

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



March 5, 2025

City Council Holds Meet-and-Greet with University Place Police Officers

Prior to their regularly scheduled meeting on March 3, members of the U.P. City Council held an informal "meet-and-greet" with several officers from UPPD's swing and graveyard shifts.

Some of the officers are new hires that have been added to the force thanks to the passage of the Public Safety levy in 2023, while others have been with the department for some time.



Burke also took a few minutes during the formal City Council meeting to introduce the officers to those in attendance and viewing online. "These officers may be less visible to the public because of the hours they work, so I wanted to take the opportunity to thank them for their efforts, share the breadth of their experience and remind folks that public safety is a 24/7 operation in U.P.," he said.

Watch the full meeting playback on UPTV at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Comcast cable channel 21 within the City of University Place city limits or on the City's **YouTube** channel.

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!



Coffee with the Chief

Stop by Happy Duo Café in the Village at Chambers Bay on March 27 to enjoy a cup of coffee (and maybe a sweet treat, too) with U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke and other members of the UPPD team. Ask questions and share any concerns you have about public safety in U.P.

Date: Thursday, March 27

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Happy Duo Café, 3609 Market Place W.

And be sure to check Headlines and follow the City on **Facebook** and **Instagram** to get updates on future Coffee with the Chief dates as they are scheduled.



Council Members Attend Association of Washington Cities Action Days

U.P. City Council Members Denise McCluskey, Melanie Grassi, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Wood and Council Member Frank Boykin recently attended the annual Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Action Days at Saint Martin's University in Olympia.

Held annually during the legislative session, this year's event drew 325 city officials from around the state and was an opportunity for them to meet with their statewide decision-makers about legislative priorities at the State Capitol in Olympia.



The three-day event enables local leaders to get updates on legislative priorities while also attending workshops on issues affecting their communities. Mayor Pro Tem Wood attended a session on use of data in government, the challenges of the current legislative session and a presentation on issues the National League of Cities is addressing at the federal level.

In addition to coming away with timely information that impacts University Place, Wood said the event was also a great way to network with other city officials as well as state leaders. "AWC Action Days were a great opportunity to learn from our peers in other cities and also to meet with our state legislators and advocate on behalf of the citizens of University Place," he said.

Job Opening for Deputy City Clerk

The City of University Place is hiring a deputy city clerk. This position reports to the city clerk and involves maintaining City records and coordinating access between staff and the

public. A successful candidate will be responsible for public records requests and communicating agenda/legal notices in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Qualified candidates should have experience in administrative practices, records management or a related field, and three years of progressively responsible administrative, records maintenance or business office management experience including public contact and customer relations experience. View the **complete job description on the City website**.



The deadline for applications is 4 p.m. on Friday, March 14.

Review and Comment on the Draft 2025 Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP)

The Washington State Department of Ecology mandates an annual review and update of the Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) to ensure compliance with the NPDES Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit. The Draft 2025 SWMP was presented to the City Council during its Study Session on March 3. It will be open for public review and comment until March 17. The public will also have the opportunity to provide feedback during the March 17 City Council meeting before the plan is adopted.

The 12 Required Elements of the 2025 Stormwater Management Plan are:

1. Stormwater Planning
2. Public Education and Outreach
3. Public Involvement and Participation
4. MS4 Mapping and Documentation
5. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
6. Controlling Runoff from New Development, Redevelopment and Construction Sites
7. Stormwater Management for Existing Development
8. Source Control Program for Existing Development
9. Municipal Operation and Maintenance Program
10. Monitoring and Assessment
11. Reporting and Recordkeeping
12. Compliance with the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Well Program

Available on the City of University Place website, view the full **Draft 2025 Stormwater Management Plan**. Comments can be submitted to NPDES Coordinator Todd Smith via email at tsmith@cityofup.com or by phone at 253.460.5432.

What's UP with Biz?

Year-end data reveals that University Place continues to be an attractive "place" to do business.

As of Dec. 31, 2024, there were a total of 1,685 licensed businesses in U.P. Of those, 755 were storefront businesses and 930 were home-based.

During the calendar year, 394 new

business licenses were issued in U.P., including 84 storefront businesses and 310 home-based.

"These new businesses bring new sales tax revenue to the City's coffers and offer products and services that enable U.P. residents to shop local." said Becky Metcalf, the City's business outreach liaison. "Although each year we see some businesses close, we continue to enjoy a very stable business environment in University Place."



Curran Apple Orchard Pruning Parties

**Saturdays
March 15 & 29**

**More information on
the CORE Website.**

www.curranappleorchard.com



U.P. Employees Earn WellCity Award Premium Discounts

Once again, the employees of the City of University Place have demonstrated their commitment to supporting a healthy workplace. As a result, U.P. joins **123 other Association of Washington Cities Benefit Trust member communities** in earning the distinction of being a 2025 WellCity.



Each 2025 WellCity recipient receives a two percent premium discount on their AWC Employee Benefit Trust active medical premiums in 2026. In supporting employee well-being, U.P. benefits from decreased sick days, disability and healthcare costs as well as workers' comp claims.

This marks the 11th straight year that U.P. has earned this incentive.



Spring Clean-Up and Canned Food Drive

Residents NORTH of 40th St W. Saturday,
April 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents SOUTH of 40th St W. Saturday,
April 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted
items and yard waste for FREE!



Clean-Up Rules:

*Limit: 1 load per household for all items EXCEPT for yard waste only loads
Help us be good neighbors by securing & covering all loads.*

- For safety reasons, children and pets MUST remain in vehicles
- Photo I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED
- No liquids, paint, or hazardous materials (car batteries are OK)
- No loads larger than a regular pickup truck or equivalent small trailer will be allowed
- No regular household garbage will be allowed
- Residential items only – NO commercial material or loads will be allowed
- The size of items cannot exceed 5' in any direction (except for appliances and furniture)
- No fuel tanks, enclosed barrels or drums of any kind. Water heaters and propane tanks are OK

Please separate items into the following categories for recycling:

- Wood items: clean, unpainted lumber, pallets, etc.
- Metal items: scrap steel, appliances, lawn mowers, barbecues, plumbing, etc.
- Yard waste: limbs, grass, leaves, other vegetation, no stumps or limbs larger than 4" in diameter
- No DIRT, ROCKS, SOD, BLACKBERRIES, SCOTCHBROOM, or OTHER NOXIOUS WEEDS
- Tires: with or without rims
- Concrete, brick, and stone
- Car batteries

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

AGENDA ITEMS

- 2024 Fourth Quarter Financial Report
- Equipment Surplus
- Public Hearing: SWMP 2025 Update
- Council Rules Amendments
- City Events

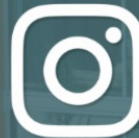


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