to their customers and to the University Place community. They are pleased to support the wonderful tradition of the Christmas Tree Lighting. Everyone at Columbia Bank hopes you enjoy the holiday magic!

University Place Schools

Come hear the musical talents of our University Place School District students. These students will dazzle you with the sweet sounds of the holidays. Connie Abubakr will be retiring from teaching in June, so come thank her for her many years of dedicated service to Winter Fest as she leads the Evergreen choir for the last time!

***U.P. students will perform between 2 and 3:45 p.m.**

The Dickens Carolers

The Dickens Carolers have become a local holiday tradition, bringing the joy of the season to thousands each year, singing throughout the Northwest since 1978. Come enjoy as your holiday favorites, both traditional and contemporary, are sung in beautiful four-part harmony. The sights and sounds of The Dickens Carolers are indeed a holiday treat.

***The Dickens Carolers will perform between 4:30 and 6 p.m.**

Heritage Christian School

Be amazed by the singing talents of students from one of our local private schools, Heritage Christian School. Part of the community for over 40 years, they are very excited to perform at Winter Fest this year!

***Heritage Christian School will perform between 4:15 and 4:30 p.m.**

U.P. Parks & Rec Dancers

The University Place Parks & Recreation Department offers a variety of programs, one of those programs is dance. This year the Parks & Rec classes from creative movement for 3-5 year olds, beginning ballet for 5-8 year olds and a beginning hip hop class for 7-12 year olds will be performing at Winter Fest!

Our instructor, Heather Smith, comes to us with years of experience and a degree in dance. She has a passion for the art of dance and a passion for teaching young dancers who share their love of dance with her.

***U.P. Parks & Rec Dancers will perform between 3:45 and 4 p.m.**

Tacoma Musical Playhouse Family Theater

Come enjoy scenes from "A Charlie Brown Christmas" performed by the Tacoma Musical Playhouse Family Theater.

Full performances of the Tacoma Musical Playhouse Family Theater for "A Charlie Brown Christmas" are Dec. 20 at 11 a.m., Dec. 21 at 6 p.m., Dec. 22 at 7 p.m., Dec. 23 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 24 at 2 p.m. For further information, visit www.TMP.org.

***Tacoma Musical Playhouse will perform between 4 and 4:15 p.m.**

***All times subject to change without notice.**

Dance Theatre Northwest escorts in Santa

Dance Theatre Northwest Holiday Show & Nutcracker Ballet performers will once again escort Santa into the tree lighting when **Santa arrives by fire truck at 2 p.m.**, adding even more festivity to this fun family event.

Dance Theatre Northwest will be presenting The Nutcracker on Dec. 13 at 2:30 & 7 p.m. and on Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. at Mount Tahoma Auditorium, 4634 South 74th Street in Tacoma.

Visit www.DTNW.org to see more upcoming performance dates, buy tickets or for class and special event information.

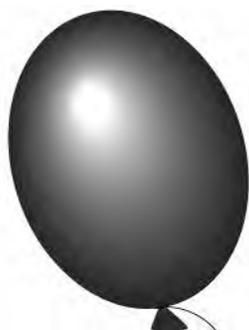
FREE Face-Painting with Canned Food Donation

The Rescue Mission is hosting an all-ages face painting booth at Winter Fest. Bring either a non-perishable food item or a \$5 donation to support healthy meals for the homeless.

The Rescue Mission provides help and hope to men, women and children who need shelter, food and assistance with life changes that lead to self-sufficiency. The Rescue Mission works with people at all stages of addiction, homelessness or who are experiencing other life challenges, offering proven services, support and facilities. Founded in 1912 to serve homeless men in Tacoma, the Rescue Mission has grown to serve women and children in all parts of Pierce County.

Gingerbread houses at the U.P. Library!

Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Then, stick around for Winter Fest which starts at 2 p.m.)



Stop by Frog n Kiwi Cafe for a free balloon!



Make and decorate your own gingerbread house to take home with you!

We're starting early this year and will hold **eight sessions**, that is twice as many as last year, with the first one at 10 a.m. and a new one starting every half hour. Tickets will be available for **10, 10:30, 11 and 11:30 a.m.**, then **12, 12:30, 1 and 1:30 p.m.** Choose your start time and pick up your free ticket on Saturday to attend your session.

The event is designed for ages six and up. Adults are encouraged to help their kids with their project – adults will not need a ticket; each child who is making a gingerbread house will

need his/her own ticket. All supplies will be provided.

2014 Winter Fest Schedule

2 p.m.	Santa Arrives by Fire Truck	Sponsored by West Pierce Fire & Rescue
2 - 6 p.m.	Winter Fest Shopping	Outside in front of the Atrium. Shop a selection of holiday goods and meet some of our 2014 Winter Fest sponsors!
2 - 6 p.m.	Holiday Performances	Outside in front of the Atrium. Sponsored by Columbia Bank.
2 - 6 p.m.	SANTA'S LOFT	Inside in the Second Floor Atrium. Crafts, Food, Vendor Booths. Sponsored by Click! Cable TV, Whole Foods Market, and University Place Family & Cosmetic Dentistry.
2:15 - 6 p.m.	Photos with Santa	Inside by the fireplace, Main Floor Atrium. Sponsored by Kiwanis.
4:45 - 6 p.m.	Dickens Carolers	Stick around after the Christmas Tree Lighting to enjoy a local holiday tradition, the Dickens Carolers.
5 p.m.	Christmas Tree Lighting	Outside, in Market Square.

Thank you to our sponsors!



Safeguarding your community



How can you safeguard your neighborhood?

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.

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.

If you are interested in learning more about safeguarding your community and you'd like to host a neighborhood meeting, call 253.798.3141.

Do you own or live near a habitually noisy animal?

Pierce County Code 8.72.090 regulates Public Disturbance Noises. The code indicates that "it is unlawful for any person to cause, or for any person in possession of property to allow to originate from the property, a public disturbance noise."

Public disturbance noise is frequent, repetitive or continuous sounds made by an animal which unreasonably disturb or interfere with the peace, comfort and repose of property owners or possessors.

The key to the ordinance is "reasonable." What exactly is reasonable? Is it reasonable for a dog to bark all day or all night long? What about 10 minutes here and there all day long? What about for an hour here and there throughout the day?

If you feel you have a habitually noisy animal in your neighborhood, you should first consider talking to your neighbor. If you have tried to talk with your neighbor and the problem continues to occur, then you need to call Pierce County Animal Control at 253.798.7387 or visit our website at www.piercecountywa.org/pets to submit an online complaint.

If you are a dog owner or considering becoming a dog owner, please consider your neighbors when leaving your dog outdoors for extended periods of time, and especially in the evenings or late at night. No one wants to listen to a habitually noisy animal for extended periods of time.

If you have a barking dog and wish to learn more about how to address the issue, go to www.hsus.org. If you should have any questions or wish to discuss a neighborhood issue you are having, please call 253.798.7387. You may also visit our website at www.piercecountywa.org/pets for more information.

Call to all U.P. Residents!

Interested in more in-depth neighborhood and individual preparedness training?

PCNET – Specific neighborhood training...

Provides neighbors with the knowledge and tools necessary to work together for an effective response following emergencies and disasters. Professional responders will not be available to assist you after a major disaster – you become the first responder. This is a very specific, in-depth neighborhood preparedness plan.

To find out more about the PCNET program, visit www.co.pierce.wa.us/index.aspx?nid=2297.

West Pierce Fire CERT...

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

More information is available at www.westpiercert.org/.

Are you ready for winter weather?

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

Take these three steps to get ready:

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

Use the tools provided at <http://takewinterbystorm.org> to help you get prepared. Share them with those you love (family, friends, neighbors, and community members) to help them get prepared, too. Get prepared now so you can Take Winter by Storm!



Santa is coming to University Place on a fire engine!



On Dec. 24, Santa's visit is shrouded in secrecy. No one sees the "jolly old elf" in the middle of the night as he visits each house and leaves treasures for good girls and boys. But residents in University Place and Lakewood will have the opportunity to line the streets and warmly welcome Santa Claus as he makes his annual trek through our community, bringing holiday cheer and seasons greetings to all!

West Pierce Firefighters will escort Santa around Lakewood and University Place for six nights in December. You will want to make note of the dates and take part in the fun! Santa and his helpers will hand out candy and also collect food, new toys and cash donations for the Firefighter's Christmas Project and local food banks.



Santa can be seen between 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. on the following dates:

December 8, 10 and 11 – Lakewood

December 14, 15 and 16 – University Place

On each evening, Santa will follow a parade route between 4:30 and 7:15, and then from 7:30 to 8:30 will be located at **Trader Joe's** in the Green Firs Shopping Center. The parade route for each evening will be published on the West Pierce website (www.westpierce.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/westpierce) by Dec. 6.

Trader Joe's is the location you want to visit for an opportunity to take a photograph with Santa. Unfortunately, keeping Santa on schedule will not allow for photos along the route. Let's make Santa feel welcome in University Place! Plan now to be there when Santa Claus is coming to town!

West Pierce Professional Firefighters Local 1488 Annual Christmas Project

Our homes are full of treasures, food, warmth and happiness during the holidays. Gifts appear under the tree, stockings are stuffed with goodies and toys, candy canes and seasonal treats fill us, and the lights and sights of the season lift our spirits amid the dark winter evenings.

But not every home is so fortunate to experience the explosion of generosity and abundance that is displayed during this time of year. There are homes where there will be no decorations, no gifts and no special holiday meal because there are no resources to provide such celebrations.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue firefighters have taken on the challenge of providing for those among us who are in difficult situations during the holidays. They are asking for your help in order to provide a bright holiday season for all.

Thank you for generously sharing the spirit of the season!

The West Pierce Fire Annual Christmas Project helps families in Lakewood and University Place. Please **donate new, unwrapped toys and clothing, or food until Dec. 12.** Gifts and clothing are needed for infants and children through 17 years old.

Your donations can be dropped off at the following locations.

In University Place:

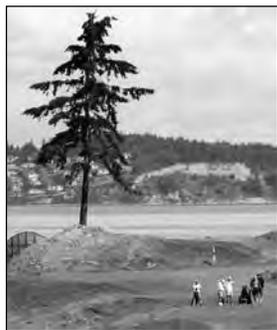
- West Pierce Fire & Rescue / Station 31, 3631 Drexler Drive West
- Forza Coffee Company, 2700 Bridgeport Way West
- Forza Coffee Company, 4828 Bridgeport Way West

In Lakewood:

- West Pierce Fire & Rescue / Station 20, 10928 Pacific Hwy SW
- West Pierce Fire & Rescue / Station 21, 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW



Countdown: 2015 U.S. Open



In preparation for the 2015 U.S. Open, which will be held at Chambers Bay, we will regularly be featuring the answers to frequently asked questions about the tournament, traffic impact, lodging, parking, volunteer opportunities, etc.

Today's question: What kinds of concessions and merchandise will be on sale during the championship? When and where can I buy U.S. Open merchandise now?

A large variety of concession items will be available for purchase throughout the championship grounds. A 36,000-square-foot merchandise pavilion will be stocked with more than 100,000 different items featuring the championship logo, ensuring that there will be something for everyone. A small sampling of merchandise is currently on sale in the Chambers Bay pro shop. In addition, merchandise for the current U.S. Open is available at USGA.org.

Questions and answers provided courtesy of Chambers Bay Golf. For more information, visit www.chambersbaygolf.com.

Grand Piano Fundraiser

Help bring the gift of music to our community by donating to the U.P. Civic/Library Atrium Grand Piano Fund! Sponsored by UP for Arts, this fundraiser will result in a professional grand piano to accompany classical and other groups performing in the atrium. The \$20,000 total also includes security measures to ensure this gift will be enjoyed and protected for years to come. To donate, please visit www.upforarts.org. UP for Arts is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 dedicated to bringing public art to University Place.

It's back!! Holiday Break Camp UPlay!



The winter version of our popular summer program, Holiday Break Camp UPlay offers a way to provide activities for children in grades K through 6 while school is in recess for the winter holidays. In order to meet busy family celebrations and schedules, a daily rate allows you to register for one day or all eight!

This year, camp will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday each week, however, it will close at noon on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, and will be closed on both holidays. Regular camp hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Warning: This camp is extremely popular and will fill up quickly, and space is LIMITED! The registration deadline is Dec. 12.

For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530 or go to www.CityofUP.com to download the registration form.

Youth Basketball In-Season Skill Development Series

This series is designed to offer next level skill development in the following areas: Footwork, speed & agility, shooting, ball handling, defense, and game situations (one-on-one moves, pick & roll, drive & kick).

The series, for grades 4-7, boys & girls, takes place Monday nights from 5:30-7 p.m. from Dec. 8 to Jan. 26, with no training on 12/22, 12/26 and 1/19. The cost is \$25 for a U.P. Basketball League participant or \$100 for a non-league participant.

For more information, call 253.460.2530.



Piano & Voice Lessons

University Place Parks & Recreation is excited to announce that we are offering piano and voice lessons! Each lesson is in an individual setting for 30 minutes. Register for piano or voice OR a combo lesson with 15 minutes of piano and 15 minutes of voice.

These lessons are available for ages six through senior citizen. Time slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis, from 4 to 7 p.m.

The Winter I Session begins on Jan. 26. Lessons are on Mondays for four weeks. It's a bargain at \$100!

To register, call the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530.

Youth Guitar Classes

They're back! Register now! Learn how to play the guitar!

Youth ages 7-11 learn basic chords and note reading on the acoustic guitar. Students must provide their own guitars. **NO ELECTRIC GUITARS.** The instructor, Scott Ross, has over 20 years of experience in music composition, performance, instruction and management. He is an accomplished songwriter, recording artist and producer who has worked with both major and independent record labels to release numerous albums.

**Private lessons available; contact Recreation Office for details.*

Session info:

Tuesdays - Eight Weeks - \$100 - Ages: 7-11 years

Beginning Guitar - 5-5:50 p.m. | Continuing Guitar - 6-6:50 p.m.

The winter session will begin in January.

Needed: Youth Team Sponsorship

There are many ways to support the young people in our community. One is to consider becoming a Youth Team Sponsor!

Help support a Youth Basketball, Baseball, Indoor Soccer or Flag Football team by becoming a donor. Your company name will be proudly displayed on the back of the uniforms, and your business will receive recognition in the Online Recreation Guide and other printed materials. \$195 (1) team, \$700 (4) teams, \$1000 (6) teams).

Call us for more information, 253.460.2530.

Time to hit the slopes!

Are you looking for that perfect gift for your son, daughter, grandchild; or 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. U.P. 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 finetune 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 to pick up the registration form.



Check out the Fall 2014 Recreation Program Guide! Online at www.CityofUP.com, just visit the Parks & Rec page. There is something for everyone!

Seniors, Shuttle UP in November & December!

The University Place Senior Center's FREE shuttle transportation program is returning for the months of November and December. If you are aged 61-plus and live within the University Place city limits, you are eligible to enjoy this free program.

Service is door to door, taking you to one of our pre-determined destinations and returning you to your front door. Our driver will assist with packages and ensure you get safely inside.

Transportation is available for the following programs:

- In November – Senior Center potluck, CCS Lunch at the Senior Center on Nov. 21, or shopping to a local shopping center.
- In December – Souptacular and all CCS Lunches at the Senior Center, Holiday Party, or shopping to a local shopping center.

Please call the Senior Center for additional details, specific dates, and to sign up at 253.564.1992.

Leave your old flame behind – upgrade to cleaner heat

Air quality in much of Pierce County does not meet federal standards for healthy air during colder fall and winter months, when many households rely on wood-burning devices for heating.

In addition to enhanced enforcement of burn bans in the Tacoma-Pierce County Smoke Reduction Zone, a new regulation requires old wood stoves that are not EPA certified be disposed of or rendered inoperable by Sept. 30, 2015. This law applies only in the Smoke Reduction Zone.

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency is offering Zone residents incentives to get ahead of the new law.

- * Get up to \$350 to scrap your old wood stove OR
- * \$1,500 to upgrade to cleaner heat.
- * FREE heating upgrade for low-income households.

Visit www.airsafepiercecounty.org to learn more, sign up for burn ban alerts and see how you can get paid to get rid of your old wood stove. Funds are limited and provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank you to the business & residents who beautify our city

Baskets on Bridgeport and Beyond – sponsoring more than 175 flower-filled hanging baskets

At Your Service Plumbing Bannon, Carlson & Kessel, Inc. Al & Linda Bird	Bridgeport Dental Arts Luella Case Columbia Bank Jack Ecklund &	Jennifer Smith Joyce & Colin Ehli Gerald & Becky Gehring Mt. Rainier Neurology Clinic	Park 52, Inc. Beverly Petrovich for Mike Petrovich Linda Tieman & Bill Reed	John & Faye Reese Kenneth & Judy Smith Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Urbas Steve & Diane Wasalino
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Patrons of Beautification – sponsoring bulb plantings, Christmas decorations, bike racks, and more

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Become a Patron of Beautification

Patrons of Beautification are special residents who support beautification improvements in our community that otherwise would not be covered by the City's limited resources. Sponsored projects include city-wide plantings of more than 75,000 flower bulbs, purchase of decorative trash receptacles and bicycle racks, and purchase of lighted Christmas decorations that annually line Bridgeport Way.

You, too, can become a special Patron of Beautification. Just fill in this coupon, and mail it with your check to:

Patron of Beautification, U.P. City Hall, Attn: Finance, 3715 Bridgeport Way W, University Place WA 98466.

Sponsorship Level (circle one):	\$15 Violet	\$25 Petunia	\$50 Geranium	\$75 Daffodil
	\$100 Marigold	\$250 Bulb-Buster	\$500 Green Thumb	Other

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (Made payable to the City of University Place)

Please charge my () Visa () MasterCard, Card Number: _____ Exp Date: _____ CVV: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ Phone: _____

Authorizing Signature: _____



Destination Art – Between Sea and Sky

An exquisite glass sculpture depicting the beauty of the Pacific Northwest will grace the atrium of the U.P. Civic Building next year thanks to the incredible generosity of community members and businesses.

UP for Arts is pleased to announce it has reached the \$100,000 goal to commission a suspended glass sculpture by architect/artist Michele Gutlove for our community's living room. Several hundred colored pieces depicting leaves, waves, birds, fish and sky will be strung on cables adorned with LED lights and hung from the beams of the atrium ceiling. Installation is scheduled for May 2015. For more information, visit www.upforarts.org.



Our heartfelt thanks to the following community members and businesses who made this spectacular project possible:

\$25,000+

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UPTV – “UNIVERSITY PLACE” ON TV

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