Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



November 1, 2023

Don't Forget! Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7

Please make time to vote in the General Election on Nov. 7. Three U.P. Council positions are on the ballot. This is your chance to choose who leads our city and weigh in on other issues in Pierce County as well.

Check out the Pierce County Elections Voter Information for all the details on when, where and how to vote. And U.P.'s



Video Voters' Guide lets you hear how the candidates vying for the open City Council positions responded to key questions.

Make your voice heard. Get out and vote.

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!



Cirque Park Feasibility Study Launches this Fall

The City of University Place has launched an in-depth feasibility study that will include community outreach and engagement to gather input on

plans to revitalize Cirque Park.

The City is asking those who use the park and understand best its potential and shortcomings to share their ideas with the City's Department of Public Works and Parks. You can do so by participating in things such as **FlashVote surveys**, public meetings, and presentations to community groups and sports clubs about the project.

To get the latest news as this project progresses, visit the **City's website**

and be sure to sign up to receive email updates on the project.

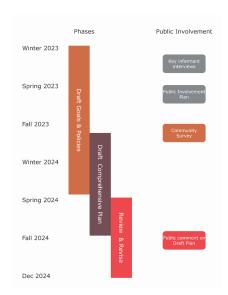


Community Survey Seeks Input on U.P.'s Comprehensive Plan Update

The City of University Place is working on a major update of its Comprehensive Plan, the document that outlines the community's vision for the future and provides policies to help guide many aspects of life in the City, including transportation and growth as well as U.P.'s social and economic character.

Citizen input is vital to this process, so please complete this brief **Community Survey**, which is also available in **Spanish** and **Korean**. The survey will be open until Dec. 4, 2023. The feedback received will be used to shape the Comprehensive Plan update that will be completed by the end of 2024.

If you or someone you know would prefer a paper version of the survey via mail, please call Zak Ott at 425.954.9219.



Learn How to Protect Children from Sexual Predators

U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke invites you to mark your calendar for Thursday, Nov. 9 for a special "Conversations with the Chief" featuring guest speaker Pierce County Det. Sgt. Lynelle Anderson. The event will run from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Civic Building's City Council Chambers (3609 Market Place W., Ste 300).



Chief Burke is welcoming
Detective Sergeant Lynelle Anderson to present:

"Changing Conversations to Keep Our Children Safe"



Anderson will discuss the important topic of how to keep children safe from sexual predators, given that:

- An estimated 60% of perpetrators of sexual abuse are known to the child but are not family members, e.g. family friends, babysitters, child care providers, neighbors, etc.
- About 30% of perpetrators of child sexual abuse are family members.
- Only about 10% of perpetrators of child sexual abuse are strangers to the child.
- Approximately 30% of sexual assault cases are never reported to authorities.

In addition to having worked in Law Enforcement for 27 years, Det. Sgt. Anderson is also a dedicated mother and grandmother and is passionate about protecting children from predators.

What Constitutes a Non-Emergency Call to South Sound 911?

If you encounter a situation that does not present an imminent danger to life or property, please report your concerns to South Sound 911's 24-Hour Non-Emergency Line at 253.287.4455. You can use this



number to report issues such as mail theft, fireworks complaints or vandalism that is not in progress. Please note that this number may ring for several minutes if there is a high volume of emergency 911 calls, but someone will get back to you if they are unable to answer immediately.

Calls to 911 should be reserved for events that require an immediate police, fire or medical response. Using the right number for the right situation keeps 911 available for true emergencies – imminent threats to life or property, or inprogress crimes.

But if you are not sure of what the situation requires, public safety professionals recommend calling 911.

Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony

Make plans to attend the Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. to honor our veterans at the University Place Veterans 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.



A Clean Sweep

Perhaps you've seen U.P.'s Public Works crews out in the street sweeper as they work to keep streets clean and free of leaves and debris that can obstruct storm drains. If necessary, to keep rainwater from ponding on streets, residents are also asked to clear the storm drains in front of their properties in case it may be a few days before the sweeper gets to their streets.

As always, please be patient and give the sweeper plenty of space. Remember that clean streets add to U.P.'s quality of life and regular sweeping also helps maintain street drainage and maintenance.



Sign Up for FlashVote

Do you have one minute a month to help make University Place better?

Join your friends and neighbors and make your voice heard on important local issues.



It's free, fast and fun – you'll get a short one-minute survey every few months and you'll get to see full survey results within 48 hours! Plus, FlashVote makes sure your feedback is always anonymous. Your input will help the City make better decisions for everyone in the community. So, what are you waiting for?

Don't miss the next survey, coming soon, sign up today!

Thanks for participating. We appreciate your help!

Curbside Oversized 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

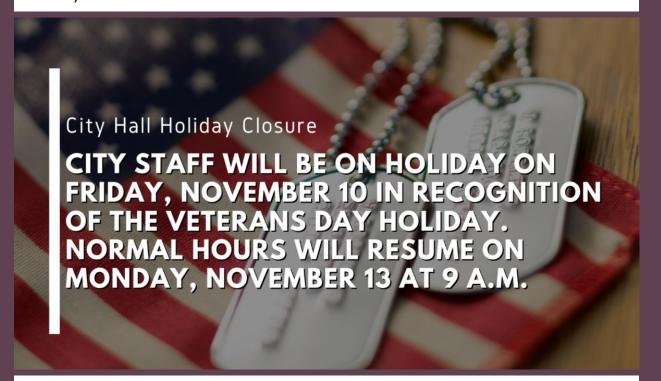


easily fit into a regular yard waste cart. Limbs are removed by machine or pitchfork. Sweeping of small items by the customer can be expected.

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.



Ride with Orca to the Christmas Tree Lighting

The City of U.P. has free ORCA regional transit passes to help you get to events this year in University Place. The passes are 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. There are a limited number of passes left; don't miss your opportunity to receive yours!



Simply complete the **online form** in advance. Have it on hand to attend the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting event taking place on Friday, Dec. 1.

UNIVERSITY PLACE

COUNCIL

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

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

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 ebsite for more information

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