# Headlines

# News from University Place City Hall



## **February 8, 2023**

## **Public Safety Community Meetings**

Are you interested in getting more information on crime in University Place? Want to ask your Public Safety team questions on how they can help make their neighborhoods safer?

Make plans to attend one—or several—of a new series of monthly Public Safety community meetings. These meetings will provide residents with the opportunity to meet U.P. Police Chief Greg Premo, learn about crime trends



and ways to increase awareness and personal safety.

The meetings will be held twice daily at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. in U.P. City Council Chambers, 3609 Market Place West, on the 3rd floor. The first four are calendared for the following dates:

- Feb. 22
- March 22
- April 13
- May 24

Get involved and get the information you need, straight from your Public Safety team.

Questions? Email UPPublicSafety@cityofup.com.

#### What's UP with Biz?

This Valentine's Day remember to do all your shopping in U.P., where our local businesses have just the right gift for your sweetheart—and where \$0.67 of every dollar you spend stays in our local community.

Looking for some inspiration? Consider giving:

- A massage gift card
- Candy from specialty shops
- Ice cream cakes or treats
- Dinner out or to go
- Fresh flowers and bouquets
- Coffee and espresso gift cards
- Garden gear for the season ahead
- A Sip & Paint art class
- Valentine's cards and keepsakes
- A pre-paid mani-pedi package



Shop local and show your love—for your honey and U.P.!



## **Have You Checked Your Mail?**

In addition to the series of Public Safety Community Meetings hosted by the U.P.P.D., the U.P. Public Safety team has recently produced several special reports on the funding challenges facing U.P. as it deals with a growing population.



#### Get the facts on:

- Police calls for service
- How your U.P. property tax dollar is allotted
- Factors impacting multifamily housing taxation
- Population growth in U.P.
- Property crime statistics

These special publications are designed to give you critical, timely information

on public safety in University Place. If you have not received your copies in the mail, please contact **UPPublicSafety@cityofup.com**.



You may be the person we are looking for!

View current job opportunities at www.CityofUP.com

# WE WANT YOU ON OUR TEAM!





## **Curran Apple Orchard 2023 Winter Events!**

Learn a new skill and help take care of a unique apple orchard park in University Place at FREE pruning parties sponsored by CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts)! Volunteers are needed to help prune and haul branches to dumpsters...no experience needed!

Pruning Parties are scheduled for the following Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.



- February 4 and 18
- March 4 and 18

Other dates are possible – contact **Curranappleorchard@gmail.com** for more info.

Trained volunteers and Master Gardeners will be on hand to provide guidance. Wear old clothes and bring loppers, hand pruners and saws if available. Some tools are available to borrow at the barn.

Help is also needed hauling branches to the dumpsters. Great for community service hours! (Students – please bring parent permission forms which are available at **www.curranappleorchard.com**).

CORE meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. on the second floor of University Place City Hall, 3609 Market Place W. Free parking is available underneath the library.

For more information and to confirm meeting locations, visit www.curranappleorchard.com or email apples@curranappleorchard.com.

## Give the Gift of Life on Valentine's Day

Businesses in the Village at Chambers Bay will hold a special blood drive on Feb. 14 to help address our region's critically low blood supplies. The Bloodmobile will be in the Whole Foods parking lot at 3515 Bridgeport Way W. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those who want to donate blood can schedule an appointment **online** or call 1-877-24-BLOOD, but walk-ins are also welcome. Several local businesses will reward donors with discounts or giveaways, including Serenity Spa, Bishops Cut and Color, Bliss Small Batch Ice Cream, Urban Float and Therapeutic Associates Physical Therapy.

Please spread the word and encourage people to sign up!



## 16<sup>th</sup> CAB Hosts Cub Scout Pack 148

Thanks to the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade at JBLM, U.P.'s Community Connector, for hosting local Cub Scout Pack 148 for a special tour recently. The scouts were able to climb inside the Brigade's UH-60M Black Hawk and AH-64E Apache helicopters while listening to the pilots and crew members talk about the thrills and challenges of flying these massive machines.



Based on the scouts' enthusiasm and smiles, it was clearly a successful mission.

**Outgoing Board Chair Did What He Said He Would** 

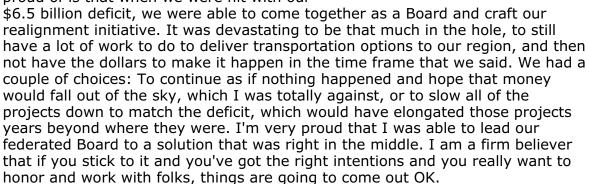
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A conversation with University Place Councilmember Kent Keel on leading Sound Transit's Board through change

Last month, after three years, the leader of Sound Transit's Board handed over the gavel to a new chair. With a little more breathing space in his schedule, University Place City Councilmember Kent Keel takes a look back - discussing with News Link's editor the good, the challenging and lessons learned.

**Galen Motin Crawford:** What milestones or accomplishments are you proudest of from your term as Board chair?

**Kent Keel:** I think probably the one I'm most proud of is that when we were hit with our



GMC: Which of Sound Transit's six core values best served you as Board chair?

**Kent Keel:** For me it's got to be integrity. As important as those other ones are, I think that when you demonstrate integrity, all the other ones will come into play. Without integrity you can't have any of the other values

**GMC**: Where do you feel the agency needs to put its focus as we move forward?

**Kent Keel:** The agency really needs to stay focused on its mission. There are going to be naysayers. Supporters will say you are doing great stuff, but it's not good enough. 'You've got to stick to your knitting,' I like to say. But also listen to others who are talking to you about how the knitting is going. I think you can really clearly differentiate between people who are trying to be helpful and people who have their own axe to grind. The agency needs to be really keen on understanding the differences.

Read the full conversation on the **City website.** 

Credit: Article appears with permission from Sound Transit Employee Communications.

## **Curran Apple Orchard 2023 Volunteer Opportunities**

Help take care of the Curran Apple Orchard Park and earn community service hours!

1 ' '	Hang Tree Adopter signs in designated
	trees.

January-late March	PRUNING TEAMS – We will provide tools and train you to prune trees. Raingear, work gloves and boots recommended. Pruning parties are scheduled on the following Saturdays from 10 a.m 1 p.m., Feb 4 & 18, March 4 & 18.Contact us to arrange other dates and times.
February-April	Branch Removal – Drag branches to the dumpster at pruning parties or times convenient to you.
May	INSECT TRAPS – Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. to noon. Construct and hang insect traps.
June	Thinning – Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to noon or at your convenience. Remove excess fruit from trees.
May-September	Insect monitoring – Help monitor insect traps within 16 trees twice a month from May through September. Done at your convenience.
July-September	Windfall Pick up – Help reduce future insect infestation by raking up windfalls and placing them in the dumpsters.
Late August	Annual Cider Squeeze – Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023 Several opportunities for set up, running the squeeze and takedown.

Sign up for volunteer opportunities by contacting **curranappleorchard@gmail.com**. Volunteers under 18 must provide a signed Parent Liability Waiver before volunteering. (Available on **www.curranappleorchard.com**)









Calling older adults and people with disabilities!

**Property Tax Exemption Seminar** 

Monday March 6 | 6:30 p.m. Roy H. Murphy Community Center 555 Contra Costa Ave. in Fircrest



#### **Event Information**

Join us for a property tax exemption seminar on March 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at the Roy H. Community Center in Fircrest. The Pierce County Assessor's Office will be here to answer your questions and provide valuable information at this free event. Topics include income categories, appeal of denials and effects of death or retirement.

You may qualify for this exemption if you:

- · Are over 61 years old or full disabled (80% VA) and
- · Have gross household income at or below \$45,708

## **Application Support**

Learn how to accurately complete and return your application. Find out what defines your 'residence' and other occupancy requirements.

#### **Taxable Income and Veterans**

Learn the differences between taxable and non-taxable income. SS5256 will be explained for veterans. If you're receiving certain military benefits, find out if they will be deducted from your disposable income.

## **Allowable Deductions**

Learn what you, your spouse, co-tenant, or domestic partner can and cannot deduct.

SPACE IS LIMITED. RSVP TODAY BY CONTACTING

Jason.Gauthier@piercecountywa.gov | 253-281-9491

Additional information from Pierce County Human Services programs will be available at this event.



## City Hall Holiday Closure

CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 IN RECOGNITION OF THE PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY.

CITY HALL OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 AT 9 A.M.

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## **University Place City Council**



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**Mayor Pro Tem Javier Figueroa** 



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