



## TUMWATER PARKS & RECREATION

### 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are providing this calendar of City events to our elected officials and commission members to encourage participation in community activities. Thousands of our residents attend Tumwater’s events throughout the year. These events offer a wonderful opportunity for our public officials to interact – and have fun – with community members.

If you would like to be involved in an event, host an activity or just be on hand to talk with our residents, we are happy to help coordinate that with you. Please reach out to Marisa Worden, Marketing Specialist: [mworden@ci.tumwater.wa.us](mailto:mworden@ci.tumwater.wa.us) or 360-754-4160.

#### **Special Events**

- April 4** Easter Egg Dash (annually on Saturday before Easter) at 11 a.m.  
Location: Tumwater High School Stadium  
Target audience: Ages 11 and under; parents of young children.  
Approximate attendance: 2,500
- July 4** Independence Day Parade, 11am; Tumwater Family Festival and Nisqually Red Wind Casino Fireworks Show, (6 - 10:30 p.m.).  
Location: Capitol Blvd./Israel (parade) and TVGC (festival)  
Target audience: Families, Thurston County and beyond  
Approximate attendance: 9,000 (parade), 12,000 (festival)
- August 15** Tumwater Artesian Brewfest (annually, 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August), 1 - 7 p.m.  
Location: Tumwater Valley Golf Course Driving range  
Target Attendance: 21 and older, Thurston County and beyond  
Approximate attendance: 5,000
- December 5** Christmas Tree Lighting (annually, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December), 1 - 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Tumwater Fire Department Headquarters and City Hall  
Target audience: Youth, teens, and families  
Approximate attendance: 2,500

### **Community Events**

- June 13** Dog Days (annually, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in June), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Location: Pioneer Park.  
Target Audience: Dog owners and their families  
Approximate attendance: 500 - 1,000
- June 13** Rally In The Valley (annually, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in June), 9:30am – 8pm  
Location: Pioneer Park.  
Target Audience: Junior – Adult Volleyball Players  
Approximate attendance: 60 - 70 teams
- July 17** Screen on the Green – TVGC; movie begins at dusk  
Target Audience: Families, local to Thurston County  
Approximate attendance: 200 - 400
- July 24** Screen on the Green – Barclift movie begins at dusk  
Target Audience: Families, local to Thurston County  
Approximate Attendance: 150 - 200
- August 7** Screen on the Green – Toyota; movie begins at dusk  
Target Audience: Families, local to Thurston County.  
Approximate attendance: 200 - 300
- Sept 26** Falls Fest (annually on last Saturday in September), 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Location: Brewery Park at Tumwater Falls  
Target Audience: Local artists, art enthusiasts, general arts community, and families.  
Approximate attendance: 5,000

## **Volunteer Tumwater / Service Projects**

- April 18** Earth Day/Arbor Day (annually on the Saturday nearest April 22), 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Location: Historical Park varies annually  
Target Audience: Tumwater Middle and High School students, any interested volunteers.
- June 6** National Trails Day (annually on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June), online event for 2025  
Educational/fun volunteer project for community highlighting our trail system.  
Target Audience: Local volunteers.
- October 3** Clean-up, Drop Off Event (First Saturday in October), 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Location: City Hall  
Target Audience: Community members, volunteers  
Approximate attendance: 400 - 450 vehicles
- Dec 2-16** Santa Stops (Wednesdays), 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Locations TBD. Tumwater neighborhood parks & Tumwater Fire Station  
Target Audience: Residents of Tumwater neighborhoods.

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## **Tumwater Arts Events**

- March 5** Tumwater Youth Showcase, “Tumwater Schools Night of Percussion” 6:30 – 8 p.m.  
Location: The Washington Center for the Performing Arts  
Target Audience: Tumwater School District students & parents
- July 9** Tumwater Craft Concert Series – 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Tumwater Craft District amphitheater  
Target Audience: Families and Adults
- July 16** Tumwater Craft Concert Series – 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Tumwater Craft District amphitheater  
Target Audience: Families and Adults
- July 23** Tumwater Craft Concert Series – 6 – 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Tumwater Craft District amphitheater  
Target Audience: Families and Adults
- July 30** Tumwater Craft Concert Series – 6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Location: Tumwater Craft District amphitheater  
Target Audience: Families and Adults

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