

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



September 4, 2024

Metered Parking in Village at Chambers Bay Now Active

Parking meters along Market Place West in the Village at Chambers Bay are now active from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays. Parking is free on Sundays and holidays as are ADA spots. Parkers can pay with coins, credit card or the **PaybyPhone** app to cover the cost of \$1 for an hour or \$1.50 for the entire 90 minutes.



For those making quick stops, there are 10 free 15-minute parking spots in the Village. Eight of those stalls are located on the north and south sides of Market Square; the other two are in the middle of the north and south sides of Market Place West. As always, parking in the Village parking garage is free and there are also free spots on Bridgeport Way.

The metered parking spots are intended to ensure equitable access and turnover of parking spaces in the Village for all patrons.



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!



Revisit U.P.'s National Night Out Festivities

On Aug. 6, U.P. residents showed up big for their annual National Night Out celebrations. If you missed the fun or if you simply want to see some of the evening's highlights, check out the video below.

Watch Brix and his handler Deputy John Munson impress the crowds with their skills while another, younger, non-uniformed canine neighbor makes new friends as well.

Public safety relies on community connections and as this video demonstrates, National Night Out is a great way to celebrate and build those ties.



9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

The public is invited to join members of West Pierce Fire and Rescue as they honor the victims of 9/11 at a Remembrance Ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 11 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Reflection Park at Station 31 (3631 Drexler Drive West).

Following brief remarks by local officials, including U.P. Mayor Javier Figueroa and WPFR Fire Chief Jim Sharp, a ceremonial bell will ring to remember the 2,977 victims lost on 9/11/2001, including 343 firefighters, 60 police officers and 55 military personnel.



Photo provided by the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade.

Slow Down! School Safety Reminders

University Place schools began the 2024-25 school year on Aug. 27. Amid the rush of early morning routines, please remember to take time to be safe.

Motorists are reminded to:

- Slow down and be prepared to stop for stopped school buses. Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign



indicate children are getting on or off. Stop when behind a bus, meeting a bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.

- Stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.

Students are reminded to:

- Stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive.
- Stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind the bus.
- Use sidewalks, cross the street at the corner, obey traffic signals and stay in the crosswalk.
- Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- If riding a bike to school, wear a helmet and ride in the same direction as traffic.



Puget Sound Starts Here

The City of University Place has joined with other communities throughout Puget Sound to support the Puget Sound Starts Here campaign. The goal is to raise awareness of the impact individual behaviors can have on stormwater pollution.

Whether it is making sure your vehicle's tires are properly inflated or fixing pesky fluid leaks, proper vehicle maintenance saves you money and prevents pollutants from entering the waters of Puget Sound through stormwater runoff.



Visit the **Puget Sound Starts Here website** to learn more and get involved.

September is National Preparedness Month

Are you ready for a natural disaster or other emergency?

September marks National Preparedness Month, a time when Americans are reminded that preparing for emergencies and disasters can keep them, their families

and their communities safe.

Take time this month to start a conversation with your family to discuss and build your preparedness plans.

Ready.gov suggests:

- Setting aside a time when everyone is calm and relaxed.
- Holding the discussions over a set time period, so decisions aren't rushed, and people feel more comfortable talking about the topic.
- Reviewing steps you've taken to prepare and encouraging questions about additional preparedness actions that might work.

Ready.gov offers conversation toolkits in English, Spanish, Arabic, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Simplified Chinese, Tagalog, Traditional Chinese, Vietnamese.

Don't be silent. The best way to stay safe is to be ready.

National Preparedness Month

Take steps to prepare with your family.



Soak Up Summer's Fun One More Time

It's hard to believe summer has come and gone, but that doesn't mean you can't relive all the fun that happened in University Place during the last few months. This special recap video captures all the smiles, laughs and music of the season's special events including Duck Daze, Music on the Square, Concerts in the Orchard, Movie in the Park and National Night Out.

This brief video is a powerful reminder of the people, spaces and events that make University Place a truly special Place to be.



Property Tax Exemption Workshop

Sept. 25, the Pierce County Assessor's Office will hold a special educational seminar on property tax exemptions that may apply to those over 61 or fully disabled veterans (80% VA) and who have gross household income at or below \$64,000.

Learn about income categories, allowable deductions, how to appeal denied applications and if death or retirement may affect eligibility.

The seminar is free and begins at 2 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of U.P. City Hall (3609 Market Place W, University Place Council Chambers, 3rd Floor). Please RSVP to **Mary Connolly** or call her at 253.625.4153.

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PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION SEMINAR

FOR OLDER ADULTS AND THOSE
WITH DISABILITIES

SEPT. 25 @ 2 P.M.
UNIVERSITY PLACE CITY HALL
3609 MARKET PLACE W, UNIVERSITY PLACE



- ✓ Application Overview
- ✓ Taxable Income and Veterans
- ✓ Allowance Deductions

U.P. Refuse & Recycling's **FREE Fall Clean-UP**

October 5 from 8am-4pm
for UP residents living
NORTH of 40th

October 12 from 8am-4pm
for UP residents living
SOUTH of 40th

Dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted items and yard waste for free!
Residents of U.P. may bring their items to U.P. Refuse, 2815 Rochester St W.
Limit 1 load per household, except for yard waste which is unlimited.

Complete details can be found at www.uprefuse.com

What's Up With Biz?

LifeBridge Church at 4707 Elwood Drive West will hold a free dental clinic for adults 18 and over from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 13 and Saturday, Sept. 14.

No insurance is required. Several local dental providers have volunteered to perform cleanings, fillings and extractions for patients who will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

FREE COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC **September 13 & 14, 2024**

Free Cleanings, Fillings & Extractions

September 13 & 14: 7:30am-4:30pm
4707 Elwood Dr W, University Place



No insurance is required.
Availability limited.



lifebridgeway.com/health

Scan the QR code for
more information!



Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up and take-down, as well as parking, hospitality and childcare. Additional dentists and hygienists are also needed.

For more information, scan the QR code above.

Adriana Hess Habitation Restoration Work Party

Through partnerships with Pierce Conservation District and the City of University Place, Tahoma Bird Alliance is working to maintain and rejuvenate Adriana Hess Wetland Park as a welcoming place for people, birds, and native plant species.



The first habitat restoration work party will be held on Friday, Sept. 20, from 10

a.m. to noon. We'll have refreshments available in the office! Another restoration work party is planned for Green Tacoma Day in October. Keep an eye out for monthly stewardship work parties going forward.

The address and location of the work party is Adriana Hess Wetland Park, 2917 Morrison Road West.

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
AT 6:30 P.M.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

- 2024 Second Quarter Financial Report
- PW Shop Office Expansion Bid Award
- 35th Street Phase 2 Bid Award
- Communications Report
- Comprehensive Plan Update

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

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