

# OLD TOWN NEWS

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

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**UNION GAP**  
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Por favor llame 248-0432 para obtener información en español

## FREE “Spring Clean-Up” - CITY OF UNION GAP

On Saturday, May 12, 2018, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, the City of Union Gap and Basin Disposal will be sponsoring the “Spring Clean-Up” program. There will be **three (3) disposal sites**, set-up throughout the City, for residents to dispose of their yard waste. The site locations are as follows:

- City Hall parking lot @ 107 West Ahtanum Road; next to the Fire Station
- Ray’s Wholesale Meats parking lot @ 2112 South 3rd Avenue
- Cahalan Park parking lot @ 2100 South 18th Street

This **FREE** service is for Union Gap residents only; you may be required to show proof of residence at the disposal sites. The disposal sites are for yard waste generated in Union Gap only; if your waste is bagged, you will be asked to remove the bags prior to dumping into the disposal containers.

We would like to encourage disabled residents and senior citizens to contact us for any assistance, which may be needed.

**Public Works & Community Development**  
**509.225.3524**

## Yakima Valley On the Move

**YOUR VOICE → YOUR TRIP**

How do YOU move around the Yakima Valley?  
How would you WANT to travel?  
**TAKE THE SURVEY!**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HSFWVJN>

Surveys are also available by calling  
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments at  
509-574-1550

¿Cómo se desplaza USTED por el valle de Yakima?  
¿Cómo DESEA usted transportarse?  
¡PARTICIPE EN LA ENCUESTA!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PS7FJZH>

O, para pedir una encuesta, llame a  
Yakima Valley Conference of Governments at  
509-574-1550

**Valle de Yakima  
En Movimiento**

**¡OPINE! → ¡MEJORE SU TRANSPORTE PÚBLICO!**

## FIRE CLASS RATINGS IMPROVE FOR YAKIMA, UNION GAP

Insurance premiums may be decreasing in 2018 for property owners in Yakima and Union Gap.

The two cities received good news recently when the non-profit Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau improved their respective fire class ratings. The information is used by many insurance underwriters to determine the cost of premiums.

The Yakima Fire Department provides fire protection and emergency medical response services to the City of Union Gap through a partnership agreement that was first put in place in about three years ago. Officials from both cities point to services improvements resulting from the partnership agreement, specifically an enhanced fire inspection program, as contributing to the better fire protection class ratings.

Yakima's fire protection class rating improved to 3 from a 4 the previous year. The rating uses a scale of 1-10, with 10 reflecting little or no fire protection capability and 1 signifying the highest level of capability. Union Gap saw its rating improve to a 4 from a 5 the previous inspection.

The Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau reviews fire departments every five years and sets its ratings based on several factors. They include fire department operations, water system capabilities, communications technology, and fire safety control.

The new ratings take effect March 1, 2018.

"The improved class rating is gratifying given the efforts we have made over the past four years to improve virtually every aspect of the department's operations, most notably the significant enhancements to our fire inspection program," said Yakima Fire Chief Bob Stewart.

Those efforts have benefitted not only the City of Yakima, but Union Gap as well with its improved fire class rating.

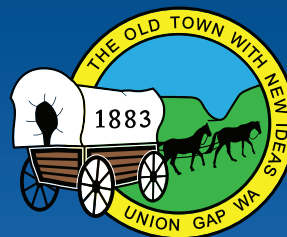
"This will make a huge difference for our commercial customers," said Union Gap City Manager Arlene Fisher. "It is absolutely a win-win for us and the City of Yakima. This partnership has been a great enhancement for both entities."

The service agreement with Yakima has been operational since January 2015. The two cities recently renewed the agreement for three more years, with an option to extend for an additional two years until December 2022.

Fisher said Union Gap city staff will insert flyers in residents' utility statements with information about the new rating. The information will also be published in the City of Union Gap's next newsletter.

The **City of Union Gap** has partnered with the **Yakima County Office of Emergency Management** for public alerting. **Alert Yakima** will send you voice, texts and emails if there is an emergency in your area.

You can sign up for Alert Yakima at <http://www.co.yakima.wa.us/350/emergency-management>



# WE WANT YOU!

The **City of Union Gap** is seeking volunteers\* interested in serving on the **Civil Service, Planning & Park Board Commissions**.

\*Volunteers must be Union Gap residents & U.S. citizens.

**Apply Online or by Phone**

[uniongapwa.gov](http://uniongapwa.gov)

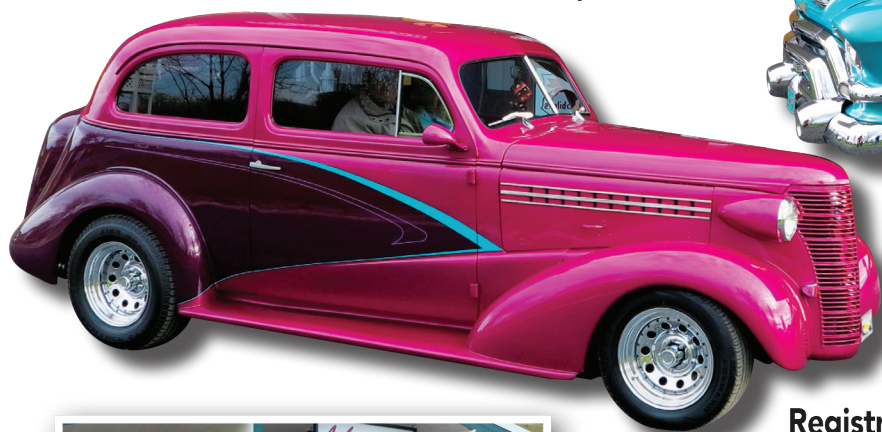
509.248.0432 - City Clerk



# TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL OLD STEEL CAR SHOW

**Sunday April 22nd, 2018 | 10am - 3pm**

**CENTRAL WASHINGTON AG MUSEUM  
UNION GAP, WA**



**Pre-Registration \$15  
Day of Event \$20**

**Register Now** ► The First 200

Registrations Receive a Goodie Bag & Dash Plaque

**Pre-Registration Deadline April 6, 2018**

*All Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles &  
More are Welcome to Enter*

**Games • Door Prizes • Trophies • 50/50 Drawing • Silent Auction**



**Photos with Vintage Gas Pumps - \$5**



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**For more information call 509.457.8735 or email [info@centralwaagmuseum.org](mailto:info@centralwaagmuseum.org)**

## TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL OLD STEEL CAR SHOW

Sunday April 22, 2018 at the Central Washington Agricultural Museum. Pre-registration form deadline is  
APRIL 6, 2018. PRE-REGISTRATION \$15 PER CAR; DAY OF SHOW \$20.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be staying in a motel \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: CWAM

Mail to: CWAM • Attention: Carol Blomgren • 4508 Main St. • Union Gap, WA 98903-2138

For more info: email [info@centralwaagmuseum.org](mailto:info@centralwaagmuseum.org) • [www.centralwaagmuseum.org](http://www.centralwaagmuseum.org) • 509-457-8735

# SIP & SPELL

UNION GAP'S ADULT SPELLING BEE

THURSDAY,  
March 22nd 7pm  
Ahtanum Youth  
Park's Activity  
Center

**Who's Eligible:** Adults 18 and over

**Registration Fee:** \$15.00 *Limited to first 85 registrants*

**Audience:** Free

Are you ready to come show off your spelling abilities and to be cheered on by friends and family?

Sign up for the Adult Spelling Bee today.

Wine and snacks will be available for purchase

A cash prize will be awarded to the 1st place winner, plus additional door prizes.

**Social Hour:** .....6pm-7pm

*Registration 5:45pm-6:45pm if not sold out*

**Spelling Bee** .....7pm-9:30pm

Complete rules posted soon

## PURCHASE A CHEAT.

Cheat menu and details will be available at the event.

Cheat menu could include:

Ask a friend, 30 secs on phone, 30 seconds with dictionary

In partnership with:



*A portion of proceeds will be donated to the Yakima Valley Libraries*

**Book a Hotel!**



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800-348-9701  
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Yes, register me for Union Gap's 2018 Sip & Spell

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be staying at a hotel? \_\_\_\_\_

					Registration Fee:	1 x \$15.00=	_____
T-shirt quantity	XS _____	S _____	M _____	L _____	XL _____	x \$21.00=	_____
					XXL _____	x \$23.00=	_____
Hoodie quantity	XS _____	S _____	M _____	L _____	XL _____	x \$27.00=	_____
					XXL _____	x \$29.00=	_____

**Please make checks payable to: Union Gap**

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-registrations & T-shirt/Hoodie orders should arrive by Friday, March 16. Pickup shirts/hoodies at event**

**Mail to: Union Gap Sip & Spell • 107 W. Ahtanum Road • Union Gap, WA 98903 • visituniongap.com • 509-985-7768**

*“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. Camp dates are July 9, 2018 to August 10, 2018”*

Lots of Great people in the Public Works and Community Development Department  
**We are proud to introduce two new Public Works employees.**



**Torin Delvo**  
*Public Works Maintenance*



**Howard Mason**  
*Public Works Maintenance  
(Beautification)*

## CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME!



### **A BIG CONGRATULATION TO JASON CAVANAUGH.**

After joining the City in 2014 as Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Jason studied hard through-out 2017, and in January 2018 he received his Certified Building Official (CBO) certificate. Passage of the CBO examination also came with a promotion; please meet the City of Union Gap's new **“Building Official/Plans Examiner”**



### **MORE BIG CONGRATULATION TO JENNY VALLE.**

Jenny Valle also joined the City in 2014 as, Community Development Administration Secretary. Jenny also demonstrated knowledge and successfully completed the International Code Councils prescribed written examination based on codes and standards. Jenny in October of 2017 became our very own **Certified Permit Technician!**

**With a talented team of employees such as these,  
it's no wonder our community is Great!!**



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### WEBSITES

Published on a quarterly basis to  
keep citizens informed

City Business: [uniongapwa.gov](http://uniongapwa.gov)  
Union Gap Tourism: [visituniongap.com](http://visituniongap.com)  
Xpress Bill Pay: [xpressbillpay.com](http://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  
**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

*City Manager*  
**Arlene Fisher**  
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