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# A New Way of Getting U.P. News

Headlines content will now appear in the University Place Press

## A Note from Mayor Denise McCluskey

Providing citizens with timely, accurate and useful communications is one of the top three goals of the University Place City Council. To achieve that goal, we asked our staff to research the best and most cost-effective ways to get community news out quickly and to the widest number of people possible.

Although we use the U.P. website, UPTV, Facebook and Twitter to provide the latest news from City Hall and its departments, many constituents have told us they like having a printed copy of what has happened – and will happen – in University Place. The Headlines newsletter has allowed us to fulfill that request, but given the delays involved in print production, it has not always proven to be the best way to provide timely information. And from a staffing point of view, it was very time-intensive, especially since our staffing levels are down nearly 30 percent from when the City was first established 20 years ago.

In an effort to satisfy those who prefer the printed format while not sacrificing too much in the way of timeliness, the City of University Place has partnered with the Pierce County Community Newspaper Group (PCCNG), publisher of several regional publications, including the Tacoma Weekly, the Fife Free Press, the Milton-Edgewood Signal and the Puyallup Tribal News, to now offer city-centric content in a new bi-weekly newspaper, the University Place Press that will also feature a regular Headlines insert.

By working with Pierce County Community Newspaper Group, we can take advantage of an established production and distribution system that will enable us to get information into our readers' hands every two weeks, as opposed to every other month. In seeking businesses that might want to collaborate with us, we received three good proposals to our request for proposals (RFP) earlier this year. But after extensive staff evaluation and City Council study, we selected Pierce County Community Newspaper Group, LLC, partly because they met the specific requirement of having demonstrated experience in covering local government.

Under the terms of the new agreement, PCCNG will



assign a reporter to cover late-breaking news from the City, while City staff will generate the content for the Headlines insert that will be included with the paper. What makes this new approach really exciting is that we will now be able to give our faithful Headlines readers the same kind of content that we always have but in a much more timely manner. That means that information about special events, new business openings, public safety updates and all the other things you came to rely on Headlines for will still be there for you, in print, to reference.

Given PCCNG's regional presence, there is also the opportunity for greater exposure of U.P. to a wider audience, since ad buyers now have the opportunity to have their message appear in several (or all) of their publications. Our hope is that by working with this organization, which has established ties in other communities such as Tacoma and Fife, we can inspire other residents of the region to explore University Place for themselves and take advantage of the opportunities we have here for both business and recreation.

The premiere issue of University Place Press was delivered on Nov. 6. Be sure to watch for the next issue to appear on your doorstep on Nov. 20 and let us know what you think about this new approach to the news.

**Winter Fest – Dec. 5 from 2-6 p.m.**  
 Check out the planned festivities on pages 6 & 7!

**UNIVERSITY PLACE WINTER FEST**

# Home-Based Business Professionals Spotlighted in the Atrium



On Thursday, Oct. 22, the Atrium in the Civic Building became the venue for 17 of our local home-based businesses to display their products and services, ranging from graphic art pieces, hand-carved wood products from the Curran Orchard, organizing and errand services, Seahawks gear and more!

The Second Annual Home-Based Business event was sponsored by the City of University Place Economic Development Office to provide an opportunity for a handful of our 700+ home-based businesses to not only network amongst each other, but to also make themselves known throughout the community.



## Thank You, Curran Apple Orchard Community Supporters

Delicious apple cider, a bountiful harvest and many wonderful memories occurred once again at the Curran Apple Orchard Park thanks to our many community supporters. With their help and support, our community enjoyed another fabulous year in the orchard.

We would like to acknowledge our **2015 Tree Adopters** whose financial support of the orchard helped us maintain the health of the trees. Many adopters also enjoyed hands on participation during pruning parties and other orchard events. We couldn't do it without you!

Charles Wright Academy  
Kindergarten  
Louise Acosta  
Regina Anderson  
Debbie Andre  
Thomas Arter  
Lana Bacon  
Sally Barrett  
Melody Boylan  
M. Bradley  
Kelly & Diane Bradley  
Brain Energy Team  
Kathy Brown  
Dave & Gretchen Buck  
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Chamber's Bay Women's Club  
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Ellie Froney  
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Ray Humphreys  
Andrew Hutchison  
Taylor Johnson  
Johan Karlsen  
Judith Karman  
Brett & Anne Kiehl  
Bill & Sharon Klancke  
Laura Klein  
Debbie Klosowski  
Kristin Kooztz  
Thomas Kucera  
Robert & Sandra  
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Patrick Langevin  
Gertrude Langton  
Fred Langton  
Mary Lewis  
Peter & Coni Liljengren  
Kaelah & Jeff Maki  
Merrisa Marr  
Emma & Tony Martelli  
Lester & Emilia Martin  
MaryLou Michael  
Family Mitchell  
Bob & Janet Mohr  
Joanne Moran  
Matthew & Margaret  
Moravec  
Jason & Patty Mykland  
Narrows Cooperative  
Scott & Katrina Neff  
Joe Norton  
Catherine Nugent  
Family Orrino

Linda Patten  
Leslie & David Pearson  
Pat Pepper  
Pavel Petryokov  
Linda Piccolotto  
Maryellen Priederman  
Ann Read  
Teresa Reid  
Marie & Robert  
Robinson  
Janne Robinson  
Terry & Donna Roth  
Family Schligher  
Brandie Shipp  
Daniel & Allison Shoop  
Bev Smith  
Lavin Stavish  
Tony & Dianne Stefanko  
Katherine Stinson-Jenny  
Judy Thierry  
Steve & Pat Thompson

Jan Thornburg  
Cheryl Torem  
Shirley Tronsgard  
Amy Utecht  
Mark VanBeek  
Steve Voigt  
Lawrence Warwick  
Kathleen Weber  
Jenny Wetzel  
Susan Wigley  
Jessica Wille  
Marcy & Tom Williams  
Charles Williams  
Victor & Ann Wilson  
Kristin Wysong  
Jay Stricherz  
Harry & Della Taylor

People who are interested in adopting a tree for the 2016 harvest season can contact CORE at [apples@curranappleorchard.com](mailto:apples@curranappleorchard.com) for more info.

Special thanks also goes to U.P. Refuse for its long-time support of orchard activities, Columbia Bank for sponsoring our annual Summer Concert Series, Whole Foods and Puget Sound Energy for sponsoring the 21st Annual Cider Squeeze this year!

We also appreciate contributions from Sunset Bible Church, United Church, Mt. Cross Lutheran Church, press operators and countless volunteers along with City of U.P. Public Works & Parks Director Gary Cooper, Debbie Sage and crew for their ongoing support of this great public park.

The real "core" group which makes everything happen, is, of course...CORE! (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts)!

Members are: Karen, Reggie and Abbie Fennell; Sally and Bill Barrett; Debbie Klosowski; Bob Bennett; Sue Gurley; Kris Docherty; Laura Thomas; Joanne Moran; Gretchen Buck; Dan Hall; Rick Mercier; and Robert and Ian Sweet.

CORE meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the U.P. City Hall Complex, 3715 Bridgeport Way W., Bldg. E-2. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact [apples@curranappleorchard.com](mailto:apples@curranappleorchard.com).

# Explosive Trainings for the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade

The 16th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) is training intensely at several training centers across the nation for mission support duties. Soldiers consider these essential trainings fun, engaging, important and just a part of their soldier DNA.

These trainings are fundamental to understanding how their partners will not only support the mission but how their peers will react when they are under fire. They help to build trust and team dynamics that will change their expectations of accepting nothing less than excellence.

This exceptional brigade is University Place's Community Connector Partner. They are under new leadership, led by Colonel William Ryan. He will continuously visit all of his training sites to ensure that directives and goals are accomplished. This means that not only will Col. Ryan put in a lot of travel hours away from his family, but so will his soldiers.

Time away from family can create additional stress on our soldiers, which is why our Community Connector Program is essential for this brigade's morale. They need to know that our community appreciates their service and considers them a part of their family fabric as well as a home away from home. The Community Connector Program benefits the soldiers and community through a network of partnerships that create programs, projects and activities.

If your company or organization would like to find out how you can become part of University Place's Community Connector Program and support this extraordinary brigade, please send an email to the Mayor at [dmcluskey@CityofUP.com](mailto:dmcluskey@CityofUP.com).

Let's make University Place's Community Connector Program just as inspirational as our soldiers!



*Soldiers from the 16th CAB give to our University Place community through activities and events, like working in our parks or flag-bearing at the annual Duck Daze Parade.*

# U.P. Volunteers "Make a Difference" at Paradise Pond

Thank you to all of our volunteers and U.P. Parks staff for coming out on Saturday, Oct. 24, for the City's annual Make a Difference Day!

USA Today's Make a Difference Day is the largest day of community service nation-wide. It provides an opportunity for individuals to come together with a common mission – to make a difference in their community and improve the lives of others.



This year the helping hands of our volunteers spent the morning spreading wood chips along the trail at Paradise Pond Park, one of the newest parks in University Place.

Take a moment to stop by Paradise Pond, located at 3124 67th Avenue West, to see all of the hard work that has been accomplished at this amazing 9.5 acre park!



# From Russia with Thanks!



At the invitation of Melanie Kirk-Stauffer, Artistic Director of Dance Theatre Northwest, two of the principal dancers (pictured, left) from the Russian Grand Ballet (RGB) visited the dance studio of DTNW to conduct a Master Class for 25 local dancers.

That evening, Oct. 16, the students were invited backstage after the RGB's performance of Swan Lake

at the Pantages Theater. Through an interpreter, the Russian dancers expressed a heartfelt thank you for the opportunity to visit the studio and interact with the students.

## Upcoming Dance Theatre NW performances

Friday, Nov. 20 @ 1 p.m.

Park Lodge Elementary School, 6300 100th St SW, Lakewood  
(The above performance is free and open to the public)

### The Nutcracker

Saturday, Dec. 12, @ 2:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 13, @ 4 p.m.

Mt. Tacoma High School Auditorium, 4634 S 74th St, Tacoma  
Admission: \$11-13 Student, Child, Senior; \$22-26 Adult  
Military discount available

# 2015 Fall Arts & Concert Series

The popular Arts & Concert Series sponsored by UP for Arts, is in its fifth season, with a variety of top-quality entertainment coupled with exhibits by local artists. Please join us in the U.P. Civic Building Atrium from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the final Friday of the 2015 series:

**Nov. 20 – Soprano Erin Guinup, Artist/Painter Karen Benveniste, Visual Artist Chris Parent**

Soprano Erin Guinup is an acclaimed vocalist who has performed with groups including the Northwest Sinfonietta, Tacoma Opera, Northwest Repertory Singers and the Tacoma Concert Band. She will perform a variety of songs accompanied by Pianist Margie Skreen Dickerson.

Featured Artists Karen Benveniste and Chris Parent will also exhibit their work. A member of the Pacific Gallery Artists, Karen has studied art, photography and design at Tacoma Community College and will exhibit her latest collages. Chris Parent "rescues" metal pieces and transforms them into dazzling art with interesting colors and patterns.

Tickets for all events are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students and free for UP for Arts members.

For more information, please visit [www.UPforArts.org](http://www.UPforArts.org). UP for Arts meets the third Tuesday of each month in the U.P. City Hall Complex, 3715 Bridgeport Way W in Building E-2. Everyone is welcome to attend!



# All Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Everyone is invited to attend the community annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner, at no charge, on Nov. 26, at U.P. Primary School cafeteria, located at 2708 Grandview Drive West. Dinner will be served from noon until 2 p.m.

Reservations are helpful as seating and food are limited. Please call Nicole Jovich-Johnson at 206.240.7173 to make reservations or to volunteer (volunteers are needed from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Special thanks to our sponsors: University Place Volunteer Center, Derek Bray - The Table, U.P. Refuse, Superior Linen, Peace Out, Owens Press, West Pierce Fire & Rescue, and all the dedicated U.P. volunteers for making this free community dinner possible!

Monetary donations are appreciated; contact 253.691.3029 for information on donating.



# 88 Key Campaign

*Help us bring a grand piano to the U.P. Civic/Library Building Atrium!*

Pianos have 88 keys...and for \$88, you can receive a key and help achieve our goal to continue bringing quality performances to the atrium! The 88 Key Club Campaign is an UP for Arts program. Keys are wooden and engraved. To donate, visit [www.UPforArts.org](http://www.UPforArts.org).

## Gingerbread Houses at the U.P. Library!

Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Right before Winter Fest) & Dec. 6 from 1 to 4 p.m.



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

We're starting early this year on Dec. 5, just ahead of the Winter Fest activities, with the first decorating session at 10 a.m. and a new one starting every half hour. Tickets will be available and distributed at the event. Choose your start time and pick up your free ticket to attend your session.

There will be a second session on Dec. 6 from 1 to 4 p.m.!

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

## Tahoma Audubon Winter Holiday Social & Open House!

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, from Noon to 4 p.m.

Drop by the Adriana Hess Audubon Center anytime between 12–4 p.m. to celebrate the winter holiday season with us Audubon-style. Celebrate the giving season and the 16-year anniversary of the Adriana Hess Audubon Center – that's right, we officially opened on Dec. 5, 1999!

This is your last chance to cast your vote for the first ever logo design for the Adriana Hess Audubon Center – the winning logo will be determined by those present! Anyone, any age, can vote – membership not required.

Visit our center, socialize with members, board members and staff, walk the trails, shop in our nature shop for books, calendars and framed art, renew your membership, give a gift of membership or donate to our end of year annual appeal (tax deductible!). Holiday sweets, drinks and light hors d'oeuvres are complimentary. Feel free to bring something to share. There will be no formal program, just visiting fun!



## Santa Paws Pet Photos

Sunday, Dec. 6 – Noon to 3 p.m.

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

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

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

**Prices are: \$15 for a 4x6 Additional prints \$5 each**  
**Additional charge for 5-plus subjects. Other sizes available via special order.**

For more info, visit [www.up-dogpark.org](http://www.up-dogpark.org).



## City Hall Holiday Closures

University Place  
WASHINGTON

University Place City Hall offices will be closed for the following recognized holidays:

**Thanksgiving:** Closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27. Offices will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

**Christmas:** Closed Friday, Dec. 25. Offices will close at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24.

**New Year's:** Closed Friday, Jan. 1. Offices will close at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30.

# Winter Fest 2015!

## Enjoy the Holidays at Winter Fest!

Mark your calendars and experience the holiday magic of Winter Fest with the annual University Place Christmas Tree Lighting in Market Square – always the first Saturday in December.

This seasonal extravaganza will take place on **Dec. 5 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Civic Building**

(3609 Market Square). Join us for the arrival of Santa, entertainment, crafts, vendors and food in Santa's Loft, the Christmas Tree Lighting and an abundance of holiday cheer! Make sure to get a picture with Santa (and confide your secret wishes), cozy up with a warm winter treat by the fire, or gather near the outdoor fireplace surrounded by the holiday lights in the evening. University Place Winter Fest will feature live musical and dance performances by local schools and organizations. Back again this year, special performances by the Dickens Carolers!



## Christmas Tree Lighting

Experience the wonder as we light the Christmas Tree at 5 p.m.! The lighting of the Christmas Tree is treasured by many; this year be ready to be dazzled! Bring your family, friends and co-workers for this wonderful holiday tradition in the heart of University Place.

## Santa's Loft

Sponsored by Click! Cable TV

Join us on the second floor of the Civic Building for fun and festivities in Santa's Loft. The Loft will have crafts for the kids, games, food, and an array of vendors and more!

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

Whole Foods Market continues to be a leader in the organic and natural food industry. Be sure to say hello to the folks at the Whole Foods Market table at this year's event and find out why their stores continue to be a destination for shoppers everywhere. Whole Foods Market Chambers Bay is located at 35th & Bridgeport and is a proud sponsor of the 2015 University Place Winter Fest. The entire team at Whole Foods Market Chambers Bay wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Holiday Season!

## Winter Fest Stage Sponsored by Columbia Bank

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

### University Place Schools

Come hear the musical talents of our University Place School District students. These students will dazzle you with the sweet sounds of the holidays.

**U.P. students will perform between 2 and 5 p.m.**

### The Dickens Carolers

Over the past 30 years, The Dickens Carolers have become a local holiday tradition, bringing the joy of the season to thousands each year, singing throughout the Northwest since 1978. Come enjoy as your holiday favorites, both traditional and contemporary, are sung in beautiful four-part harmony.

The sights and sounds of The Dickens Carolers are indeed a holiday treat.

**The Dickens Carolers will perform between 5 and 6 p.m.**



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

Like us on **facebook**.  
[www.facebook.com/UPWinterFest](http://www.facebook.com/UPWinterFest)



# Winter Fest Schedule 2015

2 p.m.	Santa Arrives by Fire Truck	Sponsored by West Pierce Fire & Rescue
2 - 6 p.m.	Winter Fest Shopping	Outside in front of the Atrium. Shop a selection of holiday goods and meet some of our 2015 Winter Fest sponsors!
2 - 6 p.m.	Holiday Performances	On the Winter Fest Stage, outside in front of the Atrium. Sponsored by Columbia Bank.
2 - 6 p.m.	SANTA'S LOFT	Inside in the Second Floor Atrium. Crafts, Food, Vendor Booths. Sponsored by Click! Cable TV and Whole Foods Market.
2:15 - 6 p.m.	Photos with Santa	Inside by the fireplace, Main Floor Atrium. Sponsored by Kiwanis.
5 p.m.	Christmas Tree Lighting	Outside, in Market Square.
5 - 6 p.m.	The Dickens Carolers	Stick around after the Christmas Tree Lighting to enjoy a local holiday tradition!

## Thank you to our sponsors:



## Dance Theatre Northwest Will Escort in Santa

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

Dance Theatre Northwest will be presenting The Nutcracker on Dec. 12 at 2:30 & 7 p.m. and on Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. at Mount Tahoma Auditorium, 4634 South 74th Street in Tacoma.

Visit [www.DTNW.org](http://www.DTNW.org) to see more upcoming performance dates, buy tickets or for classes and special event information.



# Register Now for P.C. Sheriff's Community Academy

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department is offering its Community Academy program for persons living in 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, Jan. 13 to March 16, 2016

Classes will start Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 and will meet once a week from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for 10 weeks. Classes are limited in size to 27 persons and will be held at the police station located at 3609 Market Place W 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 provide 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 in your application online at [www.piercesheriff.org](http://www.piercesheriff.org). Applicants are chosen on a first-come first-served basis and class size is limited, so please apply soon!



*During the most recent Community Academy, attendees were treated to a K-9 demonstration by K-9 Deputy Handler John Munson and Officer Brian Price.*

# West Pierce Fire & Rescue Deployed Resources to Okanogan Complex Fire

Resources from around the region were deployed to eastern Washington to assist in the Okanogan Complex fire this summer and West Pierce Fire & Rescue contributed as well.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue is an urbanized

fire department and does not have many open spaces throughout the jurisdiction. Therefore, wildland firefighting is not something West Pierce firefighters train for regularly, as it is used infrequently compared to other call types. It was decided to be in the best interest and safety of the firefighters to keep them home to protect this area. While line firefighters were not sent to Okanogan, four employees went to assist at the command level. West Pierce personnel filled various positions in

the process, including public information, information from the field, as well as GIS and mapping. These positions supported vital tasks, such as providing information about evacuation levels, power outages and changing weather conditions, creating various safety and preparation messages, preparing staff, giving interviews for press

conferences, gathering information from the field and bringing it to the emergency operations center, as well as creating maps to assist with area familiarization and evacuations.

These individuals have extensive experience in emergency management and made themselves available and left to assist at a moment's notice. All four are involved in emergency management at the local level as well.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue is proud of these individuals who took time from their families to travel to help others in need.



# Santa is Coming to University Place on a Fire Engine!



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

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



**Santa can be seen between 4 and 8 p.m. on the following dates:  
December 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 – University Place**

Each evening, Santa will make his way around Lakewood and University Place between 4-6:30 p.m. and will then head to **Trader Joe's in Green Firs Shopping Center (December 6, 7, 8)** and the **Lakewood Safeway (December 9, 10) from 6:30-8 p.m.** Santa's route for each night will be posted on West Pierce Fire & Rescue's website ([www.westpiercing.org](http://www.westpiercing.org)), Facebook

page ([www.facebook.com/westpiercing](https://www.facebook.com/westpiercing)) and Twitter account ([www.twitter.com/westpiercing](https://www.twitter.com/westpiercing)) by Dec. 1.

**If you'd like a photo with Santa, please plan on visiting Trader Joe's or Safeway.** Since Santa has many boys and girls to visit, he won't be able to stop for photos while driving through the cities. Let's make Santa feel welcome in University Place! Plan now to be there when Santa Claus is coming to town!

## West Pierce Professional Firefighters Local 1488 Annual Christmas Project

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

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

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

Thank you for generously sharing the spirit of the season!

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

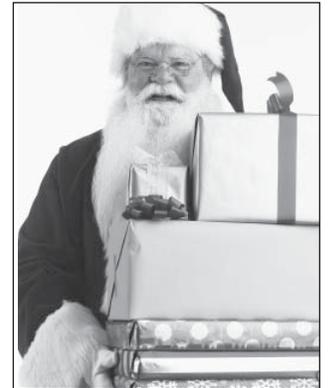
Your donations can be dropped off at the following locations.

In University Place:

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

In Lakewood:

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



*Send cash donations as checks made out to West Pierce Fire Fighters Local 1488, at 7125 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA 98498.*

## West Pierce Fire & Rescue Offering Free Smoke Alarms

West Pierce Fire & Rescue received a grant that provides funding for smoke alarms to be installed in residences within Lakewood and University Place. Installations will be done by appointment by West Pierce Fire & Rescue personnel.



This program funds smoke alarms with a 10-year battery. The battery will not need to be changed each year like a typical 9-volt, but will need to 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 can offer.
- If you do not have alarms inside and outside each sleeping area. We recommend a smoke alarm 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 properly. However, if you have hard-wired 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.

To schedule an appointment, please contact us at 253.983.4583.

## Register Now for Holiday Break Camp UPlay!

It's not too soon to reserve your child's place in our fun Camp UPlay. We are excited to offer a fun place for kids to go to during the holiday break from school. Games, music, arts-n-crafts, sports, and general fun are some of the activities we will participate in at camp. We will also squeeze in a field trip, watch movies and more!

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited so reserve your child's spot today for holiday fun. Regular camp hours are Monday through Wednesday, Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 28-30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Extended care is offered at an additional price (7 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Camp will be held in the U.P. Library/Civic Building. For residents, the cost is \$25 per day. For non-residents, the cost is \$28 per day.

For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530 or go to [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) to download the registration form.



## Youth Guitar Classes

Be sure to check out our youth guitar classes that happen all year long. Your child can learn how to play the guitar or advance his/her current skills. Youth ages 7-11 learn basic chords and note reading on the acoustic guitar. Students must provide their own guitars. **NO ELECTRIC GUITARS.**

The instructor, James Pallant, has been playing the guitar for more than a decade, and is a British guitarist, singer and composer who is currently studying at the University of Washington Tacoma.

Winter session is \$100 for eight weeks, from Jan. 12 to Mar. 1, with classes held on Tuesdays. Beginning Guitar is 5-5:50 p.m. Continuing Guitar is 6-6:50 p.m.

Register online at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) or call the Rec Office for details at 253.460.2530.

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

## Youth Basketball Skill Development Series

This series is designed to offer next level skill development in the following areas: Footwork, speed & agility, shooting, ball handling, defense and game situations.

The series, for grades 4-7, boys & girls, takes place Monday nights from 5:30-7 p.m. starting Nov. 30, with no training on 12/21 and 12/28. The cost is \$25 for a U.P. Basketball League participant or \$100 for a non-league participant.

For more information, call 253.460.2530.



## Piano & Voice Lessons

U.P. Parks & Recreation is happy to offer piano and voice lessons for ages six years to senior citizens. Each lesson is in an individual setting for 30 minutes. Register for piano or voice OR a combo lesson with 15 minutes of each.

The half-hour time slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis, from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Sign up early to get the class time that you want!

Winter sessions are just \$100 and four weeks long, with Mondays from Nov. 30 to Dec. 21 or Wednesdays from Dec. 2 to Dec. 23.

To register, call the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530.

## Needed:

### Youth Team Sponsorship

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

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

Call us for more information, 253.460.2530.

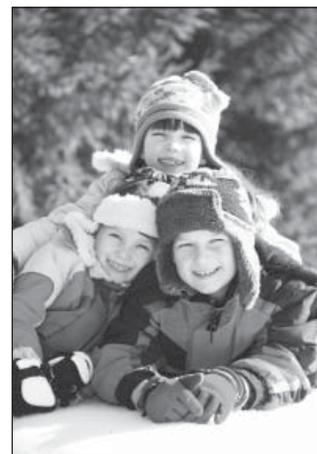
## Time to Hit the Slopes!

Are you looking for that perfect gift for your son, daughter, grandchild; or how about for yourself?

Look no further! There is no better time than now to register for the coming snow season with ski and snowboard lessons and transportation brought to you by Alpine West Ski School. U.P. Parks & Recreation has been partnering with Alpine West for the last several winter seasons, offering a little something different to University Place residents.

With a great snow season expected, this is the perfect opportunity for first-timers to learn how to ski and snowboard, or for experienced skiers and snowboarders to finetune their skills. Lessons are provided at the Summit at Snoqualmie and there is something for the whole family, ages five and up.

Stop in to the Recreation Office today to pick up the registration form.



**Check out the Winter Recreation Program Guide!  
Online at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com), just visit the Parks & Rec page. There is something for everyone!**

# Fantasy Lights & Samurai Steakhouse Dinner

Sign up now for this great Senior Trip/Tour scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 15., for a low cost of \$19!

We'll enjoy the festivities and tradition of Fantasy Lights at Spanaway Park. This drive-through experience allows you to stay warm and dry as you bask in the thousands of lights and listen to traditional holiday music. Prior to your lights tour, enjoy dinner at the Samurai Steakhouse where your food will be prepared in front of you with traditional Japanese steakhouse flair – and generous portions! Dinner is on your own and prices start around \$14 per plate; the average price is around \$20 per plate.

The registration deadline is Dec. 10. Included in your trip fee is the entrance to Fantasy Lights, transportation, and trip management. The tour will depart the Civic Building at 4:30 p.m. and return at 9 p.m.

## Youth Cultural Arts

Winter is time for indoor fun! Join us for our Winter Dance Programs in Pre-Ballet, Beginning Ballet or Hip Hop for beginners.

**Pre-Ballet** – introduces children to the fun of ballet and music with pre-ballet movement and stretching. Students learn to use their bodies when talking about shapes, alphabet, counting, rhyming and more. For ages 3-5 years old.

**Ballet** – is introduced with a focus on proper technique, posture and fun! Students will learn basic ballet steps and terminology and an introduction to counting music. For ages 5-8 years old.

**Hip Hop** – is for beginners in this style of dance where rhythm and personal style creatively meet in this fun and energetic dance class. Students have the opportunity to express their personality while dancing to a wide variety of music. Students are invited to add their “own style” into the choreography. For ages 7-12 years old.

Sessions are six weeks long, cost \$55, and are held at Windmill Village.

Dates:	Thursdays, Jan. 14 to Feb. 18
Times:	Pre-Ballet: 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.
	Ballet: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
	Hip Hop: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## Tae Kwon Do Winter Session

The City of U.P. Parks & Recreation Department and Tiger Tae Kwon Do Academy are offering classes in Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts this winter for your child. Classes will take place Mondays and Thursdays from Nov. 30 to Dec. 22. The cost for this four-week session is \$50 and includes a complimentary uniform.

There are two class times: Little Tigers will take place at 4:45 p.m. and Beginner Tae Kwon Do at 6 p.m. at the Tiger Tae Kwon Do Academy at 7516 40th St W.

Register online at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) or by calling Parks & Recreation at 253.460.2530.

**Little Tigers (4-5 years) Martial Arts Introduction** – Young children will develop confidence, self-esteem and coordination through games and play that explore the fundamentals of martial arts.

**Beginner Tae Kwon Do (6-12 years) Martial Arts Introduction** – This program challenges the mind as well as the body while building self-esteem, character and strength. The basics of self-defense are taught by a certified Master instructor.

## Check out the Winter Recreation Program Guide!

Online at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) – just visit the Parks & Recreation page and click on the guide link!

## A “Libirdy” lands at the Adriana Hess Wetland Park

You may have heard about the trend of people setting up small bookstands in their front yards to share their love of reading with others? This effort is called the “Little Free Library.” Wherever you see a little free library, feel free to take one or two to read, and next time you see a little free library, bring a book to share, leaving it there for someone else to enjoy! It’s a fun way to build community, share resources and a love of reading.

In 2014, we partnered with the Pierce County Library System when we joined their Spring Read, reading “Wild” by Cheryl Strayed. That partnership led to the creation of our nature-themed book club, now in its second year and growing in popularity each month.

At the same time, we were collaborating with Tacoma-Pierce County Habitat For Humanity to bring birds and nature education to their newest neighborhood, The Woods at Golden Given in Parkland. Through this effort, we connected with Anthony “Tony” Gibbs, an AmeriCorps Member. Tony and other members were seeking an additional volunteer service project, and we had one that fit their building skills!

On July 7, Tony and Nick Jackson installed our very own little free library, or “Libirdy” as they like to call it. What kind of bird is it? It’s a “libirdy.” Also on the design and construction team were AmeriCorps members Samantha Ortiz and Lauren Hepner (with the winning sketch).

Stop by and visit next time you are at Adriana Hess Audubon Center, and don’t forget to bring a book to donate to the library or pick one up to read. We have some great nature-themed books for kids and adults, and field guides, too, of course!

You can locate other registered little free libraries in your area at: [www.littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/).



*Proud of their “libirdy,” Tony and Nick with their finished free library structure, awaiting its book arrivals.*

# University Place Receives AWC WellCity Award

The City of University Place, led by its Wellness Committee, worked diligently this year to implement educational and behavioral programs for City staff, to further the belief that physical, mental and emotional health are all integral aspects of a happy and healthy work environment. The hard work paid off in the City earning an Association of Washington Cities (AWC) WellCity Award.

The WellCity Award, which is presented by the AWC Employee Benefit Trust, recognizes the efforts and accomplishments made by its members who meet their nine best practice standards for employee health promotion. Besides being a real honor, receiving this award grants a two percent discount on 2016 medical premiums for City employees, spouses and dependents.

At the Sept. 21, 2015 Council Meeting, members of the Wellness

Committee – comprised of Linda Seesz, Communications & IT Manager, Lisa Petorak, Human Resources Manager, and Lisa Hands, Payroll & Benefits Supervisor (pictured with Mayor McCluskey) – were recognized and presented with the WellCity Award and certificates honoring their hard work.



More information about the Association of Washington Cities and the WellCity Awards can be found at [www.awcnet.org](http://www.awcnet.org).

## U.P. Historical Society News

The University Place Historical Society opens its museum on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The museum is located at 3715 Bridgeport Way West, Suite D-3.

Want to get involved? Historical Society meetings are scheduled for second Wednesdays; the next one is Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in the D-2 building (by the Museum). All are welcome to attend! For more information on upcoming events, visit [www.uphistoricalsociety.org](http://www.uphistoricalsociety.org).

## City Commission Vacancies

Commissioners are citizens who, 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:

- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Public Safety Commission

The application deadline is Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015. Forms are available online at [www.CityofUP.com](http://www.CityofUP.com) and at City Hall. For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 253.566.5656.

## UPTV – “UNIVERSITY PLACE” ON TV

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

- Regular Council Meetings
- Business Spotlight Recap

Visit our Website: [www.CityofUP.com/UPTV](http://www.CityofUP.com/UPTV) 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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