

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



September 17, 2025

Get Ready for Oktoberfest on Oct. 10

The cooling temps and shorter days of fall make a perfect setting for one of U.P.'s most popular community events, Oktoberfest. The celebration will take place on Friday, Oct. 10 from 5-8 p.m. when Market Square comes alive with polka music, food trucks and fun for young and old alike.



Swing to the Bean's Beer and Brat Polka Band and gather around the Market Square fireplace while enjoying lots of great fare from food trucks offering everything from corn dogs and kettle corn to Bavarian pretzels and brats.

E9 Brewing Co. will host the 21-and-over beer garden, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting Curtis High School Boosters, while children can enjoy carnival games and stilt dancer Janet Rayer. Keep an eye out for the kids' popular movie characters (courtesy of Magic in the PNW – Characters Parties and Events) who will be available to pose for pictures with all their adoring fans.

Watch the next issue of Headlines for even more details on the fun and festivities of Oktoberfest!

Steve Worthington Resigns from City Council

Council Member Steve Worthington has resigned from the University Place City Council, effective Aug. 30, 2025.

In a letter to the Council and City Manager Steve Sugg, Worthington wrote that "Serving the residents of University Place over the past nearly 12 years has been one of the greatest honors of my life. It has been a privilege to work alongside such talented, thoughtful, and collaborative councilmembers." He also expressed his

appreciation to City staff for their “professionalism, integrity, and expertise. Their dedication behind the scenes has made our work possible and impactful.”

Worthington and his wife, Jill, will be relocating to Vancouver, Wash., in order to be closer to their children and grandchildren in Bend, Ore. And although Worthington calls his U.P. City Council work the “pinnacle” of his public service career, he doesn’t rule out the possibility of finding ways to share his expertise in his new hometown. “We’ll see what happens...” he said.

Watch the **Sept. 2 Council Meeting** to hear Worthington’s full letter to Council.



Bag It!

As the leaves begin to change color and it’s time to dig out your rake, don’t forget that yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings should not be swept into the storm drains on your street.

Although organic, when these items decompose, they release bacteria and the oxygen-consuming materials phosphorus and nitrogen into our stormwater system. These chemicals then eventually end up in the streams, rivers and lakes that ultimately feed into Puget Sound.



Leaves and yard debris also clog storm drains and contribute to street flooding. So please remember to dispose of your yard waste in approved bags and place the bags at the curbside on your regular garbage collection day.

Remember, only rain goes down the drain!

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REFUSE AND RECYCLING

FREE FALL GLEAN UP

**Residents north of 40th St W.
Saturday, Oct. 4, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Residents south of 40th St W.
Saturday, Oct. 11, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**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

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!



What's UP with Biz?

Business Outreach Liaison Becky Metcalf from the Department of Community and Economic Development shared information about the health of the U.P. business community with the **City Council on Sept. 2.**

Metcalf said that over the last 14 years, the City has seen the number of business licenses grow by 63 percent, to a current total of 1,730 in the first quarter of this year— despite pandemic-related impacts.



Healthcare and social service businesses remain the largest sector in the city, with professional, scientific and technical services ranking second. Retail businesses continue to grow and now represent the third-largest sector, with construction and other services rounding out the top five.

Watch future issues of Headlines for more information from Metcalf's report and what it says about doing business in U.P.

Remembering and Honoring those Lost on 9/11

On Thursday, Sept. 11, U.P. Mayor Javier Figueroa and U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke joined West Pierce Fire & Rescue Chief Jim Sharp, the Lakewood Police Department and representatives of the City of Lakewood at a special 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony in Reflection Park.



Located in front of WPFR Station 31 at 3631 Drexler Drive, the park honors and lists the nearly 3,000 lives lost that day. Its "Weeping Wall" water memorial includes the etched names of 403 firefighters, paramedics and police officers who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks. It also features a piece of steel from the World Trade Center that was brought from New York to Washington by WPFR firefighters in 2012.

During his remarks, Figueroa challenged those in attendance to mark the day by remembering the heroism, the sacrifices and the compassion that was displayed 24 years ago. "I choose to believe that if we truly want to honor the sacrifices made that day, the best way to do that is to relive those acts of kindness and

compassion. Not just today, but every day," he said. "What better way to show that if we learned anything from the terrorist attacks of 9/11, it is that it feels better to care and console than to blame or berate. That it's far better to help than to hate. That it's important to come together to ease the pain than to try to go it alone."

Photos provided by West Pierce Fire & Rescue.



Build A Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

It might be hard to imagine it now, but the weather is turning and storm season will soon be upon us. Every household should have a basic supply kit that can help you survive, completely on your own, for several days without outside assistance. The kit should include:

- Water (one gallon per person per day, for drinking and sanitation)
- Non-perishable food and manual can opener
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and NOAA Weather Radio
- Cell phone with charger and backup battery
- Flashlight
- First aid kit
- Extra batteries
- Whistle (to signal for help)
- Dust masks
- Plastic sheeting, scissors and duct tape to shelter in place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Local maps



You should also include prescription medications as well as pain relievers and anti-diarrheals. And don't forget your furry family members! Make sure you have food and extra water for your pets.

Store these items in airtight plastic bags in one or two easy-to-carry containers such as plastic bins or a duffel bag.

Set aside some time now to assemble your kit. It will save you time, and possibly lives, when disaster strikes.

Service with a Smile

Members of the U.P. Police Department will be donning green aprons and serving up samples at the Starbucks in the Green Firs Towne Center on Wednesday, Oct. 1 from 9-11 a.m. as part of the national Coffee with a Cop Day initiative.

Stop by for your morning latte or espresso and say hello to U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke and other members of the UPPD. Come with your questions, concerns and compliments (if you have them!).



This is a great way to get to know the public safety professionals who work night and day to keep you safe. When they know you and you know them, it helps build the connections that encourage everyone, residents and police alike, to work together to build strong, safe and resilient communities.

City Council Receives Parking Meters Update

In a report to the City Council at its **Sept. 2 meeting**, Director of Public Works Jack Ecklund said a recent study indicates the parking meters that were installed a year ago along Market Place West are achieving their intended goal: encouraging equitable access to spaces in this busy area of the Village at Chambers Bay.



"From the outset, we have been clear that the goal of installing the meters was not to generate revenue for the City, but to support the businesses in the Village at Chambers Bay," Ecklund said.

With a maximum allowed time of 90 minutes, the metered spaces enable customers to park near the businesses they are patronizing. Ecklund added that the meters are also increasing the use of ample free parking in the Village garage as well as other free 15-minute spaces scattered throughout the area from Market Court West to 37th Street West.

Since the meters' debut in Sept. 2024, the City has issued close to 600 warnings for violations of meter times and for non-payment. Ecklund said that parkers should expect increased enforcement moving forward, however, including \$25 tickets for non-compliance.

The meters are active from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays. Parking is free on Sundays and holidays as are ADA spots. Parkers can pay with coins, credit card or the **PaybyPhone app** to cover the cost of \$1 for an hour or \$1.50 for the entire 90 minutes.

Step Into U.P.'s Story at the Historical Society Museum

On Sept. 6, the University Place Historical Society officially opened its museum doors and welcomed its very first guest, longtime community champion Sallie



**University Place
Historical Society**

Zimmerman. Sallie, an original member of UP for Arts and a familiar face in countless local efforts, summed up her visit in just three words: "The museum is great!"

Now it's your turn to experience it. The museum is open the first Saturday of every month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., located at the Curran House (orchard level).

Discover the stories, artifacts, and people that helped shape University Place. Stop by and see why Sallie and so many others believe it's truly something special.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, OCT. 6, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

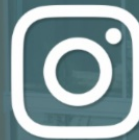
- Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation
- Officer Sydney Davis Recognition
- Bridgeport Place Assisted Living & Memory Care - 25th Anniversary
- Business License Amendment
- UP Refuse Franchise Agreement
- DTNW Sponsorship Agreement
- Public Hearing: PROS Plan Amendment
- Legislative Agenda

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