Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



September 28, 2022

Prost (Cheers) to Oktoberfest!

University Place will host one of its most popular traditions when the annual Oktoberfest celebration takes over Market Square on **Oct. 14 from 5 to 9** p.m. Get in the spirit of things with live music from the Lyle Schaefer German Band and accordionist Jakob Bean. Enjoy seasonal treats like kettle corn and



favorites from the popular Manic Meatballs food truck. There will be face painting and other children's activities, while adults can enjoy the E9 Brewing Co.'s Beer Garden and help support the Curtis High School Football Boosters.

Come out and celebrate a fall favorite in U.P.!

The Nitty Gritty Tips of Contaminant Prevention

As Puget Sound Starts Here month comes to a close, here are some tips on ways you and your family can prevent pollutants from entering our storm drainage system.

Tire Maintenance

Car tires have many chemicals that help protect them from damage. As we drive, the tires wear down, leaving tiny bits of tire behind on our roads. Taking care of your tires is the best thing drivers can do to reduce wear and prevent tire pollution.

- Keep tires properly inflated so that they will wear down more slowly.
 Check your tire pressure once per month, either with your own pressure gauge or at a gas station air pump.
- 2. Get your tire alignment checked and rotate tires according to the manufacturer's instructions.



Car Washing

When you wash your car, the rinse water contains harmful pollutants like oil, grease, heavy metals and soaps. If you wash your car on the street or in your driveway, the pollutants run on the street and into the storm drain, and then flow untreated into our local creeks, lakes, rivers and Puget Sound.

- 1. Take your car to a commercial car wash. Commercial car washes are required to treat their dirty wash water.
- 2. If using a commercial car wash isn't an option, wash your car in a grassy area. The grass and soil will soak up the wash water, preventing it from running down the street into a storm drain.

Don't Drip and Drive

Even a small oil leak can have a big impact on your car and our creeks, lakes, rivers, and Puget Sound. Every drop on your driveway means a shorter lifespan for your car. Plus, oil and other petroleum products are toxic to people, wildlife, and plants.

- 1. Check your vehicle for leaks regularly and get them fixed promptly. Learn how to diagnose or fix a leak.
- 2. Always dispose of used motor oil properly by bringing it to your local auto shop for recycling. Call or visit 1-800-RECYCLE to find a location near you.
- 3. Use ground cloths or drip pans if you find a leak or are doing engine work. Clean up spills immediately.

For more information, visit the **Puget Sound Stars Here website**.

Work Progresses on Chambers Creek Canyon Trail

City of U.P. staff joined their partners from the City of Lakewood and Pierce County to capitalize on the summer weather to make more progress on the 2.5-mile Chambers Creek Canyon Trail that will connect the three entities before reaching the trail system at Chambers Creek Regional Park.

The first of three footbridges is now in place, spanning Chambers Creek at the eastern end of the canyon near the Chambers Creek Road and Kobayashi Park trailheads. Funding has been secured for the second bridge near the Zircon Drive SW trailhead and construction is slated to begin in 2023.

Watch the video below to see the progress that has been made and learn more about this wonderful way to experience the beauty of the Pacific Northwest here in University Place.



Free Community Celebration for All to Come and Enjoy!

Looking for a way to celebrate our local community? On **Saturday, Oct. 1 from 2:30-5:30 p.m.**, before the Curtis High School Vikings home game, there will be a free Community Celebration for all past, present, future Vikings as well as the community as a whole! There will be a Classic Car Show featuring cars prior to 1990. Walk around to check them out while listening to the tunes from "The Collaborators" playing songs from Doobie Brothers, Little Big Town, Fleetwood Mac, Stevie Nix, Supertramp & Sheryl Crow, with the Curtis Drum Line playing during the intermission.

Grab a late lunch or early dinner at one of our food trucks: Mexican, Philly, pizza & shaved ice or funnel cake for dessert. There will be carnival style games for kids to enjoy and you can receive a carnival coupon by bringing in a non-perishable food item!

Enjoy special appearances by your University Place Police Department as well as West Piece Fire & Rescue. It will be a fun time so come out and enjoy, we hope to see you there!

GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOV. 8, 2022





Fall Clean-UP and Canned Food Drive!

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

Residents SOUTH of 40th St. W. Saturday, Oct. 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



What's UP with Biz?

University Place continues to be the Place of choice for business. The public is invited to participate in these upcoming business open houses and grand openings:

- Cutty Sark Intimates at 2805 Bridgeport Way W., Suite 25 Thursday, Sept. 29 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- Lash Luv & Beauty at 7025 27th St. W., Suite 1 Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

If you can't attend these special celebrations, please stop in at some point and welcome these businesses to University Place.





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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