

# Headlines

*News from University Place City Hall*



**August 31, 2022**

## **2022 Music on the Square Wraps Up Tonight**

Don't miss tonight's final Music on the Square concert of 2022, when the Portland-based Bayou Boyz, led by Louisiana native Steve Kerin, will fill the air with their sultry blend of New Orleans blues and funk. Velvet's Big Easy food truck will be on hand to keep the Gulf Coast magic going with their signature blend of Creole favorites such as fried catfish and spicy Cajun shrimp.

Make it dinner and a show tonight! The fun begins at 6 p.m., so grab dinner from the food truck or one of U.P.'s great eateries and settle in for one last summer evening of amazing music and food in the heart of U.P.



Once again, many thanks to U.P. Refuse and Recycling for its sponsorship of the 2022 Music on the Square series—and for 80 years of service to University Place residents.



## What's UP with Biz

Several University Place City Council Members, Dobler Management personnel and City staff were on hand as a ceremonial tear down of the old Red Apple Market at 2526 Crystal Springs Rd. W., took place on Aug. 19. Plans call for the four-acre property to be developed into a mixed-use project with commercial spaces and approximately 300 market-rate apartments.



The property was purchased earlier this year by Dobler Management, which currently owns and manages 950 units across 11 multi-family sites in University Place. Redevelopment of the site has been a priority of City staff for some time, especially since it had become an eyesore for the neighborhood.

Because the building was constructed in 1957, the structure must undergo thorough hazardous material abatement. Complete demolition is slated to occur in September. Construction should begin sometime in 2024.

*Photo caption: U.P. Mayor Steve Worthington and fellow City Council Members Javier Figueroa, Kent Keel, Denise McCluskey, and Stan Flemming, along with Kathy Dobler and David Dearth from Dobler Management, plus City Manager Steve Sugg and other city staff, were on-hand to take part in early demolition work at the old Red Apple Market.*

## Slow Down: School is Back in Session!

Yesterday was the first day of school in U.P. so drivers are urged to pay special attention to students who are walking or riding their bikes to school, as well as cars and buses that are dropping and picking up students.



For walkers and bikers:

- Stop, look, listen and look again before crossing the street and don't walk between parked cars where motorists cannot see you well.
- Use crosswalks and/or streets where crossing guards are on duty. Obey all traffic signals.
- Children under eight years old should never cross the street without an adult or responsible older child.
- Cyclists should ride by the side of the road with the flow of traffic (younger children should use the sidewalk). Obey all traffic signs and signals, especially at intersections. Look left, right and left again before crossing the street.
- Wear a helmet—it's the law for all bikers in U.P.

For bus riders:

- Stay out of the street and don't horse play at the bus stop.
- Stand back until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Cross 10 feet in front of the bus where the driver can see you.
- Remain seated at all times.
- Keep heads and arms inside the bus and make sure the aisle is clear.
- Don't shout or distract the bus driver.

For drivers:

- Slow down and keep your eyes open for surprises!
- Pay attention to 20-mph school speed reduction zones.
- Washington law requires motorists to stop for buses with flashing red lights and extended STOP arms that indicate children are loading or unloading. Passing a stopped school bus can result in a fine up to \$500.
- Slow down when buses activate their yellow flashing lights, which indicate plans to stop. Leave plenty of room between your car and a school bus.

Please exercise patience with the start of the new school year when school traffic can back up onto arterials. Give yourself a few extra minutes to get where you're going. It's worth it.

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## Relive Duck Daze One More Time

As summer 2022 winds down, relive one of its highlights with this special recap video of Duck Daze. See the marching bands, cheerleaders, Cub Scouts and Public Safety heroes who helped make the day so special for young and old alike. This is a great way to recapture one of the many special events that occurred in U.P. this summer... and to keep the memories alive until next year!



## 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

In honor of the 21st anniversary of September 11, West Pierce Fire & Rescue will hold two public ceremonies in remembrance of the 2,977 victims lost

on that date in 2001. Those victims included 343 firefighters, 60 police officers and 55 military personnel.

The first ceremony will be held in conjunction with the City of Lakewood at 2 p.m. at Lakewood City Hall, located at 6000 Main Street on Friday, Sept. 9. The second ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. at West Pierce Station 31, located at 3631 Drexler Drive W in University Place, on Sunday, Sept. 11. This ceremony will take place in the 9/11 Reflection Park in front of the station, where a steel beam from the twin towers is on display, among other symbolic features.



These ceremonies are one small way for us to not only remember those victims in New York, at the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, but also to honor fire, police, and military first responders who serve and protect our families, our communities, and our nation, at home and abroad.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

## September is Puget Sound Starts Here Month

Across Puget Sound, cities and counties are coming together this September to celebrate Puget Sound Starts Here Month. Puget Sound is our economic powerhouse, provides endless recreational opportunities, and is home to incredible, iconic and irreplaceable animals. It's also in trouble.



We say Puget Sound Starts Here because every single day, pollutants from our neighborhoods flow through storm drains to nearby creeks, streams and lakes, which flow into Puget Sound. We rely on clean water for our wellbeing and so do salmon, orcas and other wildlife that live in our shared habitat.

What we do here has an impact on our local waterways and, eventually, on Puget Sound. Join us this month and help raise awareness and by committing to at least one action that will protect our water quality. By making small changes to our daily activities, we can keep this pollution out of our Puget Sound.

Keep an eye out for information on actions you can take this month, and every month! Updates and articles will be posted in this newsletter, but also check out the **Puget Sound Starts Here website**, or specifically their **Care Care Take Action page**, and their **PSSH Facebook page** to get started.

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# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

AT 6:30 P.M.

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

#### AGENDA ITEMS:

- Chambers Creek Road Bid Award
- Grandview Drive Overlay Bid Award
- Cirque Park Inclusive Playground
- Opioid Settlement
- EDAC Report - Res. 97 ARPA Business Assistance

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

## Curran Apple Orchard Gets U.P.'s Newest Piece of Public Art

On Aug. 18, friends of the Curran Apple Orchard gathered for a dedication of the park's new piece of public art. "Forever Friends" is a bronze sculpture by John Jewell and was inspired by Brewster, one of two horses belonging to the Curran family, original owners of the Curran Apple Orchard.



For Jewell, who created the "Sharing" sculpture in Cirque Park and the 9/11 statue in front of West Pierce Fire & Rescue, "Forever Friends" has special meaning. Not only did he and his wife take walks in the orchard 56 years ago before they were married, but their granddaughter, Annie, served as the model for the young girl feeding Brewster the apple.

The artwork was made possible through a multi-year fundraising campaign by UP for Arts, which secured private contributions as well as state grants, with help from former state Sen. Steve O'Ban and state Rep. Christine Kilduff, as well as current state Rep. Mari Leavitt.

One of the people admiring the new artwork, which is located at the main entrance to the Curran Apple Orchard on Grandview Drive, was Catherine Curran Hagen, the daughter of Charles and Mary Curran, the orchard's original owners. "Bit by bit, my dad planted every one of these trees," she said as she scanned the landscape. "It just means everything to me to have this be just like it was when I was growing up."

After the dedication, guests snacked on cookies shaped like horses and green and red apples before the park filled up for the summer's final Music in the Park concert by the JBLM New Orleans Brass Band.



## Advertise Your Yard Sale the Right Way

To protect the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, be sure any signs advertising yard sales meet City regulations, including:

- Signs cannot be posted before 5 p.m. the day prior to the yard sale and must be removed immediately after.
- Signs should include the sale date/s.
- Signs cannot be placed on street signs or utility poles, in the City's mowing strips adjacent to sidewalks, in roundabouts, medians or planter strips.

Do your part to reduce visual clutter in U.P. and help preserve our beautiful streetscapes.



## City Hall Holiday Closure

City Staff will be on holiday on Monday, September 5 in recognition of the Labor Day holiday. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, September 6 at 9 a.m.

## 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

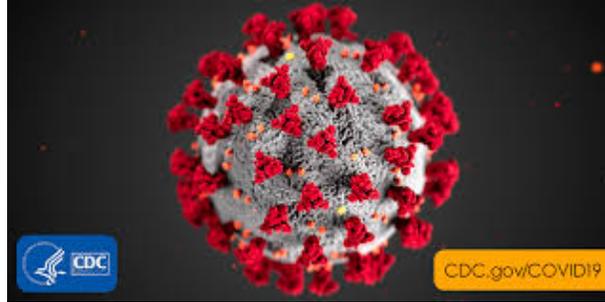
**Washington State Department of Health** – Updated statistics and testing data

**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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