

# OLD TOWN NEWS

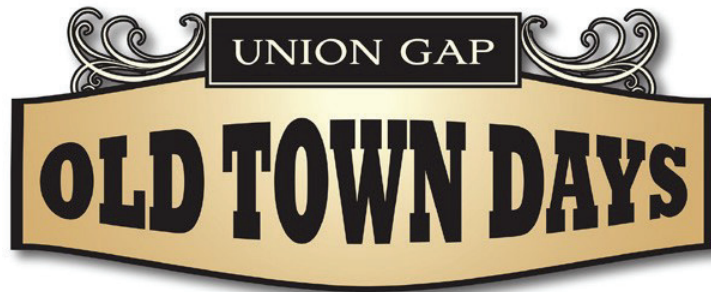
CITY EVENTS, CITY COUNCIL, DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES,  
& MUNICIPAL CODE INFORMATION

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**UNION GAP**  
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## **OLD TOWN DAYS ARE BACK!** **FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND - JUNE 17-19, 2022**

**ALL EVENTS ARE AT FULLBRIGHT PARK**

It's BACK after a 2-year pause! Join us in Union Gap for Washington State's biggest Living History Weekend with Civil War Reenactment on Father's Day Weekend during Union Gap's Old Town Days at the Central WA Agricultural Museum. There are ACRES of camps to see!

The event is once again kicking off with the Friday evening 'Sun Sips & Suds - A Beer, Wine & Spirits Exhibition!' Must be 21+ to attend.

**FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING SAT/SUN thanks to all the SPONSORS!**



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# UNION GAP OLD TOWN DAYS



History camps open at 10AM Saturday - wander through acres of demonstrations and information about life during the civil war - both at home and on the battlefield, brought to you by the talents of the Washington Civil War Association. From men in uniform to women in big beautiful dresses, medics giving demonstrations, learn proper tea etiquette of the time, learn various information about the history of the time period. Purchase souvenirs, enjoy an ice cold Sasparilla at the "Saloon". This is truly education through entertainment! Stop at "Education Stations" to learn all kinds of facts on the scavenger hunt - turn it in for a prize! Battles will take place at 11:30AM & 3PM.

**NEW THIS YEAR** - Enjoy the Captain Squirrel Magic Show on the Centennial Stage Saturday afternoon! Stick around in the evening and watch (or even join in) the old fashioned dance with the Civil War Reenactors!

Sunday is the final day to come and wander the camps and enjoy the final battle of the weekend at 11:30, camps open until 2PM.

In addition, enjoy great food from several food vendors. Central WA Ag Museum Smart Phone Guided Audio Tour Cards will be Available also. Kiddie Train Rides, tram rides through the museum. Detailed schedule will be posted closer to the event in the discussion.

## Union Gap's Sun Sips & Suds

**Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30pm-9:30pm**

## IT'S BACK!

**Outdoor summer music in Fullbright Park**  
**June 17th from 5:30 - 9:30!**

**This is a 21+ only event.**

This premier event will be the place to be June 17th! Enjoy local wine, beer & spirits at one of the first outdoor concerts of the year in the Valley so save the date! **BRING A CHAIR OR A BLANKET**, we have a wide open space to enjoy it all and hang out with your friends and dance the evening away!

Gates open at 5PM. More details and ticket link will be added soon.

Planning a class reunion? Plan to have it here during Sun, Sips & Suds! Fullbright Park - 4508 Main Street, Union Gap WA. Questions? Call us at 509-985-7768



# PLEASE HELP WELCOME

our newest City of Union Gap Police Department Officer



**Officer Coleman**



PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE



MEALS on WHEELS

## **Meals On Wheels will be reopening all dining rooms on Monday, May 2, 2022**

If you will be joining us for lunch, please call the Meals On Wheels office at (509) 426-2601 from 8am - 3pm to register for a meal.

Meal registrations are required in order to ensure we have enough meals and table settings. Lunch will be served from 11am - 11:30am. (not all sites will be open Monday - Friday)

If you would like to see if you qualify to receive weekly frozen meals, please call our Meals On Wheels office at (509) 426-2601.

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN!**





## Spring Has Officially Sprung!

While trimming trees, mowing lawns and planting flowers, please be mindful of the following. While fertilizers and sprays promote healthy plants and beautiful yards they are also full of chemicals that are not only harmful to yourself; but also to the Storm Water Quality Management Program (SWQMP). Stormwater drains must be kept clear of lawn clippings, leaves and garbage to help keep them clear and limiting the chances of flooding in your yards and/or home.

Stormwater drains are not processed like a sewer system – drain flows directly into our riverbeds and local streams without a sanitization process. By limiting the amount of fertilizer and/or the number of times you fertilize your yard, you can contribute to a safer environment for all. A great alternative to fertilizer is lawn mulch - one lawn mulching session is equivalent to one treatment of store bought fertilizer. With your help we can work together to create a healthier environment by using the above tips. Remember, we are the solution to stormwater pollution!

### FREE “Spring Clean-Up” - CITY OF UNION GAP

On Saturday, May 14 2022, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, the City of Union Gap and Basin Disposal will be sponsoring the Annual “Spring Clean-Up” program. There will be **four (4) disposal sites**, set-up throughout the City, for residents to dispose of their yard waste. The site locations are as follows:

- Fire Station parking lot @ 107 West Ahtanum Road
- Ray’s Wholesale Meats parking lot @ 2112 South 3rd Avenue
- Cahalan Park parking lot @ 2100 South 18th Street
- Loudon Park parking area @ 3607 4th Street

This **FREE** service is for Union Gap residents only. The disposal sites are for **yard waste only**; if your waste is bagged, you will be asked to remove the bags prior to dumping into the disposal containers.

The City is unable to assist in bagging yard waste. However, we would like to encourage disabled residents and senior citizens to contact us for assistance in **hauling** your bagged yard waste to the disposal sites. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

**Public Works & Community Development Administration Office**  
**509.225.3524**

## STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

Help us keep Union Gap well lit and safe for everyone! Please report any, and all inoperable streetlights to the Public Works Administration Office. To help expedite the repair, please provide the address closest to the pole and the pole number (*the metal yellow-orange tag*).

# Careful What You Flush!

Your wastewater discharge is collected in a lift station; the lift station is then pumped to a transfer facility. We have experiencing plugged lines in some areas – please help us avoid unnecessary wastewater discharge issues.

Possibly the biggest “no-no” to pour down the drains would be **used motor oil**. It is actually illegal in most municipalities, because of how much environmental damage it does and how easily it can contaminate an area’s soil and water table. If you change your own oil in your car, **NEVER** pour used motor oil down a drain in your house, garage, sewer, storm drain in the street, manhole on a sidewalk, alley, street or on the ground. The basic rule for pouring motor oil is that it cannot be poured into anything at all. Please check with a local retailer that sells oil products on ways to recycle.

***The only things you should ever flush down the toilet are: toilet paper and bodily waste.*** 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 & Community Development Department at 509.225.3524.

## Why Can't I Flush Prescription Drugs?

It may seem like a safe and easy way to dispose of expired prescriptions, but prescription drugs should not be flushed for a completely different reason than everything else on this list. While waste water is treated, prescription drugs add chemicals to the water that are not removed during the waste water treatment process. Prescription drugs can be taken to the Yakima County Sheriff's Department, or the pharmacy that filled the prescription, for disposal.

Also, Washington State is working on a state-wide method of medication disposal; the following website is a great tool to help locate safe disposal sites around the state. **<https://www.takebackyourmeds.org/>** Please call **1-800-732-9253** for medicine return locations or other questions.

## 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 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

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**John Hodgkinson** ~ 424-0993

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

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**Dennis Henne**  
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*Director of Finance &  
Administration*  
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