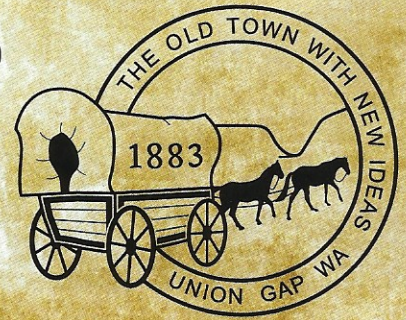


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Por favor llame 248-0432 para obtener información en español



## Spring Clean-Up with a Cop

SATURDAY, MAY 11  
9AM-12PM

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CLEAN UP THE CITY.**

We will be picking up garbage/debris and painting over graffiti. Bring your own pair of work gloves. The location will be provided once you sign up. **SIGN UP** sheets are in the lobby of the Police Department located at 102 W Ahtanum Road.

Questions? Call us at (509) 248-0430

### FREE "Spring Clean-Up" - CITY OF UNION GAP

On Saturday, May 11, 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





## 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.



### 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!



# CITY LEADERS TAKE UNION GAP'S PRIORITIES TO WASHINGTON, DC



Picture (from left to right) Dennis Henne, Public Works Director.; Arlene Fisher, City Manager; Julie Schilling, Council Member; Senator Maria Cantwell; Roger Wentz, Mayor; Dave Matson, Deputy Mayor.

City leaders continue to work on Union Gap's priorities of building the Regional Beltway Connector, Main Street Revitalization and the South Broadway water and sewer system extension improvements.

## UPDATES TO COMPREHENSIVE PARK PLAN

The City of Union Gap is updating its Comprehensive Park Plan. This Plan serves as a management tool to guide the provision of parks and recreation services in the City. This plan is based on an assessment of current parks and recreation facility needs and future opportunities, and it incorporates the input received through a special community parks and recreation survey. As a result, the plan strives to balance a wide range of community interests with the City's financial realities and seeks to position the City to secure grant funds for priority park improvements and to target capital and operation spending strategically.

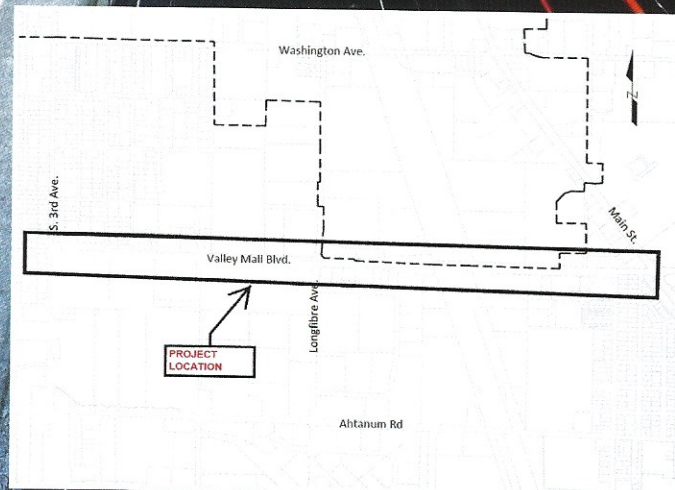
The Park Board has been reviewing different aspects of the Park Plan update during their meetings. The Park Board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month @ 5:30 pm in the Union Gap Civic Campus Council Chambers located at 102 W. Ahtanum Rd. For any schedule changes, please visit our website at [www.uniongapwa.gov](http://www.uniongapwa.gov).





## VALLEY MALL BOULEVARD RESURFACING PROJECT

A mile and a half between Main St. and S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. will be resurfaced. The Project is scheduled to start April 1, 2019 and expected to last through May 2019. The project will start with minor improvements throughout Valley Mall Boulevard including sidewalk, asphalt, and median work. The project will be concluding with resurfacing of the entire roadway section. There will be road closure at times during the day and full road closure both directions between 9 P.M. and 6 A.M. Residents are advised to use alternate routes. For alternate routes please visit City of Union Gap's website.



## PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE MEALS ON WHEELS

People For People Meals On Wheels serves nutritious meals Monday-Friday at the **Union Gap Senior Center**. Meals are served from 11am-11:30am, people over 60 qualify for a meal at no charge (suggested donation \$2.50/meal, under 60 pay \$7.50/meal), to register simply call our office at (509) 426-2601.

The center is open Monday-Friday from 8:30-12:30pm, activities are:

Mondays and Wednesdays: **Arts & Crafts and Puzzles**

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: **Bingo**



## ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE

In partnership with the City of Union Gap the community is invited to attend our Annual Dinner & Dance on **Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-7:30pm**, there's no charge for people 60 and over, for those under 60 the charge is \$10.

Dinner will be: Meatloaf or Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Coleslaw, Fruit and Dessert, we'll also have door prizes and our raffle drawing.



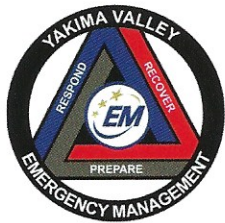
# WHO TO CALL FOR ASSISTANCE?

**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.*



## Alert Yakima



## YAKIMA EMERGENCY ALERT PROGRAM

### What is the Yakima Emergency Alert Program?

This service allows you to opt-in to receive notifications via phone calls, text messaging, e-mail and more based on locations you care about. You can choose to receive notifications about events that may affect your home, workplace, family's schools and more.

### When will it be used?

This system will be used to notify you about imminent threats to health and safety as well as informational notifications that affect your locations or work environments. Administrators will send notifications regarding severe weather or other local emergencies via the notification methods you have specified.

### Will I still get emergency notifications if I don't sign up?

If you don't create a username and password, you will receive notifications only if you are within the local area of the incident, which will be notified by the 911 Dispatch Center, and that will only to to your local land line, if you have one..

### What if my phone number or email address changes?

The system is only as good as the information you provide. If your contact information changes, you can and should visit your profile and update your information.

### Will my contact information be shared with others?

No. The information that you provide will be used only by Yakima County public safety for notification purposes. We will not give or sell your contact or location information to any vendor or other organization.

**REGISTER AT:** <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085612758#/signup>



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### WEBSITES

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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

#### 102 W. AHTANUM ROAD

City Hall	248-0432
Fire	575-6060
Park Reservations	225-3524
Treasurer / Clerk	248-0432
Utility Billing	248-0434
Newsletter	248-9202

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Building / Planning	575-3638
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Public Works	225-3524
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Police	248-0430
Crime Prevention	457-5927
Animal Control	
Code Enforcement	248-0430

#### 1000 AHTANUM ROAD

Senior Citizen Center	248-2668
Activities/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 Hodgkinson** ~ 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 Ext. 3

Position #7  
**Sandy Dailey** ~ 248-6351

#### MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor  
**Roger Wentz** ~ 930-7023

Deputy Mayor  
**Dave Matson** ~ 945-2139

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248-0432

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**Dennis Henne**  
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**Greg Cobb**  
248-0430

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**Bronson Brown**  
628-4700