



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 18
5 p.m.
City Hall,
Council Chamber

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Recovering from identity theft

If someone is using your personal or financial information to make purchases, get benefits, file taxes or commit fraud - that's identity theft.



Last year, 80 people filed identity theft reports with the University Park Police Department. So far this year, 44 reports have been filed.

What should you do if you are victimized?

Step 1: Call the companies where you know the fraud occurred. Explain that someone stole your identity and ask them to freeze the compromised accounts so that no one can add new charges unless you agree.

Step 2: Contact one of the three credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian or TransUnion) so they can post a fraud alert or credit freeze to make it difficult for someone else to open new accounts in your name.

Step 3: Report your situation to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) by going online at IdentityTheft.gov. Based on the information you enter the site will create an Identity Theft Report and recovery plan for you. You can use that account to update and track your progress and pre-fill forms and letters to dispute and close fraudulent accounts. If you would prefer to call the FTC to get things started, dial 1-877-438-4338.

Step 4: If the companies you are dealing with request it, file a report with your local police department. When you come to the

police department, bring a copy of your FTC Identity Theft Report, a government-issued photo ID and any proof you have of the fraudulent transactions.

Combating ID theft

Protecting your personal information reduces your risk of identity theft.

- Know who you share information with, store and dispose of your personal information securely, especially your Social Security number
- Ask questions before deciding to share your personal information
- Keep an eye on your credit report - get a free report once a year from annualcreditreport.com
- Consider asking your credit bureau for a credit freeze
- Don't use the same passwords over and over
- Maintain appropriate security on your computers and other electronic devices

For more information on ID theft

IdentityTheft.gov is the best online source for more information. If you stop by City Hall, the University Park Police Department (3800 University Blvd.) will be happy to give you a copy of a 30-page FTC booklet that will guide you through reporting and recovery efforts. It's a good publication to have on file.

Jerry Washam - 2017 Citizen of the Year

Affectionately known as the “Mayor of Snider Plaza,” Jerry Washam has been selected University Park’s 2017 Citizen of the Year.

President of the Ralph Porter Company, Jerry oversees the leasing and management of a substantial portion of properties in Snider Plaza, the City’s picturesque town square that Jerry’s grandfather began developing in 1927. Jerry’s involvement in the company started in the early 1970s before he graduated with a business degree from SMU.

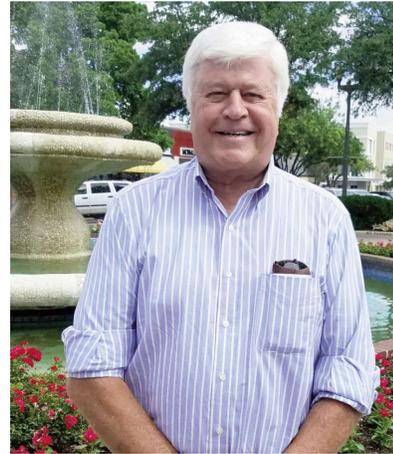
Jerry says when Mayor Olin Lane Jr. called him with the news, he responded, “You must be joking, there are so many people in this community who have done so much more than me.” That said, Jerry was quick to tell the Mayor he was “pleased and proud” to receive the honor.



Those who nominated Jerry were quick to point out his years of service to the community. A member of the Park Cities Rotary Club for more than 40 years, in addition to being a past president, he has worked on numerous club committees, including the one that is responsible for hosting the Park Cities July 4 Parade and Picnic. Working closely with the City’s Parks and Recreation Department, and Snider Plaza merchants, Jerry also has been instrumental in the growth and popularity of the City’s Snider Plaza Tree Lighting event that highlights the start of the holiday season.

Born in Dallas, Jerry is a longtime resident of University Park, having lived in his current home on Stanford for 39 years. In addition to his wife Mary, he has two children, J.J. and Katie, and one grandson, Evan.

After riding in the July 4 Parade, Jerry will be presented with a plaque and a special Citizen of the Year gift during a brief ceremony at the Goar Park Gazebo. The Citizen of the Year award was created by the City Council in 2005 to boost public awareness and appreciation for the many residents who work, often behind the scenes, to better the City’s quality of life.



Fittingly, Jerry is shown in front of the Snider Plaza Fountain, that is located steps from his office.



Previous Citizen of the Year recipients

- 2016 - Eddy Moore**
- 2015 - Byron Egan**
- 2014 - Youth Advisory Commission**
- 2013 - Bill Skelton**
- 2012 - Connie O’Neill**
- 2011 - Jim and Judy Gibbs**
- 2010 - Max Fuqua**
- 2009 - Nancy Egan**
- 2008 - Chris Murzin**
- 2007 - Bill Pardoe**
- 2006 - Diane Galloway**
- 2005 - Elizabeth Farley**

2017-18 high school parking district stickers



The sticker application process for residents who live in the Highland Park High School parking district is underway. High School area parking district stickers are valid for the current academic year only (see left).

Two stickers and two year-long visitor placards are provided per household, free of charge.

- To obtain annual parking stickers **homeowners must show proof of residency** - Valid Texas Driver License or ID Card, current electric, phone or water bill (within the last 60 days), or current lease agreement or insurance policy.
- All applicants renting property must provide a copy of their current lease for review by staff. It will also be handy to know your license plate number.
- Proof of residency is also required for issuance of year-long visitor placards.
- Stickers will not be provided for high school students, HPISD volunteers or PTA members who have on-campus business.

- Stickers are valid only when they are permanently affixed to the **OUTSIDE** of the vehicle (lower left-hand corner of the rear window).
- Stickers are not transferable. If a resident sells a vehicle, or a lease vehicle is returned, the resident is responsible for removing the sticker and obtaining a replacement sticker for the new/current vehicle.
- Residents who reside in the high school parking district can still receive five-day visitor parking passes, especially when a planned party or other gathering results in the need for temporary curbside parking.
- As a courtesy to others, park with traffic at all times. It is illegal in Texas to park facing oncoming traffic.

Online applications

You can download an application online, but you must present the completed form, with appropriate proof of residency, to the Police Department at 3800 University Blvd. Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To download an application go to the City's website at uptexas.org. Click on the Police icon, then click on Resident Parking Districts.

Construction project demolitions



Two noteworthy construction projects have begun demolition work, and a third project recently completed that step.

Park Plaza - former Chase Bank building site

The Park Plaza site is located at the corner of Hillcrest and Daniel. During demolition, flagmen and traffic control signage will be in place to direct pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Please watch for trucks entering and exiting the site. The parking lot to the west of the building has been closed and will not reopen. Demolition is expected to take eight weeks. Construction will result in a new mixed-use development, featuring office space, retail shops and restaurants. Anticipated project completion is fall 2018.

University Park Elementary School Rebuild

During demolition trucks are expected to enter and exit the site from Lovers Lane. Flagmen and traffic control signage will be in place to assist with truck and traffic

flow. Please be aware of trucks entering and exiting the construction site. Following demolition, construction of the new UP Elementary building will begin. Anticipated project completion is August 2018.

Tolleson Family Activities Center - HP United Methodist Church

Demolition work was completed on this site last month. This new facility at 5817 Hillcrest will replace the old Biggers Building. In addition to a new gym, the project will provide more worship spaces, classrooms associated with Special Needs, Youth and Recreation Ministries. Anticipated completion is fall 2018.

For the latest updates on these and other major construction projects in University Park, check the City's website homepage and follow the City on social media.

City news briefs

UPPD House Watch

If you are going to be away from home for an extended period this summer remember - you can have your home checked daily by a UPPD officer.



There are two ways to sign up:

Go to the Resident Online Center of the City's website. If this is the first time entering a request for service using the Resident Online Center, you must create an account. You will be asked to provide your name, address and email. The second option is go to the Police portion of the City's website. Click on Police Services and Information, then, click on House Watch and download the House Watch form. Then, once you have provided all the necessary information, drop it off at the City's 9-1-1 Dispatch Center (3800 University Blvd.) or fax it to 214-987-5364.

Coyote sightings

Seen along the banks of Turtle Creek, coyotes are a fact of



life in nearly all urban areas. Omnivores, coyotes eat plants and animals including skunks, possums and raccoons. Do not intentionally feed a coyote. Since they prefer to find easy meals, they are also attracted to:

- Dog and cat food that is left outside
- Rotting fruit under trees
- Bird seed on the ground
- Trash that is accessible due to garbage containers that are not properly secured

It is also not a good idea to leave small pets outside overnight.

Even though coyotes have adapted to living in cities and towns, they are wary of people. If you see a coyote in your yard, wave your arms, shout and spray it with a water hose. It is likely to leave the area quickly after any of these actions. If you feel the need to call the Police Department or the City's Animal Control Officer, please do so. For more information on coyotes and their habits, go to the City's website at uptexas.org.

Have you tried Waste Wizard yet?

The City has added Waste Wizard to its website offerings. Using Waste Wizard, residents type in key words to get disposal tips on hundreds of items. This quick and easy search tool provides details on what materials go into the recycling bin or the trash can. It also tells you if an item must be taken to Dallas County's Hazardous Waste Center. To use Waste Wizard go to the City's homepage at uptexas.org. Click on Government, Sanitation/Recycling and then Recycling.



What item have residents asked about most? How to dispose of paint cans. Here's the answer: If the paint cans are empty you can toss them into your blue recycling bin. If they are full or partially full you must take them to Dallas County's Hazard Waste Center, or drop them off at a collection event conducted by the Household Hazardous Waste Network.

Pets in hot weather



Never leave your pet unattended in a parked vehicle. Even with the windows open, on a warm day, the temperature in a car can easily exceed 100 degrees in just a few minutes.

- Be alert to signs of heat stress -- heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue.

If your pet becomes overheated, take the following steps:

- Move your pet into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water all over his body to gradually lower his body temperature.
- Apply ice packs or cold towels to your pet's head, neck and chest only.
- Let your pet drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes.
- Take your pet directly to a veterinarian.