

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



March 19, 2025

Help Shape the Future of U.P.

If you have opinions about the future of planning and development in the City of University Place, consider volunteering to serve on the **City's Planning Commission**.

This seven-member group of citizens advises the City Council on growth management, general land use and other matters as directed by the City Council. The Commission also holds hearings on and develops a comprehensive plan for the City, making recommendations to the Council on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Code and Map, and the development regulations of the City.

The Commission meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall and encourages citizen input at its meetings and public hearings.

This is your chance to get involved in what U.P. will look like in the future. Don't sit on the sidelines—be a part of the process. **Applications** are due by 4 p.m. on March 25, 2025, by email to **Emy Genetia** or to City Hall, 3609 Market Place W., Suite 200, University Place, WA 98466.



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.

- Thursday, March 27
- 10 a.m.
- 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.

Between the Lines Hits Mailboxes Soon

Watch your mail this month for the City's print newsletter, *Between the Lines*. The Spring 2025 edition focuses on U.P.'s public safety team. Learn more about the law enforcement pros staffing each of UPPD's three shifts, including their various areas of expertise and some interesting bits of trivia about them.



This issue also provides the latest news on how public safety dollars are being used to keep U.P. safe, while Police Chief Pat Burke provides important updates on additional staff hires planned for this year.

Be sure to save the handy list of important numbers on the back page for quick reference when you have questions about who to call with concerns related to public safety in U.P.

SeeClickFix: Report Community Concerns with Ease



Download the SeeClickFix
App for University Place

Submit and follow requests
Stay updated on local information and events

Powered by SeeClickFix

START FIXING

Keeping University Place a safe and beautiful community is a team effort, and you can help by reporting non-emergency issues through SeeClickFix. Whether it's a pothole, overgrown vegetation, streetlight outage, illegal dumping, or park maintenance concern, SeeClickFix makes it easy to notify the City and track the resolution—all from your phone or computer!

How to Report an Issue

Using SeeClickFix is quick and convenient. Simply drop a pin on a map or type in the location, provide a brief description, and attach a photo if possible. The platform streamlines communication and ensures that your concern is directed to the appropriate City department.

You can report an issue in two ways:

Desktop:

1. Visit the **Code Enforcement** page on the City website.
2. Identify the location of the issue in the "Search for Location or Address" bar to begin.

Mobile:

1. Download the SeeClickFix app from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store
2. Install and open the app
3. Select "University Place, WA" as your service area

Why Use SeeClickFix?

- **Efficiency:** No need to call or email—just submit your concern in minutes.
- **Transparency:** Track the status of your request and see updates as the City addresses it.
- **Community Impact:** Help keep University Place clean, safe and well-maintained.

For specific code enforcement questions or concerns, contact Code Enforcement Officer Melanie Boehm at **CodeEnforcement@CityofUP.com** or 253.460.2548. Your involvement makes a difference!

Parks Appreciation Day is April 19

As part of Earth Day commemorations, the City of University Place hosts a cleanup of a local park every April.

This year's cleanup will be at Colegate Park on Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. The park is located just north of Curtis High School. Volunteers will perform trail maintenance, weeding and other general cleanup of this 12-acre undeveloped natural site.



Participants are encouraged to bring their own tools and gloves (make sure they are labeled with owner information). U.P. Parks staff will provide additional rakes and shovels for those who do not have their own. The event's co-sponsor, University Place Refuse and Recycling, will provide snacks, water and t-shirts in the staging area behind the school tennis courts.

The cleanup will occur rain or shine and offers high school students the opportunity to earn three hours of community service for participating.

For more information or questions, please contact **Tony West**, operations manager, at 253.460.6493.

SPRING 2025

Natural Yard Care Webinars

FREE
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WITH
PRIZES!

The Regenerative Garden: Small Scale Permaculture for the Home Garden *With Stephanie Rose*

Wednesday, April 9, 7–8:30 p.m.



Regenerative gardens go beyond sustainability—they thrive like nature itself. Learn 6 components of regenerative design from Stephanie Rose's book, *The Regenerative Garden: 80 Practical Projects for Creating a Self-Sustaining Garden Ecosystem*.

Register at naturalyardcareapril9.bpt.me

Creative Container Gardening with Herbs *With Sue Goetz*

Wednesday, April 16, 7–8:30 p.m.



Herbs are easy to grow and provide flavors, healing properties, and natural uses for home and beauty. Learn how to cultivate your own and save on groceries while reaping daily benefits. Don't miss this chance to transform your garden and lifestyle!

Register at naturalyardcareapril16.bpt.me

Gardening with Canine Companions *With Robin Haglund*

Wednesday, April 23, 7–8:30 p.m.



Gardeners with dogs know the challenges—chewed shrubs, dug-up soil, unexpected messes. Learn effective gardening tips and training tricks to create a garden both you and your furry friend can enjoy. Don't miss out!

Register at naturalyardcareapril23.bpt.me

Questions?

Contact Troy Rowan at trowan@tpchd.org or (253) 649-1839. Visit tpchd.org/yardcare to learn more.

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Call 988 Lifeline for Mental Health Support

Did you know that trained counselors are staffing the 988 Lifeline alongside South Sound 911 dispatchers in the call center to deliver emotional support, crisis counseling and access to essential resources?

South Sound 911 call takers will assess if a transfer to a 988 Lifeline counselor is appropriate. Those dialing 988 directly are connected to a 988 counselor without transfer from South Sound 911.

This groundbreaking collaboration is the first of its kind in Washington. 988



Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to crisis counselors who can help those experiencing suicidal, substance abuse and/or mental health crisis or emotional distress.

According to 988 Lifeline statistics, less than 10 percent of all calls handled by a 988 counselor result in a higher level of intervention; less than 2 percent require law enforcement or emergency medical services response.

Get more details here.

What's UP with Biz?

On Thursday, March 20 at 11 a.m., The Seoul Kitchen at 4324 Bridgeport Way W., will celebrate its ribbon cutting with City Council members.

The eatery offers an extensive menu of Korean favorites, so stop by for some Korean barbeque or chicken wings, spicy pork bulgogi or a big bowl of Bi bim bap.



Curran Apple Orchard Pruning Parties

Saturday, March 29

**More information on
the CORE Website.**

www.curranappleorchard.com



Stopping Shoplifters in their Tracks

U.P. Police Department Community Outreach Officer Cory Shears has invited a representative from the Pierce County Sheriff's Office to share important tips on loss prevention with small business owners. This special two-hour course will be held at **noon on Monday, March 24 at UPPD Headquarters, 3612 Drexler Drive W.**

Every year, small businesses incur big losses due to shoplifting.

According to Capital One Research:



- At least 85.5 percent of small businesses experience retail theft annually.
- 74.8 percent of brick-and-mortar small businesses say they experience customers shoplifting monthly; 52.7 percent report shoplifting weekly or more frequently.
- Small businesses lose an average of \$1,686 per month to retail theft.

Local business owners will learn what kind of essential information the police need when responding to shoplifting and get information on how to complete a shoplifting report. There will also be a question-and-answer session which can lead to important information sharing among local business owners.

For easiest access to the session, go to the third floor of the parking garage near the exterior elevator.

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

For more information visit **UPRefuse.com**.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEMS

- Fair Housing Proclamation
- 30th City Birthday Bash
- Creekside Park Consultant Contract
- Council Rules – Proclamations

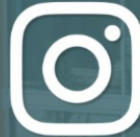


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WATCH ON COMCAST CHANNEL 21, LIGHTCURVE CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETV

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