

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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See Artistry in Action: The Creation of Curran Orchard's "Forever Friends" Sculpture

Spend a few minutes discovering how the full-size bronze sculpture of Brewster, the beloved field horse of Curran Apple Orchard, was created.

This special video recounts the years of research and painstaking artistry by John Jewell, the sculptor who helped bring the magnificent piece of public art to "life." See how Jewell and the team of craftsmen at Firebird Bronze Foundry in Troutdale, Wash., forged his design into the stunning "Forever Friends" community art installation that pays tribute to Brewster and the memories he made for generations of orchard visitors.



The Forever Friends sculpture is one of several major pieces of public art donated to the City of University Place by the former non-profit group UP for Arts. Other major donations include the Grand Piano and hanging glass sculpture "Beyond Sea and Sky" in the Civic Building Atrium, the "One Step Ahead" duck statue in Market Square and "The Eagles' Nest" in the 40th Street roundabout.



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!



Resolve to Get Social with U.P. in 2025

Want to be the first to know what's happening in University Place?

Whether it's real-time updates on Public Works projects, the latest City events to add to your calendar, or reliving the magic of community celebrations like Duck Daze, Oktoberfest, and the Christmas Tree Lighting, we've got you covered!



Be sure to follow the City of University Place on **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **YouTube** for the most up-to-date information on what's happening in U.P.,

including weather-related closings, new business openings, public safety news and more!

Don't Go Silent: Sign Up for FlashVote Today

Throughout the year, the City of University Place asks residents and business owners to participate in FlashVote surveys to weigh in on issues of importance to U.P. This is your opportunity to add your voice to the conversation and help improve our community.



It only takes a minute to sign up, so get started today and make your opinions known in 2025.

Nurture a Tree at the Curran Apple Orchard

If you enjoy spring apple blossoms and fall apple picking at Curran Orchard, why not consider adopting an orchard tree of your very own?

Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts (CORE) invites individuals and groups to adopt a tree for an entire growing season (Jan. through Oct. 15).

Doing so enables you to participate in "pruning parties" at the orchard and enjoy apples from your designated tree in the fall. The cost is \$50 per tree for those who choose to prune or \$80 per tree if you want CORE volunteers to do the pruning for you. Please see this **brochure** for all the details.

Volunteers are always needed for annual prunings (whether they are adopters or not). And for those who want to support the orchard without adopting a tree, check out the **"Volunteer" page on the Curran Apple Orchard website**.



The CQC Scholarship Application Deadline Has Been Extended to Jan. 16

Attention University Place high school seniors—and parents of seniors—this is your chance to make 2025 a year to remember! The deadline to **apply for the Association of Washington Cities Center for Quality Communities (CQC) scholarships** has been extended to Jan. 16, 2025, at 4 p.m.

The City of University Place is looking for one outstanding senior to nominate for this incredible opportunity. If you're planning to attend an accredited college or trade school at least half-time in the 2025-26 academic year, this \$3,000 scholarship could help make your dreams a reality.



What we're looking for:

Applicants who shine as leaders—whether it's through their city government, community, or school. If this sounds like you (or your student!), don't miss this chance to earn recognition and support for all that hard work.

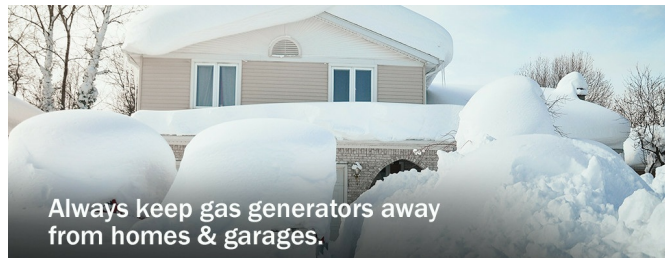
How to Apply:

Submit your completed application packet to Lisa Petorak, director of Administrative Services for the City of U.P. (3609 Market Place W., University Place, WA 98466-4488). But hurry—time flies, and the new Jan. 16 deadline will be here before you know it!

Winners will be announced in the spring, and this could be your moment to shine. Don't let this incredible opportunity pass you by! Find the scholarship application on the **AWC Quality Community Scholarships webpage**.

Preparing for Power Outages

Winter storms may bring power outages that can disrupt things like communications, utilities, transportation, stores, gas stations and ATMs, and prevent your ability to use electrically powered medical devices. It's important to be prepared for power outages.



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Ready 

- Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees or higher for two hours or more, or that has an unusual odor, color or texture.
- If you use a generator, ONLY use it outdoors and away from windows.
- Do not use a gas stove or oven to heat your home.
- Disconnect appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.
- Have alternate plans for refrigerating medicines or using power-dependent medical devices.
- Go to a community location with power if cold is extreme and you can't heat your home.

Get more power outage tips at **ready.gov**. You'll find expert advice on preparing your home and keeping your family safe. Take action now to be ready and stay calm, safe, and connected when an outage occurs.

What's UP with Biz?

The business community picked up in 2025 right where it left off in 2024 by celebrating another business milestone in the City of U.P.

On Monday, Jan. 6, Nirvana Salon & Spa marked its one-year anniversary at 7814 27th St. W. with members of the community, including several U.P. City Council members. Nirvana Salon & Spa offers a full range of hair and beauty services and is open six days a week for appointments. Learn more at **nirvanasalonandspa.com**.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

- Commission Recognition (PAC/EDAC/PC)
- Pierce Transit Destination 2045 Long Range Plan
- Cirque Restroom Purchase
- Middle Housing Compliance Legislation



AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE VISIT WWW.CITYOFUP.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.
WATCH ON COMCAST CHANNEL 21, LIGHTCURVE CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETV

City Hall Holiday Closure

CITY HALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, JANUARY 20 IN
RECOGNITION OF THE MARTIN
LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY.

CITY HALL WILL REOPEN ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 9 A.M.

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