

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

OLD FASHIONED *Lighted Parade*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AT 6 PM

Join us for the Annual Old Town Lighted Christmas Parade. Grab some hot cocoa, the kiddos, bundle up and we'll see you at this popular holiday tradition.

The parade starts at 6 pm, lasting an hour. Beginning at Yakima Street and 4002 Main Street, it moves North on Main Street, concluding at Valley Mall Blvd in the Sears Parking lot. Santa joins the festivities in the parking lot, enjoying hot chocolate, cookies, music, singing, & fun with the kids.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

OUTDOOR ICE RINK

Starting November 22nd, when you Shop at Valley Mall, you'll find a Winter Wonderland GLICE Rink located in the parking lot area between the old Bank of America and Fuji's Restaurant!

Prepare to be whisked away into a frosty, magical realm where the holiday season comes alive in all its sparkling glory. Sparkling lights adorn every corner with a giant, beautifully decorated Christmas tree at the center of it all! The rink will be open through January 19th.

**TICKETS WILL BE \$6 FOR KIDS UNDER THE AGE OF 12,
AND \$8 FOR ANYONE AGED 13 OR OLDER.**





GRAND OPENING OF THE UNION GAP LIBRARY & COMMUNITY CENTER

We are pleased to announce that a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held for the new Union Gap Library & Community Center on October 9th. State and local elected officials were in attendance and spoke at the event. The project had several funding partners and a great deal of community support. We invite you to visit the new Library.



Library operating hours are:
Tuesday & Wednesday - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Thursday & Friday - 11:00 am to 7:00 pm
Saturday - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm



You may have noticed the antique Bean Sprayer displayed on the East end of our Civic Campus. The Central Washington Agriculture Museum (CWAM) has agreed to display some of their antique items on our site. We have enjoyed our partnership with the Museum and encourage you to visit them at 4508 Main Street Union Gap or go to their website at www.centralwaagmuseum.org.

You are cordially invited to a
HOLIDAY MEET & GREET DROP-IN
FOR CITY OF UNION GAP BUSINESS OWNERS
AND REPRESENTATIVES



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Thursday, December 5, 2024

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Place: Our New Union Gap Community Center
102 West Ahtanum

City of Union Gap will hold a "Holiday Meet & Greet Drop-in Event" for Union Gap Business Owners and/or their representatives in our new Community Center. We'd Love to meet you. our Mayor, Council and Administrative staff will be in attendance. Bring your business cards to enter a gift drawing. Gifts will be drawn throughout the event.

RSVP TO: TERESA.LOPEZ@UNIONGAPWA.GOV
BY DECEMBER 2, 2024

QUESTIONS: (509) 249-9202



IS YOUR DOG LICENSED?

Section 6.04.110 of the Union Gap Municipal Code states the following:

All dogs three (3) months of age or older are required to be licensed under this chapter.

- Tags.** The police department shall issue animal licenses consisting of a metal tag with a number corresponding to the number of the application to the applicant. The applicant is required to cause the tag to be attached or fixed to the animal. The tag is not transferable. The absence of the license tag on a dog's collar shall be prima facie evidence that said dog has not been legally licensed.
- Fees.** The following fees shall be paid for licenses required under this chapter:
 - Spayed or neutered dogs that have current vaccinations and with a veterinarian's certificate: ten dollars (\$10.00) annually.
 - Un-spayed, unneutered, or unvaccinated dogs, or dogs not current on vaccinations: thirty dollars (\$30.00) annually.
 - Licenses shall be valid from January 1st to the following December 31st. For other than first time owners of a specific dog, licenses purchased after April 30th of any year shall be subject to an additional fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each license.

A complete copy of the municipal code can be accessed on the city website @ www.uniongapwa.gov.

For further information contact the Union Gap Police Department @ **509-248-0430**



On September 23, 2024 James Restucci (Vice Chair of the Washington State Transportation Commission) presented Union Gap City Council with a signed Resolution naming the Bridge above I-82 at milepost 38.11 the "Dan C. Olson Memorial Overpass."

POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Union Gap Police Department would like to remind you to remain vigilant for your safety while enjoying the holiday with your loved ones. We respond to numerous car prowls and intrusions that are directly associated with the holiday season on an annual basis. When purchasing during the holiday season, ensure that your possessions are secure. Secure the doors and conceal the purchases in the trunk. To prevent theft, relocate your vehicle to a different parking area when you are adding items. Thieves concentrate on vehicles that are parked and have conspicuous merchandise. Gifts should be concealed beneath Christmas trees that aren't readily visible. When residents are absent, burglars may target those homes.

Please notify us if you will be absent during the holiday. Request an "Extral Patrol" or notify any concerns to the Union Gap Police at (509) 248-0430.

Wishing you a joyous holiday!



**DECEMBER
2ND - 18TH**

FOOD DRIVE



ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Canned Food
- ▶ Dry Cereals
- ▶ Rice / Pasta
- ▶ Snacks



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The City of Union Gap will sponsor a Food Drive this holiday season for the Catholic Charities/St. Vincent Center Food Bank. Bring your canned goods and dry food products to city hall between December 2nd -18th to place under our Christmas tree. The items will be delivered to them before Christmas. Remember, Catholic Charities makes a difference in the lives of so many so you may also want to consider donating directly to them or volunteering your time.

DROP-OFF LOCATION



City of Union Gap

102 West Ahtanum Road, Union Gap WA, 98903

For More Information : (509) 249-9202 - Teresa Lopez

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 PICKUP

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 (509) 225-3524 to schedule a pick-up.

BE RESPONSIBLE!

It's never too early to prepare for the rapidly impending colder seasons. Now that temperatures are below freezing, we recommend you winterize your outdoor pet area, windows, water lines, and pipes. Consider how you can prevent the problems you may have encountered in previous winters.



UNION GAP POLICE EMPLOYEES FOUNDATION

PO Box 3192 - Union Gap, WA 98903 - ugpefoundation@gmail.com

OUR HISTORY

For the last several years employees within the department and city employees have put on a Holiday Meal Basket event. These meal baskets provide a dinner for a family of 4 with the goal of feeding over 100 families.

Out of this friendly competition to outdo each other with food donations to benefit low income families in the community, grew the idea of a foundation that primarily focuses on community members within the city of Union Gap.

Additionally, we have organized an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Feed in mid-June during Old Town Days. Proceeds go towards bigger ticket items for the Holiday Meal Boxes and funding the next year's fundraisers.

Beginning in 2024 we have added the UGPEF Fun Run for the second weekend of October. We plan on this becoming an additional way to build up our finances to assist those in need.



OUR MISSION

To help those within our community by meeting a need temporarily, promoting further education and improving community relations and goodwill.

This foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) and is supported by charitable donations.

We look forward to growing and learning new ways to serve.

One of the marvelous things about **COMMUNITY** is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals.

- Jean Vanier

Visit our facebook page!

UNION GAP POLICE EMPLOYEES FOUNDATION

#loveourcommunity #nonprofit

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.

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102 W. AHTANUM ROAD
P.O. BOX 3008
UNION GAP, WA
98903-0008

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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	(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

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

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 Hodgkinson ~ (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

Vacant

Position #6

Julie Schilling ~ (509) 453-2446 Ext. 3

Position #7

Sandy Dailey ~ (509) 248-6351

MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR

Mayor

John Hodgkinson ~ (509) 424-0993

Deputy Mayor

Roger Wentz ~ (509) 930-7023

CITY STAFF

City Manager

Sharon Bounds
(509) 494-6562

*Director of Public Works &
Community Development*

Jason Cavanaugh
(509) 225-3524

*Director of Finance &
Administration*

Lynette Bisconer
(509) 248-0432

Police Chief

Greg Cobb
(509) 248-0430

City Attorney

Jessica Foltz