

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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Fun, Fun, Fun All Summer Long

If you find yourself wishing that summer could last a bit longer, take a few minutes to enjoy these photos from the popular special events that make summer in U.P. the Place to be. Relive events like Duck Daze, Music on the Square, Movie in the Park, the Twisted Cider 5k and Concerts in the Park. And check out this **special video recap** of another stellar National Night Out.



Thanks to all those who support these events with their participation and enthusiasm. You are what makes them truly a celebration of community.

Want to revisit all of the summer fun? Check out photos from the events on the **City's Facebook page** or watch video recaps on our **YouTube channel!**





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!



School's in Session: Slow Down

The 2023-24 school year is now

underway and the University Place Police Department wants to remind all motorists to leave a little extra time in their morning and afternoon routines to slow down and be safe.

Walkers and bikers be sure to stop, look, listen and look again before crossing the street. Don't walk between parked cars where motorists cannot see you well. Use crosswalks and/or streets where crossing guards are on duty and always obey all traffic signals.



Bus riders should always cross 10 feet in front of the bus where the driver can see you. Stay out of the street and don't horse play at the bus stop. Stand back until the bus comes to a complete stop.

Drivers need to slow down and be ready for surprises. Pay attention to reduced speed limits in school zones. Obey state law that requires motorists to stop for buses with flashing red lights and extended STOP arms that indicate children are loading or unloading. Passing a stopped school bus can result in a fine up to \$500.

Whether you are walking, biking, riding or driving, back-to-school safety is everyone's business.

Local Remembrance Ceremony on 9/11

Members of the U.P. community are invited and encouraged to attend West Pierce Fire & Rescue's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, scheduled for 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, to remember the victims and heroes of 9/11.

Mayor Steve Worthington will join Chief Jim Sharp and other local leaders during this remembrance event that will include speeches at the 9/11 Reflection Park located in front of Station 31, at 3631 Drexler Drive W in University Place.



If your schedule will not allow you to attend the event, please take a moment during your day to remember the lives lost and forever changed on Sept. 11, 2001.

U.P. Refuse Fall Clean-Up and Canned Food Drive

Residents NORTH of 40th St W. Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents SOUTH of 40th St W. Saturday, Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted items and yard waste for FREE!

Clean Up Rules:

Limit: 1 load per household for all items EXCEPT for yard waste only loads.



Help us be good neighbors by securing & covering all loads.

- For safety reasons, children and pets MUST remain in vehicles.
- Photo I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED.
- No liquids, paint, or hazardous materials (car batteries are OK).
- No loads larger than a regular pickup truck or equivalent small trailer will be allowed.
- No regular household garbage will be allowed.
- Residential items only – NO commercial material or loads will be allowed.
- The size of items cannot exceed 5' in any direction (except for appliances and furniture).
- No fuel tanks, enclosed barrels or drums of any kind. Water heaters and propane tanks are OK.

Please separate items into the following categories for recycling:

- Wood items: clean, unpainted lumber, pallets, etc.
- Metal items: scrap steel, appliances, lawn mowers, barbecues, plumbing, etc.
- Yard waste: limbs, grass, leaves, other vegetation, no stumps or limbs larger than 4" in diameter.
- No DIRT, ROCKS, SOD, BLACKBERRIES, SCOTCHBROOM or OTHER NOXIOUS WEEDS.
- Tires: with or without rims.
- Concrete, brick and stone.
- Car batteries.

For more information visit the **University Place Refuse & Recycling website**.

Get Your Lederhosen Ready for Oktoberfest in Market Square on Oct. 13

Fall's favorite festival, Oktoberfest, will return to Market Square on Friday, Oct. 13 from 5-9 p.m. Get ready for an evening of authentic polka music from the Lyle Schaefer Band, along with food and treats including hand pies from Jack's Savory Pie Co. (new this year) and, back by popular demand, the Manic Meatballs truck. There will be kettle corn and kids' activities in the Civic Building Atrium, while adults 21 and over are invited to raise a stein (or a mug or cup) in the E9 Brewing Co.'s Beer Garden.



Watch the next few issues of Headlines for more details on what promises to be another outstanding Oktoberfest in U.P.

Tacoma Audubon Society Considering Name Change

Tahoma Audubon Society is considering removing the "Audubon" name from our organization along with many other chapters locally and nationally. Our namesake John James Audubon was well known for his 19th century bird paintings which is why the society was originally named after him long after his death. Unfortunately, he was a racist slave owner, vocal anti-abolitionist and regularly killed 100 birds a

day to pose them for his art.

We feel this name does not represent our people or our dedicated work in bird conservation, nor does it invite our community to join us in protecting local wildlife and habitats. Our members will have the final vote about changing the name at our general meeting in February. Want a vote? Become a member!

Anyone can submit comments or name suggestions to names@tahomaaudubon.org. Read the full story, a list of FAQs, and additional articles on the **Tahoma Audubon website**.

What's in a name?



tahomaaudubon.org/our-name

Take Control in 1, 2, 3

September is National Preparedness Month and this year is focused on the importance of preparing older adults for disasters. The theme for the month is 1, 2, 3 – with three specific topics to guide your preparations.



- **Assess your needs.** If you have medications that need refrigeration, rely on mobility or assistive devices or have a pet, assess how these variables will factor into what you'll need to stay safe in a disaster or emergency.
- **Make a plan.** Once you assess your needs, tailor your plan to make sure your needs are met. This can include building a kit that includes extra medication, having a way to store medications in an emergency and planning for your pets or service animals.
- **Engage your support network.** Reach out to family, friends and neighbors who can help you build a support network for before, during and after a disaster or emergency. Share each aspect of your emergency plan with everyone in your group.

Look for more information in our next newsletter and/or visit [Ready.gov/older-adults](https://www.ready.gov/older-adults) for resources to help you "Take Control" – and do it today!

September is "Puget Sound Starts Here" Month

Did you know that poorly maintained tires may contribute to the declining salmon population?

Research shows a chemical (known as 6PPD-quinone) that prevents automotive tires from degrading and helps them last longer is the reason large numbers of salmon are dying in Northwest creeks before they have a chance to spawn.



Research and development of non-toxic options to 6PPD-quinone is ongoing, but until a solution is found, one of the best things you can do right now to prevent this chemical from polluting our waterways is to regularly rotate and inflate your tires. Proper tire maintenance prevents tiny bits of rubber and plastic from worn tires—elements that are toxic to fish and other water life—from being washed into stormwater basins.

Learn more at www.pugetsoundstartshere.org, a nonprofit collaborative campaign among federal, state and local governments, tribes, nonprofit organizations and businesses dedicated to protecting the waters of Puget Sound.

What's UP with Biz?



The calendar may say it's time to go back to school, but the U.P. Economic Development Department says it's also time to get back to business. Over the next two weeks, U.P. will celebrate the grand opening or re-opening of four new businesses. The public is invited to attend these events and learn more about the products and services they offer right here in University Place.

Local businesses are crucial to our economy and provide local tax dollars that support the high quality of life we enjoy in U.P. Please let them know you are glad to have them in the neighborhood.

Upcoming Ribbon Cutting Events:

Hotworx

7305 40th St. W.
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023
1:30-2:30 p.m.

South Sound Endodontics

2424 Mildred St. W.
Tues., Sept. 12, 2023
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Pacific Wellness and University Place Medical Clinic

4114 Bridgeport Way W.
Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Keays Wellness Clinic

8404 27th St. W.
Friday, Sept. 15, 2023
1:30-2:30 p.m.



DANCE THEATRE NORTHWEST

ARTS ARE EDUCATION FREE PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
7 - 8:30 P.M.

in the
Civic Building Atrium
(in front of the P.C. Library)
3609 Market Place W.
University Place

Visit www.dtnw.org for more details!

South Sound 911 launches first 911 Community Academy

Pierce County residents can learn about the inner workings of their

local 911 center through participation in the **South Sound 911 Community Academy**. The no-cost academy is scheduled from Oct. 3 to Nov. 7 and will host sessions on Tuesdays, 6:30–8 p.m., at **South Sound 911**.



The South Sound 911 Community Academy offers a comprehensive look at 911 and dispatch operations and other functions within the agency. Participants will walk away with a better understanding of emergency services and gain insight into the various roles, from 911 telecommunicators to law enforcement and fire dispatchers.

"We are excited to introduce the South Sound 911 Community Academy," said Executive Director Deborah Grady. "This is a great opportunity for our residents to connect directly with those in action and understand the fundamentals of emergency public safety communications."

The 911 Academy is limited to 20 participants; interested residents should register online at **SouthSound911CommunityAcademy.eventbrite.com** by Sept. 27. Space is limited to 20. To be eligible, participants must be at least 18 years old and pass a background check.

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
AT 6:30 P.M.

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

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS ONLY ONE MEETING IN AUGUST

AGENDA ITEMS

- 35th Street Improvements Phase 1 Bid award
- Update to Title 12 of the Municipal Code
- NE Business District Plan
- Lot 11 Development Agreement

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

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