Headlines

News from University Place City Hall

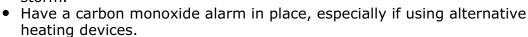


February 2, 2022

How to Protect Yourself from Winter Weather

Know what to do before, during, and after a winter storm.

- Listen to local officials.
- Have emergency supplies in place at home, at work, and in the car.
- Stay off the road during and after a winter storm.



BUILD AN EMERGENCY CAR KIT For more tips visit www.ready.gov/car

Use safe heating devices.



Winter Storm Warning

Issued when hazardous winter weather in the form of heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet is imminent or occurring. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued 12 to 24 hours before the event is expected to begin.

Winter Storm Watch

Alerts the public to the possibility of a blizzard, heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet. Winter Storm Watches are usually issued 12 to 48 hours before the beginning of a Winter Storm.

Winter Weather Advisory

Issued for accumulations of snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and sleet which will cause significant inconveniences and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to life-threatening situations.

Know Your Risk for Winter Storms

Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter

storms. Listen for emergency information and alerts. Sign up for your community's warning system. (**CodeRED** and **Pierce County Alert**) The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

Preparing for Winter Weather

Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking and weather stripping. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups. Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Remember the needs of your pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights. If you are unable to afford your heating costs, weatherization or energy-related home repairs, contact the **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** for help.

In Case of Emergency

Be prepared for winter weather at home, at work and in your car. Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water and non-perishable snacks. Keep a full tank of gas.

What's UP with Biz:



One of U.P.'s largest business sector—dental services—is set to grow again.

Ideal Dental will open soon at 3626 Market Place W, Ste 101. The practice will offer everything from general dentistry to oral surgery, as well as orthodontics and cosmetic dentistry. It will accept numerous dental insurance plans as well as financing.

The office hours will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ideal Dental will also offer Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To learn more about their services, visit their **website**.

SPECIAL ELECTION FEBRUARY 8, 2022





New Program Helps First Responders When Seconds Matter

Seconds matter during an emergency. First responders answer the calls of the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Now there is a better way to help those in need early on.

South Sound 911's new Emergency Health Profile system provides dispatchers with potentially life-saving information the moment a 911 call arrives. When individuals with an Emergency Health Profile call 911, dispatchers may quickly communicate medical conditions, allergies, and other relevant information to first responders.

To sign up, individuals may create a profile on the South Sound 911 **website** or may authorize Medical ID on Apple iOS devices with the Health app installed.

Having this information available early on allows first responders to more decisively respond to medical emergencies and save lives.

Read the full article on the West Pierce Fire & Rescue website.

Seconds Matter: Get the MyShake App

As of Jan. 26, 2022, residents of Washington can now download the free MyShake App to receive a few seconds of warning time for earthquakes and tsunamis. Available for iOS users through the Apple App Store and through GooglePlay for Android phones, the app was designed by University of California at Berkeley seismologists and engineers and enables residents in earthquake zones additional time to drop, seek cover and hold on.

The ShakeAlert® Earthquake Early Warning system, run by the U.S. Geological Survey in partnership with the Universities of Washington, Oregon, California-Berkeley and Caltech, uses ground motion sensors to detect earthquakes exceeding magnitude 4.5 which will cause light to strong shaking.



Alerts based on information from the USGS

ShakeAlert earthquake early warning system are already available to all mobile phones through the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system and/or through a built-in-earthquake alerting service on the Android operating system. MyShake provides a third option that may be a faster way to get mobile earthquake alerts than the WEA system.

Visit their **website** for more details on this and other important early-warning systems.



Spring Pruning at the Curran Apple Orchard Park!

Get some exercise and help out a local park!

Pruning season is underway at the Curran Apple Orchard Park and

volunteer help is needed to prune, spread mulch and drag branches to the dumpsters.

Interested people can attend designated pruning events on the following Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

- Feb. 12 and 26
- March 5 and 19



If those days and times are inconvenient, please contact **apples@curranappleorchard.com** to make alternate arrangements. Pruning instruction is available as well as a limited amount of tools to borrow from the barn.

The orchard is located at 3920 Grandview Drive West in University Place. For more info, visit www.curranappleorchard.com or email apples@curranappleorchard.com.





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UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL: WATCH ON COMCAST CHANNEL 21, RAINIER CONNECT CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETV



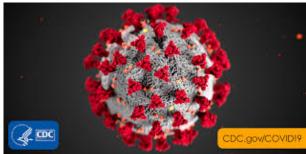
COVID-19 Resources

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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