

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



July 23, 2025

Get Ready for More Music on the Square Tonight

Grab your friends and neighbors and invite them to join you for another night of free music when Bobby Medina and Culture Shock bring the sounds of traditional and modern Latin American music to Market Square tonight. The band is led by trumpeter Bobby Medina who has played with artists such as Ray Charles and the Four Tops. Get some dinner from the Tacos Mirrey food truck and cool off with Kona Ice treats.



Then next Wednesday, July 30, get ready to groove to the Mark Dufresne Band. Dufresne is recognized as a premier blues vocalist and will be accompanied by guitarist Billy Stapleton, winner of multiple Washington Blues Society "Best of the Blues" awards. The Boss Mama's Kitchen food truck will be on site selling its award-winning burgers and more. Kona Ice returns as well.

The music starts at 6 p.m. Get there early and enjoy this hot summer tradition in U.P.

Enjoy Free Music by the Gigsters Tomorrow in Curran Orchard



Bring your blanket or camp chairs, picnic dinner and snacks (reminder: alcohol is prohibited in City parks) to the Curran Apple Orchard tomorrow night, July

24, to enjoy the first of four weeks of free Thursday night concerts.

The Gigsters will get the series started with their mix of melodic rock covers and their own original songs. Then next Thursday, July 31, the Joel Astley Band, a nationally recognized blues band, will take to the stage.

The music begins at 6:30 p.m. This free music series is sponsored by CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts). In case of inclement weather, the music will go on in the Curtis High School Cafeteria (8425 40th St. W.).

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!



Get Twisted this Saturday!



You don't have to train hard or run miles to be a part of the Twisted Cider 5K/12K this Saturday, July 26.

Be a part of the excitement by coming out to cheer on the participants as they wind their way through U.P. neighborhoods, beginning and ending at the Curran Apple Orchard.

Those who do wish to participate in either the 5k or 12k runs should **register with the Tacoma City Marathon Association**. Families with children under 12 do not need to register in advance for the 1k.



The 5k and 12k begin at 8 a.m. The family 1k starts at 9:15 a.m.

UPPD Officer Sydney Davis Shines at World Police

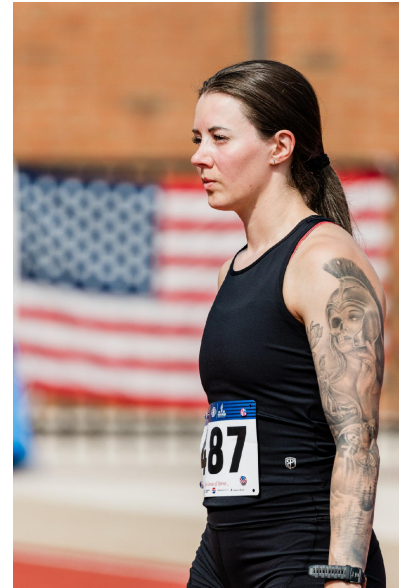
& Fire Games



Sydney Davis, a patrol officer with the U.P. Police Department, recently took home three medals from the World Police & Fire Games held in Birmingham, Alabama. The games featured more than 1,600 first responder athletes from across the globe who competed in more than 60 different events.

Davis took home silver medals in the 100-meter, 200-meter and 4x100-meter relay races. Her success is even more impressive given that in 2018, Davis was seriously injured while responding to a priority call for the Pierce County Sheriff's Office.

With her lights and sirens on, she was hit by a drunk driver and her vehicle rolled over. Davis suffered a cervical fracture, as well as injuries to her thoracic spine and her shoulder. With lots of hard work and physical therapy, she returned to her police duties a mere nine months later.



As a former collegiate soccer player, Davis credits her love of athletics and physical fitness for aiding her recovery. "The doctors told me that because I was in good shape, my back and neck muscles were pretty strong and that helped make it easier to get back in the swing of things," she said. "Even now, when I have bad days (and I still have a few), I want to be as fit as possible." That is what drove her to participate in the U.S. Police & Fire Games in San Diego in 2024 and has her making plans to participate in the next World Games to be held in 2027 in Australia.

"It requires a lot of determination, grit and resiliency to recover from the kinds of injuries that Officer Davis had," said U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke. "Those are traits she demonstrates every day and why we are lucky to have her in our department."

Photos provided by Seth James Photography.



Movie in the Park Returns on Aug. 2



Spend a night under the stars with your family and friends and voyage to great adventures with a free showing of Disney's "Moana 2" in Cirque Park on Saturday, Aug. 2.

Beginning at 7 p.m., the park will come alive with inflatables and games, hula dancing, Tahitian drumming performances and appearances by MAGIC in the PNW - Character Parties and Events performers. TJ's Leis will demonstrate how leis are made and the Sunshine Polynesia Band fire dancers will set the night ablaze with their stunts and acrobatics.



Grab some treats from the South Sound Hawaiian Shave Ice and Flavorworks food trucks and then spread out a blanket or set up your low beach chairs and make it another night of magical summer memories courtesy of the City of University Place.

Get Ready to Party!

Plans for U.P.'s 30th Birthday Bash in Cirque Park on Saturday, Aug. 23 just keep getting bigger and better, with new bands, new activities, new attractions and new food trucks being added to the lineup every day!

The main stage will feature five different bands throughout the day, while the children's stage will showcase musicians, magicians and much more. Adults 21 and over can quench their thirst in the E9

Brewing Co. beer garden and kids can climb inside some of the U.P. Police Department's patrol cars and West Pierce Fire and Rescue rigs.

Because this event is expected to draw a very large crowd and last from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., the City of U.P. will be running shuttles to the park from Market Square and other locations. Only ADA and entertainer parking will be available at the park.

Check Headlines and the **City's Events page** for all the latest updates and information on what promises to be a big, beautiful bash!

We are incredibly grateful to all of our sponsors whose generous support is helping make the 30th Birthday Bash – Cheers to 30 Years a truly unforgettable celebration. Special thanks to our Civic Partner sponsors, University Place Refuse & Recycling and Honest Home Solutions, for their outstanding commitment to our community and this event. We also extend heartfelt thanks to our Neighborhood Supporter and City Engagement sponsors: Alta University Place Apartments, At Your Service Plumbing, Brassfields Salon & Spa, Rotary Club of University Place-Fircrest, Chambers Bay Golf Course, Green Firs Towne Center, and Merry Makers. Your partnership and enthusiasm are helping bring this celebration to life, and we couldn't do it without you!

Interested in sponsoring? Sponsorship opportunities are ending soon! Contact **Melanie Boehm** for more information.



United By Music Performs at Music on the Square





On Wednesday, July 16, the multi-talented musicians of United By Music North America (UBMNA) entertained the crowd at the City of U.P.'s Music on the Square series. Accompanied by established musicians who serve as their mentors, UBMNA's neuro-diverse and neuro-typical musicians delighted and inspired the crowd with their high-energy performance.



This was the group's debut on the Music on the Square stage but Marian Holloway, the City's community events manager, says fans can expect to see them again at future special events in U.P. "We were thrilled to be able to showcase this amazing group of performers and their mission to show how music truly does unite and connect us," she said.

Learn more about Gig Harbor-based **UBMNA** [here](#).

Help Shape the Future of the Town Center District

If you have not already done so, please **take a few minutes to complete a brief survey** about the future of the Town Center District.

City planners want to establish a unified vision for the future of the Town Center District (defined as the area along Bridgeport Way West from 29th Street West to 51st Street West) as well as goals, policies, actions and projects needed to implement the plan.



Your thoughts and opinions can help shape the future of this area in the heart of University Place. The survey will be open through the end of July.

Cardboard Recycling Bins Removed from Curtis Location

Due to an excess of illegal dumping, University Place Refuse and Recycling has removed the cardboard and glass containers from the Curtis recycling location (8425 40th St. W.) effective immediately. There is no estimate at this time when or if

they will be returned to the site.

Residents can still access cardboard and glass recycling containers at Cirque Park (7250 Cirque Drive W.) or visit the U.P. Refuse and Recycling Center (2815 Rochester St., one block off 27th Street behind Cheers West). The center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Visit their website for a complete list what materials can be recycled at that location.

Only Two Days Left to Register Celebrations for National Night Out Caravan



In between organizing the potluck menu or getting a head count for pizza, don't forget to **register your neighborhood** gathering to ensure the U.P. Public Safety caravan visits your National Night Out festivities on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Every year, U.P. neighbors turn out in force on the first Tuesday in August to show their support for strong police-community partnerships. Given the number of participating celebrations, City staff need time to plan the routes the police and fire vehicles will take to visit neighborhood gatherings, so be sure to register your event by this Friday, July 25 by 4 p.m.



What's Up With Biz

Two long-time U.P. businesses are now under new ownership.

The former Gyro Mediterranean Grill at 3555 Market Place W. in the Village at Chambers Bay is under new ownership and is now called Beirut Bites. In addition, the Shell Station at 4002 Bridgeport Way W. also has new owners.

When you have a moment, please stop by and give them a warm U.P. welcome.



Grow with the Flow

Avid gardeners take heart! You can have both a beautiful garden and protect our local waters by following a few simple tips:



- Don't overspray onto paved areas (driveways, sidewalks, streets, etc.) any fertilizers or pesticides you apply to your lawn or gardens.
- If the forecast calls for rain, delay applying fertilizers and pesticides to avoid having them immediately run off into the stormwater system.
- If you choose to water your lawn, be sure the water spray goes on your lawn and plants, not the pavement.
- Install a rain barrel and use the water it collects to quench the thirst of your plants and gardens.
- Don't hose down your driveway or sidewalks. Sweep them instead.

Remember that pollutants that make their way into our storm drains eventually flow into our local streams, ponds and rivers—and ultimately, Puget Sound. So go ahead and grow this summer. Just grow with the flow in mind.

Fun Facts in History: The Life of Judge Thomas Chambers, Chapter 5

Brought to you by your University Place Historical Society



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Resourcefulness and determination defined the indefatigable Chambers party. While the men built an all-wood barge—later sold for \$50—the women contributed in equal measure. Some knitted lace along the trail, trading it for pigs, while both men and women bartered their labor for essentials like turkeys or flour.

From Portland, the group traveled the Columbia and Cowlitz Rivers into the Northwest's untamed landscape, where salmon filled the rivers so densely they seemed to crowd the current. They quickly adopted Indigenous methods, roasting the fish on sticks over open flames.

North of Fort Nisqually, Captain Thomas Chambers found what he had long sought—a stream flowing from fresh to salt water, perfect for his future grist mill. Though the area lacked formal settlement or statehood, for the Chambers party, this was home.

Next: Discover how Chambers claimed his place in history—turning untamed land into lasting legacy as a judge, builder and early advocate for statehood.

Make a Difference at the U.P. Blood Drive

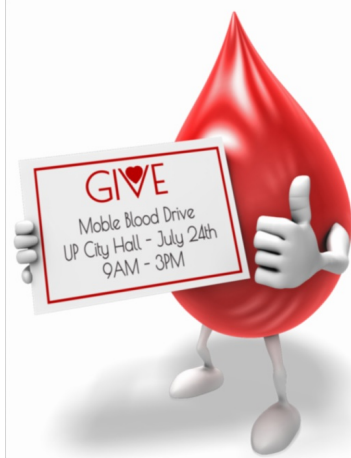
Looking for a meaningful way to support your community? The City of University Place is sponsoring a Blood Drive in partnership with Bloodworks Northwest on Thursday, July 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by the Bloodworks Mobile Van, conveniently located in front of MOD Pizza, just off Market Square.

In just 10 minutes, you can help save up to three lives. Blood donations are urgently needed every day

to support patients experiencing pregnancy complications, undergoing cancer treatments or surgeries, and recovering from severe trauma.

Snacks will be provided after your donation, and while appointments are encouraged, walk-ups are welcome as space allows.

Be a local hero—your donation can make a lasting impact.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, AUG. 4, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

- Recognition - Dean Bentley Retirement
- UP Refuse Update
- Public Safety Update
- 2025 Chipseal Project
- UP School District ILA
- Six-Year TIP

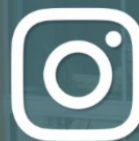


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