

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

Union Gap Lighted Holiday Parade

DEC 11



The Union Gap Lighted Holiday parade is designed to capture the spirit of Christmas and highlight our amazing local talent! The parade follows Main Street, starting at The Peppermint Stick and ending at Valley Mall - where the families can take photos safely with their families and the lighted trucks. This year there will be carolers, treats, and fun for the whole family!

DATE: **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022**

PARADE ENTRANT LINEUP: **4-5PM**

PARADE ENTRANT JUDGING: **5:00PM**

PARADE STARTS: **6:00PM SHARP**

VALLEY MALL AFTER PARADE EVENT: **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE.**





UNION GAP TOURISM WINS THE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING MARKETING PROGRAM OR CAMPAIGN DURING THE INAUGURAL STATE OF WASHINGTON TOURISM AWARDS.

The State of Washington Tourism inaugurated a new award program last week at its October conference, conferring recognitions for Outstanding Marketing Campaign, Rising Star in Tourism, and Destination Stewardship. Three industry veterans were also inducted into the new Tourism Hall of Leadership. The awards and inductions were announced at the State of Washington Tourism Conference on October 11-12 at the Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center. Approximately 325 industry professionals from across the state attended. The conference opened with a video message from Governor Jay Inslee and featured a keynote address by popular public television host and travel guidebook author Rick Steves.

The award for Outstanding Marketing Program or Campaign was presented to Union Gap Tourism for its #SmallTownTourismChat campaign. Eric Patrick, the marketing and tourism director, accepted on behalf of the organization. The campaign is described as a fast and furious 30-minute chat about tourism in small towns that has quickly attracted the attention of additional communities, travel writers and local stakeholders. The campaign was also noted for its collaborations around the state and across the country. The #SmallTownTourismChat is on Twitter, and occurs at least once a month, typically on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm PST. Occasionally 'bonus' chats occur, such as on Tuesday, November 1st when Union Gap Tourism was hosting two travel writers and did a live chat from For Heaven's Cake on Main Street.

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.





Upper Yakima Valley Regional Wellhead Protection Program

For more information
please contact:

Yakima County
(509) 574-2300

City of Yakima
(509) 575-6154

City of Union Gap
(509) 248-0432

City of Selah
(509) 698-7365

City of Moxee
(509) 575-8851

**Nob Hill
Water Association**
(509) 966-0272

City of Tieton
(509) 673-3162

Town of Naches
(509) 653-2647

Department of Health
(509) 456-3115

Dear Property Owner or Business Owner:

The Regional Wellhead Protection Committee (RWPC) was formed by eight (8) water purveyors in the Upper Yakima Valley, including the City of Union Gap in 1996 in response to Washington State Department of Health (DOH) wellhead protection planning requirements. The RWPC and the City are taking a proactive approach to wellhead protection planning to ensure that each community's groundwater supplies are adequately protected from potential contamination sources on the ground surface. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the location of your business within one of the City's wellhead protection area and provide you with information on how you can help protect the City's drinking water supplies.

Wellhead protection planning includes four (4) elements:

- Development of wellhead protection area, or areas, which may be susceptible to contamination.
- Identification of potential contamination sources, which include septic tanks, underground storage tanks, abandoned wells, and certain businesses.
- Coordination of management efforts to help minimize the impact of potential contamination sources, including posting of signs, distribution of literature, and public education efforts.
- Development of contingency planning to ensure that prompt response procedures are in place in the event a well becomes contaminated.

The RWPC and the City understand that most business owners recognize the need to protect the environment in and around your business. We hope that informing you of your location of business within the City's wellhead protection area will result in an increase in precautions to ensure your activities do not adversely impact our drinking water supply. The following practices can greatly reduce the threat of contamination to groundwater supplies:

- Recycle all hazardous wastes used on the premises, including solvents, paints, cleaners, printing supplies, or other chemicals through Yakima County's free small quantity generator or recycling programs at 509.574.2450.
- Reduce the amount of hazardous waste used through waste minimization efforts. Free literature on waste minimization is available from the Department of Ecology (DOE) and Union Gap Public Works Administration Office at 509.225.3524.
- Conserve water whenever possible. Water conservation reduces waste volumes and reduces the threat of contaminant transport.

For more information, or to view your location in the WHPA, please visit the RWPC Website at:
<https://www.yakimacounty.us/584/Wellhead-Protection>

Sincerely,

CITY OF UNION GAP

Dennis Henne, Public Works Director

Notification: December 2022

c/o Yakima County Public Works - 128 North 2nd Street, Room 408 - Yakima, Washington 98901-2614



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, from December 1st thru May 1st.

Please contact Public Works Administration office at
(509) 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.*

SENIOR CENTER INFORMATION

The Senior center is open **Mon-Fri** from **9am-12pm**.

Mon & Wed they play bingo from **9am-10:30pm**.

Tue/Thu/Fri they color, do puzzles, color rocks and/or play cards.

Lunch is served from **11am-11:30am**.

CALL 509-248-2668 FOR MORE INFORMATION

KEEP YOUR STREET LIGHTS WORKING

We are in that time of year that has the shortest period of daylight – therefore it is more important than ever to report any / all inoperable streetlights to the Public Works Administration Office. Please look around your neighborhood, and other neighborhoods, for streetlight in need of repair.

To expedite the repairs it would be helpful to have the:

- **Address closest to the pole**
- **Numbers on the yellow / gold metal plate on the pole**

Help us keep Union Gap safe and well lit!

POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holiday Season is a fantastic time for gathering with family and friends; the Union Gap Police Department wants 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 truck 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 present under the tree cannot be seen. It is not uncommon for burglars to notice the presents 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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GENERAL INFORMATION

WEBSITES

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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
Code Enforcement	248-0430
Public Works	225-3524

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 Hodgkinson ~ 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 Hodgkinson ~ 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