# Headlines

# News from University Place City Hall



# November 9, 2022

# University Place to Dedicate New Veterans Memorial Plaza on Veterans Day, Nov. 11

After many years of planning, fundraising and contributions of volunteer labor and in-kind services, the City of University Place and University Place Veterans Plaza Committee will formally dedicate the new Veterans Plaza in Cirque Park (7250 Cirque Dr. W.) on **Friday, Nov. 11**.



The public is invited to attend the ceremony that will begin promptly at 11 a.m. with a bell ringing and a

moment of silence. There will be brief remarks by keynote speakers, Mayor Steve Worthington and the Commander of the 16<sup>th</sup> Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB), Col. Derek Smith, and a presentation of the U.S. flag by Cub Scout Pack #148 and soldiers from the 2-158 Assault Helicopter Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> CAB. Additionally, there will be a singing of the national anthem and a bugle performance of "Taps," both followed by a Clan Gordon bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace." Following the ceremony, attendees are invited to enjoy a complimentary spaghetti lunch hosted by American Legion Post #138.

All guests should be seated by 10:55 a.m. The event will be held rain or shine. To facilitate staging for the event, the Plaza will be secured until after the ceremony.

The new memorial features a 40-foot diameter plaza that displays the flag of each branch of service, along with the U.S., the POW/MIA and the State of Washington flags. It is surrounded by nearly,200 paver tiles, many of which are inscribed with the names and dates of service of U.P. veterans.

The University Place Veterans Plaza Committee has been working on this project for more than 13 years and has raised approximately \$55,000 to support it. The City of University Place has contributed funds and in-kind services to the project as well.

Members of U.P.'s Community Connector, the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade at JBLM (Joint Base Lewis-McChord), have volunteered many hours to help at the site, including leveling and preparing the ground for the inscribed paver tiles,

and raising the flag poles.

This work of the Veterans Plaza Committee and the many volunteers has enhanced both the appearance and use of Cirque Park, providing a place for quiet reflection and meditation.

To contribute to the memorial, including in-kind contributions of labor and services for ongoing maintenance and upkeep, visit <a href="https://www.upveteransplaza.org">www.upveteransplaza.org</a>.

## **Christmas Tree Lighting is Dec. 2**

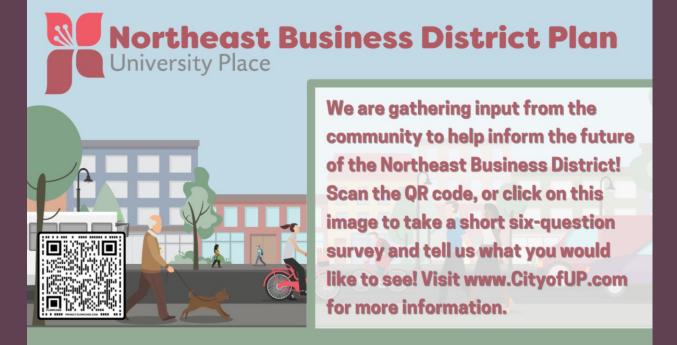
Plans continue to shape up for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Market Square on Friday, Dec. 2. Make sure to circle the date on your calendar and come out to enjoy food trucks, kettle corn, kids' activities, the Curtis High School drum line and choir, as well as pictures with Santa and



Elsa and Anna from Disney's "Frozen." Enjoy live music outside at 5 p.m. when Michele D'Amour & the Love Dealers takes the main stage or stay inside and enjoy holiday tunes from accordionist Jakob Bean.

Santa will be in the Civic Building Atrium beginning at 4:30 p.m. before taking a break to ride the fire engine into Market Square. He will be available for photos (\$6 cash only) before and after helping U.P. City Councilmembers for the count down and lighting of the tree at 6 p.m. sharp!

It promises to be another memorable holiday in U.P. and we hope you will be a part of it!



Have you noticed the new sign for Cirque Park on Bridgeport Way?

The new sign marks the western edge of the park, right behind the softball field. It provides additional locational help for visitors and competitors who come to U.P. to use the park. This compliments the park's existing signage near the main entrance on Cirque Drive.

New Parks Commissioner Rick Mehlman (left) and U.P. Parks Maintenance Technician Chris



Driscoll (right) joined former Parks Commissioner Steve Thorndill in volunteering to help install the sign since Public Works staff were busy finishing up the new U.P. Veterans Memorial Plaza at the park.

# OVERSIZED BRUSH PICKUP November 7-18, 2022 Pile limitations: 1 per household, 6'X6'X6' Brush Pickup is available to all residential customers of U.P. Refuse and Recycling. The pickup day for your area will be the same as your curbside recycling or yard waste pickup day during the weeks shown above. Remember, this is a one day event for each neighborhood. The Oversized Brush Pickup is only for the larger brush and limbs that do not easily fit into a regular yard waste cart.

### What's UP with Biz?

As we honor our Veterans this week, please keep in mind that several U.P. businesses offer veterans discounts, including:

- Linton Insurance Agency:
  - 7409 27th St. W.
- Urban Float
  - 3633 Market Place W., Ste. 5
- Fox Medical
  - 4620 Bridgeport Way W., Ste. A
- Cossmedic Spa
  - 4103 Bridgeport Way W., Ste. B (opening soon!)
- Voss Insurance Group
  - 2607 Bridgeport Way W., Ste. 2H2



And with the holidays just around the corner, See's Candy has opened their seasonal location at 3818 Bridgeport Way W., in the Green Firs Towne Center. This marks the third year of this holiday pop-up shop in U.P.

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# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 21, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL: WATCH ON COMCAST CHANNEL 21, RAINIER CONNECT CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETY

### AGENDA ITEMS

- Open Space Classification within U.P.
- 2023 Property Tax Levy
- 2023-24 Biennial Budget Adoption
- 2021-22 Budget Adjustment

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

### **Please Watch Out for Our Street Sweepers!**

Fall is upon us and that means the beautiful fall colors on the leaves are beginning to fall to the ground and collect along curb lines and on the roadway.

The City has two sweepers that are out and about throughout the city, moving at a slower pace and are marked by flashing top lights and vehicle signage.

Please have patience and move safely around our workers as they keep the roadways clear.

Thank You!



City Hall Holiday Closure

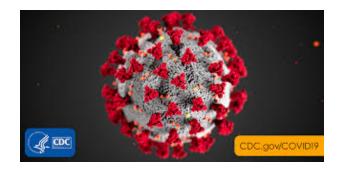
CITY STAFF WILL BE ON HOLIDAY ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 IN RECOGNITION OF THE VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY. NORMAL HOURS WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 9 A.M.

### **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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