

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

HOLIDAY GREETINGS! ***FROM ALL OF US AT THE OLD TOWN LIGHTED*** ***CHRISTMAS PARADE.***

We are sorry to share with you the news that the Old Town Lighted Christmas Parade will not take place as scheduled this year. We know that all of you enjoy attending the Old Town Lighted Christmas Parade to see the cars and trucks and tractors and other vehicles that people transform into spectacular lighted floats.

While the parade won't take place this year, we encourage you all to look forward to the return of this wonderful Union Gap community Christmas tradition in 2022.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF
THE OLD TOWN LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE.

SEE YA'LL NEXT YEAR!





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,
KEEP **SAFETY** ON YOUR MIND FOR YOURSELF,
YOUR LOVED ONES AND YOUR PETS.*

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.*



WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

We should try to conserve water year-round, but here are some ways to specifically prepare for winter-time water wasters.

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 you electric bill!

CITY OF UNION GAP PLANNING COMMISSIONER

The City of Union Gap is seeking volunteers interested in serving on the Union Gap Planning Commission. Selected persons must be Union Gap residents and United States citizens. Interested persons should complete an application, which can be found on the City website at www.uniongapwa.gov, or by contacting the City Clerk at **509-248-0432**.

Please submit a completed application to:

Karen Clifton
karen.clifton@uniongapwa.gov
102 West Ahtanum Road
Union Gap, WA 98903
509-248-0432

UNION GAP SENIOR CENTER TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The Union Gap Senior Center Table Tennis Club is inviting all interested players to join the fun in Union Gap. All levels of ping pong play are welcome from Beginner to Competitive. The group is open from ages 16 and up. You must purchase a parking pass at the gate to display on your rear view mirror. (if you are not a Union Gap resident). **Currently meeting every Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm until 10pm at the Activities Center at the Ahtanum Youth Park.**

CALL 248-9862 FOR MORE INFORMATION



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!

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Xpress Bill Pay: xpressbillpay.com

PHONE DIRECTORY

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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 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

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248-0432

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