

OLD TOWN NEWS

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

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UNION GAP OLD TOWN DAYS 2017 SATURDAY, JUNE 17 - SUNDAY, JUNE 18

All events are at Fullbright Park unless otherwise noted.

All events are free & open to the public. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Washington State's biggest Civil War Reenactment, Encampment & Living History Event is right here in Union Gap every Father's Day weekend so mark your calendar now!

FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING thanks to great community support by our sponsors!

Civil War Reenactment Battles - 5 total including the popular evening battle Saturday!



- **Acres of Living History Camps** on display with demos on life during the Civil War
- **Trading Posts** with Merchandise for Sale
- **Food & Vendors**
- **Kiddie Train Rides**
- **Old Town Kids Games** (plus NEW this year - kids' bounce house obstacle course!)
- **Photo Opportunities**
- **People Tram & Wagon Tours**
- **Working Blacksmith Shop**
- **Lincoln's Gettysburg Address-Scavenger Hunt Through History** find the Living History Demo Areas & be entered to win a prize!
- **LIVE MUSIC with Odie Green**
Saturday from 5pm - 8:30pm while you wait for the Evening Battle!

PARADE DATE: JUNE 17

Please register by June 14, although walkups will be welcome parade morning.

Registration forms available online: www.uniongapwa.gov
or at: Union Gap City Hall - 107 W. Ahtanum Road - Union Gap, WA 98903

*“The City of Union Gap will again sponsor the **Union Gap Summer Youth Program**. This will be a four week event coinciding with summer school. Children from 2nd - 8th grade are welcome to participate in this fun, free annual event. Please stay tuned for additional details.”*



SPRING HAS OFFICIALLY SPRUNG IN THE CITY OF UNION GAP!

As you and your loved ones are outside trimming trees, mowing yards, and planting flowers, here are a few friendly reminders to be mindful of. While fertilizers and sprays promote healthy plants and beautiful yards they are also full of chemicals that are not only harmful to yourself; but also to the Storm Water Quality Management Program (SWQMP). Stormwater is one of the leading causes of pollution in the United States.

Stormwater drains need to be kept clear of lawn clippings, leaves, and garbage. By keeping them clear you are limiting the chances of flooding in your yard and/or home. Stormwater drains are not processed like sewer systems. Stormwater drains flow directly into our riverbeds and local streams without a sanitization process.

By limiting the amount of fertilizer and/or the number of times you fertilize your yard, you can contribute to a safer environment for all. Over fertilizing promotes the growth of algae in creeks and other water resources. Algae can attract mosquitoes and other insects, also killing numerous fish per year. A great alternative to fertilizer is lawn mulch. One lawn mulching session is equivalent to one treatment of store bought fertilizer.

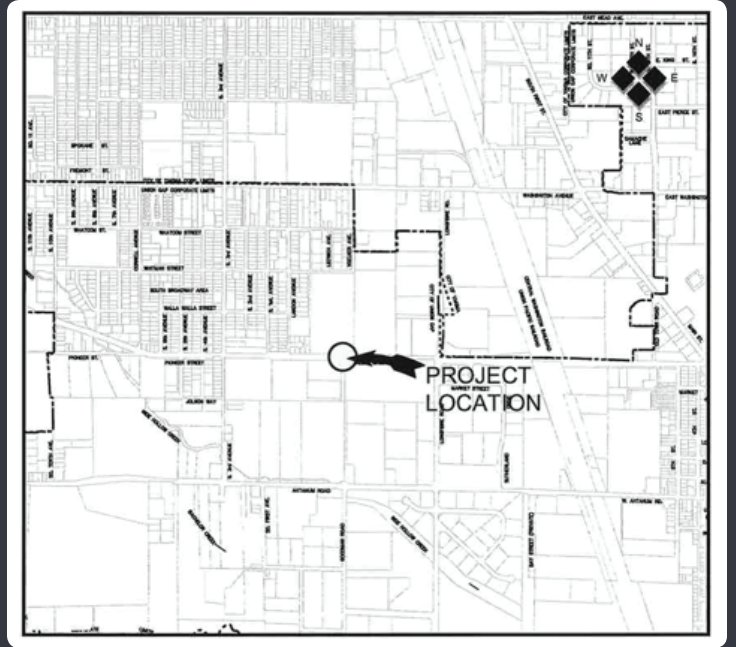
Everybody loves a clean car and by washing your car in your yard instead of your driveway or the City streets, the water, detergent, and dirt will be filtered by the soil in your lawn and naturally absorbed. A better solution is to take your car to a commercial carwash where the dirty water is sent to a wastewater treatment plant.

With your help we can work together to create a healthier environment by using the above-noted tips. Remember, we are the solution to stormwater pollution!

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL

GOODMAN ROAD & VALLEY MALL BLVD

Using a federal grant and private partnership contributions, the City will be installing a new traffic signal located at the intersection of Goodman Road and Valley Mall Boulevard. The project once complete will also provide for the extension of Goodman Road to the north of VMB to facilitate expected development in the area. Construction is scheduled for sometime in August 2017.



Ahtanum Youth Activities Park Improvements; in partnership with the Recreation and Conservation Office and the Yakima Youth Soccer Association, the City has started Improvements to the Youth Activities Park consisting of access improvements, parking and ADA improvements, 3 new grass soccer fields and 1 practice turf field. The project is proposed to be completed by winter 2017 and cost approximately \$400,450. RCO grant funded \$165,000 towards the project.





On May 9th, the City held our third Civic Campus Open House. The project is currently advertised and accepting bids for construction. Although power and sewer systems have been rerouted out of the alley and around the building foot print, actual construction on the building is scheduled to start in July 2017.



UNION GAP SCHOOL FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROGRAM JULY 10 - AUGUST 4

Monday-Friday for children 18 years & younger

BREAKFAST: 7:45am - 8:45am

LUNCH: 11:15am - 12:15pm

CONTACT: Debra L. Manzano at (509) 248-3966 x402



2017 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

DATE: Tuesday, August 1, 2017

TIME: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

LOCATION: Louden Park (3rd St, between Pine Street & Court Street)

National Night Out is a community event that happens every year to help promote a police – community partnership to keep the community safe and prevent crime. Please come join the Union Gap Police Department, City of Union Gap, and local businesses for a fun filled evening.

FOOD

MUSIC

RAFFLE

ACTIVITIES



FRIENDLY REMINDER

When celebrating our Nations' Birthday don't forget that fireworks are **illegal** in Union Gap.

It is unlawful for any person to hold, conduct or engage in any public display for fireworks within the city without first having obtained and being in possession of a valid permit under the provisions of this chapter. (Ord. 2344 § 1 (part), 2002)

Any person violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided therefore. In addition, violations of this chapter shall constitute a civil infraction with a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars per occurrence. Infractions shall be initiated, and may be appealed, under the infraction rules for courts of limited jurisdiction for the Union Gap Municipal Court. (Ord. 2344 § 1 (part), 2002)

It's a busy year for the Public Works and Community Development Departments. As you drive around town this summer, you'll notice south 14th Street between E. Mead and E. Washington avenues will be under construction, Longfibre Road between Ahtanum and Valley Mall Boulevard will be getting new improvements. Be on the lookout for new private development will be breaking ground in the near future as well.

I'd like to give a big **THANK YOU!** To all the public works crew, Jenny, Jason and Jo in the Community Development office for keeping things on track in our community.

Thank You,

Dennis Henne

City of Union Gap

Director of Public Works and Community Development

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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

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Dave Matson ~ 453-3098

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MAYOR / COUNCIL MEMBER

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