

# OLD TOWN NEWS

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

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## 17TH ANNUAL LIGHTED CHRISTMAS DRIVE-THRU PARADE

*Fun for the entire family!*

Parade applications are available from the city website at [uniongapwa.gov](http://uniongapwa.gov) under Forms section. A list of parade FAQ's will be posted closer to the event. Check back for details at the City's website [uniongapwa.gov](http://uniongapwa.gov) and at [shopatvalleymall.com/events](http://shopatvalleymall.com/events)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 6PM

It's a holly jolly Christmas...and the best time of the year to Drive through a lighted Christmas Parade! Tour stationary lighted Christmas displays from the comfort of your car. This safe family friendly event will queue up at **Valley Mall's Sears Parking Lot** beginning at **5pm**. The reverse parade kicks off at **6pm** and travel South down Main Street, wrapping back around and exiting on the Valley Mall Boulevard.



CHRISTMAS  
PARADE MAP

**LEGEND**  
— CLOSED TO ACCESS  
— FLOAT STAGING AREA  
— TRAFFIC ROUTE  
— CONSIDER SENSITIVE TRAFFIC

Thank you to **Pacific Power** and **Valley Mall** for helping with this event.

PLEASE CHECK OUR CITY WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS  
[WWW.UNIONGAPWA.GOV](http://WWW.UNIONGAPWA.GOV)







## ***SNOW REMOVAL***

Resident cooperation is essential to the success of the snow removal operations. It is very important that vehicles are removed from City Right-of-Way when there is significant snowfall. With fewer cars on the streets, snow plows can do a more efficient job of clearing snow and ice.

**As a reminder, UG Ordinance No. 2850 states in part:** *Snow and Ice Obstructions - No person shall cause snow or ice to be placed in any public street, alley, sidewalk or public way; provided, that this section shall not apply to Union Gap town employees performing the regular course of their duties. Violation of this section shall be a civil non-traffic infraction with a penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).*

Please go to <https://uniongapwa.gov/public-works/street/> to review the entire Ordinance No. 2850 and Public Works "Snow Removal & Ice Control Plan".

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



*AS TEMPERATURES DECLINE,  
PLEASE **PROTECT** YOUR PETS FROM  
THE **HARSH ELEMENTS OF WINTER.***

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Provide warm & dry shelter, adequate amount of food and check the water often to insure they have access to water that is not frozen





## ***CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP***

**DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY,** Basin Disposal will collect one (1) Christmas tree per residence at no additional charge to you. Please place your tree next to your garbage container for pickup.



## ***YARD WASTE PICK-UP***

The Public Works Department will pick up your bagged yard waste, weighing less than 40 lbs until March 1st.

Please contact Public Works Administration office at **225.3524** to schedule a pick-up.

## ***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.*



# WINTER PREP YOUR HOUSE

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**Winterize your pipes:** Preventing burst pipes and leaks are your best bets when it comes to conserving water during winter. It is a good idea to make sure outdoor pipes, like the ones running to your backyard spigot are wrapped. This way, when temperatures drop below freezing, they stay warmer than the air and are less likely to develop leaks or burst.

**Insulate hot water pipes:** Ever notice that it takes your shower longer to get hot when it's freezing out? That's because your pipes are colder. Hire a plumber to wrap your pipes in insulation, or head to your crawl space or basement to do it yourself. Not only does this help the hot water stay hot, but it helps protect these pipes from the cold, which can cause breaks and/or leaks. You could also save money on your electric bill!

## POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holiday Season is a fantastic time for gathering with family and friends; the Union Gap Police Department want to remind you to stay vigilant about your safety and security. Each year we respond to several burglaries and car prowls directly related to the Holiday Season.



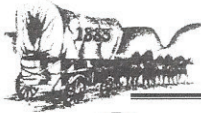
In the Hustle and bustle of the holiday season we sometimes forget to keep an eye on our belongings. When shopping, please remember to lock your doors and don't leave anything in plain sight. Car prowlers are looking for the easy theft. Place your recently purchased packaging in the trunk or under a privacy cover in your vehicle. If you need to deposit several items in your car but want to continue shopping, please move to a different parking area. Thieves will watch the parking lots during the holiday for people putting merchandise in their trunks. If you leave the vehicle where it is and continue to shop, they will break into your vehicle after you go back into the store and steal the recently purchased items.

Christmas trees are a wonderful tradition and some want their friends and neighbors to see how beautifully they are decorated. If your tree is visible to anyone passing by, please make sure the presents under the tree cannot be seen. It is not uncommon for burglars to notice the present under the tree and break in to steal them when the resident are not home.

If you are going to be away for the holidays' please let us know. Call the front desk and make an "Extra Patrol" request.

If you notice anything suspicious or have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Union Gap Police Department at (509) 248-0430.

Happy Holidays!



FRIENDS OF

# Union Gap Library & Community Center

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## HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM UNION GAP LIBRARY & COMMUNITY CENTER!

The Friends of Union Gap Library & Community Center held its first official fundraising event led by the tireless efforts of **Maralyn Killorn** and **Helen Canatsey**. Taking full advantage of our beautiful fall weather and supported by the generosity and energy of individuals and local businesses (special shout out to **Safeway!**), we had three exciting book sales! With over 4,000 donated new and used books, tapes, CDs and videos, (and one electric keyboard for the Community Center – think hot chocolate and Christmas Carols 2021!) we took in over \$2,000 for the Library & Community Center! If you didn't get to the sale, we're hoping for an indoor book sale after the first of the year! There are still so many beautiful and fun books to choose from. Lots of cookbooks to help fill in your New Year and spark your imagination for making a meal or baking cookies to share with a neighbor in need of a little New Year's encouragement! Follow ***Friends of Union Gap Library & Community Center*** on **FB** for more details.

Continuing in the Spirit of Thanksgiving the Union Gap Library & Community Center wants to recognize the following businesses and individuals who went out of their way to help in this fundraising effort. **Heritage Bank** and Branch Manager, **Terry Osman**, for offering us space for TWO Book Sales. We had a great spot on 1st with easy access for our bargain book hunters, tents, books galore, hand sanitizing stations and open space to accommodate social distancing requirements. We had two beautiful days! **Maralyn and Red Killorn** for hosting a Book Sale at the Castle! What a wonderful place for a community event and protection from some crazy weather. Volunteers and folks in search of a good read had a fun time! A VERY BIG "Thank You!" to **Meredith Furniture** and **Valley Septic Service** for use of their reader boards to get the word out! Short notice and advertising was a huge challenge in the face of Covid19 and safety restrictions for conducting a public activity like the books sale. These two companies were a huge help. And last but not least, a special "Thank You" to **Mark Crouchet** and **Bill Cox** for your leadership and commitment to the Library & Community Center and the residents of Union Gap. You are awesome book movers, organizers, and tent providers, as well!

We are also excited to introduce **Legacy Bricks...** Be a part of paving the way for the new Union Gap Library & Community Center. Order your 4"x8" Engraved Brick November 2020 through June 2021 (three lines - your name, a friend or a business, and two smaller lines) for only \$75. The bricks will be \$100 On July 1, 2021. These Engraved Bricks will be used to commemorate people committed to the Library & Community Center and used to create a welcoming landscape. For more information contact the ***Friends of Union Gap Library & Community Center*** at **[friends.uglcc@gmail.com](mailto:friends.uglcc@gmail.com)**.

This Holiday Season as you are preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas and small Covid safe family gatherings, don't forget to add ***Friends of Union Gap Library & Community Center*** or **UY746** to your **Fred Meyer Rewards Card** so every time you shop you can share your holiday spirit through Fred Meyer Community Rewards. It's as easy as Pumpkin Pie! 1. Sign in to your Fred Meyer account. 2. From the Menu choose Rewards Card, then Community and Community Rewards. Follow the directions given to link to Union Gap Library & Community Center. Every quarter, Fred Meyer donates a portion of sales to select community projects. Thank you in advance for linking your Rewards to UGL&CC – It's the easiest Christmas giving you'll do this year!

The year 2020 will be remembered in many different ways. But if you find yourself in need of something to look forward to and to add to your list of "Things to be Thankful for in 2020" remember the Union Gap Library & Community Center: Your November 2019 Vote to support this complex plus a \$2,000,000 grant is making it a reality. Resources and tools and a gathering place for friends and family will help us all move forward in this new post-Covid landscape. There is still a lot of work to be done. Businesses and individuals are catching the vision and the excitement for what this project will bring to Union Gap. "Thank You" **Home Street Bank** and "Thank You" **Todd Homer** for being some of our first project partners. Your donations make a difference.

Contact the ***Friends of Union Gap Library & Community Center*** (501c3 non-profit) today if you would like more information on a tax-deductible donation. **[friends.uglcc@gmail.com](mailto:friends.uglcc@gmail.com)** In the Spirit of the Season, "Thank you" in advance for your support.

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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
Public Works	225-3524

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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

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

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**Jack Galloway** ~ 452-2966

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

Position #6  
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Position #7  
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