

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



November 13, 2024

Let Us Never Forget

Members of the University Place community, including current and former City Council Members, were joined by personnel from JBLM for the annual Veterans Day remembrance event at Cirque Park.



Also in attendance were Rep. Mari Leavitt (WA-28), Elizabeth Grasher, Town of Steilacoom council member, and U.P. Scout Pack #148. Chaplain Major Brian Osborn of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade provided an invocation for the ceremony that also included a playing of "Taps," a laying of the wreath at the Veterans Plaza Wall and a rendition of "Amazing Grace" by Robert Wallace of the Clan Gordon Pipe Band.

Lt. Col. Megan Young, commander of the 2-158 Assault Helicopter Battalion at JBLM, offered brief remarks, as did U.P. Mayor Pro Tem Ed Wood. "As we lay the wreath today in front of our service flags, let us never forget that we enjoy the precious freedoms of this day thanks to the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, coasties and guardians of days past who protected this great nation with honor, dignity and dedication," he said.





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.

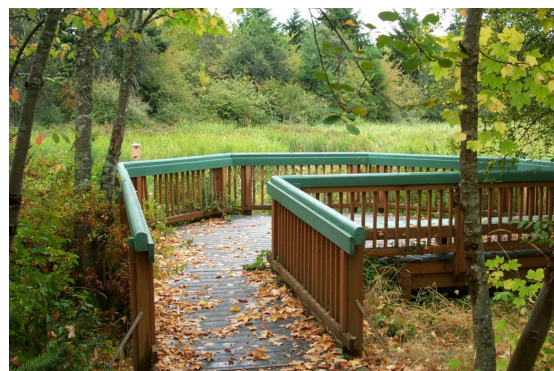
Don't miss out on staying informed and being part of a safer community - view the U.P. Police Blotter on the **City website** for updates!



Adriana Hess Work Party on Nov. 16

Volunteer with the Pierce Conservation District by spending three hours at Adriana Hess Wetland Park in University Place on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Activities will include caring for existing plants in the demonstration gardens around the Tahoma Bird Alliance building and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry, non-native trees, and English ivy. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.



Sign up by visiting the Pierce Conservation District calendar entry and selecting the sign-up link on the right side of the page.

What will volunteers be doing at the event?

While the exact tasks at hand vary through the year, our projects focus on improving the open spaces, forests, and parks in our local cities. Healthy ecosystems and thriving wetlands are vital to our community because they absorb and naturally filter rainwater, produce clean oxygen, provide living spaces for wildlife, and create a place for people to connect with the outdoors.

In order to create healthy forests and riparian zones, the work can include:

- Caring for existing plantings

- Adding a layer of tree mulch in the restoration spaces to reduce regrowth of invasive weeds
- Removing invasive species such as:
 - English ivy
 - Himalayan blackberry

For your safety and comfort please bring:

- Clothing that can get dirty
- Long pants and sleeves
- Sturdy shoes (closed toed shoes required, no sandals or flats)
- Rain gear and warm layers (the event will happen rain or shine)
- Full water bottle

Youth Policy

Youth under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Santa Will Light U.P.'s Christmas Tree on Dec. 6

Get your holiday attire ready and make plans to be a part of the celebration of the annual lighting of the Christmas Tree in Market Square on Friday, Dec. 6.

Participants are welcome to arrive at 4:30 p.m., but the festivities officially begin at 5 p.m. when Santa will arrive on a West Pierce Fire & Rescue engine. There will be live music by the Stacy Jones Band, children's activities, live performances by Magic in the PNW characters and amazing feats of balance by stilt dancer Janet Rayor.



Gather with friends and family around the Market Square outdoor fireplace and be sure to check out Santa's reindeer who will be on hand for the fun. Revelers can also warm up inside the Civic Building atrium where Santa will be available for pictures next to the cozy fireplace from 5-7 p.m., except for when he slips out to help light the tree at 6 p.m. sharp!

Grab dinner or snacks from one of several food trucks and vendors or save room for dinner from one of U.P.'s great eateries after the festivities end at 7:30 p.m. Make it a holiday night to remember in U.P.!





Make a Date for Lunch with the Chief

U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke invites members of the community to join him and the UPPD leadership team for a light lunch and conversation in the City Council Chambers on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from noon to 1 p.m.

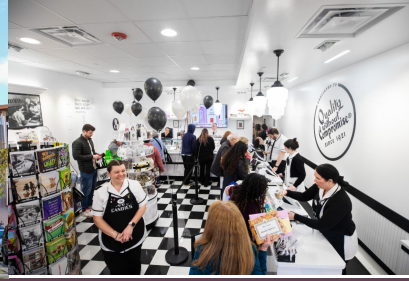
Chief Burke will explain how 2023 levy funds are being put to work today to enhance public safety in U.P. The City's community outreach officer, investigator and new school liaison officer will also be on hand to answer any questions residents and business owners have.



This is another opportunity to engage directly with your local law enforcement team. Bring your questions and meet the professionals who are protecting public safety in University Place! If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to uppublicsafety@cityofup.com.

What's UP with Biz?

Will you be entertaining for the holidays? University Place businesses have everything you need to host a memorable gathering. Visit Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, Fred Meyer and Safeway to fill your cart with all the essentials, and then stop at some of our city's specialty shops such as Old Town Delights, Wanna Cupcake?, Bliss Small Batch Creamery, See's Candies and our various coffee shops to add some special local flavors to your celebration!



Scholarship Opportunity for High School Seniors

The Association of Washington Cities Center for Quality Communities will award up to three \$3,000 scholarships in 2025 to high school seniors who are active in leadership in their city government, community or school.



The City of University Place can nominate one graduating high school senior. Applicants must be Washington state residents, reside in University Place and plan to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited college or trade school at least half-time in the 2025-26 academic year.

Get the **application and details here**. Completed application packets should be submitted to Lisa Petorak, director of Administrative Services for the City of U.P. (3609 Market Place W., University Place, WA 98466-4488). The deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 30. Scholarship recipients will be notified next spring.

Work on Phase 2 of 35th Street West Improvements Begins

Work is scheduled to begin this week on Phase 2 of improvements along 35th Street West from Bridgeport Way to Grandview Drive. The contractor will begin clearing brush and trees along the length of the site. When complete, the project will feature planter strips with street trees, new six-foot sidewalks, and five-foot bike lanes on each side of the street. There will also be new street lighting.



The entire project is slated to be completed by early June 2025.

UNIVERSITY PLACE REFUSE & RECYCLING PRESENTS

THANKS GIVING

Dinner

THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 28TH, 2024
11:00AM TO 1:00PM

CURTIS JUNIOR HIGH CAFETERIA

3725 GRANDVIEW DR. W

150 MEALS PREPARED BY CHEF DEREK BRAY

SIT-DOWN STYLE, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

PIES AND SPARKLING CIDER SUPPLIED BY DMAC ENTERPRISES

HOT BEVERAGES SUPPLIED BY OURCHURCH

QUESTIONS? EMAIL NICOLE JOVICH JOHNSON AT
NICKIBELLEJOJO@GMAIL.COM OR CALL 206-240-7173

City Signs New Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County Sheriff's Department

The City of University Place recently approved a new seven-year Public Safety Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department (PCSD) that will provide an expanded scope of work and services in support of the U.P. Police Department.

The PCSD has provided law enforcement services to U.P. since 1997 under the terms of the first ILA between the City and County. This newly executed

agreement maintains the basic terms of the first agreement for services (as well as ensuing amended versions), but also includes provisions for additional deputies and enhanced public safety equipment that have been made possible thanks to dedicated funding from the approved 2023 public safety levy.



Four additional officers were added to the UPPD force on Nov. 11, including a second sergeant and three patrol officers. Under the terms of the new ILA, Pierce County will assign four additional levy-approved staff next year, to include three patrol officers and a much-needed dedicated traffic officer. This will increase the UPPD from 16 commissioned officers to a new team of 24 by the end of 2025, fulfilling the community's desire to have an officer-to-resident ratio that is in line with national averages.

"We are grateful that this new agreement ensures that we can provide the services our citizens voted for in April 2023," said U.P. City Manager Steve Sugg.



City Hall Holiday Closure

City staff will be on holiday beginning Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 3 p.m. in recognition of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Normal hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 2 at 9 a.m.

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024
AT 6:30 P.M.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

- ARPA Fund Reallocation/Reappropriation
- Way Finding Signage Bid Award
- Otak, Inc. Contract Amendment - 27th Street Business District
- Property Tax Levy
- 2025-2026 Biennial Budget Adoption
- Commissions Preliminary Work Plans

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

Follow us on your favorite
social media sites!



@CityofUPWA



UniversityPlaceTV



@CityofUP_WA



@CityofUPWA



Mayor
Javier Figueroa



**Mayor Pro Tem
Ed Wood**



**Council Member
Frank Boykin**



**Council Member
Steve Worthington**



**Council Member
Denise McCluskey**



**Council Member
Stan Flemming**



**Council Member
Melanie Grassi**



City of University Place | 3609 Market Place W, Ste 200 | University Place, WA 98466 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!