

Headlines

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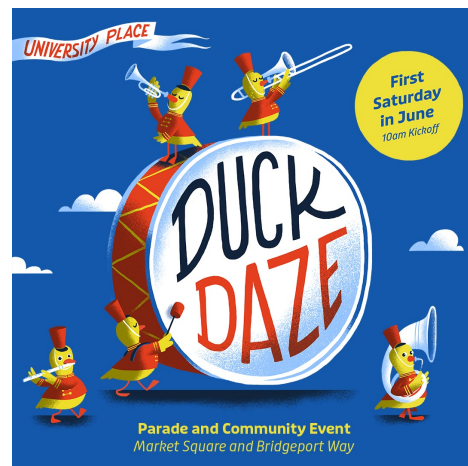


May 28, 2025

Are You Ready?! Duck Daze is Saturday, June 7

Don't miss a minute of the fun and community spirit that Duck Daze 2025 has in store for you and your family on June 7.

The action begins at 10 a.m. with the popular Duck Daze parade that will wind its way down Bridgeport Way West and end at West Pierce Fire & Rescue Station (WPFR) 31. Secure your spot along the route early and be ready to enjoy the antics of Duck Rogers and stilt performer Janet Rayer. For your safety, candy will not be thrown from vehicles but get ready to catch some of the goodies the parade-walkers will share along the way.



At 35th St W, the parade will shift to the northbound lanes to accommodate better viewing. When the parade ends, the fun will continue in the Village at Chambers Bay where country rock artist Joel Gibson, Jr. will take to the main stage at 11 a.m., followed by the Rob Tudor Band at 1 p.m.

At noon inside the Civic Building, the atrium will come alive when Reptile Isle presents an entertaining and educational look at some of the rarest and most amazing creatures in the world.

There will also be loads of activities for the kids, including games, airbrush artists and glitter tattoos. Throughout the celebration, MAGIC in the PNW Characters such as Princesses Peach, Belle and Rapunzel, as well as Moana and action heroes Mario and Captain America, will meet and greet the kids.

Outside in Market Square, there will be food trucks from Branks BBQ, Kona Ice, Thai'm to Roll, Honeycomb Raw Honey and TastyZ Kettle Corn. And back by popular demand, the South Sound Makers Market will showcase quality hand crafted goods from more than 50 local artisans.

But save time for WPFR's Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., where there will be free hot dogs, refreshments and displays of their fire equipment, as well as vehicles from the Pierce County Sheriff's Office and U.P. Police department.

This annual community celebration is sponsored by the City of University Place.

Duck Daze Parade & Community Event Saturday, June 7, 10am-2pm



Starts at 10am!
At 29th Street, heads south in the southbound lanes of Bridgeport Way
At 35th Street, parade moves to the northbound lanes of Bridgeport Way
At 37th Street Court (north of Homestead Park), parade turns left
At Drexler Drive, parade ends

★ Heads up!
Only parade walkers may
be tossing candy
(no candy from vehicles)



UPPD Issues Free Gun Locks

Did you know firearms are now the leading cause of death among children in the United States?

The U.P. Police Department is giving away free gun locks (while supplies last) so that parents and caregivers can safely secure their firearms and prevent tragedies. Visit UPPD headquarters at 3612 Drexler Drive W. weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon or from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

All gun owners are encouraged to be SMART about their firearm ownership. Just a few extra minutes of effort can save lives. Please make the effort.

Here's how to **Be SMART** and protect your family:

- S** **Secure** all guns in your home and vehicles
- M** **Model** responsible behavior around guns
- A** **Ask** about unsecured guns in other homes and vehicles
- R** **Recognize** the role of guns in suicide
- T** **Tell** your friends and neighbors to Be SMART

BeSMARTforKids.org



The Biggest, Best Birthday Bash Yet

U.P. is planning another party this summer and it's one you won't want to miss! The City will celebrate its 30th Birthday on Saturday, August 23 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Cirque Park. There will be live music, family-friendly activities and a beer garden for the adults.

As the sun sets, gather for a breathtaking Hot Air Balloon Glow Show—a magical, glowing sendoff to an unforgettable birthday celebration.



Watch for more event details in future issues of Headlines and on the **event webpage**. Then mark your calendar—this is one party you don't want to miss!

City Council Members Attend Memorial Day Ceremony



City Council Members Stan Flemming and Frank Boykin were honored to represent the City of University Place at the 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony, held on May 26 at Camp Lewis Cemetery and hosted by COL Kent W. Park, Commander of Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Memorial Day is a time to honor and remember the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. Originating after the Civil War, the day serves as a solemn reminder of the cost of freedom and the enduring gratitude owed to those who gave their lives to protect it.

Fireworks and Dry Weather Make a Deadly Combination

The Fourth of July is still a month away, but fireworks vendors will soon begin setting up their tents throughout the area. The U.P. Police Department reminds all residents that fireworks legal for discharge in U.P. will only be sold within the city limits from June 28 until 9 p.m. on July 4.

If you choose to purchase fireworks elsewhere, be aware that the only fireworks legal for discharge in U.P. include ground-based sparking devices which are non-aerial and non-explosive such as fountains, cones, novelties (snaps, snakes, poppers), sparklers/morning glories and smokes (smoke balls or aerals).

The proper use of fireworks is especially important this year, given the danger presented by dry conditions. With forecasts predicting warmer-than-normal temperatures and lower-than-normal precipitation this summer, the Department of Ecology has issued a drought advisory for Pierce and King counties (among others). It takes only one errant spark to ignite dry grass and just a brief gust

of wind to help flames jump from one spot to another. This might be the year to limit your fireworks viewing to public displays, including those in Tacoma and Steilacoom.

Beginning on June 28, residents who wish to report a violation of U.P.'s fireworks regulations should go to www.fireworksreport.com. Call 911 if there's a medical emergency, injury or active fire.

**FIREWORKS MAY ONLY BE
DISCHARGED ON JULY FOURTH
FROM 9AM TO MIDNIGHT**

What's Up With Biz?

U.P. businesses will be open and eager to serve the big crowd that is expected to turn out for Duck Daze on June 7. Take a few minutes to check out some of the newest additions to the Village at Chambers Bay, including The Essential Pantry, as well as businesses in the Green Firs Towne Center such as See's Candies and Wanna Cupcake.



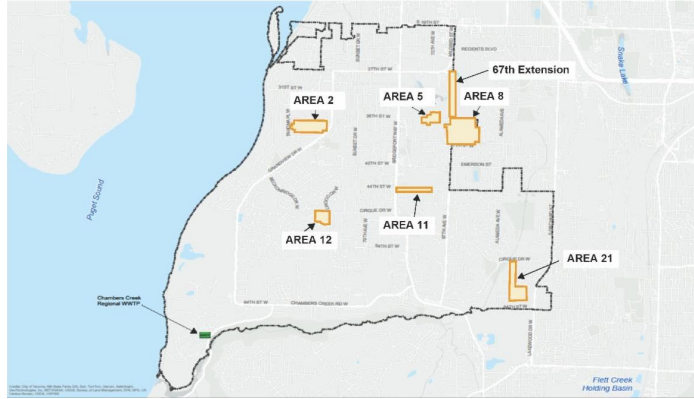
Remember, of every dollar spent with local businesses, an estimated \$0.67 is returned to the community through tax revenue, jobs and local sponsorships. When you shop local, you support our businesses and our community.

Sewer Extension Work Progressing Across U.P.

We are making progress on a major project to expand sewer service to seven neighborhoods throughout the community. If you've seen construction in your area, here's what's going on.

Work is currently underway in a few neighborhoods:

- Along 67th Avenue (67th Extension)
- On 57th Avenue between Cirque Drive and 62nd Street (also known as Area 21)
- Between 35th and 37th Streets, just east of 67th Avenue (Area 8)
- And most recently, crews have started in the 36th Street neighborhood west of Grandview Drive (Area 2)



As each area wraps up, the contractor will move on to the next neighborhood. This phased approach helps keep the work organized and moving smoothly. Construction will continue through the rest of the year.

Do I need to hook up to the sewer line?

Only property owners with a failed septic system—or those building new homes or redeveloping—are required to connect to the new sewer system. If that doesn't apply to you, you won't need to do anything right away.

For every property in the project areas, the contractor will install a sewer stub (a pipe connection) from the main line out to the edge of the property line. If and when you decide—or are required—to connect, it will be your responsibility to acquire a permit through Pierce County and hire a contractor to hook it up to your home.

Need help figuring it all out?

We've gathered everything you might need on our **Sanitary Sewer Service Expansion Project page**, including:

- **A handy FAQ**
- **A list of approved contractors**
- **A step-by-step guide to decommissioning a septic tank**
- **The Pierce County sewer application checklist**

Have questions? We're here to help! Contact Kyle Mauren at kmauren@cityofup.com for more information.



July 9 - King Kom Beaux

Aug. 6 - Ville Leppanen Band

July 16 - United by Music

Aug. 13 - Ranger and the Re-arrangers

July 23 - Bobby Medina and
Culture Shock

Aug. 20 - Jazz Overhaul,
featuring Darelle Holden

July 30 - Mark Dufresne Band

Aug. 27 - Mark Hurwitz and Gin Creek

Don't Wait to Inflate

If you are planning a road trip this summer, don't leave home without making sure your tires are properly inflated.

Maintaining your vehicle's correct tire pressure will keep you safer on the road and also improve your gas mileage and the life of your tires. But when you ensure your tires are properly inflated, you also help protect our local coho salmon.

Properly inflated tires shed less of a highly toxic rubber preservative called 6PPD-q that eventually finds its way into our local waterways, threatening aquatic life.

When you understand the importance of proper vehicle maintenance—including tire pressure—you can help protect the environment and the waters of Puget Sound.



CORE PRESENTS THE 2025

CURRAN APPLE ORCHARD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

THURSDAY EVENINGS
6:30 - 8 P.M.

July 24	The Gigsters
July 31	The Joel Astley Band
August 7	WEPA
August 14	The Trailer Park Kings
August 21	First Army Corps Band

Visit www.curranappleorchard.com for more details!

THURSDAYS
6:30 - 8:00
JULY/AUGUST



U.P. Historical Society Garden Tour Tickets Selling Quickly

Don't forget to get your tickets to this year's U.P. Historical Society Garden Tour on June 14. This is your chance to see what five expert gardeners in the University Place/Fircrest area are growing and cultivating in their outdoor spaces.

Participants in this year's GardenTour will have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction for a deluxe Seahawks ticket package that includes two Club Level tickets and a parking pass for a 2025 home game. Bid forms will be at each of the Garden Tour homes and at the Curran House on the day of the tour.

Tickets to the 2025 Garden Tour can be purchased for \$25 at Chirp and Company (3803 N. 26th St., Tacoma), Browns Flowers (620 Regents Blvd., Fircrest), GardenSphere (3310 N. Proctor St., Tacoma), Harbor Greens (2620 Bridgeport Way W.) or through the **Historical Society website**.

This year's Garden Tour is sponsored by Linda and Albert Bird, Donald and Donna Perry, Seattle Seahawks, UP Refuse and Recycling, and many individual donors.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

- AWC Voting Delegates
- Budget Carryforward
- HB-1110 (Middle Housing)
Legislative Compliance
- Council Rules of Procedure
Amendments

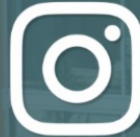


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