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News from University Place City Hall



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Duck Daze Recap

Just when you think it can't get any bigger or better, Duck Daze 2024 set an attendance record and wowed the crowd with a great parade and hours of post-parade fun in Market Square. The festivities included the new South Sound Makers Market featuring unique products from 40 regional vendors, a slithering reptile exhibit, live music from Joel Gibson Jr., food trucks and much, much more.



Take a minute to scroll through the pictures and relive the fun all over again. Stay tuned for more photos from the event on our **City's Facebook page!**





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!



Music on the Square Begins July 10

Mark your calendars and plan to be in Market Square every Wednesday from July 10 through Aug. 28 to hear great live music from some of the Northwest's most popular musicians. The music begins at 6 p.m. but be sure to leave time to buy dinner from each week's featured food truck or from a local eatery. Take a look at this year's schedule of artists and food trucks:



- **July 10:** The Joel Astley Band and the Lumpia Love food truck offering fresh Filipino fare.
- **July 17:** Flor de Luna's Latin-inspired sounds and Tacos Mirrey food truck's grilled prime beef tacos.
- **July 24:** Pearl Django gypsy jazz and burgers from Boss Mama's Kitchen food truck.
- **July 31:** Lavon Hardison and South Sound Express jazz, blues and soul with eats from the Corndoggery food truck.
- **Aug. 7:** Mark Hurwitz and Gin Creek's blues, soul, funk and roots rock accompanied by the Corndoggery's hand-dipped corn dogs.
- **Aug. 14:** Billy Stoops and the Dirt Angels Americana, rock, blues, country and original songs and Jack's Savory Pies food truck's homemade flaky crusts and tasty fillings.
- **Aug. 21:** The Chris Eger Band's award-winning blues and the return of the Tacos Mirrey food truck.
- **Aug. 28:** King Kom Beaux Cajun-inspired swampy blues, boogie and rock spiced up by Boss Mama's Kitchen food truck.

Music on the Square is a free event brought to you by the City of University Place.

Concerts in the Orchard

Beginning July 18 and continuing Thursday nights through Aug. 15, Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts (CORE) will be hosting its popular Concerts in the Orchard series. Bring a picnic dinner and picnic blanket (or camp chairs) and enjoy free live music amid the beauty of the Curran Apple Orchard (3920 Grandview Drive W.). Please note that alcohol is not allowed in City parks.

This year's featured artists will be:

- **July 18:** Octopus Ballet (folk and Americana)
- **July 25:** Anjali Silva and Sabor (Brazilian and Latin)
- **Aug. 1:** Billy Spaulding and the Soulful 88s (blues)
- **Aug. 8:** Budapest West (rock and world music)
- **Aug. 15:** Bigfoot Brass (brass band jazz)

The music begins at 6:30 p.m.

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Work Begins on Phase 2 of Chambers Creek Canyon Trail

Officials from Pierce County, University Place and Lakewood broke ground on Phase 2 of the **Chambers Creek Canyon Trail** on May 31. This phase of the trail project focuses on the north side of the canyon from the Zircon Road trailhead to Chambers Creek's confluence with Leach Creek. When complete, there will be two new timber crossings between the north and south sides of the canyon and 2,000 linear feet of boardwalk that will ultimately connect Lakewood and University Place.



Phase 1 was completed in December 2020 with the installation of a new bridge crossing that connects the City of Lakewood to University Place near Kobayashi Park. A one-mile portion of the trail was also constructed between the Chambers Creek Dam and Zircon Road trailheads.

Important Fireworks Reminders

With Independence Day just around the corner, U.P. residents are reminded that the only fireworks legal for discharge in University Place are non-aerial and non-explosive fountains, cones, novelty (snakes, poppers), smoke balls and sparklers. Fireworks can only be discharged in the city on July 4 from 9 a.m. to midnight. For more information, visit Fireworks Rules & Guidelines on the City **website** or email **UPPublicSafety@cityofup.com** with questions.



KNOW WHAT'S LEGAL IN UNIVERSITY PLACE

Stay Safe & Legal this Fourth of July

If you want to report fireworks violations, visit **FireworksReport.com** between **June 28 through July 7** to report violations to South Sound 911. Online reporting is easy. Simply provide a valid address where the violation occurred, the complainant's name, and phone number. The information is then made

available to law enforcement agencies electronically or over the radio.

July 4 is the single busiest day for South Sound 911 call takers and dispatchers when call volumes often double. In 2022, residents submitted 909 complaints via **FireworksReport.com**. This saved approximately 45 hours of dispatcher's time, allowing 911 call takers to focus on true emergencies, including emergencies resulting from fireworks, such as fires and injuries.

Get Ready for National Night Out

Get to know your neighbors and build community connections that deter crime by organizing a neighborhood National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Every year since the City was incorporated in 1995, U.P. residents have joined with neighborhoods across the country by participating in this event designed to encourage safe communities. In the past, U.P. residents have held everything from casual potlucks to block parties and cookouts.



One of the highlights of the event is the Public Safety Caravan, when members of the U.P. Police Department, West Pierce Fire & Rescue, City Council members and City staff stop by in their public safety vehicles to join in the neighborhood celebrations. Be sure to **register your neighborhood event by Friday, July 26** to ensure it's included on the list of the caravan's stops by emailing **UPPublicSafety@cityofup.com**.

Share the Road

Summer means more and more people are out enjoying the beautiful weather, so it is especially important for motorists to obey Washington law that requires them to yield to all those on foot and wheel (bikes, scooters, etc.) in marked crosswalks.



But did you know that motorists must also stop at unmarked crossings? State law says all roadway intersections are legal crossings for pedestrians regardless of whether they are marked or not.

Motorists should follow these basic rules at marked and unmarked crosswalks:

- Watch for people walking or "rolling" at all times, in all places
- Obey posted speed limits—and slow down when sharing the road with walkers or riders
- Give people a brake who are walking or rolling at unmarked corners
- Respect yellow lights – instead of speeding up, slow down.

Learn more at **www.togetherwegetthere.com**.

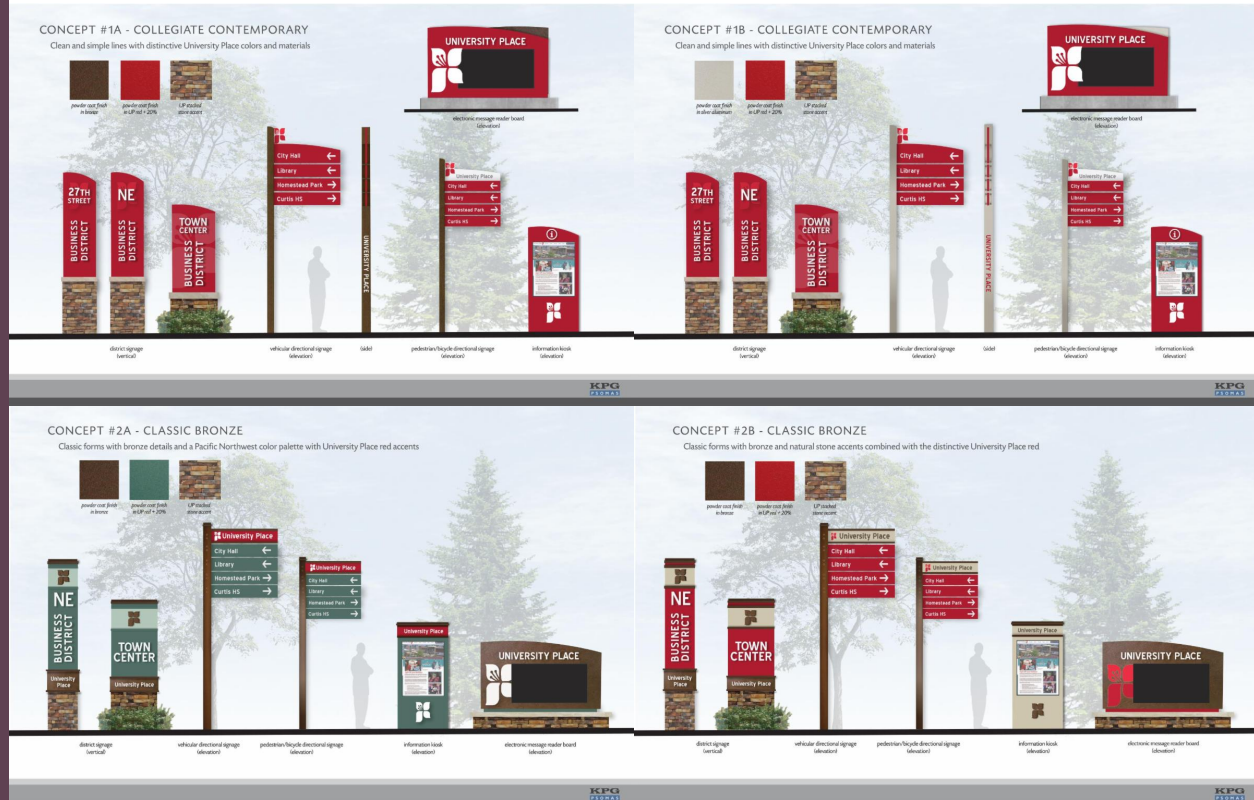
Vote for Your Favorite Wayfinding Design

Duck Daze participants had an opportunity to see and vote on four design options for a cohesive family of wayfinding signage that the City plans to install

at strategic locations, destinations and districts around the City.

In order to gather as much community input as possible, the City has also launched a brief **online survey** so that those who were not at Duck Daze can voice their preferences as well. When the final designs are installed, the new wayfinding will benefit residents and visitors alike as they navigate University Place streets. The new signs will also help communicate a cohesive “brand” for the City.

The **survey** will be open until June 21. Plans call for the new signage to be fabricated and installed later this year.



CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

CITY HALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED
ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 IN
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ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20 AT 9 A.M.

What's UP with Biz

In honor of National Hydration Day, NW Medical Arts (5350 Orchard St. W.) will

be giving out free water bottles and electrolyte drinks as well as tips and tricks on how to keep your body and skin hydrated all summer. Stop by anytime during their **operating hours** from June 24-29 to pick up these free gifts.

NW Medical Arts' owners Shanti Benoit-Boyce and Heather Hall were recently recognized by South Sound Business magazine as recipients of their "40 under 40" award. The honor celebrates business and community leaders under 40 years old who are making a mark in the South Sound.



Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem attend 16th Combat Aviation Brigade Spring Ball

U.P. Mayor Javier Figueroa and Mayor Pro Tem Ed Wood recently attended the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) Spring Ball at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma.

The event celebrates the camaraderie, excellence and accomplishments of the 16th CAB. Both Figueroa and Wood are Army combat veterans. "We appreciate the invitation to join in these festivities and the opportunity it gave us to express our gratitude for the contributions of our military warriors who serve our nation—and University Place as our Community Connectors," Figueroa said.

Pictured left to right: Mayor Javier Figueroa, Colonel Derek A. Smith and Mayor Pro Tem Ed Wood



TWISTED CIDER 5K

5K RUN AND 1K KIDS WALK
SATURDAY, JULY 27 AT 8 A.M. AND 9:15 A.M.
CURRAN APPLE ORCHARD

FOR MORE DETAILS, INCLUDING REGISTRATION
INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.TCMAEVENTS.COM

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024
AT 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL: WATCH ON COMCAST
CHANNEL 21, RAINIER CONNECT
CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON
[YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETYV](https://www.youtube.com/universityplacetyv)

AGENDA ITEMS

- R&F: 2024 First Quarter Financial Report
- 2025-26 Council Goals Adoption
- Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan Adoption
- Budget Carryforward
- Vehicle License Fee
- Early Redemption of Outstanding Bonds

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



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**City Hall will be closed on July 4 in
recognition of the 4th of July holiday.**

**Normal hours will resume on
Friday, July 5 at 9 a.m.**

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