

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



October 27, 2021

Don't Forget to Vote on Nov. 2

Did you know there are several University Place City Council positions on this year's Nov. 2 ballot?

Although candidates Javier Figueroa (Position #1), Steve Worthington (Position #3) and Denise McCluskey (Position #5) are running unopposed, two candidates are vying for Position #4, which is currently held by Howard Lee, who was appointed by the Council to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Ken Grassi on Sept. 26.



To learn more about Position #4 candidates Edward Wood and Joey Jones, and unopposed Position #3 Steve Worthington, please be sure to spend a few minutes watching these special Voters' Guide videos of **Wood**, **Jones**, and **Worthington**, in which they provided two-minute answers to a series of City-specific questions, including what they view as the most important issues currently facing the City, their priorities for public safety in U.P., and how to address expected growth in the City and region over the next 25 years.

Voters can also learn more from the **Pierce County Voters Guide**, which provides information about all of the candidates and key issues on this year's ballot.

Be an informed voter. Know the issues and the candidates so you can vote with confidence.

Chief's Corner

Arrest Made in Islamic Center of Tacoma Fire

I am pleased to report that a suspect wanted in connection with the arson at the Islamic Center of Tacoma (2010 Bridgeport Way W.) on Oct. 11 was arrested yesterday without incident by a team of



investigators from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department Criminal Investigations Bureau, Special Investigations Unit and UPPD.

Thanks to diligent work by our staff and the PCSD's arson investigator, as well as tips called in to the Pierce County Sheriff Department's **Crime Stoppers Facebook page**, the 38-year-old U.P. resident was booked into the Pierce County Jail for investigation of first-degree arson.

Thankfully, no one was injured in the fire but the building suffered extensive smoke and water damage. As a result, services at the mosque have been paused and members are seeking other locations for worship until repairs are made. A **LaunchGood campaign** has currently raised more than \$330,000 to help the Islamic Center of Tacoma raise funds to rebuild their mosque.

Although we believe this is an isolated incident, rest assured that the U.P. Police Department, in conjunction with our other law enforcement partners, will continue to ensure that all citizens have the right to worship freely and without fear of hate or intolerance.

I am confident that this crime, however despicable and illegal, will provide yet another opportunity for the community of University Place to demonstrate that we support and welcome all of those who choose to live, work, play and worship in U.P.

Stay safe.

What's UP with Biz?

Throughout the year, the City's Economic Development Office celebrates the openings of new, expanded or relocated businesses in the city with special ribbon cuttings.

Now you can catch up on these events in a series of condensed video recaps of these celebrations and learn more about the businesses themselves. Take a look at the **first video in the series** and learn more about Mud Bay, The Joint Chiropractic and AngelCom IT Services, just a few of the hundreds of businesses that have made U.P. their home in 2021. And stay tuned for additional videos highlighting ribbon cuttings for the other "new kids on the block," including these upcoming events:

- Nov. 1: The Linton Agency, 7409 27th St. W.
 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Nov. 8: The Pod Works, 7024 27th St. W.
 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Nov. 15: Fresh Folds Laundry, 2310 Mildred St. W., Ste. 126
 - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Chambers Creek Trail Project

The Chambers Creek Trail project saw the craning in and placement of its first pedestrian bridge across the creek yesterday, Oct. 26, downstream from Kobayashi Park. When finalized the bridge will provide a safe crossing point for trail users between U.P. and Lakewood, and prevent wading through the creek, which can cause environmental damage.

This is just one component of the continuing work being done, a multi-agency effort between the cities of University Place and Lakewood, and Pierce County. Find out more about the project and what's happening next on the **Chambers Creek Canyon Trail website**.



Senior Engineering Tech Position Still Open

Do you know someone with a background and training in CAD drafting and civil engineering technology? The City of University Place is looking for a qualified applicant with knowledge and experience with GIS, AutoCAD and Civil 3D civil construction drafting/design to fill the position of a **Senior Engineering Tech** in the Engineering Department.

This person will play a vital role in helping to develop a variety of municipal infrastructure projects throughout the City of U.P. This is a terrific opportunity to work with a great team of professionals and enjoy hands-on experience critical to professional development.

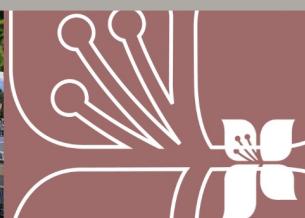
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WE WANT YOU ON OUR TEAM!



Grassi Memorial Service

A memorial service for Ken Grassi is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. The service will be at OURChurch, located at 5000 67th Ave. W. in

University Place. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Council Member Grassi passed away on Sept. 26. He had served as a member of the City Council since incorporation in 1995, during that time serving two terms each as Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, in addition to serving on the City's Finance, Communications, and Legislative and Intergovernmental committees, as well as the Town Center Steering Committee, and more. At the time of his passing, the flags at City Hall flew at half-staff in his honor.



Advisory Commission Vacancies

Commissioners are citizens that, 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. They function as a focus group from within the community and create ideas to assist the City Council in shaping legislative policy.

Applications are currently being accepted from City residents interested in serving on the following Commissions:

**Economic Development Advisory Commission
Park Advisory Commission
Public Safety Advisory Commission**

Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Nov. 1, 2021. For information about each commission and how to apply, visit the **City's Commissions and Partners** webpage or email dnicholas@cityofup.com.

**Jazz in the Village
Featuring Tim Cox & Eugene Bien
Nov. 3 at 12:30 p.m.
Civic Building Atrium**

FINAL CONCERT

SHUT IT!



**CLOSE THE LIDS ON ALL DUMPSTERS
EVERY TIME THEY ARE USED FOR LESS
SMELL, FEWER PESTS, AND NO RAIN INSIDE**



Open dumpsters cause problems for local waterways. When lids are left open, rainwater gets in. Then dumpster juice can leak from dumpsters or pour out when it is emptied into the garbage truck. Sometimes, it even leaks from the garbage truck. When this happens, pollution from the dumpster juice gets washed into the nearest storm drain and then flows into nearby bodies of water.

Thank you for helping prevent pollution.

Pierce County COVID-19 Assistance

Help is available to University Place families that need COVID-related assistance with things such as:

- Rent
- Utilities (water, electric, sewer, gas, garbage pickup, fuel oil, internet)
- Mortgage payments
- Eviction resolution
- Homeless resources

- Developmental screenings
- Behavioral health services
- Support for older adults
- Food pantries
- Domestic abuse support
- Diaper bank
- State services



Encourage them to visit the **Pierce County website dedicated to COVID-19 Human Services** assistance. Although U.P. is a separate municipality, residents of the City can still apply for and receive help from Pierce County.

UNIVERSITY PLACE HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETING



**Monday, Nov. 1, 2021
at 6:30 p.m.**

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**Mayor
Caroline Belletti**



**Mayor Pro Tem
Steve Worthington**



**Council Member
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Curbside Oversized Brush Pickup

November 1-12

Pile Limitations: 1 per household no larger than 6' wide by 6' long by 6' high

The Oversized Brush Pickup is available to all residential customers of University Place Refuse and Recycling, even those without yard waste service. The pickup day for your area will be the same as your curbside recycling or yard waste



REFUSE AND RECYCLING

pickup day during the weeks shown above. Remember, this is a one day event for each neighborhood. The Oversized Brush Pickup is only for the larger brush and limbs that do not easily fit into a regular yard waste cart. Limbs are removed by machine or pitchfork. Sweeping of small items by the customer can be expected.

Yes, Oversized Brush Includes: branches, brush, and limbs no larger than 6' in length or 4" in diameter. Please stack loose for pickup (no cans, bags, or bundles).

No, Oversized Brush Does Not Include: blackberry, holly, or other thorny vegetation; stumps, limbs larger than 6' or thicker than 4"; small loose items such as grass, leaves, weeds, bark, pine/fir needles, etc. No noxious weeds like scotchbroom or English ivy, etc.

If you are signed up for yard waste service, please make maximum use of your cart before placing brush in a pile. Place your oversized brush in a loose pile at the curb or within 5 feet of the driveable portion of the roadway for pickup. Make sure the pile isn't in the street or blocking access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

Visit the [U.P. Refuse and Recycling website](#) for more information.

Tips for a Happy and SAFE Halloween

If your children will be trick or treating this year, the U.P. Police Department reminds you to make sure they:

- Visit houses on one side of the street and then down the other side. Do not zig-zag across the street. When it is time to cross, make sure to stop and look before venturing into the street.
- Keep a safe distance of six feet between your group and others.
- Wear costumes with items like masks, capes and princess gowns that don't interfere with the ability to see and walk safely.
- Add reflective material to costumes so motorists can better see children on dark streets. Carry a flashlight to better navigate sidewalks and porches.
- Trick or treat in their own neighborhood and only approach houses with porch lights on.
- Make it home by 9 p.m. (or earlier!)
- Understand that property destruction is not a "trick"—and could result in criminal fines or punishment. If you witness suspicious or criminal activity, call 911 immediately.
- Wait until they get home to sample their goodies so they can sanitize their hands and allow you to inspect treats for safety.



And **adults, please slow down** on Halloween night! Watch for overly enthusiastic—and distracted—children. Use your headlights—even before dusk—and be patient. Give yourself a few extra minutes of travel time that evening.

Check out the [Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department's safe Halloween tips](#) as well.



CYBERSECURITY FIRST

UPDATE THE DEFAULT
PASSWORDS ON
INTERNET-CONNECTED
DEVICES BEFORE YOU
USE THEM



STAYSAFEONLINE.ORG/
CYBERSECURITY-AWARENESS-MONTH

Do Your Part and Get the Shot



What do I need to know about each kind of vaccine?

Vaccines provide excellent protection against severe illness or death from COVID-19. That means a vaccine is your best chance of returning to normal life.

Each is a little different, but your best choice is the vaccine that's available to you now.

- Pfizer:
 - Authorized for people 12 years or older.
 - Requires 2 doses at least 21 days apart.
- Moderna:
 - Authorized for people 18 years or older.
 - Requires 2 doses at least 28 days apart.
- Johnson & Johnson:
 - Authorized for people 18 years or older.
 - Requires 1 dose.

Find your vaccine at tpchd.org/vaxtothefuture!



Flashvote

Have you signed up for FlashVote? It's not too late!

Surveys take less than a minute and give participants an opportunity to weigh in on issues within our local community.

Sign up now to take part in upcoming surveys!

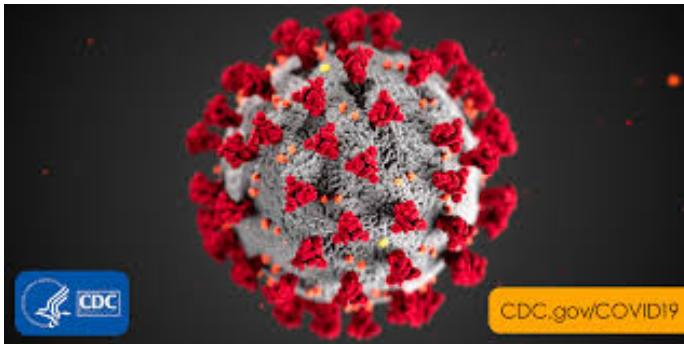


The best way to survey and engage citizens

Get the Facts: COVID Resources

As the nation and our region continue to battle the COVID-19 outbreak, be sure to stay informed with accurate information from these official sources:

- The **U.S. Centers for Disease Control** offers the latest facts and information about COVID-19, including information on travel and return to school or work.
- The **Governor's Office** provides details about on-going response efforts throughout the State of Washington, including the State's Risk Assessment Dashboard.
- The **Washington State Department of Health** provides updated statistics on the occurrence of COVID-19 across the State, as well as testing data.
- The **Tacoma-Pierce County Department of Health** and **Pierce County Government** provide important local information on testing sites, phased re-opening status and CARES Act funding to support recovery efforts.
- The City of University Place's dedicated **COVID-19 info page** includes valuable information on resources for businesses and residents, such as local school meal sites and Tacoma Public Utilities' contact information for payment plans or assistance.





CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2021

City Staff will be on holiday on Thursday, November 11 in recognition of the Veterans Day holiday. Normal hours will resume on Friday, November 12 at 9 a.m.



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