Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



April 19, 2023

Be Sure to Vote by April 25 on Revised Public **Safety Levy**

SPECIAL ELECTION

All U.P. registered voters should have received a ballot in the mail for a revised Public Safety Levy that would fund eight additional U.P. patrol and traffic officers, as well as a specialist to address park safety, homelessness and crime prevention.

Early voting is underway via mail and drop boxes. Get drop box, mail-in, early person voting and, if not registered, details on how to

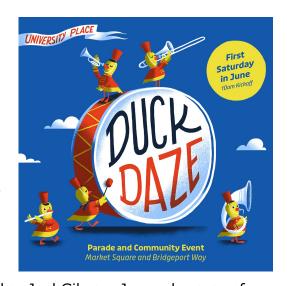
register **here**.

Election Day is next Tuesday, April 25. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day or placed in a ballot drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Night. Voters are encouraged to vote early.

Duck Daze Returns June 3

It's hard to believe, but Duck Daze will be here before we know it! Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3, 2023 for the return of this beloved U.P. annual tradition. The fun begins at 10 a.m. when the Duck Daze parade starts at the corner of 29th Street and Bridgeport Way and heads south on Bridgeport. In addition to scores of floats from community groups, school groups and local businesses, this year's parade will also feature the 15-piece Clan Gordon bagpipers and Mrs. Washington.

The parade will end at the Village at Chambers Bay where more fun awaits, including food trucks, music by country rocker Joel Gibson, Jr., and scores of



children's attractions, including a stilt walker, face painting, games and popular costumed characters such as Elsa, Anna, Snow White and Spider Man performed by members of Magic in the Pacific Northwest. There will be fun activities in the library atrium and West Pierce Fire & Rescue Station #31 will host an Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free hot dogs, refreshments and close-up looks at their equipment.

Registration for the Duck Daze parade is now open. Those who wish to be a part of the parade procession must pre-register with the City of U.P. by May 25. Get the complete details and registration form for the parade on the Duck Daze tab on the **Events page** on the City website.

What's UP with Biz? Wanna Cupcake Opens in U.P.

Who doesn't love a cupcake?! Or any sweet, for that matter?

The public is invited to welcome U.P.'s newest business to the neighborhood on Wednesday, April 26 when Wanna Cupcake celebrates its ribbon cutting at 3826 Bridgeport Way W.

Please stop by at 1:30 p.m. and say hello. And while you're there, be sure to pick up a few cupcakes to bring home or to the office.



Mayor Worthington Attends National League of Cities Conference

U.P. Mayor Steve Worthington recently attended the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference (CCC) in Washington, D.C., where local leaders from around the country added their voices to critical issues facing America's cities, towns and villages.

The three-day event included sessions on topics such as infrastructure, financing, public safety, building green communities and more.

While in D.C. for the event, Worthington met with FEMA representatives to discuss mitigation grants and loans for U.P. homes impacted by December's King Tides. He also discussed rail safety concerns with BNSF representatives and discussed replacement of the Day Island Bridge with federal transportation officials.



"These are issues of critical interest to U.P. residents," Worthington said. "It is always important to keep our representatives in the nation's capital apprised of how federal policy impacts us locally."

Pictured above: While in D.C., Mayor Worthington (right) met with Rep. Marilyn Strickland (WA-10) (left) and stopped for a photo in the Rayburn Reception Room in the U.S. Capitol.

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL: WATCH ON COMCAST CHANNEL 21, RAINIER CONNECT CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON

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Parks Appreciation Day is This Saturday, April 22

Don't forget to grab your rakes and shovels and come out on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 for U.P.'s annual Parks Appreciation Day activities at Paradise Pond Park (67th Avenue West, just north of 35th Street).

Volunteers are needed to help spread wood chips on the trails, pick up trash and do some minor brush clearing. A tree will also be planted in observance of Arbor Day.



The event will run from 9 a.m. until noon, rain or shine and is co-sponsored by University Place Refuse and Recycling, which will provide volunteers with free coffee, donuts, water and t-shirts.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools and gloves (make sure they are labeled with owner information). U.P. Parks will provide additional rakes and shovels for those who do not have their own.

For more information or questions, please contact Tony West, Operations Manager, at 253.460.6493.



U.P. Historical Society Hosts Annual Garden Tour May 20 and 21

Early bird tickets for the popular annual Garden Tour sponsored by the U.P. Historical Society are on sale for \$20 until April 30 at Willow Tree Gardens & Interiors (7216 27th St. W.) or by mailing in the ticket order form on the **Historical Society's website**.

As of May 1, tickets can be purchased for \$25 at Willow Tree Gardens & Interiors as well as



Chirp and Company, Morrison House Realty, Rosedale Gardens and Gardensphere. Tickets ordered through the mail can be picked up at the Curran House (4009 Curran Lane) beginning at 10:30 a.m. on May 20 and 21.

This year's tour will showcase five outstanding gardens in the University Place/Fircrest area. To help you get excited for what awaits you on this year's tour, spend a few minutes watching video recaps of previous years' featured gardens.

The 2023 Garden Tour is sponsored by Karen Bellamy, Frank and Cindy Bonaro, Gray Lumber, Columbia Bank, Seattle Seahawks, Michael Morrison Sotheby's International Realty, U.P. Refuse and Recycling, Linda and Albert Bird, and Suburban Optical. The event is also supported by many individual donors.



CERT Training Classes

May 23 – June 10, 2023 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Aimed at preparing groups in the community to prepare for and respond to disasters, CERT classes follow a model developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and are offered in cities



across the United States. The idea behind this model is to teach people in neighborhoods how to help each other in the first few minutes or hours following a disaster – before emergency responders are able to get to render professional help. In the classes, students will gain hands-on skills, such as how to put out small fires, render first aid in a disaster situation, perform light search and rescue and much more.

Classes are a six-week session and will be held at various fire stations in Lakewood. Up to 25 students will be accepted in this series of classes. There is no prerequisite, other than a desire to learn and help others. It is important that if you enroll, you will be available to attend all sessions to receive the CERT certificate. To register, please email **cert@westpierce.org**.

To see the station location of each class, please **click here** to view the class schedule. Registration is required.

Register for the Spring Session of On Seeing Nature

Join the Tahoma Audubon Society for this installment of their indoor/outdoor events that endeavor to build participants' knowledge about birds and plants while enhancing observational and drawing skills.

You'll spend half of your time outdoors with naturalist and landscape designer, Anna Thurston, and Tahoma Audubon's expert birder,

Scott Saunders. The other half will be spent in the classroom with independent multimedia artist Carrie Alyson, guiding you through mindful art exercises and practices for observing and capturing fast, accurate drawings in the field. Tahoma Audubon provides both binocular and art kits for attendees.

The session will take place at the Tahoma Audubon's headquarters located Adriana Hess Wetland Park, 2917 Morrison Road West.

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Registration required; \$60 for members, \$80 for nonmembers.

To register or for more information, visit the Tahoma Audubon Society website at www.tahomaaudubon.org or call 253.565.9278.



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