

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



October 16, 2024

Oktoberfest Crowd Breaks Record

This year's Oktoberfest in Market Square drew the largest crowd in its six-year history, with friends and neighbors enjoying a night of great food, great beer from E9 Brewing Co., and great entertainment. The Bean's Brats and Beer Band got the crowd on their feet with rousing polkas and their own unique rendition of the Chicken Dance, while young and old alike marveled at the pumpkin carving skills of artist Wade Lapp.

The Manic Meatballs, TornadoPotato and Jack's Savory Pies Co. food trucks were busy all night and were accompanied by seasonal treats like kettle corn, Bavarian pretzels and Honeycomb Raw Honey.

Many thanks to all those who turned out and to Mother Nature for keeping the rain at bay. Keep an eye out for more photos from this year's event on our **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!



Grab Coffee with a Cop Recap



Thanks to all those who stopped by to chat with members of the U.P. Police Department over coffee and snacks as part of the annual Coffee with a Cop event on Oct. 8.

Coffee With A Cop is a national event designed to help community members and their local police teams build connections outside of emergency situations.

"Whether it's at National Night Out, at one of the City's special events or during Coffee with a Cop, we always welcome the opportunity to engage with the people we serve during these kinds of casual events," said U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke. "We especially appreciate the hospitality of the NW Medical Arts team for hosting this year's event. They certainly pulled out all the stops and we're grateful."



WEST PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE'S 26TH ANNUAL

FALL SAFETY DAY



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

**10 A.M. - 1 P.M. AT STATION 21
5000 STEILACOOM BLVD SW, LAKEWOOD**

Bring the whole family out for a day
of fun and of course, pumpkins!

www.westpierce.org

Treat Yourself—and Others—to a Safe Halloween

Because kids young and old alike enjoy Halloween, be sure to follow these basic safety tips designed to keep everyone safe amid all the spooky fun:

- If you are driving: Slow down and be alert for trick-or-treaters, especially excited children who may dart out between parked cars.
- If you are walking: Stay on sidewalks, cross at crosswalks and obey traffic signals. Carry a flashlight and make sure your costume doesn't impede your ability to see clearly. Add reflective tape to part of your costume to make it easier for motorists to see you. Don't open candy until you are home and can examine your treats carefully. NEVER enter a home to get candy.
- If you are attending a party: Assign a designated driver or arrange for a cab or ride-sharing service. Party hosts should always offer non-alcoholic beverage options.



Most importantly, if you see someone driving in an unsafe manner, be a Halloween hero and call 911 to prevent a tragedy.

Work Begins on Homestead Park Improvements

On Oct. 9, U.S. Rep. Marilyn Strickland (WA-10), U.P. Mayor Javier Figueroa and Mayor Pro Tem Ed Wood were joined by U.P. City Councilmembers Denise McCluskey, Melanie Grassi and Stan Flemming as well as the Park Commission Chair Amy Wolfe, Vice Chair Alecia Cunningham and Park Commissioner Kristi Jones at the groundbreaking for improvements at Homestead Park.



Plans call for the popular U.P. gathering spot to get new bike racks and

playground equipment, ADA-compliant restrooms and drinking fountains, picnic tables and improved lighting.

"The City of University Place is especially grateful to Congresswoman Strickland for her assistance in helping us secure a congressionally directed funding request of \$500,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development that helped get this project off the ground," said Figueroa. "But I also thank our citizens who engaged with us through surveys and public meetings to share their visions for what Homestead Park can be."

Construction on the improvements is expected to extend through 2025.

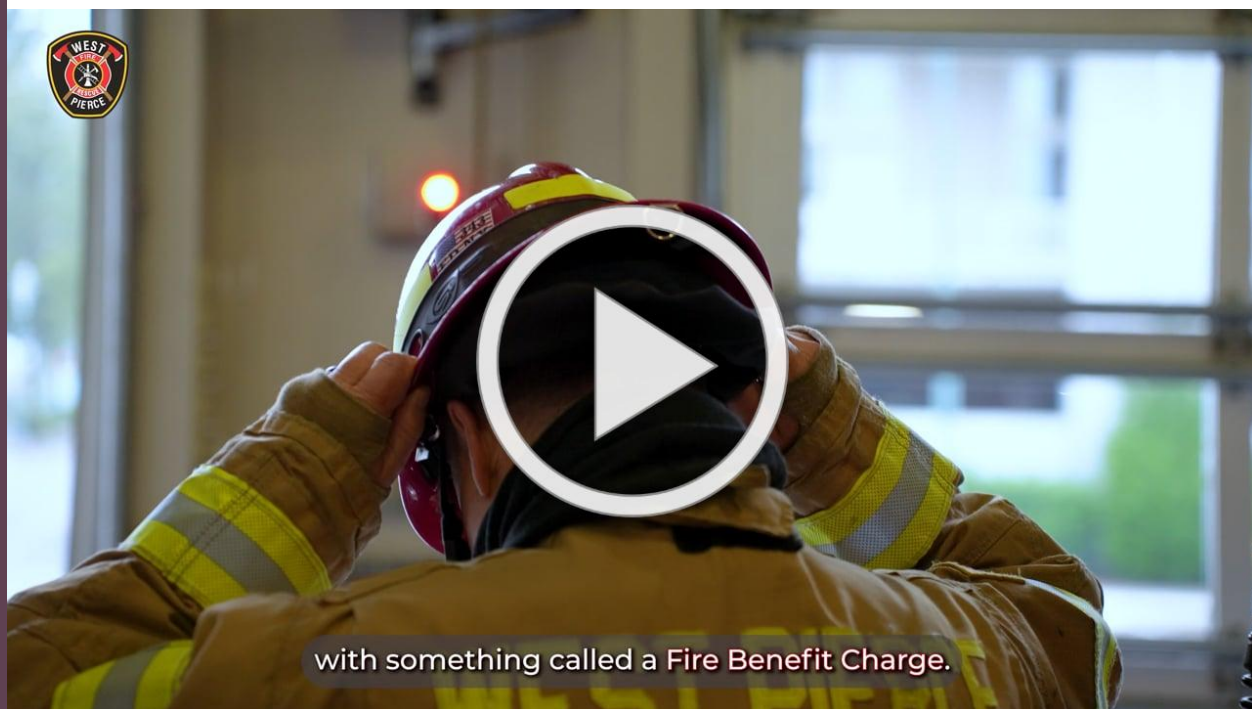
Fire Benefit Charge on November 5 Ballot

West Pierce Fire & Rescue seeks to replace its tax-based Maintenance & Operations (M&O) levy with a Fire Benefit Charge (FBC). Known as **Proposition 1**, the FBC will be on the November 5, 2024 ballot.

An FBC is not a tax, but a fee based on square footage, property use, and fire risk factors. If the FBC is approved, it will lower regular property taxes and eliminate the current M&O Levy, which was approved by voters in 2023.



The video below includes more information about this measure. For additional information or questions, please email FBC@westpierce.org.



What's UP with Biz

The public is invited to attend a special Tent-or-Treat Market at NW Medical Arts (5350 Orchard St. W. Suite 202) on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 2-5 p.m.

Costumes are encouraged at this free event that will include games, candy and tasty treats. Get an early jump on your holiday shopping and support local vendors and makers.



Make plans to come out for some Halloween fun.

Deadline to Apply for Commissioner Positions is Oct. 25

The City of University Place has volunteer openings on its Economic Development Advisory, Park Advisory and Planning commissions. Volunteer your time to contribute to your hometown by sharing your perspectives and experience to help the City Council shape legislative policies.



Applicants must be residents of U.P. to apply. For more information on each commission and how to apply, visit the **City's Commissions and Partners webpage** and choose the commission page you are interested in or email Debora Nicholas (253.460.5427).

This is an opportunity to engage with your fellow residents and play a part in the growth and development of U.P. Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Oct. 25, 2024.



GENERAL

ELECTION

at a Glance

OCTOBER 18
BALLOTS MAILED



OCTOBER 28
LAST DAY TO RECEIVE
ONLINE OR PAPER
REGISTRATIONS

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION IS
AVAILABLE THROUGH 8 P.M. ON
ELECTION DAY.

560,800



REGISTERED VOTERS



79%

PROJECTED TURNOUT



8:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 5
BALLOT RETURN
DEADLINE

Ballots must be postmarked no later than
Election Day or placed in a ballot drop
box by 8 p.m. on Election Night. Voters
are encouraged to vote early.

MEETINGS & ELECTION RESULTS POSTED

RELEASE SCHEDULE

Nov 5 (Election Day)	8:15 p.m.
Nov 6 - 8	6:00 p.m.
Nov 12	4:30 p.m.
Nov 14	4:30 p.m.
Nov 19	4:30 p.m.
Nov 21	4:30 p.m.
Nov 26 (Last Release)	12 p.m.

MEETING SCHEDULE

October 16 at 10 a.m.
Logic & Accuracy Test
November 7 at 9:30 a.m.
Random Batch Audit
November 25 at 10 a.m.
Canvassing Board Meeting
November 26 at 10 a.m.
Certification Meeting

DROP BOX

51 LOCATIONS

Drop off ballot by
8 p.m. on
November 5, 2024.



USPS MAIL

Ballots must be postmarked
by November 5, 2024.

NO STAMP REQUIRED

Return your ballot for free using
USPS Mail or a ballot drop box.

VOTING CENTER

Pierce County Election Center
2501 S 35th St, Suite C, Tacoma

- **Oct 18 - Nov 1**
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, Nov 2**
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pierce County Annex
2401 S 35th St, Tacoma

- **Monday, Nov 4**
8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Nov 5 - Election Day**
8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.



PierceCountyElections.org
(253) 798-VOTE (8683)

Sunset Terrace Park to Get Upgrades

Beginning this week, the City of University Place will be making improvements to Sunset Terrace Park (1902 Seaview Ave. W.). The existing gravel parking lot will be paved and widened to improve accessibility from the lot to the park amenities.

Although the playground will remain open during construction, the parking area and adjacent field will be closed. Construction



is anticipated to be completed by March of 2025.

For questions or additional information about the project, please contact its manager Kyle Mauren (253.460.2531) or inspector Chris Johnson (253.606.9189).

Curbside Oversize Brush Pickup November 4-15

Pile Limitations: 1 per household no larger than 6' wide by 6' long by 6' high

The Oversized Brush Pickup is available to all residential customers of University Place Refuse and Recycling, even those without yard waste service. The pickup day for your area will be the same as your curbside recycling or yard waste pickup day during the weeks shown above. Remember, this is a one-day event for each neighborhood. The Oversized Brush Pickup is only for the larger brush and limbs that do not easily fit into a regular yard waste cart. Limbs are removed by machine or pitchfork. Sweeping of small items by the customer can be expected.



Yes, Oversized Brush Includes: branches, brush, and limbs no larger than 6' in length or 4" in diameter. Please stack loose for pickup (no cans, bags, or bundles).

No, Oversized Brush Does Not Include: blackberry, holly, or other thorny vegetation; stumps, limbs larger than 6' or thicker than 4"; small loose items such as grass, leaves, weeds, bark, pine/fir needles, etc. No noxious weeds like scotchbroom or English ivy, etc.

If you are signed up for yard waste service, please make maximum use of your cart before placing brush in a pile. Place your oversized brush in a loose pile at the curb or within five feet of the drivable portion of the roadway for pickup. Make sure the pile isn't in the street or blocking access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

For more information visit the [University Place Refuse and Recycling website](#).

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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

- PH #1: 2025-2026 Biennial Budget
- School Liaison Officer Contract
- WPFR Fire Chief Sharp
- Property Tax Levy
- 2025-2026 Biennial Budget
- Comprehensive Plan Update
- 2025 Legislative AWC
- 2025 Legislative Agenda

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

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