

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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And The Winner Is...

The outcome was razor-close, but West Pierce Fire & Rescue took home the winner's trophy in the Second Annual Battle of the Badges blood donor drive. WPFR squeaked by with a total of 19, topping last year's champ, the U.P. Police Department, by just one donor.



Although staffing shortages caused the event to be limited to just one day, Larry Bleich, community volunteer leader for the American Red Cross of South Puget Sound, said the event was still a success and exceeded expectations.

"Both the police and fire departments did a fabulous job of participating. I would like to thank Assistant Chief Michael Dobbs for his ongoing support in securing the University Place West Pierce Fire & Rescue location for the drive and Northwest Medical Arts for sponsoring a raffle and other giveaways," Bleich said.

Bleich will present the winner's trophy to Fire Chief Jim Sharp at a future City Council meeting.

Photo provided by the American Red Cross.

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!



CRIME UPDATES

Help U.P. Update Its Website

It's a new year and the City of U.P. is planning to give its **website** a new look. As part of this "refresh," please take a few minutes to complete a **brief survey** to share your thoughts about what you like on the existing site and what you'd like to see improved.

Perhaps you'd prefer more photos and videos, or maybe less clicks in order to view City Council meeting minutes. Do you have trouble finding information from the home page? Are there features you've seen on other websites that you'd like ours to have as well?

You have until Jan. 29 to weigh in on what works—and what doesn't work—on the **current site**. This is your chance to make the site as user-friendly as possible, so don't be shy. **Tell us what you think!**



City Seeking Expertise of Wetlands Specialist

University Place is seeking an on-demand wetland specialist. A **Request for Qualifications (RFQ)** has been issued for a third-party with expertise in evaluating and reviewing critical area reports for wetland, riparian, habitat and shoreline biological assessments submitted by applicants for site specific projects in review with the City. Work would also include consultation services for City property and Rights-of-Way.



Please refer to the **RFQ** for all submission specifications. The RFQ deadline is Jan. 31 at 4 p.m. Qualifications submitted after the due date and time will not be considered.

Federal Funds at Work in U.P.

The City of University Place is pleased to report that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are being put to use to extend sanitary sewer lines along 67th Avenue West from 35th Street West to 27th Street West. Work is planned to begin on Jan. 27, with construction being completed sometime this summer.

Motorists should anticipate delays and exercise patience along the corridor during the project's working hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

This is the first of seven ARPA-funded sewer improvements that will occur across the City this year. Check out future issues of Headlines for details on those projects as they begin.

For more information or questions, please contact **Jordan Martin**, city inspector, at 253.370.9776 or Trey Rodarte of Rodarte Construction (the project contractor) at 253.939.0532.



Tree Trimming Underway Along Bridgeport Way

Please slow down for work crews as they trim trees along Bridgeport from 27th to 44th streets over the next several weeks.

This regular maintenance ensures that the City's street trees don't grow too close to power lines, eliminates dangerously low or dying branches that might fall on pedestrians or vehicles, keeps sight lines clear, and maintains the trees' health by preventing them from becoming too overgrown.



The work is expected to continue through the end of February.

Please contact **Tony West** at 253.460.6493 with questions or to report problems.

Join the Party and Get Pruning at Curran Apple Orchard

If you enjoy the various special events, concerts and annual apple picking at Curran Apple Orchard, please consider joining other volunteers at one or more upcoming "pruning parties." These gatherings are designed to tend to the orchard's trees and support a healthy harvest in the fall.

Master gardeners will be onsite to help new volunteers and provide tips and insights on keys to successful apple pollination and growth.



Party dates are scheduled for Feb. 1, 15 and 22 and March 1, 15 and 29 (all Saturdays).

To sign-up and for more information, email **CurranAppleOrchard@gmail.com** or visit **www.CurranAppleOrchard.com**.

What's UP with Biz?

If getting in shape was on your list of New Year's resolutions, don't forget that U.P. has many gyms, studios and personal trainers to help you.

Check out the services of places like Hotworx, Fitness Quest, Planet Fitness, Orange Theory, Revolushon Fitness, Pilates Bodies in Motion and The Studio Modern Pilates to help you make your resolutions reality.



Or simply hit the trails at Chambers Bay, check out the exercise equipment trail at Cirque Park or explore some of our other city parks to shake off the winter blues! Inside or out, getting fit is easy to do in U.P.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

AGENDA ITEMS

- 02/18/25 Regular Meeting Cancellation
- Legislative Proposal: Arts Commission

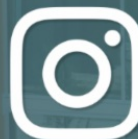


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