Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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Rep. Marilyn Strickland Visits U.P.

On Tuesday, June 27, U.S. Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland (WA-10) visited University Place to deliver a \$190,000 check to the Food Lifeline Food Bank thanks to contributions from Fred Meyer, QFC and the Kroger Zero Hunger/Zero Waste Foundation.

She then visited two local projects that are being funded through the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act. Strickland was joined by Mayor



Steve Worthington and Mayor Pro Tem Javier Figueroa as they reviewed progress on the design of the Chambers Bay Roundabout that will improve safety on this important corridor that links U.P. to Steilacoom, JBLM and Dupont. They also checked on pedestrian and bike safety improvements being made to Chambers Creek Road, including construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, a signalized pedestrian crossing and improved bicycle lanes.





Report Fireworks Noise Violations Online

Discharging fireworks in University Place is only legal between the hours of 9 a.m. to midnight on July 4. Those who wish to report the illegal discharge of fireworks can make a report online at **www.fireworksreport.com** from now through 6 a.m. on July 5.

To file an online report, simply provide a valid address where the violation occurred, your name and phone number. The information provided is forwarded to



law enforcement agencies electronically or over the radio. If the location of the fireworks complaint is not eligible for an online report, call the non-emergency line, 253.287.4455 or 800.562.9800.

This online reporting system frees up South Sound 911 dispatchers to better respond to emergency calls where life is threatened, a crime is in place—or there are injuries or fires due to fireworks. This is especially important since July 4 is the single busiest day for South Sound 911 when call volumes often double.

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.

Violations of U.P.'s fireworks regulations could result in fines of up to \$250 plus fees, costs and assessments. Get complete information on the City's **fireworks regulations here**.



National Night Out is Aug. 1

Register your neighborhood today and celebrate a night out against crime!

Email: UPPublicSafety@CityofUP.com by July 27

Soak Up Scenes from the U.P. Garden Tour

Take a few minutes to enjoy this beautiful **video** of Barbara Lee's garden, one of the featured stops on the 2023 Garden Tour sponsored by the U.P. Historical Society.

Lee's garden is full of beauty and whimsy. From the Happy Place children's space to water features and international touches such as Japanese maples, pagodas and even a small Buddhist Zen garden, the oasis is full of unique touches. These include a Deer Rest Stop, which is a feeding and watering hole for deer that has earned Lee's garden certification from the National Wildlife Federation for its commitment to providing food, water, cover and a place for wildlife to rear their young.

The 2023 Garden Tour was sponsored by Karen Bellamy, Frank and Cindy Bonaro, Gray Lumber, Columbia Bank, Seattle Seahawks, Michael Morrison Sotheby's International Realty, UP Refuse and Recycling, Linda and Albert Bird, and Suburban Optical. The event also had numerous individual donors. Thank you to all who help bring this cherished rite of spring to U.P.



8th Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic Scheduled for Sunday, July 16

Young and old alike are invited to spend Sunday, July 16 at the Curran Apple Orchard (3920 Grandview Dr. W.) tending to their teddy bears (or other favorite stuffed animals). From 1 to 4 p.m., they can get their bears checked out at the teddy bear health clinic, hear teddy bear stories and do some teddy bear yoga. Pack a picnic lunch for you and your teddy (or teddies) and enjoy music by the Harrison Street Band and march in the Parade of Bears.



This free event is produced by Dance Theatre Northwest and sponsored by local citizens, businesses and organizations. For complete details and updates, visit www.DTNW.org or the Teddy Bears' Picnic Facebook Event Page.



Wildfire Prevention Safety Tips

With warm temperatures here to stay, West Pierce Fire & Rescue (WPFR) reminds residents to be fire safe. So far in 2023, brush fire responses for WPFR in Lakewood, University Place and Steilacoom have increased by more than 400% over the same time last year.

When hot weather hits, it is important to know how dry grass quickly turns into fuel for fire. Please take every precaution to not only prevent fires from starting but keeping your home safe. Please see the following tips on how to



not only prevent fires, but how to defend your home, courtesy of **Washington State Department of Natural Resources**.

Prevent Wildfires:

- Properly dispose of cigarettes and do not throw them into the open.
- During hot weather, work in the cooler parts of the day (morning and evening) and postpone your work is weather calls for low humidity or high wind
- Do not park vehicles on dry, grassy areas, as exhaust system heat can ignite dry grass.
- **Fireworks** are illegal to use outside of designated dates and times.

Defend Your Home from Wildfire:

- Keep a minimum of five feet between branches of trees.
- Limb trees at least ten feet up to reduce the chances of fire getting to the top of the trees.
- Trim vegetation for safe access to your home by the fire department.
- Keep your lawn and vegetation around your home low and green.
- Keep fire fuels (brush, vegetation, trees, beauty bark) at least 30 feet away from the structure.

Please also see the **Outdoor Burning webpage** to understand West Pierce's permanent burn ban, including yard waste, brush and burn barrels. Recreational

fires are allowed and defined on that page as well.



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



Rotary Donates to All Inclusive U.P. Park

On Wednesday, June 21, the Rotary Club of University Place-Fircrest became the first official donor to the All Inclusive Playground at Cirque Park with a gift of \$5,000, using proceeds from the club's recent community fundraiser and cleanup. Over 100 members of the University Place community, and Rotarians from the University Place-Fircrest club, gathered at Curtis Junior High School on April 22nd for the first annual

CleanUP! Beginning in the morning, participants arrived to pick up their



THANK YOU!

CleanUP! shirts and trash bags and be assigned to one of 17 carefully plotted routes in the City. Along these routes, the participants picked up roadside trash to clean up the community roads in celebration of Earth Day.

After completion of their routes, everyone received a participation medal and was greeted with cupcakes, beverages, an assortment of snacks, music and displays by various sponsor vendors. Trash bags were collected by UP Refuse.

Sponsors included University Place Refuse and Recycling (provided trash bags and bag pickup), Pacific Medical Specialty Group, First Financial Northwest Bank, Proliance Puget Sound Orthopedics, Arcadia Medical Resort, Wanna Cupcake?, The Koumantaros Family, Harbor Greens, Bartell's, Dancing Goats Coffee and the Waffle Stop. The playground is being developed with participation from the Cal Ripkin, Sr. Foundation, which has built 111 playgrounds across the nation. When developed with specialized play equipment at the City's Cirque Park, the play area will be accessible to all children whether disabled or not.

Questions regarding the park can be directed to Chris Saunders, President of University Place Parks & Recreation Foundation. Donations to the project can be made via the Cal Ripkin, Sr. Foundation/Youth Development Parks/University Place Playground at Cirque Park. Questions regarding Rotary Club of University Place-Fircrest can be directed to the club's website

or **Facebook page**. The club meets weekly Tuesdays at 7 a.m. at Arcadia Medical Resort, lower level.



You may be the person we are looking for!

We are currently hiring the following positions:

-Parks Maintenance Tech 1

See the job description on the City website.

<u>WE WANT YOU ON OUR TEAM!</u>





What's UP with Biz?

The University Place City Council will review the proposed Northeast District Business Plan at its meeting on July 17. The plan is the result of months of research and public input on an effort to create goals, policies and action steps for the area between South 19th and 27th Streets from Cascade Place West to Mildred Street. If approved, the Northeast District Business Plan will be integrated into the City's 2024 Comprehensive Plan update.

Regular City Council meetings are open to the public and begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. Meetings can also be viewed live on UPTV and are available for viewing afterward on the **City's YouTube channel** under the **"Live"** tab.



















Orchard

Enjoy free evening concerts this summer in the Curran Apple Orchard (3920 Grandview Dr.). The Curran Orchard Concert Series kicks off on Thursday, July 6 with a performance by the Billy Shew Band, whose influences range from Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughn to Brad Paisley and John Denver.

Pack a blanket and a picnic dinner (please, no alcohol) and take shade under an apple tree for 90 minutes of epic entertainment.



This season's line-up also includes:

- July 20 Hook Me Up
- Aug. 3 King Kom Beaux
- Aug. 17 FarmStrong
- Aug. 31 Pacific Beat Jazz Combo

The concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. In cases of inclement weather, the music will relocate to the Curtis High School Cafeteria (8425 40th St. W.). Visit the **Curran Apple Orchard website** for more details.

These free concerts are sponsored by Curran Apple Orchard Enthusiasts (CORE).



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



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