# Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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### USGA Amateur Four-Ball Wraps Up with Big Announcement







Golfers are concluding play in the U.S. Golf Association's (USGA) Amateur Four-Ball Championship at Chambers Bay today, but the excitement isn't over.

On Monday, the **USGA announced** that they have chosen Chambers Bay to host the 122nd U.S. Women's Amateur Championship from Aug. 8-14, 2022. It will be the fourth time Chambers Bay has hosted a USGA championship.



"This is great news for our city and for Chambers Bay," said U.P. Mayor Caroline Belleci, who served as an honorary starter for the first day of practice for the Men's Amateur Four-Ball Championship which began last week. "It was clear from what we heard from golfers we talked to during the men's Four-Ball that Chambers Bay is truly a bit of a 'hidden gem.' Many said they'd never been to the course before but were thrilled with its challenging holes and stunning views."

According to the USGA, Chambers Bay will become the 15th course to host all three of the organization's original championships: the U.S. Amateur, the U.S. Open and the Women's Amateur. It will be the first municipal course to have hosted these events and just the third course open to the public to achieve this distinction, joining the resorts at Pebble Beach (California) and Pinehurst (North Carolina).

Check out this **brief video** of Mayor Belleci welcoming the golfers to University Place.



### **Economic Development Department Announces Changes**

U.P. City Manager Steve Sugg has announced that after 19 years of service to the City of University Place in the dual role of director of economic development and assistant city manager, Mariza Craig will be retiring on May 31.

As of June 1, Kevin Briske, who currently serves as principal planner in the Department of Planning and Development Services, will assume the role of director of the newly named Department of Community and Economic



Development. Becky Metcalf will become the new Business Outreach Liaison with an expanded focus on business outreach and communication, while also continuing many of her current duties as project assistant.

"Mariza's contributions to the City of U.P. cannot be understated," said Sugg. "She helped bring the idea of a vibrant town center to life, understanding how an appropriate mix of public and private uses would create a destination that would draw both residents and visitors to U.P. We thank her for all she has done and wish her the best as dives into retirement."

#### **Chief's Corner**

Over the last 12 months, many local and state governments have been exploring various proposals related to law enforcement reforms. These discussions have included new laws on police tactics, administrative policies and new approaches to addressing criminal behavior. On May 18, Governor Inslee signed into law several bills passed by your state legislators concerning many of these areas. Currently, agencies are in the midst of reviewing the details to determine the operational impact on local departments and public safety.



Some of these laws will have a direct impact on

how law enforcement services are provided in this state. The reduction of drug possession to a warning/referral for the first two offenses and then a gross misdemeanor for the third and subsequent offense is a big shift in our approach to addressing illegal drugs. This change shifts the burden of drug prosecution and referrals away from the county superior court system and onto cities as the cases will now be heard in municipal court. At a minimum, there is a fiscal impact to local jurisdictions.

Fortunately, most of the new laws addressed policies that we at UPPD already had in place. Others raise some serious questions on how we might move forward. I can assure you that UPPD will adapt to these changes and continue to provide the professional service you have always received.

Later this summer we hope to host a Public Safety forum to discuss with you some of the impacts of these new laws and how we move forward together to improve public safety in U.P. Additionally, we are thrilled to bring National Night Out back in 2021! On Tuesday, Aug. 3 we will once again be visiting participating neighborhoods in University Place. Watch for more information on how to participate in future issues of *Headlines*. We look forward to this yearly opportunity to visit with U.P. residents as they gather to meet and connect as neighbors.

As always, if you have any questions about public safety in University Place, please don't hesitate to reach out—and stay safe.

### Finishing Touches Being Put on Housing Action Plan

Members of the City's Planning and Development Services Department are busy wrapping up the Housing Action Plan that will be presented to the City Council for study on Monday, June 7.

The Housing Action Plan (HAP) is designed to encourage future construction of additional affordable and market-rate housing throughout the city and offers recommendations and possible actions that the City can consider as it plans for

the next 20 years of growth. The HAP process itself will not result in any Comprehensive Plan policy or development regulation changes at this time.

The HAP has involved months of research and documentation and included two public meetings and an online survey to gather community input on housing issues in U.P.

"I am grateful to my team members who have put in so much time to put this plan together, but also to the engaged citizens of U.P. who have taken time to participate in our outreach efforts," said David Swindale, director of Planning and Development Services.

#### What's UP With Biz

Bishops Cuts/Color at 3633 Market Place W. in the Village at Chambers Bay is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Saturday, May 29 from 10 a.m. to 6



**CUTS / COLOR** 

p.m. The community is encouraged to participate, with many businesses at the Village at Chambers Bay offering specials and discounts to those who donate blood that day, including free haircuts by Bishops Cuts/Color and 20 percent off of Urban Float services. Visit and support all of the businesses in the Village of Chambers Bay and help save lives as well by donating the gift of life.



The Joint Chiropractic, located in Green Firs, recently joined the University Place business community! They celebrated their grand opening with a Ribbon Cutting event on May 20. Stop by and give them a warm welcome!

#### The Fourth of July is Around the Corner

With Independence Day just over a month away, more and more fireworks stands are starting to pop up around our region. Residents are reminded that:

Within the City of University Place, the only fireworks that are legal for discharge are:



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Stay Safe & Legal this Fourth of July

- Cones
- Fountains

- Smokes
- Novelties such as smoke balls, snakes and pop-its
- Sparklers

Fireworks can only be discharged from 9 a.m. to midnight on July 4 by persons 16 years of age or older. Children under 16 must be under direct adult supervision. Violations of the University Place fireworks law are infractions and could lead to a \$250 fine, plus fees, costs and assessments.

To ensure fireworks safety, West Pierce Fire & Rescue encourages residents to watch this short **video** (originally aired in 2019), which includes tips on how to keep people and property safe when discharging legal fireworks.



#### **Do Your Part and Get the Shot**

U.P. City Council Member and practicing physician Dr. Stan Flemming has filmed a **public service announcement** to help residents understand why getting the free COVID-19 vaccine is critical to our community's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Flemming says that new variants and mutations of the virus present risks to the unvaccinated, including young adults. "We are seeing the virus move into the 30- and 40-year-old populations and even younger," he said. And with only one-quarter of U.P.'s population fully immunized at the time of original airing, unvaccinated members of the community continue to be at risk of infection and can spread the virus, ultimately prolonging the pandemic. That's why the best way to end the pandemic and pandemic-related restrictions for good is for every

eligible resident of U.P. to get their free COVID-19 vaccine and help increase our level of community immunity.

"Protect your loved ones, your family, your friends," Dr. Flemming says. "It's really easy to get vaccinated. Protect yourself, protect our community. Get vaccinated."



### 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
  - 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.





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### Pierce County Master Gardeners Present Our Summer Workshop: From the Ground and Up

It is with much excitement that we welcome you to the 6th year of the From the Ground and Up gardening workshop! This year's event includes two Keynote Speakers. You can choose from 10 online classes in two breakout sessions that reflect your own unique interests. We hope this workshop inspires you in your gardening endeavors.

On Saturday, June 19, following an engaging keynote presentation by Richie Steffen, Executive Director for the Elizabeth C. Miller Botanic Garden, you will be able to attend interactive classes taught by expert instructors. The workshop will conclude with our second keynote speaker, Susie Egan, Landscape Designer, Cottage Lake Gardens, providing information on shade gardening.

From the Ground and Up workshop is produced and presented by the WSU Pierce County Master Gardeners, in conjunction with the City of Tacoma and Pierce County.

Please join us at the 2021 From the Ground and Up workshop and share your passion as we launch a new gardening season!

Registration is now open at www.FromTheGroundandUp.org - \$45



#### **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 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.



## UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, June 7, 2021** at 6:30 p.m.

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