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# UNIVERSITY PLACE BETWEEN THE LINES

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#### **JULY 2025**







Music on the Square lineup in order of appearance: King Kom Beaux, United by Music, Bobby Medina and Culture Shock, Mark Dufresne Band, Ville Leppanen Band, Ranger and the Re-arrangers, Jazz Overhaul featuring Darelle Holden, and Mark Hurwitz and Gin Creek.

Concerts in the Orchard lineup in order of appearance: The Gigsters, The Joel Astley Band, WEPA, The Trailer Park Kings, and First Army Corps Band.

# **Summer Fun in University Place**

Summer has arrived in U.P. with a jam-packed schedule of free music, family fun and memory-making events throughout the city.

In addition to annual favorites such as Music on the Square, Movie in the Park and National Night Out, this year the City of University Place will celebrate its 30th Anniversary with a day-long celebration in Cirque Park—and a special grand finale unlike anything that has ever been seen in U.P. before!

The "Cheers to 30 Years" celebration will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23 when Cirque Park will be abuzz with live music, children's activities and food trucks. Stop by the skate park for a professional skills demonstration and youth skate contest. Children can enjoy bounce houses, slides and other activities, while adults can sample a special "Hop it UP" birthday brew in the E9 Brewing Company beer garden.

Then as day gives way to dusk, the skies above the park will come alive with a breathtaking Hot Air Balloon Glow **Show**. This stunning display will be a glowing sendoff to an unforgettable birthday celebration.



This 30th Anniversary celebration, like all summer events in U.P., is free. So mark your calendar now for this and all the other fun events the City has planned this summer (learn more inside).



# What's on Tap at the Birthday Bash:

- ★ Live Bands and DJs
- ★ Professional Skate Demo
- **★** E9 Beer Garden
- **★** Costumed Characters
- **★** Bounce Houses and Slides
- **★** Kids Activities

- **★** National Family-Friendly Performers
- ★ South Sound Makers Market with 50+ Vendors
- ★ Pierce County Sheriff's Office and **West Pierce Fire & Rescue Displays**
- ★ Grand Finale Hot Air Balloon Show





# Summer 2025 Sizzles in U.P.

Soak up our long days of sunshine and warm temperatures with a full slate of special events this summer. Enjoy free live music, dine al fresco from a local restaurant or food truck and celebrate U.P.'s memory-making traditions with family and friends.

#### Music on the Square

**Free Wednesday Evening Concerts** Village at Chambers Bay (3609 Market Place West) 6 p.m. Every Wednesday from July 9—Aug. 27

Put your dancing shoes through their paces with eight Wednesdays of live music from some of the Northwest's premier bands. Savor the sounds of everything from rock and blues to jazz and swing. Each week brings a new genre and a different food truck to Market Square. Bring your friends and neighbors along and enjoy a night of great music and good company.



#### Concerts in the Orchard

(3920 Grandview Drive West—Rain location is Curtis H.S. Cafeteria) 6:30 p.m. on July 24, Aug. 7, Aug. 14, Aug. 21

alcohol is prohibited in City parks) and enjoy music from a lineup of popular artists who will bring the sounds of rock, blues, salsa and popular album covers to the Curran Apple Orchard. This free music series is sponsored by CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts).



### **National Night Out**

Tuesday, Aug. 5

Turn on your porch light, fire up the grill or bring a dish to share as you join your friends and neighbors to show support for strong police-community partnerships that prevent and fight crime. U.P. Public Safety teams will be caravanning all around the city in police and fire vehicles, visiting all University Place neighborhoods that register by Friday, July 25 at UPPublicSafety@cityofup.com.



Thursday evenings at Curran Apple Orchard

Bring your blanket or camp chairs, picnic dinner and snacks (reminder:



# **30th Birthday Bash**

Saturday, Aug. 23

11 a.m.—9 p.m. at Cirque Park (7401 Cirque Drive West)

The "Cheers to 30 Years" celebration is shaping up to be the biggest part of the summer—and you're invited! It will be a full day of live music, delicious food and activities for all ages. Browse handcrafted goods from more than 50 local vendors, check out the Skate Jam and relax with friends in the E9 Brewing Company beer garden. As the sun goes down, don't miss the show-stopping Hot Air Balloon Glow.



### Twisted Cider 5K/12K/1K

Saturday, July 26 Start and Finish at Curran Apple Orchard (3920 Grandview Drive West)

The Twisted Cider 5K, managed by the Tacoma City Marathon Association, is back—and even better! This year's event includes a new 12K race in addition to the popular 5K. Families with children under 12 can participate in the 1K and don't need to register in advance. Enjoy views of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge and Puget Sound as you wind your way through U.P.'s neighborhoods. Visit tcmaevents.com/twisted-cider-5k-12k for more details



#### Movie in the Park

Saturday, Aug. 2 7:30 p.m. Cirque Park (7401 Cirque Drive West)

Don't miss this beloved—and this year even bigger—summer tradition of free family-friendly fun in Cirque Park. Pack the PJs and picnic blanket and get ready for dusk-to-dark entertainment that includes children's activities, snack trucks and a special booth where little ones can learn to create their own leis. Before the sun sets and the curtain rises on Disney's "Moana 2," experience the thrilling talents of the Sunshine Polynesia Band of fire dancers.



## Free Community Harvest Day

Sunday, Aug. 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Curran Apple Orchard (3920 Grandview Drive West)** 

Celebrate the fruits of the season and the beauty of the orchard. Bring two bags from home and fill them with apples from untaped trees. Taped trees are adopted trees whose caretakers will harvest later. Harvest Day will not include any apple cider pressing: it is simply a day for the community to share in the bounty of the harvest. For details, visit curranappleorchard.com/picking-apples.





Find complete event information on the City website at www.cityofup.com. Looking for photos from this year's events? Follow us on Facebook at @CityofUPWA!