

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



February 19, 2025

Be a Part of the Conversation

If you want straight-from-the-source information on what is happening in the City of University Place, make a point to attend or tune in to City Council meetings on the first and third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Get the latest information from City staff on issues related to public safety, parks, economic development and more. Listen to Council Members' questions and ask your own.

Watch the **brief video** below to learn more, including how to watch meetings live from your own home. See your local government at work and add your voice to the conversation.



**University Place
City Council Meeting**

- 6:30 p.m.
- 1st & 3rd Mondays
- In-person
- Virtually
- Live on UPTV

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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!



Weigh in on the 27th Street Business District Draft Plan



After working with the planning and design firm Otak and gathering input from University Place residents and businesses, the City has published a draft of the **27th Street Business District Plan**. The document outlines a vision for the future of this historic business district, along with goals, policies and identified actions and projects needed to implement the plan.

The public is encouraged to view the draft and weigh in on what they see. The document includes feedback from the various public outreach efforts conducted during the planning process as well as illustrated recommendations for residential and commercial redevelopment opportunities in the district. Share your thoughts with **planning@cityofup.com**.

Once approved by the Planning Commission, the 27th Street Business District Plan will go to City Council for review and adoption.



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67th Avenue Sewer Project Update

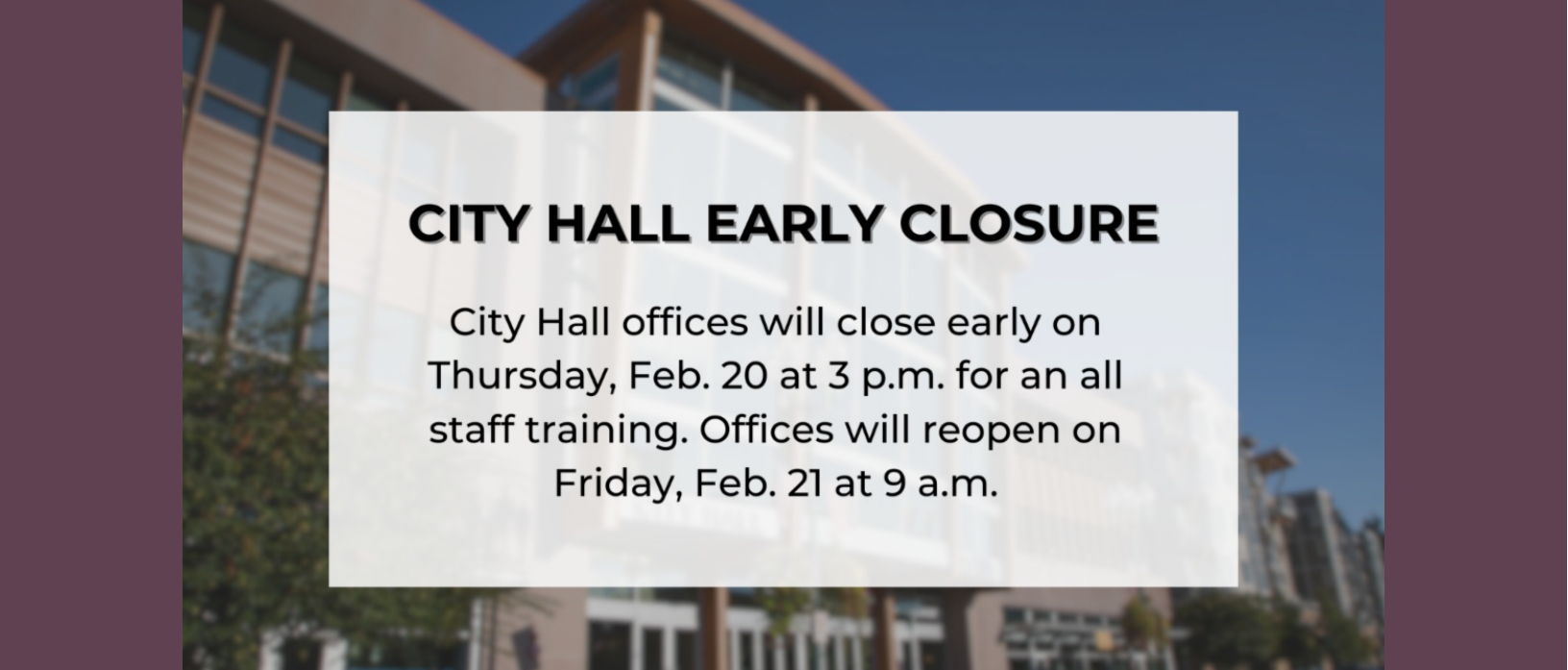
Construction is underway on the 67th Avenue West Sewer Extension project that will extend the Pierce County sewer main north from the existing pump station on 35th Street West.

Note: Only property owners whose existing septic systems fail or properties that are new or redeveloped will be required to hook up to the sewer extension.

The project contractor will be installing new sewer stubs from the main line that will extend to private property lines. Stub hookup to an individual home will then be the responsibility of the property owner.

Pierce County has put together a **Q&A sheet** for affected homeowners that includes information on approved contractors for sewer hook-ups as well as low-interest loans for septic system replacement.

Affected homeowners are encouraged to visit the City's **sewer expansion webpage** or contact **Jordan Martin** at the City of University Place with questions and to get additional details.



CITY HALL EARLY CLOSURE

City Hall offices will close early on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. for an all staff training. Offices will reopen on Friday, Feb. 21 at 9 a.m.

What's UP with Biz?

The City of U.P.'s **Economic Development Advisory Commission** has added two new members: Sandy McKenzie, a broker/REALTOR® with Engel & Volkers Chambers Bay, and Monica Marchetti of Marchetti Custom Communications. They replace Ron Kent and Rick Larson whose terms expired at the end of 2024. Current EDAC member John Siridakis, whose term also expired in January, was reappointed to another term.

As a resident of U.P. for almost 25 years, McKenzie hopes to help the EDAC better connect residents and local businesses. "I know that homebuyers seek out University Place for its schools and the lifestyle the community offers. I would love to find some creative ways for our local business owners to build on that sense of community while growing their businesses as well," she said.

Marchetti hopes to bring the voice of entrepreneurs to the discussions about economic development in U.P. "As a home-based business owner, I have seen firsthand how the City has made efforts to engage with and accommodate this vital sector of our local economy," she said. "I look forward to contributing to the expansion of small business incentives, programs that connect local entrepreneurs, and stronger City-business partnerships in spaces like parks and libraries."

The EDAC serves as a sounding board for various business community interests. As the "eyes and ears" for the City in the business community, commissioners participate in community outreach efforts to communicate economic development initiatives that impact the University Place community.

Curran Apple Orchard Pruning Parties

Saturdays

Feb. 22

March 1, 15 & 29

**More information on
the CORE Website.**

www.curranappleorchard.com



City Earns Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has awarded its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of University Place for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2023.

This is the 27th consecutive year U.P. has earned the award. It recognizes the City's commitment to meeting the high standards of the program, including a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story. The Certificate of Achievement represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The City remains dedicated to maintaining best practices in financial management and ensuring that public funds are handled with the utmost integrity.

"We are honored to receive this recognition," said U.P. Finance Director Leslie Blaisdell. "This award reflects our ongoing dedication to fiscal responsibility and providing our residents with transparent, high-quality financial reporting."

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

AGENDA ITEMS

- American Red Cross Battle of the Badges Winner
- Introduction of Public Safety Officers
- City Events
- Surface Water Management Plan 2025 Update

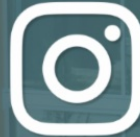


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