

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



April 13, 2022

Duck Daze is Back!

One of U.P.'s most beloved community traditions is returning after its COVID-induced hiatus. Duck Daze will be held on Saturday, June 4.



The parade will begin at 10 a.m., complete with marching bands, fun—and funny—decorated vehicles, walkers, kazoos and much more. Public viewing for the parade begins at 27th Street and Bridgeport Way W. The route continues down Bridgeport Way past the Civic Building before turning left onto 37th Street where it will finish at the West Pierce Fire & Rescue Station Station 31.

There is no cost to participate, but entrants must pre-register by May 20. Details and forms are included in the **registration packet** on the City's website. Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 20.

Whether you want to march or simply watch, get ready to turn out and see old friends and make new ones as U.P. gets downright daffy on Duck Daze.



Parks Appreciation Day is on Saturday, April 23

Please consider donating a few hours of your time to help City of U.P. Parks

staff get Paradise Pond Park (67th Avenue West, just north of 35th Street) ready for another season of walkers and hikers on its trail system.

Volunteers will help spread new wood chips and remove overgrowth on the park's trails from 9 a.m. until noon, rain or shine. This is a great opportunity for students and others to rack up some community service hours.



University Place Refuse and Recycling, the event's co-sponsor, will provide coffee, donuts and water for the volunteers. Participants are invited to bring their own tools and gloves and 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.



Dog Walker Watch Information Session is April 20

Dog walkers! Don't forget to come to the City Council Chambers at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20 to learn more about the new Dog Walker Watch program in University Place.

U.P. Police Chief Greg Premo and Jennifer Hales, public safety administrator, will explain this common-sense program that puts the eyes and ears of dog walkers to use in spotting and reporting suspicious behavior in their communities. Discover how your daily strolls can boost public safety in U.P. by learning how to spot suspicious behavior and how to best share that information with law enforcement.



Sponsored by the same group that launched National Night Out, Dog Walker Watch is currently active in communities across America. It strives to put the knowledge of locals who know their neighborhoods best to use in preventing crime—or reporting it in real time—to make their communities safer.

Watch this **video** in the middle of the linked page to learn more and then register for the information session on April 20 by emailing your name and phone number to **uppublicsafety@cityofup.com**.

What's UP with Biz?

If you or someone you know has ever thought of starting their own business, the **Washington Small Business Development Center (SBDC)** offers valuable free webinars for aspiring as well as established entrepreneurs.

Check out these **upcoming no-cost seminars**:

- **April 14, 11 a.m. to noon:** How to Write a Business Plan
- **April 26, 1 to 2:30 p.m.:** How to Create Video for Small Business Marketing
- **April 28, 1 to 2:30 p.m.:** Ecommerce 101

The SBDC is a statewide network of business advisors who help entrepreneurs or small business owners start, grow or buy/sell a business.

Also, tomorrow, **April 14**, please visit the **open house hosted by Homewatch Caregivers** in their location at 2621 70th Ave. W. Suite C, from **5 to 6 p.m.**



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U.P.P.D. Deputy J Sousley to Retire

After 28 years with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, including 26 as an original member of the U.P. Police Department, Deputy J Sousley is retiring.

Over the course of his career in law enforcement, Deputy Sousley has served as a member of the Search and Rescue team for Pierce County, a swiftwater rescue instructor, a helicopter crew chief, a field training officer, a state drug recognition expert instructor, and a department phlebotomist to support DUI investigations. He has also worked with and trained hundreds of patrol deputies across Pierce County.



Deputy Sousley is highly decorated, having been awarded a lifesaving medal, Medal of Merit, Medal of Valor, Medal of Team Merit and the Washington State Exemplary Substance Abuse Prevention Award, to name a few. He is a four-time recipient of the DUI Victim's panel community service excellence award and two-time recipient of the Washington State Drug Recognition Expert of the Year award.

“As one of the founding members who helped establish UPPD’s culture of excellence, J will be tough to replace,” said U.P. Police Chief Greg Premo. “He exemplified the term team player and demonstrated a tremendous commitment to this community. In addition to his law enforcement duties, J was always willing to assist with community engagement as well. I could always rely on J to help with Cub Scout tours, ride alongs or other community presentations. Needless to say, he will be sorely missed.”

In recognition of his service to the community, Deputy Sousley will be honored with a proclamation by the City Council at its regular meeting on May 2.

Be a Good Neighbor: Clean UP after Your Pet

Not only does pet waste contribute to stormwater pollution when it washes into storm drains that lead to Puget Sound, but it also is unsightly—and at times dangerous to pedestrians who may inadvertently step and slip on it.



It has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain as many as 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, which can make humans very ill if digested through swimming, fishing or even wading in affected waters. In addition, dog waste from sidewalks, streets, yards and trails that enters the water supply from runoff can cause algae overgrowth that kills fish and other wildlife.

As the weather warms and more and more of us are heading outside, please be a good neighbor and pick up after your pet. It’s good for our neighborhood streets, sidewalks and waters.

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 18, 2022
AT 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL: WATCH ON COMCAST
CHANNEL 21, RAINIER CONNECT
CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON
[YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETV](https://www.youtube.com/universityplacetv)

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Proclamations
 - Arbor Day & Parks Appreciation Day
- Study Session
 - Council Rules
 - Fee Adjustments
 - Form Based Code Amendments

Agenda Items are subject to change, please visit the City website for more information.

Annual Spring Garden Tour Returns in May

Tickets are now on sale for the U.P. Historical Society's annual **Garden Tour**. The event will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15, and feature five stunning local gardens, as well as the Curran House community museum and orchards.



Special early bird pricing of \$20/ticket is available until May 1. After that, tickets will be \$25. Proceeds from the events support the efforts of the U.P. Historical Society. Early bird tickets can be purchased at Willow Tree Gardens and Interiors in U.P. or by **downloading and mailing a completed order form** and payment to the Historical Society. After May 1, \$25 tickets will also be available for purchase at Chirp & Co., and Gardensphere in the Proctor District and at Michael Morrison Sotheby's International Realty offices in Proctor and Gig Harbor.

Major sponsors of this year's Garden Tour include Gray Lumber, Columbia Bank, Seattle Seahawks, Michael Morrison Sotheby's International Realty, U.P. Refuse and Recycling, and Frank and Cindy Bonaro. Other sponsors include Suburban Optical, Atkins Chiropractic, The 35 House Vacation Rental, New Tacoma Cemeteries, Funeral Home and Crematory.

Watch future issues of Headlines for more details on the specific gardens to be featured.

Curran Orchard Insect Class & Activities

Learn how to combat the dreaded apple maggot, codling moth and other harmful insects at a free class taught by Master Gardener and Western Fruit Cascade Society member Bill Horn at the Curran Apple Orchard Park barn on **Saturday, May 7, from 9 to 10 a.m.** Mr. Horn will also offer advice on properly sharpening pruning and garden tools.



Please RSVP to apples@curranappleorchard.com.

After class, help is needed to hang "sticky apples" and codling moth tents on selected test trees throughout the orchard. Volunteers are also needed to drag branches to the dumpsters and distribute mulch. This is a great opportunity for community service hours.

The orchard is located at 3920 Grandview Drive W in University Place. For more info, please contact apples@curranappleorchard.com or visit the **Curran Apple Orchard website**.



Free

Natural Yard Care Webinars

The Changing Garden with Marianne Benetti.

Wednesday, April 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Register: bit.ly/NYCWebinar1

You will learn timely advice on gardening with plants that cope with hot temperatures, so you are better prepared for future hot weather episodes.

Primo Plants for Potent Pollinators of all Kinds with Robin Haglund.

Tuesday, May 3, 7-8:30 p.m. Register: bit.ly/NYCWebinar2

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

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

Thursday, May 5, 7-8:30 p.m. Register: bit.ly/NYCWebinar3

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.

Questions?

Contact Troy Rowan at trowan@tpchd.org or (253) 649-1839.

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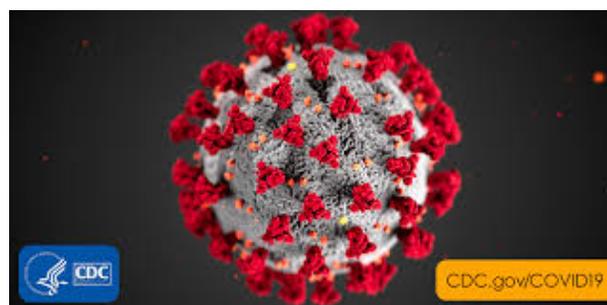
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COVID-19 Resources

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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