

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



April 3, 2024

27th Street Business District Survey Closes April 17

As a major east-west route from Fircrest to Puget Sound, the 27th Street Business District was U.P.'s original business corridor. Today it is home to more than 150 businesses including eateries, medical and professional services, salons and automotive repair—to name just a few.



The business district runs along 27th Street West from Elwood Drive West to Morrison Road West. The City's Planning and Development Services department has created a brief survey to assess how the community currently uses the district and what people might want to see the area look like in years to come.

Take the **online survey** to weigh in on the kinds of changes or improvements you'd like to see in the area and the things you think the district needs (e.g., restaurants, parks, etc.). Input from the survey will help shape a cohesive vision for the future of the district, including goals and actions, which will become a sub-area plan to be included in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The survey will close on April 17 so please take just a few minutes now to make your thoughts known. Encourage your friends and neighbors to participate as well. Then follow the **27th Street Business District Plan page** on the City's website for updates.

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!



CRIME UPDATES

Work to Begin on Cirque Park Inclusive Playground

What better way to welcome spring than to join in the groundbreaking for U.P.'s new inclusive playground at Cirque Park on Friday, April 12 at 11 a.m. The public is invited to join families, volunteers and representatives from University Place at this truly special event.



The City of U.P. and the U.P. Parks & Recreation Foundation (UPPRF) have secured grants and private donations to create the new playground that will be accessible to children of all abilities. It will feature elements that remove physical barriers and create opportunities for all children to laugh and play together.

Work on the playground will begin shortly after the groundbreaking and construction will continue through the summer. To learn more about what makes the playground inclusive and to contribute to the project, visit the **UPPRF website**.



Park and Recreation Commission Public Meeting on Cirque Park Improvements

Please make plans to attend a public meeting on Thursday, April 11 from 6-8 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers to learn more about improvements to Cirque Park.

Feedback from the 2023 "Reimagining Cirque Park" community survey resulted in ideas for the park, including the prospect of developing a Community Center on the 22-acre facility. This meeting is an opportunity to hear more about that idea and get other updates on what the future holds for this heavily used park in the heart of the city.



Back Where He Belongs

During the City Council's regular meeting on Monday, April 1, a familiar face was re-introduced to the community.

Cory Shears, a retired sergeant with the University Place Police Department, has been hired to serve as the new community outreach officer for UPPD.



In his new role, Shears will be tasked with addressing lower-level public safety concerns such as preventative park and event safety patrols, panhandling and homeless triage. He will also function as an additional liaison between the UPPD and business owners and residents he encounters in his day-to-day work.

Welcome back to U.P., Officer Shears!



Dig Out Those Garden Gloves

Please make plans to join in an annual rite of spring in University Place: Parks Appreciation Day.

Held in conjunction with April's Earth Day celebrations, this year's Parks Appreciation Day will take place on Saturday, April 20 at the Curran Apple

Orchard (3920 Grandview Drive W.). Beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until noon, volunteers will help spread wood chips around the apple trees, pick up trash and do some minor pruning. A tree will also be planted in observance of Arbor Day. The event will be held rain or shine.

This is a great opportunity for young people to earn community service hours. Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools and gloves (make sure they are labeled with owner information). U.P. Parks will provide additional rakes and shovels for those who do not have their own.

Parks Appreciation Day in U.P. is co-sponsored by University Place Refuse and Recycling. For more information or questions about the event, please contact Tony West, Public Works operations manager, at 253.460.6493.



What's UP with Biz? **Smart and Sweet Businesses Open in U.P.**

U.P. leaders, City staff and other local business owners recently celebrated the grand openings of two new additions to the U.P. business community.

Brock's Academy (pictured right) at 6721 Regents Blvd. offers tutoring, reading, SAT/ACT test prep, one-on-one school and more. Old Times Bakery and Deli at 5502 Orchard St. W., offers homemade pastries, cakes, desserts, tarts, piroshky and more.



Nearly every month, the City's Economic Development department holds ribbon cuttings to celebrate new, renovated or expanded businesses in U.P. Please make a point of stopping in to see what they have to offer and let them know that U.P. appreciates their business.

SPRING 2024

Natural Yard Care Webinars

FREE
WEBINAR
WITH
PRIZES!

What on Earth? Vital Soil Care Tactics for Every Garden *with Christina Pfeiffer*

Wednesday, April 10, 7–8:30 p.m.



Learn how to care for your topsoil and make your garden thrive. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned gardener, this event is perfect for anyone looking to improve their gardening skills.

Register at naturalyardcareapril10.bpt.me.

Lawns of the Future: Less Grass, Less Work *with Marianne Binetti*

Wednesday, April 17, 7–8:30 p.m.



Transform your outdoor space into a beautiful and sustainable landscape. You'll get tips on how you can reduce the amount of grass in your yard for less effort and maintenance.

Register at naturalyardcareapril17.bpt.me.

Have Your Garden & Eat It Too *with Jessi Bloom*

Wednesday, April 24, 7–8:30 p.m.



Create a garden that not only looks great but also provides fresh, healthy produce for you and your family. You'll learn tips and tricks for growing fruits, vegetables, and herbs right in your backyard.

Register at naturalyardcareapril24.bpt.me.

Questions?

Contact Troy Rowan at trowan@tpchd.org or (253) 649-1839.

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Second Annual 3K to 5K Walk/CleanUP & Fundraiser

The event starts at 8:30 a.m. at Curtis Junior High School. Maps and routes provided. To register or donate, go to www.databarevents.com/CleanUP. \$25 per person, military and group of 4+ receive discount.

Live music and refreshments provided at Curtis Junior High School. Email questions to rotaryofupfircrest@gmail.com.



CURTIS HIGH SCHOOL

2024 CAREER & COMMUNITY FAIR ALL ARE WELCOME!

**April 11th, 2024
4:30-6:30 PM**



Curtis Gymnasium

8425 40th St W

University Place, WA 98466

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University Place Spring Clean-Up and Canned Food Drive

Residents NORTH of 40th St W. Saturday,
April 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents SOUTH of 40th St W. Saturday,
April 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted
items and yard waste for FREE!

Clean Up Rules:

Limit: one load per household for all items
EXCEPT for yard waste only loads
Help us be good neighbors by securing &
covering all loads.



REFUSE AND RECYCLING

- For safety reasons, children and pets MUST remain in vehicles
- Photo I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED
- No liquids, paint, or hazardous materials (car batteries are OK)
- No loads larger than a regular pickup truck or equivalent small trailer will be allowed
- No regular household garbage will be allowed
- Residential items only – NO commercial material or loads will be allowed
- The size of items cannot exceed 5' in any direction (except for appliances and furniture)
- No fuel tanks, enclosed barrels or drums of any kind. Water heaters and propane tanks are OK

Please separate items into the following categories for recycling:

- Wood items: clean, unpainted lumber, pallets, etc.
- Metal items: scrap steel, appliances, lawn mowers, barbecues, plumbing, etc.
- Yard waste: limbs, grass, leaves, other vegetation, no stumps or limbs larger than 4" in diameter
- No DIRT, ROCKS, SOD, BLACKBERRIES, SCOTCHBROOM, or OTHER NOXIOUS WEEDS
- Tires: with or without rims
- Concrete, brick, and stone
- Car batteries

For more information visit the **University Place Refuse and Recycling website.**

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024
AT 6:30 P.M.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

- Black Wellness Week Proclamation
- Legislative Update - 28th District Q&A
- Arbor Day (Parks Appreciation) Proclamation
- GIS Services Payment
- RCC Interlocal Agreement
- Multifamily Tax Exemption 27th Street/RTA
PH Resolution

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

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