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News from University Place City Hall



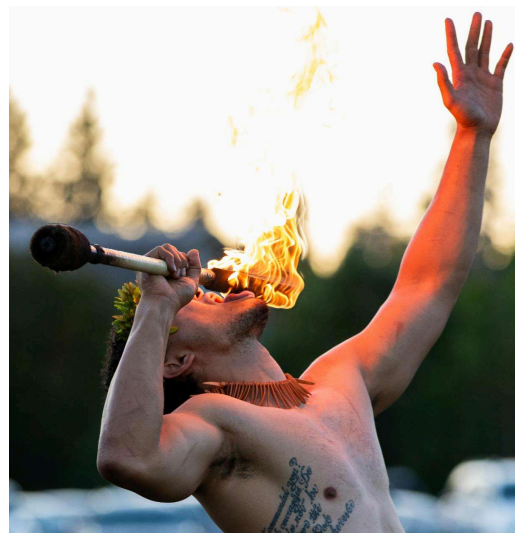
August 6, 2025

Movie Magic



Saturday, Aug. 2 proved to be a great night to snuggle under a blanket in Cirque Park and soak up the magic of another Movie in the Park courtesy of the City of University Place. Prior to the main attraction, Disney's "Moana 2," a huge crowd of families and friends gathered to enjoy a night of free entertainment including the Sunshine Polynesia Band fire dancers, hula lessons, Tahitian drumming performances and lei making courtesy of TJ's Leis.

Moana, courtesy of Magic in the PNW – Character Parties and Events, led a lively singalong before posing for photos with all the little Wayfinders exploring the park while the South Sound Hawaiian Shave Ice and Flavorworks food trucks served up sweet and savory treats.



Relive the fun with these photos and mark your calendar for the first Saturday in August next year for the return of this beloved summer tradition in U.P.





U.P. Neighbors Celebrate National Night Out



The smell of grilled hamburgers and s'mores filled the air of U.P. last night, Aug. 5, when neighbors across the city came out in force to show their support for strong police-community partnerships.

U.P. Public Safety caravans visited 40 (you read that right!) neighborhoods this year, a remarkable number given that University Place is about eight square miles. The only challenge greater than the logistical feat of ensuring that every celebration was covered, was how the caravan members should "meter" their samplings from each event they visited. "This is my third National Night Out in U.P. and I have learned that it's a good idea to skip lunch that day," said U.P. Police Chief Pat Burke. "I want to extend special thanks to our Public Safety Director Jennifer Hales for her tireless attention to detail to make sure that this night goes off without a hitch every year."







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!

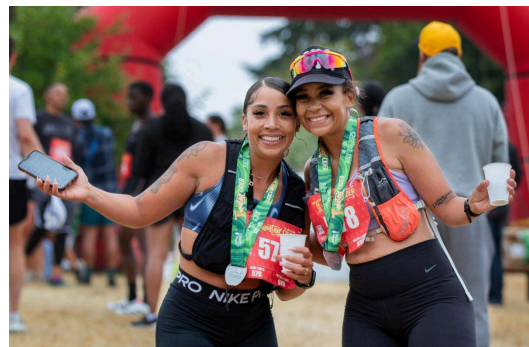


Twisted Cider Twists its Way Through U.P.



Thanks to all those who turned out to cheer on the more than 700 runners who took to the streets of U.P. on July 26 for the fourth annual Twisted Cider 5K and 12K. The event, sponsored by the Tacoma City Marathon Association (TCMA), also included a Kids 1K along Sound View Drive for walkers, strollers and families.

Racers started and finished the day's course at the Curran Apple Orchard. At the finish line, they were rewarded with



free giant pretzels, cider and live music by Stan the Guitar Man & Moonyard. The Manic Meatballs food truck was also on hand for post-race nourishment.

Visit the **TCMA website** to see all the race results.



Are You Coming to Our Party?

The City of University Place will celebrate its 30th birthday with a free day-long celebration in Cirque Park on Saturday, Aug. 23. The park gates will open at 11 a.m. for daylight-to-dark fun including:

- Multiple live bands
- Children's activities and entertainers
- Demos and contests in the skate park courtesy of Method Skateboard & Coffee
- E9 Brewing Co. beer garden for the adults
- Scores of food trucks
- South Sound Makers Market featuring 50+ vendors
- Public safety equipment showcase of equipment from the UPPD and West Pierce Fire & Rescue
- And to top it all off, a Hot Air Balloon Glow Show.



This event is expected to draw a very large crowd so only ADA and entertainer parking will be available at the park that day. The City of U.P. will run courtesy shuttles to and from Cirque Park from Market Square and Evergreen Primary beginning at 11 a.m., with the last shuttles departing following the grand finale Glow Show after 9 p.m.

Free Summer Concerts Continue



Come out to Market Square tonight at 6 p.m. to enjoy blues, rock, jazz and western swing courtesy of the Ville Leppanen Band. The Starvin Marvin food truck will serve up gourmet hotdogs alongside the Kona Ice truck. Next Wednesday, Aug. 13, Ranger and the Re-arrangers will get the crowd dancing with a mix of swing standards, traditional European melodies and unique originals. Grab dinner from the Jack's Savory Pies truck and chill out on Kona Ice treats.

And don't forget that there is more free music on Thursday nights in the Curran Apple Orchard, courtesy of CORE (Curran Orchard Resource Enthusiasts). Beginning at 6:30 tomorrow night, Aug. 7, WEPA will bring its energetic mix of Latin Jazz to the park stage, while next Thursday, Aug. 14, the Trailer Park Kings will get things rocking with their take on classic rock hits. Pack a picnic dinner (no alcohol) and your blanket or chairs. In case of rain, the concerts will be held in the Curtis High School Cafeteria (8425 40th St. W.).

Revisit a Stop on this Year's Garden Tour



Take a few minutes to enjoy this narrated video as avid gardener Janice Marshall shares her garden that was featured on this year's annual garden tour. Explore her free-form gardens as she strolls along meandering paths that pass Japanese maples, hostas, ferns, ivy and colorful annuals. There are various sitting areas and rustic art pieces to note, as well as a colorful and playful garden shed.

Would you like to share the beauty of your garden on the annual garden tour? Visit the **Historical Society's website** to offer your name and address for consideration.

HEY UNIVERSITY PLACE! CALLING ON YOU TO HELP DESIGN CREEKSIDE PARK!

We're planning for the future of Creekside Park, a 15-acre natural area along Leach Creek, and we want to hear from you!

Earlier this summer, over 150 University Place residents shared ideas for Creekside Park and the city's park system through our Needs & Assessment Survey. The feedback showed strong support for safe, inclusive, and family-friendly spaces that connect people with nature. **Here's another chance to make your voice heard!**

TELL US WHAT YOUR VISION IS:

Take part in the **online mapping survey** by scanning the QR code to the right or visiting bit.ly/3H5xJH0. You'll be able to:

- ◆ Design your ideal park layout
- ◆ Identify areas needing improvement
- ◆ Highlight what you love or want preserved
- ◆ Share your values and vision for the future

Take the Survey



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Learn More

Have questions or want to learn more? Visit the City's website at www.cityofup.com, or contact Tony West, Operations Manager, at 253.460.6493 or TWest@CityofUP.com.

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Meet with the project team at one of these upcoming events – **we hope to see you there!**

Movie in the Park | Starting at 7 PM



Saturday, August 2ND, 2025
on the Cirque Park Lawn
7250 Cirque Drive West
University Place, WA 98466

Music on the Square | 6–8:00 PM



Wednesday, August 6TH, 2025
at the Market Square
3609 Market Place West
University Place, WA 98466

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What's Up With Biz

Once again this year, the Linton Insurance Agency (7409 27th St. W.) is sponsoring a back-to-school supply drive for local students. If you would like to contribute to this effort, the deadline for donating supplies is Thursday, Aug. 14.



On Saturday, Aug. 16, students and families are invited to stop by the Linton Agency between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to pick up backpacks and supplies. New this year, there will also be some vendors at the event selling food and other items. There will be free haircuts for children as well.

Adriana Hess Work Party

Volunteer with us by spending three hours at Adriana Hess Wetland Park in University Place on Aug. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Activities will include caring for existing plants in the demonstration gardens around the Bird Alliance building and removing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry, non-native trees, and English ivy. This work supports water quality, our local wildlife, and pollinators. Exact meeting location will be provided after signing up.



What will volunteers be doing at the event?

While the exact tasks at hand vary through the year, our projects focus on improving the open spaces, forests, and parks in our local cities. Healthy ecosystems and thriving wetlands are vital to our community because they absorb and naturally filter rain water, produce clean oxygen, provide living spaces for wildlife, and create a place for people to connect with the outdoors.

In order to create healthy forests and riparian zones, the work can include:

- Caring for existing plantings
- Adding a layer of tree mulch in the restoration spaces to reduce regrowth of invasive weeds
- Removing invasive species such as:
 - English ivy
 - Himalayan blackberry

For your safety and comfort please bring:

- Clothing that can get dirty
- Long pants and sleeves
- Sturdy shoes (closed toed shoes required, no sandals or flats)
- Rain gear and warm layers (the event will happen rain or shine)
- Full water bottle!

Visit the **Pierce Conservation District website to register!**

Fun Facts in History: The Life of Judge Thomas Chambers, Chapter 6

Brought to you by your University Place Historical Society



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Before statehood, in what was then the Northwest Territory, Thomas Chambers claimed land along a stream under the 1850 Donation Land Claim Act, which offered 320 acres to single men or 640 to married couples who settled and cultivated the land. From then on, the waterway became known as Chambers Creek.

Though the Hudson's Bay Company contested his claim, Chambers stood firm, reportedly with a rifle on a fence post, according to local lore. He went on to become Judge Chambers, serving as Probate Judge, Justice of the Peace, and Pierce County Commissioner. He also advocated for Washington statehood, despite the territory's sparse population.

To support the growing community, he built a sawmill and grist mill with machinery from San Francisco, supplying flour and lumber that spared settlers long, tide-dependent trips for essentials.

His first wife, Letitia, died in 1852 after bearing eight children and emigrating from Ireland. Chambers remarried, had four more children, and died in 1876 at age 81.

Chambers' story is one of grit, vision and community. His legacy lives on in Pierce County and in the foundation of what would become University Place.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, AUG. 18, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

CANCELLED



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