

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



May 1, 2024

Have a Cupcake with a Cop

Satisfy your sweet tooth and your curiosity about public safety in U.P. by joining U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke and other members of the UPPD at Wanna Cupcake? in the Green Firs Towne Center (3826 Bridgeport Way W.) from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15 for the inaugural Cupcake with a Cop event.

Stop by and engage with your law enforcement professionals in a casual setting—and see which members of the UPPD have cupcake decorating “cred.”

And while you’re there, be sure to get some sweet treats to bring back to the office or home to your family.



Cupcake with a Cop

AT WANNA CUPCAKE | MAY 15, 2:30-4:30 PM

Free Cupcakes

Prizes &
Giveaways

Cupcake
Decorating Contest

Meet Your Public
Safety Team



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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!



Volunteers Turn In Force for Parks Appreciation Day

Under crystal blue skies, a crowd of nearly 60 eager volunteers turned out for U.P.'s annual Parks Appreciation Day cleanup at Curran Apple Orchard. The morning began with complimentary coffee, water and donuts supplied by University Place Refuse and Recycling, the event's co-sponsor.



Then the crew got to work spreading wood chips, pulling weeds and even did some pruning after an impromptu pruning lesson by Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts (CORE) member and arborist Robert Sweet.

After three hours of hard work, the volunteers were treated to a complimentary barbeque, again courtesy of U.P. Refuse and Recycling.

Many thanks to all those who turned out and did their part to contribute to getting the Curran Apple Orchard ready for the busy season ahead and to U.P. Refuse and Recycling for their continued sponsorship of this annual event.

See more photos from this year's event on the City's **Facebook page** or catch a short video recap on **Instagram!**



Duck Daze Descends on U.P. on June 1

The madness and mayhem that is Duck Daze will return to U.P. on Saturday, June 1.

The festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with the popular community parade that begins at 29th Street and Bridgeport Way and ends at the Village at Chambers Bay. Following the parade, Market Square will come alive with the music of country rock artist Joel Gibson Jr. who will be performing on the main stage and there will also be a variety of food trucks and vendors on hand, including Manic Meatball, Lopez Cocinita Lab, Kona Ice and Tasty Z's Kettle Corn.



The parade is open to community organizations, youth groups, businesses and others who pre-register by May 17. Get all the details, including an important parade checklist, on the **City's Events page**.

New attractions are being added every day, so be sure to stay tuned to Headlines and the **City's Facebook** page for updates.

U.P. Hosts Critical Incident Stress Management Training

For three days in April, commissioned and non-commissioned members of law enforcement agencies from around the state attended special group and individual Critical Incident Stress Management training that was held in the U.P. City Council Chambers.

Nearly 40 first responders participated in a series of lectures, workshops and discussions designed to help them learn how to take care of each other after experiencing trauma in the field. The University Place Police

Department partnered with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and Behind the Badge Foundation to provide the training at no cost to the participants. Behind the Badge Foundation helps law enforcement families and agencies cope with trauma, grief and loss after a line of duty death or serious injury.



University Place Police Chief Pat Burke was happy to have U.P. host the event, especially since UPPD's own Deputy Jason Smith has already completed the training. "The training is critical for our profession," Burke said. "I am grateful for the Behind the Badge Foundation. It was our privilege to host the training, and we were thrilled to have UPPD represented in the class."

In addition to this training, Behind the Badge Foundation also provides law enforcement officers and their families affected by trauma with legal counsel, injured officer support, financial planning and chaplaincy.

Learn more at **[Behindthebadgefoundation.org](https://behindthebadgefoundation.org)**.

Photo and video provided by the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.



Combat Graffiti with SeeClickFix

Graffiti is a public nuisance that detracts from our community's quality of life and can embolden additional nuisance behaviors if not addressed quickly.

But there is a quick fix...SeeClickFix, to be specific. This easy-to-use free app enables residents to quickly report graffiti and other public nuisances, including abandoned cars on private property, excessive trash or other issues as defined in the **City's Municipal Code 9.35**. Search for the SeeClickFix app in the store on your smartphone, then download and install it.

Simply take a picture on your phone or tablet of the issue and submit it to the City via the app. Code Enforcement Officer Melanie Boehm will log the complaint and notify the property owner. 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.

Those who wish to do so can also report issues via the **Code Enforcement page on the City's website**.

Property owners can also take simple steps to help deter taggers, such as improving lighting and making graffiti-prone areas more visible by removing overgrown vegetation. Graffiti-resistant products can be used to coat surfaces that are prone to vandalism such as fences and mailboxes.

If you have questions or concerns about graffiti or tagging in U.P., please email **Melanie Boehm** or call her at 253.460.2548.



2024 U.P. Spring Garden Tour

Garden enthusiasts will want

to act quickly to secure their tickets to this year's annual U.P. Garden Tour sponsored by the U.P. Historical Society.

This year's tour will be limited to one day only, Saturday, June 8, when ticket holders can visit five stunning gardens in the University Place and Fircrest area.



Early bird tickets are on sale now through May 15 for \$20 on the **U.P. Historical Society website**. After May 15, tickets will be \$25 and available at Chirp and Company, Willow Tree Gardens and Interiors, and Gardensphere. They will also be sold on the day of the event at the Curran House (4009 Curran Lane W.).

Pierce County Launches Yard Waste Recycling

All Pierce County residents, including those in University Place, can now throw food waste items into their yard waste carts.

Both U.P. Refuse and Recycling and LeMay Pierce County Refuse are participating in the program, which reminds residents that "If you can eat it, we can compost it." That means food waste such as fruit and vegetable cores and peels, coffee grounds, eggs shells, bread and rice can be put in yard waste containers.

This new program strives to reduce the tons of organic waste in the landfill and reduce harmful methane greenhouse gas emissions. All county residents should receive a mailer with more details. If you have yet to get one, or want additional information, visit **Pierce County's Curbside Yard Waste webpage**.



What's UP With Biz?



U.P.'s sweet teeth celebrated the grand opening of the new See's Candies store in the Green Firs Towne Center on April 20. Several members of the U.P. City Council were part of the festivities, which also included the Curtis High School cheerleaders.

Joining See's sales associates for the celebration were Pat Egan, president and CEO of See's Candies, and U.P. Council Members Melanie Grassi, Stan Flemming, Mayor Javier Figueroa and Mayor Pro Tem Ed Wood.

Last Call for Color It UP Entries

The deadline for entries into U.P.'s Color It UP contest to create designs for utility boxes along Bridgeport Way West from 40th Street to Cirque Drive West is May 5.

Individuals or student groups in grades 5-

12 are encouraged to create colorful designs that show community pride or happiness. Winning designs will be transferred to vinyl wrappings that will cover all four sides of the utility boxes.

Don't miss this chance to leave a beautiful mark on U.P. For complete contest details and design specifications, visit the **Color it UP Art Contest page**.



TWISTED CIDER 5K

5K RUN AND 1K KIDS WALK
SATURDAY, JULY 27 AT 8 A.M. AND 9:15 A.M.
CURRAN APPLE ORCHARD

FOR MORE DETAILS, INCLUDING REGISTRATION
INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.TCMAEVENTS.COM

Beginner Birding with Ed Beck

Tuesdays: May 7, 14 and 21, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Adriana Hess Wetland Center.

Field Trips Saturdays, May 11 and 18
8 a.m. to noon, at Titlow Beach Park and Fort Steilacoom Park.

Members: \$125; Non-Members \$150

If you're a casual birder who wants to build their birding practice, or a new birder who doesn't know where to start, check out this new beginner birding class!

It covers the basics plus a little extra - from how to use field guides and binoculars to how to bird ethically, use apps like merlin and e-bird and shares strategies for field identification.

No equipment or textbooks are required - we can also provide binoculars to those who don't have them! This class is suitable for birders 16 and up, but all minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Led by Tahoma Bird Alliance volunteer Ed Beck. Ed has been a birder most of his life, but has gotten more serious in the past five years.

About the Instructor:



"About five years ago we had a hard winter that drove foothills birds down to our elevation. This is when the variety of birds, how they adapt to their environment, and their behavior made me want to learn more. Since then, I've been a more active birder, going on bird walks, taking classes, and learning as much as I could. I'm teaching this course because I want to share my love of birding with others."

Visit the **Tahoma Bird Alliance webpage** for more events and activities.

Photo provided by the Tahoma Bird Alliance.

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024
AT 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL: WATCH ON COMCAST
CHANNEL 21, RAINIER CONNECT
CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON
[YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETYV](https://www.youtube.com/universityplacetyv)

AGENDA ITEMS

- National Safe Boating and Paddling Week
- Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation
- Epic Land Solutions Contract Amendment
- Makers Architecture Contract for HB-1110 Implementation
- Pierce County GIS Services
- Pierce County Flood Control District ILA Amendment
- Opioid Settlement
- Multifamily Tax Exemption 27th Street/RTA PH Resolution
- Gallery Space Lease Agreement

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

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Memorial Day

REMEMBER AND HONOR

City Hall Offices will be closed in recognition of the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 27, 2024. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 28 at 9 a.m.

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