Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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Public Safety Funding Discussions and Next Steps

The November 2022 ballot measure that would have raised dedicated funds to cover 10 additional U.P. Police Department commissioned staff and two non-commissioned personnel failed by 99 votes out of more than 13,000 votes cast.

Given the narrow margin of defeat, the City Council, City staff and City Commissions have sought feedback on the idea of next steps during their outreach to block watch groups, apartment complexes, and other



community organizations. The Dec. 7, 2022 issue of Headlines also invited the public to submit their thoughts on next steps to **UPPublicSafety@CityofUP.com**.

Those who weighed in with their thoughts were invited to participate in a focus group roundtable on Jan. 25. The feedback gathered that evening will help City Council members and staff determine the best path forward. Be sure to watch future issues of Headlines as well as digital and snail mail updates in the coming weeks for updates on this issue.

Mayor Worthington Delivers State of the City

Review the accomplishments and activities of the City of University Place during 2022 in this brief video recap offered by Mayor Steve Worthington. Get highlights from the City's Public Safety, Planning, Economic Development, Parks and Public Works departments while also recounting some of the great community celebrations that occurred throughout the year.

The video is also available for viewing below, and on our **YouTube channel**.



King Tides Predicted through Friday, Jan. 27

University Place residents and business owners who live along shorelines and in low-lying areas, including Day Island, are encouraged to stay alert and monitor weather forecasts and tidal charts amid predictions for king tides in the region from Jan. 21-27. The National Weather Service does not expect the tides to be as bad as they were in December, however.

Puget Sound sees some of its highest tides, known as king tides, from December through February. In preparation for this high-water event, residents and volunteers (including U.P. Mayor Steve Worthington) gathered at Cirque Park to fill and distribute sandbags.



Additional preparations are also advised, including:

- Secure items along the coastline so waves and storm surges do not pick up and push the items toward people or property.
- Turn off utilities, including power and gas, if possible. Do not touch any electrical equipment in wet conditions.
- Remove leaves and other debris from storm drains to prevent street flooding.
- Have an emergency kit (flashlight, first-aid kit, medicines, snacks and water) and evacuation plan for your family.
- **Do not drive through standing water**: Turn around and find a different route.

All residents are encouraged to sign up for **PCAlert and CodeRED** to receive emails, texts and/or phone calls during an emergency. And for the latest

information on road closures in U.P., check the **City's website** and social media.



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Curran Apple Orchard Pruning Class & Bee Talk

Free Pruning Class

Learn how to prune apple trees at a FREE pruning class on **Thursday**, **Jan. 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at the University Place Primary (UPP) School Cafeteria.

Master Gardener and professional arborist Robert Sweet will discuss proper pruning techniques as well as appropriate tools. UPP is located at 2708 Grandview Drive W. in University Place. Everyone is



welcome to attend the meeting, which is sponsored by CORE, the volunteer group dedicated to maintaining the Curran Apple Orchard Park.

Volunteers are also needed for a variety of tasks at the Curran Apple Orchard Park including hanging tree tags, pruning (instruction and tools available) and hauling branches to the dumpsters.

Tree Adoptions are also now available for the general public. For more information, visit our website at **curranappleorchard.com** or contact **CurranAppleOrchard@gmail.com**.

Free Mason Bee Presentation

Join local beekeeper Rick Mercier for a fascinating discussion on Mason Bees – the stingless little heroes that help pollinate the Curran Apple Orchard Park each year!

Rick has been raising the PNW's amazing, very own, non-aggressive, and highly efficient pollinators for more than 15 years. With native bees in decline, it's more important than ever to do our part. Let him show you how.

Join us at the University Place Library on **Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

Whet Your Appetite in U.P.

You don't have to travel outside of University Place to get good eats, especially with the openings of several new eateries during 2022, including Galos Flame Grilled Chicken (3556 Market Place W.), Al's Hot Chicken (2102 Mildred St. W.), Chipotle (4020 Bridgeport Way W.) and the Pine Cone Café (7912 27th St. W.), which has reopened under new management. And later this year, burger lovers can celebrate the opening of Habit



Burger at 4040 Bridgeport Way W., while those with a sweet tooth can get their fix when Wanna Cupcake opens at 3826 Bridgeport Way W. in the Green Firs Shopping Center.

Those looking for a sweet fix in the meantime will be happy to know that the pop-up See's Candies store at 3818 Bridgeport Way W. in Green Firs Towne Center will re-open on Jan. 20 and operate through Valentine's Day.

Shop and eat local in U.P.!



Veterans Plaza Organizers Recognized by City Council

Members of the Veterans Plaza Committee (now a nonprofit corporation) were recognized during the Jan. 17 City Council meeting for their dedication in taking the project from idea to reality over the course of 17 years.

Greg Gooch, Howard Lee, Nancy Triebelhorn, Karen

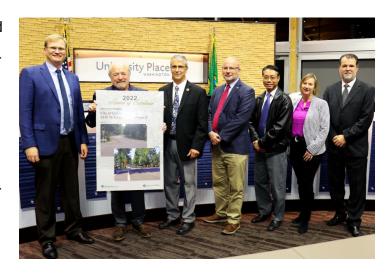


Schwartz and Kenn Triebelhorn, the project's architect, were commended for their "significant contributions and dedicated efforts to make the University Place Veterans' Memorial Plaza a reality in our community."

Watch the **entire recognition presentation** here beginning at minute 8:30 and learn more about how you can contribute to the ongoing fundraising efforts to maintain the plaza and its flags.

U.P. Receives Washington State Department of Transportation 2022 Award of Excellence

The City of U.P. was awarded the Washington D.O.T.'s 2022 Award of Excellence for the 56th Street/Cirque Drive Phase III improvement project. U.P.'s Director of **Engineering & Capital** Projects Jack Ecklund and Nuri Avcular, deputy director of Engineering & Capital Projects, were recognized for their patience and flexibility in collaborating with the state and federal funding partners on the project. U.P. was the only city in the state



to receive this prestigious award for the multi-modal corridor improvements between Interstate 5 and Grandview Drive.



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