



Talking UP

News from the City of University Place
Economic Development Office

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GET BACK TO BUSINESS WITH BACK-TO-SCHOOL SPECIALS



Does your business offer any kind of back-to-school specials, discounts or promotions?

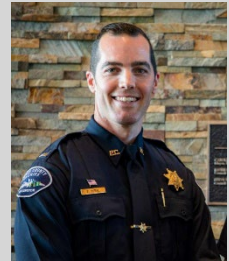
If so, please contact **Becky Metcalf**, Business Outreach Liaison in the City's Community and Economic Development Department, so we can include your offers in the City's bi-weekly e-newsletter, Headlines. Help us help you by promoting reasons to Shop Local.

MAKE THE MOST OF U.P.'S JAM-PACKED CALENDAR OF SUMMER EVENTS

Almost every week from June to September, there is some kind of special event, concert or community celebration happening in University Place. These are great events at which to hand out any kind of promotional

A NOTE FROM NEW U.P. POLICE CHIEF PAT BURKE

I would like to take a moment to formally introduce myself to you and to thank all of you who have already extended me such a warm welcome. It is my privilege and honor to serve as your Chief of Police.



I'd like to share with you a little bit about myself and my vision for public safety in U.P.

I was drawn to a career in law enforcement because I believe strongly in service to the community. I joined the Pierce County Sheriff's Department in 2011 and during my career, have had a variety of assignments with the Patrol and Administrative bureaus, including as a Use of Force instructor for 10 years and as a member of the PCSD SWAT team for five years.

I'm a native of Spokane and attended Pacific Lutheran University where I played football and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. I met my wife at PLU and we have two children (ages 2 and 4).

flyer, discount coupons or freebies to raise the visibility of your business.

For the complete list of summer events, check out the [Events calendar on the City's website](#).



Public safety is an essential component of all thriving, successful communities. The men and women of the UPPD are committed to maintaining the safety and security of all residents and businesses in University Place. That's why we welcome the opportunity to get to know the people we serve and are happy to address any questions or concerns you have about safety in University Place.

The U.P. Police Department is here to serve you, protect you, and collaborate with you. We want to work with you to maintain U.P.'s outstanding quality of life and reputation as one of the South Sound's best places to live and work.

DO YOU HAVE MEETING SPACE FOR GROUPS IN U.P.?



The City of U.P. does not have public meeting rooms that community groups can use for their meetings. So we are grateful to First Financial NW Bank for allowing the City's Economic Development Commission and other community nonprofits to use their conference room free of charge for meetings and retreats. Northwest Medical Arts has a lovely and inviting lobby area that they are willing to offer to various groups for meetings and MOD Pizza has also

indicated that they are willing to work with community organizations that may wish to meet in their space as well.

If you have rooms available for occasional community group meetings, please let [Becky Metcalf](#) know. She will be compiling a list for a future issue of *Talking UP* and to share with City staff when they receive requests or inquiries.

