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A City Worth Celebrating

Birthdays and anniversaries give us the opportunity to reflect and celebrate the year (or years) gone by and look ahead to a future full of opportunities and new horizons. And as University Place prepares to mark its 20th anniversary as an incorporated city, there is no doubt we truly have a lot to celebrate!

Although it would be difficult to find a cake large enough to share with the 31,720 residents of University Place, we hope that each and every citizen of this great city will take a few minutes to think about the successes we've achieved over the last two decades while also looking ahead to the many great things awaiting us in the years to come.

When you look at our city today, it might be hard to believe that 20 years ago the citizens of University Place did not have a governing body that could direct the development of their own community. We watched our city grow in ways that did not reflect our vision of a well-designed community that enhanced a healthy community lifestyle. But thanks to the tireless efforts of grassroots visionaries who recognized the need for citizens to have a voice in how their community would grow and evolve, our city was officially incorporated on Aug. 31, 1995.

At that time, University Place had no parks, sidewalks, streetlights or landscaping. There was no true center to the community, no unique identity around which citizens could foster a sense of community spirit and pride.

My how things have changed!

Only 20 years later, we have gone from being a "pass through" community to a city now known to the whole world for having hosted the golf world's premier event, the U.S. Open. Spectators and television viewers from around the world were treated to breathtaking views of our world-class golf course on the shores of Puget Sound.

The story of Chambers Bay's rebirth from a gravel pit to a stunning links-style course certainly impressed legions of golf fans, but citizens of U.P. should be equally impressed by the other noteworthy accomplishments our city has enjoyed since incorporation in 1995.

These include:

- Significant infrastructure improvements, including new sidewalks and streetlights; enhanced street aesthetics such as additional street trees, new banners and benches; and new and revitalized parks, trails and green spaces.
- The development of a new city center which has become an economic hub with both residential and retail uses. The quality design of this project has attracted national retailers as well as independent



business owners who want to be in "the heart of it all." This in turn has fueled new and renewed growth in other business centers around the city, growth that has helped us weather difficult economic times because of our growing tax base.

- The opening of a stunning new library and civic building that have created a true community center, fronted by a public plaza that is the perfect setting for annual celebrations such as Duck Daze and the Holiday Tree Lighting.
- The cultivation of a community ethos that recognizes how blue-ribbon education, senior citizen engagement, active volunteerism and enthusiastic support for the arts enhance our individual and collective quality of life.
- Top-notch public safety services that keep us safe and informed by employing cutting-edge technologies and training.
- Designation as a provisional regional growth center thanks to our opportunities for housing and employment growth. Sustainable housing values have inspired continued investment in our community, which is recognized as a great place to put down roots.
- Our comprehensive plan, developed and continually refined with input from our businesses and residents, has enabled us to leverage local, state and federal grants to improve our transit options and position us to be a major player in our region's growth.

In 20 short years, we've certainly experienced our fair share of growing pains. But thanks to the same kind of citizen engagement that "birthed" the City in 1995, University Place is no longer just a place to drive through. We are a verifiable destination, recognized as a great Place to live, educate, work, play, shop and age.

Mayor Denise McCluskey

Change of Command at the 16th CAB

The 16th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) has a new colonel. The former Commander of the 16th CAB, Col. Mele, who led the Brigade in their deployment to Afghanistan, has moved on to Killeen, Texas to lead a brigade at Fort Hood. University Place thanks Col. Mele and his family for their service to our community and country, and wishes them the very best that life has to offer. U.P. also hopes that Col. Mele finds a Chick-fil-A in Killeen since he was ecstatic when the chain came to the Northwest.

It is an honor to introduce and welcome Col. William Ryan, III as the newest 16th CAB Commander. Col. Ryan grew up in the Northwest and he says he is excited to be back. University Place is looking forward to getting to know him and continuing the valuable partnership of support we've experienced as the CAB's 'home away from home,' working in with the Community Connector Program and the Association of the U.S. Army under the guidance of Col. Ryan's leadership.

University Place has partnered and supported the 16th CAB for more than four years. Most recently an invitation was extended to an outstanding 16th CAB soldier to attend the final round of play at the U.S. Open while enjoying the amenities of the Pierce County Suite. This honor went to Spc. Benjamin Rosa (see his photo on page 6). Because of his interest in golf, Spc. Rosa was particularly excited to attend and he is looking forward to opportunities to volunteer in our community.

In addition, University Place in partnership with AUSA sponsored booths throughout the year at our community events allowing 16th CAB soldiers and their families to enjoy them with no charge in honor of their service to our country. During the next two years of collaboration with Col. Ryan, University Place will continue the tradition of community and brigade support.

Col. Bill Ryan was commissioned in 1994 following graduation from the United States Military Academy. His major deployments include Operation Enduring Freedom I (2002), X (2010-2011) and XII-XIII (2012-2013); Operation Iraqi Freedom I (2003) and V-VII (2005-2006).

Col. Ryan has been awarded the Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Combat Action Badge, Army Staff Identification Badge and Master Aviator Badge.



Col. William Ryan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics, and two Master's Degrees: one from the Joint Advanced Warfighting School in Joint Campaign Planning and Strategy and another in Policy Management from Georgetown University.

University Place – What's the Plan?

Streets, houses, businesses, parks, schools ...all of these are components of nearly any city you visit. And yet each city has a unique flavor, a look and style that is all its own. What makes the difference? It's all in the vision, and a city's vision is brought to life through a document called a Comprehensive Plan. Each city is required to have one, and these plans lay out the guidelines and requirements for any development that happens within the city's borders. The Comprehensive Plan reflects the direction that a community will grow and the shape it will take.

The last time the City of University Place completed an in-depth review of its Comprehensive Plan was in 2004. Over the past 18 months, the City's Planning Commission has gone over every page of this rather sizable document for consistency, for relevance and accuracy. The Planning Commission has made a recommendation to the City Council that the extensive amendments made to the Comprehensive Plan be adopted. The City Council is now studying the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, and will make a decision soon.

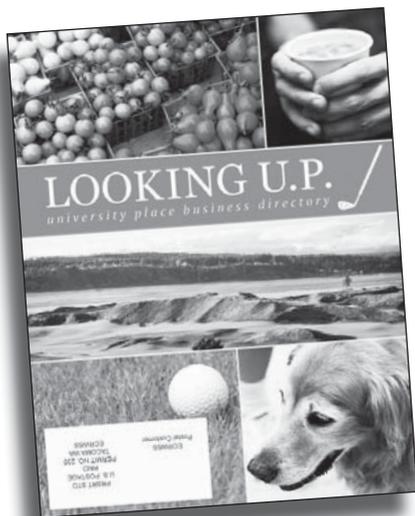
Part of the process for adopting changes to the Comprehensive Plan is to give citizens an opportunity to express their opinions about the proposed changes. The venue for this discourse is a public hearing that will be held during a City Council meeting. Tentatively, the public hearing on the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 21, 2015. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room at City Hall. If you plan to attend, be sure to check the calendar on the City's website (www.CityofUP.com) to confirm the public hearing date has not changed.

Looking U.P.!

The month of June was a busy and momentous time for the City of University Place. Most noticeably, the 115th U.S. Open was played at Chambers Bay Golf Course, and visitors from around the globe were able to enjoy the natural beauty of our corner of the world. Of course, our annual Duck Daze Festival was held on June 6, and was well received. But sometime during the first week of June, another annual tradition made its way into our community and into your home. You may remember seeing the glossy full color booklet in your mailbox. Yes, it is the newest version of the University Place Business Directory, "Looking U.P.!"

This is the 11th year the City has facilitated a business directory, delivered to each home and business in the city. Take a few minutes to scan the directory – you may be surprised at the goods and services available right here in your community! Shopping local is a smart choice. As you support our local businesses, you help to energize our city, bringing to life vibrant centers of shopping and dining right here in University Place and encouraging more investment in our community.

If you would like additional copies, stop by City Hall during business hours. Extra copies are available to you at no charge. The directory is also accessible on the City's website, www.CityofUP.com.



A Birthday Celebration at Sun Fest!

On Aug. 1, 2015 the City of University Place came together and celebrated its 20th year anniversary of incorporation at its annual Sun Fest celebration. The event was sponsored by Umpqua Bank, Click Cable TV!, Springfree Trampoline, Star Center, Whole Foods Market, U.P. Refuse & Recycling, and movie in the park sponsors were Click! Cable TV as the presenting sponsor, and Team Insurance as a community sponsor.



The event featured more than 80 vendor booths, a kids' zone full of activities, the crowd-favorite watermelon eating contest and main stage performances from Ian Dobson, The High Rollers, and Beatles cover band Crème Tangerine. To top off a great day, families and friends gathered in the evening for a showing of Pixar's "Big Hero 6" and a firework display in Cirque Park.

The festival was full of laughter and fun as the community celebrated the City's past, present and promising future and joined in on a cupcake toast to 20 years of growth, innovation and community spirit.

Safe Routes to Schools – 44th Street and Elwood Drive

Soon it will be much safer to travel to school along 44th Street and Elwood Drive thanks to two Safe Routes to School projects. The City was able to secure more than \$1.6 million in federal grants to pay for these vital safety improvements.

44th Street (Bridgeport to 67th Ave)

Construction is well underway on the 44th Street Safe Routes to Schools project. Pedestrians will soon be able to enjoy new sidewalks along the north side of the street between Bridgeport and 67th Avenue. New energy efficient LED street lights will be installed to increase visibility on this busy corridor. Landscaping will also be installed where possible, to provide a buffer for pedestrians and to calm vehicle speeds. In addition, speed radar feedback signs will be installed to further reduce speeds and improve the safety for all users of the street. This project is scheduled to be complete later this fall.



Principal Ali Shepard is joined by students from Chambers Primary as they prepare to cut the ribbon for the Safe Routes to School project on 56th Street, near their school, in June of this year.



Drum Intermediate students cross the street at a new signalized crosswalk installed as part of a 2014 Safe Routes to School project along Cirque Drive.

Elwood Drive (Cirque to 40th St)/44th Street (Elwood to Sunset)

The safety of kids walking and biking to Narrows View and Curtis will be greatly improved with the upcoming Elwood/44th Street Safe Routes to School project. Under this project, new sidewalks, curbs, bikelanes and street lighting will be installed along the east side of Elwood Drive between Cirque Drive and 40th Street and along the south side of 44th Street between Elwood and Sunset Drive. Speed radar feedback signs will also be installed for speed control. This work is scheduled to begin this fall and be completed in the spring.

News from the U.P. Historical Society

The University Place Historical Society will have its museum opening on Saturday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and will be open the first Saturday of each month thereafter. The museum is located at 3715 Bridgeport Way West, Suite D-3. The first UPHS meeting is on Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. in the D-2 building. All are welcome to attend!

For more information on upcoming events, visit www.uphistoricalsociety.org.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue to hold September 11 Remembrance Ceremonies



In honor of the 14th anniversary of September 11, West Pierce Fire & Rescue will hold a public ceremony in remembrance of the 2,977 victims killed on that date in 2001. Of those victims, 343 were firefighters, 60 were police officers and 55 were military personnel.

An evening ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. at the 9/11 Reflection Park at Station 31 in University Place, located at 3631 Drexler Drive West. Coffee and light refreshments will be served following the event. The public is encouraged to attend.

This ceremony is a small way for us to not only remember those 2,977 victims in New York City, at the Pentagon and in a meadow in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, but also to honor fire, police and military first responders who serve and protect our families, our communities and our nation, at home and abroad.

Sign Up for Citizens Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Sept. 24 – Nov. 12

Thursdays from 1-4 p.m.

University Place Police Headquarters

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, Sept. 24, and over the course of eight weeks, when we examine crime and safety in University Place. You won't be disappointed!

Register by calling 253.798.3141. Space is limited.

Course Outline



- Sept. 24:** Introduction to policing in University Place & Course overview – **Chief Mike Blair**
- Oct. 1:** Constitutional Law & the Criminal Justice system – **Prosecutor Mark Lindquist**
- Oct. 8:** Patrol Procedures & Use of Force – **Sergeant Glen Carpenter**
- Oct. 15:** Policing the Police & Investigations – **Sheriff Paul Pastor & Detective Berg**
- Oct. 22:** South Sound 911 – **Communications Officer Dave Lovrak, K-9 Demo – Deputy John Munson**
- Oct. 29:** Protecting your property – **Public Safety Manager Jennifer Hales**
- Nov. 5:** Legalized marijuana and its impact on public safety – **Deputy Nordstrom**
- Nov. 12:** Personal gun ownership in America & firearms simulations – **Deputy Hacker & Deputy Hales**

2015 Fall Arts & Concert Series

The popular Arts & Concert Series sponsored by UP for Arts begins 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 following Fridays:



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| <p>Sept. 25 –
Actor Tim Hoban
Jeweler Claudia Wild</p> | <p>Oct. 23 –
Kelsie Bahr
Artist Angie Capps</p> | <p>Nov. 20 –
Soprano Erin Guinup
Artist/Painter Karen Benveniste
Visual Artist Chris Parent</p> |
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Tim Hoban returns for an encore after starting the series five years ago enacting the character of Edgar Allen Poe. This time he has several short scenes guaranteed to please. After a sellout show a few years ago, Kelsie Bahr returns with her contemporary band. Erin Guinup has sung many operatic and musical theatre roles including Gretel in Hansel and Gretel, Musetta in La Boheme and Susanna in The Marriage of Figaro. She has performed with local organizations including Tacoma Opera.

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. 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!

University Place Fall Clean-Up – Oct. 10 & 17

Residents NORTH of 40th St. W., Saturday, Oct. 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Residents SOUTH of 40th St. W., Saturday, Oct. 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

University Place Refuse and Recycling – 2815 Rochester St. W.
(1 block south of 27th St., 2 blocks east of Bridgeport Way W.)

The City of University Place, in conjunction with University Place Refuse Service, Inc., is offering you an opportunity to dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted items and yard waste for free!

CLEAN-UP RULES:

- Limit 1 load per household for all items. **Except: Yard waste only – no limit!**
- Help us be good neighbors by securing and covering all loads!
- For safety reasons, children and pets must remain in vehicles.
- **City of University Place residents ONLY – photo I.D. will be required.**
- No liquids, paint or hazardous materials (car batteries OK).
- No loads larger than a regular pickup truck or equivalent small trailer will be allowed.
- No regular household garbage will be allowed.
- Residential only – no commercial material or loads will be allowed.
- The size of items can't exceed 5 feet in any direction (except appliances and furniture).
- No fuel tanks, enclosed barrels or drums of any kind. Water heaters and propane tanks are OK.

PLEASE SEPARATE ITEMS INTO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES FOR RECYCLING:

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

Home-Made for You!

It's not too early to begin thinking about the holidays, and with that comes family celebrations, decorations and gift-giving. Isn't it fun to find unique and creative ways to share the personality of your home, or to give a hand-made gift that is like no other? On Oct. 22, you have the opportunity to glimpse the talents and abilities of your neighbors as we give several home-based businesses the opportunity to showcase their wares at our Second Annual Home-Based Business Partner UP!

From **5 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 22**, you are invited to come to the Atrium of the Civic Building at 3609 Market Place West. Visit the vendors who will be displaying their products and information on the services they provide. Ask questions, place orders or make purchases that evening. Or just get to know the craftsmen, merchants and providers who live right around you! There is no charge to attend.

Stop by Frog n Kiwi and have a snack, enjoy a beverage plus meet your friends and neighbors as well as other local business owners. Be sure to put the date on your calendar and plan to attend! If you have questions about this event, please contact Becky Metcalf at 253.460.5442.

West Pierce to Host Fall Safety Day on Oct. 24

On Saturday, Oct. 24, West Pierce Fire & Rescue will host the annual **Fall Safety Day event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Station 21**, located at 5000 Steilacoom Boulevard SW in Lakewood.

At the Fall Safety Day you can:

- Purchase a custom fit helmet. Prices are: bicycle \$7, multi-sport \$10 and ski \$15. *Cash only please and rider must be present for a custom-fit.*
- Spin the Wheel of Safety
- Practice calling 9-1-1
- Learn about Disaster Preparedness
- Gain information about fire and injury prevention
- Jump in the City of Lakewood Jumpy Castle
- **GET A FREE PUMPKIN!**

In addition, the Pierce County Passenger Safety Team will be providing free car seat inspections.

Come and join us for loads of fun and a free pumpkin! If you have questions or for more information please contact Michelle Johnson at 253.983.4553.

Oct. 24 is this year's Make a Difference Day

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

This year's event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015 at Paradise Pond Park, 3300 67th Ave. W. from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This year's planned park activity will include spreading woodchips on the trails. Prepare to bring your work gloves, rakes, shovels, hoes and wear your boots! This event takes place rain or shine.

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



Thanks for the Memories

Volunteers, Staff and Others share their U.S. Open Recollections

The satellite trucks are gone, the spectators have returned home and life has returned to normal in University Place. But for many U.P. residents who took temporary jobs, volunteered or spent years planning the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, the memories of the tournament will linger forever.

A Temporary Position with Lasting Memories

More than 340 U.P. residents were hired to fill temporary security positions at the U.S. Open, exceeding the pre-event goal set by members of the University Place City Council. U.P. Mayor Pro Tem Javier Figueroa and City Council Member Steve Worthington asked Andy Frain Services, the firm that worked with the USGA to hire local support staff, to fast-track University Place citizens for the open positions.

“Our staff from U.P. and the surrounding areas has been one of our sharpest teams thus far,” said Sade Battle, national event manager for Andy Frain Services. That should come as no surprise given that the team included proud and dedicated U.P. stakeholders such as Chris Saunders, former Planning Commissioner; Peggy Rose Webster, a member of the City’s Economic Development Commission and a U.P. business owner; and Kimberly Halinen, whose husband owns Venti Productions, which produces community festivals such as Duck Daze and Sun Fest.

Julie Elliott is a U.P. resident who was hired for one of the temporary U.S. Open security positions as well. And she was lucky enough to pull one of the event’s premier assignments: the players’ locker room and players-only lunch room and hospitality suite.

Ensuring the players and their families could eat and relax in private was her primary responsibility. It was a great assignment, she said, noting that

in general, the media were the only people she felt could be rather aggressive in trying to catch the players’ attention. Although she was not to engage the players in any kind of conversation, she would say hello and welcome them to the private area. “Everyone was pleasant, kind and friendly,” Elliott said.

Sign Me UP!

More than 5,200 volunteers worked six-hour morning or afternoon shifts during the U.S. Open. One of them was Frank Elliott, Julie’s dad, who volunteered at the Admissions and Information tent.

For Frank, the memories of the U.S. Open are very personal. “I’m guessing not too many father-daughter teams worked the Open,” he said. “Although we provided entirely different services, we were able to share our daily experiences and to spend time together following our favorite players. As a 50-year resident of U.P. and an avid golfer for most of those years, it was an honor and pleasure to represent our community at the U.S. Open.”

Other volunteers included some of U.P.’s more “high profile” residents, including Mayor Denise McCluskey who worked in the Puget Sound Pavilion and City Council Member Ken Grassi, who worked in the Merchandise Tent. They were just a few of the many U.P. residents who volunteered.

Mayor Denise McCluskey sports her volunteer gear before her shift at the Puget Sound Pavilion, the first ever double decker structure at a U.S. Open.

Honoring Those Who Serve

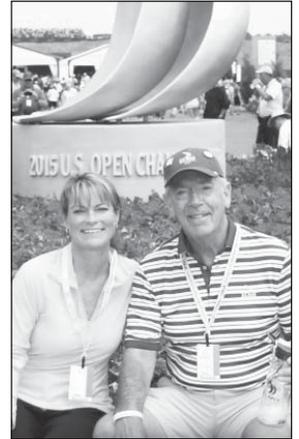
Army Spc. Benjamin Rosa of the Army’s 16th Combat Aviation Brigade was invited to attend the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay as part of the Joint Base Lewis McChord Community Connector Program, which encourages neighboring communities to support soldiers and families from specific units at JBLM. Rosa serves with the 1-229th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion and was named the Army Aviation Association of America’s Crew Chief of the Year in 2014. He recently returned from a nine-month deployment to Kandahar Air Base in Afghanistan.

“We wanted to invite an outstanding soldier of merit from the 16th CAB, someone who would leave a positive impression on those who met him or her and someone who would appreciate the game of golf and have fun,” said University Place Mayor Denise McCluskey. “Spc. Rosa easily met all those criteria. He was not only an impressive man but polite and articulate as well. He certainly has the WOW factor.”

For Rosa, attending the U.S. Open for Sunday’s final dramatic play left him with a once-in-a-lifetime memory. “I absolutely loved it,” he said. “I would love to play there some day myself, even though I’m sure I’d do terrible.”



Curtis graduates Justin Mukai and Andrew Richards embrace the U.S. Open by working at the American Express Fan Experience tent.



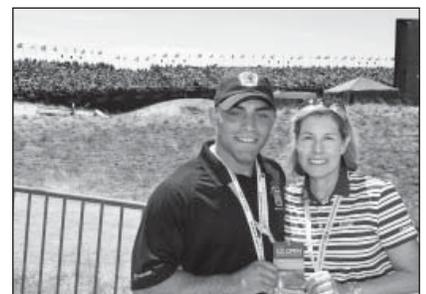
Julie and Frank Elliott enjoying a fan experience moment with a complimentary photo from the USGA.



Mayor Denise McCluskey sports her volunteer gear before her shift at the Puget Sound Pavilion, the first ever double decker structure at a U.S. Open.



After his first volunteer shift in the Merchandise Tent in Spectator Square, Council Member Ken Grassi stops for a quick smile.



Army Spc. Benjamin Rosa and Mayor Denise McCluskey outside of the 18th Grandstand on the final day of the U.S. Open.

One for the History Books

Arne Handeland had media credentials for the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, but he wasn't there to record how the players navigated the course, what clubs they chose or how they felt about the tee placements. He was there to capture the essence of the event and how it will be remembered in U.P.'s history. It was a natural assignment for Handeland, who authored "University Place" by Arcadia Publishing and who, by many, is considered the City's unofficial historian.



His observations as well as actual memorabilia from the event will eventually find their way to the University Place Historical Society's museum. "That was my goal," Handeland said. "I wanted to collect whatever I could. Everything from photos to the media guides the USGA provided."

Now that the chaos has subsided, Handeland says he is especially interested to see what hosting the Open will mean for the future of Chambers Bay and University Place. "I think the Open brought the eyes of the world to U.P.," he said. "I was pleased to hear the Fox broadcasters call it 'Chambers Bay in University Place.' I think that really created an identity for us."

The 18th Hole grandstand is the largest in USGA history, seating up to 6,000 people for optimal viewing of Spieth's Championship victory.



Crowds of fans pass through the 9th and 18th Hole grandstands during the U.S. Open to follow along with their favorite golfers.



Spectators look out onto the course with sweeping views of the Puget Sound at the 13th Hole grandstand.

Planned to a Tee

Bringing more than 230,000 people into a community of less than nine square miles could have been a recipe for disaster. But thanks to years of careful planning and preparation, the U.S. Open came off without a hitch. "Everything worked out absolutely perfectly," says Jennifer Hales, public safety administrator for the City of University Place Police Department. "A lot of credit goes to the USGA because they really had a plan for everything. And it all worked."

Hales also credits the residents of University Place, who truly rose to the occasion and paid attention to all the efforts to keep them informed and prepared. "I think most people were mentally ready and had a plan for themselves," Hales says.

"In the beginning they may have had to get an earlier start to get a sense of how long it was going to take to get around, but I think they were pleasantly surprised. The feedback we got from residents was that the traffic plan really worked."

During the weeks leading up to the event and the tournament itself, University Place residents and business owners demonstrated remarkable patience and a warm hospitality that impressed visitors, volunteers, the media, USGA players and officials alike. From those who took the time to sweep their sidewalks (and those of their neighbors), to those who pleasantly answered questions and offered local insights, we say "thank you." You left a lasting impression that is sure to bring people back to our "Place."



EOC Manager Jennifer Hales is all smiles after a morning briefing as another successful day at the U.S. Open begins.



An impeccable traffic plan kept the streets outside of Chambers Bay calm and quiet throughout the U.S. Open Championship.

Flag Football & Indoor Soccer Fall Sports Leagues

Registration will soon close for Fall Youth Sports Leagues! Don't miss the opportunity to get your child signed up for these great programs.

Your Rec Department offers Indoor Soccer for pre-K (4-5 years) through 4th grade; this is a coed league. Flag Football is also offered for 1st-6th grades.

Deadline for registration is Sept. 11. Visit www.CityofUP.com for more information or give the Rec office a call at 253.460.2530 to register today!



Youth Basketball League

It's time to start prepping for the winter youth sports leagues. U.P. Parks & Rec offers instructional basketball leagues focusing on teamwork, sportsmanship, basic fundamentals and, most importantly, having fun!

There are coed leagues for pre-K (4-5 years) through 3rd grade as well as boys and girls only leagues for grades 4th-7th. The leagues are scheduled to begin practice the beginning of December and games will begin after the first of the New Year.

Deadline for registration is Nov. 13. Find the registration form in the Fall Guide online at www.CityofUP.com or in the Rec office at 3609 Market Place W, Suite 102. For more information regarding the Youth Basketball League give us a call at 253.460.2530 or email us at ParksandRec@CityofUP.com.

Pre-Season Basketball Clinic

Get ready for basketball season by developing your fundamentals in some of the most important areas of the sport such as passing, ball handling, shooting and defense.

This clinic will be held on Saturday, Nov. 7 at Curtis High School from 9 a.m. to noon and is for grades K-7th. The fee for the clinic is \$20 and pre-registration is required.

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



In-Season Basketball Skill Development Series

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

The development series will be held on Monday nights from 5:30-7 p.m. from Nov. 30 to Jan. 4; no clinic during Holiday Break.

For U.P. Youth Basketball registrants the cost will only be \$25. For non-league participants the cost is \$100. This program is for 4th-7th graders only.

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

Team Sponsorship & Donor Recognition

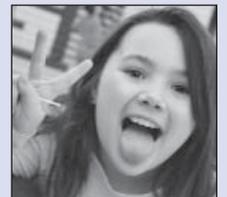
Become a Youth Team Sponsor! Help support an indoor soccer, flag football, basketball or baseball team by becoming a donor. Your company name will be placed on the back of the uniforms, plus you'll receive recognition in the Online Recreation Guide and other printed materials. Sponsorships cost just \$195 for 1 team, \$700 for four teams, or \$1,000 for six teams. Call us for more information at the Recreation Office, 253.460.2530.

Holiday Break Camp UPlay is Back!

Last year was a huge hit! So we are excited to announce that we are bringing back the Holiday Break Camp again. Are you looking for an outlet for your kids while school is out for the Holiday Winter Break? This is the place for you!

Our camp will be a modified schedule, taken from our Summer Camp UPlay program for grades K-6th. We are offering a daily rate, allowing you to register for one day or all six! Camp will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. Camp will be closed on Christmas and New Year's eves and on the holidays.

Camp hours will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and will be held in the U.P. Civic Building. Space is LIMITED! Please register by Dec. 11. For more information contact the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530 or go to www.CityofUP.com to download the registration form.



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 4 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays or Wednesdays. The cost for four weeks is just \$100.

The Fall 1 Session begins Sept. 21. To register, call the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530.

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.) Fall I Session classes run from Sept. 22 to Nov. 10, lasting for eight weeks, and cost \$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.*

Youth Cultural Arts

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

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

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

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

Classes begin Sept. 17 and run for six weeks. For more information call the Recreation Office at 253.460.2530.

Yoga Especially For Those 55 and Over

If you have ever wanted to try yoga, but were intimidated by being in a class with people much younger, stronger and more flexible, this is the class for you. All classes in this seven-week series are designed to reduce stress, renew your energy and relieve tension from your back, neck, shoulders and hips.

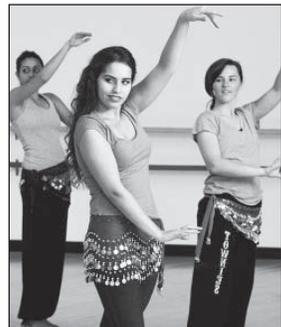
Your continued practice of yoga will improve your balance, strength, flexibility, reduce chronic pain, stiffness and create a sense of ease in your body, mind and spirit.

Classes are held Monday or Wednesday evenings at the Senior Center and are \$98 per approximate eight-week session. For more information visit www.dianedemars.com. To register, visit www.CityofUP.com or call 253.564.1992.



International Belly Dancing Classes

Middle Eastern Belly Dance is a low-impact form of dance appropriate for all body types and backgrounds. Learn the history, basic movements, isolation techniques and more. No dance experience necessary.



These classes are for adults, though children 12 and older may participate with approval from the instructor. All abilities are welcome!

Classes are held Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Senior/Community Center and are \$50 per six-week session.

Register at www.CityofUP.com or call the Senior Center at 253.564.1992 for more information.

Polynesian/Tahitian Dance

Hula dance your way to a healthier you! Students will learn basic steps and hand motions, and then progress on to learning a complete Hawaiian dance. ALL AGES WELCOME!

Enjoy learning hula exercises and ancient dances that stretch and strengthen the body and mind. This class will combine Otea (drumming routine) and Aparima (graceful Tahitian dance) with Polynesian dance styles. Increase your flexibility while experiencing the healing energy of a good hula workout.

Classes run for six weeks on Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. Sessions cost \$30 for adults, \$24 for ages 14 and under. Your instructor is Nancy Kaimiola Swezey.

For more information or to register, visit www.CityofUP.com or call 253.564.1992.

Check out the Fall 2015 Recreation Program Guide!

Online at www.CityofUP.com – just visit the Parks & Recreation page and click on the guide link!

Thank you, U.P. Neighborhoods, for National Night Out!

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015, University Place citizens gathered together, once again, in the fight against crime. There were a total of 37 neighborhoods who participated in the event this year. The University Place Police, Pierce County Sheriff's K9 and West Pierce Fire Departments spearheaded a public safety caravan of City Council Members, Fire Officials, City Commissioners and City staff to visit neighborhoods across University Place.

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

Safety Department thanks you for your participation and for welcoming us to your event! (See more photos in the photo albums at www.CityofUP.com.)



Arsenic and Lead in Pierce County



For almost 100 years, arsenic and lead were blown from a smoke stack throughout Pierce and King Counties from the ASARCO copper smelter in Ruston. The smelter closed in 1986. Even though the smelter is no longer operating, the arsenic and lead remain in the soil and will continue to be a health risk

for years to come.

The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department's Environmental Health Division works diligently to provide education resources to communities like University Place who are among those most affected. To get more information about the Dirt Alert program or arsenic and lead in your soil, visit www.tpchd.org/dirtalert or call 253.798.6492.

What healthy actions can you take?

Kick Off Your Shoes – Dust and dirt are tracked inside on shoes.

Use Plenty of Soap and Water – Dirt is found on hands, toys, shoes, clothing and pets. Washing dirt off is a healthy thing to do.

Keep Pets Clean – Pets walk, roll and lie down in dirt and soil. When pets come into the house, their fur and paws bring in soil and dust, too.

Mop, Dust and Vacuum – People and pets track in dirt or it can enter your home in the form of small dust particles through windows and doors.



West Pierce Fire & Rescue Reminds Residents to Test Their Smoke Alarms



It's time for Fire Prevention Week, and from Oct. 4-10 West Pierce Fire & Rescue is joining forces with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to remind local residents to be sure they have working smoke alarms and test them regularly.

During this year's fire safety campaign, West Pierce will be spreading the word about the importance of having working smoke alarms installed in their homes. Smoke alarms should be installed in and outside of each bedroom, as well as on each level of the home.

"Smoke alarms are the first thing to alert residents there is smoke in the home and consistently saves lives. We are dedicated to helping our citizens and keeping them safe by offering free smoke alarm installations to residents in Lakewood and University Place," said Fire Chief Jim Sharp.

This program is made possible through grant funding and installations are done by appointment by West Pierce Fire & Rescue personnel. These smoke alarms have a 10-year battery and will not need to be changed annually like a typical 9-volt. All smoke alarms should be tested monthly to ensure they are 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 is 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 call us at 253.983.4583.

September is National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month and this year's theme is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make your Emergency Plan Today." So where to start?

- 1. Get informed.** Learn what steps to take before, during and after a disaster.
- 2. Establish a plan.** Work with family and loved ones to create a plan that works for everyone.

- 3. Assemble an emergency kit.** Kits should have enough supplies for 5-7 days for you and your family.

Dedicate one day each week in September to being informed, making a plan, and building a kit. By the end of the month you will be ready to take on whatever Mother Nature may have in store!

More information can be found at www.ready.gov or www.co.pierce.wa.us.

Baskets on Bridgeport and Beyond!



The flower baskets that herald the coming of spring in U.P. have been a sunny greeting, welcoming residents and visitors to University Place for many years. Each year, citizens and businesses have helped carry on this special tradition through sponsorship. We hope that you, too, will consider sponsoring one or more of the beautiful baskets that have come to symbolize spring in our community.

Over 175 flower-filled baskets are planned each year to dress up Bridgeport Way from 27th to Cirque, 37th Street, Drexler Drive, two of the roundabouts on Grandview Drive, the roundabout on 40th Street, Market Square and the City entrance on 40th Street. Your sponsorship helps to keep this colorful spring tradition alive and continue to dress U.P. in fabulous spring and summer floral!

You can choose to sponsor one or more 2' x 4' hanging baskets, which are displayed annually, late spring through summer and into early fall. The cost is \$75 for one basket or \$200 for three baskets. The basket fee includes weekly maintenance and replacement if necessary.

Mail donations to:

Baskets on Bridgeport and Beyond, U.P. City Hall, Attn: Finance, 3715 Bridgeport Way W, University Place, WA 98466

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ *(Made payable to the City of University Place)*

Please charge my () Visa () MasterCard () AMEX Card Number: _____ Exp Date: _____ CVV: _____

Name: _____ Authorizing Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Challenge 20-20: Happy Birthday, U.P.!

The daffodils blooming in the roundabouts, in parks and on street corners, which herald the arrival of spring in University Place, are paid for with donation dollars. They are the reason University Place is ablaze with color at the arrival of spring.

2015 marks our 20th year as an incorporated city! With your generous contribution, our goal is to raise \$20,000 to plant perennial color throughout our city to enjoy for years to come (including 20,000 more daffodils!)! You can make the difference to ensure this project happens by sending your City "birthday gift" today. ALL of the dollars that are received go directly into purchase of supplies and materials for beautification projects that wouldn't otherwise be covered by the City's limited resources.

Over the years, donations from Patrons have totaled more than \$50,000! Sponsored projects include city-wide plantings of more than 75,000 flower bulbs, the purchase of trash receptacles and bicycle racks, Christmas lighting decorations for Bridgeport and our Bridgeport Way town clock.



You, too, can become a special Patron of Beautification. Just fill in this coupon, and mail it with your check to:

Patron of Beautification, U.P. City Hall, Attn: Finance, 3715 Bridgeport Way W, University Place, WA 98466

Sponsorship Level (circle one):	\$20 Violet	\$30 Petunia	\$50 Geranium	\$75 Daffodil
	\$100 Marigold	\$250 Bulb-Buster	\$500 Green Thumb	\$_____ Other

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Teddy Bear Picnic Well-Attended

The Teddy Bears Picnic on Sunday, July 19 was a sizzling success...literally! With the temperature in the nineties, it was hot. Despite the heat, more than 250 folks came out to enjoy a free, fun family afternoon in the orchard.

Many thanks to all our sponsors and donors and to University Place Fred Meyer for the 15 cases of water that kept everyone hydrated. The volunteers were awesome and the booth participants were great with the teddy bears and their kids. And thanks for all the apple trees which provided shade!



Dance Theatre Northwest's upcoming calendar includes the following events:

- Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. at Custer Elementary School in Lakewood
- Oct. 24 from noon to 2 p.m. at The Holiday Show at the Tacoma Dome
- Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at Narrows Glen Assisted Living in Tacoma
- Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. at Park Lodge Elementary in Lakewood

Be sure to check the website for added performances.

Starting in September Dance Theatre Northwest will begin dance and exercise classes (for all ages). New classes have been added in both categories, dance and exercise.

Check out the schedule of classes on their website, www.DTNW.org, or call the studio at: 253.778.6534.

Donate to the 88 Key Club

No sooner had the wondrous Between Sea and Sky dedication taken place this past May, then UP for Arts began its next donor venture with the introduction of the 88 Key Club, whose members are seeking to install a concert quality grand piano in the atrium of the Civic Building.

Community members who donate \$88 or more to join the club will receive a wooden engraved key, and know that their donation will go towards funding the purchase of grand piano to be used at events such as the Spring and Fall Arts & Concert Series.

From 2000 to the present, UP for Arts continues to be committed to bringing the arts to University Place. With the Arts & Concert Series each year, they have moved forward in their goal of creating a thriving cultural and artistic community which enhances beautification and promotes economic development in the City of University Place. Having their own grand piano available for this and other functions improves their ability to provide a quality venue to further attract the finest talent. The UP for Arts group believes their goal of \$20,000 is ambitious but achievable.

The Civic Building represents the center and heart of University Place. In fact, our library is the most used library in Pierce County, with more than 152,000 people coming and going in the first six months of last year. The Arts & Concert Series in the atrium provides a unique and intimate atmosphere for the visiting artists in what has become the city's "living room."

For more information about donating towards the 88 Key Club, visit www.UPforArts.org.

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
- Video Voter's Guide

Visit our Website: www.CityofUP.com/UPTV 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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