Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



May 3, 2023

March to It

If you want to be in the middle of the action for Duck Daze on Saturday, June 3, don't forget to register to participate in the parade by May 25. Community groups, school groups, scouts and local businesses are encouraged to join in the procession, which will begin at 10 a.m. at the corner of 29th Street and Bridgeport Way and head south on Bridgeport.



There will be music from the 15-piece Clan Gordon bagpipers and amusement along the route before the parade ends at the Village at Chambers Bay. The fun will continue there with 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.

West Pierce Fire & Rescue Station #31 will host an Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in conjunction with the festivities. Stop by and enjoy free hot dogs, refreshments and a chance for little ones to get an inside look at their equipment.

Stay up to date on event details on the City's Facebook page!

Cleaner and Greener

The weather held out and provided a (mostly) dry morning for the volunteers who turned out to participate in the Parks Appreciation Day clean up at Paradise Pond Park on April 22. Many thanks to the nearly 50 people who gave up three hours of

their Saturday morning to spread more than 250 yards of wood chips on the trails, pick up trash and do some minor brush clearing. They also participated in planting a Scarlet Letter Oak tree in the park in observance of Arbor Day.

Many thanks as well to the event's co-sponsors.
University Place Refuse



and Recycling got the day started with free coffee, donuts and water for the volunteers, while Ben Dew's Clubhouse Grill Restaurant rewarded the volunteers' hard work with a hearty barbeque lunch.

What's UP with Biz?

Have you ever wondered what the median home value is in U.P.? Which business sectors employ the most people in University Place? What about what people spend their money on in the city?

Invest Pierce County is a database of community information provided by the Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board. Data is based on U.S. Census reporting and offers a



deep look at many aspects of Pierce County communities—including University Place—by providing statistics on things such as median education levels, median age and median housing values, to name just a few.

The tool is meant to provide potential investors and existing businesses with the information they need to make data-driven decisions about where to open or expand their operations, but it may also be of interest to those who simply want to know more about the Place they call home.

City Council Recognized Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

At the May 1, 2023 Council Meeting the City Council were joined by the Board of Directors for the Asian Pacific Cultural Center as the Council proclaimed and recognized Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. AAPI Heritage Month is observed in May to recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.



The AAPI community brings a diversity that represents one of our greatest strengths, and by recognizing their contributions and accomplishments, we celebrate the importance of inclusion to building a brighter future for all our

citizens.

Ride with ORCA to U.P. Special Events

Pierce Trips, a carpooling, public transit and telework resource, has provided the City of University Place again this year with a limited number of ORCA regional transit cards to help U.P. residents get to and from special events in University Place at no cost.

Those who are interested in obtaining an ORCA card should



complete the **online form** and indicate which special events they wish to attend:

- Duck Daze (June 3)
- Music on the Square (July 19, July 26, Aug. 2, Aug. 9, Aug. 23 and Aug. 30)
- Movie Night in the Park (Aug. 5)
- Octoberfest (Oct. 13)
- Christmas Tree Lighting (Dec. 1)

The passes will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis, and limited to four passes per household. Each pass has enough fare to cover two All Day Passes, or five one-way trips.

Don't forget – all riders 18 and younger can now take transit for free! Check out more information on the **Free Youth Transit Pass** site.



Curtis High School Athletes Recognized at May 1, 2023 Council Meeting



Congratulations to the outstanding student-athletes from Curtis Senior High School who were recently recognized by the City Council for their individual and team successes during their respective seasons. Those lauded for their achievements included members of the Boys Basketball, Boys Swim, Girls Swim, Boys Water Polo, Girls Bowling, Girls Cheer, Girls Wrestling, and Girls Cross Country teams.

Shut the Lid

Did you know that most of the pollution reaching Puget Sound is carried there in stormwater runoff? Uncovered and leaking dumpsters can cause pollutants such as chemicals, bacteria and organic matter to end up in stormwater runoff when rainwater that mixes with these materials leaks out and spills onto impervious surfaces that drain to the stormwater system.

When you shut the lid on your garbage and recycle dumpsters, you not only reduce this dirty runoff, but you also reduce odors, attract fewer pests like bugs and rats, and generally produce less litter.



Look for this sticker, which is being distributed to businesses around the City of University Place through our Business Source Control Inspection Program. Please do your part and remember to "Shut the Lid" both at home and at your place of work.



City Receives ACFR Award

(Chicago, Illinois)—Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to City of University Place for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

government and its management.



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The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a

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City Hall Holiday Closure

CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED IN RECOGNITION OF THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023. OFFICES WILL REOPEN VIRTUALLY ON TUESDAY, MAY 30 AT 9 A.M.

Curran Orchard Insect Class & Activities

Learn how to combat the dreaded apple maggot, codling moth and other harmful insects at a free class taught by Master Gardener and Western Fruit Cascade Society member Bill Horn at the Curran Apple Orchard Park barn on Saturday, May 6, from 9 to 10 a.m. Mr. Horn will also offer advice on properly sharpening pruning and garden tools.



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After class, help is needed to hang "sticky apples" and codling moth tents on selected test trees throughout the orchard. Volunteers are also needed to drag branches to the dumpsters and distribute mulch. This is a great event for community service hours.

The orchard is located at 3920 Grandview Drive West in University Place. For more info, please contact **Curranappleorchard@gmail.com**.



You may be the person we are looking for!

We are currently hiring a Seasonal Maintenance Worker.

See the job description on the City website.

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