

OLD TOWN NEWS

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

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Por favor llame 248-0432 para obtener información en español

Join us for Washington State's biggest Living History Weekend with Civil War Reenactment during Union Gap's Old Town Days! This year we're kicking off the event with a Friday evening **CONCERT IN THE PARK** featuring [Vaudeville Etiquette](#) and [American Honey Band](#)! We'll also have a Beer & Wine garden. Friday night is sponsored by [Valicoff Family Farms](#) and you can enjoy [Valicoff Estates Wines](#) Friday and Saturday during Old Town Days!

**FREE ADMISSION &
FREE PARKING
ALL WEEKEND!**

Living History camps open at 10AM Saturday - wander through acres of demonstrations and information about life during the civil war - both at home and on the battlefield. This is truly education through entertainment! Stop at "Education Stations" to learn all kinds of facts on the scavenger hunt - turn it in for prizes!

Saturday morning kicks off with a procession in front of the battlefield - soldiers, reenactors, local businesses and more will start the festivities. President Lincoln and General Grant will speak to the crowd at 11AM, just before the first battle occurs! The day continues with an afternoon battle, live music in Fullbright Park with [Shoot Jake](#) and [The Chase Craig Band](#) and finishes up with the popular **EVENING BATTLE** and **FIREWORKS!** Plus historical presentations by Peggy Goldman with the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War on a range of topics from the time period. **Beer/Wine garden open Noon - 8PM.**

Sunday is the final day to come and wander the camps, enjoy battles at 11:30 & 3:00, hear President Lincoln with General Grant and more presentations by Peggy Goldman. **Beer/Wine garden CLOSED on Sunday** for those that wish to bring families without the presence of alcohol.

In addition, enjoy great food, vendors, a kids' area presented by [Yakimayouthsoccer Assoc](#), Kiddie Train Rides, Tram Tours through the Museum all weekend, **SELFIE STATIONS** to take great family pictures & More! Detailed schedule will be posted closer to the event. Come check it out - **FREE ADMISSION, FREE PARKING!**

UNION GAP

OLD TOWN DAYS

FREE CONCERTS AT FULLBRIGHT PARK!
Friday, June 15th, starts at 6pm - sponsored by [Valicoff Estates Wines](#)

Vaudeville Etiquette
This dynamic Seattle quintet has turned into a Yakima Valley favorite! they are headlining Friday night!
"Seattle music's bright new face." Charles Cross, The Seattle Times

American Honey
The hottest country & rock band in the state of Washington! Country music with attitude.

Saturday, June 16th, starts at 5pm

Shoot Jake
A regional favorite that have rocked tiny taverns and big blues festivals!

The Craig Chase Band
Fresh off their West Coast tour, the Craig Chase Band is known for their great originals and creative covers of songs you love!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

When: **Saturday, June 16th - 7AM - 10:30AM**

Where: **Fullbright Park (by the stage)**

Sponsored by
Employees of the Union Gap Police Department



PIONEER POWER SHOW – AUGUST 18-19

The Pioneer Power Show started in 1981 and has been going strong since. This popular event is held the 3rd weekend of August each year. There's a diverse amount of activity including:

Farm equipment
Vintage trucks
The popular equipment parade
Wheat threshing and binding demonstrations
Working sawmill
Blacksmith shop demos
Farm tractor pulls
Lawn tractor pulls
Draft and Buggy Horse Demonstrations
Live music
Kids arts and crafts
Great food
Free Kid's Train Rides
Quilt Display and more!



Come and set your own type on an antique 1900's Letterpress to print a wanted poster with your name during the Pioneer Power Show at the Ag Museum's new Antique Letterpress Exhibit Sat/Sun 10AM - 2PM! *FREE with admission to the event.*

The event is \$5.00 per person/children under 12 are free. Proceeds benefit the Central WA Antique Farm Equipment Club.

Call Patty at **509-966-3219** for more information, or email to **honey2243@yahoo.com**

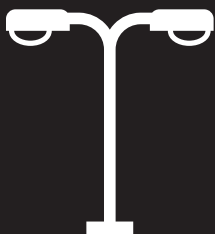
UNION GAP SCHOOL SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM JULY 9 - AUGUST 3

Monday-Friday for children 18 years & younger

BREAKFAST: 7:45am - 8:45am

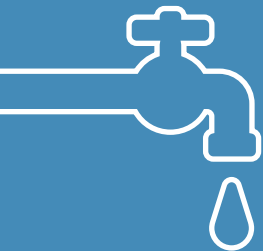
LUNCH: 11:15am - 12:15pm

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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.



WATER CONSERVATION TIP

Water conservation requires some thought and effort if we want to change the course of our water usage. Each day we should all challenge ourselves to save water any way we can. Every little bit helps and does / will make a difference even if it feels like a small amount saved on our part.

TIP: Pour yourself $\frac{1}{2}$ a glass of water if you habitually toss unused water down the drain. Another alternative; pour that unused water into an indoor or outdoor plant, lawn, pet water bowl, put it in the refrigerator for later; get creative on re-use!

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

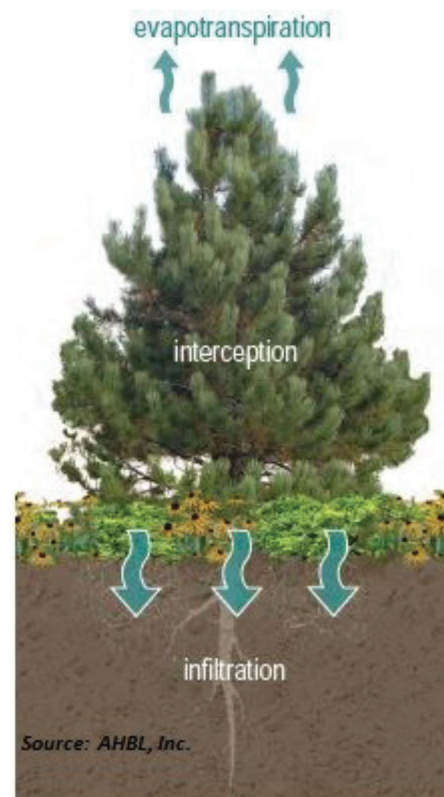
THE BENEFIT OF TREES FOR STORMWATER RUNOFF

Trees provide all of us with numerous benefits in our everyday lives such as producing oxygen for us to breath, consuming the carbon dioxide that we exhale and providing cool shade when the sun gets too hot. But did you know that trees play an im-portant role in helping manage stormwater runoff in our commu-nities? Here is a short list of some of the highlights:

- 1) Trees intercept precipitation and release that water slowly through evapotranspiration back into the atmosphere or through infiltration into the soil. Mature conifer trees can soak up between 50 and 100 gallons of stormwater during a storm event.
- 2) Tree roots hold the soil in place and over time enhance the ability of the tree and the soil to clean stormwater runoff by removing unhealthy pollution.
- 3) Not only do they provide shade, improve air, water and soil quality, but trees improve property values, attract new busi-nesses and improve our mental health and well being.



Source: USDA



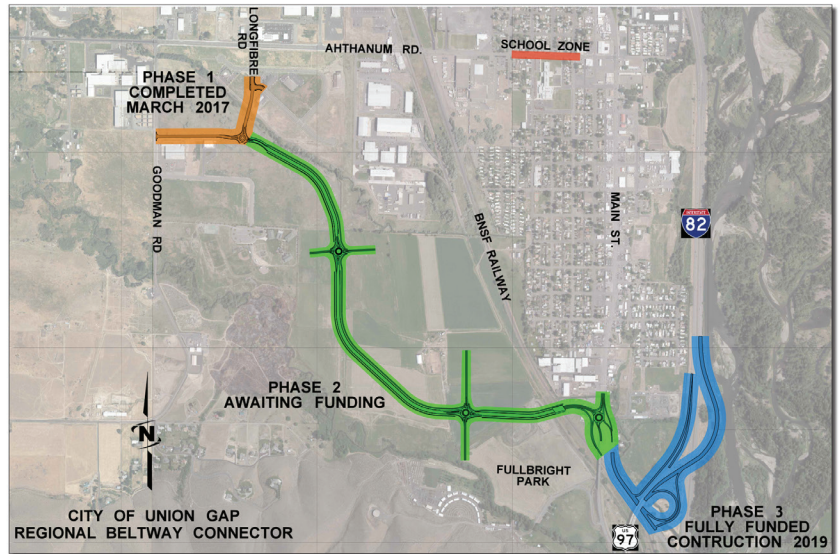
Source: AHBL, Inc.

Phases and funding

Phase 1 was recently completed. This \$3.65 million phase provides a connection to Goodman Road and the extension of Long Fiber Road with a new bridge over Ahtanum Creek. Phase 1 provides a roundabout that will connect to Phase 2.

Phase 2 – Preliminary design and environment (NEPA) process is underway. This \$17.95 million portion will connect US 97/Main Street to Phase 1 providing the critical link to Ahtanum Road. The City is currently seeking funding for the final design, environmental permitting, right-of-way, and construction.

Phase 3 – The South Union Gap Interchange project will provide two additional ramps to complete the interchange. There will be access to and from Union Gap from I-82 and US 97 from all directions and reduce traffic at the Valley Mall Boulevard Interchange. This phase is fully funded with construction scheduled to begin in 2019.



REGIONAL BELTWAY CONNECTOR OPEN HOUSE

February 6, 2018

The City of Union Gap and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) hosted a combined public open house style meeting to provide information, and receive comments, on the City's Regional Beltway Connector Project and WSDOT's South Union Gap Interchange Project



PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

THANK YOU - UNION GAP RESIDENTS!

The City's annual "*Spring Clean-Up*", held on Saturday, May 12, 2018, was a huge success with a total of 3.14 tons of yard waste collected! Special thanks to Basin Disposal for co-sponsoring the program, and to Ray's Wholesale Meats for allowing us to use their parking lot for the day.

The street department struggles to keep up with the City's weeds and the windy weather has been playing a major factor in our ability to complete the spraying. Much appreciation expressed to all the residents and businesses who have been helping keep the weeds down along City right-of-way!

Kudos to the residents and businesses that took the time to fill out the residential cross connection control survey; who responded in a timely manner to bring their businesses into compliance; and who provided extra information. These surveys are an important part in the protection of our City's water system.

While we are at it - the Public Works Departments - Water, Sewer, Street, Garbage, and Parks - would like to extend our **THANKS** to all of the various individuals and groups who willingly volunteer their time to do tasks, which often go without much recognition.

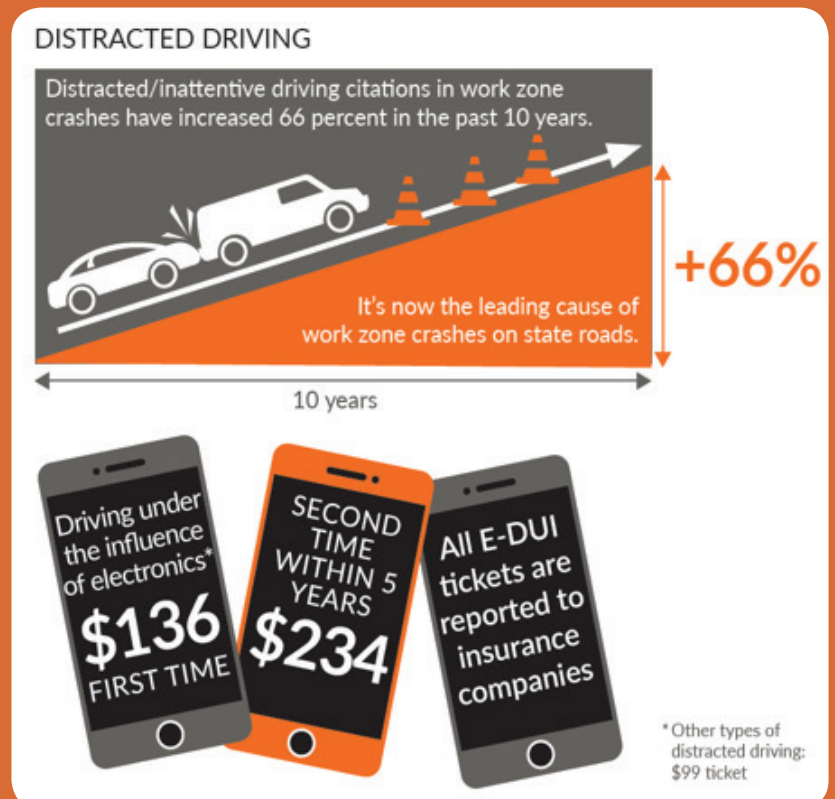
We appreciate your eagerness to help beautify our city – your efforts do not go unnoticed!

WORK ZONE SAFETY

On a daily basis our Public Works crewmembers are in several different areas around the City to complete necessary repairs and improvements.

Please remember to slow down, when you are going through an area with temporary traffic control, be an **ATTENTIVE DRIVER** and obey all signs and instructions from the flaggers.

Driving safely will help protect you and your occupants, our crewmembers, and other individuals in the area. **NOTHING** is more important, when you are behind the wheel, than making it from point A to point B safely – *if you do experience an emergency, please pullover in a safe area and call 9-1-1.*



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PERMIT #100

Postal Customer—ECRWSS

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

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|-------------------|----------|
| 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

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

1800 RAINIER PLACE

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

1000 AHTANUM ROAD

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

TOURISM & TRANSIT

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| 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

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Roger Wentz ~ 930-7023

DEPUTY MAYOR

Dave Matson ~ 945-2139

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Dennis Henne
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*Director of Finance &
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Police Chief

Greg Cobb
248-0430

City Attorney

Bronson Brown
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