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Historic Curran House: From Hobby Farm to Civic Treasure

The year was 1955.

Charles and Mary Louise Curran purchased 7.3 acres of land at the corner of Grandview and Brookside to build their dream house. They selected local architect Robert B. Price, known for his post-war modern design, to build the house in which they would live and raise their three children for the next 40 years. Charles turned the acreage into a hobby farm of 200 apple trees.

Fast forward to 1995.

The Currans had aged past the point of being able to care for the orchard and the children had scattered to points beyond University Place. The decision was made to sell the property stipulating it was to be used as a public park for the residents of U.P. to enjoy. The following year, the newly formed City of University Place took possession of the property and began public use of the orchard. The Currans remained in their home for a few more years.

The year was 2008.

The Curran House had been used as a rental then ultimately sat empty for a number of years. The City began to look at demolition of the house, stating the high costs of maintenance and restoration that they could not afford. Members of the University Place Historical Society (UPHS) formed a volunteer group, Curran House Investigative Planning and Study Group (CHIPS), and were tasked with developing a plan to pay for the restoration.

"The siblings raised on Olympic Blvd., and then the orchard, wish to express their deep appreciation for all the work the UPHS members have done in restoring the home. Grandchildren and great grandchildren of Chuck and Mary Curran visit and have great memories and appreciation for all the efforts on behalf of the home and orchard. The outcome of a restored historical home and the trees remaining in bloom makes the family incredibly pleased, including the seniors who look down from above. Our deepest thanks to so many."

Charles Curran, Jr.



As one looks uphill from the northeastern tip of the property, the Curran House appears to oversee the apple orchard, which is home to events like the Summer Concert Series and Cider Squeeze.

Enter the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation – who placed the Curran House on the 2009 Most Endangered Historic Properties list. In doing so, the Trust stated: “It may seem a rare instance when the technology-centered mindset of the Puget Sound Region can blend seamlessly with the rich fruit growing heritage of Eastern Washington, but it can be argued that the Curran House in University Place provides just such an experience.” This deemed the property eligible for listing on the Washington Heritage Register and allowed its historic designation in 2010 and consequently the National Historic Registry shortly thereafter.

The year is 2014.

The University Place City Council, after hearing testimony about the accomplishments thus far and reviewing the business plan for restoration and management, unanimously approved a five-year lease to the U.P. Historical Society from the City for management of the Curran House. This lease allows the Historical Society to use private and grant monies to restore the home for use as a rental or for public use such as a museum.

Thank you to the U.P. Historical Society for providing this article.



DUCK DAZE! Sat., June 7 - details on pages 6 & 7.

Council Corner

As a City Council, we continually strive to update our goals through community feedback. I would like to start a spirited public conversation about identifying the difference between a functioning city and a full service community – not just in general, but about our home, University Place.

To me, a functioning city provides the basic necessities for day-to-day living and a full service community provides higher quality necessities and for extended services that improve the quality of life for all residents. We need to come to consensus on which public services are most important – which ones we are willing to pay for and shouldn't have to leave town to find. For this purpose, goal setting needs to begin with a partnership between city government and our residents.

As a result of budgetary constraints, we are currently acting as a functioning city; however, I look forward to the day we become a full service community – one defined by our community at large. Everyone should feel a sense of belonging and pride for the town they call home. University Place has the elements of a full service community, but currently, these elements are minimal and should be improved.

One example of how we are not meeting our full potential is the number of public parks in University Place. Our city is below the state average for a city our size. Many of our parks are not full service; they lack restrooms, covered shelters, BBQ areas, and sufficient lighting. Our parks are functional and the public uses them for various gatherings, but shouldn't we develop them into a full service park system? If yes, how do we prioritize this effort with other competing needs? With this in mind, we need to integrate the public's opinion with council action in order to problem solve, coordinate, and ultimately implement the public's will.

Essential functions of University Place also require public opinion in order to decide whether they need to be improved upon and to what degree.

A few of these include:

- Sidewalks/bike lanes – Some areas still do not have these.
- Residential sewage system – Many citizens are still on septic.
- Street maintenance – Eventually streets fail without proper maintenance.
- Street lighting – We need increased visibility at night.
- Municipal Court – We contract with the City of Lakewood for court services, so citizens currently go to Lakewood to settle infractions. We need to explore if citizens feel they should not have to leave our city to go to court and if we want our own court in University Place.
- Law enforcement – We contract with Pierce County for our law enforcement and the police force is functional, but understaffed and not financially sustainable. Public safety equals cost.

Overall, we have all the basic necessities and we function as a city. But to be an exemplary city, public input is paramount in order to solve problems and improve or add to our existing functions. We need to determine how we synergize as a community in order to reach our full potential as a full service community – as defined by our residents. As a society, we need to come to a realization with the requirements of what it takes in becoming a full service community versus the status quo of operating at a functional level.

The Council and the City's administration look forward to a prosperous partnership with our community and we want to receive your feedback to help establish Council goals. Thank you for your input and for taking the time to add your voice to the conversation of how we make University Place the best community for all residents. Contact information for the Council members and City Manager is on the City's website.

Javier Figueroa
University Place Mayor Pro Tem



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PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

- May 19 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- June 2 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- June 16 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
- June 23 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting
- July 7 – 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 and at 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

May 15 & June 19 – 6 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

May 21, June 4, June 18 & July 2 – 7 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

May 15 & June 19 – 7:30 a.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

May 8, June 12 & July 10 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Letters of support for the 16th CAB

The 16th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), University Place's Community Connector Partner, has left for their mission in Afghanistan. The Casing of their Colors was held on March 21 with their family and friends on site to give them tribute for their history and best wishes for their safe return.

In their honor, the City has placed a timeline of the CAB's mission along with a digital loop of the CAB's pictures in the City Hall lobby case. A white mailbox, complete with the CAB's emblem, sits atop the case. If you are interested, you may write a letter and leave it in the mailbox; the letter will be delivered to a deployed 16th CAB soldier in Afghanistan.

This support of our military friends is part of the function of AUSA (Association of the United States Army), an organization that has joined with the City of University Place through the Community Connector program, the same program which assigned the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade from Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) to the City of University Place. These past three years of partnership has established University Place as their home away from home. They have lived, played, and volunteered in our community. We have raised funds and volunteered to ensure that the morale of the Brigade is held high.



Letters for 16th CAB servicemembers may be placed in the mailbox in the City Hall lobby at 3715 Bridgeport Way West.



In attendance at the Casing of the Colors deployment ceremony, Mayor Denise McCluskey wished members of their commanding staff, Sergeant Major Tillman and Colonel Mele, a safe journey.

Col. Mele, Commander of the 16th CAB, is now asking that we send out letters of support to his troops. Let's not disappoint him. The soldiers are risking their lives to bring proper closure to a long war. They will most certainly need our words of encouragement to uplift their spirits with some words of life back home. They will also know that a community yearns for their safe return and appreciates their service and sacrifice for our freedom.

The letters can be sent to the City of University Place in care of the CAB or just use the white mailbox as a drop-off box to deposit your letter. The mailbox is located in the lobby of City Hall at 3715 Bridgeport Way West, University Place, WA 98466. Please denote "16th CAB" on the letter's envelope.

To Protect and Serve

The University Place Police Department is a full service police agency providing effective law enforcement service to the residents of University Place since 1996. Over the past 18 years, public outreach and responsiveness to the needs of our residents have defined police service in our community. The long history of our community oriented policing model has established University Place as a premier contract city for the Pierce County Sheriff's Office.

University Place is known as a safe and livable community, one of the reasons that people choose to move here. University Place is a also community that boasts one of the top school districts in the state, beautiful parks and a now thriving business district.

These values in a safe community through police and fire, a high level of education achievement and beautiful parks are values that define University Place. Each element combines to make University Place a sought-after place to live. Public safety is critical to maintaining these values because without good quality policing, the other values erode.

It is not just proactive patrol work that defines the University Place Police Department, it is our customer service ideology as well. We refer to this as "No call too small." We strive to respond to each citizen call and complaint, no matter the nature. The same attention to detail our officers give to violent crime and property crime, is given to calls that affect the quality

of life in our neighborhoods. Whether it is a nuisance call, suspicious activity or a civil dispute, we attempt to address a resolution. Our dispatch policies reflect this.

A person may only call 911 once in their lifetime and if a police officer does not respond, it is a dent in their perception of public safety. "No call too small" has been our mindset during our highest staffing level and at our lowest. It is a customer service requirement that affects the perception of how safe people feel in our city.

We achieve this perception of high safety and responsiveness with a significantly lower level of staffing and lower cost per resident than anywhere else in Pierce County. We are the lowest staffed police department in the county and the cheapest per resident.

We are proud to protect and serve the citizens of University Place. Our officers strive each day to continue to make University Place a wonderful place to live, work and play.



	Pierce County City Average	University Place Police Dept. Actual
Officer Staffing Per 1,000 Residents	2.26 Officers	0.54 Officer
Cost of Law Enforcement Per Resident	\$291 Per Resident	\$109 Per Resident

Whole Foods Market breaks ground in U.P.



In the early afternoon of Wednesday, March 26, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for Whole Foods Market, which will be constructed just north of the U.P. Civic Building. With a large crowd of community members and supporters present, shovels were put to dirt by: (L-R) Council Member Kent Keel, Council Member Ken Grassi; Mayor Denise McCluskey; past Council Member Gerald Gebring; President Joe Rogoff of Whole Foods Market Pacific Northwest; Rob Andrews and John Maus of Verus Partners, LLC, the developer; Council Member Chris Nye; Council Member Caroline Belleci; and Superintendent Alan Anderson of Abbott Construction.

It's time for a Birdathon!

The Tahoma Audubon Society (TAS) Birdathon is its largest and most fun fundraiser of the year – and you can join in more ways than one!

The Spring Birdathon takes place from Earth Day (April 22) to June 1. During that time there are field trips and events happening in many places. Here is a list of the upcoming Spring Birding Trips that are available and open to TAS members as well as to the general public:

- May 11 from 12-3 p.m. – Morse Wildlife Preserve Graham, WA
- May 12 from 12-3 p.m. – Bird Walk at Adriana Hess Audubon Center
- May 13 from 8-10 a.m. – Schmel Homestead Park/Gig Harbor
- May 13 from 5 a.m. - 5 p.m. – Black Hills/Capitol Forest

The website at www.tahomaaudubon.org will provide all of the information about how you can participate in the Birdathon or simply go along on one or more of the field trips.

If you have further questions, please call the Tahoma Audubon Society at 253.565.9278.

15th Annual Audubon Society Youth Bird Drawing Contest

Pierce County youth in grades 2-7 are invited to enter – complete details are available at www.tahomaaudubon.org. Enter by May 27, 2014!

Audubon presentation

The Tahoma Audubon Society, a U.P. City Partner, is located at the Adriana Hess Audubon Center in University Place. The group meets monthly at the Tacoma Nature Center, 1919 South Tyler Street. Membership meetings are open to the public.

The May membership meeting will feature Olympia artist Chris Maynard's amazing and intricate artwork using feathers. Chris will be sharing information on how he creates his art. Additionally, his feather designs will be on display in the Tacoma Nature Center auditorium. To get a taste of this fine artistry, visit the FeatherFolio website at www.featherfolio.com.

Artist Chris Maynard is passionate about feathers. He says, "My work with feathers gives me a satisfying perch from which to view the world." He has worked with feathers since he was 12 years old but only began showing his work in 2010. Since then, his unique feather shadowboxes have been quickly recognized by art collectors, the press, and a wide and interesting variety of people from around the world.

He only has time to turn a small portion of his ideas, which fill many notebooks, into his shadowbox feather designs. His favorite tools are the tiny eye surgery scissors, forceps, and magnifying glasses passed down through his family.

Join Chris for his presentation on Thursday, May 15. Doors open at 7 p.m. for social and gallery viewing. The presentation will take place from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Check out www.tahomaaudubon.org for future meeting dates and more information about the Tahoma Audubon Society and their other upcoming events.



Save the Date

May 17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and May 18, 12-4 p.m.

UNIVERSITY PLACE TOUR OF GARDENS



Our springtime garden tour is all about gardening! Whether you live in a condo, house, or on an urban farm, you will find inspiration in the 2014 UPHS Tour of Gardens. Guest speaker Marianne Binetti will give a kick off talk on Saturday, May 17 at 10 a.m.

Tickets: On sale April 10

To purchase tickets online go to www.UPHistoricalSociety.org. For more information call 253.778.6717.



UP for Arts Spring Arts & Concert Series

Enjoy a great evening of music and art in the U.P. Civic Building Atrium from 7-8:30 p.m. on May 23 when you'll hear Trio d'anches Northwest featuring Wendy Wilhelmi on flute, Florie Rothenberg on clarinet and Liz Paterson on bassoon. Joining the festivities will be jewelry designer/painter Joni Joachims.

Admission is \$10, \$5 for students, and free for UP for Arts members. For more information, visit www.upforarts.org.



Curran Apple Orchard 2013 Summer Concerts! FREE!

Kick back, relax and enjoy the talented acts at the 2014 Curran Apple Orchard Summer Concerts. This year's events feature a great variety of music 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the following dates:



- July 10: Washington National Guard 133rd Army Band (Patriotic and popular tunes)
- July 24: Maia Santell and House Blend (Blues, jazz, swing)
- Aug. 7: Danny Vernon's Illusion of Elvis Show (www.DannyVernon.com)
- Aug. 21: Barleywine Revue and Kye Alfred Hillig (Folk, bluegrass, rock)



Thanks to CORE, Columbia Bank and The Warehouse for their support. The Curran Apple Orchard is located at 3920 Grandview Dr. W. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will relocate to the Curtis Sr. High School Cafeteria. For more information, please visit www.curranappleorchard.com.

Save the Date!

Teddy bears are coming to the Curran Apple Orchard! Sunday, July 20 from 1-4 p.m. Dance Theatre Northwest and the University Place Historical Society are the sponsors of this free community event. For more information contact Barbara at 253.778.6717.



Oh, My! Online payments take off on MyAccount

You're doing great! Since Tacoma Public Utilities launched its new online bill pay and account management site a few months ago, more than 50,000 people have registered. That's almost 30 percent of its customers! If you haven't registered yet on MyTPU.org/MyAccount, here are a few reasons why you should consider it. You can easily:

- Set up recurring credit and debit card payments without fees
- Enroll in paperless billing
- Make a one-time change to your billing due date
- Sign up for Budget Billing
- Get text and email reminders and manage your profile
- Pay your utility bill

Through MyAccount, you can also select how you'd like to receive your bill and elect to get text and email reminders about paying it. All of those features are available to residential and commercial customers, and more are in the works as the utility continues to hear from you about how it can best meet your needs.

Get more for your money with windows and insulation

LIMITED-TIME OFFER

Know your power to save. Tacoma Power has increased its rebates by 20 percent on energy-saving windows and insulation through June 30 this year.

You'll stay more comfortable at home all year while saving money on your home improvement projects today and on your electricity bills later. When you replace less efficient windows and insulation, you can get up to \$4,000 plus an extra 20 percent and a zero-interest loan to cover remaining costs.

Work with a participating contractor and they'll ensure you get the maximum rebates available and help with any paperwork, too.

Visit KnowYourPower.com/20 to learn more about this special promotion or call 253.502.8377 to start your project.

Duck Daze Events – Saturday, June 7

Start your day with the Duck Parade!

The Duck Parade began when community members Terry Reim and Dixie Harris thought the community needed an event to celebrate the end of the rainy season as well as the wonderful improvements to Bridgeport Way.

The yellow duck was adopted as the symbol of the parade and now is a community mascot!

The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the corner of 27th and Bridgeport and continues south to 37th where it ends at the UPTown Cruisin' Car Show. You can be in the parade or come to cheer on the participants; either way, you'll want to grab your yellow gear. This year we will be including a Seattle Seahawks theme section in the parade. We encourage participants to wear their favorite Hawks gear! We know we have a lot of Seahawks fans in the community who would love to show their pride, especially after their Superbowl win.



Pre-registration to participate in the parade is strongly encouraged. Registration paperwork can be found on the City website at www.CityofUP.com or you can pick one up at the Parks & Recreation Office located at 3609 Market Place West, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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



Duck Daze Schedule:

UPTown Cruisin' Car Show	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Duck Parade	10 a.m. start
Race a Duck	After parade
Duck Daze Festival	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Fire & Police Open House	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Parrot Ambassador	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Point Defiance Zoo Animal Appearance	1:30 - 2:20 p.m.
<i>*Subject to change without notice</i>	

UPTown Cruisin' Car Show

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – City Hall Parking Areas

This year's annual UPTown Cruisin' Association and American Legion Post 138 car show will again be held in conjunction with the Duck Daze Events, Saturday, June 7. If you are a hard core auto enthusiast or just enjoy beautiful cars, do not miss one of the best shows in the area. We'll have vintage, classic, hot rod, tuner, modern cars and maybe a few motorcycles. Last year was our biggest turnout, with over 140 vehicles on display. We have more parking space this year and hope to fill the lot for your viewing pleasure.

In previous years, the UPTown Cruisin' Association has donated our proceeds for the clock in Homestead Park, scholarships for students from Curtis High School interested in the automotive industry, Operation Hands On, Families Unlimited Network and U.P. Community Supported Parks & Recreation programs. This year's proceeds will go to The American Legion Service Officers fund to help local veterans in need and to the U.P. Veterans Flag Plaza project.

Vehicle owners interested in showing their car or motorcycle can go to www.CityofUP.com and download an application. Entry fee is still only \$15 per vehicle. If you would rather do a moisture check that morning, drive-ins are welcome, no reservations required.

Show trophies are sponsored by local businesses and the grand prize has been sponsored and funded by Dixie Harris and Team Insurance. Any business interested in sponsoring a trophy can contact Bob Schwartz at 253.381.6453 or Charlie Maxwell at 253.405.9014 for information and an application.

The UPTown Cruisin' Association is a group of local car enthusiasts whose only purpose is to put on the best car show in University Place. There are NO membership fees other than helping with the Car Show. Anyone interested can contact Bob or Charlie at the above numbers.

So, complete your spring safety check, check the tire pressures, top off the fluid levels, buff up the finish, polish that chrome and we'll see you Saturday morning before 9 a.m.!



Duck Daze Festival

Fun, food, shopping, entertainment and MORE! It's all a part of the upcoming Duck Daze Festival on Saturday June 7. Join us from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Market Square for a day full of fun and entertainment.

At the Duck Daze Festival you will find; food booths, local business booths, arts & crafts, pony rides, bounce houses, rubber duck races and entertainment! Making an appearance will be the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium and the Parrot Ambassadors with live animals. Enjoy all this and so much more at the 2014 Duck Daze Festival. It's a day you and your family will not want to miss! The Duck Daze Festival is sponsored in part by Umpqua Bank, Directors Mortgage and Vivid Images Photography LLC.

Make sure you 'LIKE' us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/DuckDaze.

Duck Daze Festival

in University Place, WA

FUN, FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT and MORE!
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in front of the U.P. Library
COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

For more information go to www.CityofUP.com

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Interested in being an exhibitor?

The Duck Daze Festival is a true community event that offers our exhibitors unmatched face-to-face interaction with thousands of families in the University Place area. Its exhibitors are positioned as supporting families, community, learning and fun! The Duck Daze Festival offers businesses the perfect opportunity to promote their product(s) and/or services in front of potential customers, clients, and/or patients in the University Place area.



To book your space at the 2014 Duck Daze Festival, contact Kimberly Halinen at kimberly@VentiProductions.com or 253.683.2992.

Race a Duck

Hurry and enter your Lucky Duck in the third annual "Race a Duck" Duck Race! Thousands of floating ducks will brave Green Tech's treacherous artificial waterway toward the finish line. Be the lucky winner!

The race will be held in front of Town Center and will begin right after the Duck Parade. For details or to adopt your duck, go to www.my-volunteercenter.org. Proceeds will benefit University Place Volunteer Center.



Fire & Police Open House

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



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



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

Highlights of the day will include:

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

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



Bridgeport Way gets a facelift

It is apparent that increasing University Place residents' ability to walk and bike throughout the City is important to City Engineer, Jack Ecklund, and his staff. Even with over 27 miles of combined sidewalks and bike lanes, the City Engineer is constantly looking for grant funding to continue increasing that number. This spring and summer, two new projects will be underway along Bridgeport Way, to further expand the City's network of sidewalk and bike lanes.

Bridgeport Way West Phase 3B

This winter, construction began on the Bridgeport Way West Phase 3B project. Funded through a \$2.2 million grant from the Federal Highway Administration, the project includes construction of sidewalks, streetlights, bike lanes and landscaping along both sides of Bridgeport Way between 54th Street and Chambers Lane. These improvements will extend the current sidewalk that stretches more than two miles to the north on Bridgeport Way, further improving access and safety along our busiest street.

A couple of safety features included within this project are median islands and sidewalk planter strips. Similar to what is already found along Bridgeport Way, median islands help mitigate turn conflicts and slightly reduce speeds due to a perceived narrowing of the lanes. Studies have shown that the turn mitigation and decreased speeds help to lower accident rates and increase pedestrian safety. Also, the inclusion of sidewalk planter strips will provide a buffer between the vehicular and pedestrian traffic in order to further increase safety.

Although we are confident of the benefits this project will bring, we understand that those of you who frequently travel through this section of Bridgeport Way may experience some delays. Both the City and prime contractor are concerned about any inconvenience our work may cause you, and we will be working to minimize the disruption. Construction is scheduled to be complete in early 2015.



The Bridgeport Way West Phase 3B project is underway, and quickly moving along. Soon residents will be able to enjoy sidewalks through this section of our busiest street.



The Bridgeport Low Impact Development project will help to protect Leach Creek – a salmon-bearing stream – by filtering stormwater runoff before it enters the creek.

Bridgeport Low Impact Development

Further to the south, the Bridgeport Low Impact Development project will extend the Bridgeport sidewalk network using innovative stormwater technologies. This project will construct new sidewalk using pervious pavement along the southwest side of the street between 67th Avenue and the southern City limits.

Pervious pavement is effective in capturing potentially polluted stormwater runoff by allowing it to seep into the ground, rather than running directly into local streams and waterways. In addition to sidewalks, this project will include construction of rain gardens, vegetative swales and bio-retention in order to filter the stormwater before it discharges into Leach Creek. Both Coho and Chum salmon use Leach Creek to spawn in the fall/winter and clean water is critical to maintaining this habitat.

This project is funded through a \$758,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology and \$250,000 from local surface water management funds. Construction is scheduled to begin early this summer.

City looks for ways to accommodate projected growth

The Puget Sound Regional Council projects that population in the Puget Sound Region will grow by 1.7 million between 2000 and 2040. The Puget Sound Regional Council's Regional Growth Strategy allocates approximately .0135 percent or 23,000 to University Place.

In accordance with a State mandate, the City is currently planning for growth through 2030. To accommodate the projected population growth, the City Council has directed that future growth should occur in the existing multi-family, commercial and mixed use zones of the City, thereby protecting the character of single family neighborhoods.

The Planning Commission is exploring allowing mixed use (residential and commercial) development in the vicinity of the Narrows Plaza, increasing the residential development density in the existing multi-family high zone and rezoning selected properties along Orchard Street north of Cirque Drive from Residential to Mixed Use Zone. The map is available for viewing at www.CityofUP.com.

For information or to comment on the proposals, contact David Swindale, Director, Planning and Development Services at 253.460.2519 or DSwindale@CityofUP.com.

National Night Out 2014

It is getting to be that time of year again – time for University Place residents to turn on outside lights, lock their doors and step outside to join their neighbors in the fight against crime. National Night Out, always the first Tuesday of August, will take place this year on Tuesday, August 5.

National Night Out is designed to: Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

University Place Police, together with West Pierce Fire & Rescue, the U.P. City Council, Fire & City Commissioners and staff, will be caravanning all around the City in police and fire vehicles visiting all of the University Place neighborhoods who register by Friday, July 25. Register your neighborhood today by calling the University Place Police Department at 253.798.3141.

This is our opportunity to honor the University Place neighborhoods who partner with police and fire to successfully reduce crime and increase safety in our city.



Don't wait! Start organizing your block party today and register your neighborhood by calling 253.798.3141.

For additional information and organizational tools to assist you with your Block Party, visit www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/.

Swim safety guidelines for minimizing drowning risks

When early summer heat inspires thoughts of swimming, remember the water in rivers, lakes, and the ocean is extremely cold this time of year. Cold water increases the chances of hypothermia and drowning. West Pierce Fire & Rescue urges people to observe these important guidelines for water safety:

- Know the water! Washington State waters are cold enough to cause hypothermia even on the hottest summer day; hypothermia can weaken even the strongest swimmer.
- Know your limits! Drowning often happens when a person tires while swimming.
- Swim in areas with a lifeguard.
- Wear a life jacket when swimming or whenever you boat, jet-ski, go tubing, or engage in other water sports.
- Never leave children unsupervised in or near the water, even for a minute. Drownings happen swiftly and silently.
- Ensure children are wearing life jackets.
- Inflatable toys and mattresses will not keep children safe. By law, children ages 12 or younger must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket or vest on all vessels 18 feet or shorter.
- Always avoid alcohol when swimming or boating.
- Avoid swimming in potentially dangerous areas such as fast flowing rivers or ocean beaches with riptides.
- Don't dive into shallow water or unfamiliar swimming holes.
- Cover your spa when not in use. Ponds, five-gallon buckets and wading pools are also drowning hazards for young children.

If you are in need of a life jacket, visit us on June 7 at the Duck Daze Fire & Police Open House at 3631 Drexler Drive in University Place from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Life jackets are sold for \$14 and sizes are available for infants to adults.

Free smoke alarms from WPFR

West Pierce Fire & Rescue received another grant which will fund more than 2,000 smoke alarms to be installed in residences within the borders of the fire district, Lakewood and University Place. Installations will be done by appointment through WPFR personnel.

This program funds smoke alarms with a long-life battery which will not need to be changed like a typical 9-volt. The alarm should 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, unless hard-wired.
- If you do not have alarms inside and outside each sleeping area.
- If your smoke alarms are not working properly.

Complete criteria information is available at www.westpierce.org.

Installations are scheduled based on need and appointment days rotate. To schedule an appointment, please contact Rachel Adler at 253.983.4569 or Rachel.Adler@westpierce.org.

Free Defensive Firearms Classes

Please join University Place Police Deputy Dan Hacker for free classes regarding defensive firearms. This will be a classroom setting, where the students do not do any actual firearms handling. It is recommended that students are 12 years of age and older.

The **Basic Defensive Firearms** class covers topics such as firearms safety, use of force law, liability, alternatives to firearm use, and basic handgun control and manipulation. Class size is limited. Do NOT bring firearms to class.

When: Tuesday, May 13
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Where: U.P. Police Department
3609 Market Place W, Suite 201
RSVP: Community Support Officer,
Sandi Estep, 253.798.4058

The **Advanced Defensive Firearms** class covers topics such as the importance of advanced training, the types of advanced training, hazards of advanced training, advanced handgun manipulation, defensive firearm tactics, preparing your mind for combat, and post shooting etiquette. Class size is limited. Do NOT bring firearms to class.

When: Tuesday, May 20
Time: 6-8 p.m.
Where: U.P. Police Department
3609 Market Place W, Suite 201
RSVP: Community Support Officer,
Sandi Estep, 253.798.4058

27th Street Revitalization

27th Street. If you live in University Place, you probably cross it, or visit a business there, on a regular basis. Did you know that 27th Street is one of the original commercial corridors in University Place? Before the community was incorporated, 27th Street was the location of University Place's first school, first fire station and first grocery store. It was quite the hub of activity. And today, the activity continues as more than 130 businesses call 27th Street home and provide goods and services upon which you depend.



You may have noticed a new look on 27th Street recently. Banners are hanging from light poles, clearly identifying 27th Street as a unique and separate business district. With historical significance and a major east-west thoroughfare as hallmarks, the business owners along this corridor are joining together to create a special atmosphere that will invite residents and visitors alike to spend time exploring this historic area and all it has to offer.

In addition to the banners, the 27th Street Business District Association has created a Facebook page to keep both residents and businesses up to date on any planned activities in the District. By "liking" the 27th Street Business District page, you will be the first to know about planned activities on 27th Street. And businesses located on 27th Street will want to stay in the loop as the Business District Association provides opportunities for input regarding how to best provide a unique and attractive shopping experience on 27th Street. Keep your eye on 27th Street – great things are happening there!



City officials gathered with representatives from U.P. Primary and the Business District for a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the 27th Street project completion.

Utility tax refunds for low income households

All City of University Place low income households are eligible to apply for a utility tax refund of \$56, with an additional \$9 refunded for gas utility customers, for utility taxes paid through Dec. 31, 2013. Households that qualify can apply for a refund by obtaining an application form and submitting it no later than June 30, 2014.

"Low income" means a household earning less than 50 percent of median income as described by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. For refunds on your 2013 utility tax, the income eligibility levels are as shown in the chart to the right.

Applicants must also show proof that they lived in University Place for nine months or more of 2013. Please see application and instructions for an explanation of what documentation is required.

Household Size	2013 Maximum Annual Gross Income
One person	\$24,600
Two persons	\$28,100
Three persons	\$31,600
Four or more persons	\$35,100

Application forms may be obtained by:

- Downloading: Go to www.CityofUP.com to download a copy.
- Emailing: Email a request to upfinance@CityofUP.com.
- Visiting: Come to U.P. City Hall at 3715 Bridgeport Way W.
- Calling: Call 253.460.2547 to have one mailed to you.

NEW! Adult Education at the U.P. Senior Center

Fitness for your brain! We are now offering educational classes to stretch your brain and strengthen your critical thinking. This spring's classes are being taught by educators from Tacoma Community College, who are bringing college level classes into the community just for you (and you won't be graded!). Classes take place at the University Place Senior/Community Center, 2534 Grandview Drive West, and pre-registration is required. You must be 18 or over to attend. Call 253.564.1992 for questions or to register for a class.

Democratic Political Theory

Thursdays, June 5 to July 24 (8 weeks)
6-7:15 p.m. \$110+book purchase

Do we have a democracy? Should we have a democracy? What is necessary to sustain a commitment to democracy? How does one take such questions seriously as a citizen and begin to answer such questions thoughtfully?

Over its history, democracy has been both celebrated as a universal virtue and panned as a seriously confused model of government. While political tradition and public mythology point to democracy and democratic values and institutions as a given and significant part of our system of government and political heritage, there is some reason to be concerned about the status of democracy in the United States today.

Taught by T.C.C. Political Science instructor, Dan Enbysk.

Poetry for Anyone

Tuesdays, June 3 to July 22 (8 weeks)
4-5 p.m. \$88

For many people, studying poetry in school was intimidating. Poetry can seem like a tangle of secret symbols and codes. But it doesn't have to be that way. Poems communicate with us much more directly than we might expect. You actually may already know how to read poetry! In this course, you will be presented some ways to think about poems that you might not have considered before, making connections you might not have previously considered, and opening up new reading experiences. For each class session we will closely read a poem or two; copies of the poems will be provided by the instructor.

Taught by poet and T.C.C. English instructor, Lawrence White.

Summer Day Camp UPlay!

The wait is almost over, school is almost out for this year and your little campers are so ready to come back to Summer Day Camp UPlay! This season we are excited to be offering new field trips and bringing back some favorite counselors. Your kids ages 5-12 are sure to enjoy their 10 full weeks of fun in the sun!



Camp UPlay offers many things your youngster will love as each week consists of creative arts, games, crafts, reading club, fun projects and great field trips. Not to mention there will be swimming twice a week! Campers will also attend a Summer Movie Program. All of this is for one weekly fee.

Each child must bring a sack lunch, snacks and something to drink each day. Dress for the weather; layers are best, but NO flip flops.

Space is limited so register today!

For more information or to register, stop in to the Recreation Office at 3609 Market Place West, Suite 102, or call 253.460.2530.



Youth Outdoor Summer Sports

Top Cat Tennis

Children learn when they are having fun! Top Cat Tennis has been conducting tennis camps in the Tacoma area for over a decade using this simple formula. "A caring staff and positive atmosphere will allow young players to learn the game of tennis and have fun doing it!"

Camps will be separated by age groups to ensure quality instruction. Lessons for ages 5-12 will run Monday-Thursdays for 10 weeks this summer. Register for one week or all 10! Tournament Tennis is also available for ages 13-18.

For more information or to register, contact the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530.

Coed Soccer League

Our youth summer soccer is a coed outdoor league for Pre-K through 2nd graders which will begin after the 4th of July. It will be a six-game season with games held during the week, no weekend games.

The cost for the league is \$50, which includes the uniform cost. The registration deadline is June 14.

Look for more information in our Spring/Summer 2014 Recreation Program Guide at www.CityofUP.com!

Track Club

The very popular Summer Track Club is BACK! This is our third year of this successful program and we're excited for another great season.

Youth will enjoy 10 weeks of training, focused on running and jumping events, with experienced track & field coaches, and they will even have the opportunity to compete in some track meets!

Track Club meets 6-7:30 p.m. beginning June 10 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Charles Wright Academy track. This program is \$160 for the entire 10 weeks, which includes meet fees and uniform cost.

Registration deadline is June 2. Contact the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530 to register.

Bootcamp Fitness

High Intensity Circuit Training

Morning Session – \$150 (18 classes)

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
5:30–6:30 a.m.
May 28-July 9 (no class on July 4)

Evening Session – \$150 (18 classes)

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays
6:15–7:15 p.m.
May 27-July 7

This class is designed to continually "shock" the body; as research demonstrates it is the most efficient and effective way to improve your cardiovascular system, lose weight and build/tone muscle. The endless variety of exercises will ensure no two classes are the same, and every class will feel new, exciting, and will utilize the best fat-burning, body-sculpting exercises to help improve your fitness level, and help you tone up and slim down. Each class will run for six weeks and be held at Curtis Junior High in the weight room. Pre-registration is required. Unlimited classes are available for \$195 a month.

For more information or to register, contact the Parks & Recreation Office today at 253.460.2530.



Check out the Spring-Summer 2014 Recreation Program Guide online at www.CityofUP.com. Just visit the Parks & Recreation page and click on the guide – there is something for everyone!

