

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



May 29, 2024

Duck Daze is this Saturday, June 1

Final preparations are underway for what promises to be another outstanding Duck Daze celebration in University Place.

The **parade begins at 10 a.m. at 29th Street and Bridgeport Way** and include performances by the Curtis Senior High School band, the Clan Gordon Pipe Band and the character performer Duck Rogers. The procession will end at the Village at Chambers Bay where the festivities will continue for several hours with family-friendly:



- Live music on the main stage by **country rock artist Joel Gibson, Jr.**
- Photo opportunities with characters from **Magic in the PNW**
- **South Sound Makers Market**, featuring more than 40 regional vendors **beginning at 9 a.m. in Market Square**
- Manic Meatballs, Lopez Cocinita Lab, Kona Ice and Tasty Z's Kettle Corn food trucks
- **West Pierce Fire & Rescue Station 31 Open House** featuring public safety equipment and demonstrations
- Children's activities including face painting and temporary tattoos

Stake out your parade spot early and then get ready to take in all the fun and attractions of this highly anticipated and FREE annual community celebration brought to you by the City of University Place. Watch the **video PSA** for more information!

Duck Daze Parade Starts at 10am: Heading south on Bridgeport Way, from 29th to 37th St



Bridgeport Way West

Market Square Stage

- Joel Gibson Jr. 11am-12:30pm
- Rob Tudor Band 1pm-2pm

Mod Pizza

Bliss Small Batch Creamery

Food Options:

- Manic Meatballs
- Lopez Cocinita Lab
- Kona Ice
- Tasty Z's Kettle Corn

Market Square 10am-2pm

- Bands 11am-2pm
- Food Trucks
- Kids Activities / Games
- Magic in the PNW
 - Elsa, Anna, Spiderman!
- Face Painting

Market Court West

Market Place West

37th Street West

South Sound Makers Market 9am-2pm

Happy Duo Cafe

Mediterranean Gyro Grill

Jersey Mike's

Duck Daze Parade & Community Event
Saturday, June 1, 10am-2pm

Drexler Drive West

FIRE STATION

West Pierce Fire & Rescue Open House 10am-2pm

- Hotdogs, Refreshments
- Fire & Police Vehicle Displays
- Helmet / Life Jacket Fittings
- Booths, Games

DUCK DAZE

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!



2024 U.P. Spring Garden Tour is June 8

The U.P. Historical Society's **2024 U.P. Spring Garden Tour** will be held on Saturday, June 8.

This year's event is one day only from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Purchase tickets in advance from Chirp and Company (3803 N. 26th St., Tacoma), Willow Tree Gardens and Interiors (7216 27th St. W.) and Gardensphere (3310 N. Proctor St., Tacoma). Tickets will also be available for sale the day of the event at the Curran House (4009 Curran Lane W.).



The 2024 Garden Tour is put on by the **University Place Historical Society** and made possible through the support of its major sponsors: Linda and Albert Bird, Donald and Donna Perry, Seattle Seahawks, Michael Morrison Sotheby's International Realty, Gray Lumber Company, Umpqua Bank and U.P. Refuse and

Who Takes the Cake?

Take a minute and put a smile on your face (and a craving in your sweet tooth) as you watch members of the University Place Police Department and other Pierce County Sheriff's Department deputies as they tried their hands at frosting cupcakes during the **Cupcake with a Cop** meet-and-greet at Wanna Cupcake? on May 15, featured in the video below. This was another UPPD community outreach event designed to encourage more interaction between law enforcement personnel and the community outside of emergency situations.

Many thanks to Wanna Cupcakes' owners Jim and Karie Romano for their generous donation of cupcakes and their support of the UPPD in hosting this event.



Color It UP Winners Announced

Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 Color It UP contest who created fun and creative colorful vinyl wrappings for utility boxes around the city. Students from Curtis Junior and Curtis Senior High Schools as well as Charles Wright Academy submitted the winning designs that will appear on utility boxes on Bridgeport Way between 67th Street and Cirque Drive later this

summer.

In addition to individual designs by Lily Vu, Eric Westbrook, Erika Chung, Kim Song, Lillian Born, Marine Imbert, Nia Montague, Ray Gehring and Violetta Boychuk, students in Charles Wright Academy's Glass, Mosaic and Plaster classes were also recognized for their winning submissions.

U.P.'s Director of Public Works Jack Ecklund reports that Color It UP designs have improved the aesthetics of U.P.'s streetscapes and helped reduce crime. "Since we wrapped utility boxes in the winning designs submitted by artists in the first year of Color It UP, boxes that had been repeatedly hit by taggers have had no incidents of graffiti," he said. "The program has been a huge success."

Pictured, left to right: Mayor Pro Tem Ed Wood, Council Member Stan Flemming, Lily Vu, Marine Imbert, Lillian Born, Council Members Melanie Grassi and Denise McCluskey.



City Council Proclaims May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



At the May 20, 2024 City Council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Wood, on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaimed May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. To accept the Proclamation, we were excited to have representatives from the Asia Pacific Cultural Center (APCC) in attendance, including APCC Founder and Board President Patsy Surh O'Connell, Board Secretary Albert Q. Cosio and Program Manager for the Youth Program Mrs. Sinoun Hem.

To learn more about Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month or the Asia Pacific Cultural Center, visit their website at www.asiapacificculturalcenter.org.

Pictured, left to right: Council Members Denise McCluskey and Stan Flemming, Albert Q. Cosio, Patsy Surh O'Connell, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Wood, Mrs. Sinoun Hem, and Council Member Melanie Grassi.

Parking Meters Arriving in the Village at Chambers Bay Soon

U.P.'s Public Works crews are finishing up the installation of new 90-minute parking meters along Market Place West in the Village at Chambers Bay.

The parking fee is \$0.50 for the first half hour. Additional 15-minute increments are \$0.25, with the fee being \$1.50 for the full 90 minutes allowed. The metered rates are active from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays. Parking is free on Sundays and holidays. The ADA stalls are not metered.

Parkers can pay using coins, credit cards or the PaybyPhone app. For those making quick stops, there are eight stalls around Market Court and two additional parallel stalls on Market Street by the Civic Building that offer free 15-minute parking. In addition, there are more than 500 free parking spaces in the Village at Chambers Bay garage and free parking along Bridgeport Way West.

The new meters are intended to ensure a fair and equitable turnover of parking spots for those patronizing businesses in the Village, especially for those with accessibility and mobility issues.



What is Your Vision for the Four Corners?

Within the next 20 years, Sound Transit plans to extend the Tacoma Link light rail to the intersection South 19th and South Mildred streets (known to many as "the Four Corners"). The new station will connect Tacoma Community College to Sea-Tac International Airport, Seattle and points further north in King County.



**THRIVING
COMMUNITIES**
PROGRAM

The project is sure to spur additional economic development opportunities but will also have impacts for businesses and residents. A group of local partners, including Pierce Transit, Tacoma Community College, Tacoma Housing Authority and area cities are encouraging residents and business owners to share their hopes, visions—and concerns—about how this will affect the Four Corners area.

Please take just a few minutes to complete this **10-question survey** and watch future issues of Headlines for the survey results and updates on the project.

2024 Season of Music on the Square Kicks Off on

July 10

Get ready for another season of outstanding live music on Wednesday nights when Music on the Square (MOTS) returns to the Village at Chambers Bay for its sixth season.

The **Joel Astley Band** will get the music started on July 10 with Astley's smooth blues vocals and harmonica skills. The rest of the 2024 lineup includes the return of popular acts as well as artists making their MOTS debuts:



- July 17 - Flor de Luna (Santana and Latin rock)
- July 24 - Pearl Django (gypsy jazz)
- July 31 - King Kombeaux (Cajun swamp rock and blues)
- August 7 - Sabor (Latin and Brazilian)
- August 14 - Chris Eger Band (blues, rock, country)
- August 21 - Mark Hurwitz and Gin Creek (blues, roots rock)
- August 28 - Billy Stoops and the Dirt Angels (Americana)

Invite some friends, enjoy dinner from different food trucks each week and soak up the best of summer in U.P.! Check the **City's Events page** for more details on each week's artists and food trucks.

See you on the Square!

Concerts in the Park 2024

Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts (CORE) are pleased to announce the return of summer Concerts in the Park **beginning on Thursday, July 18**. Pack a picnic dinner and enjoy these free Thursday evening performances that begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Curran Apple Orchard (3920 Grandview Drive W.).



The 2024 performers are:

- July 18 - Octopus Ballet (folk and Americana)
- July 25 - Anjali Silva and Sabor (Brazilian and Latin)
- August 1 - Billy Spaulding and the Soulful 88s (blues)
- August 8 - Budapest West (rock and world music)
- August 15 - Bigfoot Brass (brass band jazz)

Check the **City's Events page** for Concerts in the Park updates, including any weather-related schedule changes. Thanks to **CORE** for Concerts in the Park!

Don't be a Dud: Obey U.P.'s Fireworks Ordinance

Now that summer is upon us, it won't be long before fireworks stands begin to appear across Pierce County. This is a reminder that discharging fireworks in University Place is **only**

legal between the hours of 9 a.m. to midnight on July 4.

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 webpage.



TWISTED CIDER 5K

5K RUN AND 1K KIDS WALK
SATURDAY, JULY 27 AT 8 A.M. AND 9:15 A.M.
CURRAN APPLE ORCHARD

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

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
AT 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL: WATCH ON COMCAST
CHANNEL 21, LIGHTCURVE
(FORMERLY RAINIER CONNECT)
CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON
YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETV

AGENDA ITEMS

- Surplus Property
- Public Hearing:
 - Multifamily Tax Exemption NE Business District Amendment
- Grants Update
- Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan

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



CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City Hall will be closed on July 4 in recognition of the 4th of July holiday.

Normal hours will resume on Friday, July 5 at 9 a.m.

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