# Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



#### **September 20, 2023**

#### Remembering the Heroes of 9/11

West Pierce Fire & Rescue would like to thank all who attended the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony last week and the community who gathered to honor those lost on September 11, 2001. Local leaders, including Fire Chief Jim Sharp, City of University Place Mayor Steve Worthington and the 16th CAB's Colonel Derek Smith, spoke of the events of that fateful day and the lasting impact felt today.



The community is invited and encouraged to visit West Pierce Fire & Rescue's 9/11 Reflection Park at any time, as it is open to the public in front of Station 31, located at 3631 Drexler Drive W in University Place. The park is **steeped in symbolism** and is truly a piece of our nation's history.

(Photo Credit: Joint Base Lewis-McChord's 16th Combat Aviation Brigade)



#### **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!



#### **Grab Coffee with a Cop**

Make some time on Wednesday, Oct. 4 to stop by the Starbucks in the Green Firs Towne Center (3904 Bridgeport Way W.) to have some Coffee with a Cop.

Members of the U.P. Police Department, including Chief Pat Burke, will be serving samples and catching up with members of the community from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a great way to introduce yourself to your public safety team while enjoying casual conversation.



Coffee with a Cop is a national effort that launched in 2016 and is held annually on the first Wednesday in October. The goal is to break down barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by fostering positive connections and interactions. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity by stopping by to say hello.

#### **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.

#### Oktoberfest Returns to Market Square on Oct. 13!

Make plans to spend a fun-filled fall evening with family and friends when Oktoberfest returns to Market Square on Friday, Oct. 13 from 5-9 p.m.

There will be loads of fun for kids and adults alike, including authentic polka music from the Lyle Schaefer Band, children's activities in the Civic Building



atrium, strolling princesses courtesy of Magic in the PNW and stilt dancer Janet Rayor.

Grab something good to eat from the Jack's Savory Pie Co. and Manic Meatballs food trucks or enjoy giant pretzels or freshly popped sweet kettle corn. Thirsty adults 21 and over are invited to wet their whistles in the E9 Brewing Co.'s Beer Garden.

Take a look at these **video highlights** from last year's Oktoberfest and get ready to make new memories during this favorite fall tradition in U.P.

#### Ride with ORCA to Oktoberfest

Pierce Trips, a carpooling, public transit and telework resource, has provided the City of University Place again this year with a limited number of ORCA regional transit cards to help U.P. residents get to and from this year's Oktoberfest at no cost.

Those who are interested in obtaining an ORCA card should complete the **online form**.



The passes will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis, and limited to four passes per household. 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.

#### **Speed Counts When Countering Graffiti**

The City of University Place, like other communities in the greater Puget Sound region, has seen an uptick in reports of graffiti or "tagging."

One of the best ways to fight graffiti is to report it quickly to the U.P. Police Department's non-emergency line at 253.287.4455. The sooner the police can identify who is responsible for cleanup, the sooner the work can begin.



"Research shows that the longer graffiti sticks around, the higher probability it will multiply or create other tags," said Jennifer Hales, the City's public safety administrator. She said that property owners can take simple steps to help deter taggers, such as improving lighting and making graffiti-prone areas more visible by removing overgrown vegetation. There are also numerous graffiti-resistant products that can be used to coat surfaces that are prone to vandalism.

University Place property owners are reminded that the City's Municipal Code calls for penalties for allowing "graffiti nuisance property" to exist for 15 business days after the date the City serves a notice of violation. "We want to work with property owners to ensure quick removal and certainly don't want to see innocent victims be penalized," Hales said. "But we also know that we need to be vigilant to ensure graffiti does not become a chronic concern in U.P."

If you have questions or concerns about graffiti or tagging in U.P., please email **Jennifer Hales** or call her at 253.798.3141.

#### **Cirque Park Skatepark Improvements**

Improvements to the skatepark at Cirque Park are underway. American Ramp Company, which has built skate and bike parks all over the world, has begun upgrading the facility's numerous amenities. The work includes new concrete quarterpipes, a banana berm, flat rail and kicker ramp as well as a bank-to-bank ramp and skate bench. These will replace wooden features that were decaying due to age and use.



The project is funded by a Washington State Recreation and Conservation Grant and is expected to take five to six weeks.

#### **Another Tip to Keep Puget Sound Clean**

As part of the **Puget Sound Starts Here** campaign, here is another way you can ensure that your vehicles do not contribute to water pollution. In addition to our previous tips about the importance of promptly addressing oil and fluid leaks and keeping your tires properly inflated, drivers are encouraged to use commercial car washes as opposed to washing cars at home. That's because commercial car washes, both tunnels and bays, are

required to treat their dirty wash water, which often contains harmful pollutants like oil, grease, heavy metals and soaps.

If you choose to wash your own car, do so in a grassy area so the grass and soil can soak up the dirty wash water. This will prevent it from running into a storm drain—and, ultimately, Puget Sound.

And for those groups who have traditionally used car washes as fundraisers.

**PugetSoundStartsHere.org** has a **tip sheet for alternative fundraising efforts** that can support your organization—as well as the health of Puget Sound.



#### What's UP with Biz?

If you belong to a community group or organization that is looking for space to hold your meetings, several U.P. businesses make their spaces available for public meetings. So whether your nonprofit needs a space for its board meetings or your book club is looking for a venue large enough to support a bunch of bibliophiles, check out these options. And please be sure to thank these businesses for supporting community life in U.P.



**Triumph Physical Therapy** (3560 Bridgeport Way W.)

Can accommodate between 10-20 people depending on seating configuration. TV screen available for video conferencing. Contact Victory Kovach at 253.256.3311.

**Northwest Medical Arts** (5350 Orchard St W., Ste 202) Room to accommodate small groups. Video screen available. Contact Heather Hall at 253.352.0882.

**First Financial Northwest Bank** (3555 Market Place W., Ste 1) Conference room can accommodate a group of 8-12. Full AV capabilities. Contact Dana Giove at 425.254.2161.

**Pierce County Library University Place Branch** (3609 Market Place W., Ste 100)

Large meeting room, conference room and two small study rooms. Reserve in advance **on-line**.



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!

#### UNIVERSITY PLACE

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023** AT 6:30 P.M.

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

#### AGENDA ITEMS

- 35th Street W Phase I Bid Award
- . Sponsorship and Donation Policy
- State Building Code Amendments
- UPMC Chapter 12.15 SWM Fee

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