



## TACOMA BUDDHIST TEMPLE BON ODORI SUMMER JAPANESE DANCE and FOOD FESTIVAL

*Open to the public to join in the festivities, dance, food and taiko entertainment*



**WHO:** Tacoma Buddhist Temple Bon Odori Dance and Food Festival

**WHAT:** The summer Bon Odori Festival has been an annual tradition for over 65 years sponsored by the Tacoma Buddhist Temple. The public is welcome to participate and enjoy traditional Japanese festival dancing, taiko drumming entertainment, Japanese food, memorial candle lighting and new this year, a beer garden serving local beer and sake.

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 9:00pm

**WHERE:** Tacoma Buddhist Temple is located at 1717 Fawcett Street, 3 blocks west of Tacoma UW campus.

**DETAILS:** Bon Odori is a traditional summer festival in which we honor those who have passed on, remember what they have provided for us and thank them by celebrating their efforts in order for us to enjoy our lives today.

The celebration includes traditional Japanese music with dancers dressed in summer kimonos, dancing in a blocked off street. Everyone is encouraged to join in the festival dancing or just observe along the street sidewalk. In addition, entertainment is providing by two taiko drumming clubs, Tacoma Buddhist Temple's Fuji Taiko and Seattle Betsuin's Matsuri Taiko.

Food booths serve traditional items such as Japanese teriyaki chicken and rice bowl, cold noodles (somen), kori ice (Japanese snow cone), spam musubi (spam with rice ball) and more! New this year is a beer garden that will be open from 5:00- 8:30 serving local brewer, Wingman Brewers as well as cold sake. Hot links will also be served in the beer garden.

To observe those, both family and friends who have passed away, there is a memorial candle lighting service at the end of the Bon Odori dancing in the temple garden.