Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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A Note from 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).

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 University Place 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.

Sincerely, Pat Burke, Chief of Police



Beginning in this issue of Headlines, you can check out some recent Calls for Service that your U.P. Police Department responded to. **Click here** to see Chief Burke's highlighted Police Blotter items for the period from June 26 through July 9.

Music on the Square Returns to the Village at Chambers Bay on July 19

The 2023 Music on the Square season kicks off on Wednesday, July 19 at 6 p.m. when Flor de Luna takes the stage in Market Square with their mix of Latin music influenced by artists and bands such as Santana, War, Malo and Los Lobos. The Tacos Mirrey food truck will be on the scene or grab some grub to go from another U.P. eatery and make it a night out.



Music on the Square has become a hugely popular summer event, offering seven Wednesday night concerts by some of the region's best musicians and singers. On July 26, enjoy the amazing vocals of Darelle Holden and DHQ. Holden's mastery of soul, blues, jazz and pop has made her a sought-after backup vocalist for music legends such as Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind & Fire and Tom Jones. The Boss Mama's Kitchen food truck will be serving up burgers, grilled cheese and more American favorites that night.

Find the entire 2023 Music on the Square lineup on the City's Events Page.

Get "Tangled" Up in Fun at Movie in the Park

Movie Night in the Park, a free and family-friendly night of entertainment under the stars, will return to Cirque Park (7401 Cirque Drive W.) on Saturday, Aug. 5. The fun will start at 7:30 p.m. with lots of children's activities, sweet treats and savory eats. When the sun goes down, snuggle up on a blanket to watch Disney's "Tangled," a re-imagining of the classic "Rapunzel" about a young girl who yearns



to see the world. This summer tradition of family fun is sponsored by the City of University Place.

Check out the next issue of Headlines for more details about the evening's attractions.

South Sound 911 Launches Pilot Program with 988 to Provide Immediate Mental Health Support

South Sound 911 is bringing 988 counselors directly into the 911 center to provide immediate assistance for people in crisis in Pierce County. Trained counselors from Volunteers of America,



the designated local 988 service provider, are working alongside South Sound 911 call takers to deliver emotional support, crisis counseling, and access to essential resources. This groundbreaking collaboration is the first of its kind in Washington.

South Sound 911 call takers will assess calls to determine if a transfer to a 988 counselor is appropriate. Calls transferred can include callers with thoughts of suicide when there's no immediate threat to self or others, callers who are with someone exhibiting suicidal thoughts when there's no immediate threat, or callers with recurring mental health episodes.

South Sound 911 call takers could transfer callers in crisis to on-site 988 counselors during peak call volume periods, 2 p.m. to midnight on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Outside of those times, call takers will follow standard call handling procedures which may include entering calls for law enforcement dispatch or a referral to 988 directly.

Read the full article on the **South Sound 911 Website**.

Register by July 27 to be Included on the National Night Out Public Safety Caravan

Residents of U.P. will join neighbors around the country in National Night Out festivities on Tuesday, Aug. 1. Those who want their neighborhood potluck or cookout included on the list of stops that the City's public safety caravan will make must register with the City by Thursday, July 27.



National Night Out is Aug. 1

Register your neighborhood today and celebrate a night out against crime!

Email: UPPublicSafety@CityofUP.com by July 27

Nearly 20 neighborhoods have already signed up to have members of the U.P. Police Department, West Pierce Fire & Rescue, City Council members and City staff visit their neighborhood celebrations in public safety vehicles.

National Night Out is a nationwide event designed to show support for community-police partnerships and neighborly connections. U.P. has participated every year since the City was incorporated in 1995.

Email **UPPublicSafety@CityofUP.com** to register!

Summer Brings Preventative Road Maintenance to University Place

The City of University Place contracts with Pierce County Street crews to apply chip seal on streets in four U.P.

neighborhoods beginning July 26. Seal coating will be applied the following week.

Chip sealing involves laying asphalt oil and rock over the existing road to seal the surface. Chip sealing can extend a roadway's service life by seven to 15 years by preventing water from entering the base and causing deterioration that can require extensive repairs or rebuilding.

2023 University Place Chip Seal - Totals and Breakdown



A week after the chip seal is complete, workers will return to place a seal coat oil mixture on the surface to fill voids and make the roadway slightly smoother by tamping down loose rocks created by the chip seal.

Please note that both of these processes require dry weather, so schedule adjustments may be necessary in case of rain. Residents in the map areas are reminded to plan accordingly for this work.

To watch the process, check out the video below.





You may be the person we are looking for!

We are currently hiring the following positions:

-Parks Maintenance Tech 1

See the job description on the City website.

WE WANT YOU ON OUR TEAM!





What's UP with Biz?

Make summer extra sweet by patronizing your local U.P. businesses. Stop by Bliss Creamery, Dairy Queen or McDonald's to grab some refreshing ice cream or let Lefty's and Jack in the Box mix you up a thick and creamy milkshake. If summer campfires are your thing, stop by Fred Meyer, Safeway, Trader Joe's or Whole Foods to pick up the ingredients for your own home-made s'mores and other special summer treats.



Shop local and support the businesses that support our community.



Following its smashing debut last year, the **Twisted Cider 5K run and walk** will return on Saturday, July
30 beginning at 8 a.m. when the 5k kicks off at the
Curran Apple Orchard. The children's (12 and under)
1K will begin at 9:15 a.m. and will be an out-and-back
along Sound View Drive for walkers, stroller pushers,
and anyone else who wants to participate in this part
of the event with their kids.

Following the race, runners/walkers and their cheering fans are invited to the Curran Apple Orchard to enjoy apple cider and treats from the Manic Meatballs food truck. The band Moonyard, featuring Stan the Guitar Man, will provide live music and there will be select vendors on hand as well.



Motorists are reminded to slow down and give the runners and walkers plenty of leeway as they wind their way around the area of Grandview Drive from the Orchard over to Sound View Drive. Plan your travels accordingly by viewing the **race map here**.

Be Among the First to Know

Regular readers of Headlines know that each issue is full of updates on a variety of topics related to news and events in U.P. But you can stay "in the know" between issues by signing up for calendar updates from the City of U.P.

Opt to receive email or text messages tailored to the kind of updates you want to get, such as those related to the City's special events, job postings, bid postings and more. You can even choose the time you'd like to receive them. It only takes a minute to enroll so **sign up today**.



Get to Events this Summer with ORCA!

The City of U.P. has free ORCA regional transit cards to help you get to events this year in University Place!

Simply complete the online form in advance. Have it on hand to attend summer events such as any of the seven Wednesday night Music on the Square performances, Movie in the Park, or our seasonal celebrations of Oktoberfest and the Christmas Tree Lighting.



The passes will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis, and limited to four passes per household. Each pass has enough fare to cover two All Day Passes, or five one-way trips.

Don't forget – all riders 18 and younger can now take transit for free! Check out more information on the **Free Youth Transit Pass site**.

A big thanks to Pierce Trips for supplying these cards! It only takes a minute **to apply**, so get yours today!



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