

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



June 11, 2025

It's All a (Duck) Daze!



Duck Daze 2025 was one for the record books! The great weather drew a record crowd of participants who enjoyed hours of fun and laughs, beginning with the Duck Daze parade and finishing with food, games and entertainment in Market Square.

These photos capture the joy, friendship and community that Duck Daze celebrates. Relive the memories and share them with your friends and neighbors!





Time Flies! U.P. Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary of U.S. Open

Officials from Kemper Sports, Pierce County and University Place celebrated the 10th anniversary of the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay on June 7 with an afternoon of golf skills games and

tournament memorabilia. The event honored all the volunteers who helped make the event a success and celebrated Chambers Bay's reputation as a premier links course.

"This has consistently become a destination for golfers across the country and around the globe. It's not unusual to meet someone here who has traveled thousands of miles just to walk these fairways," said U.P. Mayor Javier Figueroa. "But this course and park are more than just a golf destination, they're a community asset. They're part of a bigger landscape that includes trails, open space, water access, and potential for so much more."



Garden Tour is this Saturday

Five outstanding gardens in the University Place/Fircrest area will be the stars of the show this Saturday, June 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the annual U.P. Historical Society Garden Tour.

In addition to gaining inspiration and insights from local gardeners, ticket holders can also participate in a silent auction for a deluxe Seahawks ticket package that includes two Club Level tickets and a parking pass for a 2025 home game. Bid forms will be at each of the Garden Tour homes and at the Curran House (4009 Curran Lane W.) on the day of the tour.

A few tickets for the event are still available and can be purchased for \$25 at Chirp and Company (3803 N. 26th St., Tacoma), Browns Flowers (620 Regents Blvd., Fircrest), GardenSphere (3310 N. Proctor St., Tacoma) and Harbor Greens (2620 Bridgeport Way W.). If available, day-of-tour tickets can be purchased at the Curran House beginning at 8:45 a.m.



Thanks to the Garden Tour's sponsors Linda and Albert Bird, Donald and Donna Perry, Seattle Seahawks, U.P. Refuse and Recycling and many individual donors.

We're Hiring: Office Assistant I

The City of University Place is looking for a friendly, organized Office Assistant I to join our team at City Hall. This full-time

role is all about helping people, answering questions at the front desk, processing permits, managing records and keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes.

If you enjoy variety in your day and like being part of a team that serves the community, we'd love to hear from you.

Learn more and apply online!



**WE WANT YOU
ON OUR TEAM!**

**NOW HIRING:
OFFICE ASSISTANT 1**

Consider Our Veterans During Fireworks Season

As the 4th of July nears, please keep in mind that for many of our veterans, fireworks can trigger PTSD. One of those veterans is the City's own Mayor Pro Tem Ed Wood.

"Many veterans can find the 4th of July a difficult holiday to celebrate. For me, the concussive thump in the chest from large fireworks reminds me of explosions I experienced while deployed in Iraq. Honestly, I would rather be anywhere else than where fireworks are happening," he said.

With that in mind, Wood and public safety professionals encourage residents to attend official fireworks shows instead of setting off fireworks at home. But if you do decide to set off fireworks, remember these key points:

- Fireworks are only legal for discharge in U.P. on July 4 from 9 a.m. to midnight.
- The only fireworks legal for discharge in the city are ground-based sparking devices, non-aerial and non-explosive such as fountains, cones, novelties (snaps, snakes, poppers), sparklers/morning glories and smokes (smoke balls or aerials).
- Fireworks must be purchased, possessed and discharged by persons 16 or older. Children under 16 must be under direct adult supervision.

As Mayor Pro Tem Wood says, "When it comes to fireworks, have fun and be safe. And please think of others as well."



**FIREWORKS MAY ONLY BE
DISCHARGED ON JULY FOURTH
FROM 9AM TO MIDNIGHT**

Scammers Never Sleep

The U.P. Police Department urges residents, especially the elderly, to be alert at all times for scammers posing as banks, health care providers or government officials in an attempt to obtain sensitive financial information or money.

Hallmarks of scams include:

- Unsolicited contact
- Fear, intimidation or pressure to act quickly
- Requests to be paid via cash, Zelle or Venmo, or gift cards which make it difficult to track their activity

UPPD has seen scams that begin with an email, phone call or text message about online accounts such as Amazon or Apple. If these messages are responded to, the scammers ask for cash to be withdrawn from the victim's accounts and placed in a box or envelope that the scammers then pick up from the victim's home.

If you believe someone has attempted to scam you—or someone you know—please call the 24-hour non-emergency line at 253.287.4455. Residents can also report the scam to the National Elder Fraud Hotline at 833.372.8311.

Join us for a **Scam Awareness presentation** on **Thursday, June 26, from 1–2 p.m. at the U.P. Council Chambers** (3609 Market Place West, Third Floor). Learn how to protect yourself from common scams targeting our community. Please RSVP to uppublicsafety@cityofup.com if you plan to attend.



The Sound of Music Returns to U.P.



Get out your calendar and visit the City's **Events** page to get the dates and details of this summer's lineup for Music on the Square and Concerts in the Orchard.

These popular summertime events are free and a great way to get out and enjoy the sights and sounds of University Place.

Check Headlines, the **City Facebook** and the **Events page** regularly for updates on the artists and food trucks that will be on site for each event.

U.P. CITY HALL BLOOD DRIVE

Save lives in just 10 minutes!

Stop by the Bloodworks Mobile van in front of U.P. City Hall on July 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for a quick blood donation. Each donation can help save up to three lives—and you'll get a snack afterward!

- Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood, which means more than 38,000 blood donations are needed per day.
- Blood transfusions are needed for:



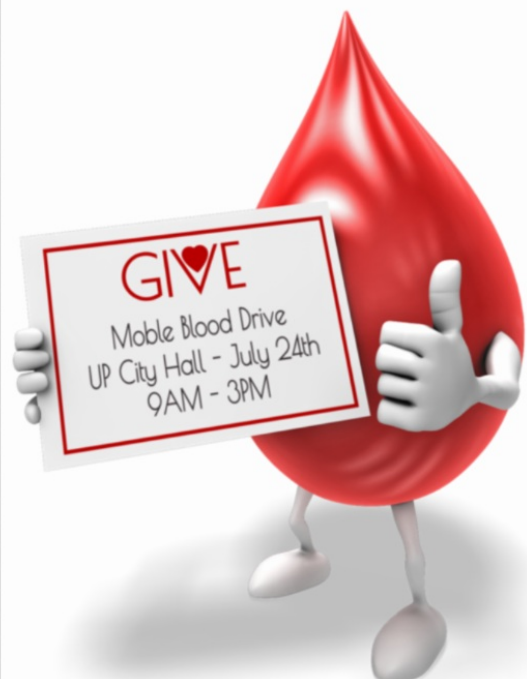
Complications of pregnancy



Complex medical procedures and cancer patients



Severe trauma



Fun Facts in History: The Life of Judge Thomas Chambers, Chapter 2

Brought to you by your University Place Historical Society

When we last shared the Chambers story, Thomas and his wife Letitia



**University Place
Historical Society**

were happily homesteading 500 acres in Tennessee, land given to them as a wedding gift by Letitia's cousin, President Andrew Jackson.

That changed when Thomas came across the journals of Lewis and Clark, detailing their Corps of Discovery expedition from 1802 to 1804. His curiosity was instantly piqued, and he soon decided the family should seek a new beginning in the Pacific Northwest. Preparing for the arduous journey, through Native American lands and along the Oregon Trail, took many months as they packed up their belongings and livestock.

More on their adventures next time, as we continue the story.

Signs of the Times

It's garage sale season in U.P. which means signs advertising the location of garage and yard sales are popping up all over town. If you are hosting a sale, be sure to follow the City's signage requirements:

- Yard/garage sale signs cannot be posted before 5 p.m. the day prior to the sale and must be removed immediately after the sale ends.
- Signs are not allowed for more than three successive calendar days in a 30-day period.
- Signs should include the sale date/s and address.
- Signs may only be placed on property up to the edge of the right-of-way. They cannot be placed on street signs or utility poles, in the City's mowing strips adjacent to sidewalks, in roundabouts, medians or planter strips.



These **regulations** help keep the streets and signposts of University Place from becoming cluttered with out-of-date signs while also improving visibility for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.



TWISTED CIDER 5K/12K/1K

5K & 12K RUNS AND 1K KIDS WALK
SATURDAY, JULY 26 AT 8 A.M. AND 9:15 A.M.
CURRAN APPLE ORCHARD

FOR MORE DETAILS, INCLUDING REGISTRATION
INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.TCMAEVENTS.COM

What's UP with Biz?

Looking for ways to keep the kids busy and happy this summer? U.P. has

Sasquatch Bricks (7902 27th St. W.) offers a large selection of LEGO® kits as well as hard-to-find collectible figurines and kit pieces. Fill a quart or gallon bag from their bulk bin of pre-owned bricks and encourage your kids to let their imaginations run wild.



And don't forget to hit the books by visiting the U.P. branch of Pierce County Libraries (3609 Market Place W.) to participate in the **Summer of Stories program**. Parents can also access activity sheets and teacher-created lessons in a variety of subjects and themes for Pre-K through Grade 8.

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE

**CITY HALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 19 IN
RECOGNITION OF THE JUNETEENTH
HOLIDAY. OFFICES WILL REOPEN
ON FRIDAY, JUNE 20 AT 9 A.M.**



The image shows a blue and red medicine disposal bin. The bin has a slot for disposal and a red button. Text on the bin includes:

- Top Red Label:**

NO DEBE SER USADO PARA ELIMINAR MEDICAMENTOS QUE SEAN PELIGROSOS, INFLAMABLES, CORROSIVOS, O QUE SEAN FÁRMACOS PARA EL TRATAMIENTO DE LA ENFERMEDAD DE ALZHEIMER.
- Top Blue Label:**

MEDICINE DISPOSAL
ELIMINACIÓN DE FARMACAMENTOS (U.S. # 1-800-421-3000)
- Middle Blue Label:**

MEDICINE DISPOSAL
ONLY
DO NOT DISPOSE OF
Hazardous, Flammable, Corrosive, or
Alzheimer's Disease Medicines
- Bottom Blue Label:**

**SAFELY
DISPOSE OF
MEDICINES**

DO NOT MIX OR COMBINE WITH OTHER MEDICINES OR FLAMMABLES
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MED-El Project

See what items are accepted or not in the prescription drop boxes.

- Medications in any dosage form (except those listed below)
- Must be in original container or sealed bag

- Herbal remedies & homeopathic drugs
- Vitamins, minerals &

the wrong hands. Items such as prescription and over-the-counter medications, medication samples, veterinary medications and controlled substances can be dropped in medication disposal boxes throughout U.P.:

University Place Police Department

3612 Drexler Drive W. | 253.798.4058
Lobby open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (closed for lunch noon to 1 p.m.).

U.P. Pharmacy

7311 40th St. W. | 253.448.2460
Open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Closed weekends.

Walgreens

2650 Bridgeport Way W. | 253.564.0351
Open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Rite Aid

3840 Bridgeport Way W. | 253.564.2255
Open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.,
Saturday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Safe Medication Return program is funded by the drug industry and provides kiosks and postage-paid return envelopes for disposal of unwanted medicine.

supplements

- Cosmetics, shampoos, sunscreens, lip balm, toothpaste, antiperspirants & other personal care items
- Biological drug products
- Drugs administered in a clinical setting
- Emptied injector products or medical devices
- Exposed needles or sharps
- Pet pesticide products
- Batteries
- Mercury-containing thermometers
- Illicit drugs

To return Sharps/Needles or to return medicine by mail you can contact

www.medtakebackwashington.org or call 844.482.5322, TTY 711.

These services are free and do not require identification.

Get Down and Dirty at Adriana Hess Work Party

The Pierce Conservation District will hold a work party at Adriana Hess Park (2917 Morrison Rd. W.) this Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed to help remove invasive species, non-native trees and English ivy.

Afterward, mulch will be spread to reduce regrowth of invasive weeds. These efforts support water quality, wildlife and pollinators. Please note that youth volunteers under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

For complete details, please visit the **Conservation District's website**.



**U.P.
BIRTHDAY
BASH**



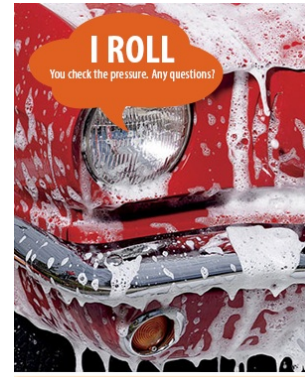
**CHEERS TO
30 YEARS**

**CIRQUE PARK
AUGUST 23**

Keep it Clean

If you're itching to give your car a good wash to get rid of winter's grit and grime, please keep in mind that the water you rinse off your car contains oil, grease, heavy metals and soaps that end up in our storm drains—and ultimately Puget Sound.

That's why it's better to use commercial car washes since they are required to treat their dirty wash water. But if that's not an option for you, use biodegradable soap and wash your car in a grassy area so the grass and soil can soak up the wash water before it reaches a storm drain.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

- Council Meeting: Legislative Update
- Receive and File: Juneteenth Proclamation
- Receive and File: 2025 First Quarter Financial Report
- PC Sheriff MOA
- Commute Trip Reduction Code Amendment
- 8/18 Regular Council Meeting Cancellation
- Makers Consultant Contract Amendment (Middle Housing Implementation)

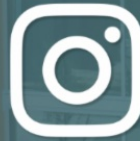


AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE VISIT WWW.CITYOFUP.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.
WATCH ON COMCAST CHANNEL 21, LIGHTCURVE CHANNEL 12 OR LIVE ON YOUTUBE.COM/UNIVERSITYPLACETV

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