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News from University Place City Hall



March 3, 2021

Chief's Corner



CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CHIEF

HOSTED BY THE U.P. POLICE DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY, MARCH 4 AT 6 P.M.

EMAIL UPPUBLICSAFETY@CITYOFUP.COM TO JOIN THIS VIRTUAL MEETING!



I hope you will join me tomorrow night, Thursday, March 4, for my first of an ongoing series of discussions I'm calling "Conversations with the Chief."

Tomorrow night we will be diving into the topic of social justice and criminal justice. These are things that have gotten lots of attention across the U.S. in the last year, but we will take a look at them from a very local angle: how do they play out in University Place?

These virtual discussions are meant to provide a forum in which we can all share, listen and learn from each other with the goal of making U.P. a safer community for everyone.

We will kick things off at 6 p.m. on Teams. So if you'd like to join us (and I hope you will), send us an **email** so we can send you a Teams invite. We also welcome your input on topics for future Conversations with the Chief as well. This is meant

to be a dialogue, not a monologue by me. I hope you'll contribute.

I hope to see you (virtually) tomorrow night.



Begins in April!
Email UPPublicSafety@CityofUP.com
for more details.



Hosted by the University Place Police Department





What's UP with Biz! Welcome to University Place AngelCom IT

On Monday, Feb. 22, the City welcomed AngelCom IT Services to its list of new businesses, as the business held a ribbon cutting in celebration of opening its doors here in U.P. Mayor Caroline Belleci and Mayor Pro Tem Steve Worthington were in attendance, helping the owner, Jeremy Brabham, with the cutting of the ribbon.



AngelCom IT Services is a family-owned business, operating since 1986, which made the move into University Place in January, locating their new offices at 4111 Bridgeport Way West, Suite B. Welcome to AngelCom IT!

Give it a Shot: An Important Reminder about COVID Vaccines

Reference the Phase Finder tool for details on who qualifies for each phase of the vaccination rollout and how to make an appointment for your injection.

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



Housing Action Plan Briefing to Council

At the Council Meeting this past Monday, March 1, staff and the City's consultants provided a presentation on the progress of the Housing Action Plan (HAP), and introduced the City Council to an example of proposed actions and next steps. To view the presentation, visit the City's YouTube channel and view the March 1, 2021 LiveStreamed Council Meeting. The Housing Action Plan briefing begins at 40 minutes into the meeting.



What is the Housing Action Plan?

During the 2019 State Legislative Session the Washington State Department of Commerce ("Commerce") received \$5 million to provide grant funds to local governments for activities to increase residential building capacity, streamline development, or develop a Housing Action Plan (HAP). The City of University Place applied for and received a no match grant to develop a Housing Action Plan. As required by the State legislation, the HAP project will focus on possible future actions that would "...encourage construction of additional affordable and market rate housing in a greater variety of housing types".

The HAP process itself will not result in any Comprehensive Plan Policy or development regulation changes. However, the project will provide information, recommendations, and possible actions that the City can consider taking in the future to provide much needed housing. The deadline for adoption of the HAP is June 30, 2021. However, the City plans to have the HAP ready for adoption no later than May 31, 2021.

Read more information in the **Housing Action Plan Update article** and the **Housing Action Plan webpage**, where a copy of the **Draft HAP** is available for public. Questions? Contact **David Swindale**, Planning & Development Services Director, 253.460.2519.



NOW HIRING!

The City of University Place is hiring Temporary Seasonal Maintenance Workers

VIEW THESE AND OTHER JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT WWW.CITYOFUP.COM

Visit the Job Opportunities page on the City Website for job description and details! Applications are open until filled, with next review on Friday, March 26, 2021 at 4 p.m.

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 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 COVII
 - 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.



UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor Pro Tem Steve Worthington











Council Member Denise McCluskey



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