

# OLD TOWN NEWS

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

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UNION GAP  
1883



Por favor llame 248-0432 para obtener información en español



Make this Father's Day Weekend one to remember at the 2026 Union Gap Old Town Days and Civil War Reenactment—a free, family-friendly event filled with history, excitement, and hands-on fun for all ages!

The highlight of the weekend? The Civil War Living History Camps and four live battle reenactments—two each day! Each battle is narrated by an entertaining emcee who brings the era to life with fascinating commentary and historical insights. After the battles, stroll through the authentic camps where each tent has a specific role, from the medic's station to letter writing and sock darning. The reenactors love sharing their knowledge and stories with curious visitors of all ages.

Celebrate Dad of the Year on Saturday and enjoy the always-popular Union Gap Police Department Pancake Feed to kick off the morning.

Explore museum exhibits including the historic apple packing line, the bustling blacksmith shop, and scenic tram rides through the museum grounds.

Young explorers will love the Living History Scavenger Hunt, where they can interact with reenactors and earn fun prizes along the way!

And don't forget to bring your appetite! A variety of Yakima Valley's favorite food trucks will be on-site all weekend serving up delicious food and drinks.



**JUNE 20-21, 2025**

**FULLBRIGHT PARK & THE CENTRAL WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM**

**FREE ADMISSION / PARKING**

# THE UNION GAP COUNCIL PROUDLY CELEBRATES THE ARRIVAL OF OUR NEW LADDER TRUCK

In partnership with Yakima County Fire District #4, the City took delivery of our new Ladder Truck. This new apparatus will allow our firefighters to reach the rooftop of any building in Union Gap and will help preserve our fire rating. The new truck will be in service sometime in June.



THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE THIS SUMMER



All proceeds from the patches and pancake feed go to the Union Gap Police Employees Foundation.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

National Night Out, a nationwide event, is held on the first Tuesday of August. Join us from 5-7 pm at Loudon Park 3600 3rd St for some food and fun!



ALL YOU CAN EAT

# PANGAKES

Return to

## OLD TOWN DAYS!

### FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND!



SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH



7:00AM - 10:00AM



FULLBRIGHT PARK

DURING UNION GAP'S  
OLD TOWN DAYS

5TH  
ANNUAL  
PANCAKE  
FEED!

GOOD FOOD,  
GOOD PEOPLE.  
GREAT CAUSE!

#### ENJOY A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST WITH:

- ✓ Pancakes
- ✓ Fruit
- ✓ Sausage
- ✓ Juice
- ✓ Coffee

**\$10 FOR 9TH GRADE & UP**  
**\$5 FROM K THRU 8TH GRADE**  
**KINDERGARTEN & YOUNGER EAT FREE!**



★ PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE  
UNION GAP POLICE EMPLOYEES FOUNDATION  
★ THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY SPONSORS! ★



### SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (SFSP) FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AT UNION GAP SCHOOL

JULY 6-17

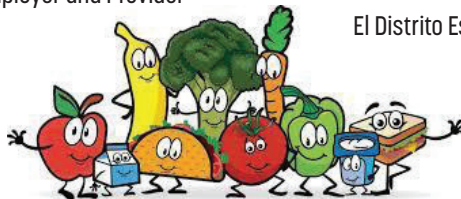
MONDAY-FRIDAY for ALL children 1-18 years of age

BREAKFAST SERVED: 8:15AM - 9:00AM

LUNCH SERVED: 11:15AM - 12:15PM

If you have any questions, please call  
Debra Manzano at 248-3966 x 402

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### PROGRAMA DE SERVICIO DE ALIMENTOS DE VERANO (SFSP) DESAYUNO Y ALMUERZO GRATIS EN LA ESCUELA UNION GAP

6-17 DE JULIO

LUNES-VIERNES para TODOS niños de 1-18 años de edad

SE SERVIRÁ DESAYUNO: 8:15AM - 9:00AM

SE SERVIRÁ ALMUERZO: 11:15AM - 12:15PM

Si tiene cualquier pregunta, favor de llamar a  
Juanita Justo al 248-3966 x 400

El Distrito Escolar de Union Gap es un empleador y proveedor de  
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# GARDEN CLASS SCHEDULE 2026

SATURDAYS (as scheduled below) • 10:00AM–11:00AM  
AHTANUM YOUTH PARK DEMONSTRATION GARDEN

*Bring a chair and join us for these FREE Gardening Classes hosted by Yakima Master Gardeners & Friends!*

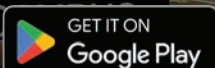
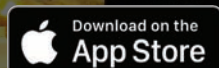
9 MAY	Soil Surprises – What Your Soil Can Tell You
6 JUNE	Beginning Gardeners' Troubles in the Veggie Garden
13 JUNE	Drip Irrigation
27 JUNE	Great Trees and Woody Shrubs for Yakima
11 JULY	From Seed to Sensational

18 JULY	Knot Tying – How to Tie Up Veggies Without Strangling Them
25 JULY	Adopt a Monarch + Best Native Plants for Beneficials
1 AUG	Winter Tomatoes
8 AUG	Attracting Birds, Pollinators and Creatures to Your Native Garden
5 SEP	Pollinators
3 OCT	Fall Tool Maintenance

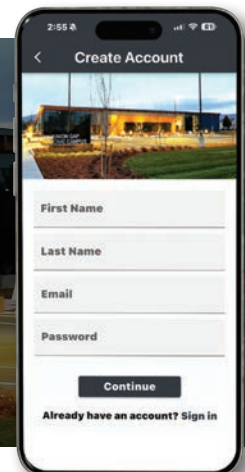
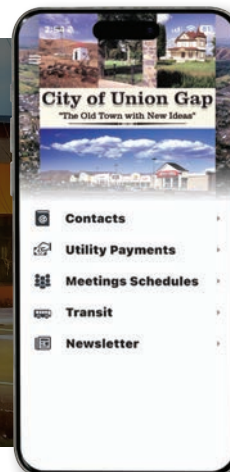
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- Access Quick Links



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Follow the **City of Union Gap** on Facebook to get the latest updates on city news, local events, and important community information.

Just search **City of Union Gap** on Facebook and hit **Follow!**

# FOUND A DOG?

## HERE ARE SOME TIPS FOR YOU!

### IF YOU FIND A PET THAT IS NOT YOURS PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

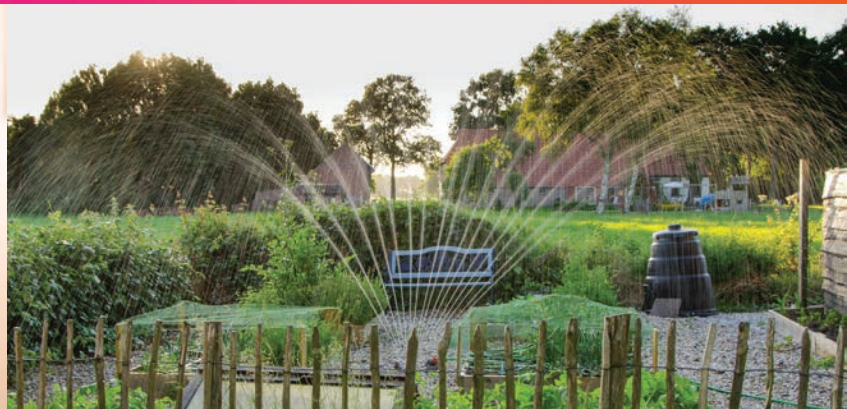
- Fill a found report with the Yakima Humane Society, please add location found, breed, any distinguishing marks, collars, gender and a photo for reference.
- Take into the Yakima Humane Society or a local vet to scan for a chip. Your local animal control may also be able to scan
- Post on the many lost and found pages on Facebook and always require proof of ownership before relinquishing the dog.
- If you live in Union Gap please also contact animal control as they may have reports for a missing dog, or may know where the dog belongs. If you are not able to keep the dog, try a local rescue or animal control.
- The City of Union Gap has one officer for animal control, so please be patient when waiting for a response, especially on weekends.



TO FILE A REPORT PLEASE VISIT  
<https://yakimahumane.org/services/lost-found/>

YAKIMA HUMANE SOCIETY  
509-457-6854

CITY OF UNION GAP ANIMAL CONTROL  
Phone - 509-248-0430  
Email - [amanda.graham@uniongapwa.gov](mailto:amanda.graham@uniongapwa.gov)



## DOES YOUR WATER HAVE AN ODOR?

On occasion, during the summer months, the City receives calls from customers stating their water has a “rotten egg” odor. The smell of rotten egg, in water, is an indicator of the presence of hydrogen sulfide; although particularly unpleasant to smell, it is perfectly safe to drink. Every month, the City collects numerous samples throughout our entire water distribution system and all of our samples return **satisfactorily, from a certified lab.**

## SEASONAL METER CUSTOMER

Effective immediately, we will no longer be automatically turning on seasonal meters. Instead, we kindly request that the customer contact our Utility Department at 509-248-0434 to initiate the service. This change is being implemented to enhance our service efficiency and ensure that all customer requests are handled promptly and accurately. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we transition to this new process.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at 509-248-0432 or via email at [Christopher.fix@uniongapwa.gov](mailto:Christopher.fix@uniongapwa.gov). We are here to help you. Thank you for your attention to this matter; we look forward to continuing to serve you in the best way possible.

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YAKIMA, WA  
PERMIT #100

Postal Customer—ECRWSS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### WEBSITES

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 (509) 248-0432  
Fire (509) 575-6060  
Park Reservations (509) 248-0432  
Treasurer / Clerk (509) 248-0432  
Utility Billing (509) 248-0434  
Newsletter (509) 248-9202

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Building / Planning (509) 575-3638  
Code Enforcement (509) 248-0430  
Public Works (509) 225-3524

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Police (509) 248-0430  
Crime Prevention (509) 457-5927  
Animal Control (509) 248-0430

#### 1000 AHTANUM ROAD

Senior Citizen Center (509) 248-2668  
Activities/Barn Rentals (509) 248-0432

#### TOURISM & TRANSIT

Tourism Promoter (509) 575-8770  
Union Gap Transit (509) 574-8000  
UG Transit TTY (509) 574-8000

### MAYOR & COUNCIL

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

Position #1  
**John Hodkinson** ~ (509) 424-0993

Position #2  
**Greg Sewell** ~ (509) 952-9733

Position #3  
**Roger Wentz** ~ (509) 930-7023

Position #4  
**Jack Galloway** ~ (509) 961-2466

Position #5  
**Carol Fredrickson** ~ (509) 771-9513

Position #6  
**Julie Schilling** ~ (509) 453-2446 Ext. 3

Position #7  
**Sandy Dailey** ~ (509) 248-6351

#### MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor  
**John Hodkinson** ~ (509) 424-0993

Deputy Mayor  
**Roger Wentz** ~ (509) 930-7023

### CITY STAFF

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**Gregory Cobb**  
(509) 248-0432

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Community Development*  
**Jason Cavanaugh**  
(509) 225-3524

*Director of Finance &  
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**Lynette Bisconer**  
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*Police Chief*  
**Dustin Soptich**  
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*City Attorney*  
**Quinn Plant**