

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



October 4, 2023

Oktoberfest is Next Friday, Oct. 13

Don't let the date scare you off: Friday, Oct. 13 is going to be a lucky night for all those who attend U.P.'s Oktoberfest celebration in Market Square.

They are in for a night of great fun with friends and family alike. Come out from 5-9 p.m. to enjoy live authentic polka music from the Lyle Schaefer Band and a lively beer garden hosted by E9 Brewing Co. for those 21 and older. Enjoy great food from the Jack's Savory Pie Co., Tornado Potato and Manic Meatballs food trucks, as well as lots of goodies to snack on, including fresh-popped sweet kettle corn and big, salty Bavarian pretzels.

There will also be loads of fun for the kids, including children's activities in the Civic Building atrium, strolling princesses courtesy of Magic in the PNW and stilt dancer Janet Rayer.

This event regularly draws a big crowd. U.P. businesses or organizations that want to raise their visibility with this large audience are encouraged to consider one of several sponsorship opportunities that are available for this event. Please email **Marian Holloway** or call her at 253.460.2500 to learn more.





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!



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**.

It's in the Bag

The baggers at Trader Joe's on Sept. 20 may have been a little overdressed—and some might say a little underqualified—but that's because they were a bit out of their element.

U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke and Sgt. Zach Bregel spent an hour bagging groceries (not criminals) at the Bridgeport Way store as part of Trader Joe's "Guest Baggers" program. The pair used the time to introduce themselves to customers and employees and answered questions and concerns patrons had about public safety in U.P.



"We much prefer to meet the people we serve in a setting like this, as opposed to during an emergency situation," Burke said. "I think it helps the community see that we truly are part of the community." Burke said he thought he aced the assignment, but "I will say I thought Sgt. Bregel's bagging skills were a bit shaky."

For the record, Bregel counters that he finished his shift with no broken eggs but did enjoy some good laughs with the customers. "Chief Burke's just jealous because I carefully separated the cold items and remembered to put the loaves of bread on the top of the bag."



Are You Ready to ShakeOut?

Millions of people live and work in earthquake-prone regions of the United States. A major earthquake could cause unprecedented devastation for one of these regions but also affect the economy of the entire country. What we do now, before a big earthquake, will determine how well we survive and recover.



Each year, Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills involve millions of participants worldwide through broad-based outreach programs, media partnerships, and public advocacy by hundreds of partners. The drill is held annually on the third Thursday of October. This year, International ShakeOut Day will be on October 19. However, people and organizations can hold their drills on any other day of the year.

A key aspect of the ShakeOut is the integration of comprehensive science-based earthquake research and the lessons learned from decades of social science research about why people get prepared. The result is a "teachable moment" on par with having an actual earthquake (often followed by increased interest in getting ready for earthquakes). ShakeOut creates the sense of urgency that is needed for people, organizations, and communities to get prepared, to practice what to do to be safe, and to learn what plans need to be improved.

Not just any drill will accomplish this; it needs to be big. It must inspire communities to come together. It must involve children at school and parents at work, prompting conversations at home. It must allow every organization, city, etc., to make it their own event. We are all in this together.

To participate, go to **ShakeOut.org/register** and pledge your family, school, business, or organization's participation in the drill. Registered participants will receive information on how to plan their drill and involve others. At the minimum practice one of the recommended protective actions listed at **ShakeOut.org/dropcoverholdon**. It is only a one-minute commitment for something that can save your life.

For more information, visit **ShakeOut.org**.

Commitment to Community

Congrats to our own City Council member Caroline Belleci who just graduated from the fall session of West Pierce Fire & Rescue's CERT training class! (Pictured here with the graduating class.)

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes are aimed at preparing groups of citizens in our community to prepare for and respond to disasters. The series of six classes follow a model developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that is offered in cities across the United States.



For more information about the CERT program, check out **FEMA's site** or watch for future classes put on by **West Pierce Fire & Rescue**.

Be an Informed Voter: Get Your Information Straight from the Candidates

Candidates vying for three open U.P. City Council positions in this year's election were asked to provide their responses to three questions as part of the City's Voters' Guide. Voters can see their responses, as well as their brief opening and closing statements, in a special Video Voters' Guide that will be available in the coming weeks prior to the election.



Watch the video to see candidates Frank Boykin, Saadia Wahid, Stan Flemming, Melanie J. Grassi and Alecia Cunningham provide their answers to these specific questions:

1. What do you view as the most important issues currently facing the City and how will you address them?
2. How do you believe the City and State should work together on implementing middle housing?

3. What do you hope to accomplish as a City Council member?

Boykin and Wahid are running to fill Council Position 2, which is currently held by Council Member Kent Keel, who is not seeking reelection. Cunningham and Grassi are running for Council Position 7, currently held by Council Member Caroline Belleci, who is also not seeking reelection. Council Member Flemming is running unopposed to continue serving Council Member Position 6.

In addition to U.P.'s Video Voters' Guide, the Tacoma-Pierce County League of Women Voters will hold a **Candidates Forum on Oct. 18 over Zoom**. Join online to hear what these candidates vying for U.P. City Council have to say on a variety of other issues.

Election Day will be Tuesday, Nov. 7, with ballots mailed on Oct. 20. For complete details on how, when and where to vote, check out the **Pierce County Elections Voter Information flyer**.

Fall Safety Day is October 21

On Saturday, October 21, **West Pierce Fire & Rescue** (WPFR) will host its annual Fall Safety Day event. This event is fun for the entire family and, of course, every child receives a free pumpkin! There will also be a food drive held at the event, so please bring your non-perishable donations.

Pumpkins have been generously donated by local farms.

Saturday, October 21
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
West Pierce Fire & Rescue Station 21
5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood

For more information visit westpierce.org.

WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE'S 27TH ANNUAL

FALL SAFETY DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023
10 A.M. - 1 P.M. AT STATION 21
5000 STEILACOOM BLVD SW, LAKEWOOD

Bring the whole family out for a day of fun and of course, pumpkins!

www.westpierce.org

Help Shape your City

Are you passionate about making your city a better place? Then you'll want to apply to become one of the City's Commissioners! Your volunteer efforts will play a huge role in the growth and development of your city, and your unique knowledge and experience will make a difference.

Applications are currently being accepted for the Park Advisory Commission, Planning Commission and the Public Safety Commission. The deadline to apply is Oct. 27, 2023 at 4 p.m., so don't wait! Submit your application either in-person at City Hall or by emailing **Debora Nicholas**. Find more information on how to apply on the **City website**.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to make a real difference in your city!

Curbside Oversize Brush Pickup

November 6 - 17, 2023

Pile Limitations: 1 per household no larger than 6' wide by 6' long by 6' high

The Oversized Brush Pickup is available to all residential customers of University Place Refuse and Recycling, even those without yard waste service. The pickup day for your area will be the same as your curbside recycling or yard waste pickup day during the weeks shown above. Remember, this is a one day event for each neighborhood. The Oversized Brush Pickup is only for the larger brush and limbs that do not easily fit into a regular yard waste cart. Limbs are removed by machine or pitchfork. Sweeping of small items by the customer can be expected.



Yes, Oversized Brush Includes: branches, brush, and limbs no larger than 6' in length or 4" in diameter. Please stack loose for pickup (no cans, bags, or bundles).

No, Oversized Brush Does Not Include: blackberry, holly, or other thorny vegetation; stumps, limbs larger than 6' or thicker than 4"; small loose items such as grass, leaves, weeds, bark, pine/fir needles, etc. No noxious weeds like scotchbroom or English ivy, etc.

If you are signed up for yard waste service, please make maximum use of your cart before placing brush in a pile. Place your oversized brush in a loose pile at the curb or within 5 feet of the driveable portion of the roadway for pickup. Make sure the pile isn't in the street or blocking access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

What's UP with Biz?

Do you—or your furry friend—need a little pampering?

U.P.'s 27th Street Business District is home to businesses that cater to dogs and their owners. Pampered Puppies is a new dog grooming salon located at 8216 27th St. W. Their caring staff can groom all breeds and sizes and specialize in senior pets, high anxiety pets and animals with medical

conditions.

After treating your pooch to some TLC, make plans to give yourself the same. Be sure to attend the grand re-opening of the Day Spa at Brassfield's Salon at 7326 27th St. W. on Nov. 7. Stop by from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. to check out their updated space and, while you're there, make an appointment for some pre-holiday self-care.



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 16, 2023
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

- UPMC Chapter 12.15 SWM Fee
- Council Salary Adjustment (A)
- 2024 Property Tax Levy (S#1)

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



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