

# OLD TOWN NEWS

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

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UNION GAP  
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## LIBRARY / COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS



The City is pleased to announce, the funding shortfall necessary to start the construct on the new Library and Community Center is secured! Construction on the 4,998 square foot Library and Community Center will begin late winter 2022 or early spring 2023.

### PROJECT FUNDING

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\$1.95 Million	Senator Jim Honeyford (Library Capital Improvement Grants)
\$563,287	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
\$403,461	City Funds
\$220,000	Other State Funds

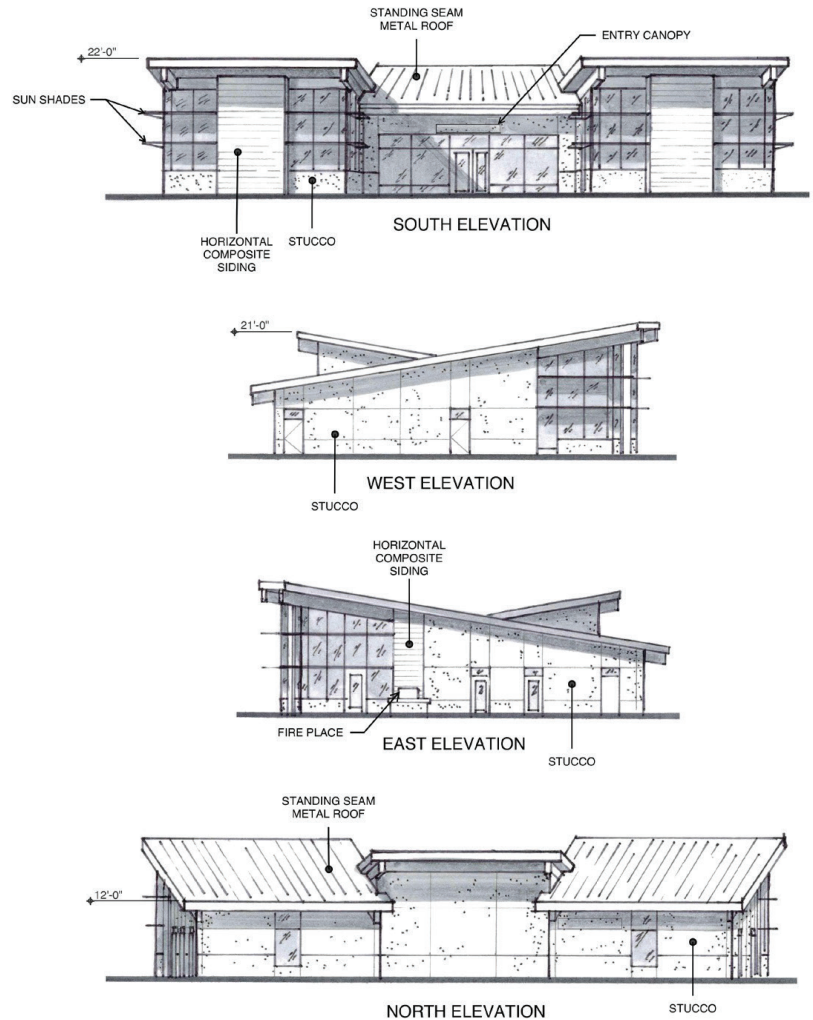
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## DETAILS – FLOOR PLAN

The new Union Gap Library and Community Center will be accessed via an entry courtyard designed to welcome visitors as well as to host gatherings and casual public use. The lobby serves both the Library and Community Center, providing restrooms and support facilities for both sides.

The Library (west wing) is just over 2,000 square feet and will feature a generous Children's Area with a reading corner, fun furnishings and mobile shelving to allow the flexibility to support a wide range of programs. The Teen Area will house a connection bar for use of electronic devices as well as booth seating for study and team projects. A focal Check-Out (Circulation) Desk provides ease of access for patrons as well as full visibility for staff. The Community Center (east wing) has been designed at roughly 2,000 square feet and features a nice sized gathering space facing south for presentations and performances. A kitchen has been included to support Meals on Wheels and other community functions. The floor plan is rounded out with an office and support spaces.

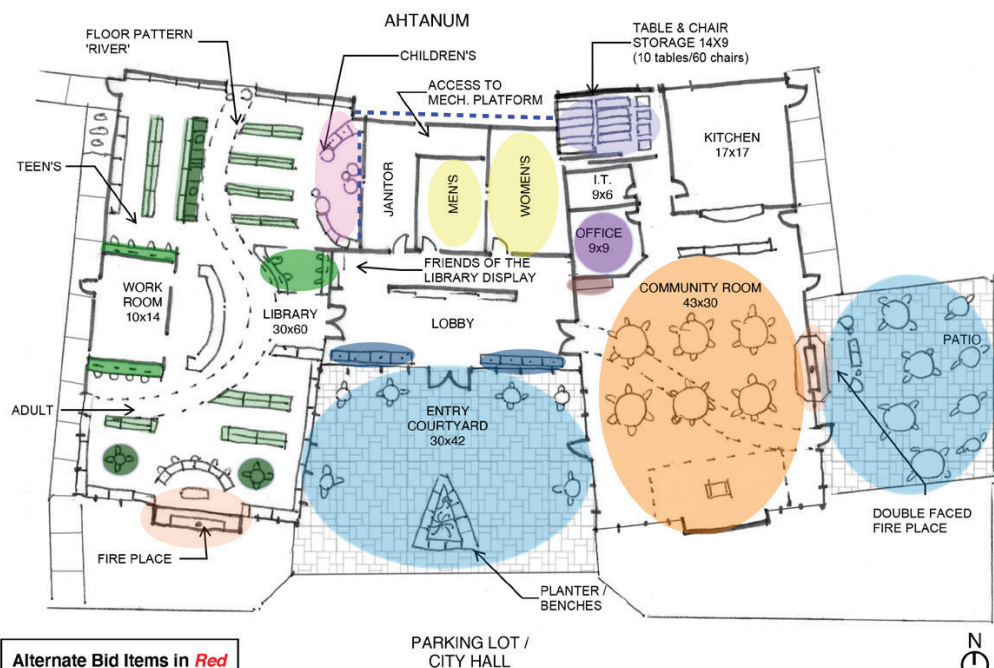


### Items requested at public meeting:

- Potential Mural locations
- Restrooms located off of lobby
- Fireplace
- Patio / outdoor space
- Lobby seating
- Community display
- Flexible / mobile shelving
- Computer area
- Quiet study / reading zones
- Children's corner
- Table & chair storage (round tables)
- Office for Meals on Wheels & others
- Gathering area
- Beverage counter

### Items not in design:

- Lobby book drop (prefer book drops at circulation desk). Drive up book-drop provided
- Movie in the park, consider use of inflatable/portable screen similar to City of Yakima



### Alternate Bid Items in Red

### Key design features:

- Indoor / Outdoor fireplace with patio
- The River "pathway"
- Flared building, welcoming experience
- Larger courtyard for outdoor reading, etc
- Southern bump-out for library fireplace & Community Center presentation wall
- Teen & Adult computer counter bars
- Good sight lines from circulation desk to lobby
- Community Center Office well located for observation and interaction
- Easy access and well sized kitchen. Commercial kitchen





## VALLEY MALL FARMERS MARKET

### FEATURING FRESH & LOCAL PRODUCE

Join us each Saturday now through October 15 for the valley's freshest fruits and vegetables. Enjoy shaved ice, cold brews from Caffeine Connection, live music, plus lots of local artisans and vendors that change weekly. The Valley Mall Farmers Market is open from 10am to 3pm next to the Sears parking lot.

During the month of October, the City of Union Gap will be doing inspection and cleaning of the Fullbright reservoir. Prior to inspection and cleaning activities, the City will fully disinfect the water storage tank by bringing the chlorine levels to a minimum. In addition, all divers, dive gears, and equipment entering the reservoir will also be fully disinfected according to AWWA Standards. After cleaning activities, the water system will be flushed and may experience some levels of chlorine. Any questions please call City Hall



Diver being disinfected with 200 ppm chlorine solution.





# AGRI-COPIA

**FAMILY FRIENDLY AGRI-COPIA!**  
**OCTOBER 15-16, 2022**

Photo Credit David Polling

Be part of the 7th Annual AGRI-COPIA celebrating the rich agricultural history of Central Washington! This is an agricultural event that is family friendly, educational and interactive!

Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated!

## AGRI-COPIA ACTIVITIES

- Exhibition of Horses in Draft along with the Draft Horse Gentle Giants
- Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides
- Old-Time Horse Driven Plowing Bee with Participating Members of the Washington Draft Horse and Mule Association
- Vintage Tractor Games – Come Drive a Vintage Tractor
- A REAL Mini Excavator for the Kids to Operate
- “Conversations in the Corral Series” on Saturday ONLY
- Pumpkin Decorating for Kids on Saturday (First 100 kids)
- On-site food vendors

Please welcome **Officer McPherson** and **Officer Shogren** to the Union Gap Police Department, they will be patrolling and protecting our City.



**Kylar McPherson**

Date of hire: 5/17/22

Currently in academy with grad date of 11/9/22



**Coleman Shogren**

Date of hire: 1/21/22

Graduated academy: 7/28/22

## 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.*



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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

#### 102 W. AHTANUM ROAD

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

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Building / Planning	575-3638
Code Enforcement	248-0430
Public Works	225-3524

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Police	248-0430
Crime Prevention	457-5927
Animal Control	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 Hodkinson** ~ 424-0993

Position #2  
**James Murr** ~ 426-0838

Position #3  
**Roger Wentz** ~ 930-7023

Position #4  
**Jack Galloway** ~ 452-2966

Position #5  
**David Hansen** ~ 388-8898

Position #6  
**Julie Schilling** ~ 453-2446 Ext. 3

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

#### MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor  
**John Hodkinson** ~ 424-0993

Deputy Mayor  
**Roger Wentz** ~ 930-7023

### CITY STAFF

*Interim City Manager*  
**Sharon Bounds**  
494-6562

*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