

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



October 18, 2023

Prost to Another Outstanding Oktoberfest

A little rain could not dampen the fun for the record crowd that turned out for this year's Oktoberfest celebration in Market Square.

Everything was a hit, from the Magic in the PNW princesses who strolled among the crowd to stilt dancer Janet Rayer who was adorned in her Oktoberfest best. Pumpkin carving artist Wade Lapp wowed the crowd with his skills while the food trucks sold out of many of their popular items, including Jack's Savory Pie Co. hand pies and Tornado Potato's Polish Sausage Tornado, a potato-wrapped wurst on a stick.

The E9 Brewing Co.'s beer garden was busy all night, offering a wide selection of craft beers perfect for washing down Bavarian pretzels. And to create the perfect atmosphere for the celebration, the Lyle Schafer German Band played traditional Polka music plus other family favorites.

Many thanks to all those who helped make this the highest-attended Oktoberfest.





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!



A Memorable Meet-Up

When Don Cooper, a valued and dedicated volunteer with the University Place Police Department (UPPD), passed away in 2021, his wife Barbara generously donated \$10,000 to help purchase a new K9 dog for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department (PCSD), of which UPPD is a contract agency.

During the National Night Out festivities in August, Deputy John Munson, who runs the K9 program for Pierce County, and Deputy Levi Redding, a K-9 handler, surprised Barbara with her first introduction to Coda Rainier, the newest member of the PCSD K-9 unit that her gift made possible.

"It was a total surprise," Barbara recalled. "I had to compose myself when I saw him. He is so beautiful." Indeed, the jet-black German Shepherd (who celebrated his first birthday on the day he and Barbara met) is sure to stop people in their tracks—if not by his good looks, then by his training in suspect apprehension.

Coda Rainier is named after Don's love of the mountain he scaled three times during his lifetime. So Barbara found herself particularly moved when Deputy Redding sent her a picture of Coda Rainier in front of a PCSD K-9 unit, with Mount Rainier in the background.



During the coming year, Barbara will also pay for Coda Rainier's custom vest that he will need once he completes all his training.

"I'm so happy to be able to do this," Barbara said, knowing her husband's love of Rainier as well as his commitment to the UPPD. "I felt 100 percent this was the best thing I could do."



Hear the Candidates in their Own Words

Before you cast your vote in this year's City Council election, be sure to check out this special **Video Voters' Guide** where you can hear for yourself how the candidates vying for three open U.P. City Council positions responded to these three 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 to address housing issues in U.P.?
3. What do you hope to accomplish as a City Council member?

Candidates **Frank Boykin** and **Saadia Wahid** are running to fill Council Position 2, **Melanie J. Grassi** and **Alecia Cunningham** are running for Council Position 7. **Stan Flemming** is running unopposed to continue serving in Council Member Position 6.

Tonight, Oct. 18, the **Tacoma-Pierce County League of Women Voters** will hold a **Candidates Forum on Zoom**. Join online to hear more from the U.P. City Council candidates on a variety of other issues.

Did You Have Coffee with a Cop?

Patrons running in for their venti lattes at the Starbucks in the Green Firs Towne Center on Oct. 4 might have been surprised to see a heavy police presence there that day.

But the men in blue were not responding to a call for service, but were there as part of the National Coffee with a Cop initiative that is designed to break down barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by fostering positive connections and interactions.



Police Chief Pat Burke, Sgt. Zach Bregel and Deputies Doug Maier, Bill Brand,

Jonathan Hammond and Jason Smith rotated in and out over the course of two hours to make introductions and listen to the concerns of constituents. Burke said he was impressed by the informed questions they received about topics such as recent legislative actions that impact things such as police pursuit and narcotics laws. "People are paying attention to what's happening in Olympia and wondering what that means for them as residents and business owners in University Place," he added.

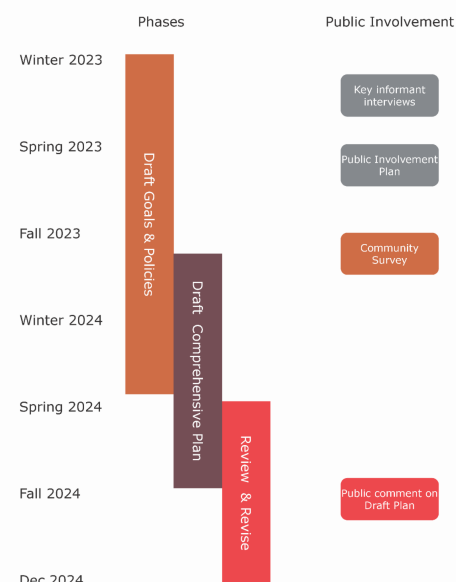
Several participants also had very specific questions related to their neighborhoods and indicated they are interested in seeing more and more of these kind of events. "We have to work around our staffing levels, but we will do all we can to meet that request," Burke added.



Help Shape the Future of University Place

The City of University Place's Comprehensive Plan is a broad statement of the community's vision for the future and contains policies primarily to guide the physical development of the City. A Comprehensive Plan can also shape certain aspects of the City's social and economic character. The Comprehensive Plan is a living document that must accommodate change. Therefore, the City is required to conduct a major update of its Comprehensive Plan by the end of 2024.

As the City updates its Comprehensive Plan, they want to hear from you! What is your vision for the City over the next 20 years? How would you like the city to accommodate new growth? How can the City support alternative transportation? Tell the City what you think in this **Community Survey**. The survey will be open until December 4, 2023. And please - spread the word to others!



To receive a paper version of the survey via mail, please call Zak Ott at 425.954.9219.

Survey in Spanish
Survey in Korean

Keep Storm Drains Clean

It's that time of year again: time to get out the rakes and brooms to make sure that the catch basins near your property remain clear of leaves, needles and storm debris to prevent large puddles and ponding on U.P. streets.

The City's Public Works crews will be out in force in sweeper trucks to do their part to keep storm drains open, but since they can't cover every street, every day, residents are asked to help out by keeping an eye out for blocked storm drains, especially after particularly heavy rain and/or wind events.

Not only does keeping the drains flowing ensure that U.P.'s stormwater system operates efficiently to transfer stormwater to ponds, streams and Puget Sound, but it also prevents water damage to our city streets.





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

Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony Planned for Nov. 11

Please plan to set aside some time on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. to honor our veterans at Cirque Park's Veterans Memorial Plaza.

The ceremony will include the laying of a wreath, military Color Guard presentations, and speeches from U.P. Mayor Steve Worthington, representatives of JBLM and Rep. Mari Leavitt of Washington's 28th legislative district.

Check the next issue of Headlines on Nov. 1 for more event details.



City Hall Holiday Closure

CITY STAFF WILL BE ON HOLIDAY ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 IN RECOGNITION OF THE VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY. NORMAL HOURS WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 9 A.M.

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.

Are You Ready to Vote?

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

Don't miss this chance to make your voice heard. Be prepared so you can exercise your right to vote.



What's UP with Biz?

On Sunday, Oct. 22, kids big and small are invited to attend a special "Tent or Treat" pop-up market at Northwest Medical Arts (5350 Orchard St. W.).

From noon to 4 p.m., there will be games, small-business crafters and witches chocolate brew (also known as hot chocolate).

This free event is sponsored by Northwest Medical Arts and Pacific NW Girl Gang Events. Come in costume or just come as you are. But do stop by and see what treats local businesses have to offer.



UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023
AT 6:30 P.M.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

- AR Write-offs Over \$1,000
- Cancellation of Checks Over 1 Year
- NE Business District Plan Adoption
- 2024 Property Tax Levy
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Zoning Code Text Amendments
- Legislative Agenda Topics

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

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