

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



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Oktoberfest is Next Friday, Oct. 10

Get ready for an evening of great food, fun, music and dancing with family and friends because October has officially arrived—and that means it's time for Oktoberfest in University Place.

Come out to Market Square on Friday, Oct. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. and enjoy the outdoor fireplace while listening to the music of the Beans Beer & Brat Polka Band. Snack on treats from popular food trucks such as Brew Dog, Corn on the Run, Corndoggery, Funnel of Love, Honeycomb Raw Honey, Jack's Savory Hand Pies, Manic Meatballs and Tornado Potato.

Adults 21 and over can enjoy seasonal brews in the E9 Brewing Co. beer garden, with a portion of the evening's proceeds benefiting Curtis High School Boosters.

There will be plenty of seasonal fun for children as well, including carnival games, stilt dancing, and pictures with popular movie characters courtesy of Magic in the PNW - Character Parties and Events.

Don't miss all the fall fun and festivities of Oktoberfest in U.P. See you Oct. 10 in Market Square!



Homestead Park Renaming

In **July**, the City Council heard from members of the Broback family who spoke about the potential renaming of Homestead Park to Broback Homestead Park.

The Broback family history in U.P. dates back to 1931 when Anna and John Broback immigrated from Norway and homesteaded on the property that is now known as Homestead Park, beginning what was to become decades of significant contributions to the region's agricultural history.



During its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Second Floor Training Room of City Hall (3609 Market Place W.), the Parks Advisory Commission will formally vote on their recommendation to City Council about changing the park's name. The meeting is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

For additional information or questions, contact Tony West, Public Works operations manager, at twest@cityofup.com.

City Honors Former UPPD Chief Masko

Former U.P. Police Chief Rob Masko passed away on Sept. 13. Masko was U.P.'s second police chief, serving from 2001 through 2005 before he was tasked with running the Pierce County jail.

During his tenure in U.P., Masko ushered in the City's Community Oriented Policing mission and integrated it into all police-public interactions and programming. He also developed a Youth Intervention & Early Out program to address juvenile concerns in the community.

Masko retired as Undersheriff for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department after 37 years of service. During his retirement, he volunteered on U.P.'s ad hoc Public Safety Levy Committee to advocate for enhanced public safety funding in the city.



"Chief Masko loved his work in U.P.," said Jen Hales, the City's public safety director. "And for those of us who worked with him, he was a delight. He was a great leader and hard worker with an infectious laugh who could bring teams together to get things done. He will be missed."

UNIVERSITY PLACE

REFUSE AND RECYCLING

FREE FALL CLEAN 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?

Whether you want to dine out or get takeout and dine in at home, U.P. has something for everyone's tastes.

The City's recent business environment profile reveals that business licenses in the "Accommodations and Food Services" category have increased by 30 percent since 2012.

As of the end of the first quarter of this year, U.P. has 74 business licenses in this sector, including 43 that are either full- or limited-service restaurants. The majority of these businesses are located in the Town Center Business District, the area surrounding the Village at Chambers Bay.



"This data shows that all boats rise on a high tide," said Becky Metcalf, business outreach liaison in the City's department of Community and Economic Development. "Contrary to popular perception, competition is a good thing. By being able to offer consumers a variety of dining choices, U.P. has become

Be Ready to Shake

The earth is always moving, the question is: do you know what to do when it starts moving right under you?

International ShakeOut Day will be Thursday, Oct. 16, when millions of people across the globe will participate in earthquake drills at home, work and school.

At exactly 10:16 a.m. that day, residents of University Place are encouraged to practice how to DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON during an earthquake. Washington has the second highest risk in the U.S. of large and damaging earthquakes and Pierce County's proximity to the Cascadia fault makes our region especially susceptible.

Visit the **Great ShakeOut website** to get tips on how to organize a drill for your site. You can even **download an audio file** to use during your ShakeOut drill.

Don't wait for the ground to shake. Prepare now.



Stormwater Education Tools for Teachers and Parents

It's never too early to begin to educate youth on the dangers of stormwater pollution.

The non-profit organization Puget Sound Starts Here has robust kits for elementary- and high school-age students designed to help them understand the ways our lakes, rivers and streams can become polluted and what they can do to prevent stormwater pollution.

Through interactive exercises such as elementary-age "Drain Rangers" visiting Stormville or secondary students assuming the role of stormwater engineers, these kits are an excellent way to incorporate the topic into environmental science lessons.

Learn more at **PugetSoundStartsHere.org**.



What Does Green Mean?

Members of the community have asked for clarification on the proper way to yield to cyclists who use the dedicated bike lanes on 67th Street as they approach Bridgeport Way West.

The green bike lane is intended to improve cyclists' safety by making the lane more conspicuous and the green bike box is meant to give cyclists extra visibility when they intend to make a left-hand turn across lanes of traffic.

As is always the case, cyclists and motorists are



expected to obey all rules of the road, including proper signaling and obeying all traffic signals.



U.P. Library – A Stories and Voices Program

The University Place Library invites you to, **“The Firsts: Latina Struggles in the United States”** on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

In a talk that draws on interviews with Latinas from a wide range of professions, join Maria Chávez for an exploration of the complicated challenges Latina professionals face.

Latinas/Latinos, the largest ethno-racial group in Washington State and in the nation, are grossly underrepresented in powerful segments of society, contributing to what some scholars refer to as a “demographic divide”.



While the United States is an increasingly diverse society, this diversity is not reflected in important spheres of influence and power. In just one example, Latinas/Latinos represent just two percent of full-time faculty at degree-granting institutions, yet Latina/Latino students are the fastest growing demographic on college campuses. What needs to be done to increase academic representation?

Drawing from interviews, policy analysis and personal experience, Professor Maria Chávez investigates the obstacles contributing to this underrepresentation and explores ideas for how to move toward a more inclusive society and a healthier multiracial democracy.

Join the U.P. Library and learn about the histories, contributions and lived experiences of those around us as we uplift community voices and explore stories that act as mirrors of our own lives and windows into experiences different from our own.

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

West Pierce Fire & Rescue Fall Events

Mark your calendars! West Pierce Fire & Rescue has a jam-packed October full of fun fall (and safety) events!

Oct. 5-11 | Fire Prevention Week

This year's theme is "Charge Into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." Most rechargeable devices use these batteries. Keep your home safe by charging only on hard surfaces, unplugging when full and recycling batteries properly.



Saturday, Oct. 18 | Fall Safety Day

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Station 21 (5000 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood), it's Fall Safety Day! Enjoy family activities, meet firefighters and kids can take home a free pumpkin donated by local farms!

Visit the [West Pierce Fire & Rescue website](#) for more information

Tahoma Bird Alliance - Green Tacoma Day

Join us for stewardship on Green Tacoma Day, Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon at Adriana Hess Wetland Park, 2917 Morrison Rd W, University Place.

This will be our second year as a Green Tacoma Day site, and we'll be spreading mulch, removing invasive species, and adding plants to the understory.

Participants will receive a Green Tacoma Day t-shirt. Coffee, water and snacks will be provided. **Register** to participate in Green Tacoma Day!



City Hall Holiday Closure

CITY STAFF WILL BE ON HOLIDAY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 IN RECOGNITION OF THE VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY. NORMAL HOURS WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 9 A.M.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

AGENDA:

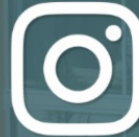
- Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation
- Bridgeport Place Assisted Living & Memory Care - 25th Anniversary
- Officer Sydney Davis Recognition
- Deputy Chris Rather Retirement
- Business License Amendment
- UP Refuse Franchise Agreement
- DTNW Sponsorship Agreement
- UP for Arts Sponsorship Agreement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

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