

OLD TOWN NEWS

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

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PLEASE JOIN US

UNION GAP
CIVIC CENTER

NOVEMBER 1, 2018

OPEN
HOUSE

SCHEDULE

4:00 PM	FACILITY TOURS
5:45 PM	OPENING REMARKS
6:00 PM	BUILDING DEDICATION
6:15 PM	RIBBON CUTTING
6:30 PM	LEGISLATIVE REMARKS
7:00 PM	CLOSING

102 WEST AHTANUM ROAD
UNION GAP, WA 98903
(509) 248-0432



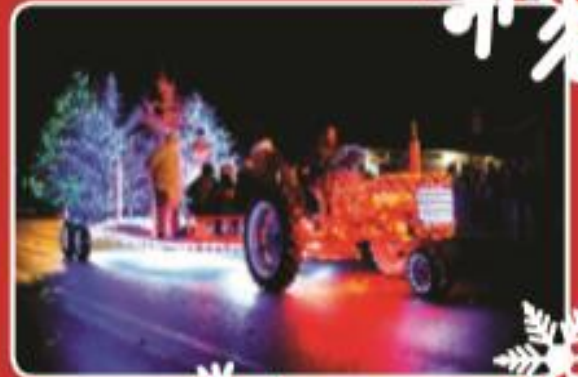
MARK YOUR CALENDAR OR SET A REMINDER ON YOUR CELL PHONE...

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS YEAR'S
CHRISTMAS PARADE!**

15th Annual

*Old Town
Lighted Christmas
Parade*

Union Gap, WA



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 6PM

The parade will begin at Peppermint Stick and follow Old Town/
Main Street to the Valley Mall Parking Lot. Families can take
photos of the parade entries and enjoy some hot cocoa and
cookies in the Valley Mall/Sears parking lot.

*Fun for the Entire
family!!!*





SNOW REMOVAL

Resident cooperation is essential to the success of the snow removal operations. It is very important that vehicles are removed from City Right-of-Way when there is significant snowfall. With fewer cars on the streets, snow plows can do a more efficient job of clearing snow and ice.

As a reminder, UG Ordinance No. 2850 states in part: *Snow and Ice Obstructions - 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 non-traffic infraction with a penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).*

Please go to <https://uniongapwa.gov/public-works/street/> to review the entire Ordinance No. 2850 and Public Works "Snow Removal & Ice Control Plan".
Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY, Basin Disposal will collect one Christmas tree per residence at no additional charge to you. Please place your tree next to your garbage container for pickup.

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, please make sure the presents under the tree cannot be seen. 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. Merry Christmas.



AS TEMPERATURES DECLINE - KEEP SAFETY ON YOUR MIND FOR YOURSELF, YOUR LOVED ONES AND YOUR PETS.

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL

Protection of our water system is priority! "Cross Connection" is when back-siphonage or back pressure conditions are created in a water line; thus causing it to enter into the water system. The City's program addresses high health hazard connections, commercial services and residential connections.

A well-maintained water system is critical in protecting the City's ever present threat of cross-connection contamination. The City's Cross-Connection Control Program is on-going with backflow inspectors working through the City's system inspecting properties. It is the property owners' responsibility to make sure their cross-connection back flow assemblies are tested and inform the tester to that it is necessary to email their final report to jo.linder@uniongapwa.gov or mail it to P.O. Box 3008; Union Gap, WA 98903. Doing this will ensure you will not receive a letter of non-compliance from the City. For a list of City of Union Gap approved Certified Assembly Testers, please call 509.225.3524.

The cold and snowy winter will be here before we know it, and the city of Union Gap would like to remind you that there are ways to be environmentally friendly to our rivers and streams while the temperatures are below freezing. Snowmelt and stormwater runoff in areas with salt-treated surfaces such as driveways and sidewalks can carry sodium and calcium chlorides into our waterways. The salinity present in the runoff can cause our waterways to become toxic to aquatic life.

EASY WINTER DE-ICING TIPS:

- The most important step in de-icing is to physically remove as much snow and ice as possible before applying a de-icer.
- If you're unable to physically remove the snow, recruit the neighbor's teenager to help out.
- If you must use a de-icer, only use enough de-icer to break the ice/pavement bond, then remove the slush by shoveling.
- Kitty litter, gravel and sand don't actually melt snow and ice, but they do provide traction.

THERE ARE SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY DE-ICING OPTIONS THAT CAN BE APPLIED INSTEAD OF SALT:

- **Calcium Chloride** works well at low temperature and is considered less harmful to vegetation. However, this chemical de-icer can be harmful to indoor surfaces as it is tracked in as well as to your pet's paws.
- **Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA)** is salt free and biodegradable. It will not harm the environment if used in moderation and is less corrosive to concrete and less harmful to vegetation than salt.
- **Propylene Glycol** is considered safer for animals than **Ethylene Glycol** and is often found in "pet friendly" deicers. However, these products are considered to be highly toxic to aquatic organisms by the EPA, so their use is not recommended.
- **Urea (NH₂CO NH₂)** is primarily used as a fertilizer and is also less harmful to vegetation than salt. While urea works well as a fertilizer, it only works moderately well as an ice melter.
- **Alfalfa Meal** works well by providing traction to walk on, and since it contains nitrogen like Urea it also melts ice. But like urea, it only works moderately well as an ice melter.
- **Beet Juice** when mixed with salt can be an effective de-icer, and reduces the amount of salt needed by as much as 30%. Beet juice also works to a much lower temperature than salt and has been shown to have no harmful effects to the environment.

After the snowmelt, always be sure to sweep up the excess salt or other materials from the pavement surfaces. This will prevent the material from entering our lakes and streams.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! REMEMBER... ONLY RAIN IN OUR DRAINS.

WHO TO CALL FOR ASSISTANCE?

EMERGENCY - 24 HOURS A DAY / 7 DAYS A WEEK: All life threatening emergencies - dial **911**

AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS, WEEK-ENDS AND HOLIDAYS: All non-life threatening emergencies (i.e. water line breaks / sewer back-ups) - dial **509.248.0430***

DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS: All issues that can wait until normal business hours - dial the appropriate number listed on the back of this newsletter.

**After normal business hours, week-ends, and holidays the Police Department transfers their business line to SUNCOMM Communications - the 911 call center for Yakima County and dispatch for the Union Gap and Yakima Police Departments. If you do not get an answer right away, there is a good chance 911 is handling calls on their emergency lines and are unable to get to the non-emergency lines as quickly as normal.*

SNOW AND ICE CAN BE CHALLENGING

Here are some helpful tips for our
Union Gap residents & 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.

- 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.*



- 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.

- 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**

GRANT AWARDED TO UNION GAP SUMMER YOUTH CAMP

On October 10, 2018 Pacific Power awarded us a grant of \$1,000.00 to help support the Union Gap Summer Youth Camp. The attached picture is Lori Froehlich, Pacific Power Regional Business Manager awarding the grant.



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Union Gap Tourism: visituniongap.com
Xpress Bill Pay: xpressbillpay.com

PHONE DIRECTORY

**NEW CITY HALL ADDRESS*

102 W. AHTANUM ROAD

City Hall	248-0432
Fire	575-6080
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	248-0432
Barn Rentals	248-0432

TOURISM & TRANSIT

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

MAYOR & COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Position #1

John Hodkinson ~ 424-0993

Position #2

James Murr ~ 426-0838

Position #3

Roger Wentz ~ 930-7023

Position #4

Dave Butler ~ 452-8631

Position #5

Dave Matson ~ 945-2139

Position #6

Julie Schilling ~ 453-2446 #3

Position #7

Sandy Dailey ~ 248-6351

MAYOR

Roger Wentz ~ 930-7023

DEPUTY MAYOR

Dave Matson ~ 945-2139

CITY STAFF

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248-0432

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Greg Cobb
248-0430

City Attorney

Bronson Brown
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