

# CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE HEADLINES

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## Public Safety Funding Projections

In the last newsletter, I discussed the history of law enforcement in University Place, its responsiveness to citizens and the role that strong public safety plays in maintaining the quality of life in our community. "No call too small" is a mindset our officers use in response to calls for service and in creating partnerships with community groups and business districts.

By the end of 2015 the property tax revenue will no longer be sufficient to pay for the current level of police services. The City Council previously directed that all property tax revenue be used to pay for police services. However, each year the contractual cost of police services has increased approximately three percent. By law, property tax cannot be increased more than one percent annually, which leaves a two percent shortfall in police services funding. As a result, the City Council placed a police services levy on the upcoming November 2014 ballot. The levy, if passed, will stabilize funding for police services, allow re-hire of three patrol deputies and a patrol sergeant. Failure of the levy will trigger staffing cuts deeper than the 30 percent reduction in police staffing experienced in 2009.

These budget balancing cuts to police services will reduce the ability of our officers to respond to 911 calls, which will adversely impact the level of safety our community currently experiences. Neighboring police agencies that have made similar cuts no longer dispatch police officers to thefts, vehicle prowls, shoplifts, vandalism and suspicious persons or vehicles.

Today's funding allows for two police officers on patrol 24 hours a day. However, maintaining a safe city utilizing minimum staffing requires a fine balance between the required number of patrol deputies on watch and the number of dispatch calls received. Currently we satisfactorily maintain that balance. Any reduction in the number of officers on watch will disrupt this fine balance and ultimately jeopardize the safety of our city, our officers and our citizens.

Educate yourself about the upcoming election and the public safety ballot measure. Consult [www.CityofUP.com](http://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.

Mike Blair, University Place Police Chief

| Position                   | University Place Police Department Staffing Levels |                    |            | If the Tax Passes                     | If the Tax Fails |           |           |           |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                            | Founding Level                                     | 2001 Levels (Peak) | 2014 Level | 2015 (with 3.5% on private utilities) | 2015             | 2016      | 2017      | 2018      |
| Police Chief               | 1  | 1                  | 1          | 1                                     | 1                | 1         | 1         | 1         |
| Sergeant                   | 1  | 2                  | 1          | 2                                     | 1                | 1         | 1         | 1         |
| Detectives                 | 1  | 2                  | 0          | -                                     | 0                | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Crime Prevention Detective | 1  | 0                  | 0          | -                                     | 0                | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Investigator               | 0  | 0                  | 1          | 1                                     | 1                | 1         | 0         | 0         |
| Patrol Deputies            | 15   | 15                 | 12         | 15                                    | 12               | 10        | 10        | 10        |
| School Resource Officer    | 1  | 2                  | 1          | 1                                     | 1                | 1         | 1         | 1         |
| Proactive Deputy           | 0  | 1                  | 0          | -                                     | 0                | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Traffic Officer            | 1  | 1                  | 0          | -                                     | 0                | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Community Services Officer | 0  | 0                  | 1          | 1                                     | 0                | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| Office Assistant           | -  | 1                  | 1          | 1                                     | 1                | 1         | 1         | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>21</b>  | <b>25</b>          | <b>18</b>  | <b>22</b>                             | <b>17</b>        | <b>15</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>14</b> |

## University Place Sun Fest on Aug. 2 in Cirque Park!

Live Music Entertainment

Many Vendors of All Kinds

Largest Adult & Kids Fun Zone

Watermelon Eating Contest

Games & Crafts

"The Lego Movie" in the Park!

See more details inside

# Council Corner

As the newest member of the University Place City Council there is lots to do to get up to speed with my fellow council members as well as work together on ways to help the University Place community. One such opportunity is helping to create a community-based newspaper specific to University Place.

Working with other council members, we are meeting with a successful and experienced newspaper publisher who wants to start a University Place newspaper. Following the example of several other Pierce County community-based newspapers, this would be an every two week publication, delivered free to home mail boxes. This is a format which has been successful for years in other Pierce County cities.

While it remains to be seen if this will, in fact, take place, it is an exciting opportunity to further build community in University Place. If you have an opinion about having a free, every two week newspaper that is all about University Place, please feel free to contact me or any of your council members to express your opinion. Over the years in my work with cities I have found there is no substitute for an independent hometown newspaper, where high school sports, neighborhood issues and community happenings can be read and shared by all.

The first thing I did once elected was to make an effort to understand the nuts and bolts of how this City does its work. I visited with each of the City departments, meeting at least some of the people that get things done and saw the facilities and equipment that the City uses in its work. This included a "ride-along" with a University Place police officer. I want to share with you the details of that ride-along, because it helped me understand what our officers face each day as they serve the citizens of University Place.

University Place Police Officer Maier first met me at the Civic Building and we shared the next four hours of his 10-hour shift together. During my time with him,

he took reports on credit fraud, stopped a speeding car after it attempted to evade him, which resulted in a DUI charge, replied to citizen calls and responded to a domestic violence call ending in an arrest. During each event I saw our officer respond with the professionalism and courtesy that the situation called for.

Here are some details of one particular instance. When the driver of the speeding car that tried to evade our officer was found and confronted by Officer Maier, the man kept trying to put his hands into the pockets of his jacket. The officer repeatedly told the man to keep his hands visible and not to put them in his pockets but the driver kept trying to reach into his pockets. Each time the deputy "ratcheted up" his voice and the sternness of his command to "stop putting your hands in your pockets" until he ordered the driver to turn around and put handcuffs on him. At this point Officer Maier told the driver that his actions made the officer concerned for his safety because pockets can conceal weapons and that was why he cuffed the driver. The driver finally understood and realized the sense of danger his actions were causing the officer. He complied with all the officer's directions after that.

I have been on at least a half dozen ride-alongs with several different police agencies and this is the tensest situation I have personally witnessed. I found Deputy Maier's handling of this encounter commendable. His efforts showed to me both the challenge and dangers that our police officers face daily in their work for us. His clear, respectful and effective communications and actions showed me how training and experience are essential for the safe police work which delivers to us the security we depend on.

If you wish to share your thoughts and ideas about these topics or other City issues, feel free to contact me at [SWorthington@CityofUP.com](mailto:SWorthington@CityofUP.com), or 253.565.4855.

Steve Worthington, Council Member



Council Member Steve Worthington

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## PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

July 7 – 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

July 21 – 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Aug. 4 – 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Aug. 18 – 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Sept. 2 – 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 [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com), or contact the City Clerk's Office at 253.460.2510 for current information about meeting dates and agendas.

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

July 17 & Aug. 21 – 6 p.m.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

July 17 & Aug. 21 – 7:30 a.m.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

July 2 & 16, Aug. 6 & 20, Sept. 3 – 7 p.m.

### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

July 10, Aug. 14 & Sept. 11 – 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public.

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

## Council Member Keel elected to AWC Board

Congratulations to Council Member Kent Keel who, at the recent Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Conference was elected by more than 1,500 of his peers to the position of AWC Board Member At-Large representing Western Washington. A first for a U.P. Council Member,

the City is very proud of Kent's achievement.

Founded in 1933, the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is a private, non-profit, non-partisan corporation that represents Washington's cities and towns before the state legislature, the state executive branch and with regulatory agencies.

# University Place honored its best at annual Volunteer Center celebration dinner in May

## *Volunteers of the Year – Rob & Jill Ross*

Rob & Jill are a phenomenal volunteer duo. They both work many hours but always find time for their community.

In 2013, Rob and Jill mentored high school students, initiated a food drive and fundraiser for Families Unlimited Network, and opened the myGive Community Volunteer Store. They have spent many hours inspiring our youth, collecting food, gathering donations, painting, pricing, organizing and stocking shelves. They even created a database to help track in-kind donations and volunteer hours.

Because of their volunteer work, University Place now has a fun, meaningful way to appreciate and recognize its volunteers. We are honored to recognize Rob and Jill Ross because when they volunteer, youth get mentored, the hungry get fed, non-profits get funded, and volunteers get inspired. We are so very grateful for their hard-work and dedication to our community!



## *Volunteer Youth of the Year – Zoe Ferguson*



Zoe began volunteering in University Place at the age of 12. She has gardened and washed potatoes with Tacoma Narrows Rotary, served pancakes with the U.P. Lions Club, cleaned gravesites at Steilacoom cemetery, collected food for Families Unlimited Network, and organized Christmas Present Drives for low-income University Place families. Zoe has volunteered at the Tree Lighting, Thanksgiving Dinner, Duck Daze and U.P. Festival. She has cleaned parks, hauled branches at the Curran Apple Orchard and raised money for leukemia.

Zoe is also a charter member of the U.P. Youth Civic Club Connectors Project. Together with six other teens, Zoe supports our U.P. civic clubs by working with them to collect food, clothing and toiletries for families in need.

Zoe recently received the U.P. Volunteer Leadership Award. Giving back to her community is something Zoe takes very seriously; it is her passion. We believe University Place is a better community because of Zoe's leadership and service.

## *Volunteer Organization of the year – U.P. Historical Society*

In the fall of 1999, a small group of local citizens gathered to discuss collecting information about the history of University Place. The University Place Historical Society incorporated shortly after that on Jan. 24, 2000. Since that time members have been active in collecting and preserving the history of University Place.

Over the past three years, they have managed to do restorative work on the Curran House along with obtaining a National Historical Registry Designation for the home, which was designed by a nationally recognized architect, Robert Price. They recently negotiated a five-year lease from the City for management of the Curran House which allows the Historical Society to use private and grant monies to restore the home for use as a rental or for public use as a future museum.

In addition, the organization has opened up the very first U.P. History Museum. With a mission to "create a permanent means to collect, organize and preserve the history of the community of University Place," they are well on their way!

We are honored to recognize the U.P. Historical Society as our University Place Volunteer Organization of the Year! This amazing volunteer team has been instrumental in saving University Place's history.



*Information for volunteer award articles provided by the U.P. Volunteer Center.*

**Whole Foods Market is underway just north of the Civic Building.  
To keep up-to-date on their progress, check them out at  
[www.facebook.com/VillageatChambersBay!](http://www.facebook.com/VillageatChambersBay)**



# Curran Apple Orchard Free Summer Concert Series starts in July!



Sit back and relax to the sounds of summer at the annual Summer Concerts in the Park at the Curran Apple Orchard Park on the following Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

**July 10** – Washington National Guard 133rd Army Band - The General's 7 Dixie Band (Patriotic and popular)

**July 24** – Maia Santell and House Blend (Blues, Jazz and Swing)

**Aug. 7** – Danny Vernon's Illusions of Elvis Show

**Aug. 21** – Kye Alfred Hillig followed by the Barleywine Revue (Folk, Bluegrass and Rock)

Special thanks to Columbia Bank and The Warehouse for sponsoring these events.

Bring a picnic or enjoy food for sale! For more information, visit [www.curranappleorchard.com](http://www.curranappleorchard.com).

The Curran Orchard is located at 3920 Grandview Drive W. In case of inclement weather, the concerts will be relocated to the Curtis High School Cafeteria.



**JOIN US AND BE HEARD**

**District 4**  
Connie Ladenburg

**In-District Pierce County Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 8, 2014**  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**Environmental Services Building**  
9850 64th Street West  
University Place, WA 98467

**Featuring:**

- Presentation (USGA) on the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay.
- Open public comment forum and regular council meeting.

## Dancing with the Bears

Dancing bears are coming to the Curran Apple Orchard on Sunday, July 20 from 1-4 p.m. They are part of the Teddy Bears Picnic! A free, fun, family event in the University Place community, this event is co-produced by Dance Theatre Northwest and the University Place Veterans Plaza.

Bring a picnic lunch, a blanket and your favorite teddy bear (other favorite animals will enjoy the picnic as well) to the orchard. Listen to music, watch a teddy bear ballet, have your face painted, get a free balloon, and make sure your teddy bear visits the teddy bear health and dental clinics, listens to teddy bear stories and plays teddy bear games.

Free red and white checkered tablecloths and souvenir bears to the first 100 kids. This event is rated: Bear-y Fun and approved for all ages.

For more information call Barbara at 253.576.5663.

## Destination Art is coming to U.P.!



Thanks to an incredible response from community members and businesses, UP for Arts is proud to announce that we have reached our \$100,000 goal to bring "Destination Art" to University Place!

UP for Arts launched the fundraising campaign last August to commission a stunning glass sculpture entitled "Between Sea and Sky" by Architect/Artist Michele Gutlove. The 750+ piece glass sculpture will hang from the ceiling of the University Place Civic Building atrium.

This exquisite glass sculpture embodies the Pacific Northwest with its multicolored representations of native leaves, birds, fish, sky and waters of our region.

Selected after a lengthy process, Ms. Gutlove is a nationally acclaimed artist whose unique pieces adorn many public and private buildings throughout the nation.

Installation of "Between Sea and Sky" is scheduled for May 2015 since Ms. Gutlove is currently in the midst of installing other commissioned pieces. Stay tuned for information on the public celebration and ribbon cutting!

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



## Historical Society News

Early reports from the recent (May 17 and 18) U.P. Garden Tour show gross proceeds of more than \$8,000! Thanks so much to the homeowners who so generously shared their gardens with our community: Jim and Amanda Garrett, Fred and Diane Langton, Clare and Jan Walters, and the entire Hiddenwood Condominium group. You are appreciated!

To view photos of the garden tour, go to [www.uphistoricalsociety.org](http://www.uphistoricalsociety.org) and then click on the Facebook section. The photos of each garden will open. Thanks to K.A Erickson for these great photographs! Plans are already underway for next year's garden tour.

Thanks to a generous \$2,000 Sivinski grant from the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, exterior painting at the Curran House will begin this summer. Look for the house to showcase historic colors of 1955: charcoal siding, orange doors and gold trim! These original colors were designed to complement the green of the surrounding apple orchard.

UNIVERSITY PLACE

# SUN FEST

FAMILY, FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2014**  
**10A.M. TO 7:30P.M.**

- **Live Entertainment**
- **LARGEST Adult & Kids Fun Zone!**
- **Many vendors of all kinds!**
- **A variety of food options**
- **Games and crafts**
- **Movie in the Park: THE LEGO MOVIE**  
*Movie starts at dusk, sponsored by Click! Cable TV*
- **Non-Stop Family FUN!**



Sponsored in part by,



The U.P. Sun Fest will be held at Cirque Park, Cirque Dr W, University Place, WA 98466  
 Over-flow parking and courtesy shuttle at University Place Civic Center 3609 Market Place West

For more information go to [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) - LIKE us on facebook at [www.facebook.com/UPSunFest](http://www.facebook.com/UPSunFest)

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# Join the fun at Sun Fest!

In celebration of the 19th birthday of University Place, we cordially invite you to the University Place Sun Fest! Formally known as the University Place Festival, this year we are re-branding the festival and bringing you more fun than ever!



## **University Place Sun Fest:**

Mark your calendars for the University Place Sun Fest, Aug. 2. The University Place Sun Fest is a one-day fun-filled event that runs from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the first Saturday in August. Enjoy a stage with non-stop live entertainment, Kids & Adults Fun Zone sponsored by Merry Makers, vendors of all kinds, food, games, a skate event sponsored by Northwest Snowboards, and even a movie in the park at dusk, sponsored by Click! Cable TV. FREE shuttles will run from the Civic Building garage, under 3609 Market Place West, to Cirque Park!

The University Place Sun Fest is sponsored by Umpqua Bank, Venti Productions LLC, University Place Refuse & Recycle, BECU, STAR Center, Click! Cable TV and Lakewood Family YMCA. For more information go to [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com). And be sure to like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/UPSunFest!](http://www.facebook.com/UPSunFest!)



## **For the early risers and pancake lovers, the 19th Annual Pancake Breakfast:**

The West Tacoma Optimist Club is having their 19th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Aug. 2 from 7 to 11 a.m. in the Curtis High School cafeteria. Please join us for breakfast, a silent auction and a book sale. Breakfast is only \$7 per person or \$20 for a family of three or more. All proceeds go to youth activities and scholarships.

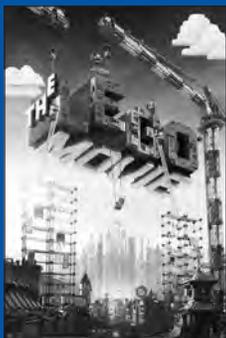
On the menu: Pancakes, blueberry waffles, coffee, orange juice and more.



## **The largest FUN zone yet! Sponsored by Merry Makers, with fun activities for kids and adults!**

Merry Makers has the largest selection of bounce houses in Washington, plus exciting obstacle courses and interactive games. After 24 years and thousands of events, Merry Makers continues to earn smiles and applause from their customers.

Merry Makers is more than a name... It is their purpose!



## **"THE LEGO MOVIE" in the park at dusk:**

Join us after the Festival in the park for a movie sponsored by Click! Cable TV. This year's movie will be "The Lego Movie."

This original computer-animated story follows Emmet, an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO minifigure who is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person and the key to saving the world. He is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant, a journey for which Emmet is hopelessly and hilariously underprepared.

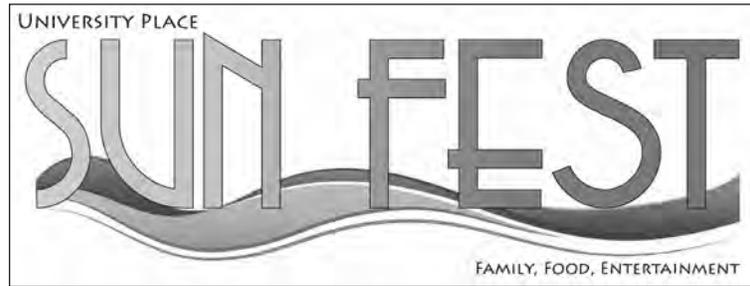
# Sun Fest Band Lineup

**10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Ian Dobson: Caribbean Steel Drums**



A Seattle native, Ian has a Master's in Music degree and has studied and performed music throughout the world. Ian makes his living as a performer (bandleader and side man), composer/sound designer, clinician and teacher in world music, jazz and percussion. Many of you will remember Ian from the Duck Daze Festival.

His work combines his love of travel, culture, and language with his passion for music and technology. Ian's vision is to bring the world together in a small way through music and technology.



**1 p.m. – Kaimiola Polynesian Dancers**

Thirty percent of the Kaimiola Polynesian Dancers are breast cancer survivors, and they are truly inspirational in their dance. Their group has performed in the Pacific Northwest for the past five years in support of the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Relay for Life and Girls Scouts.

The leader of the group, retired U.S. soldier Nancy Kaimiola Swezey, and Kaimiola Polynesian Dance offer Hawaiian hula and Tahitian dance lessons and entertainment at University Place Community Center. Coming this fall they will add Hulacise! A light to medium aerobic workout using Hawaiian dance steps and hand motions, Hulacise is a total body conditioning and endurance while enjoying moving to Hawaiian music.



**Time to be determined – Kight: Pop Alternative**

Kight is a pop alternative band from the suburbs of Seattle. The band name is a play on words representing a kite's "fight to fly," which is the title of the band's debut album set to release in late spring of 2014.

The album "Fight to Fly" is the result of more than six years of the best songwriting from singer Sean Machak. View more about Kight at [www.facebook.com/kightmusic](http://www.facebook.com/kightmusic).

**Time to be determined – Lucca Love Rising: Jazz, Blues, R&B**

Fusing jazz, blues, pop, R&B and gospel into one, Lucca Love Rising brings to the table music that makes you feel good! In our words, it is soul music! This powerful group has been performing together at churches, country clubs, weddings and private parties for the last year. Bringing powerful vocals is the gifted Christina Brewer and with a keyboard full of soulful intuition is the phenomenal Cheri Neill.

Occasionally, Lucca Love Rising also invites featured guest musicians to perform with them, including harmonica, bass and drums! Be blessed! Be moved! Feel good!

You can find Lucca Love Rising's fan page at [www.facebook.com/luccaloverising](http://www.facebook.com/luccaloverising).



## More music & entertainment to be announced...

### *Interested in being an exhibitor?*

University Place Sun Fest 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! Sun Fest 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 Sun Fest, contact Kimberly Halinen at [kimberly@VentiProductions.com](mailto:kimberly@VentiProductions.com) or 253.683.2992.

# Down with the old – Up with the new

Since 2004, the City and property owners of the Old Red Apple Shopping Center, now known as Grandview Plaza, have been working together on redevelopment plans for the property.

As an important piece to the revitalization of the 27th Street Business District, the City adopted design standards for the Mixed Use Incentive Zone, which allowed increased height and density subject to design standards to encourage not only residential but commercial redevelopment of the site.



*Proposed SHAG Mixed-Use Building*



*Existing building to be demolished*

In April 2013 the Senior Assisted Housing Group (SHAG) submitted a building permit application to construct a 5-story 142-unit senior housing mixed-use building at the corner of 27th Street and Grandview Drive. In addition to the residential portion, the project will include approximately 5,500 sq. ft. of commercial space.

To kick off the much-awaited redevelopment, the City issued a demolition permit in April 2014 for the existing one-story building on the corner of 27th and Grandview. Construction is expected to begin on the new mixed-use building later this summer.

## 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, Aug. 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/](http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/).

## Community Emergency Response Team classes scheduled



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 fol-

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

lowing 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 Sept. 16 and are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for three weeks from 6:30 - 9 p.m., and culminate in a practical exercise to be held on Saturday, Oct. 4 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 Rachel Adler at 253.983.4564 or email [cert@westpiercefirerescue.org](mailto:cert@westpiercefirerescue.org).

# Changes in store along the shore

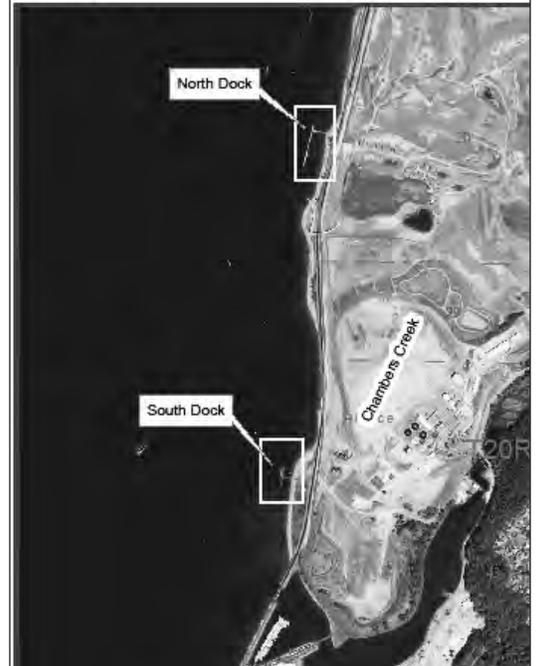
The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is partnering with Pierce County on a project to remove derelict creosote structures and pilings from Puget Sound waters in the vicinity of the Chambers Creek Properties in University Place. The most visible work will be the removal of the South Dock along the shoreline, west of the Pierce County Wastewater Treatment Plant and south of the Chambers Bay Golf Course. A vicinity map is provided to the right.

The project is a public watershed restoration project designed to improve fish and wildlife habitat. Puget Sound has thousands of derelict creosote-treated structures that continue to leach and degrade – causing them to become hazardous debris. Studies have shown that herring eggs exposed to creosote have a high mortality rate. Given that herring and other affected species are important parts of the food web for salmon, Orca whales and birds, the ramifications of creosote contamination are far-reaching. The chemicals in creosote also affect juvenile salmonids that migrate through contaminated waters, and the structures may impact the salmon migration itself.

DNR's work on the South Dock will consist of the removal of approximately 258 creosote-treated piling and other overwater structure. Work will take two to three months and could begin as early as July 15 or commence later in the fall. Either way, the dock removals will be completed no later than Dec. 31, 2014. Pierce County will follow up with removal of contaminated materials on the beach, perhaps by the end of the year or in early 2015.



Pierce County Public Works and Utilities  
Chambers Creek Properties  
Derelict Dock Removal Project  
Vicinity map



# Letters and ice pops for the 16th CAB!

The 16th Combat Aviation Brigade is deployed to Afghanistan. They are coming into the summer months where temperatures can reach 112+ degrees. You and I would be able to wear sandals, shorts and sleeveless shirts or just lounge around drinking ice tea to keep cool. The Brigade will not be able to dress down. They will be in their full wartime regalia maintaining their aircraft and supporting missions for this war's exit.

Their current need is for 18,000 ice pops. Yes, you read it correctly. This will help them survive the scorching heat in Afghanistan. If you are interested in sending some pops their way the address is:

Ssg Campbell, Michael R.  
HHC, 16th CAB  
Kandahar Airfield  
APO, AE 09355

If you would like to follow the CAB, just check out the 16th CAB's Facebook page at [www.Facebook/16thCombatAviationBrigade](http://www.Facebook/16thCombatAviationBrigade). So far, the CAB has missed Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day away from their families. You will discover how they connect via Facebook to their loved ones who are missing them at home.

As we did during Duck Daze, at our Sun Fest we will provide an opportunity for you to help raise the soldiers' morale by writing a letter to a CAB soldier. Approximately 1,700 letters are needed. The letters are on a schedule to deploy in mid-August to three locations in Afghanistan. Col. Mele would be very grateful to have his soldiers receive letters from their Community Connector Partner city during this deployment. It will acknowledge that they are not forgotten but, most importantly, be an inspiration to the 16th CAB as they have another four-five months in their deployment before coming back to us in January 2015.

If you are unable to attend either event but would still like to write a letter to the 16th CAB, please send your letter to the 16th CAB, c/o City

of University Place, 3715 Bridgeport Way W, University Place, WA 98466.

Did you know that Gareth Edwards (director of the 2014 Godzilla movie) filmed the 16th CAB and their pilots at JBLM for Godzilla? So our CABs are not only heroes but Hollywood stars! Way to go, Raptors!

The Kiowa unit of the 16th CAB will have a welcome home at Sun Fest (formerly U.P. Festival) on Aug. 2 at Cirque Park. The unit will be coming home from their deployment in Korea and then disbanding. Please come and thank them for their service to our country. They will have their own special tent to enjoy at the Festival.

Keep the 16th CAB in your thoughts and prayers.



University Place is grateful for our soldiers.

# Amazing Autumn Tour - Chelan, Stehekin & Leavenworth



Prepare yourself for incredible scenery, fall foliage, and spectacular views as you enjoy eastern Washington in its autumn beauty. Your first night is in lovely Chelan on day two we'll catch the Lady of the Lake to quaint and mysterious Stehekin, a small unincorporated community in Chelan County, Washington. Stehekin has about 75 permanent residents, though its population swells during the summer with vacationers and seasonal workers.

Day three brings us back to civilization and we'll head north to lovely Leavenworth. After a night in the Bavarian village, we'll make our way home, but not until a few more attractions have been enjoyed.

For a complete description and list of trip excursions, please contact the University Place Senior Center.

A \$100 non-refundable deposit holds your place. Refunds will not be provided after Sept. 3. Registration and final payment deadline is Sept. 3.

The trip runs from Monday–Thursday, Oct. 6-9. The per person fee is \$499 per person/double occupancy or \$715 per person/single occupancy.

## Flag Football & Indoor Soccer Fall Sports Leagues

Registration will soon close for fall youth sports leagues. We offer a co-ed league Indoor Soccer for pre-K (4-5 years) through 4th grade. Flag Football is also offered for 1st–6th grades.

The Lydstadt Law Concussion Waiver must be signed prior to any youth sport league participation and returned to the Parks & Recreation Office. Deadline for registration is Sept. 12.

Visit [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) for more information or to register.

## Sand Volleyball

*Just in time for summer!*

The City of University Place Parks & Recreation is happy to announce that there is a new Sand Volleyball Court at Cirque Park. Come down to the park and check it out. Call your friends and enjoy a spirited game of beach volleyball.

Starting July 1, the court can be reserved for \$10 an hour for residents or \$15 an hour for non-residents. The court is open during park hours (dawn to dusk) on a first-come first-serve basis, but on nice days it may fill up fast.

Also, don't forget about our picnic shelters at both Cirque Park and Sunset Terrace Park that are rentable for your summer events. Call the University Place Parks & Recreation Office to reserve or to check availability at 253.460.2530.



## Wanted!

*Volunteer coaches, officials and site supervisors!*

We need volunteers for all fall and winter youth sports leagues. If you would like to volunteer coach or become an official for the Indoor Soccer or Flag Football season. Please contact Brittany Bibby at 253.460.2530 or email at [BBibby@CityofUP.com](mailto:BBibby@CityofUP.com).

## Team Sponsorship & Donor Recognition

Become a Youth Team Sponsor! Help support a youth basketball team by becoming a donor. Your company name will be placed on the back of the uniforms and you will receive recognition in the Online Recreation Guide and other printed materials.

Cost: \$195 for 1 team; \$700 for 4 teams; or \$1,000 for 6 teams. Call us for more information, 253.460.2530.

## Save the date!

### 20th Annual Curran Orchard Cider Squeeze – Sunday, Sept. 7

**Noon - 4 p.m. & FREE!**

Freshly squeezed apple cider, apple pie, bluegrass music, Johnny Appleseed and The Big Apple are among the treats in store for visitors at the 2014 Curran Apple Orchard Cider Squeeze! Public apple picking begins on Sunday, Sept. 7 at noon. Bring your own jugs or purchase at the squeeze.

Be sure to get in the press line early to ensure you get a chance to squeeze!

**Volunteers needed! For more info, contact [apples@curranappleorchard.com](mailto:apples@curranappleorchard.com).**

# Summer Day Camp UPlay!

School is out for this year and it's time for your little campers 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 for just 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.

## Summer activities for youth!

### 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.

### Art Day Camp

Art Camp is a week-long day camp focusing solely on the arts for ages 8-12 years. Campers will let their imaginations run wild as they draw, paint, sculpt and perform other styles of art. At the end of camp, campers will create their own gallery!

Camp runs Aug. 11-15 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and is held at Curtis Jr. High School.

Contact the Recreation Office for details on how to register at 253.460.2530!

### Youth Cultural Arts

Check out the different dance classes available for youth at a variety of ages:

**Creative Movement** - pre ballet for ages 3-5 years old – Thursdays 4:45-5:30 p.m.

**Ballet for the beginner** – for ages 5-8 years old – Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Jazz for beginners** - for ages 8-12 years old – Thursdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Hip Hop for beginners** – for ages 7-12 years old – Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Classes begin the week of July 7 and run for six weeks. For more info call the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530.

## Bootcamp Fitness

*High Intensity Circuit Training for July/August*

### Morning Session – \$150 (18 classes)

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays  
5:30–6:30 a.m.  
July 21-Aug. 28

### Evening Session – \$150 (18 classes)

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays  
6:15–7:15 p.m.  
July 21-Aug. 28



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](http://www.CityofUP.com). Just visit the Parks & Recreation page and click on the guide – there is something for everyone!**

# Lots of FREE parking for visitors under the U.P. Library/Civic Building



There is no such thing as a free ride, but free parking at the University Place Town Center is another story. Many do not realize that underneath the U.P. Library/Civic Building there is a three-story parking garage, with its entrance located on Drexler Drive.

This garage allows citizens to visit the library, grab a cup of coffee at Frog n Kiwi, and enjoy a delightful lunch at Jersey Mike's, without having to deal with the stress of finding a parking spot. With over 300 parking stalls and six electric vehicle charge stations, there is plenty of room to park or even charge your electric vehicle. Moreover,

because the Civic Building also houses the City Police Department, you may even run into one of our friendly Police Officers.

Additionally, with all the construction going on at Town Center, there may be parking and road closures on Market Place which runs in front of the building. Although the City and contractors will make every effort to minimize any inconvenience, the garage will be the perfect place to park in order to bypass possible delays and continue visiting the University Place branch of the Pierce County Library.

So, spread the word! And, don't forget to check out our FREE parking garage the next time you plan to visit the Library. And look forward to shuttles from the garage for Sun Fest this year!

# Through the generosity of University Place residents

Because of the generous nature of a group of University Place residents, this year when you drive around the Cirque/Alameda roundabout you will have the added visual enjoyment of color from 14 hanging flower baskets.

Headed by Shanley Brown, several residents of the Pemberton Creek Condominiums donated the money needed to purchase enough baskets to hang on all the streetlight poles that surround the roundabout.

It's wonderful people like these that make the City of University Place the great place to live that it is.



# A battle is brewing! A Bridgeport East vs. West Challenge!

Did you know that our U.P. Families Unlimited Network food bank serves about 2,500 people a month? Or, that they have a garden and are growing healthy foods to serve to the needy right here in University Place?

Working together, the Volunteer Center and Families Unlimited Network Food Bank are speaking to the needs of University Place. By uniting the businesses to help support the food bank and volunteer center, we aim to form a

community bond that will grow year after year. Will the East side or the West side businesses of Bridgeport collect more food for our food bank? This is your opportunity to join together as a community and take ownership over the support that is provided.

Take this fun and special opportunity to tell your community you care about them. Drop your donations off between June 21 and July 20 – look for participating businesses – or at the

University Place Civic Building Atrium, located at 3609 Market Place West.

For more information about this great event, contact the University Place Volunteer Center at 253.691.3029.



## 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](http://www.CityofUP.com/Page49.aspx) for a weekly schedule. Send program suggestions and comments to [UPTV@CityofUP.com](mailto:UPTV@CityofUP.com)

or call Linda Seesz, Communications/I.T. Manager, at 253.460.2537.

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