

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



August 20, 2025

Don't Miss It! U.P.'s 30th Birthday Bash This Saturday

It's almost here! The biggest, best and brightest birthday bash in U.P.'s history is just days away! Come out to Cirque Park this Saturday, Aug. 23 for a free day-long celebration of community! The party is expected to draw a very large crowd so the City of U.P. will run courtesy shuttles to and from Cirque Park from Market Square and Evergreen Primary School beginning at 11 a.m., with the last shuttles departing following the grand finale Glow Show after 9 p.m. Only ADA and entertainer parking will be available at the park that day so please plan ahead.



Here's a quick look at the day's attractions:

Live music on the Main Stage: Billy Shew Band (noon), Petty Cash (2 p.m.), Point of Sail (4 p.m.), Kalimba (at 6:30 p.m.) and DJ Lucky Strike (8 p.m.).

Kids Entertainment and Activities: Ian Dobson Steel Drums (11 a.m.), Magician Joe Black (1 p.m.), comedian Alex Zerbe (3 p.m.) and "Parrot Lady" Debbie Goodrich (5:30 p.m.). Throughout the day enjoy bounce houses, slides, face painting and other activities as well as stilt walkers and popular characters from Magic in the PNW - Characters Parties and Events.

Skate Jam: Head to the skate park and watch professionals demonstrate their skills. There will be classes and youth skate contests as well, while a DJ will be on hand to mix things up. Sponsored by Method Skateboards & Coffee.

Food Trucks: Grab some grub from Boss Mama's Kitchen, Tacos Mirrey, Jack's Savory Pie Company, Bleu Buttahfly, Travelin' Tom's Coffee, Bliss Ice Cream, Brank's BBQ and Flavorworks. The Skate Park Jam area will host the Starvin' Marvin, Tasty Z's, Honeycomb Raw Honey, Kona Ice and Just a Pizza My Mind trucks.

Beer Garden: Adults 21 and over are invited to enjoy a glass (or two) of E9 Brewing Co.'s special "Hop it UP" birthday brew from noon to 8 p.m., with a portion of the day's proceeds supporting Families Unlimited Network's efforts to address hunger and other needs in our community.

Furry Friends Fair: The Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society will be on site

to tempt attendees with some of its furry friends that are looking for new adoptive homes.

South Sound Makers Market: Shop for unique products and great gifts from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Support the work of more than 60 small local crafters and artisans.

Public Safety Display: Learn what a day on the job is like for our public safety professionals. Climb inside the big rigs and life-saving equipment of West Pierce Fire & Rescue. Meet K9 Smokey and his handler Deputy Roland from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department hazardous devices squad. Be ready for back-to-school bike rides by bringing your bike helmet to make sure it fits properly.

Hot Air Balloon Glow Show: As day gives way to dusk, watch the sky fill with colorful hot air balloons, choreographed and synced to an electrifying playlist in a symphony of light, music and motion. The balloons will lift off around 8:15 p.m.

Hope to see you in Cirque Park on Saturday!



Music on the Square 2025 Wraps Up on Aug. 27

Don't miss the final two free concerts of the 2025 Music on the Square series!

Tonight, Aug. 20, Jazz Overhaul will light up the night with their jazz rearrangements of songs from the Seattle grunge era as well as other popular music. They will be joined by Darelle Holden, a solo and back-up singer who toured with Tom Jones. The Tacos Mirrey truck will be back, along



with Kona Ice.

Then next Wednesday, Aug. 27, perennial favorite Mark Hurwitz and Gin Creek will finish the Music on the Square season on a high note, bringing back their popular blend of blues, R&B, soul and roots rock. Celebrate the taste of summer with dinner on a stick from the Corndoggery food truck and finish with sweet treats from Kona Ice.

The 2025 Music on the Square series is sponsored by the City of University Place.

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!



First Corps Band Closes Out 2025's Concerts in the Orchard

Tomorrow night, Aug. 21, bring your picnic dinner and enjoy one last night of free music in the Curran Apple Orchard when the talented soldiers from JBLM's 56th Army Band, also known as "America's First Corps Band," bring their bright, uplifting brass sounds to the park at 6:30 p.m.

Please remember, alcohol is not allowed in City parks. In case of rain, the music will go on in the Curtis High School cafeteria (8425 40th St. W.).

This free concert series was sponsored by **Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts (CORE)**.



New Inclusive Playground Ribbon Cutting at Cirque Park on Aug. 28



The City of University Place, in conjunction with the University Place Parks and Recreation Foundation (UPPRF) and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new All Inclusive Playground at Cirque Park (7250 Cirque Drive W.) next Thursday, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m.

The festivities will officially open the new play area that is designed to remove physical and social barriers so children can play and interact together, regardless of their needs or abilities. It features a cushioned, rubberized surface that enables those in wheelchairs or with impaired vision to safely access the play equipment that includes ramps, accessible swings and play components that support diverse sensory needs.

The City of U.P. and the U.P. Parks and Recreation Foundation (UPPRF) secured grants and private donations to create the new playground, including support from the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation. Additional funding came from the Names Family Foundation, the Cheney Foundation and Sunderland Foundation, as well as more than 60 individuals, businesses and other private foundations.

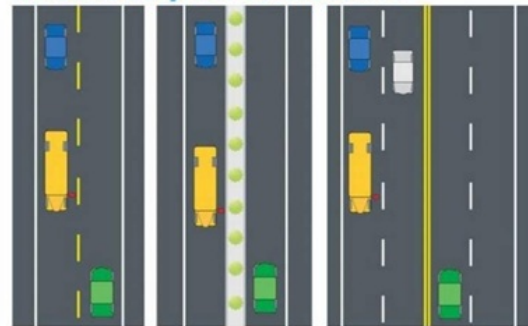
U.P. Students Return to School Next Week

The University Place School District will open the 2025-26 school year next Tuesday, Aug. 26. Motorists are asked to leave extra time in their daily schedules for increased traffic on the roads, including buses, bike riders and walkers.

Parents are encouraged to share these important safety reminders with their children:

- Always use sidewalks, cross the street at the corner, obey traffic signals and stay in the crosswalk. Never run out into the street or cross between parked cars.
- Cyclists should always wear a helmet and ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Bus riders should stay in clear view of the bus driver. Stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive and never walk behind the bus.

When to Stop For a School Bus



Two lane road:
Blue car stops,
Green car stops

Divided road:
Blue car stops,
Green car goes

Four lane road:
Blue car stops,
Gray car stops
Green car goes

SOURCE: Doug Dahl, Washington Traffic Safety Commission

Motorists are reminded that when a school bus activates its yellow flashing lights it means the bus is getting ready to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate children are getting on or off the bus. Stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. Passing a stopped school bus may result in a fine of \$500.

Road Closure at 36th & Grandview Through Sept. 12

Grandview Drive West at 36th Street West is closed to through traffic until Sept. 12. This closure includes bike lanes and sidewalks, though local access is still allowed. Detours are in place to help keep traffic moving during this time.



The closure is necessary to complete construction of a new roundabout at the intersection, a project designed to improve traffic flow and enhance safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. The 36th Street location was selected after studying traffic patterns, safety data and available space. Other nearby intersections would have impacted nearby residential property, so this site offered the best balance of safety, efficiency and minimal impact on neighboring homes.

The original goal was to start and finish construction before school began, but a few unexpected delays shifted the schedule. Closing the road now allows crews to work more quickly and efficiently, which should help shorten the overall timeline and reduce long-term disruption.

Once complete, the roundabout will encourage safer speeds and smoother travel through this busy area, providing lasting benefits for the community.

Yard Sale Season is Here: Know the Rules for Posting Signs

It's that time of year when garage and yard sales pop up across University Place, and so do the signs pointing people to them. If you're planning a sale, make sure your signs follow the City's guidelines:

Timing matters: Signs can go up after 5 p.m. the day before your sale and must come down as soon as it ends.

Duration limit: Signs can't be posted for more than three consecutive days within a 30-day period.

Details required: Include your sale date(s) and address on every sign.

Location rules: Signs can only be placed on private property up to the edge of the right-of-way. They're not allowed on street signs, utility poles, mowing strips next to sidewalks, roundabouts, medians or planter strips.

These rules help keep U.P. looking tidy and ensure clear sightlines for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. A little care with your signs goes a long way in keeping our community safe and welcoming.



Poetry Nature Walk

Join University Place Library staff at Curran Apple Orchard (3920 Grandview Dr. W., University Place, WA 98466) for a poetry nature walk on Thursday,

August 21 at 2 p.m. We will wander through the laden apple trees, read poems, and enjoy nature.

We will meet at the "Forever Friends" sculpture (the girl and horse) at the Grandview Dr. W. entrance.

If you would like, please feel free to bring a nature related poem (12 lines or less) to read. This is not required.

The orchard has grass with gentle slopes and no defined paths; however, this walk is moderately easy and will not require a lot of stamina. Please note, this outdoor program may be canceled due to inclement weather.

Learn more about the orchard at the **Curran Orchard website**.

Check out the library's **calendar** for more free events.



What's UP with Biz?

Recent projections reveal that the average American household is expected to spend almost \$900 on back-to-school items this fall, including electronics, clothing, shoes and school supplies. Please consider spending some (or all!) of that money in University Place.



Pick up supplies, clothing and electronics at Fred Meyer and fill those lunchboxes with essentials from Safeway, Trader Joe's and Whole Foods. College kids can get all they need to outfit their dorm rooms at HomeGoods while Great Cuts, Kerizma Salon and Barber, Le Roi Salon, Simply Hair or Brassfields Salon and Spa can give students a fresh look for the new school year. When you shop at these local businesses, nearly two-thirds of every dollar you spend is reinvested in our community, through things such as tax revenue and employment. So this fall, shop and spend local!

Curran Apple Orchard Cider Squeeze

Crunchy apples and delicious cider await at the annual Curran Apple Orchard Cider Squeeze on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Curran Orchard Tree Adopters will receive first priority in squeezing apples. The public is also welcome to sign up on a "standby list" for any available slots by contacting **curranappleorchard@gmail.com**. Any remaining slots will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Due to a limited number of presses, we strongly encourage reservations!



Cider Squeeze Procedure

- No Outside Apples! This includes homegrown or from the grocery store to prevent the spread of disease, only apples picked from the Curran Orchard.
- DO NOT PICK FROM TREES THAT ARE TAPED OR MARKED with signs.

These trees are adopted, saved for school tours or just aren't ready to be picked yet! You CAN pick from any unmarked tree OR you can purchase a bag of apples for \$5 (cash only). Recommended two bags per pressing.

- Bring your own bags and pick apples at least 30 minutes before your time slot. Please limit yourself to two grocery bags to ensure others can enjoy apples as well.
- Half-gallon jugs will be available for purchase (\$1 each, cash only) OR you can bring containers. Expect to obtain approximately one gallon of juice per pressing time.
- You can squeeze approximately two crates of washed apples per pressing time. (About two plastic grocery bags worth). If there are open slots, you will be allowed to go through the line again to press additional apples.

Interested in volunteering? There are several shifts available!

Any volunteers will receive priority for pressing slots!

- 8:30-9:45 a.m. - Set up stations, tables, signage and awnings
- 9:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Assist at various stations (Check in, washing area, apple/jug sales, press area, wheelbarrows, windfall pick-up, etc.)
- 1:30-3 p.m. - Take down

We would appreciate any help you can offer! Please contact us at curranappleorchard@gmail.com to help.

Community Harvest Day will take place this year on Sunday, Aug. 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you miss the squeeze, don't despair! You can harvest apples from any tree that is not taped or marked with a sign. Please limit yourself to two bags to ensure everyone gets a chance to enjoy the orchard!



Join the Party—UP Turns 30, UPHS Turns 25!

Brought to you by your University Place Historical Society



**University Place
Historical Society**

The City's 30th Birthday Bash is coming up soon. It's also the U.P. Historical Society's 25th birthday!

Come out to celebrate both birthdays at Cirque Park on Aug. 23 and stop by the UPHS booth to enter a drawing for a beautiful plant and a package of gift cards.

Pick up some historical information and a complimentary membership in honor of our silver anniversary.

Our museum (4009 Curran Lane) will be open the first Saturday of every month starting Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come to the museum to view our beautiful Willits canoe, and much more!

Learn more about us by visiting the **UPHS website**.

Be Stormwater Wise

U.P.'s proximity to Puget Sound means residents and business owners need to pay special attention to what goes into the City's storm drains. Water that flows into the stormwater system may be polluted with chemicals, dirt and other debris from insecticides, pesticides, auto fluids, pet waste and solvents. This untreated water can find its way to our fisheries and recreational waters, as well as increase the costs of providing safe drinking water to our community.

Remember that untreated stormwater runoff can:

- Poison aquatic life, including the fish or shellfish we may eat.
- Increase the levels of bacteria and other pathogens that flow into swimming and fishing areas.
- Cloud local waterways with sediment that can destroy aquatic habitats.
- Cause algae blooms that ultimately remove oxygen from water, impacting fish and other aquatic organisms.
- Kill ducks, fish, turtles and birds, especially debris such as cigarette butts, six-pack rings and plastic bags.

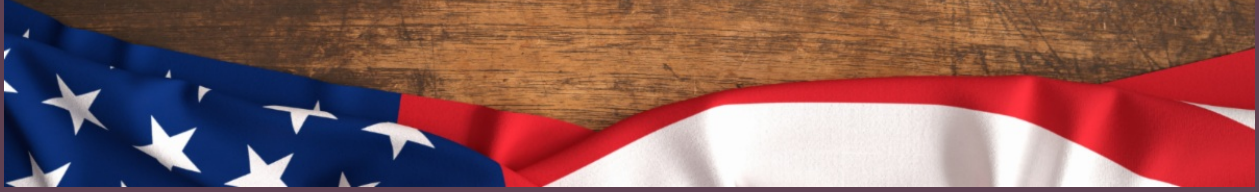
Please do your part to protect our waterways by taking steps to eliminate stormwater pollution.



A collection of tools including a yellow hard hat, wrenches, a screwdriver, a nut, a bolt, and a hammer, arranged on a dark wooden surface.

CITY HALL CLOSURE

CITY STAFF WILL BE ON HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
IN RECOGNITION OF THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY. NORMAL
HOURS WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 AT 9 A.M.

A close-up of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

- Opioid Settlement
- 27th Business District Plan
- Public Hearing: Six-Year TIP
- Arts Advisory Commission
- Parking Meter Report
- Economic Development Report/Update

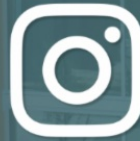


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