

Headlines

News from University Place City Hall



July 9, 2025

Music on the Square Returns Tonight!

Market Square will come alive with the sound of music tonight when Music on the Square returns for another summer of free concerts sponsored by the City of University Place.

King Kom Beaux

(kingkombeaux.com) will kick off the 2025 season tonight at 6 p.m. with its mix of Cajun-inspired swampy blues, rock and boogie, all with an infectious groove that gets people on their feet. If all that dancing works up an appetite, the Branks BBQ truck will be on site serving up smokey favorites and sides, while the Kona Ice truck will dish out sweet treats.

Next week, July 16, **United by Music**

(weareunitedbymusic.org) will make its U.P. debut. This is a blended band of neuro-diverse and neuro-typical people with exceptional musical talent who deliver high-energy performances. The Flavorworks food truck will be on hand selling tastes of the Deep South. Kona Ice will return as well.

Visit the **City's Events page** to see the entire eight-week schedule of Music on the Square performers, their bios, and food trucks. Then block off your Wednesday nights through Aug. 27 for another summer of music and memories in Market Square.



July 9 - King Kom Beaux
Branks BBQ

July 16 - United by Music
Flavorworks

July 23 - Bobby Medina and
Culture Shock
Tacos Mirrey

July 30 - Mark Dufresne Band
Boss Mama's Kitchen

Aug. 6 - Ville Leppanen Band
Starvin Marvin

Aug. 13 - Ranger and the Re-arrangers
Jack's Savory Pie Company

Aug. 20 - Jazz Overhaul,
featuring Darelle Holden
Tacos Mirrey

Aug. 27 - Mark Hurwitz and Gin Creek
Corndoggery

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Have Fun All Summer Long in U.P.

From free music and movies to races and community cookouts plus a blockbuster celebration of U.P.'s 30th anniversary, mark your calendar for all of these special events happening this summer in U.P.:

Concerts in the Orchard: Beginning at 6:30 p.m. on July 24 and continuing every Thursday evening through Aug. 21, CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts) invites you to enjoy free evening concerts in the orchard. Pack a picnic dinner or get take out from one of U.P.'s great eateries to make it dinner and a show.

Twisted Cider 5K/12K: Runners, walkers and families will hit the streets of U.P. on Saturday, July 26 for the annual Twisted Cider 5K and 12K (new this year). The start and finish lines for all three events are at the Curran Apple Orchard. Come out to cheer on the participants as they make their way through U.P. neighborhoods beginning at 8 a.m.

Movie in the Park: Enjoy an evening of free family-friendly entertainment on Saturday, Aug. 2 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Cirque Park. There will be children's activities, snack trucks and fire dancers who will set the stage for the main attraction, a free showing of Disney's "Moana 2."

National Night Out: U.P. neighborhoods will come alive with cookouts and potlucks on Tuesday, Aug. 5 when friends and neighbors show their support for strong police-community partnerships. **Register your event by Friday, July 25** to ensure your neighborhood celebration gets a visit from the public safety caravan of police and fire vehicles.

30th Birthday Bash: On Saturday, Aug. 23, the City of U.P. will celebrate the anniversary of its incorporation with a "Cheers to 30 Years" celebration beginning at 11 a.m. in Cirque Park. Enjoy live music, a skills contest in the skate park, bounce houses and children's activities. Shop for handcrafted goods in the South Sound Makers Market (visit the **Market's website** to inquire about booth space), sample the fare from local food trucks or grab a glass of "Hop it UP" birthday brew in the E9 Brewing Company beer garden (21 and over). The day-long party will finish with a breathtaking Hot Air Balloon Glow Show.

For updates and additional details on all these celebrations and more, visit the **City's Events page**.



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!



The Swingin' with Dean Show at the U.P. Library

Tap, sing, and dance your way through musical hits of the decades with swing, big band, and jazz performed by Dean Ratzman. Join us on **Saturday, July 19th at 3 p.m.** in the large meeting room of the University Place Library.

With over 20 years of live performance experience, Dean is a one-man band that fills crowds with musical wonder. Enjoy themes such as '40s Swing, '60s Rock and Soul, and jazz standards, along with many of his originals. Dean is originally from Port Angeles, WA, and lived in San Diego for 20 years. Dean plays solo all across North America. Dean provides a Sinatra sound on vocals, trombone, trumpet, and piano; he goes all the way to the moon on Soul and Inspiration, and gets down with R.E.M.



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

HEY UNIVERSITY PLACE! HELP PLAN & DESIGN CREEKSIDE PARK!

We want your input to help shape the future of Creekside Park, the community's second-largest park! Take our short **Park Needs & Assessment Survey** to share how you'd like to see Creekside Park grow!

Scan the QR Code or visit qrco.de/bg3sfr to get involved!

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Fun Facts in History: The Life of Judge Thomas Chambers, Chapter 4

Brought to you by your University Place Historical Society



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After months of hardship on the long and winding Oregon Trail, it's easy to imagine the Chambers children asking the age-old question: "Are we there

yet?”

Their journey finally brought them to The Dalles on the Columbia River on October 15, 1845. Recently replenished with fresh food and vegetables generously supplied by friendly local indigenous tribes, the family was ready for the next challenge—building a flatboat to navigate the river.

Using only timber, they constructed a 50-foot by 15-foot barge, loaded it with wagons and possessions, and began their voyage in February. Livestock was driven along on foot by the riverbank.

When they reached the falls, they were at first stymied. But ingenuity prevailed. The family off-loaded everything, and sent the boat ahead on its own to fend for itself. To their relief, it survived the turbulent waters. It was recovered downstream, reloaded, and their journey continued on the next stretch of the river.

Next stops: Fort Vancouver, then the mouth of the Cowlitz River, and finally north to Puget Sound, their long-awaited new home.

Street Chipsealing Begins July 21

Public Works crews will take advantage of summer’s sunshine to chipseal streets in several U.P. neighborhoods, as indicated on this [map](#).

This preventative maintenance process sprays a layer of asphalt oil and rock over the existing road surfaces. Chipsealing can extend a roadway’s service life by as many as 10 years. This is a cost-effective way to maintain U.P. roadways since the cost of chipsealing is about \$23,000 per lane mile. The cost of replacing the road surface is an estimated \$200,000 per road mile.

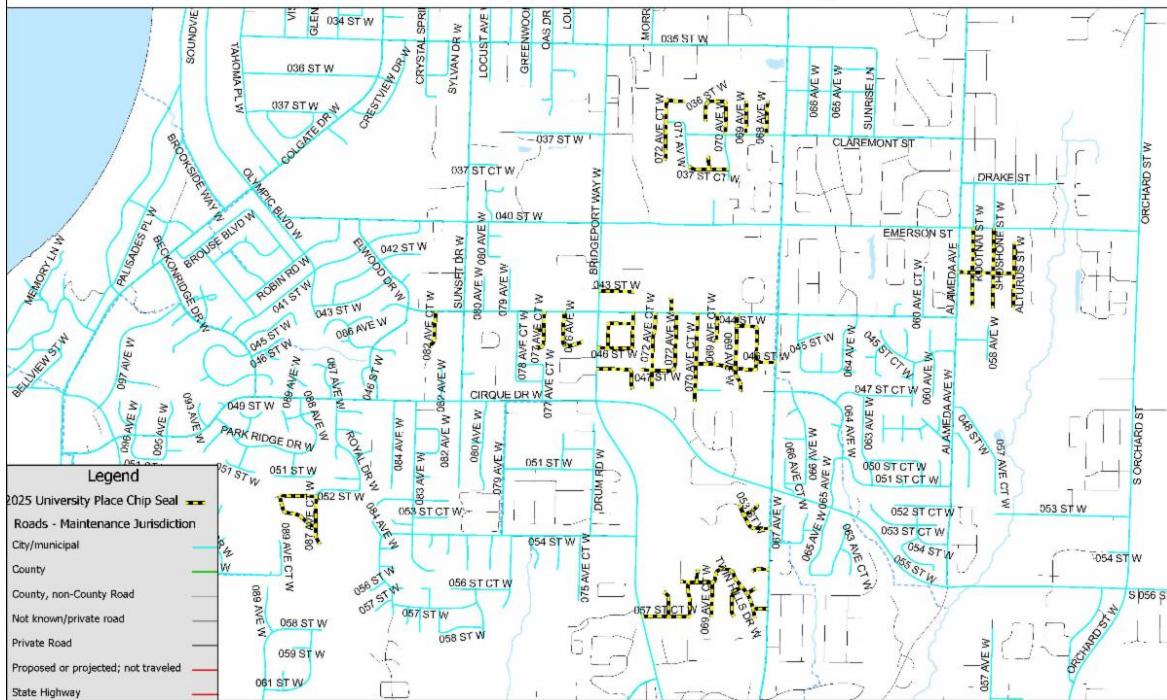
A week after chipsealing, crews will return to fog seal the streets with liquid asphalt to tamp down loose rocks created by the chipseal. Please note that both of these processes require dry weather, so schedule adjustments may be necessary in case of rain.

Although the entire process takes a week to complete, residential parking and traffic will only be affected for one day on each street. Signs will be posted on the affected streets prior to the work beginning.

For additional information, watch this [brief video about chipsealing](#) or contact the City’s Public Works department at 253.460.6493.

2025 University Place Chip Seal Program

Overview



Town Center District
University Place

**Help shape the future of the
heart of University Place!**
Take our 13-question survey today.

What's Up With Biz?

On Tuesday, June 24, U.P. officials helped celebrate the opening of Gravis Law's new location in University Place at 7350 Cirque Drive W., Ste. 201.

Gravis Law provides tailored legal services in areas including bankruptcy, estate planning, family law, personal injury and litigation. Learn more at gravislaw.com.

Up Your Gardening Game with a Rain Garden

This summer, you can help reduce water pollution and flooding by adding a low-maintenance rain garden to your landscape.

A rain garden is a bowl-shaped garden designed to slow, filter and absorb runoff

from roofs or pavement that can lead to water pollution.

Get all **the information you need to build this eco-friendly option** that reduces stormwater pollution, provides a habitat for bees, birds, butterflies and other wildlife, and improves air quality.

Beautiful, Hard Working Rain Gardens

Rain gardens prevent flooding, increase home value and create habitat for birds and butterflies.

A RAIN GARDEN is a beautiful landscape feature in your yard that captures and filters runoff from your roof, driveway or other hard surface.

 **x 600**

The average home rain garden naturally filters 30,000 gallons of water per year, enough to fill a bathtub 600 times!

Calculation based on a typical 10' x 12' residential rain garden capturing average rainfall for the Puget Sound region from 1,200 square feet and a bathtub volume of 50 gallons.

12,000 RAIN GARDENS in Puget Sound

Rain Garden Soil

Clean Water

Puget Sound

For more information go to: www.12000raingardens.org

U.P. CITY HALL BLOOD DRIVE

Save lives in just 10 minutes!

Stop by the Bloodworks Mobile van in front of U.P. City Hall on July 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., for a quick blood donation. Each donation can help save up to three lives—and you'll get a snack afterward!

- Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood, which means more than 38,000 blood donations are needed per day.
- Blood transfusions are needed for:



Complications of pregnancy



Complex medical procedures and cancer patients



Severe trauma



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

AGENDA ITEMS

- UP for Art Sponsorship Agreement
- Legislative Proposal - Renaming Homestead Park
- Legislative Proposal - Ukrainian Sister City

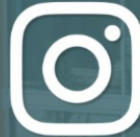


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