Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



November 23, 2022

Christmas Tree Lighting is next Friday, Dec. 2

Market Square will be alive with Christmas spirit on Friday, Dec. 2 when University Place celebrates the lighting of the community Christmas Tree with music, treats and, of course, a visitor from the North Pole.

The fun begins at 4:30 p.m. when the Santa line opens in the Atrium. Santa will come to town on a West Pierce Fire & Rescue engine at 5 p.m.!

Accordionist Jakob Bean will be on hand to perform holiday tunes, along with entertainment by stilt performer Janet Rayor, for those waiting in line to get pictures with Santa in the Civic Building Atrium. Pictures are \$6 and must be paid in cash.

There will be live music from the Curtis High School drum line and choir as well as main stage entertainment from Michele D'Amour & the Love Dealers.

Join U.P. City Councilmembers as they lead the crowd in a countdown to officially turn the tree lights on at 6 p.m.

Make plans to bundle up and head to Market Square next Friday, Dec. 2 to create more holiday memories in U.P.!



Want a Free Ride to the Christmas Tree Lighting?

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. Then keep it on hand to attend events such as the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting on Dec. 2.



It only takes a minute to apply, so get yours today, and we'll look forward to seeing you at the Tree Lighting!

Veterans Memorial Plaza Dedication

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, veterans and active-duty personnel joined residents and City leaders to dedicate the new University Place Veterans Memorial Plaza in Cirque Park.

Following an invocation by Major Ryan Steenburg, chaplain for the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) from JBLM (Joint Base Lewis-McChord), Cub Scouts from University Place Scout Pack 148 led guests in reciting the



Pledge of Allegiance. The overflow crowd then solemnly watched as soldiers assisted a Gold Star family in laying a memorial wreath before raising the American flag. Watch the entire event, including the invocation and keynote

speeches here.

Many thanks to members of the University Place Veterans Plaza Committee who worked tirelessly for years to raise funds to make the Plaza a reality. Thanks as well to members of the 16th CAB, U.P.'s Community Connector, who volunteered many hours at the site during construction. Their combined efforts created a lasting and permanent memorial to veterans in U.P. and around the world.





Northeast Business District Survey Still Open

Have you participated in the **Northeast Business District survey** yet?

There is still time to take a brief, six-question **online survey** to provide your thoughts on the biggest opportunities and challenges facing the area located between South 19th and 27th Streets from Cascade Place West to Mildred Street.

Your input will help the City's Planning and Development Services Department identify goals, policies and action steps for the area over the next 20 years. This information will be integrated into the City's 2024 Comprehensive Plan update.

Look for a recap of the results in a future issue of Headlines.



ALL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER **Drive Through Style!** Please join us for another TO-GO Thanksgiving dinner! This is a community dinner and everyone is welcome at no charge. To-Go dinners are limited. First come, first served. **Thanksgiving Day** Thursday, November 24 11am to 12 pm **LOCATION:** Curtis Jr High 3725 Grandview Drive West Once again, this year we will be taking COVID precautions. Head into the Junior High parking lot on Grandview to pick up a full Thanksgiving Dinner. No Reservations Needed! Chef Derek Bray from The Table will be preparing meals for our community! What a treat! Email Nicole Jovich Johnson at Nickibellejojo@gmail.com or call 206-240-7173 Sponsored by: Derek Bray, The Table • University Place Refuse Monetary donations made payable to Peace Out are appreciated, or you may submit donation with refuse payment

What's UP with Biz?

Saturday, Nov. 26 is Small Business
Saturday and an opportunity to support
U.P.'s small businesses. This annual event
encourages all Americans to do some—or all
—of their holiday shopping at independent,
small businesses.

Whether you buy in person or online, American Express estimates that an average \$0.67 of every dollar spent at a small business stays in the local



community. On top of that, small business holiday shopping can spread the wealth throughout the year, since research indicates two-thirds of consumers (66 percent) say Small Business Saturday makes them want to Shop Small all year long and encourage others to do the same.

Cub Scout Pack 148 Tours the U.P. Police Station

The Wolf Den from University Place's Cub Scout Pack 148 visited and took a tour of the University Place Police Department on Monday. Nov. 14.

Sergeant Cory Shears showed them around, answered their questions, and they all took the opportunity to check out the inside of a police car!

Thank you for coming by and learning about what your U.P. Police do day in and day out. We hope to see you all again soon!







DECEMBER 5, 2022 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

AGENDA ITEMS: • NATOA Awards - Presentation • Open Space Classification within U.P. • Private Storm Drainage Systems • Executive Session Agenda Items are subject to change, please visit the City website for more information.

Santa is Coming to West Pierce Fire & Rescue

Don't miss the Santa at the Station events in Lakewood and University Place.

- Dec. 8 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Station 21, 5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood
- Dec. 15 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Station 31, 3631 Drexler Drive W, University Place

The apparatus bays will be transformed into Santa's workshop, where parents can take their child's photo with Santa, write a letter to him (which he will personally respond to!) and donate to the food drive being held.

Be sure to visit www.westpierce.org/santa for details!



Holiday Hours for U.P. Garbage Services

U.P. Refuse & Recycling

U.P. Refuse will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. All routes will run one day delayed the rest of the week. The office will be open on Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2. Our drivers will be running on regular routes on these days.

- Thanksgiving, Nov. 24: Closed
- Friday, Nov. 25: Office open 8:30-4:30, Drivers picking up THURSDAY routes
- Saturday, Nov. 26: Office open 8:30-1:30, Drivers picking up FRIDAY routes
- Monday, Dec. 26: Office open 8:30-1:30, Drivers on regular routes
- Monday, Jan. 2, 2023: Office open 8:30-1:30, Drivers on regular routes

Lemay Inc.

LeMay will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. All routes will run one day delayed the rest of the week. Thursday stops will be serviced on Friday, Nov. 25, and Friday stops will be serviced on Saturday, Nov. 26.

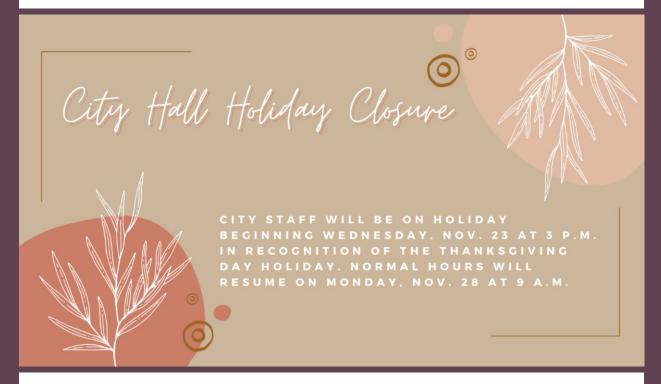
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Are You Enrolled in FlashVote?

Don't miss out on the opportunity to add your voice to surveys conducted by the City of U.P. Whether they have to do with long-term City planning or feedback on City communications, FlashVote surveys enable you to weigh in on issues that matter to you.



Sign-up is easy and most surveys take just a minute or two to complete.



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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