Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



June 14, 2023

Duck Daze Dazzles

Under picture-perfect skies, a huge crowd came out to enjoy the annual Duck Daze parade along Bridgeport Way and the ensuing celebration in Market Square on June 3.

Country rock artist Joel Gibson Jr. rocked the postparade crowd that gathered in Market Square, bringing people to their feet to dance and cheer. His music was the capstone to a parade that featured performances by the Clan Gordon 15-piece Bagpipes as well as the Curtis High School and Sunset Church bands. With loads of children's activities for the crowd assembled in the Village at Chambers Bay, and the ever-popular West Pierce Fire & Rescue Open House, the festivities continued for several hours.



Thanks to all those who turned out to share in the community spirit of this annual celebration.





Hail and Farewell

During its meeting on June 5, the University Place City Council acknowledged the contributions of retiring Police Chief Greg Premo (pictured right) and introduced his successor, Lt. Patrick Burke (pictured left).

Burke has been with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department since 2011 and has worked as a patrol officer and in contract assignments with Pierce Transit, the Puyallup School District and the City of



Edgewood. He has been a use of force instructor for 10 years and served on PCSD's SWAT team for five years.

In introducing Lt. Burke to the community, Premo noted that he believes U.P.'s new police chief will be a great fit for the position, noting Burke brings "the right skill set, character and personality to fit well in University Place."

In his first remarks to the community, Burke said he feels privileged to follow in Premo's footsteps. "I have been watching and learning from Chief Premo and have been blown away by his leadership and the example he has set for me," he said.

Before reading a proclamation that thanked Premo for all his efforts since assuming the role of police chief in 2019, Mayor Steve Worthington acknowledged that Premo's retirement is bittersweet. "We are sorry to see him go, but also understand there comes a time..." Worthington said.

For his part, an emotional Premo thanked members of the Council and the Public Safety Commission for their support during his tenure and offered special thanks to Jennifer Hales, the City's public safety administrator. "We couldn't have accomplished what we have without her guidance and support," he said.

But Premo saved his greatest thanks for last. "Thank you to the citizens of University Place. This is such a supportive community. It has been an honor to meet all of you and to work in this wonderful city," he said. "It really is a special place. Stay safe and God bless you all."



Don't Blow It: Know the Law About Fireworks in U.P.

The Fourth of July is still almost three weeks away, which means anyone who is caught discharging fireworks in U.P. before 9 a.m. on July 4 risks fines of up to \$250 plus fees, costs and assessments.

Fireworks are only legal for discharge in the City of University Place from 9 a.m. to midnight on July 4. And



please note that only non-aerial and non-explosive fountains, cones, novelties (snakes, poppers), smoke balls and sparklers are legal in U.P. If you purchase fireworks sold from stands outside of U.P., be sure they meet these requirements.

Find more information on the City's **fireworks regulations here**, including descriptions of the legal fireworks mentioned above.

In Their Honor

Please take a few minutes to watch this video about the University Place Veterans Plaza in Cirque Park. This public-private partnership demonstrates the hard work of the University Place Veterans Plaza Organization 501(c3) members as well as the City of U.P.'s commitment to its veterans, their families and current active-duty personnel, including those from the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade at JBLM who continue to support the City as our Community Connector Partner.

The 17-year effort to create an official veterans plaza in U.P. came to fruition on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2022 when the Plaza was officially dedicated.



Apply for a Grant up to \$5,000 to Fix a Leaky Water Line

If you have an actively leaking or broken water service line, we may be able to provide financial assistance to replace it. The Water Service Line Grant and Loan Program offers financial assistance for residential



customer's exterior water service line replacement. You may be eligible for a zero-interest loan or grant up to \$5,000 to help pay for the replacement of your water service line with additional funding available for higher repair costs.

Read about the program requirements and review the online application at **MyTPU.org/WaterGrantLoan**.



Watch Your Local Government at Work

On the first and third Mondays of every month, the University Place City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. to discuss important issues such as budgets and public safety. But these meetings also provide a great opportunity to celebrate the many aspects of life in U.P. that can be taken for granted.

Council Member Ed Wood made this point at the end of the June 5 meeting, when he noted that throughout the



evening, the Council handled important City business, including the introduction of the new chief of police, but also marveled at the work of student artists, learned about the City's planned inclusive playground and acknowledged the local efforts of those supporting Alzheimer's disease and brain awareness.

"Sitting here tonight, I am so proud to be a member of this community," Wood said.

The public is encouraged to attend City Council meetings to learn more about many aspects of life in U.P. Meetings can also be viewed live on UPTV and are available for viewing afterward on the **City's YouTube channel** under the "Live" tab.



CORE PRESENTS THE 2023 CURRAN APPLE ORCHARD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30 - 8 P.M.

July 6 July 20 August 3 August 17 Billy Shew Band Hook Me Up King Korn Beaux FarmStrong

August 31 Pacific Beat Jazz Combo

Visit www.curranappleorchard.com for more details!

Color It UP Contest Winners Announced

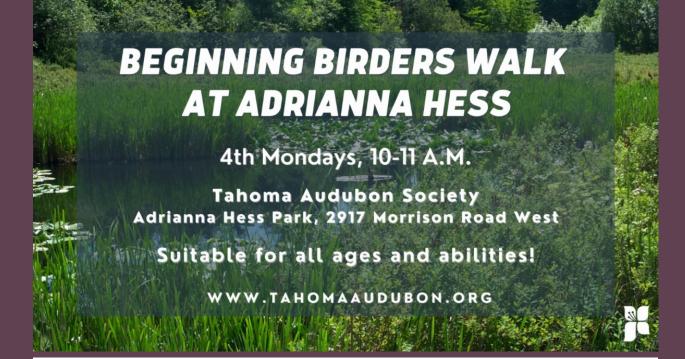
Congratulations to the young artists who submitted winning designs for the "Color It UP" art contest. Their artwork will appear on Cirque Drive utility boxes later this summer.

- Andy Luna, Grade 12, Curtis High School
- Mera Foster, Grade 10, Charles Wright Academy
- Print Making Class, Grades 9-12, Charles Wright Academy
- Glass Art Class at Charles Wright Academy
- Mariia Sheelgina, Grade 9, Curtis Junior High
- Evan Banal, Grade 9, Curtis Junior High
- Porscha Clay, Grade 9, Curtis Junior High

U.P.'s Director of Public Works Jack Ecklund said it will take a few weeks to have the winning designs transferred to the vinyl wraps that will cover the utility boxes. But he added that when they are complete, the designs are sure to "bring a smile to drivers on Cirque Drive."

Pictured left to right: Mayor Steve Worthington, Artists Porscha Clay and Mariia Sheelgina, Public Works Director Jack Ecklund





What's UP with Biz?

Last month, the City of University Place Economic Development Department hosted a small reception for home-based businesses in U.P. at Happy Duo Café. Seven new HBBs participated in the event, which gave them an opportunity to network with other entrepreneurs and share information about their products and services that ranged from fresh baked goods to home care. Several members of the City Council, including Mayor Steve Worthington, were at the event



and thanked the HBBs for their contributions to the local economy.

The Economic Development Department will hold a similar event this fall. New home-based business owners are encouraged to attend and introduce themselves to the community. Watch future issues of Headlines for more information about the date and location.



TWISTED CIDER 5K



5K RUN AND 1K KIDS WALK Saturday, July 29 at 8 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Curran apple orchard

FOR MORE DETAILS, INCLUDING REGISTRATION INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.TCMAEVENTS.COM



Get to Events this Summer with ORCA!

The City of U.P. has free ORCA regional transit cards to help you get to events this year in University Place!

Simply complete the online form in advance. Have it on hand to attend summer events such as any of the six Wednesday night Music on the Square performances, Movie in the Park, or our seasonal celebrations of Oktoberfest and the Christmas Tree Lighting.



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**.

A big thanks to Pierce Trips for supplying these cards! It only takes a minute **to apply**, so get yours today!

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

- Juneteenth Proclamation
- State of Fire Department Report
- Interlocal Agreement Opioid Abatement Settlement
- Accessory Dwelling Units

Agenda items are subject to change, please visit the City website for more information.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

CITY HALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JUNE 19 IN RECOGNITION OF THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY.

OFFICES WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20 AT 9 A.M.

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