

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



December 11, 2024

Correction: Glass recycling is available only at University Place Refuse and Recycling located at 2815 Rochester St., not through curbside pickup as mentioned in the previous newsletter. Please bring your glass items to their facility for proper recycling. We appreciate your efforts to keep our community sustainable!

A Merry Time Was Had by All

Market Square was full of holiday spirit on Dec. 6 when Santa came to town to help U.P.'s City Council members light up the City's Christmas Tree. Old St. Nick also posed for pictures with the kids, while young and old alike enjoyed an evening of family-friendly entertainment featuring live music, costumed characters and even a reindeer garden.



There was plenty to eat and snack on with numerous food trucks on site and a roaring fire to dine by in the outdoor fireplace.

Thanks to dry skies and mild temperatures, this year's crowd size was double that of last year's.

"We are so grateful to all those who continue to make this a part of their holiday traditions," said Marian Holloway, event coordinator for the City of U.P. "They are the reason this event just keeps getting bigger and better each year."

Weren't able to catch this year's event? **Relive the magic** on the City's Instagram 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!



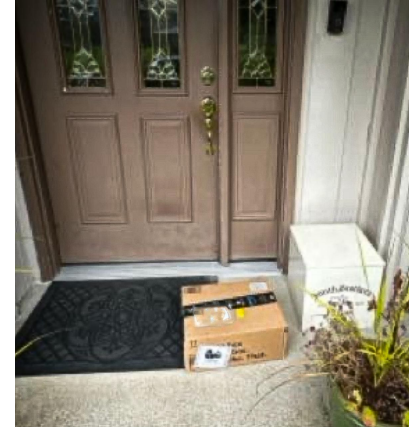
Don't Let Porch Pirates Spoil Your Holidays

If you have done a lot of online shopping this holiday season, the U.P. Police Department offers these tips to avoid package theft:

- Check the package tracking provided by the seller so you know when to expect your delivery.
- Install a video doorbell with an alert that lets

you know when someone has come to your door. Some systems allow you to speak to the person, which can deter would-be thieves.

- Have your packages delivered to secure pick-up locations.
- Require signature on delivery so that packages are not left without your knowledge.
- If you have to be away from home, ask neighbors to take in any packages they see left at your door.
- Remember that pirates don't just hit porches. Protect valuables in your vehicles by hiding them in the trunk. Always lock the doors and park in well-lit locations.



Glass Recycling Still Available in U.P.

Although some local cities are no longer accepting glass bottles and jars for recycling, **U.P. Refuse and Recycling** is still accepting it at their facility at 2815 Rochester St. (one block off 27th behind Cheers West). The recycling center is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Support Our First Responders in the Battle of the Badges

Make an **appointment to donate blood** on Jan. 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at West Pierce Fire & Rescue (WPFR) Station 31 (3631 Drexler Dr. W.). The U.P. Police Department and WPFR will compete in the "Battle of the Badges" blood drive, with the winning side racking up the most donors who support their "team."

Help our first responders take home the bragging rights and help those in our community who are in desperate need of blood donations.



CITY HALL CLOSURE

City Hall offices will close at noon on Thursday, Dec. 12 for an Employee Appreciation Event.

Offices will reopen on Friday, Dec. 13 at 9 a.m.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Are You Ready for Old Man Winter?

Freezing temperatures, heavy precipitation and gusty winds can lead to power disruptions, treacherous driving and dangerous outdoor conditions. Make sure you're ready for what the next few months have in store by following these basic tips:



- Make sure your home's insulation, caulking and weather stripping are in good condition and make necessary repairs.
- When winter weather is forecasted, make sure you have enough supplies (including medications and pet food) to last for several days.
- Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights if the power goes out.
- Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows. Never heat your home with a gas stovetop or oven.
- Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups.
- **Sign up for Code RED Alerts** to stay informed of the dangers in our area.
- Avoid driving in the worst conditions. If you must hit the road, have a full tank of gas, jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water and non-perishable snacks in your trunk.
- Watch for black ice, which can be dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians.

Learn more about how to stay safe this winter at ready.gov.

What's UP with Biz?

Whether celebrating long-standing establishments or welcoming newcomers, U.P. continues to commemorate significant milestones among our local businesses. On Dec. 6,

Mayor Javier Figueroa and his fellow Council Members attended the 20th anniversary celebration of U.P.'s Trader Joe's. And on Wednesday, Dec. 18 the community will celebrate the ribbon cutting for the new Five Guys at 3626 Market Place W., Ste. 2 at 11 a.m.

The City of U.P. continues to thank all the businesses that have chosen to make University Place their home.



Pictured: Mayor Javier Figueroa, center right, with Store Captain Phil Brown, center left, are flanked by several 20-year Trader Joe's employees and members of the U.P. City Council.

CQC Scholarship Application Deadline is Dec. 30

University Place high school seniors are reminded that the **deadline to apply for the Association of Washington Cities Center for Quality Communities (CQC) 2025 scholarships** is Dec. 30 at 4 p.m.

The City of University Place can nominate one graduating high school senior who plans to pursue post-secondary education at an accredited college or trade school at least half-time in the 2025-26 academic year. Applicants for these \$3,000 scholarships should be active in leadership in their city government, community or school.



Completed application packets should be submitted to Lisa Petorak, director of Administrative Services for the City of U.P. (3609 Market Place W., University Place, WA 98466-4488). Winners will be notified next spring.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

CANCELLED



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Santa at the Station

Thursday, Dec. 12 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Station 31, 3631 Drexler Dr. W., in University Place!

Santa's Workshop

Visit Santa's workshop, let him know what you'd like for Christmas and take a photo with him! Parents may take photos of their own children, as no photographer will be at the event.



Food Drive

A food drive will also be held during this event. Please bring non-perishable items with you. Thank you in advance for your support.

Letters to Santa

Write a letter to Santa or bring yours with you! He will take all of the letters back to the North Pole and personally answer as many as he can. Don't forget to include a return address so he can write back!

Looking for a template for your letter to Santa? **Click here** to print one provided by West Pierce Fire & Rescue!

*This program is made possible by **West Pierce CARES**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization operated by the employees of West Pierce Fire & Rescue. The programs run by West Pierce CARES support those in the Lakewood, University Place and Steilacoom communities and is funded solely through grants and donations. No taxpayer dollars are utilized.*

Headlines Holiday Publishing Schedule

Because of the holidays, the next issue of Headlines will publish on Jan. 8, 2025. Please continue to look for Headlines every other Wednesday for updates and important information from the City of U.P.

City Hall Holiday Closure

CITY STAFF WILL BE ON HOLIDAY BEGINNING TUESDAY, DEC. 24 AT NOON & CITY HALL WILL REMAIN CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25 IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

NORMAL HOURS WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, DEC. 26 AT 9 A.M.



CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

U.P. City Hall will close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31 and will remain closed through Wednesday, Jan. 1 for the New Year holiday.

City Hall will re-open on Thursday, Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

- NATOA Awards Presentation
- Commissions 2025 Preliminary Work Plans Adoption
- Adrianna Hess Lease Agreement
- 2023-24 Council Goals Final Report
- EV Charger Strategy



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