

OLD TOWN NEWS

CITY EVENTS, CITY COUNCIL, DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES,
& MUNICIPAL CODE INFORMATION

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OLDE YAKIMA LETTERPRESS MUSEUM MOVES TO THE CENTRAL WASHINGTON AG MUSEUM



The Olde Yakima Letterpress Museum (OYLM) recently relocated to the Central Washington Ag Museum in Union Gap, from their original location on Landon Avenue in Union Gap.

Since the move, OYLM has seen an influx in patrons, including dozens of people coming every Saturday to print their own 'Wanted' poster with their name on it that they typeset themselves.

The Letterpress Museum is currently open two days per week, and by appointment. On Tuesdays, volunteers are trained on how to use the wide variety of printing equipment, and Saturdays are generally 'printing' days for projects such as the wanted posters. Free 'Wanted' posters will be available through October.

Only about 1/3 of the printing equipment the museum owns is currently on display, and they are expanding in the upcoming months to increase their exhibit space. Some of the items include 15 small letterpresses, 2 front pedal presses and an extensive type library with 100 cases of type (many of which are still being organized).

The goal of the Olde Letterpress Museum is to both showcase history, and to be educational. Young visitors are often amazed that some of the presses can work without electricity, and they are equally impressed at how complicated the process was to get ink printed on paper.

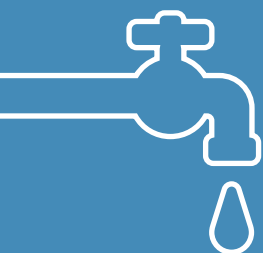
If you have an interest in letterpress printing, the museum is always looking for volunteers.
You can visit them at: <http://oldeyakimaletterpressmuseum.org/>

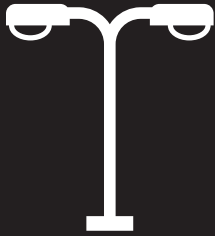
WATER CONSERVATION TIP

It is so important for everyone to make a conscious effort to conserve water.
Please do your part today and be aware of water wasted.

TIP: *Foam insulation for pipes can be purchased at any home improvement store. This will allow you to get hot water much quicker so you don't waste water while you wait for it to warm up.*

For more ideas, please go to: www.epa.gov/watersense





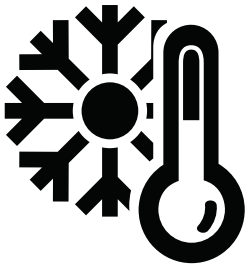
STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

Please report any inoperable streetlight to the Public Works Administration Office at 225.3524. To help expedite the repair, it would be helpful to provide the address closest to the pole and the pole number if possible. Help us keep Union Gap safe and well-lit.

YARD WASTE PICK UP

Bagged yard waste, weighing less than 40 lbs is picked up by the solid waste contractor from May 2 until November 30; the Public Works Department will pick up your bagged yard waste beginning December 1 until May 1.

Please contact the Public Works Administration Office at **225.3524** to schedule a pick up between December 1 and May 1.



SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

It is just about that time of year again! Snow and ice control...staff has evaluated the streets and travel routes throughout the city to determine the best methods possible of providing safe travel for you and your family. This might mean driving a few extra blocks to arrive at your destination safely. Our goal is to provide a safe driving experience during hazardous winter weather, and to create a path for you to meet your daily driving needs; even if it takes you a few extra blocks from your normal route of travel!

During the winter storm season our equipment operators work up to 12+ hours a shift to protect your family. Please remember to be courteous to our equipment operators; we are working to keep you and your family safe.

SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS

Residents are responsible to maintain sidewalks and driveways adjacent to their property. Please shovel snow into your yard, not into the street. If your sidewalk is icy you may correct the hazard by applying a heavy coating of sand. When a sidewalk is not clear, the results can be very hazardous for pedestrians & school children.

Pitch in and do your part to help keep your sidewalks and driveways hazard free! A helpful hint for resident on snow routes; if possible, do not clear the end of your driveway until the storm has stopped and the road is plowed from curb to curb. This will save you additional work and will lower your frustration level.



YAKIMA VALLEY KENNEL CLUB AGILITY TRIALS

Dog agility is a popular canine sport in which a handler directs a dog through a variety of obstacles such as a tunnel, teeter-totter, tire jump, weave poles and standard jumps. During competitive agility events, handlers attempt to navigate dogs through a course as quickly and as accurately as they can.

Register to participate or bring a blanket or chair and come enjoy the action

October 20-22 at Fullbright Park.

<http://yakimavalleykennelclub.com>



Union Gap School District has posted a ***Citizen's Guide*** to the Budget on our website under "**Community**"

www.uniongapschool.org

If you have any feedback on this document, please contact **Stefanie Jespersion**, Business Manager or **Lisa Gredvig**, Interim Superintendent at **248-3966**.

A Superintendent Search Forum is scheduled for **October 5, 2017 at 6:00pm** in the school library. *Please attend to have your voice heard in regard to the Union Gap School District Superintendent position.*



June 16, 2017 when the 12's Tour came through Union Gap. Players Germaine Ifedi, George Fant, Mascot Blitz, Seagals, and Bluethunder all entertained the crowd. Blitz took photos with Officer Eric Turley

NEW EMPLOYEE

In 2017, the City searched long and far for a City Engineer with success! Stop by and welcome to our team David Dominguez, City Engineer. David will start in his position with the City September 20th.

PROJECT UPDATES

PLEASE REMEMBER TO THANK OUR 14TH & 15TH DISTRICT STATE LEGISLATORS.

They have been working very hard helping Union Gap in receiving the funding necessary to make improvements to our roads. Their top priorities are improving our business climate to encourage new businesses to develop and existing businesses to flourish. Having successful businesses in our City means more jobs for our citizens, something that will help drive our economy and improve our overall quality of life.

Great Job by the staff in the **Community Development Department**

2017 year to date, **Jenny, Jo and Jason** have issued building permits upwards to **\$75 Million** in building valuation, which will create approximately **600 new jobs** in 2018 for our community!!

MLK SCHOOL SIDEWALK & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

City has been notified that we have been selected to receive funding through the Safe Routes to School Program.

The project includes sidewalk, pathway, curb, gutter, extensions, ADA curb ramps, speed feedback signs, bike rack, bike lane, storm water drainage, signing, and crosswalks. Funding for the “Martin Luther King School Sidewalk and Safety Improvements” are as follows:

\$828,170	WSDOT 2017 Safe Routes to School Program
\$30,000	Martin Luther King School
\$21,000	City match

The estimated completion date is set for August 2018.

VMB / GOODMAN TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Granite Construction Company of Yakima began construction of intersection improvements at Valley Mall Blvd / Goodman Road.

The project includes ADA curb ramps, concrete sidewalk, traffic signals, storm drainage improvements, pavement markings, and related improvements. The project is funded through a \$387,685, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvements (CMAQ) grant along with private and City contributions. Improvements are scheduled to be substantially completed by the end of September 2017.

VALLEY MALL BOULEVARD RESURFACING PROJECT

The City has received \$1,900,288 funding from Washington State Department of Transportation through the National Highway System (NHS) Asset Management Program for the Valley Mall Boulevard Resurfacing Project.

The project includes the grinding and overlay of Valley Mall Boulevard from Main Street to South Third Avenue. A local match of 13.5% is required from the City.

SOUTH 14TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

After many years of trying, the City has finally become successful in receiving a Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant in the amount of \$1,439,224, along with City matching funds of \$358,181

The South 14th Street Improvements project includes curb, gutter, storm water drainage, signing, and crosswalks. The estimated completion date is set for October 2018.

CIVIC CENTER CONSTRUCTION

MH Construction of Kennewick was awarded the Union Gap Civic Campus (City Hall & Police Department) contract and began construction in August. The project site is bound by 1st & 2nd Street and West Franklin Street to the south and West Ahtanum Road to the north.

The project includes construction of an approximate 23,500 square foot new facility to house the operations of the City Hall and the Police Department. The project will consist of two phases - Phase 1 will be the construction of the new facility; Phase 2 will be the demolition of the Public Works and Community Development and Council Chamber structures at 3106 1st Street, 3103 2nd Street and 3105 2nd Street including the garage.

The project is funded through a USDA low interest loan of up to \$ 9.2 million. The estimated completion date is set for Sept. 2018.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

AHTANUM YOUTH PARK - The City received a grant from the Recreation Committee for Outdoor (RCO) in the amount of \$160,000, the City in Partnership with Yakima Youth Soccer Association (YYSA) is matching the grant with \$160,000 of in-kind costs. The project consists of entrance improvements, three new grass soccer fields, one turf field, ADA parking and other Park improvements.

LOUDON PARK - The City has installed kite shades in the Park, check them out!!

CAHALAN SKATE PARK - Improvements are being made to finish the Skate Park built last fall in Cahalan Park, the Public Works Department is installing kite shades, benches, water fountain and finishing the landscaping.

FULLBRIGHT PARK - Replacement of the roof at the Central Washing Agricultural Museum office/meeting building should start by the end of September, the existing roof began leaking this spring.

2018 BUDGET DATES

October 9 - **Public Hearing - Property Tax**

November 13 - **Public hearing - Preliminary Budget**

November 27 - **Public Hearing - Final Budget**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

WEBSITES

Published on a quarterly basis to
keep citizens informed

City Business: uniongapwa.gov
Union Gap Tourism: visituniongap.com
Xpress Bill Pay: xpressbillpay.com

PHONE DIRECTORY

107 W. AHTANUM ROAD

City Hall	248-0432
Fire	575-6060
Park Reservations	248-0432
Treasurer / Clerk	248-0432
Utility Billing	248-0432
Newsletter	248-9202

3106 FIRST STREET

Building / Planning	575-3638
Code Enforcement	575-3638
Public Works	225-3524

1800 RAINIER PLACE

Animal Control	248-0430
Crime Prevention	457-5927
Police	248-0430

1000 AHTANUM ROAD

Senior Citizen Center	248-2668
Activities Center	575-6448
Barn Rentals	575-6448

TOURISM & TRANSIT

Tourism Promoter	575-8770
Union Gap Transit	574-8000
UG Transit TTY	574-8000

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

Julie Schilling ~ 453-2446

MAYOR / COUNCIL MEMBER

Position #7

Roger Wentz ~ 575-3799

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Police Chief

Greg Cobb
248-0430

City Attorney

Bronson Brown
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