

# Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



July 15, 2020

## City Council Approves CARES Act Funding Recommendations

Last week, the University Place City Council voted unanimously to accept \$992,700 from the State of Washington as part of the federal CARES Act. The funds will be redistributed into the community to assist with COVID-19 recovery efforts.

Based on recommendations from staff, \$500,000 will be used to create grants (not loans) to U.P. businesses that have suffered significant economic losses as a result of the state-mandated shutdown that began in mid-March. The business grants will be divided into two tiers. Tier One provides a grant pool of \$400,000 to support businesses that paid a minimum of \$10,000 in sales tax in 2019 and operate from a storefront, while Tier Two will provide a pool of \$100,000 for grants to smaller businesses, including home-based businesses.

All applicants, regardless of tier level, must meet minimum qualifying criteria. For details and to apply, visit the [Business Relief Program page](#). The first round of applications must be received by July 22, with the goal of beginning the distribution of funds by July 31, 2020.

Of the remaining \$492,700 in CARES funds, \$100,000 will be directed to local human service providers. The City will contract with a local nonprofit agency to properly vet and distribute these funds to qualified residents of U.P. who can demonstrate a substantial loss of income due to COVID-19. Grants of up to \$3,000 per household can be used to assist with rent, utilities (up to \$1,000) or childcare.

The balance of the CARES funds (\$392,700) will be used to reimburse City taxpayers for expenses incurred by their City government associated with its



COVID-19 responses, including personal protective equipment for staff and the public, additional janitorial expenses and supplies, and a portion of salaries associated with individuals tasked with COVID-19 response efforts, including public safety personnel.

## What's UP with Biz HomeGoods Reopens to Hungry Home Decorators

Attention all home decorators! It's time to turn all those great ideas you came up with during the Stay at Home order into reality!

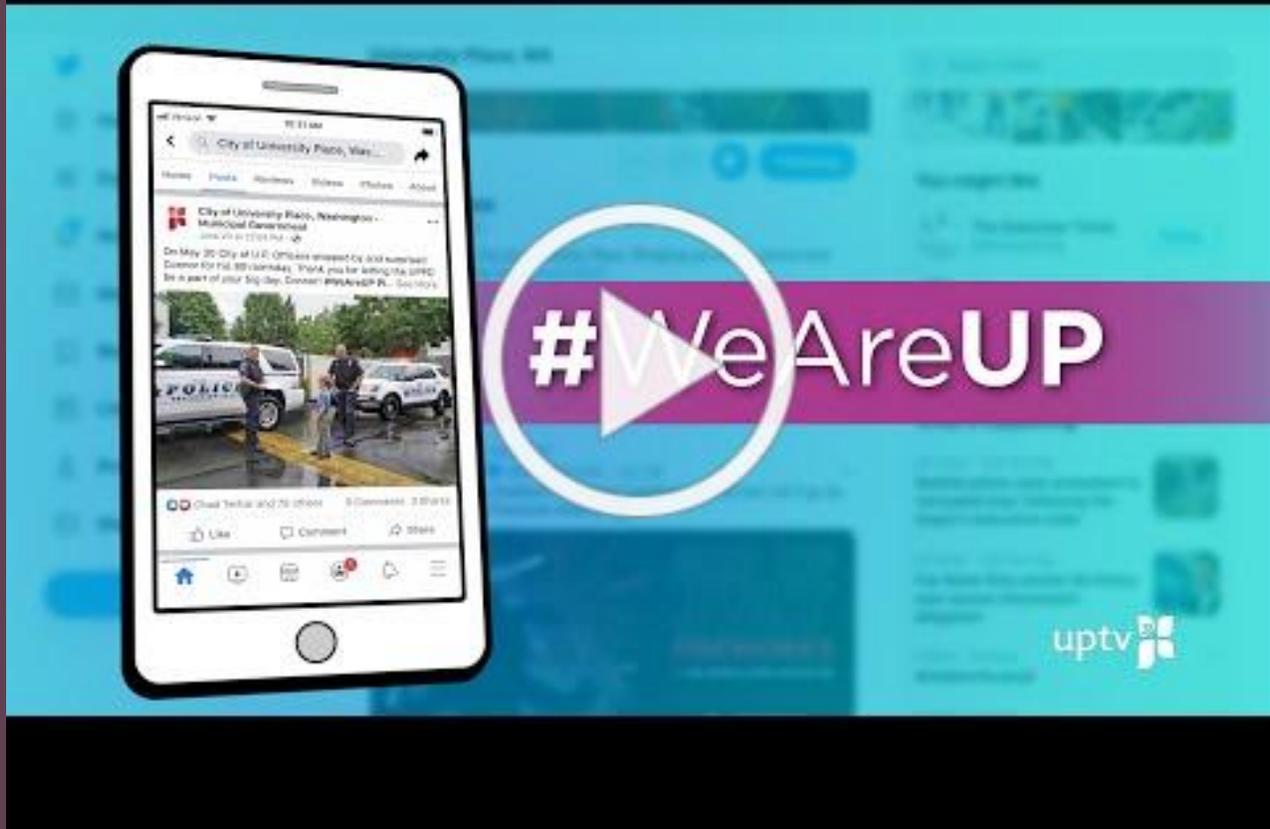
**HomeGoods**, located in the Green Firs Towne Center at 3800 Bridgeport Way W., has reopened under Phase 2 of the Safe Start program. Shoppers will find aisles and aisles of decorative items for the home, including a large selection of kitchen and dining furniture, dishes, linens for the bed and bathroom, fun touches for children's spaces and even some items to pamper your favorite pet.

In addition, the store has dedicated shopping hours every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. for seniors (60+) and those who have health risks. The store is open to the general public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays. Those with additional questions about safety measures that have been implemented can contact the store directly at 253.460.1256.

Be sure to visit HomeGoods and support all our local businesses to let them know that we are glad they are "UP and Open!"



**#WeAreUP**



The City of University Place is launching a special campaign designed to help the community stay connected even amid the physical distancing required during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The campaign encourages community members, including residents, neighborhoods, nonprofits, arts organizations, businesses and others, to use #WeAreUP to share their stories, photos, and experiences of life in U.P. on a variety of social media channels, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

"This is a great way for everyone to see what their neighbors, supporting agencies and businesses are doing and to be a little bit more connected as we all navigate a more virtual world because of the coronavirus," said Mayor Caroline Belleci. "Staying connected is even more important now given that many of our cherished community traditions, such as Duck Daze and Summer Concerts, have had to be put on hold during the pandemic."

Belleci says #WeAreUP is a way for the community to share photos, videos and stories that capture the resiliency and unity of University Place even amid the challenges presented by the COVID-19 virus. "U.P. is not made up of just one person, place or thing. It is a collective tapestry of people, places and stories," she says. "We hope to highlight all of those aspects of our community through #WeAreUP, not just now, in the midst of the pandemic, but long after this is over. Our city is greater than this moment in time, and it will withstand any and all obstacles that happen to it along the way."

Check out this [video about the new #WeAreUP campaign](#) and then share your stories and follow others at #WeAreUP.

# Garden Tour Goes Virtual

Do you want a free peek at what lies behind some of U.P.'s garden gates?



University Place  
Historical Society

The University Place Historical Society's annual Garden Tour has gone virtual this year. Enjoy stunning video, including aerial views, of some of the city's most beautiful and interesting gardens.

There are a total of seven video tours, including three that are available for viewing right now:

- **Historic Society:** Tour the Curran Orchard gardens and learn how the annual Garden Tour supports the Historical Society's efforts to identify and preserve the history of University Place.
- **Japanese Garden:** Transplant yourself into Carole Henderson's Zen-inducing traditional Japanese garden complete with sculptured junipers and garden statuary.
- **Bird Property:** Discover hidden fairies and a 60-foot-long cascading stream in Linda Bird's gorgeous, whimsical garden.

This year's Garden Tour videos were made possible thanks to the generosity of Atkins Chiropractic, Columbia Bank, Gray Lumber Company, JK Tax Service, Inc., McCabe's Automotive Specialists, Morrison House/Sotheby's International Realty, Portland Avenue Nursery, Seattle Seahawks, Sound Community Bank, Suburban Opticians and U.P. Refuse & Recycling. Their support has made it possible for the Historical Society to offset some of the revenue it lost from not being able to sell tickets to the Garden Tour this year.

Be sure to check back every week for more videos, which will include aesthetically-appropriate gardens that mirror a property's mid-century architecture as well as a cleverly designed terraced garden that enjoys Puget Sound views.

Watch all the videos on UPTV and join viewers from around the world (yes, the gardens have attracted the attention of fans from as far away as Norway!) and allow yourself to safely enjoy this cherished U.P. tradition in 2020.



## Custom-Fit Life Jackets & Helmets For Sale

It's a great time for a bike ride or to be out on the water, but do you have a helmet or life jacket that fits? Or do you know that it fits properly? Having one that is properly fitted is just as important as wearing one. Luckily, West Pierce Fire & Rescue offers a low-cost, custom-fit helmet and life jacket program to ensure just that.

Typically these items are sold and fitted at various community events, but since most have been cancelled, WPFR encourages the community to schedule an appointment to purchase and be fitted with a helmet or life jacket. Appointments take approximately 10 minutes and the person wearing it must be present. Sizes are available for all ages, so everyone can enjoy the outdoors safely. Please call 253.564.1623 to schedule your appointment. Cash or check only, please.

- Bike helmets – \$7
- Multi-sport style helmets – \$10
- Life jackets – \$14

Do you already have a helmet and want to make sure it fits properly? Be sure to watch this short video about how to do so.



# HOW TO PROPERLY **FIT A BIKE HELMET**

## Attend the City Council's Virtual Meetings

Tune in to Channel 12 (Rainier Connect, formerly Click!) and Channel 21 (Comcast), within the boundaries of the City of University Place, to watch the U.P. City Council meeting live on the first and third Mondays of every month or check the City's **updated calendar** for a link to listen by phone. You can also watch the meetings live-streamed on the City's **YouTube channel**, where they remain available afterward.

### UNIVERSITY PLACE VIRTUAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 20, 2020  
at 6:30 p.m.

[WWW.CITYOFUP.COM](http://WWW.CITYOFUP.COM)

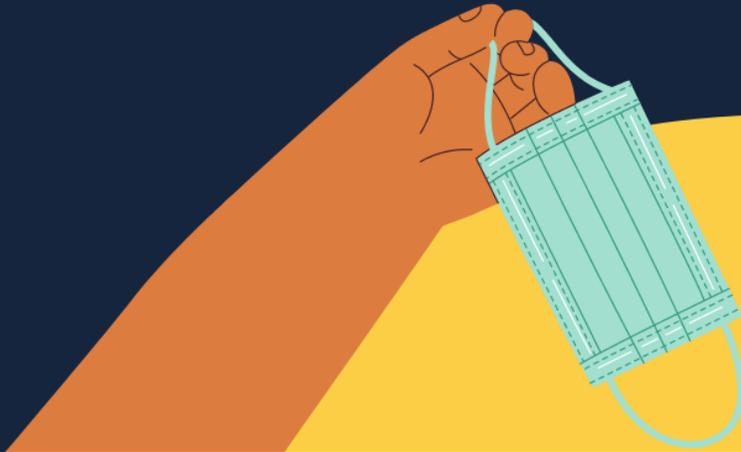
 Council Member Javier Figueroa	 Council Member Kent Keel	 Council Member Pro Tem Howard Lee	 Council Member Denise McCluskey	 Council Member Stan Flemming
 Mayor Caroline Belled	 Mayor Pro Tem Steve Worthington			

The meetings allow for public comment and public testimony on items that are listed on the agenda. Those who wish to submit public comments can do so in advance by sending them to **Emy Genetia**, City Clerk. Comments received by 5:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be provided to the City Council electronically for consideration at that evening's meeting. Comments received after that deadline will be provided to the City Council after the meeting. Subject to technological limitations, telephonic comments/testimony is allowed during the meeting by calling the number listed on the agenda.

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RESCHEDULED TO OCT.6, 2020



## Mask UP to prevent the spread of COVID-19



### How is your town's count going?

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