

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



October 15, 2025

Fans Celebrate Baseball, Brats and Beer at Oktoberfest

Those attending this year's Oktoberfest in Market Square had an extra special reason to celebrate during U.P.'s popular fall festival.

In addition to live music from the Beans, Beer & Brat Polka Band and DJ Miles, the huge crowd who turned out for the celebration was able to view a large outdoor screen that showed the Seattle Mariners defeat the Detroit Tigers in Game 5 of the American League Division Series.



As always, the E9 Brewing Co. beer garden was a big hit as were the food trucks, costumed characters and carnival games.

The crowd stayed until the final out, raising steins and cheers to the Mariners as they move on to the next round of the Major League Baseball playoffs. Thanks to all those who came out and made this an Oktoberfest for the record books. Together, we hit this one out of the park (pun intended!)





Sign Up and ShakeOut on Oct. 16

Don't forget that International ShakeOut Day is tomorrow, Thursday, Oct. 16.

At exactly 10:16 a.m., residents of University Place are encouraged to join millions of people across the globe who will participate in earthquake drills at home, work and school so they know how to DROP, COVER and HOLD ON during an earthquake. Recent videos from the Philippines show school children doing just that during the country's 6.9 earthquake on Sept. 30.

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

The Great ShakeOut is also a great day to make sure you are **registered for CodeRED** and **Pierce County Alert**. It takes only a minute or two to enroll but will ensure you are notified by local emergency response teams in the event of emergency situations such as earthquakes, severe weather or evacuation.

Join Us
in the
World's Largest
Earthquake Drill.

October 16, 2025

Register: ShakeOut.org

Shake
Out

Coffee with a Cop Attracts a Crowd

Thanks to all those who stopped by the Starbucks in the Green Firs Towne Center for conversation and coffee with U.P. cops as part of national Coffee with a Cop activities on Oct. 1.

Over the course of two hours, U.P.'s finest enjoyed serving up Starbucks samples while answering questions about public safety in U.P. and posing for photos with the people they serve. If you missed it, check out this **short video** that captures the morning's energy and smiles.

"These casual outings give us an opportunity to hear what our U.P. neighbors are concerned about, which helps us respond more effectively," said U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke. "That's the basis of what creates a safe and inviting city."



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?

According to the National Retail Federation, Halloween spending this year is expected to reach a record \$13.1 billion.

Please consider spending some of that money with our local businesses who have all you need to dress up, make up and party up. Get your mums and pumpkins from Harbor Greens, pick up your candy and treats from any one of our grocery



stores or pharmacies, and scare up some fun seasonal decorations from HomeGoods. When it comes to costumes, whether you want to create your own or buy a ready-made outfit, Fred Meyer has the materials you need to put together the look you're after, whether sweet, sharp, spooky or scary.

Fall Curbside Oversize Brush Pickup

Nov. 3–14, 2025

Pile Limitations: one per household no larger than 6' wide by 6' long by 6' high



The Oversized Brush Pickup is available to all residential customers of University Place Refuse and Recycling, even those without yard waste service. The pickup day for your area will be the same as your curbside recycling or yard waste pickup day during the weeks shown above. Remember, this is a one-day event for each neighborhood. The Oversized Brush Pickup is only for the larger brush and limbs that do not easily fit into a regular yard waste cart. Limbs are removed by machine or pitchfork. Sweeping of small items by the customer can be expected. Please have all piles at the curb ready for pickup by 6 a.m. on your scheduled yard waste pickup day.

Yes, Oversized Brush Includes: branches, brush, and limbs no larger than 6' in length or 4" in diameter. Please stack loose for pickup (no cans, bags, or bundles).

No, Oversized Brush Does NOT Include: blackberry, holly, or other thorny vegetation; stumps, limbs larger than 6' or thicker than 4"; small loose items such as grass, leaves, weeds, bark, pine/fir needles, etc. No noxious weeds like scotch broom or English ivy, etc.

If you are signed up for yard waste service, please make maximum use of your cart before placing brush in a pile. Place your oversized brush in a loose pile at the curb or within five feet of the drivable portion of the roadway for pickup. Make sure the pile isn't in the street or blocking access to mailboxes or fire hydrants.

Visit the **University Place Refuse and Recycling website** for more information.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

November 11, 2025 at 11 A.M.
Veterans Plaza, 7401 Cirque Drive West
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Join us as we honor and recognize the bravery, sacrifice, and service of our veterans. Let's come together as a community to pay tribute to those who have served our country.

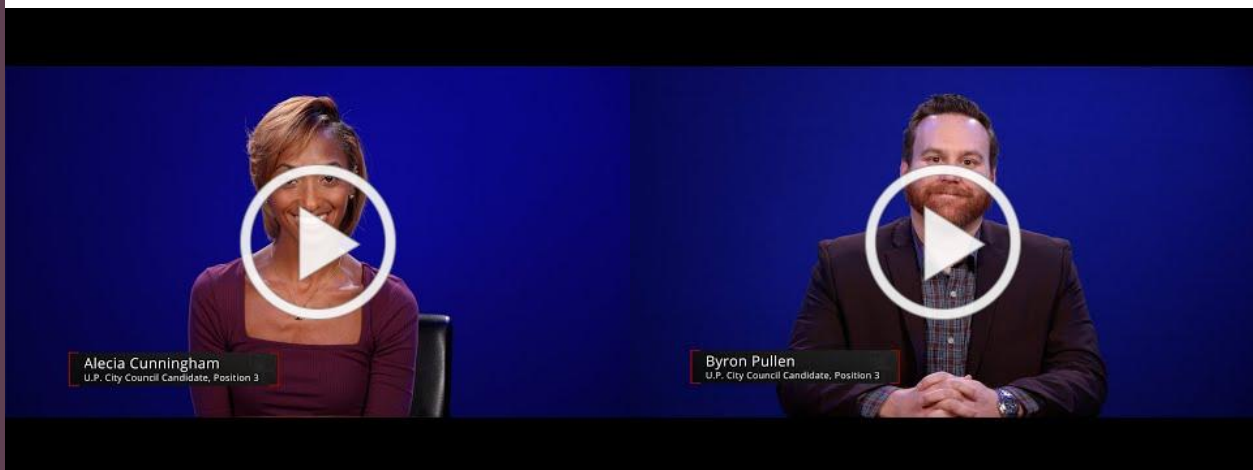
Meet the City Council Position 3 Candidates

Please take a few minutes to be an informed voter on Nov. 4 by getting to know the candidates who are running to fill U.P. City Council Position 3.

Alecia Cunningham and Byron Pullen are vying for the position. They recently shared their goals in this **video voters' guide** which includes their opening and closing statements as well as answers to the following questions:

- What are the most important issues facing the city and how will you address them?
- What do you hope to accomplish as a city council member?
- What is your vision for our community five to 10 years from now?

Be sure to cast your vote before the deadline to **drop off ballots** at 8 p.m. on Nov. 4.



Step UP to Serve UP

The City of University Place has several commission openings, including spots on the Economic

Development Advisory Commission, Planning Commission, Park Advisory Commission and Public Safety Advisory Commission.

Commissioners are residents who volunteer their time to use their unique knowledge and experiences to assist the City Council in shaping legislative policy.

Visit the **City's Commissions and Partners webpage** to learn more about each position. Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on Nov. 26, 2025. For additional information or questions, email City Clerk **Emy Genetia**.



City Council Recognitions

During its **Oct. 6 meeting**, the U.P. City Council recognized several groups, individuals and businesses for their impact on the community. These included an Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation, with acknowledgement that University Place is located on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the Puyallup and Steilacoom Tribes. The council also congratulated Bridgeport Place Assisted Living & Memory Care on its 25th Anniversary.



Two members of the UPPD were also honored for their accomplishments. Deputy Chris Rather is retiring after 31 years of service to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department (including 26 in U.P.), while Deputy Sydney Davis earned three silver medals at the prestigious World Police & Fire Games in Birmingham, Alabama.

City Council meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend or watch them online to learn about what is happening in U.P., to provide public comment and share in congratulating worthy honorees like those mentioned above.

Pictured in the order they are acknowledged in the accompanying article.



Share Your Transportation Thoughts with Puget Sound Regional Council

Voice your ideas and concerns about our region's transportation needs at a special meeting of the Puget Sound Regional Council on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Point Defiance Pagoda (5801 Trolley Lane, Tacoma).



Puget Sound Regional Council

Enjoy food, music and small group activities designed to help shape the 2026

Grandview Roundabout Officially Opens

On Oct. 13, the City celebrated the grand opening of the new roundabout at the intersection of 36th Street West and Grandview Drive West. On hand for the festivities were U.P. Mayor Javier Figueroa, Mayor Pro Tem Ed Wood, Council Member Frank Boykin and State Rep. Mari Leavitt, who was instrumental in helping the City secure state funding for the project.



The roundabout, which was funded by a \$764,000 grant from the State Transportation Improvement Board, was completed on budget and ahead of schedule. It improves vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety in the area by reducing speeds along that stretch of Grandview to allow for easier and safer turns in and out of 35th, 36th and 37th Streets.

For more information about this project, contact **Kyle Mauren**, senior project engineer.

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. 20, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA:

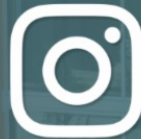
- 30th Birthday Bash Sponsorship Appreciation - Honest Home Solutions
- 30th Birthday Bash Sponsorship Appreciation- Alta University Place
- UP Historical Society - 25th Anniversary
- Salted Rim Lease Amendment
- Development Agreement - 27th Street Apartments, LLC
- 2025 Second Quarter Financial Report
- Zoning Code Amendments

AGENDA ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE VISIT WWW.CITYOFUP.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.
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