

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



January 20, 2021

Give it a Shot: An Important Reminder about COVID Vaccines

The Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department reminds all residents of Pierce County who are in Phase 1A of the state's vaccination plan to get their vaccines immediately. Phase 1B will begin soon and those with 1A status may lose their priority once the next phase begins.



People in Tier 1 of Phase 1B, which includes people 65 years or older and those 50 years or older who live in multi-generational households (two or more generations) will be able to schedule their vaccines within days. Reference **the Phase Finder tool** for details on who qualifies for each phase of the vaccination roll-out and how to make an appointment for your injection.

Don't wait. ***Vaccination is the best way to bring about the end to the pandemic.***

Hear more about the Vaccine Plan from Anthony Chen at the January 19, 2021 Council Meeting.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update



University Place Council Meeting
Dr. Anthony L.T. Chen
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
Jan. 19, 2021



Chief's Corner: Feb. 4 Public Safety Forum

In the last issue of Headlines, I invited the public to send me questions and comments in advance of our next Public Safety Forum, scheduled to be held virtually (**via Microsoft Teams**) on Thursday, Feb. 4. I received three questions last week, all of which related to traffic issues. I will be prepared to answer those questions for the benefit of the larger audience during the Forum itself, but until then, I encourage anyone in U.P., residents or business owners, who have questions related to issues of public safety, to send them to me in advance. I often like to be able to provide real-time data to answer some of these questions, so having them in advance allows me to gather that information.



Again, please mark your calendars for Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. and make sure you have Teams loaded onto your phone, tablet or desktop computer so you can participate in our 2021 Virtual Public Safety Forum.

The event will begin promptly at 6 p.m., join here!

U.P. POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

VIRTUAL PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

Share your ideas and concerns about Public Safety here in University Place, plus learn about department updates from Police Chief Greg Premo.



FEBRUARY 4, 2021, 6 P.M.
VIRTUALLY ON MICROSOFT TEAMS

What's UP with Biz? Applications Being Accepted for Second Round of Paycheck Protection Program Loans

The Small Business Administration is now accepting applications for the Second Draw of the Paycheck Protection Program. These PPP loans are available to borrowers that previously received a PPP loan with the same general **loan terms** as their first PPP loan.



Approximately \$25 billion has been allotted for loans to eligible borrowers who have a maximum of 10 employees or for loans of \$250,000 or less to eligible borrowers in low- or moderate-income neighborhoods.

These loans can be used to help fund payroll costs, including benefits. Funds can also be used to pay for mortgage interest, rent, utilities, worker protection costs related to COVID-19, uninsured property damage costs caused by looting or vandalism during 2020, and certain supplier costs and expenses for operations.

For Second Draw PPP loan specifics, including a **Lender Match** to connect borrowers with approved lenders, visit the SBA's **website**. And if you know of a business in University Place that may not be connected to the City's Economic Office to receive email updates, please share this information with them.

U.P. Welcomes new 16th CAB Commander Col. Derek "Shane" Finison

The City of University Place is pleased to extend a warm welcome to Colonel Derek "Shane" Finison, who has been named commander of U.P.'s Community Connector, the 16th Combat

Aviation Brigade (CAB) at Joint Base Lewis
McChord.

Col. Finison is a decorated AH-64A Apache pilot who has served during numerous combat and operational overseas operations. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit with "C" device, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.



The JBLM Community Connector Program links local municipalities with specific units from JBLM. The program's goal is to encourage community support and partnership with soldiers and families assigned to live within surrounding communities.

The 16th CAB Battalion is comprised of approximately 2,500 soldiers and is the largest Aviation Brigade in the Army. Its members regularly contribute to events in University Place, often providing additional volunteer help at community clean-ups, special events and other local projects. Through their volunteer service, the soldiers connect with the community, and in return, U.P. strives to make the city a welcoming "home away from home" for these soldiers while stationed at JBLM.

Prepare in a Year with West Pierce Fire & Rescue

Preparedness is key for any disaster. Are you ready if a disaster were to strike tomorrow? Preparing your home for a disaster or creating a kit may sound overwhelming, but in reality, these tasks can be completed in as little as one hour per month.

When a disaster strikes, first responders may not reach everyone in need for hours or even days, so personal preparedness is essential. Would you be ready to be self sustaining for that amount of time if something happened in our area?

As we focus on one topic for the month of January, it's important to focus on communications. One of the most important components to being prepared for an emergency is to have a communication plan in place for your family. If a disaster strikes, you should be prepared to be separated from your family. It is recommended that each person in your family carries an out-of-area contact card. An out-of-area contact person is someone who lives at least 100 miles away from your family.

You and your family will be able to contact this person with important information following a disaster and they will be able to relay information to other members in your family about your whereabouts and status. Remember to text instead of call as much as you can, as phone signals may be sparse.

For more information about the Prepare in a Year program or for this month's focus, please see this helpful guide, available in both **English** and **Spanish**.



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:

Park Advisory Commission
Planning Commission

Vacancies are open until filled. Applications are available on the **City's webpage Committees, Commissions, and Partners**. For more information email DNicholas@CityofUP.com.

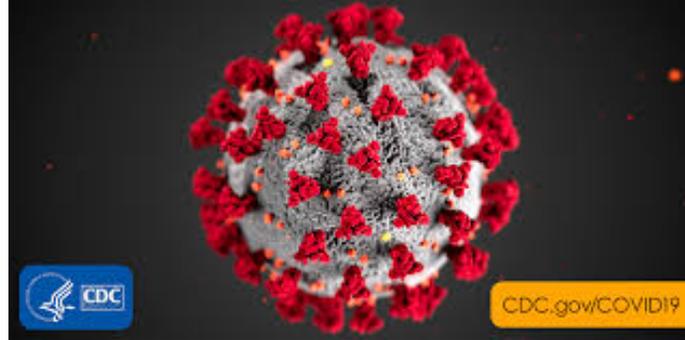
Cirque Drive Construction Update



Get the Facts: COVID Resources

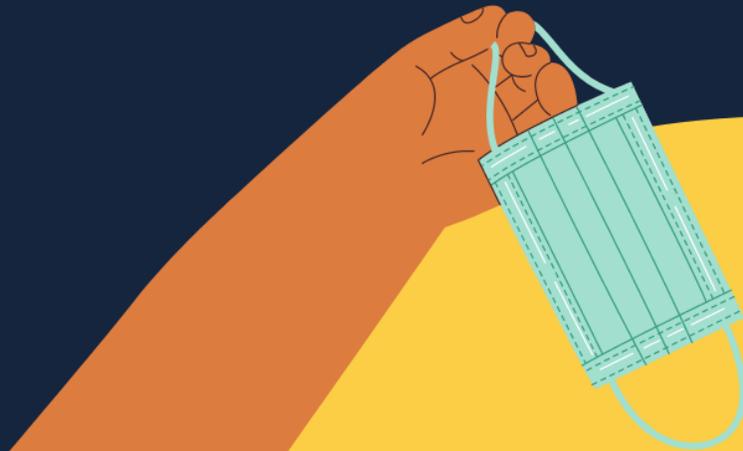
As the nation and our region continues to battle the COVID-19 outbreak, be sure to stay informed with accurate information from these official sources:

- 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 public utilities' contact information for payment plans or assistance.

Mask UP to prevent the spread of COVID-19



CITY HALL CLOSURE

CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 IN RECOGNITION OF THE PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY.

CITY HALL WILL REOPEN VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 9 A.M.

UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, Feb. 1, 2021
at 6:30 p.m.

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