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University Place Regional Growth Center

On Thursday, Dec. 4, the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) designated a 465-acre area of existing commercial and multi-family development in University Place as the newest Regional Growth Center in the four county Puget Sound Region and the first in Pierce County since 2003 (see shaded section in map to right).

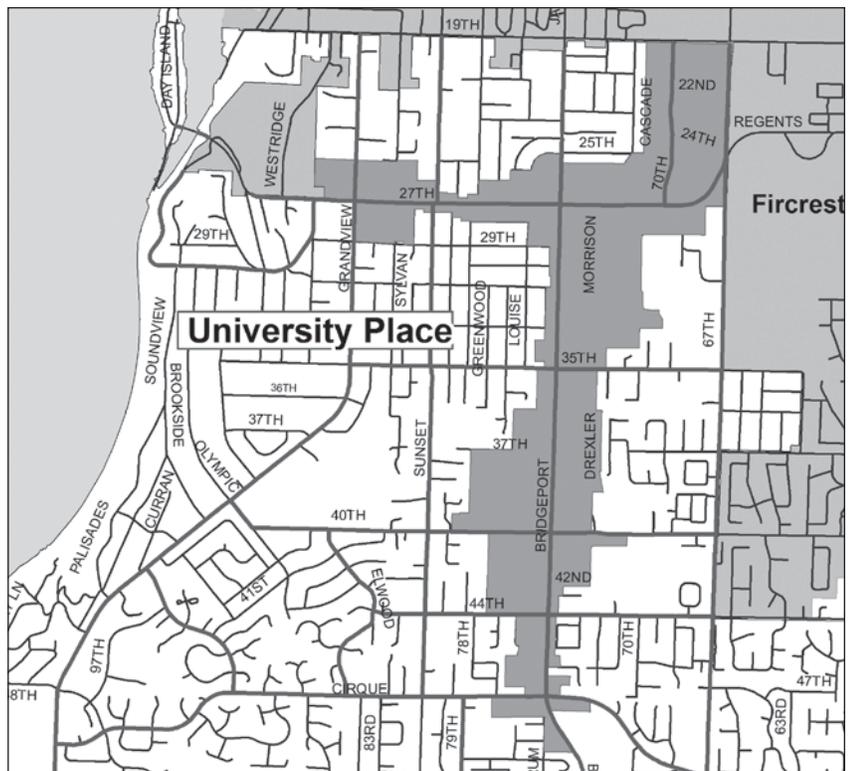
According to PSRC, "Regional Growth Centers are relatively small areas of compact development where housing, employment, shopping and other activities are in close proximity. The regional growth strategy of the Puget Sound Regional Council's Vision 2040 involves strengthening and revitalizing existing centers as well as encouraging development of suburban places that are emerging as new community and regional hubs. The term 'regional center' is used to differentiate centers that are designated for regional purposes from those that have a more local focus. A key goal of Vision 2040 is focusing development in urban growth areas, and attracting an increased portion of regional jobs and housing growth that occur within urban areas into regional centers."

The Puget Sound Regional Council's Vision 2040 regional growth strategy forecasts the population in the Puget Sound region growing by 1.7 million people and the adding of 1.2 million jobs between 2000 and 2040. To accommodate this growth, Vision 2040 allocates the population and employment to cities, town and unincorporated areas in the region. University Place is called upon to accommodate an additional 32,000 people and 9,000 jobs between 2000 and 2040.

The City Council recognizes that growth will occur and plans to accommodate the majority of that growth in the Regional Growth Center which is already dominated by existing commercial and higher density residential development. Concentrating growth in the center will help to protect and preserve the character of single family neighborhoods, a central theme of the City's Comprehensive Plan.

PSRC is the Puget Sound's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), a federally mandated and funded transportation policy-making organization that is made up of elected representatives from local government and public transportation agencies. Federal transportation funds received by the State are disbursed by the State and MPO's in the state, including the PSRC. To support development in Regional Growth Centers, the PSRC places a high priority on funding transportation projects in centers. The transportation funding the City receives will help mitigate the impacts of anticipated growth which would occur whether or not the City was able to secure a Regional Growth Center designation. As a result of the designation, the City should be able to count on more federal dollars for transportation projects.

Other Regional Growth Centers in Pierce County include Downtown Tacoma, Tacoma Mall, Lakewood Towne Center, Downtown Puyallup, and Puyallup South Hill.



COUNCIL CORNER...

University Place is heading into a bright 2015. Our military partner, the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade, arrived safely home from their nine-month deployment to Afghanistan; we are the host city for the U.S. Open; and we are turning 20 years old!

The incorporation of University Place has brought amazing transformations to our community.

For most citizens, being unincorporated meant not having the empowerment to collaborate on how our city would be developed. We had virtually no parks, no sidewalks, and no community gatherings or a place in which to hold them.

- Today, our city’s heart (Market Square) is central to community gatherings that inspire long-lasting relationships with local businesses, and establish friendships as well as grass-roots communication with your elected officials and City staff.
- Today, we have miles of sidewalks and street-lights that not only enhance the beauty of our city but also increase safe pedestrian corridors that provide connections between our growing trails, parks and open spaces. We also are proud of our 17 city parks (90+ acres) that beautify the city and create a healthy urban lifestyle, while providing a wide range of amenities.
- Today, our intensely used library is housed in first class facilities right in the heart of our city.
- Today, we have a volunteer base that has passionately created art, beauty, cultural events, playgrounds, recreation and open space for health, welfare and enjoyment for all ages – which include animals – throughout each year. An unveiling in May 2015 will place a new piece of glass art in your city’s atrium.
- Today, our face is changing with new business opportunities in the three regional hubs of our newly certified Regional Growth Center, which includes the Village at Chambers Bay, Narrows Plaza and Grandview Plaza.
- Today, Chambers Bay is coming into its own as a first-class championship course that will put us on the world’s stage, showcasing not only the

City of University Place, but the region as well.

- Today we have a strong partnership with Pierce County that ensures public access to over 900 acres of parks, open space and beach access at the Chambers Creek properties. This property also is undergoing a sewage treatment expansion project to meet the sanitation needs of a growing county.
- Today, we have sustained noteworthy property values in a recession economy and have refinanced our long-term debt at a lower interest rate.

20 years ago, we empowered ourselves to become a city. The City of University Place has matured into an integral player in the South Puget Sound.

With cityhood comes a responsibility to ensure that our policies and resource expenditures continue to fulfill our vision and meet citizen expectations, even as our revenues become more limited. This means that in the first quarter of 2015, your City Council will focus on how to sustain services such as parks and recreation, public safety and street maintenance within budgetary constraints.

The 2015-2016 budget is funded and balanced. However, community feedback is essential as we explore creative ways to fund services that not only will repair our infrastructure but also create a community that is diverse and enjoyable for you, your friends and families.

Terry Goodkind stated ‘if a road was easy, you’re likely going the wrong way.’ Funding challenges are economic checks and balances to ensure that we are, indeed, servicing the will of the citizens of University Place.

So, we welcome the opportunity to ensure we are still on the road we embarked upon 20 years ago. This reflection will help focus our vision into razor sharpness as we continue to become one of the state’s best cities in which to work, live and play. 2015 will be a great year for University Place.

Denise McCluskey, Mayor



Mayor Denise McCluskey

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PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

Jan. 31 – 8:30 a.m.
Council Budget Workshop

Feb. 2 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Feb. 17 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

March 2 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

March 16 – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Feb. 19 & March 19 – 6 p.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

April 23 – 7:30 a.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Feb. 4 & 18 – 7 p.m.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Feb. 12 & March 12 – 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.

The 16th CAB uncases their colors, marking their official move back to JBLM

In March of 2014, the City of University Place and the families of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade said their goodbyes and sent best wishes to the deploying 16th CAB soldiers on one of their first extensive missions since relocating to JBLM more than four years ago.

Under the servant leadership of Col. Paul Mele, the 16th CAB deployed 1,700 soldiers to Kandahar, Afghanistan for a security and reconnaissance mission.

As non-military citizens, it is so easy to become complacent and take for granted our free-spirited lifestyle as we live in a place that has not been destroyed by war. We have never had to rebuild our cities due to destruction except by our own hands (riots). We do not have a reminder of the horrors and devastations of an extended war. Each passing generation wakes to peace on U.S. soil because of soldiers' courage and commitment to their mission to keep us from harm's way. So, the City of University Place wanted to ensure that the deployed soldiers knew that they were supported at home.

Initially, the City of University Place committed to send care packages of support for the 16th CAB. However, Col. Mele indicated that his Brigade would be well taken care but the one thing that they would lack would be letters/postcards with the human touch that would become morale builders for his tired and homesick soldiers.

The citizens of University Place banded together with Peace Out to ensure that these soldiers would know that they were appreciated, supported and thought about with each passing day until they returned safely home. Peace Out's Omar Noman and his wife Netta headed the campaign to bring personal notes to each member of the deployed CAB, which would mean that at least 1,700 postcards would need to be written and sent out to Kandahar.

Omar and Netta, along with businesses such as the Brain Energy Support Team, exceeded the 1,700 goal and brought in more than 2,100 postcards plus Seahawk skittles, water flavors, books and DVDs. These postcards, along with the additional items, were carefully placed in boxes at Brain Energy Support Team in University Place. The five boxes



Col. Mele (left) and Sgt. Major Tillman (right) uncase the colors of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade on Jan. 6, 2015 during the official uncasing ceremony at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

were then mailed off to the 16th CAB in Kandahar for their personal enjoyment and, hopefully, to prove to the CAB that their 'home away from home,' the City of University Place, did not and would not forget them as they completed their mission.

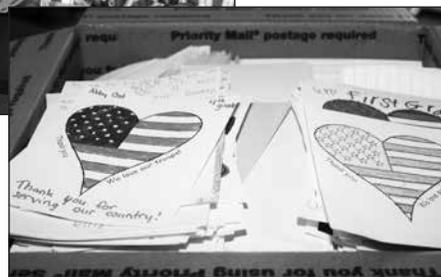
As the City embarked on the postcard writing campaign, we had no idea to what level our empathetic and passionate citizens in U.P. along with the surrounding communities would be willing to support a mission, to pour out their hearts and say a kind 'thank you' to our brigade. We were certainly humbled by the hundreds that so freely participated in the campaign to bring a smile to a deployed soldier's day in the desert. These postcards contained funny remarks and detailed drawings of daily life in the Northwest as well as sometimes shared their own deployment story of years ago. Families allowed their babies to scribble with their own hands on postcards that provided a platform for the parents to tell of their love of country and how proud they were of the Brigade. If citizens could not find the words to express how they felt, they could draw to convey their thanks. It was a spiritual moment to see the hundreds of cards that would soon be in the hands of our soldiers to read.

The Community Connector Program Postcards for the 16th CAB campaign was a resounding success because citizens were willing to connect, heart to heart, in an old fashioned way, via a simple handwritten note. The essence of a human touch that was created miles away, to be given to a stranger, and in the end to have made a dramatic impact on the soldiers' lives who read these cards. The postcards reaffirmed to our warriors that they are appreciated and their sacrifices, which are being given by them to us on a daily basis, are not taken for granted.

For those in our community that took a moment at an event to write a postcard, the CAB and the City of University Place thanks you for making a positive difference in the lives of so many soldiers who were deployed far from their families.



On Aug. 22, 2014 Omar and Netta Noman joined the Brain Energy Support Team in packing the more than 2,100 community postcards which were delivered to the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade.



It's time for Curran Orchard Pruning Parties!

Learn how to prune apple trees and help take care of a great community park in 2015!

A **FREE Master Gardener pruning class will be taught on Thursday, Jan. 29, from 7 to 9 p.m.** at United Church, 3912 Grandview Drive West (right across the street from the orchard). You can then practice your new found skills at the orchard at designated pruning parties.

Pruning Parties will be held at the orchard on the following **Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Master Gardeners and trained volunteers will be on hand to provide guidance. Bring work gloves, hand pruners, loppers and hand saws if available. Some tools are available in the barn.

Pruning Party Dates: February 7 & 21 March 7 & 21 April 11 & 25



NEW this year! Espalier Pruning Class!

Master Gardener John Valentine will discuss how to train young trees using the espalier method along with proper pruning techniques. This is a great option for anyone with limited space who desires an apple tree!

Join us for **basic information and tips on Wednesday, March 4, from 7 to 9 p.m.** in the Meeting Room at the University Place Library, 3609 Market Place West, followed by an **onsite demonstration at the orchard on Saturday, March 7 from 10 a.m. to 1p.m.** The orchard is located at 3920 Grandview Drive West.



For more information, visit www.curranappleorchard.com or contact apples@curranappleorchard.com.

CORE volunteers meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the U.P. City Hall Complex, 3715 Bridgeport Way West, Room E-2. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Dance Theatre Northwest's performance schedule

Dance Theatre Northwest offers **FREE community performances** each year. The 2015 performance schedule includes the following dates:

The Museum of Glass	March 14
Narrow's Glen Retirement Community	April 25 & Nov. 17
Between Sea and Sky in the Atrium	May 29 & 30
The Teddy Bear's Picnic (in the Orchard)	July 19

Numerous performances for the "Arts Are Education" Community Outreach Performances are also held in local schools. The Annual School Recital on June 13 and the Nutcracker in December are fundraising performances.

Are you ready to start the New Year with some exercise?

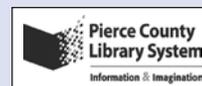
Dance Theatre Northwest's winter class schedule has something for everyone, offering classes for ballet, jazz, tap dance, and stretch/toning.

In January a new beginning adult exercise and stretch class is being formed for those who want to get back into an exercise program. The class is scheduled for Mondays from 3:20 to 4:10 p.m. Call to get on the list!

Dance Theatre Northwest has been introducing young and young at heart people to music and dance for 28 years. Come be empowered in the world of dance and creative movement.

To find out the specifics of our classes and FREE performances go to DTNW's website at www.DTNW.org or call the studio at 253.778.6534.

As the U.S. Open nears, Pierce County Library gets into golf!



The 2015 U.S. Open is set for June 15-21 at Chambers Bay Golf Course in University Place. To commemorate the event, the Pierce County Library System is planning lots of golf-related programs and will be offering a limited edition U.S. Open library card beginning in April – available only while supplies last!

Program highlights include:

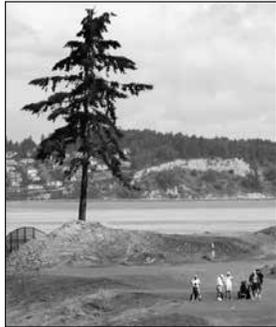
March – Build your own putting green with the Master Gardener team of Lauri/Joshua Lackey. Workshops will be held in the evening at Sumner, South Hill and Lakewood branches on three different March dates.

April/May – Enter the Pierce County Library Open, a miniature golf tournament with an open round at every branch, semi-finals at six specific branches, and a final round held at the University Place branch on May 30 with 18 finalists competing on four holes.

May – Hear from Blaine Newman, former sports writer for the Seattle Times and author of *America's St. Andrews - Chambers Bay*, who will speak at the University Place Library on **Wednesday, May 27, at 7 p.m.**

Many more activities are scheduled; look for all of the details at www.PierceCountyLibrary.org.

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 everyone park? How will the U.S. Open impact local traffic?

The USGA and Pierce County are exploring every potential parking option in the surrounding area. The overall goal of the parking and transportation plan is to minimize vehicular traffic in the immediate area surrounding Chambers Bay by utilizing remote lots and shuttles. We will continue to work with local, regional and state representatives to construct a plan that provides safe, effective transportation to and from the U.S. Open for all spectators. A comprehensive championship Parking & Transportation Plan to include security, parking and transportation details will be released to the public in the spring of 2015.

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

Be on the lookout this spring for up-to-date info about the 2015 U.S. Open Championship and public open houses soon to be scheduled.

2015 Spring Arts & Concert Series



Dynamic artists and musicians will absolutely delight audiences in the upcoming Spring Arts & Concert Series sponsored by UP for Arts. Please join us in the U.P. Civic/Library Atrium from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the following Fridays:

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| <p><i>Feb. 27 –</i></p> <p>Fused Glass Artist Nancy Corey,
Singer Jordan Corbin and Pianist
Kristina Henckel</p> | <p><i>March 27 –</i></p> <p>Mixed Media Artist Susan Strohm and
The Jazz Misfits</p> | <p><i>April 24 –</i></p> <p>Goldsmith Designer Sacha Van DeZande
with Pianists Oksana Ezhokina and
Christina Dahl</p> |
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Tickets for all Arts & Concerts Series events are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free for UP for Arts members. For more information, please visit www.upforarts.org. UP for Arts meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the U.P. City Hall Complex, 3715 Bridgeport Way W in Building E-2. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Want to be a vendor at the 2015 Duck Daze Festival?

The 2015 University Place Duck Daze Festival will be held Saturday, June 6, 2015 in the heart of University Place. Taking place just one week before the 2015 U.S. Open, the city is sure to be buzzing with excitement. This is one festival you do NOT want to miss!

Booth spaces sold out last year and this year will be no exception. To be an exhibitor, download your application at www.CityofUP.com.



The University Place Duck Daze Festival is a true community event that offers our exhibitors unmatched face-to-face interaction with thousands of families in the University Place area. Its exhibitors are positioned as supporting families, community, learning and fun! The Duck Daze Festival offers businesses the perfect opportunity to promote your product(s) and/or service(s) in front of potential customers, clients and/or patients in the University Place area. Booth prices start at \$100.

Questions? Contact Venti Productions at info@VentiProductions.com or 253.683.2992.

2014 Winter Fest Photo Highlights

Christmas Tree Lighting in Market Square

Thank you to all who turned out to make this event so spectacular!

A very special thank you to our wonderful sponsors: Click! Cable TV, Columbia Bank, The Mandon Foley Agency, Directors Mortgage, U.P. Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, the Star Center, World Concern, O'Brien Dentistry; and finally, Silent Lights for lighting up University Place for the Holidays!





CPR & First Aid classes offered

West Pierce Fire & Rescue is offering CPR & First Aid classes. Each class includes one person adult, child and infant CPR with airway management, control of bleeding, splinting, bandaging, first aid for burns, sprains, strains, poison control, etc., and meets Labor and Industries and Department of Social and Health Services Standards.

The First Aid and CPR class does NOT meet the requirements for the Healthcare Provider course. It is basic First Aid and CPR.

This is an eight-hour class held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at West Pierce Fire & Rescue, Station 20, located at 10928 Pacific Highway SW in Lakewood.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required. Cost is \$40 per person. Cash and checks are accepted. Please make checks out to West Pierce Fire & Rescue.

Cards are recognized for two years.

To register, contact the West Pierce Fire & Rescue main office at 253.564.1623 for more information.



Class Offerings

January 10	July 11
February 14	August 8
March 14	September 12
April 11	October 10
May 9	November 14
June 13	December 12



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 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** and are held on **Monday and Wednesday evenings for three weeks from 6:30 – 9:30 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, to learn the class schedule or to register, contact Amber Redmond at 253.983.4580 or email cert@westpierce.org.

Community Academy program offered by Pierce County Sheriff's Department

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department is offering its Community Academy program for persons living in the Pierce County and contract cities who are interested in learning about law enforcement and the role of the Sheriff's Department in the community.

The department is taking reservations for the following session:

University Place Police Department, classes will start Thursday, Feb. 19, 2015 and will meet once a week from 7 to 9:30 p.m. running between 10 and 13 weeks. Classes are limited in size to 27 persons.

Classes will be held at the police station located at 3609 Market Place West, Suite 201, University Place, 2nd floor in the Library/Civic Building.

The Community Academy course is designed to familiarize the public with all aspects of the Sheriff's Department and provides citizens with some insight into the practices of law enforcement and the criminal justice system. The academy also affords an opportunity to meet the Sheriff and other members of the department. The classes cover constitutional law, procedures

of patrol deputies, detectives, internal investigations, narcotics, K-9, domestic violence, and other topics. Field trips are scheduled to the 9-1-1 Communications Center and Jail. The academy is free of charge and is open to citizens 16 years old and over living in Pierce County.

You may send your application online at www.piercesheriff.org. Applicants are chosen on a first-come, first-serve basis, and class size is limited, so please apply soon.



Public Safety and Criminal Justice in University Place – Feb. 5 to March 26

Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. at University Place Police Headquarters, registration mandatory

What are the public safety issues facing University Place? What is law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system in your community? How can a better understanding of the system increase your safety?

This class is for:

- U.P. residents
- U.P. businesses
- Rental community managers/owners
- Students
- Retired professionals
- U.P. City staff / City elected officials / City commissioners

Join us for three hours a day starting Thursday, Feb. 5, when over the course of eight weeks we will examine crime and safety in University Place.

You won't be disappointed! Register by calling 253.798.3141. Space is limited.

Course Outline

- Feb. 5:** Introduction to policing in University Place & course overview – **Chief Blair**
- Feb. 12:** Constitutional law & the criminal justice system – **Prosecutor Lindquist**
- Feb. 19:** Patrol procedures & use of force – **Sergeant Carpenter**
- Feb. 26:** Policing the police & investigations – **Sheriff Pastor & Detective Berg**
- March 5:** What to report, to whom and when? 911 – **Communications Officer Lovrak**
- March 12:** Protecting your property – **Public Safety Manager Hales**
- March 19:** Legalized marijuana and its impact on public safety – **Deputy Nordstrom**
- March 26:** Personal gun ownership in America & firearms simulations – **Deputies Hacker & Hales**

CodeRED App on your smart-phone offers community alerts

By this time most City residents are very much aware of the City's CodeRED program. Now the City is offering a new and enhanced free notification tool for citizens of University Place.

The CodeRED Mobile Alert app provides advanced, real-time, location-specific alerts to subscribers within the reach of a given location generated by public safety and City officials. The app provides localized alerts using the location services function of iOS and Android smart-phones; requiring subscribers to enable their GPS services so the app can deliver location-based multimedia alerts using push technology.

Your City and public safety planners will continue to deploy CodeRED for public safety updates and other emergency alerts as needed. This new app feature has several alert functions that can be turned on or off and allow the City to give you updates about other non-emergency events.

In anticipation of the June 2015 U.S. Open event at Chambers Bay in University Place, the City will be using the "Community" alert function to notify neighbors, in real time, of information related to the event (examples include community meetings, event traffic plans, road closures, areas of congestion, unforeseen event updates that do not rise to the level of an emergency notification). If you'd like to opt out of those notifications, you can simply turn that notification off at any time.

Get the feature on your phone today! Download the app on your iPhone by visiting the App Store. The Android app can be found at Google Play.

If you have questions about the City's CodeRED system, please call 253.798.3141.

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12th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance!

Dads and daughters will enjoy an evening just for them!

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, Feb. 7 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. in the Curtis High School Cafeteria**. An array of music will please all age groups and tastes! Come prepared to dance the night away. All ages welcome! Participants will receive refreshments, party favors and a night of fun and entertainment that both daddy and daughter will never forget. Uncles, grandfathers, big brothers, even mom is welcome to accompany their little princess. Action Photography Northwest will be there to provide you with pictures for a small fee.

We are also excited to announce that American Party Place has sponsored a fun photo booth for the event and Forza Coffee will be donating coffee again this year for all those dads. Be sure to pre-register with the Recreation Office by calling 253.460.2530 TODAY!

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.

Winter sessions begin Jan. 27. Spring sessions begin April 7th! Register TODAY!

Call us for more information, 253.460.2530.



Register now for Youth Guitar Classes

Learn how to play the guitar!

Youth ages 7-11 learn basic chords and note reading on the acoustic guitar. Students must provide their own guitars. (No electric guitars, please.)

Our instructor, Scott Ross, has more than 20 years of experience in music composition, performance, instruction and management. He is an accomplished songwriter, recording artist and producer who has worked with both major and independent record labels to release numerous albums.

Winter Session begins Jan. 27, lasts for eight weeks, and costs \$100. Lessons are on Tuesdays.

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

**Private lessons available; contact the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530 for details.*

Piano & Voice Lessons

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

These lessons are available for ages six through senior citizen. Time slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis, from 3 to 7 p.m. Mondays or Wednesdays for four weeks are just \$100.

Winter II - Monday Session: March 9 – 30
Winter II - Wednesday Session: March 11 – April 1

To register, call the Recreation Office 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
Ballet for the beginner – for ages 5-8 years old
Hip Hop for beginners – for ages 7-12 years old

Classes begin March 5 and run for six weeks. For more information call the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530.

Bootcamp Fitness

High Intensity Circuit Training

Morning Session – \$150 (18 classes)

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
5:30 – 6:30 a.m.
March 9 – April 24

Mommy's Morning Bootcamp – \$150 (18 classes)

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
March 9 – April 24



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.

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

Youth Baseball & Softball

University Place Recreation Youth Sports Leagues invite children from Pre-K through 7th grade to join a recreational baseball or softball team!

Leagues will focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, basic fundamental instruction and most importantly, having fun!

We offer Coed T-Ball for Pre-K (4-5 years) and K/1 (5-7 years), Coed Coach Pitch for 1st/2nd grades, Boys Hollywood Baseball for 3rd/4th grades (10U), Boys Regulation Baseball for 3rd-7th grades (10U, 12U & 14U) and Girls Softball for grades 3rd-7th (10U, 12U, & 14U).

Coaches will make contact with players mid-April when practices begin. Be sure to register online at www.CityofUP.com by going to the Parks & Recreation page, come in the office to register in person, fax it, mail it or email it! The deadline is March 13. For more information, call 253.460.2530.



Baseball Team Sponsors Needed!

U.P. Parks & Recreation is looking for sponsors for the upcoming youth sports season. Our Youth Baseball & Softball season is our biggest all year.

With nearly 1,000 kids and 90 teams, we are looking to the community to help support each team!

Sponsor one (1) team for \$195, four (4) teams for \$700 or six (6) teams for \$1,000. Get your business name on the back of the jerseys.

Deadline to sponsor is the end of March!

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

Wine Dine & Win!

March 3–5, 2015

Don't miss out on our first trip of 2015 – this tour has a little something for everyone! For a detailed description and flyer, contact the University Place Senior Center.

Included in your trip fee are two nights hotel stay, food and gaming credits at hotels, wine tasting and tour, transportation and trip management.

\$100 non-refundable deposit per person to register. Payment in full is due by Monday, Jan. 26 or your space will be released. Deposits are non-refundable.

Contact the University Place Senior Center for more information or to register at 253.564.1992.

Cost:

\$249 per person/double occupancy

\$359 per person/single occupancy

Trip highlights:

- Day 1: Skagit Valley Gardens, Anacortes, hotel stay at the lovely Swinomish Casino.
- Day 2: Padilla Bay National Estuarine, Winery Stop, Seattle Premium Outlets, hotel stay at the luxurious Tulalip Casino.
- Day 3: Ferry Ride to Clearwater Casino, Poulsbo.



Check out the Recreation Program Guide online at www.CityofUP.com, located on the Parks & Rec page. There is something for everyone!

U.P. receives CAFR Award for its 16th year

In a News Release dated Dec. 23, 2014, the Government Finance Officers Association shared the following good news for the City of University Place:

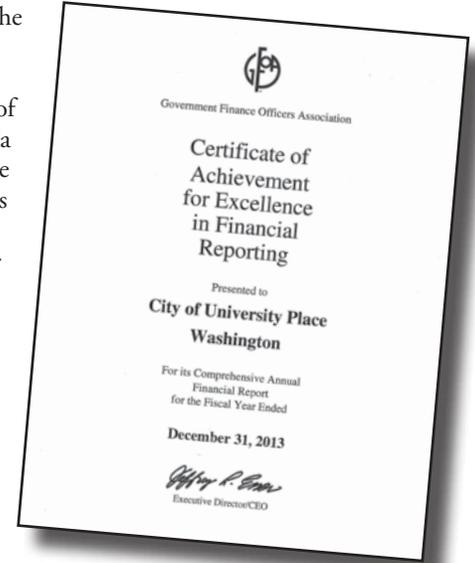
The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to City of University Place by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s), department or agency designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. This has been presented to:

Finance Department, City of University Place

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals, with offices in Chicago, IL, and Washington, D.C.



Watch for the new flashing yellow traffic signals in U.P.

University Place is installing a new type of traffic signal display, a Flashing Yellow Arrow, in two locations on Bridgeport Way, one at 54th Street West and one at Chambers Lane. While this type of operation is common in many other jurisdictions, this is the first in University Place. Preliminary results from other agencies have been so promising, the Federal Highway Administration adopted these as a new federal standard in 2009.

The purpose of this operation is to increase the capacity of the intersection by reducing the need for the green arrow phase and to reduce the delay to motorists waiting for the green arrow when there is no opposing traffic. The flashing yellow arrow may begin before a green arrow, after the green arrow or instead of the green arrow, depending on the traffic.

Motorists are cautioned that when the yellow arrow is flashing, the opposing traffic has a green ball. The left turning vehicles must be sure there is a sufficient gap in the opposing traffic to safely make the left turn or U-turn.

UPTV – “UNIVERSITY PLACE” ON TV

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

- Regular Council Meetings
- Business is UP

Visit our Website: www.CityofUP.com/Page49.aspx for a weekly schedule. Send program suggestions and comments to UPTV@CityofUP.com or call Linda Seesz, Communications/I.T. Manager, at 253.460.2537.

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