

# **Special Election April 26, 2016**



## **University Place Proposed Metropolitan Park District and Candidates**



**Pierce County Official  
Local Voters' Pamphlet**

**Look for  
your ballot  
April 9 - 12**



# What's Inside

A citizen's petition to form a metropolitan park district in the City of University Place and elect five commissioners was submitted to Pierce County Elections. The petition received the required number of signatures and the issue has been placed on the ballot. The signatures of 2,950 voters, or 15% of the voters residing in the proposed District, was required to validate the petition.

If the proposition passes, a park district will be formed and commissioners will be elected. If the proposition fails, the commissioners will not be elected.

Commissioner terms of office will be staggered as follows:

- The two persons receiving the greatest numbers of votes shall be elected to five-year terms.
- The two persons receiving the next two greatest numbers of votes shall be elected to three-year terms.
- The other person elected will serve a one-year term.

In future elections, all commissioners will be elected to six-year terms of office.

Please contact the committee members listed at the bottom of page 10 if you have any questions about the formation of the park district.

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# Ballot Drop Boxes - No Stamp Required

Open 24-hours from April 8 through April 25. Closed promptly at 8 pm on April 26.

## Anderson Island

Anderson Island Park and Ride  
Yoman Rd (near Villa Beach Rd)  
Anderson Island, WA 98303

## Bonney Lake

Bonney Lake (South)  
Park and Ride  
Sky Island Dr E & 184th Ave E  
Bonney Lake, WA 98391

## Browns Point/ Northeast Tacoma

NE Police Substation  
4731 Norpoint Way NE  
Tacoma, WA 98422

## DuPont

DuPont Ross Plaza  
1500 Wilmington Dr  
DuPont, WA 98327

## Eatonville

Barney's Corner  
40512 Meridian E  
Eatonville, WA 98328

## Edgewood

Edgewood City Hall  
2224 104th Ave E  
Edgewood, WA 98372

## Fife

Fife City Hall  
5411 23rd St E  
Fife, WA 98424

## Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula

Gig Harbor Fire Station  
6711 Kimball Dr  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Key Center Fire Station  
8911 Key Peninsula Hwy, KPN  
Lakebay, WA 98349

Pt. Fosdick Safeway  
4811 Pt. Fosdick Dr NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Purdy Fire Station  
5210 144th St NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

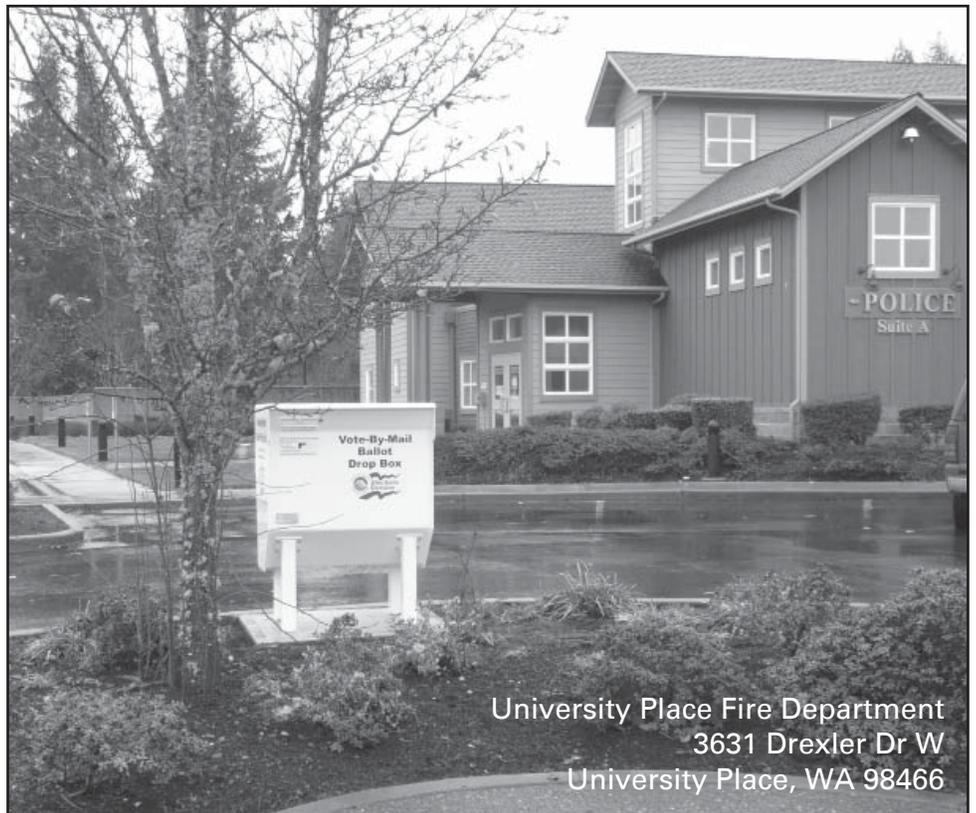
## Graham

Graham Fire & Rescue  
Station 91  
10012 187th St E  
Puyallup, WA 98375

## Lakewood

Lakewood City Hall  
6000 Main St SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

Lakewood (SR 512)  
Park and Ride  
10417 South Tacoma Way  
Lakewood, WA 98499



University Place Fire Department  
3631 Drexler Dr W  
University Place, WA 98466

**All drop boxes close at 8:00 p.m. on April 26, 2016.**

Maps, directions, and photos are available online: [PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)

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## Orting

Orting Public Safety Building  
401 Washington Ave SE  
Orting, WA 98360

## Parkland/Spanaway

Parkland/Spanaway Library  
13718 Pacific Ave S  
Tacoma, WA 98444

Roy Y Park and Ride  
SR 507 and Pacific Ave S  
Spanaway, WA 98387

## Puyallup/South Hill

Puyallup Library  
324 South Meridian  
Puyallup, WA 98371

South Hill Library  
15420 Meridian E  
Puyallup, WA 98375

## Roy

Roy City Hall  
216 McNaught Rd S  
Roy, WA 98580

## Steilacoom

Steilacoom Library  
2950 Steilacoom Blvd  
Steilacoom, WA 98388

## Sumner

Sumner Library  
1116 Fryer Ave  
Sumner, WA 98390



## Tacoma

72nd Street Transit Center  
1319 E 72nd St  
Tacoma, WA 98404

Central District  
902 S L St  
Tacoma, WA 98405

Kandle Park Police Substation  
(parking lot)  
5140 N 26th St  
Tacoma, WA 98407

Pierce County Annex  
2401 S 35th St  
Tacoma, WA 98409

Pierce County Community  
Connections (behind building)  
3602 Pacific Ave  
Tacoma, WA 98418

Tacoma Area Coalition of  
Individuals with Disabilities  
6315 S 19th St  
Tacoma, WA 98466

Tacoma Dome Park and Ride  
610 Puyallup Ave E  
Tacoma, WA 98421

## University Place

University Place  
Fire Department  
3631 Drexler Dr W  
University Place, WA 98466

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# Return your ballot early!



**Drop by 8 p.m. April 26**



**Mail by April 22**

## Voting Centers

**Open April 26**

**7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

### Services available:

- Accessible voting using touch screen equipment.
- Provisional ballots.
- Voting assistance from staff.
- Voter registration.
- Ballot drop off.

#### **Gig Harbor Civic Center**

3510 Grandview St  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

#### **Puyallup Library**

324 South Meridian  
Puyallup, WA 98371

#### **Pierce County Election Center**

2501 S 35th St, Suite C  
Tacoma, WA, 98409

#### **Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID)**

6315 S 19th St  
Tacoma, WA 98466

**To vote on a touch screen, bring photo ID and don't return your ballot.**

For more information on accessible voting in Pierce County, call us (253) 798-VOTE (8683) or visit our website: [PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)

### Additional assistance:



Center for Independence  
(253) 582-1253 (voice)  
(800) 724-8172

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center  
(253) 475-0782 (voice)  
(253) 474-1748 (TTY)  
(253) 292-2209 (videophone)

Tacoma Area Coalition of  
Individuals with Disabilities  
(253) 565-9000 (voice)  
711 (TTY)

## Not registered to vote?

### To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington state.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.



### How to register:

- Online - [PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)
- By mail - Call us at (253) 798-VOTE and we will mail you a form.
- In person - Pierce County Election Center, 2501 S 35<sup>th</sup> St, Suite C, Tacoma, WA 98409, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Deadlines for April 26 Election:

- Online or mail deadline is **March 28, 2016**.
- In person deadline (new Washington voters only) is **April 18, 2016**.

## Who donates to campaigns?

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov).

Public Disclosure Commission  
[www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)  
Toll Free (877) 601-2828

# Updating Your Address

## **I've moved.**

- Q.** I've moved from one address to another within Pierce County. How do I update my voter registration?
- A.** You can update your address online at [PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org) or call us at (253) 798-VOTE (8683). This must be done at least 29 days before an election to be able to vote on the issues where you live.
- Q.** I've moved to Pierce County from a different county within Washington State. How do I update my voter registration?
- A.** You can register to vote online at [vote.wa.gov](http://vote.wa.gov) or call us and we can send you a registration form. You must do this at least 29 days before an election to vote in your new county.

## **I'm leaving for college.**

- Q.** What address should I use to register to vote?
- A.** The choice is yours and depends on where you choose to claim residency. The address you choose will determine what you vote on.
- Q.** If I keep my registration in my hometown, how do I vote while I'm away at college?
- A.** Call us with your new mailing address and we will send your ballot there.

## **I'm in the military.**

- Q.** I just moved here. The election is tomorrow. What can I do?
- A.** Military voters can register up to and including Election Day. Register in person at a Voting Center. See page 6.
- Q.** I am deployed and may not receive my ballot on time. What can I do?
- A.** Sign up for our E-ballot program at [PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org) and we will email you a link to vote your ballot.

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## **For more information:**

### **Federal Voting Assistance Program**

[www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)  
[vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov)  
(800) 438-VOTE (8683)  
DSN: 425-1584

### **Pierce County Elections**

[pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us)  
[PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)  
(253) 798-VOTE (8683)  
(800) 446-4979

# Ballot Secrecy

## Is my vote secret?

Yes. Secrecy of the ballot is mandated by Washington State law and is upheld in all elections.

## Can my ballot be tracked to me?

No. No one can trace a ballot back to a particular voter.

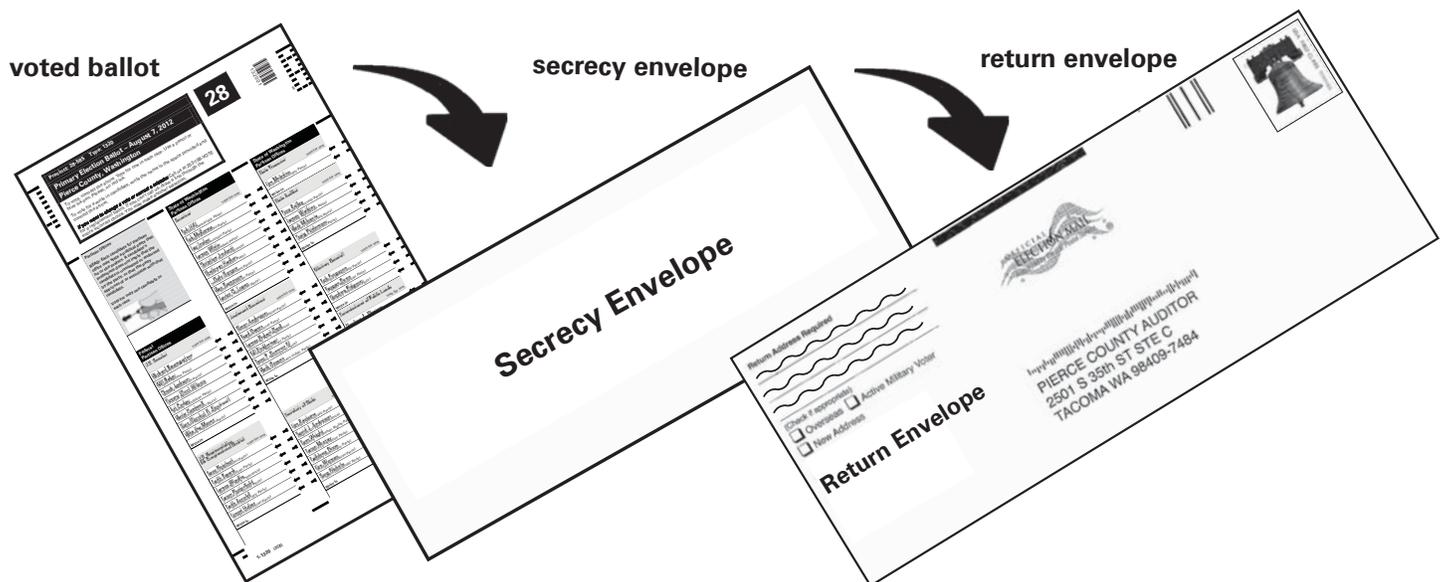
## How does my ballot remain anonymous?

*Voter -*

1. Places the voted ballot in the inner secrecy envelope.
2. Places the secrecy envelope in the outer return envelope.
3. Signs the outer return envelope and drops off at a ballot drop box (page 4) or puts a first class stamp on it and mails back to the Pierce County Auditor's Office.

*At the Election Center -*

4. Voter's signature is verified, the outer return envelope with the voter's name and address is opened and separated from the inner secrecy envelope.
5. Secrecy envelopes are mixed with other secrecy envelopes.
6. The secrecy envelopes are opened and the ballots removed. This maintains the secrecy of the ballot.



## Is this process observed?

In every county, including Pierce County, political party observers watch the entire election process. Pierce County has a public viewing area that allows any member of the public to observe ballot processing.

# University Place - Special Election - Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Voter Petition

Formation of University Place Metropolitan Park District

See petition text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

## Ballot Title

By petition, voters in University Place propose formation of University Place Metropolitan Park District by election. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will create a new metropolitan park district within University Place, with all the powers enumerated in Chapter 35.61 RCW, including the power to levy annually a general tax on all property in the District not to exceed seventy-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, and governed by a five-member board of commissioners, elected at large from within the District, all as provided in the petition on file with the Pierce County Auditor.

## Explanatory Statement

If approved, Proposition No. 1 will create a new metropolitan park district within the boundaries of University Place. The University Place Metropolitan Park District will be an independent municipal corporation governed by a Board of Commissioners made up of five, separately elected, University Place residents. The District will have the purpose and the authority to provide an array of recreational and senior programs and services within University Place. In addition to programs and services, it is allowed to add or improve recreational facilities or community parks in the future. The District is expected to enter cooperative agreements with other jurisdictions in order to operate efficiently. If formed, the elected Board of Commissioners will conduct public process to calculate and set a levy rate, which, when combined with earned revenue, will be sufficient to fund only the Metropolitan Park District operations.

## Statement For

**University Place is facing another parks & recreation funding crisis. It's time to take action.** City Council is eliminating funding for *all* recreation programs, from youth sports to senior services. Park budgets are unprotected from further cuts. Unless we act now, programs and places important to University Place will slip away.

**A Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) is the most responsible solution.** An independent, single-purpose district with voter oversight, an MPD is a proven way of managing community parks and recreation – while adding the *stability* and *accountability* we need.

**A MPD adds stability: all revenue is exclusively dedicated to parks & recreation.** Had enough of chronic crisis? A “Yes” vote guarantees stable funding *solely dedicated* to parks and recreation for the first time. An MPD is the best for keeping public recreation and park programs doing their job for our community.

**Our MPD will be accountable, giving the voters more rights and greater oversight.** With five Commissioners elected from our community, an MPD means greater oversight. Voters retain the right to vote on levy lifts and bonds. An MPD adds accountability *and* saves what makes University Place distinctive and desirable! Please join your UP neighbors: *Vote Yes for a University Place MPD!*

## Rebuttal of Statement Against

*Make no mistake:* voting “No” means eliminating recreation programs for all ages, from youth sports through senior activities. It means instability for parks. The “No” position blames others, offers wishful thinking, and provides no viable alternative. *The responsible choice is clear:* voting “Yes” ensures direct accountability to voters through independently elected Commissioners. Voting “Yes” means stability for the programs and places that strengthen our community. Voting “Yes” continues recreation, parks, and senior programs in UP.

**Committee Members:** Joe Scorcio, Paul Castillo, and Jim Baldes, [www.UPMetroParks.org](http://www.UPMetroParks.org)  
[UPMetroParks@gmail.com](mailto:UPMetroParks@gmail.com)  
*Save University Place Parks and Recreation*

## Statement Against

**Vote No to stop the creation of this new unnecessary unending forever-tax .** UP is \$52 million dollars in debt. The state auditor reports UP is “at capacity” and may not issue “non-voted debt”. This tax will generate \$2.369 Million to fix a \$600,000 problem. The excess will cover the huge & unnecessary cost to separate Parks and Recreation from the city’s general operation.

**Vote No to keep University Place housing affordable.** We have the 2nd highest tax rate in the region. Utilities and property tax increases outperform pension and wage increases. Don’t burden our seniors and fixed income households.

**Vote No to keep University Place a desirable place to live and to do business.** Additional taxes adversely affect property values by making UP less desirable. The State Auditor’s report noted that our high level of taxes affect our competitive ability to encourage economic development and investment.

**Vote No for a better solution than the waste and bureaucracy of a Park District.** The City Council wants to shift the financing of parks, recreation & senior activities from the general fund onto the taxpayers. Let’s hold the City Council accountable to prioritize spending with the tax money they already have.

## Rebuttal of Statement For

Don’t be fooled, it’s not a crisis, it’s blackmail. There’s enough revenue from our already high taxes to fund programs. Parks are fully funded and won’t slip away. An MPD can incur non-voter approved debt, a blank check. An MPD is expensive, increasing costs and taxes, enabling the city to continue making irresponsible choices. Don’t make another layer of wasteful government with five paid Commissioners. An MPD is not the solution. Please Vote No.

**Committee Members:** Betsy Tainer, Lilia Fannin, and Dennis Flann  
[NoNewUPTaxes@gmail.com](mailto:NoNewUPTaxes@gmail.com)  
*Citizens for a Responsible University Place*



**Scott Traynor**

**Elected Experience:** I am the Co-Chair for Save University Place Parks & Recreation.

**Other Professional Experience:** 19 years IT Project Manager, The Boeing Company.

**Education:** BA in Management Washington State University

**Community Service:** Coached my daughter’s softball team from T-Ball through Fast Pitch. I moved to University Place in 1979 and attended Chambers, Curtis JH & HS. My wife Leslie and I are raising our two girls who currently attend Narrows View. We are also hosting an exchange student from Norway who attends Curtis High School and ran x-country and is currently on the lacrosse team.

**Statement:** Being a coach is one of the greatest jobs I have had. I think I have learned just as much as the players did. It’s important to be involved, learn, work hard and have fun. The sports programs offered by UP Parks not only teaches the game, but also leadership, working together, teamwork, sportsmanship and builds self-confidence in our kids. These lifelong skills are important to learn. Our kids needs the Park and Recreation in UP.

I learned a lot gathering signatures for UP MPD, seniors and parents value the services provided by the UP Rec Center. The MPD programs and events add value to our community. Our schools, Parks and Recreation adds value to our homes by making UP a more desirable place to live. I believe the skills and knowledge I have as a Project Manager and as a Coach will be an asset to the new UP MPD.

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**Paul Castillo**

**Elected Experience:** First-time candidate

**Other Professional Experience:** 30-year military career both active duty and as a member of the Washington Air National Guard. Currently serving as a senior Non-Commissioned Officer with the 194th Medical Group, Camp Murray WA. Medical Logistics Systems Analyst, Madigan Army Medical Center

**Education:** Wilson High School, 1986; Community College of the Air Force; Medical Material Apprentice Course; and Non-Commissioned Officers Academy.

**Community Service:** Rec League Coach of basketball and softball, University Place Recreation, since 2010. Major petitioner for ballot measure for University Place Metropolitan Park District (UPMPD). Volunteer Coordinator, Save University Place Parks & Recreation Committee

**Statement:** I grew up in East Tacoma where there were limited recreational activities for the community. I have first-hand experience of what the absence of these youth, adult and senior recreation activities would mean in University Place. I believe that University Place needs to not only continue but expand its recreation programs for our citizens. A University Place Metropolitan Park District (UPMPD) will continue to allow for a fully staffed recreation office that can pursue activities including tournaments, adult co-ed and senior leagues. I believe all commissioner seats should be unsalaried and consist of individuals wholly committed to this program and its effect on our community. I am not a career politician and desire nothing more than to create the type of parks and recreation district that our community deserves. My goal is help create a robust, independent and responsible Metropolitan Park District that not only succeeds now but into the future for generations of University Place citizens. I would be honored to serve on the University Place Metropolitan Park District as a Commissioner. I ask for your vote.

**For More Information:**  
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paulc@up253.com

## University Place Metropolitan Park District Commissioner, Position No. 3



### Mari Leavitt

**Elected Experience:** None.

**Other Professional Experience:** Acting Director of Pierce County Community Connections; higher education administrator for twenty years; small business owner.

**Education:** PhD, Oregon State University; M.Ed, Western Washington University; BA, Western Washington University; Washington Executive Leadership Academy.

**Community Service:** Board Member: Accountable Community of Health; Pierce County Ethics Commission (Chair); UP School District PTA (President); Chambers Primary PTA (Co-President); Juvenile Court Truancy; YMCA; UWT American Humanics; Washington State Council of Student Unions and Programs (President); Washington State American Association of Women in Community Colleges (President); Eastern Pierce County Stop the Violence committee; active leader in school, church, and youth organizations.

**Statement:** I hope to provide University Place with proven leadership and vision on our new Metro Parks Commission with 22 years of first-hand experience in community leadership, budget development, and program formation. I've created policy solutions used in government, higher education, and business management.

As a commissioner, I want to ensure everyone who lives in our city has the opportunity to live, work, and play, whether they're 7- or 70-years old. I know affordable parks and recreation programs are a critical part of that success. My goals are to be responsive, open, adaptable, reasonable with your tax dollars, and environmentally conscious.

I will collaborate with local partners to guarantee parks and recreation opportunities exist for every generation of University Place residents. Parks bring our community incredible value for recreation, health and wellness, conservation, leadership development, and educational opportunities.

Working for 22 years to create and lead programs for youth, families, and seniors, I have seen firsthand the positive impact these activities have on young men and women. My husband Drew and I love raising our children in University Place. I'm ready to work together to preserve the quality of life in our community. I would appreciate your vote.

**For More Information:**  
(253) 651-5583  
electmarileavitt@gmail.com



### Daniel (Dan) Harkins

**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** After college I worked for a financial services company. After law school I became an Associate Attorney at Rush, Hannula, Harkins, & Kyler in Tacoma.

**Education:** I graduated from Bellarmine Preparatory. I then graduated from Gonzaga University with a BA in History. I completed my Juris Doctorate at Seattle University School of Law and was admitted to the Washington State Bar Association.

**Community Service:** I've volunteered with the Tacoma Rescue Mission and recently with the Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association CLE Committee. I am also strongly involved with Give & Grow, a local organization that provides opportunities for children.

**Statement:** I was born in Tacoma and grew up in Fircrest. I graduated from Bellarmine Prep., Gonzaga University, and Seattle University School of Law, and currently work as an attorney in Tacoma.

As a kid growing up in Fircrest, I loved the parks, recreational programs, and facilities. When my wife and I bought our home in University Place, I wanted the same opportunities to be available for our growing family. When we learned that the recreational programs were at risk, I wanted to get involved and protect those programs for everyone.

If elected, I hope to ensure that University Place continues to provide recreational programs and facilities for children, seniors, and everyone to enjoy. Parks create safe places for children to play, be active, and make friends. They are areas to gather with friends and enjoy activities outdoors. Establishing a University Place Metro Parks District will help continue to provide fun and healthy activities for the community. It will improve the city for the current and future residents. I hope I am given this amazing opportunity to impact the community in a positive way. Thanks for reading and voting.

**For More Information:**  
(253) 343-2208  
dharkins@rhhk.com  
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## Vivian Foster

**Elected Experience:** None

**Other Professional Experience:** Nine years account management experience. Highly acquainted with managing projects, vetting vendors, negotiating contracts and work-

ing within a tight budget. As a previous small business owner I understand growth challenges while also maintaining profit. I have spent over 7 years in project coordination with multiple engineering disciplines while also being the liaison between various Contractors, Engineers and City officials.

**Education:** Tacoma Community College

**Community Service:** Steering Committee Member and Communications Chair for the University Place Metro Park District Campaign. I have volunteered at the Families Unlimited Network Food Bank and I am also a member of the Sunset PTA.

**Statement:** Since early 2015, I have been heavily involved in providing the citizens of University Place with a stable recreation program when the idea of forming a UP Metro Park District first became public knowledge. During this grassroots movement, I've volunteered countless hours and resources during the petitioning process and was soon appointed a member of the Save University Place Park & Rec (SUPPR) Steering Committee. Once petitioning was well under way, I was appointed the position of Communications Chair of the University Place Metro Park Campaign. Because of this, I come to you with past experience and knowledge of forming a University Place Metro Park District and the dedication needed to make this transition. I know the importance of maintaining our youth and senior recreation programs and I feel passionately about keeping recreation in University Place. Please vote not only for me, for Commissioner Position #3, but *with* me for a UP Metro Park District.

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# Lost or damaged ballot?

Spilled coffee on your ballot?

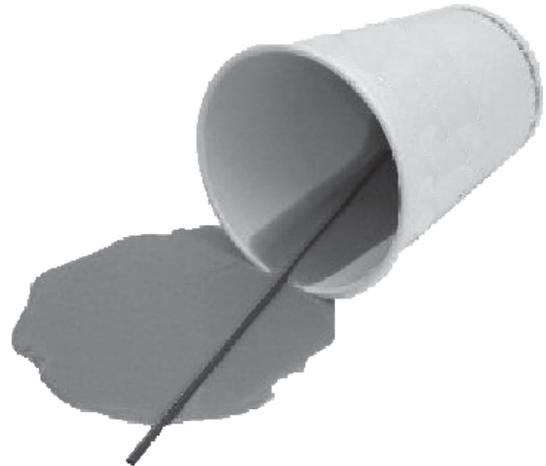
Threw it out with the recycling?

Never received it?

If you need a replacement, contact Pierce County Elections. You can call, email, or visit our website to request another ballot.

Requests for replacement ballots are processed daily.

Don't wait until the last minute!



## Pierce County Elections

(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979

[pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us)

[PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)

## University Place Metropolitan Park District Commissioner, Position No. 4



### Bob Jackson

**Elected Experience:** I will be new to an elected position.

**Other Professional Experience:** 30 years in public service as a police officer.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from the University of Puget Sound, Class of 1982. Curtis High School Class of 1978.

**Community Service:** I have been active in community service all of my adult life. I have spent countless hours coaching youth sports. Currently, I have been involved with Law Enforcement Youth Camp for the past 18 years. I am also involved with Special Olympics. You may have seen me waiting tables at Red Robin last fall.

**Statement:** *A citizen just like you.*

In June I will retire after 30 years of public service as a police officer. I value strong ethics and integrity.

I am not part of a group and I do not have a predetermined agenda. I believe in government transparency and fiscal responsibility.

I will do what is best for University Place Metro Parks, the University Place citizens and the city of University Place. Please vote for me and I will do my very best to serve you. My UP history. In 1974 my father retired from a career in the military. My family moved from the East Coast to UP. I went to Curtis and graduated in 1978. I attended college at UPS and graduated with a degree in business administration. I lived in Tacoma until shortly after my son was born. I wanted to come back to you UP and have him grow up here. He graduated from Curtis and went off to college. I live a wonderful life here in UP with my lovely wife and two great dogs.

**For More Information:**  
(253) 314-7013  
flipperbob@comcast.net



### Joe Scorcio

**Elected Experience:** I have not previously served in elected office.

**Other Professional Experience:** 38 years in local government management. Currently, Community and Economic Development Director for City of SeaTac. 29 years with Pierce County planning, developing and operating the Chambers Creek Regional Park (trails, meadows, golf course, buildings, events, etc) in University Place, and other County recreation facilities.

**Education:** BS & MS Geography, University of Idaho

**Community Service:** Vice-Chair, Save University Place Parks & Recreation Committee. Vice-Chair, Chambers Creek Foundation. Former President, Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society. Former Board member: Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce and South County Boys and Girls Club.

**Statement:** This is a straightforward decision about local control, local choices, local services, and local taxes. Its about choosing to dedicate our tax dollars providing recreation, senior and park services to all ages of our community.

I will get the University Place Metropolitan Park District (MPD) started efficiently, properly and responsibly. My career is in the management of local government programs. I have led the development and operation of many public park and recreation projects including trails, meadows, ballfields, recreation centers and golf courses. I have been directly involved with the startup of new cities and other organizations and negotiated interlocal agreements and contracts, just like the ones the new MPD will need. I have successfully managed organizations through recessions and fiscal problems.

University Place has been at the fiscal brink for many years, and there is no easy way out. Recreation and senior programs are just the next services being eliminated. The University Place MPD will put us on a stable, secure, dedicated and accountable path for our recreation, park, and senior services in the community in which we live, raise our children, and run our local businesses.

Please trust me to keep the MPD independent, dedicated and accountable.

**For More Information:**  
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Mary Schmidtke

Elected Experience: none

Other Professional Experience: Thirty three years in public service through Pierce County, including fourteen years as the Budget Manager for the County and nine years

as the Fiscal Services Manager in the Pierce County Auditor's Office.

Education: Bachelor of Science with emphasis in Accounting and Business, City University, 1993

Community Service: Wescliffe Homeowners Association Treasurer; Tacoma Baptist School Booster Club Treasurer, Secretary; Tacoma Shelter meals volunteer; supports several local charities.

Statement: University Place voters have an awesome opportunity to positively impact the lives of all ages through the creation of a Metropolitan Park District. Our yes vote will establish a permanent foundation for parks and recreation in our community. A foundation that cannot be eroded.

University Place is my family's community of choice. It has been since we moved here over 19 years ago. We love it here for so many reasons, including the wonderful park and recreation opportunities. I can't imagine University Place without these vital quality-of-life programs and services. Can you?

I stand ready with the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to build a strong foundation and ensure a vibrant, sustainable future for the new Metropolitan Park District. A future that promotes community engagement and involvement; encourages excellence in sportsmanship, leadership, communications, and resource preservation; and partnerships with local businesses, schools, non-profits, and other public entities to maximize our dollar through shared resources.

Please vote yes for a University Place Metropolitan Park District. It's our future and our legacy. My endorsements include former University Place Parks and Recreation District Commissioner Michael Adams; Peninsula Metropolitan Parks Executive Director Terry Lee; Pierce County Executive Pat McCarthy.

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Your signature matters

Sign the voter declaration on the back of your return envelope before sending it back. Take your time and sign with your everyday signature.

Before any ballot can be counted, state law requires that we make sure the signature on the ballot envelope matches the signature on file in your voter registration record.

If you forget to sign, or if the signature doesn't match, elections staff will contact you so that your ballot can be counted.

DATE AND SIGN IN INK BELOW (Required)
Date 4/18/2016 Phone (253) 555-1960
Voter Sign Here David Clarke
If you are unable to sign, mark an "X" on the signature line. Have it witnessed by two people. Using a power of attorney is NOT valid.
First Witness Second Witness

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### **Ballots will be mailed by April 8.**

If you do not receive your ballot by Friday, April 15, contact us to request a replacement ballot.

### **Return your ballot early!**

Mail your ballot by April 22, 2016 so it's postmarked by April 26, 2016. Or, use a postage-free drop box. (See pages 4 and 5)

Ballot drop boxes close at 8:00 p.m. on April 26, 2016.

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