

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



May 14, 2025

Duck Daze Parade Registration Deadline is May 23



School groups, businesses and community organizations that want to be a part of the madness and mayhem of the Duck Daze parade on June 7 must submit a **completed parade registration packet** by May 23.

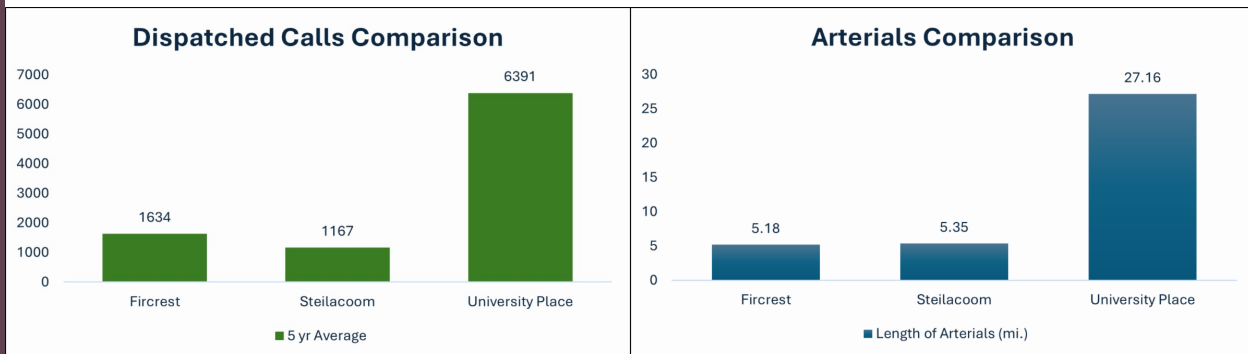
The Parade will have a modified route this year to improve spectators' safety and viewing. It will begin at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Bridgeport Way West and 29th Street, proceeding in the southbound lanes of Bridgeport Way until 35th Street. At that time, the parade will continue south, but in the northbound lanes of Bridgeport, passing in front of the Village at Chambers Bay to provide additional viewing areas. The procession will turn left at 37th Street Court West and end at Drexler Drive.

As part of the day's festivities, West Pierce Fire & Rescue Station 31 (3631 Drexler Drive W.) will host an Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with free hot dogs, refreshments and displays of their fire equipment, as well as vehicles from the Pierce County Sheriff and U.P. Police departments.

Following the parade, there will also be lots of fun festivities in the Village at Chambers Bay. Joel Gibson Jr. will take the main stage with his blend of country rock, Reptile Isle will take over the Civic Building Atrium, and the South Sound Makers Market will feature more than 50 handmade vendors. There will be food trucks, children's activities and games for all ages.

Plan to make a day of it with this family-friendly community celebration brought to you by the City of University Place. Check the **City's Facebook** for updates and new attractions being added daily!

Update on Traffic Enforcement



In March, U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke hosted another Coffee with the Chief event that enabled community members to meet UPPD staff and patrol officers to ask questions about their public safety concerns. The event was very well attended, with traffic and speed-related complaints topping the list of residents' concerns.

As a result, Chief Burke invited community members to send specific information, including the location, primary days of the week and times of day when problem(s) persist to uppublicsafety@cityofup.com.

Residents have responded, forwarding to U.P. Public Safety 13 specific locations in just over the last month and a half where speeding is an issue. In response to this, UPPD patrol officers dedicated more than 20 hours of traffic and speed enforcement in these areas on 35 separate occasions.

"One of the main concerns I often hear are comparisons of University Place traffic enforcement efforts to those of our smaller neighbors," Burke said. "U.P. is significantly larger than our neighboring communities of Fircrest and Steilacoom and we face a different challenge in terms of staffing, types of calls for service, and numbers of calls for service." (See graphs)

Community members are encouraged to continue to report their speeding and traffic concerns to uppublicsafety@cityofup.com. Interested volunteers can also register to participate in a traffic safety focus group that is being formed to better understand the public's opinions about potential traffic revisions and/or enhancements that could be recommended to the Council in the future.

"We appreciate the level of engagement our community has shown in helping us address this issue," Burke said. "Our patrol officers can't be all places at all times, so we want to continue to work together with the public to find ways to be as efficient as possible with our resources and provide a high level of service."



Have You Connected with Council?

You see them behind the City Council dais and at special events around town, but now you can get to know your City Council members better through the new “**Meet Your Council**” series of short videos.

Learn what inspired them to serve, some fun facts about them and how you can get involved in your local government.

Check back as new Council Member videos are added. You can also follow “This or That” on the **City’s Instagram** to make even more connections with your Council Members. Then next time you see them, share what you’ve learned and build your relationships with the people who serve you.



UNIVERSITY PLACE BIRTHDAY BASH CHEERS TO 30 YEARS



**11AM - 9PM
SATURDAY
AUGUST 23RD
CIRQUE PARK**

Curran Orchard Tour Guides Needed

The Curran Apple Orchard Park is seeking volunteers to help with Fall school tours.

Tours are primarily geared toward preschool, kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students. Home School groups also come with K-6th students with older siblings sometimes attending.

Orchard tours involve discussing the life cycle of apple trees, orchard inhabitants (wildlife and mason bees), a "touching table" and barn "museum" area. Groups can also bring small bags to pick



designated apples throughout the orchard. (Check out the Self Tour info under the Tour tab at www.CurranAppleOrchard.com).

Training is provided. You may set your own routine and tour schedule during September and October. If interested, please contact curranappleorchard@gmail.com for more information.

Facts from the U.P. Historical Society Vault

Who was Judge Thomas Chambers?

Born in 1795 in Belfast, Ireland, Judge Thomas Chambers is a name that shows up all over University Place—Chambers Creek, Chambers Bay Golf Course, the Village at Chambers Bay, and more. But who was he?

Here's a clue: take a look at the face on the \$20 bill. That's right—President Andrew Jackson plays a role in this story. Jackson was a cousin of Chambers' wife, Letitia. As a wedding gift, the president gave the young couple 500 acres of land in Tennessee to begin their new life in America.

So, they set sail across the Atlantic, leaving their native Ireland behind. Once in the U.S., Thomas Chambers managed cotton and tobacco farms on behalf of President Jackson.

But how and when did this adventurous young family make their way to the Pacific Northwest and, eventually, University Place? Stay tuned for part two in the next newsletter!



Enjoy Free Classical Music in the Civic Building Atrium

The public is invited to attend a free recital by classical pianists Xiaohui Yang and Ronaldo Rolim at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 17 in the Civic Building Atrium.

Both pianists are internationally renowned and serve as faculty members at the University of Puget Sound. They will perform selections from Schubert, Tchaikovsky, Villa-Lobos and Ravel.



This special musical event is brought to you by the City of University Place and UP for Arts, the non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the arts and culture in University Place.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Memorial Day

REMEMBER AND HONOR

City Hall Offices will be closed in recognition of the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 26, 2025. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 27 at 9 a.m.

What's Up With Biz?

Tacoma License and Title, a longtime local business that serves motorists who need to license and register their vehicles, has moved from 6718 19th St. W. to their new location at 2310 Mildred St. W., Ste. 119.

The business offers registration renewals (tabs); title transfers; title, address, name and lienholder changes; trip and transit permits; disabled parking permits; reports of sale and more. Visit their [website](#) for more information.



Fluid Leaks Harm More than Just Your Car

When you spy a puddle of fluid on your garage floor or driveway, it's your car's way of telling you something is wrong.

But that puddle presents a danger to our waterways as well, because run off of oil and other automotive fluids can end up in our stormwater system, and ultimately our rivers, streams and lakes. Do you want your kids or pets playing in puddles or streams that are polluted with toxic fluids?

If you discover a leak, clean up spills immediately using dry kitty litter, then sweep it up, bag it and dispose in the garbage. It is illegal to discharge pollutants to storm drains so be sure to properly recycle or dispose of used batteries, motor oil, antifreeze and other hazardous wastes at the **Tacoma Recovery & Transfer facility** at 3510 S. Mullen St. (253.502.2100).

If you discover someone engaged in illegal disposal of vehicle (or other hazardous fluids), call the City of University Place Illegal Discharge Hotline at 253.208.7925.



Be Ready to Cast Your FlashVote

In the coming weeks, the City of University Place will be conducting a series of FlashVote surveys to get community input on projects happening around the city.



Don't miss this chance to make your opinions known. **Sign up for FlashVote today.** It takes just a minute but your input can have a lasting impact on the future of U.P.

U.P. Historical Society Garden Tour Returns on June 14

Don't miss your chance to go "behind the garden gates" during the 2025 U.P. Historical Society Annual Garden Tour on Saturday, June 14. This year's event will feature five stunning gardens in the University Place/Fircrest area.

Early bird tickets are \$20 and will only be available until May 14 at:

- Chirp and Company (3803 N. 26th St., Tacoma)
- Browns Flowers (620 Regents Blvd., Fircrest)
- GardenSphere (3310 N. Proctor St., Tacoma)
- Harbor Greens (2620 Bridgeport Way W.)
- or through the **Historical Society website.**

Starting May 15, tickets will be \$25.

Purchase yours today before they are all gone! Take a look one of last year's featured gardens and see previous year's toured gardens on **YouTube.**



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

- EDAC Appointment
- CIP Update
- Budget Carryforward
- City Community Grants Process

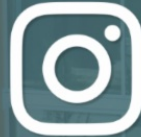


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