

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



October 30, 2024

U.P. to Honor Veterans at Veterans Day Ceremony

Please make plans to join members of the University Place community, including many of our own veterans, for a Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11 from 11-11:45 a.m. at the Veterans Plaza in Cirque Park (7250 Cirque Drive W.).



Mayor Pro Tem Ed Wood will serve as the event's emcee and Chaplain Major Brian Osborn from Joint Base Lewis-McChord will provide a prayer and benediction. Plans also call for the singing of the national anthem, a bagpiper and a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by U.P. Scout Pack 148. The event will also include the laying of a memorial wreath in the flag plaza.

If you plan to attend, please keep in mind that seating is limited due to the restricted size of Veterans Plaza. The event will occur rain or shine.



City Hall Holiday Closure

CITY STAFF WILL BE ON HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 IN RECOGNITION OF THE VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY. NORMAL HOURS WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 9 A.M.

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!



Exercise Your Right to Vote on Nov. 5

Make sure you're ready to vote in the General Election next Tuesday, Nov. 5. The **Pierce County Elections website** has all the information you need to make sure your vote is counted, from how to register to locations of ballot drop boxes and an informative voters' pamphlet.

Make plans now to be a part of democracy in action.

**GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**



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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)

Slow Down for Trick or Treaters!

Tomorrow, Thursday, Oct. 31, the streets of University Place will be teeming with ghosts, goblins, superheroes and princesses. Motorists are reminded to drive slowly and leave extra time to get to their destinations.

The sun will set by 6 p.m., so it will be dark when children are out. Be sure to remind all trick-or-treaters to carry flashlights and make sure they stay on sidewalks, cross at crosswalks and obey traffic signals.



U.P. Police will be out with extra patrols to ensure everyone has a safe and sweet Halloween. Anyone who witnesses unsafe or aggressive driving during the evening should call 911.

Christmas is Coming!

It's hard to believe, but plans are already in full swing for U.P.'s beloved holiday tradition, the lighting of the Christmas Tree in Market Square.

This year's celebration will take place on Friday, Dec. 6 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. As in years past, there will be food, music, children's activities and much, much more.



Santa will arrive on a West Pierce Fire & Rescue engine at 5 p.m. before joining U.P. City Council members for the countdown to the lighting of the tree at 6 p.m. He will also be available for photos in the Civic Building Atrium from 5-7 p.m.

Watch for event updates in future issues of Headlines with details about the activities, food trucks and treats that will be part of this truly special event in University Place.

What's UP with Biz?



The City of U.P. Economic Development Department's Fall Partner UP brought out a spooky group of local business owners who engaged in some seasonal food and fun, thanks to the event's host, Brock's Academy.

In addition to the opportunity to network with fellow U.P. business owners, the gathering also featured great prizes from Wanna Cupcake?, Urban Float and Brock's Academy.

Thanks as well to Heath Hollensbee, owner of The Meraki Agency, who offered insights into how to think about small business marketing in a different way.

Free Community Medical & Physical Therapy Clinic

LifeBridge Church at 4707 Elwood Drive W. in University Place will host a free community medical and physical therapy clinic on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Services will include medical counseling, lifestyle coaching, foot care, hypertension and diabetes screenings, chiropractic care and more. No proof of insurance is required but availability is limited, with patients seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Patients must be 8 years or older.

Visit the LifeBridge [website](#) for additional information and to sign up for updates.



Don't Leave Your Leaves

The City of U.P. Public Works Department has street sweepers out in force to keep storm drains free of fallen leaves, but residents are asked to do their part by checking to ensure that leaves, needles and storm debris are not impeding the flow of rainwater into storm drains on or near their property.

Blocked stormwater drains can also lead to damage to local streets, since large puddles and ponding cause erosion and create safety hazards for pedestrians and drivers.

Watch this **short video** to learn more about the importance of keeping storm drains free of leaves and debris.



Share Your Garden in the 2025 U.P. Garden Tour

The 2025 U.P. Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, June 14, 2025, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Every year the tour showcases five-six gardens in the area (U.P., Fircrest, and other nearby neighborhoods) as a

fundraiser for the University Place Historical Society's renovation of the historically significant Curran House and creation and support for the Museum located at the Curran House.

If you would like to share your garden and/or join the UPGT committee, email **Alice Dionne** or call 253.229.8949. We are currently seeking gardens for the 2025 and 2026 tours. Take a look at gardens from previous **Garden Tour events!**



Hazard Mitigation Planning

Through the end of November 2025, Lakewood, University Place, Steilacoom, and West Pierce Fire and Rescue (WPF&R) will be working on completing an update to our Hazard Mitigation Plans in partnership with Pierce County Department of Emergency Management. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is a way for the West Pierce Emergency Management Coalition (Lakewood, University Place, Steilacoom, and WPF&R) to look at the hazards present within our area and how we can start to mitigate them to create a more resilient community. The Hazard Mitigation Planning process is a systematic way to determine the best means to reduce or eliminate the loss of life and property damage from the hazards present in our community.



The **Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000** is a federal law that requires state and local governments to develop hazard mitigation plans that are FEMA approved in order to receive certain types of disaster assistance. Pre-disaster planning is a prerequisite for certain funding mechanisms under the Robert T. Stafford Act.

As a part of our hazard mitigation planning efforts, we are seeking to gain input from the community. Please take a **quick survey** that looks at the hazards in the West Pierce area and your priorities.

This survey will help us inform our hazard mitigation planning, and future emergency management planning.

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**.



City Hall Holiday Closure

City staff will be on holiday beginning Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 3 p.m. in recognition of the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Normal hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 2 at 9 a.m.

UNIVERSITY PLACE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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

- PC Sheriff Ed Troyer Appreciation
- Town Center Business District Plan Contract
- AR Write-offs Over \$1,000
- 2025-2026 Biennial Budget
- ARPA Sewer Bid Award
- Property Tax Levy
- 2025-2026 Biennial Budget-Capital Improvement Programs, Final Changes
- 2025 Legislative Agenda

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

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