Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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AWC Recognition of Certificates and Advanced Certificates of Municipal Leadership

During the **March 21 meeting** of the U.P. City Council, Interim CEO Alicia Seegers Martinelli and Member Services Director Tonia Sugarman from the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) presented Mayor Steve Worthington with his Advanced Certificate of Municipal Leadership (CML).

This rigorous program provides training in five competency areas. The core certificate requires 30 credits and participation in at least one workshop in each of five areas: Roles, Responsibilities and Legal Requirements; Public Sector Resource Management; Community Planning and Development; Effective Local Leadership; and

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.



To earn an advanced certificate, municipal leaders must complete an additional 30 CML credits and demonstrate six months of community service (such as service on national, statewide or community boards and commissions) completed within the last five years.

To date, Council Member Caroline Belleci has earned her Core CML certificate, while Council Members Keel, Figueroa and McCluskey, and now, Mayor Worthington hold Advanced CML certificates.

In accepting his certificate, Mayor Worthington noted his pleasure at being part of a governing body that values this kind of professional development. "I do think the real thing to celebrate is the number of CMLs our council has," he said. "I'm glad to join those ranks."

The **Association of Washington Cities** is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan corporation that represents Washington's cities and towns before the state

legislature, the state executive branch and with regulatory agencies. Council Member Keel is currently serving as its board president.

Show Off Your Schnauzer (or any other pet)

Have you entered your licensed pet's picture for a chance to win one of two pet gift baskets as part of the City's campaign to get all pets in U.P. licensed? Per City ordinance, all pets eight weeks and older are required to be licensed in the City of U.P. By completing the licensing paperwork, you show your



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animal you love them, since if your pet is ever lost, the license provides the information necessary to return them to you quickly.

Pet license fees for cats and dogs include discounts for senior and disabled residents. All pets that are spayed/neutered also qualify for reduced fees. License fees fund Pierce County's Animal Control services which assist with lost or stray animals, abused animals, barking dogs and leash law violations.

There is just a little over one month left to enter to win a pet gift basket. Entering is easy—just show off your licensed pet by sharing their photo and tagging the City @CityofUPWA on **Twitter** and **Facebook** and @CityofUP_WA on **Instagram** and don't forget to use the hashtag #UPPets. The drawing will be held on May 10. Visit the City Website for more information about the **Pet Licensing Giveaway**!



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Sign Up Now for Free Natural Yard Care Webinars

The annual Natural Yard Care series is back! Free, as it has always been, this year it's a virtual webinar that you can watch from the convenience of your own home.

Three webinars will comprise the series:

The Changing Garden with Marianne Benetti

You will learn timely advice on gardening with plants that cope with hot temperatures,

so you are better prepared for future hot weather episodes.

April 27, 7-8:30 p.m.

Register at bit.ly/NYCWebinar1



You will learn how to develop a gorgeous garden with year-round interest plants that pollinators simply can't resist.

May 3, 7-8:30 p.m.

Register at bit.ly/NYCWebinar2

Rain Gardens: Plan, Prep, Plant and Maintain with Robb Krehbiel

You will learn how to create and maintain a rain garden using native plants that minimize impacts to stormwater while creating a lush and productive landscape. May 5, 7-8:30 p.m.

Register at bit.ly/NYCWebinar3

Questions? Contact Troy Rowan at **trowan@tpchd.org** or 253.649.1839.

Sponsored by Cascade Water Alliance, the City of Edgewood, the City of University Place, and the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department.

U.P. Refuse & Recycling's

FREE Spring Clean-UP

April 2 from 8am-4pm for UP residents living NORTH of 40th April 9 from 8am-4pm for UP residents living SOUTH of 40th

Dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted items and yard waste for free! Residents of U.P. may bring their items to U.P. Refuse, 2815 Rochester St W.

Limit 1 load per household, except for yard waste which is unlimited.



Complete details can be found at www.uprefuse.com

What's UP with Biz? Wellness Services at Urban Float Expand



Urban Float at 3633 Market Place W. has added a new service in addition to its float therapy, infrared sauna and red-light therapy. BEMER is a state-of-the-art technology that uses a pulsed electromagnetic field to increase blood flow and bring oxygen and nutrients to cells. It can improve circulation, fight fatigue, and relieve aches and pains.



As the only business of its kind in Pierce County that offers floats, Urban Float is a wellness center that provides treatments designed to help its clients improve their physical, mental and emotional health by reducing stress, alleviating pain, improving sleep, and reducing anxiety and depression.



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Dog Walker Watch Information Session

Please make plans to join U.P. Police Chief Greg Premo and Jennifer Hales, public safety administrator, in the City Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. to learn more about Dog Walker Watch. This program, sponsored by the same group that launched National Night Out, aims to put the eyes and ears of dog walkers to use in spotting and reporting suspicious behavior in their communities.

Learn what to look for and when to call the police if you spot something while walking your canine companion—or any time you are out and about.



"Our overall goal in instituting this program is to simply increase the public's awareness of how they can contribute to their own—and the community's—safety by simply paying attention to their surroundings and being engaged," said Jennifer Hales, public safety administrator for the City of U.P.

Those interested in registering for the information session on April 20 should

email their name and phone number to uppublicsafety@cityofup.com.

Come Out to Paradise Pond Park on April 23 for Parks Appreciation Day

Get down and dirty with your friends and neighbors during Parks Appreciation Day at Paradise Pond Park (67th Avenue West, just north of 35th Street) on Saturday, April 23.

Beginning at 9 a.m., volunteers will help City of U.P. Parks department staff maintain the park's trails by spreading new wood chips and removing overgrowth. The work should wrap up by noon.



University Place Refuse and Recycling is co-sponsoring the event with the City of U.P. and will provide coffee, donuts and water for the volunteers. Participants are invited to bring their own tools and gloves. U.P. Parks will provide additional rakes and shovels for those who do not have their own.

For more information or questions, please contact **Tony West**, Parks maintenance supervisor, at 253.460.6493.









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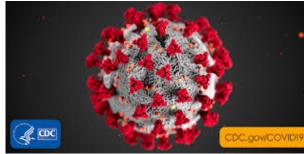
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COVID-19 Resources

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.

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