

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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Celebrate the Fourth Safely—and Legally

Don't become a statistic this July 4th. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, there were an estimated 10,200 fireworks-related injuries in 2022. U.P. residents who plan to celebrate Independence Day with fireworks are reminded that only non-aerial and non-explosive fountains, cones, novelties (snakes, poppers), smoke balls and sparklers are legal in the city. Fireworks purchased from stands outside of U.P. may not comply with the City's regulations.

Fireworks can only be discharged in U.P. between the hours of 9 a.m. to midnight on July 4. Violations can be reported online at **FireworksReport.com** from June 28 through July 7. Simply provide a valid address where the violation occurred, the complainant's name and phone number. South Sound 911 staff will share the information with law enforcement agencies electronically or over the radio.

In 2023, **FireworksReport.com** logged 242 calls and 1,084 fireworks complaints. Online reporting frees South Sound 911 dispatchers to respond to life-threatening emergencies on what is the single busiest day for them.

Violations of U.P.'s fireworks regulations could result in fines of up to \$250 plus fees, costs and assessments. Get complete information on the City's fireworks regulations **on the Fireworks Rules & Guidelines page**.

A video thumbnail featuring a dark background with bokeh light effects and falling sparks. A white banner with rounded ends is centered, containing the text "University Place Fireworks Regulations" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. A large, semi-transparent play button icon is overlaid on the banner. In the bottom right corner, there is a small white logo consisting of four stylized petals or leaves arranged in a cross shape.

University Place Fireworks Regulations

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!



Register for the National Night Out Caravan by July 26

As your neighborhood starts to make plans for its National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, Aug. 6, don't forget to register your event with the City's public safety team so that it can be included on the Public Safety Caravan schedule. Members of the U.P. Police Department, West Pierce Fire & Rescue, City Council members and City staff will travel in public safety vehicles and make

stops at neighborhood celebrations to say hello and build stronger community connections.

Email

UPPublicSafety@cityofup.com
to register your neighborhood event by Friday, July 26 to ensure it's included on the list of the caravan's stops.



Village at Chambers Bay Parking Meters Go Live July 22

Initial installation of new parking meters along Market Place West in the Village at Chambers Bay is underway. The meter heads will be installed on July 8 and 9 and tested for several days afterward. They should be active on Monday, July 22.

The 90-minute meters cost \$0.50 for the first half hour. Additional 15-minute increments are \$0.25, with the fee being \$1.50 for the full 90-minutes allowed. The meters are active from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays and accept coins, credit cards and the **PaybyPhone** app. Parking is free on Sundays and holidays. ADA stalls are not metered.

There are eight stalls around Market Court and two additional parallel stalls on Market Street by the Civic Building that offer free 15-minute parking for quick stops. In addition, there are more than 500 free parking spaces in the Village at Chambers Bay garage and free parking along Bridgeport Way West.

The new meters will support fair and equitable turnover of parking spots for patrons of Village businesses.



Have You Taken the Four Corners Survey Yet?

If you have not yet done so, please take a few minutes to complete this **10-question survey** that is designed to get the community's input on the future of the intersection at South 19th and South Mildred streets (known to many as "the Four Corners").



**THRIVING
COMMUNITIES**
PROGRAM

Within the next 20 years, Sound Transit plans to extend Tacoma Link light rail from Tacoma Community College to Sea-Tac International Airport, Seattle and points further north in King County.

This will impact businesses and residents in the area so don't miss this chance to share your thoughts on this project. The survey will close July 31.

A Sizzling Summer of Events in U.P.

Don't forget to take advantage of all the FREE summer fun planned in U.P. this year, including:

Music on the Square, Wednesday, July 10 and continuing through Aug. 28. Enjoy live music in Market Square on Wednesday nights beginning at 6 p.m. Different food trucks will be onsite each week. Kicking things off on July 10 will be the Joel Astley Band and the Lumpia Love food truck offering fresh Filipino fare.

Concerts in the Orchard, beginning Thursday, July 18. Octopus Ballet's folk and Americana music will lead off the Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts (CORE) Thursday night concert series in Curran Apple Orchard. The music starts at 6:30 p.m. Bring a picnic dinner, blanket or camp chairs and enjoy five Thursday nights of free live music.

9th Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic, Sunday, July 21 from 1-4 p.m. Teddy bears and stuffed animals will descend with their owners on the Curran Apple Orchard for a celebration that will include dancing bears, a Teddy Bear March, crafts, storytelling, Teddy Bear yoga and more. This free, family-friendly event, hosted by Dance Theatre Northwest, will end with a Parade of Bears.

3rd Annual Twisted Cider 5K and Kids

1K, Saturday, July 27. The Tacoma City Marathon Association's 5K course winds its way from the Curran Apple Orchard through University Place, while the Kids 1K is an out-and-back along Sound View Drive. Enjoy post-race snacks and awards amid the orchard's grounds. Register at the **TCMA website**.

Movie in the Park, Saturday, Aug. 3. Get ready for an evening of free family fun when the sun goes down. Spread out a blanket and some pillows and settle in for the hilarious adventures of Dory and her friends as they get busy "Finding Nemo." Starting at 7:30 p.m., there will be children's activities and snack trucks prior to the show.



What's UP with Biz?

A large crowd of local business owners and stakeholders turned out for the June 13 Partner UP at Chambers Bay. The event was a joint gathering organized by the City of University Place Economic Development Department and the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce. It was a great evening of conversation, networking, food and refreshments amid the backdrop of the stunning scenery of Chambers Bay. Many thanks to Chambers Bay Golf for hosting the event.



City Council Members Attend AWC Conference

U.P. City Council members (from left)
Stan Flemming, Melanie Grassi, Denise
McCluskey, Frank Boykin, Javier

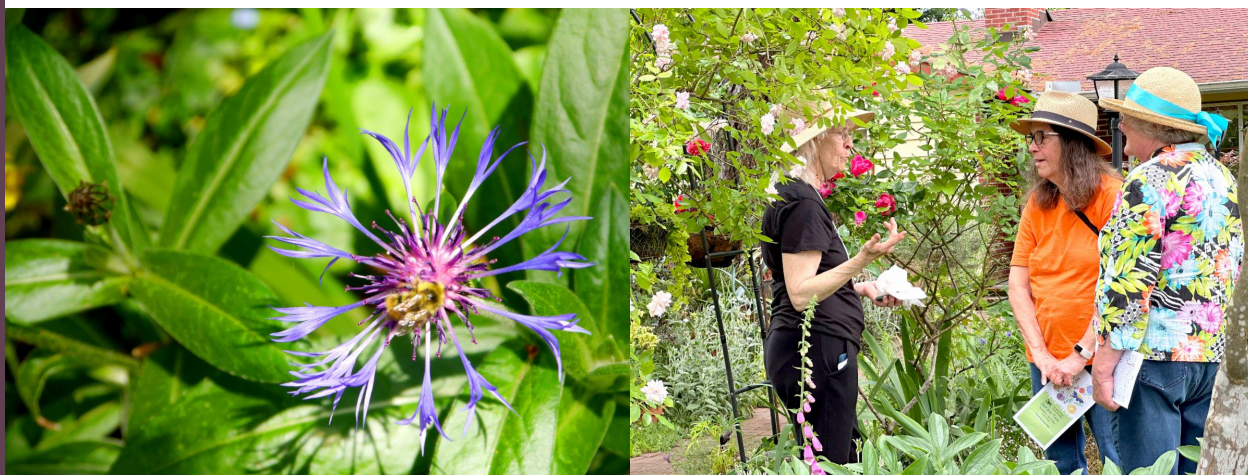
Figueroa, Steve Worthington and Ed Wood recently attended the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) annual conference in Vancouver where they participated in workshops and networking with leaders of municipalities from across the state.



A Tour de Fleurs

The U.P. Historical Society's 2024 Garden Tour was a big success, drawing garden enthusiasts for a tour of five unique gardens in University Place and Fircrest that featured an assortment of scents, colors and textures. Be sure to check Headlines in a few weeks for a special video highlighting one of the featured gardens.

Thanks to this year's Garden Tour major sponsors Linda and Albert Bird, Donald and Donna Perry, Seattle Seahawks, Michael Morrison Sotheby's International Realty, and UP Refuse and Recycling, as well as many individual donors.



Pierce County Human Services Community Action Programs for the Home

Pierce County Human Services Community Action Programs has many programs that make homes safer and healthier, including services like Home Weatherization, Home Repair, and Energy Assistance.

Are you wondering why your energy costs might be higher than other homes in the area? Through various methods including added insulation, air sealing, and furnace repairs, the Weatherization Assistance Program helps low-income families reduce energy costs by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety.



Have you been putting off a much-needed repair? Our Home Repair Program assists in improving housing conditions by providing emergency repairs at no cost to the eligible homeowners living outside the cities of Tacoma and Lakewood. A Housing Rehabilitation Specialist inspects the home and assigns work to contractors. Applicants must have occupied the home for at least one

year.

Need help paying your energy bill? The Energy Assistance Program pays heating bills directly to utility companies. Payments are based on eligible household's fuel usage for the past 12 months and income. If your power is off, call 253.798.3590 and leave a message. Staff will call you back to make an appointment.

Eligibility for these programs is determined by several factors, including the number of people in your household, income sources and more. To learn more and easily apply for these programs online, visit www.piercecountywa.gov/CAP or call 253.798.4400.

Yard Sale Signage Regulations

If you're gearing up for summer cleaning and plan to hold a yard sale, be sure to follow the City of U.P.'s sign regulations. Designed to protect the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, these rules require that:

- Signs cannot be posted before 5 p.m. the day prior to the yard sale and must be removed immediately after.
- Signs are not allowed for more than three successive calendar days in a 30-day period.
- Signs should include the sale date/s and address.
- Signs cannot be placed on street signs or utility poles, in the City's mowing strips adjacent to sidewalks, in roundabouts, medians or planter strips.



Signs should be placed adjacent to the property owner's right-of-way. In addition to promoting safety, these regulations also help reduce visual clutter in U.P. Help us preserve our beautiful streetscapes by sharing this information with your friends and neighbors so we can all work together to keep U.P. safe and inviting.

Report Bark Beetle Infestations



University Place residents who are noticing pine trees on their properties with red needles near the top (or in some cases, over the entire tree) are encouraged to contact the state's **Department of Natural Resources (DNR)**. It is likely the tree has been infested by the California five-spine ips, a bark beetle.

This is a relatively new pest to the Pacific Northwest and one that only affects pine trees such as shore, ponderosa and white pines as well as some ornamental pine species. In addition to red needles, signs of infestation also include small holes with fine, reddish sawdust or large amounts of reddish dust on the bark and at the tree base. Infected trees can turn brown quickly as the beetles brood and eat the cambium layer below the bark.

DNR has more information about these pests and ways to control and manage outbreaks.

Visit this **Ips article** at this DNR Resource for a more in-depth look.

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024
AT 6:30 P.M.

VIRTUAL: WATCH ON COMCAST
CHANNEL 21, LIGHTCURVE
CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON
[YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETY](https://www.youtube.com/universityplacety)

AGENDA ITEMS

- Early Redemption of Outstanding Bonds
- Vehicle License Fee
- Legislative Proposal: Harvest Ridge
- Law Enforcement Interlocal Agreement
- Comprehensive Plan Update

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



CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

**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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