

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



April 17, 2024

Duck Daze Returns on Saturday, June 1

Get ready for the parade, music and silliness of U.P.'s beloved celebration of spring when Duck Daze returns on Saturday, June 1. The festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with the parade and continue for several hours with food trucks, live music and lots of family friendly activities in the Village at Chambers Bay.



Community organizations, school groups, businesses and others that would like to be in the parade procession must pre-register with the City of U.P. by May 17. The complete details and registration form are available on the **City website**.

Look for updates on the day's festivities in the next issue of Headlines.

University Place Police Blotter

Keep yourself up-to-date with the latest public safety activity in University Place by checking out the U.P. Police Blotter! Chief Burke highlights some of the most notable incidents that the U.P. Police Department responds to. But that's not all - you can also browse through recent Calls for Service to get a better understanding of the local happenings in your area.

Don't miss out on staying informed and being part of a safer community - view the U.P. Police Blotter on the **City website** for updates!



Fun For All

On Friday, April 12, under crystal blue skies, local leaders and volunteers celebrated the groundbreaking for the new inclusive playground at Cirque Park. The new play area will be accessible to children of all abilities and create opportunities for all children to laugh and play together.



The idea for an inclusive playground was brought to the City Council by Chris Saunders, president of the University Place Parks & Recreation Foundation and has been endorsed by local community groups, including the Rotary Club and United for U.P.

The new inclusive playground will feature equipment that can be accessed by ramps and include elements such as accessible swings and play components that support diverse sensory needs.

The Cirque Park inclusive playground is being funded through local donations and grants, with support from the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation. To contribute to the project and get regular construction updates, visit the **UPPRF website**.



Enjoy Cupcakes with the Cops

Please make plans to join U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke and other members of the UPPD from 3-5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15 at Wanna Cupcake? in the Green Firs Towne Center (3826 Bridgeport Way W.).

This is a great opportunity to meet members of U.P.'s public safety team over casual conversation and sweet treats.

Rumor has it there may even be a friendly cupcake decorating contest among the men and women in blue. Check out the next issue of Headlines for more details.

Cupcakes with the Cops is another community engagement event with the UPPD that is designed to open the lines of communications between law enforcement and residents outside of emergency situations.



Cirque Park's Future Discussed at Community Meeting

Members of the U.P. community were presented with a variety of visions for the future of Cirque Park at an April 11 meeting in the City Council Chambers.

Representatives of ARC Architects, the firm hired by the City to help identify ways to improve Cirque Park, shared sketches of potential enhancements based on feedback from a March FlashVote survey. Input collected from that survey indicated the public's top three priorities for the space are:



- Splash pad and water walk
- Pickleball/sports courts
- Event open lawn

Jack Ecklund, U.P.'s director of Public Works, said by taking the "temperature" of the community on these options now, the City can be poised to leverage future funding opportunities such as public and private grants when they become available.

The entire meeting is available for viewing on UPTV on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays at 4 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m. It is also available on the **City's YouTube channel**. Please take some time to watch and listen and be prepared to add your voice to the discussion when another more in-depth community survey is conducted later this year.



SAVE THE DATE *SPRING GARDEN TOUR*

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Second Annual Rotary CleanUP & Fundraiser

Mark your calendars! The second annual Rotary CleanUP is happening on Saturday, April 27. Let's come together to make our community cleaner and more beautiful by tackling the litter on our streets.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet your neighbors and give back to our quality community. Join us from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Curtis Junior High to receive your t-shirt, trash bag, and map of your CleanUP district. To register or donate, go to www.databarevents.com/CleanUP. Registration is \$25 per person; discounts for military or groups of 4-plus.

Questions? Email rotaryofupfircrest@gmail.com.

Together, we can make a difference and support Curtis High School scholarships. See you there!

Parks Appreciation Day is Saturday, April 20

Volunteers are needed to help spread wood chips, pick up trash and do some minor pruning at Curran Apple Orchard (3920 Grandview Drive W.) this Saturday, April 20 as part of Parks Appreciation Day in University Place.

From 9 a.m. until noon (rain or shine), the spring clean-up will help prepare the Orchard for the summer months ahead and support a healthy apple harvest in the fall.

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.

Parks Appreciation Day in U.P. is co-sponsored by University Place Refuse and Recycling. For more information or questions about the event, please contact **Tony West**, Public Works operations manager, at 253.460.6493.



What's UP With Biz?

The community is invited to two special business celebrations on Saturday, April 20.

Start the day on a sweet note when See's Candies celebrates the grand opening of its new store in Green Firs Towne Center (3824 Bridgeport Way W.). Be there for the ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:30 a.m. and then stick around to enjoy free samples and special offers.

Later that afternoon, Northwest Medical Arts (5350 Orchard Street W., Suite #202) will celebrate its one-year anniversary in University Place with a special event from 2-5 p.m. that will include refreshments, special discounts and raffles.

Please stop by and show your support for these businesses that have made U.P. their home.



SPRING 2024

Natural Yard Care Webinars

FREE
WEBINAR
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Lawns of the Future: Less Grass, Less Work

with Marianne Binetti

Wednesday, April 17, 7–8:30 p.m.



Transform your outdoor space into a beautiful and sustainable landscape. You'll get tips on how you can reduce the amount of grass in your yard for less effort and maintenance.

Register at naturallyardcareapril17.bpt.me.

Have Your Garden & Eat It Too *with Jessi Bloom*

Wednesday, April 24, 7–8:30 p.m.



Create a garden that not only looks great but also provides fresh, healthy produce for you and your family. You'll learn tips and tricks for growing fruits, vegetables, and herbs right in your backyard.

Register at naturallyardcareapril24.bpt.me.

Questions?

Contact Troy Rowan at trowan@tpchd.org or (253) 649-1839.

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City of University Place Opioid Abatement Monies

The City is receiving limited funding as part of the State of Washington's settlements with various opioid manufacturers and distributors. The City's priority with this limited funding is to further train and educate our first responders on techniques to influence people presenting challenging and refractory behaviors while actively using substances.

If you are interested in providing input on opioid spending priorities, please e-mail UPPublicSafety@cityofup.com.

Poetry in the Park

The University Place library is partnering with the Tahoma Bird Alliance's Nature Book Group to present Poetry Nature Walks each month. In April, we will meet at Adriana Hess Wetland Park (2917 Morrison Rd.) on Thursday, April 25 from 2-3 p.m.

The Pierce County Library System is partnering with the Tahoma Bird Alliance's Nature Book Group to bring Poetry Nature Walks to our community.

Each month we will meet at a different park to walk, read poems, and enjoy nature. April is poetry month and we will meet near the parking lot (2917 Morrison Rd. W., University Place, WA 98466) at 2 p.m. to walk a short trail. We will read the poetry posted in the park. If you would like, please feel free to bring a nature-related poem (12 lines or less) to read. This is not required.

The path is mostly gravel and not completely level; however, this walk is moderately easy and will not require a lot of stamina. There is parking, but no Restrooms on site; there are restrooms at the University Place Library nearby.

Please note, this outdoor program may be canceled due to inclement weather.

For more information on upcoming events visit the **Tahoma Bird Alliance website**.



UNIVERSITY PLACE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024
AT 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL: WATCH ON COMCAST
CHANNEL 21, RAINIER CONNECT
CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON
[YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETV](https://www.youtube.com/universityplacetv)

AGENDA ITEMS

- National Safe Boating and Paddling Week
- Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation
- Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement
- Multifamily Tax Exemption 27th Street/RTA PH Resolution

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

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