

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



September 18, 2024

Grab Coffee with a Cop on Oct. 8

U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke, Community Outreach Officer Cory Shears and members of the U.P. Police team will once again host the annual Coffee with a Cop initiative on Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 1-2 p.m. at NW Medical Arts at 5350 Orchard St. W., Suite 202. This is part of a national effort to bring police officers and the people they serve together over coffee to discuss public safety issues and learn more about each other.

Be sure to stop by and say hello. Ask questions, share concerns and get to know the public safety professionals in our community.



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**BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS
ONE CUP AT A TIME**
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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!



U.P. Honors and Remembers

U.P. Mayor Javier Figueroa joined other members of the U.P. community, including West Pierce Fire & Rescue leaders Chief Jim Sharp, Deputy Chief Hallie McCurdy and Chaplain Ed Jacobs as well as members of the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade at JBLM, for a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Reflection Park at WPFR Station 31 in U.P.



Recalling the memories of that day and the weeks and months that followed, Figueroa reminded the attendees that our nation endured and became stronger and more united in the process. "Amid all the suffering and destruction emerged stories of heroes, of sacrifice, compassion and kindness," Figueroa said. "That is what I hope we can focus on today."



Oktoberfest in Market Square is Oct. 11

Start practicing your polka because Oktoberfest will return to Market Square on Friday, Oct. 11 from 5-9 p.m.!

The Jacob Bean Polka Band will get the crowd moving while pumpkin carver Wade Lapp will amaze young and old alike with his "gourd-eous" works of art. There will also be food and treats including the Manic

Meatballs, TornadoPotato and Jack's Savory Pies Co. food trucks, kettle corn, Bavarian pretzels and Honeycomb Raw Honey.

As in years past, E9 Brewing will host the Beer Garden (for those 21 and over), with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Curtis Football Booster Club.

Don't miss the fun—be there on the Square on Oct. 11.



Make Plans to Attend a Four Corners Open House

On Wednesday, Sept. 25, the public is invited to attend lunchtime and evening open houses at Tacoma Community College to learn more about the future of the Four Corners area at the intersection of South 19th and South Mildred streets. Get a glimpse of community feedback received to date and share additional input on how the area could look in 20 years.

The lunchtime open house will run from noon-1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The evening session will be held from 6-8 p.m. and refreshments will be available. Both events will be held in TCC's Opgaard Student Center (6501 19th St., Building 11).

Sound Transit plans to extend Tacoma Link light rail from the Hilltop and Dome districts to TCC as well as Sea-Tac International Airport, Seattle and points further north in King County.

If you were unable to do so earlier this summer, please take a few minutes to complete this **10-question survey** about the area. To date, more than 500 community members have completed the questionnaire. The survey will close Sept. 26.



Shape the future of S 19th and Mildred at the "4 Corners" Open House

Exciting developments are on the horizon for the 4 Corners area. Learn what we've heard from the community so far and share your ideas!

Who: Anyone interested in the future of S 19th and Mildred

What: Two open house sessions in the same location and format - attend the one that best fits your schedule:

- Lunchtime Open House | 12 - 1:30 pm
Lunch provided!
- Evening Open House | 6 - 8 pm
Refreshments provided!

Where: Tacoma Community College Opgaard Student Center (6501 S 19th St, Building 11, Tacoma, WA 98466) - See our map!

Why participate? The intersection of S 19th and Mildred is expected to grow and change with the addition of a light rail station that will connect to Hilltop, the Dome, and Sea-Tac. Your participation will help planners navigate this change in a way that meets community needs and wants.

Since the survey opened earlier this summer, we've heard from over 500 community members.

Take the survey by September 26 to add your voice:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/4CornersPC>

If you have a valid TCC student email address, visit this URL to be entered in a raffle for two \$50 Amazon gift cards: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/4CornersPC>

Accommodations: If you require specific accommodations to participate, please contact Rebecca Horvath by email at rebeccahorvath@tcc.edu by September 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 100 accessible free parking is available at the TCC Transit Center (6501 S 19th St, Tacoma, WA 98466).

Transportation & Parking: The Opgaard Student Center is accessible via the TCC Transit Center (6501 S 19th St, Tacoma, WA 98466) and 100 accessible free parking is available at the TCC Transit Center (6501 S 19th St, Tacoma, WA 98466).



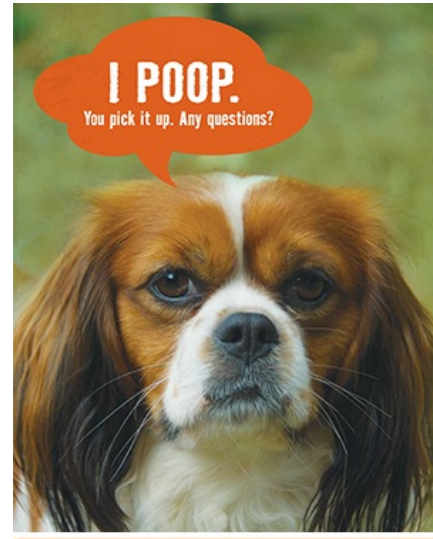
Puget Sound Starts Here

Did you know that the cost of stormwater pollution in the Puget Sound region is expected to exceed \$1 billion over the next 10 years, with significant risks to the state's shellfish industry?

That market segment brings in over \$100 million in sales every year, but over the last 40 years, polluted waters have caused 30 percent of Puget Sound's shellfish growing areas to close.

So, what can you do to mitigate stormwater pollution?

- **Fix oil or other fluid leaks on your vehicles.** Toxic chemicals from those materials reach Puget Sound through storm drains.
- **Garden wisely.** Plant native flora; reduce the use of pesticides; water infrequently but deeply.
- **Scoop.** Dog poop is not fertilizer. If left on the ground, it can spread bacteria and parasites that rainwater carries to streams, lakes and Puget Sound. This creates unsafe swimming and fishing conditions.



Everyone has a part to play in keeping Puget Sound free of contamination.

How Would You Reimagine Cirque Park?

Based on feedback from previous public meetings and FlashVote surveys, the City of U.P. is conducting a more comprehensive survey designed to collect additional community input on the future of Cirque Park, including new and enhanced amenities.

Through earlier outreach efforts, including a public meeting in April, residents indicated they would like to see a splash pad and water walk, pickleball/sports courts and an event open lawn in Cirque Park. Now the public is encouraged to **weigh in** on the design options and cost estimates that reflect those preferences.

Following this additional opportunity for community input, an architectural firm will begin work on a refined concept.

This **survey** will be open until October 7, 2024.



Coffee with Cory

U.P.'s Community Outreach Officer Cory Shears has begun holding a series of casual get-togethers with the public to share updates on his work in the community. He has already met with apartment residents and invited Rachel Adler, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for West

Pierce Fire & Rescue, to join him to share important information on how to be ready for natural disasters or other emergencies.

This is a great way to learn more about the City's community outreach work addressing chronic nuisance issues, preventative park safety patrols, assisting U.P. police with non-crime related community concerns and triaging resources for the homeless.



If you have a public safety concern that you think Cory can help with you can reach him at 253.798.CARE or at UPPublicSafety@cityofup.com.

Watch future issues of Headlines for the dates and times of upcoming Coffee with Cory sessions.

Billy Stoops Rocks Music on the Square: Highlights from an Epic Night!

On August 14, Music on the Square was graced with an unforgettable performance by Billy Stoops and the Dirt Angels. This video captures the highlights of a night filled with electrifying music and soulful lyrics.

Billy Stoops, a distinguished singer/songwriter with a rich musical heritage, led the charge with his dynamic performance. Known for his previous work as the frontman of the iconic band Junkyard Jane, Stoops has a history of blending gritty rock and blues with heartfelt storytelling. In this performance, he brings the same energy and authenticity that made Junkyard Jane a household name, proving that his musical prowess continues to shine brightly.

Don't miss this chance to experience the magic of Billy Stoops and the Dirt Angels, live and in action!



Are You Eligible for Property Tax Exemptions?

If you or someone you know is over 61 years of age or a fully disabled veteran (80% VA) and has a gross household income at or below \$64,000, make plans to attend a special informational seminar on property tax exemptions on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. in U.P.'s City Council Chambers ((3609 Market Place W., 3rd Floor).

Representatives of the Pierce County Assessor's Office and South Sound Housing Affordability Partners will share important information on qualifying income categories (and the differences between taxable and non-taxable income), the impact of certain military benefits, allowable deductions, how to appeal denied applications and if death or retirement may affect eligibility.

In addition, there will also be information available on energy assistance and home repair programs as well as veterans' services.

To ensure adequate seating, please be sure to RSVP to **Mary Connolly** or call her at 253.625.4153 if you plan to attend.



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

Guided Poetry & Nature Walks during September

Poetry in the Park connects people to nature by

engaging our senses with the environment around us. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the scenery as you explore multiple parks in Pierce County with nature poetry signs. Join a guided walk or wander at your own pace - it's up to you! Poems range from classics to children's poems, to contemporary works by local writers, so you're sure to find one you love.

Check out the list of participating parks and scheduled walks on the **Tahoma Bird Alliance website**.

This free program is open to all and made possible through Tahoma Bird Alliance partnerships with the Tacoma Public Library and Pierce County Library System.



What's Up With Biz?

You can help support our local U.P. businesses by challenging your friends, co-workers and neighbors to join you in a Coffee, Tea and Sweets "Fall Crawl."

Make it a point to visit U.P.'s coffee and tea houses as well as our numerous sweet stops, including: Wanna Cupcake?, Happy Duo Café, Cutters Point, Starbucks, Bober Tea, Mauritius Tea, and Old Times Bakery and Deli.



Welcome fall by warming up at these great local businesses.

U.P. Refuse & Recycling Fall Clean UP and Canned Food Drive

Residents NORTH of 40th St W. Saturday, Oct. 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents SOUTH of 40th St W. Saturday, Oct. 12 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: 1 load per household for all items EXCEPT for yard waste only loads. Help us be good neighbors by securing & covering all loads. 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



REFUSE AND RECYCLING

- 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, OCTOBER 7, 2024
AT 6:30 P.M.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation
- 35th Street Phase 2 Bid Award
- School Safety Crosswalks Bid Award
- Amendment to Law Enforcement Contract
- Vehicle License Fee (TBD)
- SLO Contract
- 2025-26 Biennial Budget - General Overview
- Comprehensive Plan Update

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

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