

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



January 19, 2022

#ResolveToBeReady this January

Have you made your New Year's Resolutions? This year resolve to be prepared in the event that an emergency occurs so you can rest easy knowing that your family, pets, property and you, are well equipped to handle whatever comes your way!



Here are a few prep tips to help you stay ahead of the game!

- Make an emergency plan: choose a safe place to meet, learn evacuation routes, and establish an out-of-town contact.
- Take a current photo of you and your pet together in case you get separated during a disaster.
- Get to know your neighbor and invite them to be a part of your emergency plan.
- Snap photos of important documents and save them in a secure place or online.
- Set up group text lists so you can communicate with friends and family during emergencies.
- Take a class in CPR and first aid.
- Keep and update emergency supplies; remember to include cash.
- Have back-up power sources available to charge devices in case of a power outage.
- Snap pictures of your property for insurance purposes.
- Check your insurance for coverage on disasters like floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes.
- Sign up for alerts and warnings. **Download the FEMA app** to get real-time alerts, safety tips, and locate open shelters.
- Save for a rainy day! Start and grow your emergency fund.
- Financially prepare for the New Year. Find out how with the **Emergency Financial First Aid Kit**.
- Spend within your means. Use a personal budgeting worksheet to help plan for holiday expenses and beyond.
- Build up your savings. Put a small amount in your account the first of every month beginning Jan. 1.

What's UP with Biz: Have You Noticed McDonald's New Look?

The McDonald's in the Green Firs Towne Center at 3802 Bridgeport Way W. is sporting a new look. After several months of renovations, a new drive-thru pattern enables traffic to move more smoothly and safely.



This long-standing U.P. business continues to monitor its customers' requests for popular services and now offers mobile ordering, McDelivery, Wi-Fi, gift cards and MyMcDonald's Rewards.

RFQ for Homestead Enhancements

RFQ asks for three community gathering art pieces to be located at seating areas within Homestead Park.

Deadline is Jan. 20, 2022
Located at Bid Opportunities at www.CityofUP.com



Emergency Food Network Offers Home Delivery Services

Do you know of someone who is unable to access local food pantries because of transportation or accessibility issues?

The Pierce County Emergency Food Network has multiple locations and a Home Delivery program for Pierce County residents who have barriers to accessing their local food pantries.



The mission of Emergency Food Network (EFN) is "to provide Pierce County with a

consistent, diverse and nutritious food supply so that no person goes hungry.” The network includes more than 70 food pantries and hot meal sites, providing meals to over 1.9 million clients annually. These recipients represent a diverse population of low-income clients, the vast majority of whom fall below national poverty guidelines. According to EPN, more than half are children and seniors and almost half are families with at least one adult working.

The majority of food is donated by farms and large corporations such as Fred Meyer, Carolina Logistics, QFC, and SuperValu, but EFN also acts as a Sub-Distributing Agency (SDA) for the USDA Commodity Food Program and purchases food through its Co-op Food Purchasing Program.

For more information on EFN home delivery services, visit their [website](#) or call 253.584.1040.

Alameda Extension Project Update

Two major milestones of the Alameda extension project are about to be completed – paving and sidewalks! As weather conditions permit, the contractor is planning to start pouring sidewalks this week and is getting ready to pave next week.



The paving will include repaving the intersections at both 64th Ave and 62nd Ave. These areas must be repaved in order to match up with the updated ADA ramps. In preparation for paving, the contractor plans to remove the asphalt at these intersections from Jan. 20 to 24. This will require some closures, but a temporary gravel surface will be made available to drive on until paving is complete.

Beginning Friday, Jan. 21, sidewalks are scheduled to be poured. While work is being done, especially in the areas of the intersections, traffic delays should be expected, however, there will be one access route open at all times.

While they’re taking place, paving operations will begin about 7:30 a.m. and expect to be complete by 5 p.m. Please note that this work is weather dependent and could be subject to change if weather conditions merit.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this project, feel free to contact **Jack Ecklund**, City Engineer, or the City’s Construction Manager, **Tim Coleman**, 253.370.7734.

Get Ready to Play Ball: Reserve Cirque Park Fields for League and Tournament Play

Although spring may seem light years away right now, many sports leagues are already gearing up for the season ahead and should begin reserving field space at Cirque Park now.

The 27-acre park features dedicated baseball and softball fields, as well as a multi-purpose field for soccer, lacrosse and flag football. These facilities are available for rent on an hourly basis by organized groups for the purposes of extra practice time, league play or tournaments. All of the fields also feature lighting, which can be used with reserved field time.



Fees for rentals range from \$35 to \$65 and include different rates for youth and adult use, as well as resident and non-resident use. Lighting is \$15/hour.

For rental fee details and to reserve a field, visit the Parks Department page on the **City's website**.

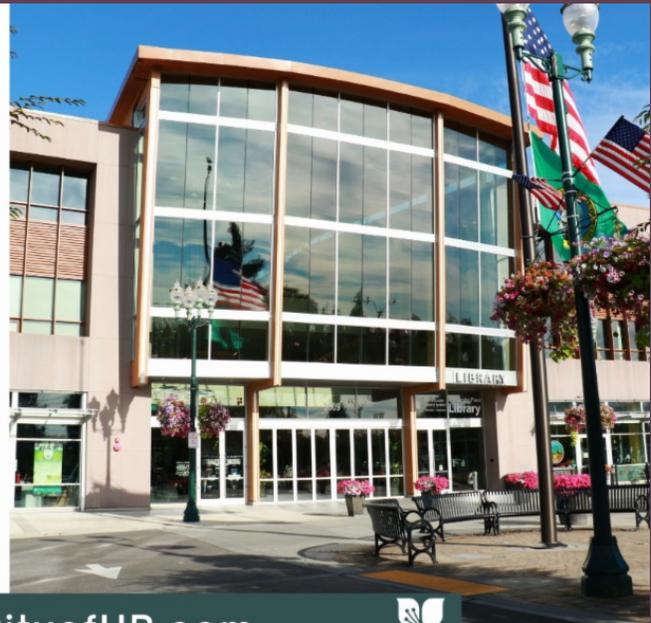
COMMISSIONS VACANCIES

View open positions on the city website!

Commissioners are citizens that, through their volunteer efforts, play an integral role in the growth and development of their City.

Citizens serving on the City's Commissions apply their unique knowledge and experiences to the issues and the needs of their City.

They function as a focus group from within the community and create ideas to assist the City Council in shaping legislative policy.



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Adopt an Apple Tree Today!

Applications for the 2022 Adopt An Apple Tree program at the Curran Apple Orchard Park are now available. Tree adoptions are a wonderful way to support a community park and a chance to enjoy delicious apples in the Fall! People who are interested in adopting an apple tree have two options:



- **Pruning Adoption (available through March 31)**
- **Orchard Supporter Adoption (available through July 31)**

Pruning Adoptions are available for \$45 and are reserved for people who commit to prune, thin, harvest and clean up windfalls from their tree. Free pruning classes and trained volunteers are available to help and provide

guidance.

Orchard Supporter Adoptions are available for \$70 and are perfect for people who want to support the orchard and enjoy the harvest but are unable to participate in tree care. Trained volunteers will take care of the trees for people choosing this option but you are still responsible for windfall pick up and harvest.

For more complete information and to download a Tree Adoption application, visit www.curranappleorchard.com or email apples@curranappleorchard.com.

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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!

UNIVERSITY PLACE HYBRID CITY COUNCIL MEETING



Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2022
at 6:30 p.m.

WWW.CITYOFUP.COM



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Steve Worthington



Mayor Pro Tem
Javier Figueroa



Council Member
Kent Keel



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COVID-19 Resources

Looking for specific information related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Here's a list of official sources of information on which you can rely:

U.S. Centers for Disease Control – Pandemic facts and information

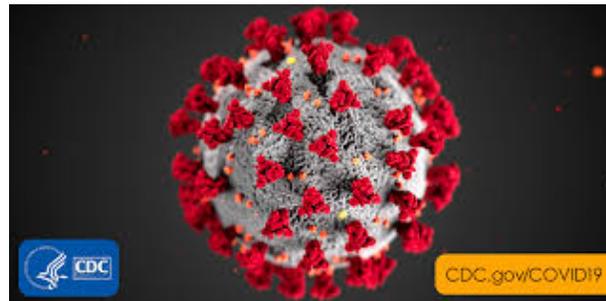
Governor's Office – Details about efforts and legislation specific to Washington

Washington State Department of Health – Updated statistics and testing data

Tacoma-Pierce County Department of Health – Testing sites, vaccine info

Pierce County – Resources for rent, utilities, mortgages, and much more

City of University Place – Pandemic resource updates specific to U.P.



CITY HALL CLOSURE

CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21 IN RECOGNITION OF THE PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY.

CITY HALL WILL REOPEN VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 9 A.M.

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