

OLD TOWN NEWS

CITY EVENTS, CITY COUNCIL, DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES,
AND MUNICIPAL CODE INFORMATION
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Union Gap's 12th Annual CHRISTMAS PARADE



Mark your calendar or set your reminder on your cell phone and don't miss out on this year's Christmas Parade!



Sunday

December 13, 2015

Parade begins at 6:00 pm

The City of Union Gap and the Christmas parade committee are proud to host the 12th annual Christmas parade. This year's parade will begin at Main Street and Yakima Street (Peppermint Stick) and proceed north on Main Street.

If you'd like to participate in this year's Christmas Parade, download a registration form on our website (cityofuniongap.com) or pick up a copy at Union Gap City Hall.

Christmas Tree Pickup

Attention Union Gap Residents!

Basin Disposal will collect one Christmas tree per residence at no additional charge.

Please place your tree beside your garbage container, on **your pick up day for the first week of January 2016.**



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BASIN DISPOSAL, INC.

Annual Yard Waste Pick up!

Union Gap Public Works Department will pick up your bagged yard waste, weighing less than 40 lbs, until **March 1, 2016.**

Please contact the Public Works office to schedule a pick up

509-225-3524.



Improvements coming to Ahtanum Youth Park



The City of Union Gap has been awarded a \$165,000 grant from the State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office to renovate the Ahtanum Youth Activities Park to better accommodate youth soccer. The City will convert 4 acres of practice field into three competitive soccer fields for kids under 9-years-old, install an artificial turf field for three-on-three league play, improve access for people with disabilities, renovate the parking area, reconfigure the park entrance to make it safer, and landscape the area. This park is used heavily by both the Yakima Youth Soccer Association and Yakima Infantil Soccer Association for games, practices, and tournaments. The park soccer program alone will have held more than 2,000 games and service more than 1,800 youth.

ELECTION 2015



Congratulations to all new and re-elected Council members!

The election took place on November 3, 2015 for three Union Gap City Council positions. The elections results were certified by the County Auditor as follows:

Position 4 - Dave Butler

Position 5 - Dave Matson

Position 6 - Julie Schilling

WINTER IS COMING!



Snow and ice can be challenging. Here are some helpful tips for our Union Gap residents and business owners.

- The Union Gap Public Works Department will sand all major intersections, bridges, overpasses, and access streets to schools.
- Snow will be plowed in a manner that minimizes traffic obstructions.
- Please help us by not pushing snow into a driveway, or along a parked car on the street. Our city crews work hard to keep streets passable.
- Don't throw snow from your sidewalk or driveway onto city street. Please read our Union Gap City ordinance (Ord. 2072 § 1, 1998) *No person shall cause snow or ice to be placed in any public street, alley, sidewalk or public way; provided, that this section shall not apply to Union Gap town employees performing the regular course of their duties. Violation of this section shall be a civil infraction with a penalty of one hundred dollars.*
- Shovel your snow to the right of your driveway into your yard and not into city street, this will avoid having snow covering your driveway from the city plow.



All calls regarding snow removal and / or ice control, other than those associated with accidents or emergencies should be directed to the Public Works Department Office

(509) 225-3524

The Clean Water Act



The Clean Water Act prohibits anybody from discharging "pollutants" through a "point source" into a "water of the United States" unless they have an NPDES permit.

The permit contains limits on what you can discharge, monitoring and reporting requirements, and other provisions to ensure that the discharge does not hurt water quality or people's health. In essence, the permit translates general requirements of the Clean Water Act into specific provisions tailored to the operations of each person discharging pollutants.

In Washington, the Washington State Department of Ecology administers the NPDES program. Anything dumped or dropped on the ground or in the gutter may contribute to stormwater pollution as it flows into our creeks, rivers and lakes. Sewer and storm drains are two completely separate drainage systems. Wastewater from sinks, showers, toilets and washing machines travels through the sanitary sewer system to the municipal wastewater treatment plant where solids, nutrients, pathogens and bacteria are removed before being discharged into the Yakima River.

On the other hand, the water entering roadside ditches or the storm drain system flows directly to the nearest water body.

There are many things that we can all do on a daily basis to reduce water pollution and otherwise improve stormwater quality.



For more information please go to:

<http://yakimacounty.us/663/Stormwater>

Meet our new venue management team

The City of Union Gap Parks Department has partnered with Kim & Connie Eisenzimmer, owners of The Vine Venue and Skateland for management of The Barn and Activities Building at the Ahtanum Activities Park. Their goal is to bring personalized service & "One Stop Shopping" for your convenience in setting up your next special event. Contact them @ (509)952-8412 or visit www.uniongapvenues.com



Lights on Union Gap

Please report any inoperable street light to the Public Works Office (509) 225-3524. To help expedite the repair, it would be helpful to provide the **address closest to the pole and pole number**. You may also call Pacific Power of Yakima (509) 575-6005 to report street light outage or go online to

<https://www.pacificpower.net>



FREE HOLIDAY SHUTTLE



Call 574-8000 For Pickup

We pick up & deliver for FREE within this route from any store location!



**Black Friday - 8am to 10pm
Nov 28th to Dec 23rd
Friday & Saturday - 3pm to 10pm**

Union Gap TRANSIT

"Don't fight the parking. Let us do the driving!"

cityofuniongap.com/transit



The Senior Corner

The Union Gap Senior Center held its annual craft fair on Saturday November 7th. This year's event was a successful one raising over \$600.00. Money raised will go towards their program and projects.

The staff would like to take the time and thank everyone who contributed to the event, from vendors, volunteers and customers.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Home Rehabilitation Loan Program



GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

All *Applicants* must meet the following initial requirements to be considered for potential assistance from the Rehabilitation Loan Program:

OWNERSHIP INTEREST: The *Applicant(s)* must be the current owner/ purchaser of the property.

PROPERTY LOCATION: The *Applicant(s)* must *reside* within the participating jurisdictions of the Cities of Grandview, Harrah, Mabton, Sunnyside, Toppenish, Union Gap, Wapato, Zillah, and unincorporated Yakima County.

PROPERTY TYPE for 2015:

Single-family dwelling - stand-alone single-family home

Single-family dwelling - townhouse unit

Single-family dwelling - duplex unit

Per International Residential Code(IRC)

Single-family dwelling - manufactured housing

Manufactured housing must meet the standards of RCW 35.63.160 and the codes of the respective Consortium member *jurisdiction*.

PROPERTY CONDITION: Property condition and usage must fully comply with local zoning and nuisance ordinances.

HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY INCOME GUIDELINES U.S DEPARTMENT OF HUD

Number in Household	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
Annual Income	32,450	37,050	41,700	46,300	50,050	53,750	57,450	61,150

*Amount is before taxes

**For Social Security, only TAXABLE income will be calculated for eligibility



Please contact Andrea Reyes, Yakima County Home Consortium Program

509-574-2239.



Police Department News



CHIEF'S CORNER

The Holiday Season is a fantastic time for gatherings with family and friends; the Union Gap Police Department wants to remind you to stay vigilant about your safety and security. Each year we respond to several burglaries and car prowls directly related to the Holiday Season.

In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season we sometimes forget to keep an eye on our belongings. When shopping, please remember to lock your doors and don't leave anything in plain sight. Car prowlers are looking for the easy theft. Place your recently purchased packages in the trunk or under a privacy cover in your vehicle. If you need to deposit several items in your car but want to continue shopping, please move to a different parking area. Thieves will watch the parking lots during the holidays for people putting merchandise in their trunks. If you leave the vehicle where it is and continue to shop, they will break into your trunk after you go back into the stores and steal the recently purchased items.

Christmas trees are a wonderful tradition and some want their friends and neighbors to see how beautifully they are decorated. If your tree is visible to anyone passing by, make sure any presents stacked under the tree are not. It is not uncommon for burglars to notice the presents under the tree and break in to steal them when the residents are not home.

If you are going to be away for the holidays' please let us know. Call the front desk and make an "Extra Patrol" request.

If you notice anything suspicious or have any questions please don't hesitate to call the Union Gap Police Department at 248-0430.

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CHRISTMAS



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 UNION GAP, WA
 98903-0008

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Postal Customer—ECRWSS

GENERAL INFORMATION

WEBSITES:

~ Published on a quarterly basis to
 keep citizens informed ~



- City Business: www.cityofuniongap.com
- Union Gap Tourism: <http://visituniongap.com>
- Xpress Bill Pay: www.xpressbillpay.com
- Building Reservation: www.uniongapvenues.com

107 WEST AHTANUM ROAD

City Hall	248.0432
Fire	575.6060
Park shelter Reservations	248.0432
Treasurer / Clerk	248.0432
Utility Billing: <i>Water, Sewer & Garbage</i>	248.0434
Building Reservation	952.8412

3106 FIRST STREET

Building / Planning	575.3638
Code Enforcement	575.3638
Public Works	225.3524
Newsletter	225.3524

1800 RAINIER PLACE

Animal Control	248.0430
Crime Prevention	457.5927
Police	248.0430

1000 AHTANUM ROAD

Senior Citizen Center	248.2668
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TOURISM & TRANSIT

Tourism Promoter	575.8770
Union Gap Transit	574.8000
Union Gap Transit TTY	574.6926

MAYOR & COUNCIL

Council Members

Position #1
 Chad Lenz ~ 965.3364

Position #2
 Mark Carney ~ 969.6833

Position #3
 Dan Olson ~ 453.4310

Position #4
 Dave Butler ~ 452.8631

Position #5
 Dave Matson ~ 453.3098

Position #6
 James Murr ~ 823.4686

Mayor / Council Member

Position #7
 Roger Wentz ~ 575.3799

CITY STAFF

City Manager
Rod Otterness
 248.0432

*Director of Public Works &
 Community Development*
Dennis Henne
 225.3524

*Director of Finance &
 Administration*
Karen Clifton
 248.0432

Police Chief
Greg Cobb
 248.0430

City Attorney
Bronson Brown
 628.4700