Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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Chief's Corner By U.P. Police Chief Greg Premo

As I approach the end of my first year as your Chief of Police, I hope you will indulge me as I share some of my thoughts and observations from the last 12 months:

 U.P. has really changed over the years. I was one of the first deputies to work here after incorporation in 1995.
 And while some of the best things about University Place have



stayed the same over the years—an engaged community, friendly people, and nice parks and schools—the city has become much more of a regional destination, thanks to Chambers Bay and new shopping locations. This has really impacted demands on public safety.

- As a department of 17 commissioned officers charged with serving more than 33,000 residents, we do a lot. Our UPPD has a robust community outreach program that is spearheaded by our Public Safety Administrator, Jennifer Hales. We host several public safety classes, lead a public safety academy twice a year (enrollment is now underway for our Spring Academy), attend neighborhood safety meetings, and have a significant National Night Out Against Crime program every August.
- Our dedicated crimes investigator Deputy Josh Mills started just over a year ago and has been able to make a huge impact on clearing cases and making arrests that most likely would not have happened if we did not have Josh's position.
- We have a safe and welcoming community, but it is not crime free. We have experienced some "big city" crimes over the last year and our officers have done some great work to bring many of those offenders to justice. But we also have some tough decisions to make about public safety staffing in the near future. I look forward to having those conversations with all U.P. residents.

I actually have a lot more to say about these issues—and others—but you'll have to wait until the next issue of our Public Safety newsletter appears in your mailbox at the end of March. Until then, however, I am always happy to talk to

residents about how we can work together to make U.P. the *best* community in the South Sound.

U.P. POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

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.

APRIL 1, 2020, 6 P.M.
TOWN HALL GALLERY,
3609 MARKET PLACE WEST,
UNIVERSITY PLACE, WA





Notice: The Police Department Administrative Offices will be closed from February 17-March 2.

Check Out This Week's City Council Agenda



If you would like to see the items that your City Council will be addressing during next Monday's (March 2) meeting, be sure to check out the agenda that is available **here**. This is a great way to see the specific topics that will be discussed and considered for final action. This is yet another way for you to stay informed and engaged with your local government.

What's UP with Biz?

India Mahal at 1905
Bridgeport Way W. Suite 110
has been around almost as long
as U.P. has been a city. For
more than 23 years, it has been
offering its guests a rich menu
of traditional Indian favorites as
well as some unique family
recipes that aren't found
anywhere else. There are a
variety of meat dishes such as
lamb or beef gosht masala as
well as seafood dishes such as



shrimp masala and fish or shrimp curry. The menu also includes numerous vegetarian options and popular items such as chicken shahi, butter chicken and chicken tikke masala. The restaurant also offers tandoori barbecue and a "Pride of Punjab" family-style dinner.

Known for its quality food at friendly prices, India Mahal has become a University Place favorite. Stop by and be welcomed by owner Amarjit, who along with his two brothers, have brought a taste of the East to the Pacific Northwest.

Grow UP!

Growing season is right around the corner and the University Place Community Garden has a few plots available for rent. Beds are \$60 for 4-by-12-foot beds and \$140 for a limited number of 12-by-12-foot beds. There is also a 4-by-12-foot accessible bed for \$60.

The cost of a garden rental includes organic soil, compost, mulch, water, consultations with a master gardener, shared tools and a composting area.



Gardeners can supply their own organic soil or use free Tagro soil and compost, but no pesticides are allowed. Members are required to perform their own planting and upkeep of their beds, while also contributing to work parties, harvest mornings, season start-up work and winter maintenance.

At the peak of the season, the garden beds are full of seasonal vegetables, fruits and flowers. Although members cannot sell the fruits (and vegetables) of their labor, they can donate it to supplement items grown in the garden's designated food bank beds. Since its founding, several tons of fresh produce have been harvested from the U.P. Community Garden, with a large portion of that bounty shared with the Families Unlimited Network (FUN) Food Bank in University Place.

The University Place Community Garden (UPCG) is a designated 501(c)(3) nonprofit created in 2011 through a partnership between the Tacoma Narrows Rotary Club and the University Place School District. Situated on the grounds of Evergreen Primary School, the garden provides 78 raised beds as well as herb and flower beds and a pumpkin patch.

Financial assistance is available to members of the community who wish to

participate but are unable to meet the rental fee. For complete information about the Community Garden, including a monthly calendar that lists upcoming events and opportunities, visit **universityplacecommunitygarden.org**/.

Public Safety and Criminal Justice in University Place

What are the public safety issues facing University Place? What is law enforcement's role in the criminal justice system in your community? How can you have a better understanding of the system? Perception versus reality.

Join us for three hours a day starting Monday, March 23, over the course of six weeks where we examine public safety in University Place. You won't be disappointed! Classes take place on Mondays from 1-4 p.m. at the University Place Police Headquarters. Register by calling 253.798.3141 or e-mail **jhales@co.pierce.wa.us**. Space is limited.



Course Outline...

- March 23: Introduction to policing & public safety in University Place By Chief Premo
- March 30: Patrol Procedures & Use of Force Sergeant Jason Youngman
- April 6: Constitutional Law & perspectives on LE Jeremy Culumber
- April 13: What happens after the arrest? Pierce County Prosecutor Kara Sanchez
- April 20: Jail operations/costs and the impacts of mental health Jail Chief Patty Jackson
- April 27: Use of force decision making simulations Retired officer Gary Shilley

Be a Census Taker

You can help your community! Apply for one of thousands of temporary #2020CensusJobs.

Census results determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as how funds are spent on roads, schools and hospitals.

Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs.





Sign Up for FlashVote Today!

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!

Upcoming Events



C.E.R.T

(Community Emergency Response Team)
Spring Training Session
April 27 - May 16 2020

West Pierce Fire & Rescue invites citizens who live or work in the Lakewood and University Place area to attend our next session of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes. Aimed at preparing groups of citizens in our community to prepare for and respond to disasters, the classes will follow a model developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and offered in cities across the United States. The idea behind this model is to teach people in neighborhoods how to help each other in the first few minutes or hours following a disaster – before emergency responder are able to get to them to render professional help. In the classes, student will gain hands-on skills such as how to put out small fires, render first aid in a disaster situation, and perform light search and rescue.

The series of six classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings for three weeks, from 6:00 – 9:00pm, and will culminate in a practical exercise to be held on a Saturday from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Classes will be held at Fire District locations – see location notes below for each class. Instructors will be uniformed Firefighters with special experience in the particular area, or subject matter experts from other areas. The classes are *free*!

Monday evening, 6:00 – 9:00pm	Wednesday evening, 6:00 – 9:00pm	Saturday, 10:00am – 2:00pm
April 27 Disaster Preparedness & CERT Organization Location: WPFR Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW	April 29 Fire Safety Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW	
May 4 Disaster Medical 1 Location: WPFR Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW	May 6 Disaster Medical 2 Location: WPFR Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW	
May 11 Light Search & Rescue Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW	May 13 CERT Organization &CERT Psychology Location: WPFR Fire Station 20 10928 Pacific Hwy SW	May 16 EXERCISE Location: WPFR Fire Station 21 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW

We will accept up to 25 students in this series of classes. There is no prerequisite, other than a desire to learn and help others. It is important that if you enroll, you be available to attend all sessions to receive the CERT certificate. To enroll, contact West Pierce Fire & Rescue at (253) 983-4580 or cert@westpierce.org.

UP for Arts - Spring Arts & Concerts Series

All events occur on Friday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the University Place Civic/Library Atrium located at 3609 Market Square (36th and Bridgeport). Each performance pairs performing artists with visual artists. Free parking is available underneath the library.

Friday, February 28–The Stocker Duo, composed of Josiah Stocker and Hyeeun Hahm, will premier a four handed piano performance from the best of Latin American composers including Lecuona (Cuba); Ponce (Mexico); Guastavino (Argentina) as well as Copeland, Brubeck and much, much more!

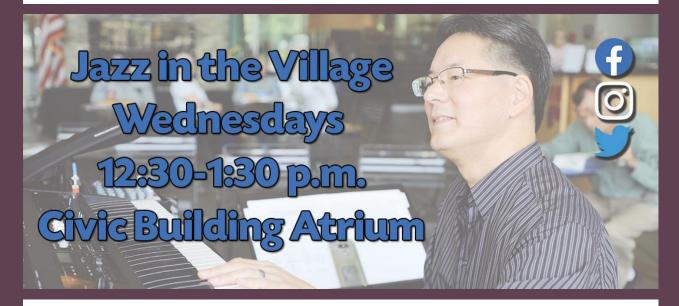
Featured Artist—Award winning photographer **William J. Harris** will showcase a variety of his stunning photos. "I love living in the great Northwest where I have the opportunity of photographing beautiful people, animals and really gorgeous scenery."



The Stocker Duo



Photo by William Harris



Meet UP with the Mayor



The next Meet UP with the Mayor will take place on Tuesday, March 10 from 6-8 p.m.

Stop by the Civic Building Gallery to share your questions, concerns and ideas with Mayor Caroline Belleci.

Parks Appreciation Day

In honor of Earth Day, Arbor Day and National Parks Week, the City of University Place will hold its annual Parks Appreciation Day on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. This marks the 19th year that U.P. residents have brought their shovels, rakes, gloves and pruners to a U.P. park to clean and beautify the public space in anticipation of the warm months ahead.

This year's event will take place at Paradise Pond Park, 3124 67th Avenue West where we'll be spreading wood chips on the trails and performing trail maintenance.



Individuals, families, businesses and neighborhood and community groups are encouraged to participate. Dress warm and bring your own tools (be sure to label them with your name and phone number).

For more information on how to volunteer and get involved in Parks Appreciation Day, call 253.460.6493.

For more events and Council Meeting information visit the Upcoming Events Calendar.



University Place City Council



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