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Kobayashi Park picnic shelter opens

Tucked away in a tiny niche of University Place is a bit of bucolic serenity. This idyllic place is located at the confluence of Chambers and Leach Creeks, where two salmon-bearing waterways connect to define a 4.82-acre preserve that was once the site of a home designed in 1964 by architect Russell Garrison.

The park/preserve was purchased with Conservation Futures funds, along with a combination of city, county and federal funds, for \$656,612. The intent of the purchase was not to save the house, but to instead save the salmon and eagle habitats. The funding criteria incorporated education, conservation and access to the park through a trail system that is planned to follow the creeks from Fircrest to Chambers Bay.

The home initially belonged to the Pauley family, until 1978 when the Kobayashi family bought it. In 2000 the Kobayashi family offered the home to the City.

Since the purchase in 2000, there have been intensive master site plan reviews by the public and noted professionals to determine the best use for the structure. The most recent use was as a rental, which sealed the home's fate in 2010 with a kitchen fire, wood rot and mold.

As a result of the damages, the City received \$134,000 in



At the picnic shelter ceremony on Aug. 11 members of the City Council and Parks Commission celebrated the cutting of the ribbon with staff, commissioners and families at the park.

insurance money which could be used to restore or repurpose the structure. Another set of public hearings ensued with professional consultants, designers, architects and, most importantly, citizens, all of whom were inspired to give Kobayashi a new lease on life. This new effort was led by the Parks & Recreation Commission.

In the repurposing process, of the Kobayashi home has maintained its footprint and the unique features of the original home. The facility now sports public restrooms and an open-air feel, allowing patrons to experience the sounds and beauty of the natural setting throughout the year. It is surrounded by a wooden deck with its fireplace still in place, for permitted use, which is artistically wrapped in art deco metal work from the skilled and caring hands and inspiration of Gary Cooper, the City's Public Works Director. The home is now a multi-functional picnic shelter with a home-like patio quality.

The years of debate as to the best use of the home have now come to a unique and beautiful conclusion befitting the park surroundings. The home and site are at peace. It is now beckoning you to come for a visit.

Mayor Denise McCluskey



Chambers and Leach Creeks converge on the Kobayashi property, with Leach entering from the east and Chambers from the south; both then exiting the property to the west.

For more information about Kobayashi Park, visit the City's website at www.CityofUP.com, or call the Parks & Recreation Department at 253.460.2530.

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Raptor Family and Friends

Kandahar, Afghanistan

August 18, 2014

(Excerpts from letter from Raptor 6 (aka "Paul")):

Our nation's decision to reduce the number of service members in Afghanistan will have a direct impact on how long we're deployed and how many of us are required to accomplish the fewer tasks we're assigned. We call this gradual reduction in folks "drawing down." First group of Raptor Soldiers will redeploy in mid-September and then it's a steady flow of folks heading home through October. We're working hard now to figure out just who goes home on what day, but, we need a little patience from everyone as we're figuring out some of this as we go along. I look at it like this: For about 13 years units have come here with a firm check-in and check-out date (9, 12, or 15 month long tour) and all they had to do to leave was turn the keys over to the next team. We're still doing customer support, but also cleaning up 13 years' worth of mess, tearing the place down around us, moving around our work areas, and reacting to a lot of changes in all the above. Best way to stay up with what's going on for the redeployment activities (Banner making? Barracks prep? Arrival ceremonies?) is to get plugged in to your Family Readiness Group (FRG), the Ready Reserve (aka "Rear-D") leadership, and watch our unit Facebook pages. This far along into the deployment is an excellent point to check in on your fellow Raptor Spouses and Family Members...and to assess how you yourself are doing.

Much left to do here still but we will indeed be sending folks home in just a few weeks. Unfortunately though, too often we get through the deployment without serious injury or incident only to suffer life and career ending incidents after getting home. We'll talk lots with the soldiers about avoiding risk and taking care of each other at home but we absolutely need your help too. If something just doesn't seem right with any member of our team, whether soldier or family member, it's your Duty to take action to prevent something bad from happening. We're in this together - whether it's a family member hiding the car keys or a leader helping a soldier-in-need at 2 a.m. And of course, anytime you hear "Hey watch this" you might want to step in for everybody's sake. You and your Soldier have done well and should be very proud. Remember, though, we need your help to take care of our great team once we're all home. After all, it's our Families that make us Army Strong.

Humbly yours,
Raptor 6 (aka "Paul")

For the full content of this letter, please go to the City's website, www.CityofUP.com.

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PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

Sept. 2 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Sept. 15 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Oct. 6 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Oct. 20 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Nov. 3 – 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 contact the City Clerk's Office at 253.460.2510 for current information about meeting dates and agendas.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Sept. 18 & Oct. 16 – 6 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Sept. 3 & 17, Oct. 1 & 15, Nov. 5 – 7 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Sept. 25 & Oct. 23 – 7:30 a.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Sept. 11, Oct. 9 & Nov. 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 and meeting locations.

University Place Commission Vacancies

Commissioners are citizens that, 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 their City and then create ideas, identify resources, and make recommendations toward fulfilling the Council's Vision.

Applications are currently being accepted from citizens interested in serving on the following Commissions:

Economic Development Commission
Planning Commission

Parks & Recreation Commission
Public Safety Commission

Application deadline is Friday, Nov. 28, 2014. Forms are available on-line at www.CityofUP.com, and at City Hall. For more information contact the City Clerk's office at 253.566.5656.

Pierce County Council approves increase in new sewer connection charge



No changes to current customer fees

Members of the Pierce County Council voted on Aug. 19 to increase the fees for connecting to the sanitary sewer system to help pay for the ongoing expansion of the Chambers Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in University Place.

"This increase is a necessary step in the ongoing development of Pierce County utilities, but it's important to note that current sewer customers won't be affected," said Council Chair Dan Roach, who represents the 1st Council District. "The expanded treatment plant will increase capacity, allow the county to repair and replace aging infrastructure and incorporate new technologies that help protect the environment."

The Council voted 4-2 to approve Ordinance 2014-54s2. If signed by the County Executive, it would increase the capacity charge and the basin area charge. **The basin area charge will increase by an average of six percent on Jan. 1, 2015, to adjust for inflation and pay for newly constructed sewer projects that provide sewer service to each basin area. The capacity charge will increase by \$1,160 on January 1, 2015 to help pay for the \$353 million expansion of the treatment plant.**

The capacity charge has not increased since 1984, when the

treatment plant was first built.

The increase will be phased in over a three-year period, and will apply to new construction as well as existing properties connecting to the sewer system. Effective on Jan. 1 of each year, the **capacity charge will increase from \$1,250 to \$2,410 in 2015, to \$3,100 in 2016, and to \$3,618 in 2017.** This change will affect new sewer customers in the cities of DuPont, Lakewood, **University Place**, and Milton, as well as unincorporated areas of the county.

The current capacity of the treatment plant is 28.7 million gallons per day (MGD). When the expansion project is complete, the plant's capacity is expected to increase by 15 MGD, raising the total capacity to 43.7 MGD.

The ordinance also directs Public Works and Utilities to convene a working group to continue coordination with industry representatives to ensure that future increases are equitable and revenue neutral. Annual inflationary changes to the capacity charge and the basin area charge are subject to Pierce County Council approval each year during the budget process.

For more information on sewer connection charges, visit www.piercecountywa.org/connectioncharges.

Pierce County provides the majority of sewer services to the City of University Place. The City itself does not provide sewer services. However, the City acts as a facilitator in resolving sewer problems throughout the City. Approximately 1,800 or about 23% of the City's properties are not connected to a municipal sewer system. These properties have on-site septic systems. For information regarding Pierce County Sewer Services, call 253.798.4050.

Data Driven Policing

Public Safety is evolving. Decades old law enforcement agencies employed a call driven response. In the 1990s Community Oriented Policing was embraced as a crime fighting mentality, partnering with citizens to help police. That concept has evolved even further to a data driven crime prevention approach that allows policing agencies to use technology to predict and control crime. The efforts of your University Place Police team in the Orchard Corridor demonstrate that strategically deploying resources is smart, effective policing.

Approximately five years ago your Police team used crime analysis to dictate where to deploy resources. Armed with this data we coordinated with already-established rental and business community partnerships and obtained Federal grant funding to strategically direct additional policing in the Orchard Corridor. This was a "staffing experiment" to see if purposely deploying resources to an area with high crime could impact crime. This information-based policing method proved that, with the right tools and mindset, policing agencies can control crime.

As of Aug. 1, 2014 residential burglary in the Orchard Corridor is down 51% below what we expected, based on the previous five years, and is well below the normal range. Vehicle prowls are down 44% and are well below the normal range. Vandalism is down 66%, and is below the normal range. Drug possession numbers are up due to the increase in enforcement and it is a number we expect to rise when we use data to drive policing.

The success of the Orchard Corridor project is data driven policing at its finest. Data drew our attention to an area with high crime and required us to act. Data, together with good old-fashioned police work, combining intelligence gathering, surveillance, partnerships with businesses and residents, and regular meetings with our law enforcement partners, has helped to make the Orchard Corridor safer for the law abiding citizens who live and work there.

Public safety is the precondition for a thriving residential and business community. Solid policing is an investment in the preservation of a standard of living that is difficult to put a price on. Preserving this high standard quality of life is the mission of every civic enterprise in this City. You see it in the streets, sidewalks, parks, schools and within the "no call too small" policy of your Police team.



In the same way we use data to strategically address crime, we also use data to project resources and plan for those impacts. As this article lands on University Place doorsteps, City departments are well into budget planning for the 2015/2016 biennium. Today's funding allows for two police officers on patrol 24 hours a day. By the end of 2016 the property tax revenue will no longer be sufficient to pay for this current level of police services. As a result, the City Council is placing a police services levy on the upcoming University Place ballot in November. If passed, the levy will stabilize funding for police services and allow for the rehiring of three patrol deputies and a patrol sergeant. Failure of the levy will trigger deeper police staffing cuts and dictate a more limited, call-driven University Place policing model.

Educate yourself about the upcoming election and the public safety ballot measure. Consult www.CityofUP.com for more information on the history of public safety in University Place and the long range public safety planning for the City.

Chief Mike Blair, University Place Police Department

Welcome home, Kiowa Squadron!

With an inactivation ceremony which was held on Aug. 14, the 4-6 Kiowa helicopter squadron of the 16th CAB (Combat Aviation Brigade) has officially been inactivated. This inactivation will impact 400 soldiers. The last deployment for this squadron, a part of our Community Connector Brigade, was in Korea for more than six months. These helicopters are used in scouting and some light attack combat missions. Some of the Kiowas will remain with the U.S. Forces in Korea. The rest of the unit came back to Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) in June.



The City of University Place, in a partnership with the Association of the U.S. Army, held a special welcome home booth at Sun Fest to honor their services. Service members and their families were given movie kits for the movie on the lawn that night, as well as food and bracelets to enjoy the fun zone. The City thanks them for their service to our country and we wish them the very best in their transition to other jobs, whether it is with the Army or other employment.

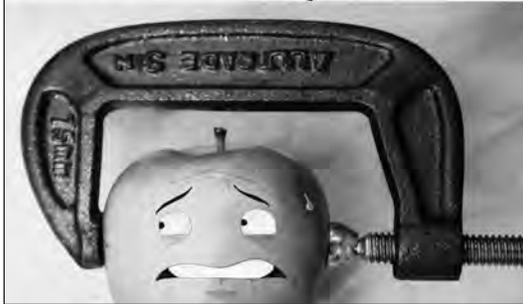


By the time you have read this article, hundreds of postcards, letters, DVDs and water flavors will have been sent out to the 16th CAB in Afghanistan. They have been deployed since March and should be back to the U.S. around January 2015. After their return, we will hold

a welcome home event for the CAB, likely in February, in addition to honoring them during next year's Duck Daze events and in the City's Duck Parade.

If you are interested in getting involved to help support our Community Connector Partner, the 16th CAB, please email dmccuskey@CityofUP.com.

Curran Apple Orchard Cider Squeeze



Let's squeeze some apples! Sunday, Sept. 7, noon to 4 p.m.

Join us at the 20th annual Curran Apple Orchard Cider Squeeze!

Transform apples into delicious apple cider while enjoying entertainment from the Sunset Bible Bluegrass Band, The Big Apple and Johnny Applesed! Enjoy tasty treats including apple pie, ice cream and other delectable items from "Caveman Eats."

The public is welcome to pick apples from unmarked trees starting on Sunday, Sept. 7, at noon. Please **do not bring apples from home or store bought apples** to the squeeze. Visitors are encouraged to get in line early to ensure a chance to squeeze apples. Pressings are limited to two crates (provided at event) per family to ensure that everyone gets a chance to squeeze.

Volunteers are also needed for this fun event. Please contact apples@curranappleorchard.org.

Special thanks to Puget Sound Energy and CORE volunteers for sponsoring this great community tradition. The Orchard is located at 3920 Grandview Drive West in University Place.

An extraordinary evening at the Opera!

An extraordinary evening featuring Seattle Opera singer Karen Early Evans will begin UP for Arts' campaign to purchase a grand piano for the community.

Soprano Karen Early Evans, a well-known and beloved opera singer, will perform various musical selections accompanied by Pianists Svitlana Smaga and Robin Watson at the Charles Wright Academy Theater on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 8-9 p.m.

The theater is located at 7723 Chambers Creek Road West in University Place. Event proceeds will go toward the purchase of a grand piano for the atrium of the U.P. Civic Building.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at www.upforarts.org. Seating is limited for this spectacular performance.

Fall Arts & Concerts Series begins



Internationally renowned Rimsky-Korsakov String Quartet from St. Petersburg, Russia along with an exciting array of dancers, artists and musicians will delight audience members in the UP for Arts "Fall Arts & Concerts Series."

This semi-annual series is held in the atrium of the U.P. Civic Building located at 37th & Bridgeport Way West, from 7-8:30 p.m. on the following Fridays:

Sept. 26

Dance Illuminations with Dance Theatre Northwest will include dance, music and an accompanying lecture with choreography by Artistic Director Melanie Kirk-Stauffer. Featured works will include "Tribute" along with excerpts from the ballet classic "Sleeping Beauty."

Featured artists will be Retha Hayward, owner of White Dove Gallery, who will exhibit her work along with other artists, and award-winning U.P. watercolor artist Jason Bordash.

Oct. 10

The Rimsky-Korsakov String Quartet will perform with pianist Dr. Christopher Bowlby and local favorite Svitlana Smaga. World renowned as "the precious heirloom of the Russian culture," the RKQ share the heritage of the grand tradition of Russian music making. They will be joined by Dr. Bowlby, director of the Seattle International Piano Competition.

Featured visual artist Carol Stockdale will present her stunning fused glass bowls and sculptures.

Nov. 21

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 as a "Jazz luminary Records 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.

Clean up and help out – Fall Cleanup is Oct. 11 & 18

The City of University Place, University Place Refuse and Lakewood Refuse Service will hold their annual community-wide Fall Cleanup in October to allow residents to dispose of and/or recycle junk, non-organic items and organic (yard waste) for free.

There is no curbside service associated with this cleanup. Residents must take their items to University Place Refuse located at 2815 Rochester, just off 27th Street West. In an effort to help shorten the wait at the drop off site, residents are asked to adhere to the following schedule:

Residents who live NORTH of 40th Street
Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents who live SOUTH of 40th Street
Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To get you in and out faster the following rules will be imposed:

- Limit 1 load per household for all items.
- Except: Yard waste only loads – no limit!**
- Children and pets must remain in vehicle.
 - Photo I.D. with U.P. address required.
 - No liquids, paint or hazardous materials (car batteries are OK but must be separated out).
 - No loads larger than a regular pickup truck or equivalent size small trailer.
 - No regular household garbage.
 - For residential customers only. No commercial material or loads will be allowed.
 - Items can be no larger than 5 feet in any direction (except appliances and furniture).
 - No fuel tanks, enclosed barrels or drums. Water heaters and propane tanks are OK.

Recyclables must be separated prior to arrival:

- **Wood:** clean, unpainted lumber, pallets, etc.
 - **Metal:** scrap steel, appliances, lawn mowers, barbeques, plumbing, etc.
 - **Yard waste:** limbs, grass, leaves, other vegetation. No stumps or limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter. No dirt, rocks or sod.
- NOT ACCEPTED: blackberries, Scotch broom and other noxious weeds.**
- **Tires:** with or without rims.
 - **Concrete, bricks and stone.**
 - **Car batteries.**
 - **Electronic waste.**

Bring a donation of canned food for the University Place Food Bank! Questions? Call University Place Refuse at 253.564.3212.

Make a Difference Day on Oct. 25 at the Curran Orchard

Make a Difference Day is an annual national event held in October where neighbors help neighbors and residents help their community by coming together to clean up city parks.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014. The location and specific time are yet to be determined.

Prepare to bring your work gloves, rakes, shovels, hoes and wear your boots! This event takes place rain or shine.

More details on the location and time of Make a Difference Day will be available closer to the date of the event. Please check the City's website at www.CityofUP.com or call 253.460.6493 for more information.

Oversized brush curbside pickup is Nov. 3-7 at your curb

Oversized brush pickup is available to all residential customers of University Place Refuse, even those not signed up for yard waste service. The pickup day for your area will be the same as your curbside recycling or yard waste pickup day during the week of Nov. 3-7.

Remember, this is a one-day event for each neighborhood.

This pickup targets the larger brush and limbs that don't easily fit into a regular yard waste toter. Please make maximum use of your toter first before placing brush in a pile.

Oversized brush includes: branches, brush and limbs not larger than six feet in length or four inches in diameter. Stack your pile loosely for pickup (no bags or bundles). No vegetation, noxious weeds or loose items.

Pile limitations are: 1 per household no larger than 6' wide x 6' long x 6' high.

For complete specifics about the oversized brush curbside program, visit www.uprefuse.com or call 253.564.3212.



A sampling of fun activities from this

Duck Daze attendance exceeds expectations

An estimated 5-7 thousand people came out to celebrate the “end of the rainy season” with University Place’s annual Duck Daze Festival June 7. The Festival started off with the Duck Parade and ended in the heart of Town Center where you could view the cars in the UP’Town Cruisin’ Car Show, enjoy a hot dog at the Fire & Police Open House, visit the many vendors and exhibitors, ride a pony or climb a rock wall.

A sunny day and happy attendees made for a great event for all!



Dancing bears sighted in the Curran Apple Orchard

Who would have thought that the Orchard would be filled with dancing bears? On July 20, that is what happened when Dance Theatre Northwest (DTNW) and the University Place Veterans Plaza co-produced the Teddy Bear’s Picnic. Bobbing red balloons, costumed bears and 200 plus happy ‘face painted’ children moved to live band music with their newly adopted teddy bears.

The cast of DTNW entertained children and adults alike with their bear and patriotic dance routines after the Curtis High NJROTC presented the colors and Bob Schwartz of the U.P. Veterans Plaza led the group in the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. Tiger and Sydney Paulson sang teddy bear songs and the band Rich Friends entertained everyone with their lively music. Dr. Jennifer Wyman-Clemons manned the Teddy Bear Health Clinic, University Place Family and Cosmetic Dentistry Drs. and staff manned the Teddy Bear Dental Clinic and Jill Worthington taught at the Teddy Bear School.

Armed with a Teddy Bear Picnic Passport (which was stamped at each booth) the children visited booths and learned about teddy bear health and dental issues, as well as where they could adopt a teddy bear or attend teddy bear school to listen about how the teddy bear got its name. There were also booths where the children walked away with a big red balloon and their face painted. Next up was presenting their stamped passports at the information booth where they received an Olympics style medal that proclaimed them as a “winner.”

The Teddy Bear’s Picnic was all about children, family and community. With over 350 in attendance, it was a reminder of how truly fortunate we are to have such wonderful parks like the Curran Apple Orchard in University Place and how special the parks are to University Place families. The Teddy Bear’s Picnic was a free event and for that we thank our many sponsors, donors, and the multitude of community volunteers who helped make it a success. As one grandparent said, “We had a great time. I’ve been talking it up to everyone I know. The kids were absolutely engaged the entire time they were there and I’ve never seen them go for such a long period in an ongoing happy state with not even a hint of unhappy. It was amazing.”

The second annual Teddy Bear’s Picnic is scheduled for July 19, 2015. See you there!
Co-producers: Dance Theatre Northwest and The University Place Veterans Plaza.



Summer in University Place!

Family Fun abounds at Sun Fest 2014



Happy Birthday to us! The City celebrated its 19th anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 2 at Sun Fest, where a great time was had by all. Over 3,000 people attended the day-long festival that featured vendor booths, great Adult and Kid Fun Zones, and live music such as the headlining band, The High Rollers, which was a hit! In the evening, nearly 500 people enjoyed a free showing of "The Lego Movie." Over 90 exhibitors provided interest and variety and Whole Foods Market sponsored the watermelon eating contest. For more photos of this year's event, check out the Facebook page www.facebook.com/UPSunFest.

2014 Sun Fest was sponsored by Umpqua Bank, Merry Makers, Click! Cable TV, Star Center, Lakewood Family YMCA, University Place Refuse and Recycling, BECU and Venti Productions LLC.



National Night Out 2014 sets new records in volume and enthusiasm!

On Tuesday Aug. 5, University Place residents gathered together, once again, in the fight against crime. There were a total of 47 neighborhoods, and over 1,000 residents who participated in this event this year. The University Place Police, Pierce County Sheriff's K9 and West Pierce Fire & Rescue spearheaded a public safety caravan of City Council Members, Fire Officials, City Commissioners, Department of Emergency Management, Department of Corrections and City staff to visit neighborhoods across University Place.

National Night Out is the public safety crowning jewel event of our summer. It is our opportunity to connect with you, in your neighborhood, and strengthen the police/community partnerships that make University Place one of the most desirable places to live and work in Pierce County.

Thank you!

Jennifer Hales, Public Safety, University Place Police Department



Make safety your 'back-to-school' priority!

This time of year, parents eagerly scan newspaper ads for the best prices on book bags, lunch boxes and notebooks. Soon we'll see more kids on the roadway as pedestrians. With pedestrian injuries the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages five to 14, drivers need to be extra cautious.

Children under eight years old should never cross the street without an adult or responsible older child. Young children do not have the judgment, vision, or experience to cross safely.

Drivers should be cautious of school zone speed reductions. The 20 miles per hour (MPH) speed reduction zone applies as you pass the first 20 MPH speed limit notification and ends when you pass through the next speed limit sign during school hours and/or when children are present. As a good "rule of thumb" all drivers should lower their speeds to 20 MPH through this zone even if not required.

Drivers beware! There will be increased school zone enforcement during the first few weeks of school.

Get off to the right start this school year with a family back-to-school safety review. It's the best bargain around!



Guidelines for a safe & happy Halloween

Halloween activities bring fun and fright to young and old. To make the events of Halloween safe for youngsters to enjoy, the University Place Police suggests these guidelines:

Traffic represents the greatest danger to youngsters who will be out on Halloween.

Reinforce with children the traffic safety rule:

Stop, look, and cross the street. Encourage kids to **"trick or treat" up one side of the street** and down the other, do not zig-zag across the street. Design light-colored costumes or incorporate reflective material on the front and back of costumes. Try on costumes before Halloween to ensure that the costume does not interfere with the child's ability to see or walk. Check the batteries in your flashlight, so that the flashlight will be ready for use when your child is ready to trick or treat on Halloween.

Motorists need to stay alert!

Neighborhoods that don't normally have a lot of pedestrian and bicycle traffic may experience an increase on Halloween night. Remember that kids will be excited and may suddenly dart into traffic from between parked cars. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. **Be patient and SLOW DOWN.** Give children lots of time to cross the street.

Trick or treat in your own neighborhood.

Go to only those houses with porch lights on. Finish trick or treating and be home by 9 p.m.

Halloween should be fun, but tricks should not involve the destruction of property.

Discuss with children the types of "tricks" that may be appropriate and that do not violate the law. Bad tricks can be described as those for which they will receive punishment. Stealing candy by force is a "robbery" – a felony. **Report suspicious or criminal activity PROMPTLY** by calling 9-1-1 or the non-emergency line at 253.798.4722.

At what age should children go trick or treating alone? If your youngster feels that they are too big to have mom or dad go trick or treating with them, then they are too old to go. Trick or treating is for the kids!

Traditionally, juveniles who normally would not be allowed out alone at night commit many of the criminal mischief acts committed on Halloween. Plan other activities for older children who do not want parents walking them around the neighborhood.

Make Halloween a safe and fun night for your family and your neighborhood. Plan ahead. Discuss safety and the law with youngsters before the excitement of Halloween night.



Community Emergency Response Team classes scheduled

West Pierce Fire & Rescue is taking registrations for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) classes for those who live or work within the West Pierce area, which includes Lakewood and University Place. This FREE, 20-hour CERT course aims to teach citizens how to prepare for, and respond to, disasters or extreme emergencies.

The classes will follow a model developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is offered in many communities across the United States. The idea behind this model is to teach people in neighborhoods

how to help each other in the first few hours or days following a disaster, before emergency responders are able to get to them to render professional help. In the CERT classes, students will gain hands-on skills such as how to put out small fires, render first aid in a disaster situation, be safe around utilities, and perform light search and rescue.

The six classes will be taught by firefighters and paramedics who are subject matter experts. The classes begin on Feb. 23, 2015 and will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings for three weeks from 6:30-9 p.m., and culminate

in a practical exercise to be held on Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Classes will be held at the West Pierce Fire & Rescue Stations. The course is limited to 25 students and there are

no prerequisites, other than a desire to learn and help others. The classes are FREE!

For more information, the class schedule, or to register, contact Amber Redmond at 253.983.4580 or email cert@westperce.org.



School safety tips from West Pierce Fire & Rescue

Fall is on its way and kids will soon be back to school. West Pierce Fire & Rescue provides these safety tips to make sure the first days back to school are safe ones.

Backpacks – Choose a lightweight or rolling backpack with wide, padded straps and a padded back. Reflective material will enhance visibility as the days get shorter. Children should carry no more than 10-20 percent of their body weight in a backpack. Use both straps and tighten them to keep the load closer to the back and distribute its weight.

Walking – Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available. If one is not available, walk facing the traffic. Children age 10 and younger should be accompanied by an adult or a young adult

when crossing a street. Remind them to look “left, right, left” before crossing a street and teach children traffic safety rules. Never text, talk on a cell phone, or use headphones when walking.

Biking – Always wear a properly fit helmet every time you ride and follow the rules of the road. Need a helmet? Helmets are available at West Pierce for \$7 or \$10. Wearer must be present for a custom fit.

Bus – When the bus arrives, stand six feet away from the curb. When exiting the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the same side of the road for 10 feet before crossing in front of the bus. Make sure you can see the bus driver and the bus driver can see you, before crossing the street. Never walk behind a bus.

Car – Make sure your kids and the kids in your carpool are riding safely. Washington State law requires that children ride in an appropriate car safety seat (car seat or booster seat) until they are eight years old, or 4’9.” However, most eight-year-olds are not yet 4’9” and are safer remaining in their booster seat until the adult seatbelt fits them properly. State law also requires that children ride in the back seat until they are 13 years old.

Not sure if your child is properly secured in the car? West Pierce Fire & Rescue (WPFR) offers free car seat inspections to residents. Call 253.564.1623 to make an appointment.



WPFR offers FREE smoke alarms to the community!

West Pierce Fire & Rescue received a 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 West Pierce Fire & Rescue 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. 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 we provide.

- If you do not have alarms inside and outside each sleeping area. We recommend a smoke alarm be placed 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. However, if you have hardwired 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.

Under the grant we cannot provide alarms to those not residing in the home, nor can we supply alarms to multi-housing units.

If anyone in your home has a hearing impairment, special smoke alarms are available. To schedule an appointment, please contact Andee Lugo at 253.983.4569 or Andee.Lugo@westpierce.org.

You can help keep our water safe

Tacoma Water goes to great lengths to ensure delivery of clean, reliable drinking water to your home. Once the water goes past your meter, however, we rely on you to help us make sure it remains safe to drink. That may be an issue if you have an irrigation or fire sprinkler system, a boiler or radiant heat system installed on your water line or portable hose connections (such as fertilizer sprayers). Those additions may cause contaminants to flow to your tap.

Tacoma Water helps isolate and eliminate those hazards by requiring the installation and testing of backflow prevention assemblies. A properly installed and maintained backflow prevention assembly protects the water supply system, and testing the assembly ensures that it is working properly.

Learn how to prevent backflow and avoid contamination by contacting us at 253.502.8215 or visiting TacomaWater.com.



Don't get scammed

If you get a call and someone tells you to pay your utility bill immediately with a prepaid card or you'll be disconnected, that someone is trying to scam you.

Tacoma Public Utilities:

- Does not call customers and ask for your debit, credit or prepaid card info
- Only asks for your debit or credit card number if you call us to make a payment over the phone
- Offers many ways to pay; you do not need to buy prepaid cards to make an immediate payment

If you have questions about your account status, you can get information 24 hours a day at MyTPU.org/MyAccount. Visit MyTPU.org/Scams to learn more about how to best protect yourself.

Youth Basketball League

It's time to start prepping for the winter youth sports leagues. U.P. Parks & Rec 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 3rd grade as well as boys & girls only leagues for grades 4-7. The league is scheduled to begin practice the beginning of December and games will begin after the first of the new year. Deadline for registration is Nov. 14, and you can find a registration form in the Online Fall Guide or in our office.



For more information regarding the Youth Basketball League give us a call at 253.460.2530 or email us at parksandrec@CityofUP.com.

Flag Football & Indoor Soccer Sports Leagues starting

Flag Football & Indoor Soccer Fall Sports Leagues Registration will soon close for Fall Youth Sports Leagues. We offer co-ed Indoor Soccer for pre-K (4-5 years) through 4th grade. Flag Football is also offered for 1st – 6th grades. Deadline for registration is Sept. 12.

Visit www.CityofUP.com or call 253.460.2530 for more information.



Youth Cultural Arts

Various dance classes for youth with six-week sessions which begin Sept. 11:

Creative Movement/Pre Ballet – for 3-5 years old
Thursdays from 4:45-5:30 p.m.

Ballet for beginners – for 5-8 years old
Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Hip Hop for beginners – for 7-12 years old
Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For more info call the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530!



In-Season Basketball Skill Development Series

Designed to offer next level skill development in the following areas: footwork, speed & agility, shooting, ball handling, defense and game situations. This development series will be held on Monday nights from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with five sessions between Dec. 8 & Jan. 26. For U.P. Youth Basketball Registrants the cost will only be \$25; for non-league participants the cost is \$100. This program is for 4th-7th graders only.

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

Get ready for Pre Season Basketball Clinic

Get ready for basketball season by developing your fundamentals in some of the most important areas of the sport such as passing, ball handling, shooting, and defense. This clinic will be held on Saturday, November 8 at Curtis High School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is for grades K-3rd. The fee for the clinic is \$20 and pre-registration is required.

Contact the Recreation Office to register at 253.460.2530 or register online at www.CityofUP.com.

Team Sponsorship & Donor Recognition

Become a Youth Team Sponsor!

Help support a youth Flag Football, Indoor Soccer, Basketball or Baseball team by becoming a donor. Your company name will be placed on the back of the uniforms and recognition will be given in the

Online Recreation Guide and other printed materials.

\$195 for 1 team – \$700 for 4 teams – \$1,000 for 6 teams

Call for more information at 253.460.2530.



Kidz Love Soccer

Where the score is always fun to fun! Kids from two to 10 years of age learn the world's most popular sport from professional coaches trained in the Kidz Love Soccer method. A session experience includes age-appropriate activities: skill demonstrations, fun games and instructional scrimmages conducted in a non-competitive, recreational format. Fall sessions begin Sept. 17! Register today!

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

Bootcamp Fitness

High Intensity Circuit Training!

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 and exciting, and include the best fat-burning, body-sculpting exercises to help improve your fitness level, tone up and slim down.

We will no longer be offering the evening session. We will, however, be offering a Mommy’s Morning Bootcamp. This class is designed for those stay-at-home moms and moms of little ones. Join us after dropping the kids off at school or daycare for an hour of cardio and strength training!



Fall I Morning Session – \$150
 Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 5:30-6:30 a.m.
 Sept. 8 – Oct. 16 (18 classes)

Fall I Mommy's Morning Bootcamp – \$150
 Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 9:15-10:15 a.m.
 Sept. 8 – Oct. 16 (18 classes)

For more information or to register, call the Parks & Recreation Office today at 253.460.2530 or register online at www.CityofUP.com.

U.P. Senior Center is proud to offer a fall walking club program

The colors of autumn beckon you!

Enjoy a walk at your own pace (or take a book and enjoy the outdoors from a park bench), a healthy snack (donated by Jack Wheeler Real Estate) and a few hours out of the house. Due to a generous sponsor, all walks are offered for only \$5 per person.

Walks take place mostly on Mondays. A few of the spectacular parks on this year’s schedule are:

- Olympic Sculpture Park
- Friend’s Landing
- Point Ruston
- Nisqually Wildlife Refuge
- Lake Bradley



For a complete list of destinations, dates and times, please contact the Senior Center at 253.564.1992.

A perfect venue for your holiday party? The U.P. Senior Center!

Take the chaos and cleaning out of your home

The University Place Senior Center is a perfect venue for your holiday parties! Take the chaos and cleaning out of your home and move it to the Community Center.

Our spacious room holds up to 80 people and our commercial kitchen is ideal for cooking and serving your favorite holiday food. Rental rates start at \$50 per hour with a two hour minimum. Rental includes main room, commercial kitchen, tables, chairs, flat screen TV, on-site staff, and in December holiday décor.



Call 253.564.1992 for availability or additional information.

It's never too early to start planning for the holidays...

University Place Winter Fest - Dec. 6, 2014

Experience the holiday magic with the annual celebration of Winter Fest, which includes the Christmas Tree Lighting in Market Square, always the first Saturday in December.

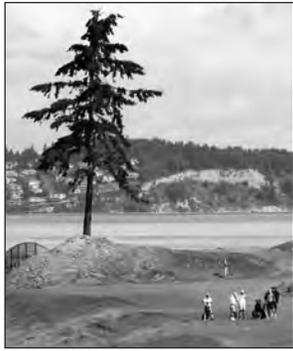
This seasonal extravaganza takes place at the Civic Building (3609 Market Square). Join us for the arrival of Santa, entertainment, crafts, games, the lighting of the Christmas Tree and an abundance of holiday cheer! Don’t forget to take a picture with Santa and confide your secret wishes. Cozy up with a warm winter treat by the fire or gather near the outdoor fireplace surrounded by the holiday lights at night.

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 and dance performances by local schools and organizations... plus there will be some very special guests, whom you will not want to miss!

This year will again include a silent auction sponsored by U.P. Community Supported Parks & Recreation to help raise funding for recreational programs.

Make your business a part of this wonderful tradition! Sponsorships are available for the 2014 University Place Winter Fest. For more information please contact Kimberly Halinen, 253.683.2992 or Kimberly@VentiProductions.com.

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: Where will spectators stay during the U.S. Open?

Spectators are responsible for securing their own accommodations during the week of the championship. At prior U.S. Opens, spectators have stayed in hotels, motels and private homes around the local and regional area of the host site. To learn more about local accommodations and

things to do in the Pacific Northwest, visit the Tacoma Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau (at usopen.traveltacoma.com) and Visit Seattle (www.visitseattle.org/usopen).

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

Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District

Applications are requested from citizens interested in representing the City of University Place on the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board.

Please respond by Sept. 30, 2014.

For more information, or to obtain an application, please contact the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 3715 Bridgeport Way West, and 253.566.5656.

Town Center businesses are open during construction

And access is easy from the Civic Building parking garage!

There's lots going on in Town Center!

Whole Foods Market construction is moving forward and, as work continues on Latitude 47, the five-story mixed-use building just south of the Civic Building in Town Center, the gravel parking lot and Market Street (in front of the construction site) will experience periodic closures.

Patrons of the tenants in Town Center - Pierce County Library, Frog n Kiwi, Jersey Mike's, the University Place Police Department and the City's Parks & Recreation Department - are encouraged to find a place for their vehicle in the Civic Building garage, with its entrance located on Drexler Drive. With more than 300 parking stalls and six electric vehicle charge stations, there is plenty of room to park and, as the season turns to fall and winter, it will be a bonus to stay out of the rainy weather when it happens!

To locate the entrance for the parking garage, head east on 37th Street, take a left at Drexler Drive, and look for the parking garage entry on your left after you pass the Pierce County Library bookdrop.



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
- U.P. Responds

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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