

OLD TOWN NEWS

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

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MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION PHASE 1

As you drive through Union Gap, you cannot miss the reconstruction that is underway on Main Street, from 2nd Street to Franklin Street.

The vision has always been to maintain a small town feel that integrates the City's value as an asset in the region; as well as create a pedestrian friendly, walkable, accessible and safe corridor with space for Community Events.

Included in this reconstruction will be new roadway, curb, gutter, storm drainage, illumination, traffic signal, center turn lane, and other related improvements.

The project is anticipated to be completed by December 31, 2020.

PROJECT STATUS

Concrete roadway has been removed on the east side of the roadway between Ahtanum Rd and Chestnut St., all conflicting utilities have been lowered, and roadway section prepared with base course, curb and gutter has been constructed.

This project is funded through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) with federal funds from the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Urban Sidewalk Program.



Hydrant Flushing Program

Beginning the first week of September (09.03.20), the Water Department will be conducting annual maintenance to the domestic water distribution system. The process is to systematically flush water through the fire hydrants to remove non-toxic manganese and iron oxides, which occur naturally. The purpose of this operation is to enhancing water quality; identify hydrant and valve malfunctions; as well as identify potential weaknesses in the system.

As part of our maintenance program, the City will introduce a low dose of chlorine throughout the entire system as a precautionary and disinfection measure. The estimated period for the chlorine to run through the entire system is approximately four (4) weeks.

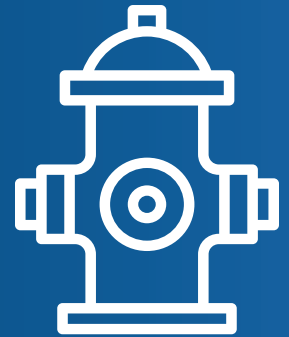
To minimize the potential impact flushing will be conducted during the following hours: Residential between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. AND Businesses between 11:00 p.m. and 3:30 a.m. While the hydrants are being flushed, it is not abnormal to observe periods of discolored tap water, which may last several hours. However, it is anticipated that any water discoloration will not impact the majority of Union Gap's water users.

Prepare before maintenance:

- Fill a pitcher, with tap water, in order to have water available for drinking and cooking.

During & after maintenance:

- Be aware of any cloudy or discolored water and stop using if possible; this will prevent discolored water from being drawn into your water service.
- Wait for the tap water to clear prior to using.
- Be aware that sediments may stain clothing if doing laundry.
- Do not operate a dishwasher; minor amounts of sediment may be drawn through your dishwasher.
- Do not operate a water purifier; operation may cause it to clog or plug the filter device.



In advance, we appreciate your assistance and patience during this necessary water system maintenance. If you, or your business, have special needs during these off hours please contact the Public Works Administration Office.



Careful What You Flush!

Please remember, the only things you should ever flush down the toilet are toilet paper, urine and fecal matter. Items marketed as "disposable" are to be disposed of in the garbage can with the rest of your solid waste. Please do not flush any disposable items; this includes disposable mop pads, mop heads, diapers, facial wipes, etc. If you have any questions, please call Public Works Administration Office.



Keep Your Street Lights Working

Let's get a jump start on lighting up your streets – daylight savings time will be upon us before long. Please look around your neighborhood for any / all inoperable streetlights and report them the Public Works Administration Office. To expedite the repairs it would be helpful to have – the address closest to the pole & the numbers on the yellow/gold metal plate on the pole. Help us keep Union Gap safe and well lit!

FRIENDS OF UNION GAP LIBRARY & COMMUNITY CENTER

Great News! In July, the Friends of Union Gap Library & Community Center 501c3 (AKA Friends of UGL&CC) received a \$1,000 donation from West Valley WalMart! We are so excited and want to say, **"Thank You WalMart!"**

OTHER EXCITING NEWS!

Friends of UGL&CC are excited to welcome Logan Worsham, Owner of Old Town Station to our team. Logan will be contributing expertise and design ideas for the future Community Center Commercial Kitchen. **"Welcome"** and **"Thank You!"**

The Friends awarded a much deserved Certificate of Appreciation to Helen Canatsey for her hours of volunteer work and phone calls to coordinate our many monthly meetings.

ATTENTION FRED MEYER SHOPPERS!

Have you registered your Fred Meyers Rewards card to support the Library & Community Center through their Community Rewards Program? It makes supporting Friends, a qualified 501c3, as easy as swiping your card. Fred Meyer will donate a percentage of registered Rewards Card sales every quarter. Simply visit <https://www.fredmeyer.com> and log in. Search for "Friends of Union Gap Library" or use our non-profit number UY746, then click to Enroll. So register your Rewards, go buy ice cream and support the Library & Community Center. Do it for your Friends!

BOOK SALE!

What better way to raise money for a Library & Community Center than to bring the community together at a Book Sale! First things first, however, we must wait for the County to enter Phase 3 of Covid19 restrictions but in the meantime... We are accepting donations of gently loved books to be ready for the sale when it's safe. Contact your Friends at friends.uglcc@gmail.com for drop off locations, dates and times. Thank you in advance for partnering with us on this fun project. Project Chairs: Maralyn Killorn and Helen Canatsey

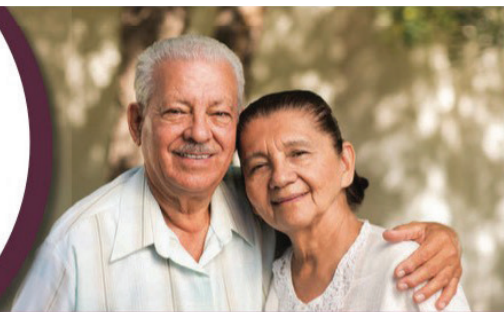
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As an official 501c3, the Friends of UGL&CC has as its main priority in this early phase of design and construction, fund raising for specific projects like outfitting the Commercial Kitchen, purchasing equipment for Outdoor Movie Night, and special incidentals that are identified along the way that are outside the parameters of the initial Department of Commerce Grant monies. Successful fundraising depends on successful communication of need which is an ongoing effort. There are four categories for donations that we are developing right now. The first three are directly related to the building itself: General or Unrestricted Funds - which can be used at the discretion of the Oversight Committee for needs that arise along the way, Construction - which can only be used for construction, and Special Projects - helpful for larger more expensive amenities like the Commercial Kitchen. Please contact the Friends of UGL&CC for more information if you are interested in donating or sponsoring/co-sponsoring a project. We'd be happy to talk to you and share the latest news.

Remember your Book Lover or Union Gap devotee with a special donation "In Lieu of Flowers" or "In Memory Of" knowing their love of books and community will encourage and enable others to do the same for years to come.

friends.uglcc@gmail.com -- or -- PO Box 3132 Union Gap, WA 98903

509-248-0432 Union Gap City Hall -- Please leave a message and we will return your call ASAP



MEALS ON WHEELS COVID -19 NOTICE COMIDAS A DOMICILIO NOTICIA SOBRE COVID -19

**ALL DINING
ROOMS ARE CLOSED**
due to Governor Inslee's recent announcement that there will be a temporary shutdown of restaurants, bars, entertainment, and recreational facilities statewide due to **COVID-19**.

We are offering either pick up or delivery of 7-day frozen meals effective immediately.

**TODOS LOS COMEDORES
ESTÁN CERRADOS**
debido al anuncio reciente hecho por el Gobernador Inslee de que temporalmente están cerrados los restaurantes, cantinas, entretenimiento y lugares de recreación por todo el estado debido al **Covid-19**.

Estamos ofreciendo recoger o entregar comidas congeladas por 7 días empezando inmediatamente.

Please call the Meals On Wheels office at
(509) 426-2601 to register for meals.

Por favor llame a la oficina de Comidas a Domicilio al
(509) 426-2601 para registrarse para recibir comidas

UNION GAP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2

Patrick Vincent, Principal
Lisa Gredvig, Superintendent
Aaron Schilperoort, Assistant Principal

August 5, 2020

Dear Union Gap School District Families -

As you know, local school districts have been planning for a safe start opening to schools this fall throughout the summer. Area superintendents have been meeting with local health officials weekly regarding our community spread of COVID-19. While we had hoped that we could begin in a hybrid model after Labor Day, this is not the case.

During this COVID-19 pandemic and our continuing infection rate, our August 20 "return to learning" will be quite different this year. The health and safety of our students and staff remain our top priorities; however, we remain committed to providing a quality education. With safety, security, and learning in mind, the following is an update to our plans to deliver education this fall.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The school year will begin on August 20, 2020, with students engaging in an upgraded fully-remote/distance learning model. In this model, all students will learn from home. We will remain in distance learning through Quarter 1 which ends on October 23. We will re-evaluate our community infection rate with the Yakima Health District at the end of September to determine if a hybrid model is possible following this time.

Depending on the progression of the virus, we are prepared to remain in this model but are also ready to transition to "in-school learning." Parents will have the option to remain in distance learning when a hybrid model is approved by health authorities.

HOW IS IT DIFFERENT FROM THE SPRING?

This fully-remote/distance learning option will be a significantly enhanced version of the approach that we used in the spring of 2020. Here are some of the components for the upcoming year:

- Teachers will teach and connect with their classes daily.
- Students will follow a consistent school day schedule five days a week and it will include Specialists.
- Students will be expected to attend classes daily and attendance will be taken.
- Grading practices will return to normal with all school work graded accordingly.
- Technology will be provided to meet the needs of students.
- ClassDojo will be the learning platform for grades K-2 and Microsoft Teams will be used for grades 3-8.
- We will be training parents/students, in person or virtually, on technology in the coming weeks.

As conditions with the virus progress, we will continue to keep you apprised of any changes or adjustments to the learning and teaching process. Information regarding your student's learning schedule and details is forthcoming. Please continue to check for updates on ClassDojo, district website and mobile app. Thank you for your patience and unity as we move forward in this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Lisa G. Gredvig
Superintendent

DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE UNION GAP NO. 2

Patrick Vincent, Director
Lisa Gredvig, Superintendente
Aaron Schilperoort, Director Auxiliar

como se diferecia ala primavera
esta opcion completamente remota de aprendizaje Sera ina version completamente mejorada de acercania que hemos usado en la primavera 2020. aqui unos de los componentes para el año que se aproxima.

- los maestros/a enseñaran y conectaran con su clase a diario
- alumnos seguiran una progamacion de dia escolar consistente de cinco dias semanales esto incluye especialistas
- se espera que los alumnos atienda a clases diario,y lista de asistencia sera tomada.
- practicas de calificaciones regresaran ala normalidad deacuerdo con todo el trabajo escolar calificado.
- se proveera tecnologia para cumplir las necesidades de los alumnos.
- classDojo sera la plataforma de aprendizaje para grados K-2 y Microsoft team sera usada para grados 3-8
- Estaremos entrenando a predres/alumnos, en persona o virtualmente en tecnologia en las proximas semanas.

como progresen las condiciones del virus continuaremos informandoles sobre algun cambio o ajuste al process de aprendizaje e enseñansa. informacion y detalles sobre la programacion de aprendizaje de su alumno aun vienen, porfavor continúe revisando classDojo para mas actualizaciomes al igual que el sitio web del distrito y application mobil. Gracias por su paciencia y unidad, mientras seguimos Adelante en este tiempo sin precedentes

Shipping Containers

Shipping containers have grown into popularity. Here are the City of Union Gap ordinances if you're thinking about buying one.

• Purpose	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 17.31.010
• Definitions	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 17.31.020
• Cargo Containers - Permitted Locations	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 17.31.030
• Cargo Containers – Development Standards	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 17.31.040
• Current Violators – Time to Comply	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 17.31.050
• Conflicts	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 17.31.060
• Violations – Penalties	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 17.31.070

Beautify Our City

Take part in making our City Beautiful. Here are top 10 code violations:

1. Weeds 12" or taller	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 8.20.010 (19) & 13.12.010
2. Trash/Garbage/Debris	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 5.04.100 & 5.04.180
3. Junk Vehicles and parts	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 9.28.060
4. Building Fences or Buildings w/o a permit	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 17.05.20 (G) & 17.11.20
5. Vacant, unsecured properties	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 8.20.010 (9)
6. Illegally occupied RV's	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 9.44.012 & 17.04.140
7. Yard sales	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 17.04.060
8. Storing personal property on city's Right-of-Way	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 11.28.10
9. Signs on city's Right-of-Way	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 11.24.10
10. Bushes obstructing signs	UNION GAP MUNICIPAL CODE 11.12.10

For more information please call (509) 248-0430

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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

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

Building / Planning	575-3638
Public Works	225-3524

Police	248-0430
Code Enforcement	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 Hodgkinson ~ 424-0993

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James Murr ~ 426-0838

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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

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Deputy Mayor
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