Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



September 14, 2022

Sensational Summer Memories

Summer is always special in University Place and this year was no exception. We celebrated Duck Daze, Movie in the Park and National Night Out. Crowds came out week after week to enjoy Music on the Square and Concerts in the Park. The inaugural Twisted Cider 5K drew a huge number of participants and U.P. once again was able to showcase the beauty of Chambers Bay by hosting the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship.



Thanks to all those who spend months planning and coordinating these special events. We look forward to another summer of fun in 2023.













September 2022 Campaign Focuses on Vehicle- Related Contaminants

Pollution from car tires that flows into our waterways is extremely poisonous to Coho salmon. Research shows that the newly discovered toxic chemical associated with tires (**6PPD-quinone**) is the reason large numbers of salmon are dying in Northwest creeks before they have a chance to spawn. That's why this year's Puget Sound Starts Here Month campaign is focused on vehicle-related pollutants.

With **three small changes** to how we drive and take care of our cars (tire maintenance, car washing and taking care of small leaks), we can keep pollution out of our creeks,

Don't Drip & Drive

Fix That Leak!

lakes, rivers and Puget Sound. When it rains, pollution from cars wash into storm drains, and then straight into local streams, lakes, rivers, and Puget Sound. Pollutants like oil, car wash soaps and chemicals, and bits of tire dust are bad for water quality and harm people and wildlife, like salmon and orcas, that depend on clean water to survive.

Ways to reduce your car's pollution:

- Properly inflate your tires to reduce wear and tear.
- Wash your car at a carwash or in the yard to keep soap out of the storm drain.
- Fix leaks as soon as possible so oil, grease and other car fluids don't wash into the storm drain.

Learn about **other tips** and **stewardship activities** you and your friends or family can join in on this fall.

Raise a Toast to Oktoberfest

It's not quite Bavaria, but Market Square will come alive on **Friday, Oct. 14** for Oktoberfest in Market Square from **5 to 9 p.m.** Enjoy live music by the Lyle Schaeffer Polka Band and fare from the Manic Meatballs and Tornado Potato food trucks. The E9 Beer Garden will benefit the Curtis Football



Boosters, while the kids will have lots of their own fun activities to enjoy, including stilt walker Janet Rayor, Magic in the Pacific Northwest characters, and fun giveaways.

Feeding a Hungry Community: U.P./Fircrest Rotary Food Drive

The Rotary Club of University Place-Fircrest (Rotary of U.P.-Fircrest) gathered donations of 2,651 pounds of food from shoppers at Green Firs Safeway for donation to the Families Unlimited Food Bank. This marks the second year of cooperation with Safeway at Green Firs during an August food drive.

According to Rotary Club food drive coordinator Frank Erickson, the food drive exceeded last year's per capita club member totals. Peanut butter was the primary target, but many other canned and dry goods were donated as well. The food drive was held the last two weekends of August, just in time to fill lunch boxes for kids returning to school.

The Rotary Club of U.P.-Fircrest is currently holding regular meetings on Zoom at 7 a.m. Tuesdays. In person social meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month. For more information, visit the **Club Website**.

University Place Remembers 9/11





Members of the University Place City Council, local first responders and members of the military participated in a special 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the West Pierce Fire & Rescue (WPFR) Station 31 this past Sunday.

The solemn event began with a presentation of the Colors by the WPFR Honor Guard and a performance of "God Bless America" by Curtis High School Choir Member Jolene Zamira. Following an invocation by WPFR Chaplain Edmund Jacobs, U.P. Mayor Pro Tem Javier Figueroa delivered brief remarks, urging those in attendance to remember the victims and heroes of that day by showing, "That we care about the stranger next door as much as we do about the people we know…by living lives of kindness, helpfulness and respect—today and every day."

Col. Derek Smith, commander of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) and WPFR Fire Chief Jim Sharp both spoke before a ceremonial bell ringing to remember the lives lost that day. The event ended with a stirring bagpipes rendition of "Amazing Grace."

To learn more about the 9/11 Reflection Park, watch this video from West Pierce Fire & Rescue.









Fall Clean-UP and Canned Food Drive!

Residents NORTH of 40th St W. Saturday, October 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents SOUTH of 40th St W. Saturday, October 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted items and yard waste for FREE!

Clean-Up rules:

- LIMIT: 1 load per household for all items EXCEPT for yard waste only loads
- Help us be good neighbors by securing & covering all loads
- For safety reasons, children and pets MUST remain in vehicles
- Photo I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED
- No liquids, paint, or hazardous materials (car batteries are OK)
- No loads larger than a regular pickup truck or equivalent small trailer will be allowed
- No regular household garbage will be allowed
- Residential items only NO commercial material or loads will be allowed
- The size of items cannot exceed 5' in any direction (except for appliances and furniture)
- No fuel tanks, enclosed barrels or drums of any kind. Water heaters and propane tanks are OK

Please separate items into the following categories for recycling:

- Wood items: clean, unpainted lumber, pallets, etc.
- Metal items: scrap steel, appliances, lawn mowers, barbecues, plumbing, etc.
- Yard waste: limbs, grass, leaves, other vegetation, no stumps or limbs larger than 4" in diameter
- No DIRT, ROCKS, SOD, BLACKBERRIES, SCOTCHBROOM, or OTHER NOXIOUS WEEDS
- Tires: with or without rims
- Concrete, brick, and stone
- Car batteries

For more information visit **UPRefuse.com**.

Free Rides to Upcoming Events

The City of U.P. has free ORCA regional transit cards for those who'd like to try out transit to get to and from special events in University Place.

Simply **complete the online form** in advance. Get it now before the seasonal celebrations begin, which include Oktoberfest and the Christmas Tree Lighting.



It only takes a minute to apply so get yours today!



UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL: WATCH ON COMCAST CHANNEL 21, RAINIER CONNECT

CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON

YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETY



Sign Language

Just a reminder to all that if you are having—or have had—a yard sale, you must follow these City of U.P. sign requirements:

- 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.

These regulations are meant to ensure the safety of motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.



Advisory Commission Vacancy

Commissioners are citizens who, 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.

Applications are currently being accepted from City residents interested in serving on the:

Planning Commission

For information about each commission and how to apply, visit the **City's Commissions and Partners webpage** or email **DNicholas@cityofup.com**.

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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