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SENATOR KING LISTENS TO THE CITY'S NEEDS

Senator King met with me and Public Works Director Dennis Henne at City to Hall to discuss the need for legislators to assure funding support for the projects of Valley Mall Boulevard Phase IV and for South Broadway Utility Improvements. The City has recently completed a draft of the South Broadway Water and Sewer Feasibility Study with financial assistance of a \$24,000 Community Development Block Grant. The Feasibility Study identifies infrastructure improvements to extend water and sewer service to the South Broadway area. Thank you Senator King for your continued support of the City and coming to meet me at City Hall to discuss the City's needs. Senator King saved the City costs in travel and registration fees by meeting with me at City Hall rather than me going to Olympia in January to attend the AWC Legislative Action Conference.



Mayor Jim Lemon



Right to Left: Mayor Jim Lemon,
Senator Curtis King &
Public Works Director Dennis Henne

UNION GAP COUNCIL ADOPTS A LEASH LAW

If you plan to walk your pets off of your premises, please ensure that they are on a leash. The Union Gap City Council passed Ordinance No. 2656 that regulates a leash law in the City. There is a civil infraction if not complied with. If you would like a copy of the ordinance, please contact the Clerk's office at 248-0432.



WELCOME TO THE CITY'S NEW DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you Mark Reynolds, the City's new Development Coordinator. Mark will provide professional planning, land use, technical building code advise and issuance of permits. Mark joins the City from the Washington State Department of Transportation where he was recently employed. I am happy to have him join the City of Union Gap team.



Mark Reynolds
Development Coordinator

GRAFFITI & LITTER

Many residents have called or came by City Hall to express how much they appreciate Union Gap resident/seasonal employee Shawn Riley's efforts on cleaning graffiti and garbage pickup. On a monthly basis, Shawn is cleaning an average of 50 graffiti messes along with many pick up loads of garbage. On behalf of all the town's residents a big thank you goes out to Shawn Riley.



2010 CENSUS IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE COUNTED

IT IS IMPORTANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2010 CENSUS

because it helps the Union Gap community receive its fair share of federal funding for programs and services. Completing your census form provides information that determines funding for the Union Gap School, roads, jobs, health services, housing grants and more. In mid February census workers will begin delivering census forms to residences that use a PO Box. In mid March of 2010 census forms will be mailed to residences with street addresses. A census is taken every 10 years and by law the Census Bureau cannot share your information, so your identity is safe from other governmental agencies.





WHO LIVES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Currently, approximately forty-two registered sex offenders live in the City of Union Gap. To know if any of these offenders are living in your neighborhood, the Yakima County Sheriff's Office has a website that is kept updated on a regular basis and public can put in an address to see if offenders are in their area. The website address is www.yakimacounty.us/sheriff/soffenders.htm. The website explains the different levels of sex offenders and is user friendly. If you do not have internet access, the Union Gap library has access, or to inquire about information call the Police Department at (509) 248-0430 or the Yakima County Sheriff's Office at (509) 574-2625.

UNION GAP TRANSIT EXPANDED ITS ROUTE TO TWO MORE STOPS WITHIN THE CITY

The City of Union Gap Transit has expanded its route to include Leisure Hills Mobile Home Park and Fullbright Park. If you have any questions concerning the schedule of Union Gap Transit route please call 574-8000 or pickup a schedule at Union Gap City Hall. There is no cost to the user of Union Gap transit, however, if you change to a Yakima Transit bus, you will need to pay Yakima's fare. If you have questions regarding the general service or Dial-a-Ride, please call T.C. Transportation Services at 574-8000.



City of Union Gap Transit

COMMUNITY KIDS' CLUB

Our family Christmas Dinner was great fun. Our Kids' Club staff had a great time serving dinner to our Kids' Club families. Since Christmas we have been learning about Jesus' childhood. Next we will learn about Jesus as an adult starting with his very first miracle! So exciting! Oh, and we have also built some amazing towers with marshmallows. Kids' Club is for grades K-6th. All are welcome. If you have questions, please call 453-4060, leave a message and we will return the call. Kids' Club is held at Union Gap Community Church, located at corner of Second and Rose St, 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 pm. Come and join the fun!



STUDENTS SELF PORTRAIT DRAWINGS DISPLAYED AT UNION GAP LIBRARY

Students of Union Gap School in the 4th and 5th Grade drew self-portraits of themselves and are displayed in the City's Library. Come and take a look. The pictures below are the actual drawings.

Great job students!



MAYOR'S POETRY PICK:

LONELY SUNFLOWER

*One lonely Sunflower standing all along.
They possess an old fashioned beauty from centuries long ago.
So amazingly beautiful programmed from a seed how to grow.
It's a shame how we take things for granted all the beauty that's here to see.
Especially a lonely Sunflower that keeps looking back at me.*

Written by Jacqueline Craft

Sincerely,

*Jim Lemon
Mayor*

CITY HALL HIGHLIGHTS



Goodbye & Best Wishes

to **Bill Rathbone**, Development Coordinator,
thank you for your service to the City.



to New Planning Commission Member **Mark Carney** appointed February 8, 2010 and **Julie Schilling** and **Andrea Vasquez** appointed members to the Citizens for Union Gap's Future Committee. Thank you for volunteering your time!

NEW BUSINESSES WELCOME TO UNION GAP

It's a Thrill, LLC
2529 Main Street

Oasis 100% Natural
1704 E. Mead Avenue

Felicia Devall-Franklin – C3 Salon
402 W. Washington Avenue #B

Formas Importantes
3310 Main Street

Sonny's Body Jewelry
402 W. Washington Avenue #B

Attention Marketing
402 W. Washington Avenue #A

Wide Hollow Christmas Trees
1706 W. Ahtanum Road

Daycare Saraj
2206 South 4th Avenue

Rachel Harris – C3 Salon
402 W. Washington Avenue #B

Cuevas & Villa, Inc.
2331 S. 18th Street

The Gap Realty
2704 4th Street

INSIDE STORY HEADLINE

Reminder

BEGINNING

January 1st, City Hall office hours are Monday – Thursday
from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. We are closed for lunch
from Noon – 1:00 p.m. and closed Fridays.

FROM OUR BUILDING & PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Union Gap is the place where economic development and social activities occur! As your new Development Coordinator, I am excited about the opportunities and challenges that Union Gap faces as it continues to grow into the future. Within my first two weeks here, I see a lot of demand from our commercial and industrial sectors for building and planning needs. At the same time there are needs from our residential customers. I ask for your patience as I get up to speed with the City's internal and external activities as we continue to make Union Gap a great place to live, recreate, and work. For the next few months, I will be working with your Mayor to prioritize our development and building needs. I thank you for this opportunity to work with Union Gap and look forward to getting to know all of you over the next few years.

Mark Reynolds
Development Coordinator

EVENTS HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY



Tuesday, March 2, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

Preschool age story time. Stories and a color page.



Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. - @Youth Center

Union Gap Friends of the Library. Craft Night for Teens and Adults
(Craft has not yet been determined)



Saturday, March 20, 2010 @ 1:00 p.m.

"Maisy" the mouse of Lucy Cousin's books, will make a visit with stories and activities for preschool and grade school age children.



Tuesday, April 6, 2010 @ 10:00 a.m.

Preschool age story time. Stories and crafts.



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Union Gap Library 452-4252

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 Jim Lemon

Councilmember **965-3364**
 Chad Lenz—Position #1

Councilmember **577-0871**
 Dan Vanover—Position #2

Councilmember **453-4310**
 Dan Olson—Position #3

Councilmember **452-8631**
 Dave Butler—Position #4

Councilmember **453-3098**
 Dave Matson—Position #5

Councilmember **823—4686**
 James Murr—Position #6

Councilmember/Mayor Protem **575-3799**
 Roger Wentz—Position #7

The City of Union Gap is a Mayor/Council form of government with a population of 5,745

**GENERAL OFFICE
 CITY INFORMATION**

City Hall - 102 W. Ahtanum Rd.	248-0432
City Hall Fax	248-6494
Police Dept. -1800 Rainier Pl.	248-0430
Planning Dept. - 102 W. Ahtanum Rd.	575-3638
Municipal Court -102 W. Ahtanum Rd.	576-8911
Fire Station #1 -107 W. Ahtanum Rd.	452-6706
Public Works Dept. -102 W. Ahtanum Rd.	225-3524
Senior Center -1000 Ahtanum Rd.	248-2668
Legal Dept. -102 W. Ahtanum Rd.	225-3522
Crime Prevention -1800 Rainier Pl.	457-5927
Union Gap Transit - TTY 574-6926	574-8000
Utility Billing Questions (Water/Sewer/ Garbage) -102 W. Ahtanum Rd.	248-0434
Animal Control -1800 Rainier Pl.	248-0430
Building Questions -102 W. Ahtanum Rd.	575-3638
Park Reservation Questions -102 W. Ahtanum Rd.	225-3524
Code Enforcement - 1800 Rainier Pl	248-0430

CITY STAFF

Police Chief **248-0430**
 Robert Almeida

Public Works Director **225-3524**
 Dennis Henne

Fire Chief **452-6706**
 Bill Steele

City Attorney **225-3522**
 Bob Noe

City Treasurer **248-0432**
 Karen Clifton

Development Coordinator **575-3638**
 Mark Reynolds

City Clerk **248-0432**
 Kathryn Thompson

Tourism Promoter **480-7636**
 Scott Steinloski



**CHECK OUT YOUR
 CITY'S WEBSITE**
www.ci.union-gap.wa.us

Find Information on Events, Union Gap Municipal Codes, Council & Committee information.