

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



June 13, 2018

Duck Daze Amazes

The sun and crowds came out for the 18th Annual Duck Daze festivities in University Place on June 2.

Nearly 700 people walked in the parade, sporting a variety of "ducky" attire and inventive floats. The day's festivities included superheroes and princesses, balloon artists, face painting and lots and lots of fun food, from kettle corn and sno-cones to hot dogs—lots of hot dogs.



West Pierce Fire and Rescue Station 31 personnel served up 1,500 hot dogs during their Open House, which also featured a watermelon-eating contest. But it wasn't all fun and games, as the staff were busy with bike helmet and life jacket fittings. They also shared lots of important information on smoke alarms, disaster preparedness and fire safety information.

Another big draw throughout the day was the UPTown Cruisin' Association and American Legion Post 138 Car Show. This year there were 119 cars on display, with the "Best of Show" award, sponsored by Team Insurance, going to Dale Porterfield for his 1948 Buick. The "Harold E. Le May Hobbyist Award," sponsored by LeMay PCR, went to Midnite Cruzers Olympia. Proceeds from the car show will enable UPTown Cruisin' Association to donate an estimated \$6,000 to local non-profit organizations.

"The City tradition continues!" shared Mayor Kent Keel. "Another great day of fun was had by those in attendance. Thanks to everyone who worked to make Duck Daze great—those of us who live here and participate appreciate it!"

View the entire [Duck Daze Photo Album](#).



"Best of Show" Winners



Duck-y Parade Watchers



Winning Melon Eater!

Fight Drug Diversion *Dispose of Unused Prescriptions Safely*

If you have unused prescription medications in your home, you are encouraged to dispose of them safely and responsibly so they do not fall into the wrong hands. Prescription drug diversion—when drugs are obtained for uses that are illegal and typically not medically authorized or necessary—is one of the leading factors contributing to our nation’s current opioid epidemic.

The City of University Place has a safe drug disposal box in the Civic Building Police Department station that residents can use during the department’s office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am -12 pm and Wednesdays from 1- 4 pm.

By taking a few extra minutes to dispose of these medications safely, you can contribute to our community’s overall safety and well-being.



Teddy Bear Picnic Fundraiser

This **Saturday, June 16 from 8-10 a.m. at Applebee's**, come support the Teddy Bear Picnic for **just \$10 per person!**

The 5th Annual Teddy Bear Picnic, always free and put on by Dance Theatre Northwest, will take place on July 22 from 1-4 p.m. at the Curran Apple Orchard.

Fireworks Rules 2018

Legal fireworks discharged on July 4th only from 9 a.m. - 12 Midnight.

Must be 16 years of age to purchase, possess and discharge.

Children under 16 must be under direct supervision.



For questions regarding fireworks in the City contact Jennifer Hales, Public Safety Manager, at 253.798.3141

Fall for Flowers

Avid gardeners know that for vibrant, thriving gardens in the spring, you need to “fall into action.” As part of the City of U.P.’s on-going beautification efforts, residents are encouraged to participate in the annual Patrons of Beautification campaign so that volunteers can do important fall gardening and planting that will ensure a colorful spring in University Place.



Over the years, donations to Patrons of Beautification have totaled more than \$50,000 and have helped fund city-wide plantings of more than 75,000 flower bulbs that make U.P.’s roundabouts, parks and street corners come alive with color. In addition, community contributions have also funded trash receptacles and bike racks.

For those who think these efforts are “just for show,” consider this impressive collection of research by the nonprofit organization Project EverGreen:

- There is a significant link between the value of a property and its proximity to parks, greenbelts and other green spaces. Studies of three neighborhoods in Boulder, Colo. indicated that property values decreased by \$4.20 for each foot away from a greenbelt.
- Studies by the University of Washington stated that drivers indicated it was easier to locate roadside businesses when they were framed by trees and vegetation.
- Greening of business districts creates a positive perception of an area, drawing customers who studies reveal would be willing to pay, on average, a 12 percent premium for goods purchased in retail establishments that are accompanied by quality landscaping.
- Employees with an outside view of plants experience less job pressure, greater job satisfaction and enjoy a sense of rest that can increase productivity.
- Trees and flowers protect our waters. The crown of a large tree is a freestanding anti-flood reservoir, in some cases intercepting so much rainfall that more than 1,500 gallons a year evaporates instead of running off into storm drains.

Patrons of Beautification take donations of any amount. In fact, just one dollar will buy two flower bulbs. If you can help with a dollar—or more—please visit the City’s website, www.CityofUP.com and download the Patrons of Beautification form to mail in your contribution.



Nothing but Rain Down the Storm Drain

Everything that washes into a storm drain flows untreated to the nearest wetland, pond, lake, stream, river, and then into Puget Sound. About 75 percent of the toxic

chemicals like fertilizers, pesticides, soap, oil, pet waste, and other toxic pollutants getting to the Sound are carried by stormwater that runs off paved roads and driveways, rooftops, yards and other developed land. By making small changes, you can be the solution to water pollution!



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