Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



March 31, 2021

Chief's Corner: Service with a Smile

It is with a mixture of gratitude and regret that we are sending off into retirement one of U.P.'s most admired and dedicated public servants.

Deputy Dan Hacker is retiring from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department today, closing out a 32-year career in law enforcement, including 25 years with the City of University Place.

I am grateful to the City Council for officially recognizing all of his contributions during their March 22 meeting.



With his strict smile-and-wave creed and commitment to treating all people with kindness, Deputy Hacker embodies so much of what we try to do in the U.P. Police Department. He has set a really high bar for all those officers who follow after him. We are truly thankful for all his years of service

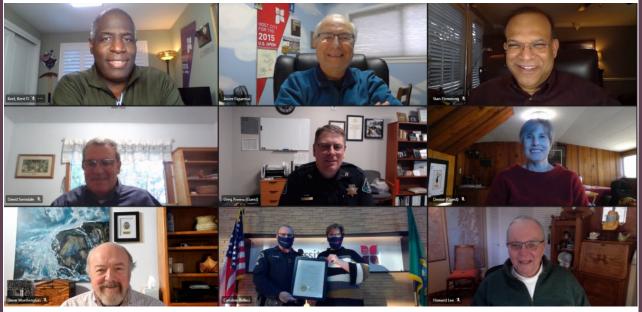


During the course of his career, Deputy Hacker has served in numerous roles, including as a member of the UPPD bike patrol, a defensive tactics instructor, a member of the PCSD SWAT team and a firearms instructor—to name just a few.

He has also volunteered scores of hours during his off-duty time to train thousands of U.P. citizens as part of UPPD's popular Public Safety Academies. to this community.

As a long-time resident of University Place, don't be surprised if you see Deputy—I mean Citizen—Hacker around town. And when you do, please take a moment to thank him for all he has done to support the safety and well-being of our city.





City Council and Staff honored Deputy Dan Hacker for his long time career in University Place at the virtual City Council Meeting that took place on March 22, 2021.

Spring Public Safety Academy Starts April 14

Want to know more about how your local police department has been trained to de-escalate difficult situations? Or how the UPPD partners with MultiCare to deal with calls that involve people with mental health issues? What about the pros and cons of police body cameras? What are some of the latest constitutional issues involving law enforcement policies and protections?

These are just a few of the topics that will be covered in the Spring 2021 U.P. Police Department's Public Safety Academy. Over the course of six Wednesday evenings, experts in these areas will share their experiences and insights so that you can better understand how UPPD officers are trained and supported by partners in and out of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

Spend a few hours each week to learn more about what your Police Department is doing to keep the community safe by employing some of the latest best practices in law enforcement right here in U.P.

The classes will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams and registration for the entire series is required to ensure ample opportunity for all those who wish to participate. Get more details and register right away by emailing **UPPublicSafety@CityofUP.com**



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



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What's UP with Biz!

Make plans to visit the newly remodeled MudBay Pet Supplies Store at 3804 Bridgeport Way W for its grand re-opening this Saturday, April 3. Enjoy special giveaways, including free reusable totes, treats, and toys for dogs or cats to the first 100 customers who stop by and shop. There will also be a "Spring into Summer Green Juju Bar," a fun treat bar for customers and their pets, as well as a raffle for a \$100 MudBay gift card.



On Saturday, April 3 and Sunday, April 4, MudBay will also be partnering with the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County by donating 10 percent of the weekend's sales to the organization.

Make plans to stop by MudBay and give your pets another reason to love you!

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 end to the pandemic.



How the City's Housing Action Plan Relates to the Growth Management Act

Decisions the City of
University Place makes on
issues like housing are a
balance between state and
regional goals. Although
broad housing policies are
outlined within the state's
Growth Management Act,
policies are also developed
at the regional and county
level and the City is
afforded substantial local
deference to make



decisions that are best for our community.

The City is working with the Pierce County Regional Council to develop Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) that City planners can then refine in greater detail as U.P. completes its Comprehensive Plan update. This includes examining housing issues and identifying possible solutions through the development of a Housing Action Plan (HAP).

The University Place HAP fulfills the City's obligations under the state's Growth Management Act that require local governments to inventory their existing housing stock and analyze projected future needs, including those for single family, multi-family, government assisted, low-income, manufactured, group homes and foster care facilities.

During HAP Advisory Committee meetings in October 2020 and February of this year, the public was invited to provide their input on housing issues in University Place. Although the City will not update its existing Comprehensive Plan until 2024, review and adoption of the HAP is slated to be completed no later than June 30, 2021.

For more information on the process, visit the **HAP page on the City's website** or contact **David Swindale**, director of Planning Services.

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.

U.P. Spring Clean-UP and Canned Food Drive

U.P. Refuse & Recycling's

FREE Spring Clean-UP

April 3 from 8am-4pm for UP residents living NORTH of 40th

April 10 from 8am-4pm for UP residents living SOUTH of 40th

Dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted items and yard waste for free! Residents of U.P. may bring their items to U.P. Refuse, 2815 Rochester St W. Limit 1 load per household, except for yard waste which is unlimited.

Complete details can be found at www.uprefuse.com



Residents NORTH of 40th St W. Saturday, April 3 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents SOUTH of 40th St W. Saturday, April 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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 for yard waste only loads
- Help us be good neighbors by securing & covering all loads
- For safety reasons, children and pets MUST remain in vehicles
- Photo I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED
- No liquids, paint, or hazardous materials (car batteries are OK)
- No loads larger than a regular pickup truck or equivalent small trailer will be allowed
- No regular household garbage will be allowed
- Residential items only NO commercial material or loads will be allowed
- The size of items cannot exceed 5' in any direction (except for 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 items: clean, unpainted lumber, pallets, etc.
- Metal items: scrap steel, appliances, lawn mowers, barbecues, plumbing, etc.
- Yard waste: limbs, grass, leaves, other vegetation, no stumps or limbs larger than 4" in diameter
 - No DIRT, ROCKS, SOD, BLACKBERRIES, SCOTCHBROOM, or OTHER NOXIOUS WEEDS
- Tires: with or without rims
- Concrete, brick, and stone
- Car batteries



Natural Yard Care Webinars

Use containers, annuals and perennials to amp up color in your landscape, with Marianne Benetti.

April 20, 7-8:30 p.m. Register: http://bit.ly/YardCareWorkshop1

You will learn:

- The best container gardening plants.
- How to use perennials and annuals, vines and roses to add more summer color and do less work.

Goodbye weeds! Designing yards for less work, with Liesl Zappler.

April 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Register: http://bit.ly/YardCareWorkshop2

You will learn about organic methods of weed control including garden design, mulches, weed flamers and alternative pesticide products.

Lush lawns nature's way. Break your lawn's addiction to chemicals, with Ladd Smith.

May 4, 7-8:30 p.m. Register: http://bit.ly/YardCareWorkshop3

You will learn ways to apply organic methods for great pesticide free lawns!

Register online.

Questions?

Contact Walt Burdsall at wburdsall@tpchd.org or (253) 649-1851.

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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!

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 **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, April 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor Pro Tem Steve Worthington











Council Member Denise McCluskey



Council Member Stan Flemming



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