

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



April 2, 2025

Slow it Down: Coffee with a Cop Attendees Express Concerns About Speeding

During the Coffee with a Cop gathering on March 27 at Happy Duo Café, residents shared a number of public safety concerns with University Place Police Chief Pat Burke, Sgt. Ray Readwin and Public Safety Director Jennifer Hales. But topping the list was speeding and reckless driving in University Place.



As a result of this feedback, Chief Burke has added more traffic patrols in the city's residential neighborhoods. Plans are also in the works to form a traffic safety focus group with residents later this year to explore additional ways to tackle traffic issues in the community. If you'd like to be added now to that future focus group, please e-mail your name to uppublicsafety@cityofup.com with "Traffic Safety" in the subject line.

These measures will work in combination with the Public Safety Advisory Commission's long-term planning efforts to explore increasing traffic safety in University Place.

"As we continue to add more patrol officers as well as a dedicated traffic enforcement officer thanks to the public safety levy funds, we will have even more resources at our disposal to deter speeding in U.P.," said Hales.

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!



Show Your Love: Parks Appreciation Day is April 19



The City of University Place has more than 20 parks and open spaces for residents to enjoy throughout the year. On Saturday, April 19 you can show your appreciation for those spaces by spending a few hours providing a little TLC to Colegate Park, a 12-acre undeveloped natural site located just north of Curtis High School.

Volunteers are needed to perform trail maintenance, weeding and other general cleanup of the park from 9 a.m. to noon. They will also help plant a tree at the site in honor of Arbor Day.

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

The clean-up will be held rain or shine and is a great way to earn three hours of community service for participating. For more information or questions, please contact **Tony West**, operations manager, at 253.460.6493.

What's Up With Biz

During a special workshop on March 24, U.P. Police Department Community Outreach Officer Cory Shears and a representative from the Pierce County Sheriff's Office invited local business owners to share their challenges with shoplifting and learn some of the best techniques for how to prevent the crime.

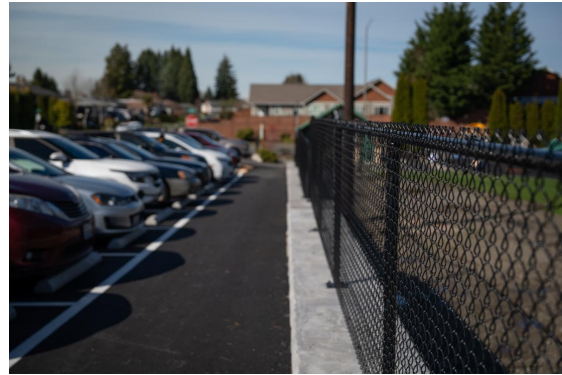
By sharing their experiences and questions, the attendees were able to learn from others' experiences while also connecting directly with UPPD officers, including the department's investigator, who were also on hand for the event.

"We want to help open the lines of communication between our business owners and our patrol officers so that they know us and we know them," said Shears.



“UPPD takes shoplifting seriously and we want to work with the business community to track trends and repeat offenders so we can shut it down quickly.”

Sunset Terrace Park Improvements Wrapping Up



Enhancements to improve parking and pedestrian accessibility at Sunset Terrace Park (1902 Seaview St. W.) are nearly complete.

The park's existing gravel parking area has been paved and widened to allow pedestrians a safe and stable pathway to the park. The park and its playground are open, but restoration of the field is still in progress and is anticipated to be completed in a few weeks, depending on the weather.

When the field restoration work is complete, the area will need to be temporarily fenced off from the public to allow the grass to re-establish. The goal is to have the field fully functional by this summer.



Spring is in the Air, Build Your Garden with Care

April is National Garden Month and the signs of spring are everywhere. But before you start digging and planting, make plans to attend a series of **free webinars** that will help you build sustainable gardens that support pollinators as well as soil preservation.



Learn how to build healthy soil, water wisely and reduce the use of pesticides and fertilizers that can pollute stormwater and, ultimately, the Puget Sound.

The first webinar will be held Wednesday, April 9. Find the entire schedule and how to participate on the **Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department website**. Then get ready to get down, dirty and smart in your garden!

These free sessions are sponsored by the City of University Place, the cities of Fife and Edgewood, the Cascade Water Alliance and the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department.



U.P. Refuse & Recycling's
FREE Spring Clean-UP

April 5 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. for U.P. residents living NORTH of 40th	April 12 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. for U.P. residents living SOUTH of 40th
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Dispose of and/or recycle some unwanted items and yard waste for free!
Residents of U.P. may bring their items to U.P. Refuse, 2815 Rochester St W.
Limit 1 load per household, except for yard waste which is unlimited.

Complete details can be found at www.uprefuse.com

Learn to Save a Life: CPR & First Aid Classes at West Pierce Fire and Rescue

This course covers adult, child and infant CPR with airway management, first aid for choking, control of bleeding, splinting, bandaging, first aid for burns, sprains, strains, poison control and other first aid procedures are covered. This course meets Labor & Industries and Department of Social & Health Services Standards. *Please note: This course does NOT meet the requirements for the Healthcare Provider course.*



The cost is \$70 per student and pre-registration and pre-payment are required. CERT members may attend for \$15. The course is subject to cancellation if the class minimum of 10 people is not met.

2025 Course Dates

- February 8
- April 12
- June 14
- August 9
- October 4
- December 13

Classes will take place at West Pierce Fire & Rescue Station 20, 10928 Pacific Highway SW, Lakewood, from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

To register, please fill out the **registration form** and return it with payment to:

West Pierce Fire & Rescue
3631 Drexler Drive W
University Place, WA 98466

Please call 253.564.1623 with any questions or visit the **West Pierce Fire &**

Poetry Walk at Adriana Hess Wetland

April is National Poetry Month! Join us for a series of walks at Adriana Hess Wetland. Poetry signs will be changed throughout the month, so each walk will feature a unique selection of poems.

Saturday, April 5 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.,
2917 Morrison Rd W, University Place, WA

This kickoff event will be led by Tahoma Bird Alliance member Marsha Williams. Attendees are invited (but not required) to bring a nature related poem of their own to share! Cookies, tea and lemonade will be provided.

Details: Expect a short walk over mostly flat gravel trails. A single stall restroom is available in the office. Park in front of the office or across the street. The office is also reachable from the 2 and 53 bus lines.

View more information on the **Tahoma Bird Alliance website**.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEMS

- Arbor Day Proclamation
- Creekside Park Consultant Contract
- 36th Street and Grandview Drive Roundabout Bid Award
- 30th City Birthday Bash
- Council Rules of Procedures Amendments

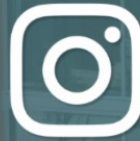


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