



Uintah City News

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK...

HAILS AND FAREWELLS

Tish Dogden has moved on from employment with Uintah City.

We wish her well in her new endeavors. Broc Gresham will now become a full-time employee. He will split his time between public works and the utility clerk position.

We have lost 50% of our full-time employees in the last year. We have been fortunate to be able to find top notch folks to replace them. In the future will need to raise pay to keep them.

FIREWORKS

I have been working closely with Dave Reed, the fire marshall in trying to find a way to prohibit fireworks in the city. I will propose the city enact an ordinance to prohibit the discharge of fireworks within the city limits at the next City Council meeting on July 19, 2022. Please plan your July 24th activities accordingly.

WATER CONSERVATION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN CONSERVING WATER. Also, a friendly reminder that some folks water with ditch water which does not count against the city's allotment.

ROAD WORK

I hope not too many folks were inconvenienced by the road work on 6600 South. This project was a state project to improve the railroad crossings on Cemetery Road. Part of the project was to install a bigger water line so in the future the road would not have to be torn up again and UDOT paid for the larger line.

WEATHER

Please check on your neighbors during this heat wave to make sure they are ok. If needed, we will open the city offices as a cooling station.

THANKS FOR MAKING UINTAH A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

- Gordon Cutler



CITY COUNCILOR BELL

CULINARY WATER

I am excited to finally announce some good news! Uintah City has been awarded an additional 1.75 million in grant money to help complete the new water tanks. This grant will be added to the two earlier grants for a grand total of \$1,939,500.00 in grant money for this project. I know this project is a large undertaking for our city and have done as much as possible to help minimize the financial burden. This project is being put out for bid and will begin immediately.

Another project located along 6600 South at the entrance of Cottonwood estates is the replacement and upgrade of an underground meter vault. This project is estimated to cost \$96,108.00, includes waterproof vault, new meter, pipes, valves, lights, sensors, vent and more. This project was awarded a separate grant for \$88,809.00, making it possible to improve safety and efficiency at minimal cost to the City. Work on this project has not been scheduled yet but we hope to begin in the next few months.

There has been a lot of thought and preparation towards replacement of aging water infrastructure, I feel proactive planning for maintenance and upkeep to our most critical utility will benefit each resident. I welcome calls from residents to discuss ideas, concerns, or just additional information gathering-so please don't hesitate to reach out.

Councilor Bell continued...

I would like to thank everyone for your efforts to conserve water. As I drive around the City, it is obvious the joint efforts being made by so many. I know a 40% cut back was a giant request for our City, but you have risen to the challenge. The stories of residents catching water in the sinks and bathtubs to water plants and trees, so no water is wasted is inspiring and have not gone unnoticed. Being the department head of the water department in a drought, is not the easiest thing, no one wants to impose restrictions like this on friends and neighbors. Uintah is a special place with amazing people who care, thank you.

For conservation tips and weekly watering guide visit: www.conservewater.utah.gov

CURRENT DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS:

- **40% reduction in water available for outdoor irrigation of lawns and gardens (both culinary and secondary)**
- **30% reduction for agricultural use**
- **10% reduction for culinary indoor use.**
- **Limit outdoor watering to twice a week. (20 minutes per station)**
- **No watering between 10am & 6pm**

Additional actions?

For Sprinklers:

- Find and eliminate waste of any kind. Detect and fix leaks as soon as possible.
- All homeowners should educate themselves on how to run and maintain their sprinkler system.

For Landscaping:

- For the immediate future, hold off on new landscaping projects as establishing new plants uses more water than mature plants with deep roots.
- Learn about how to maintain your landscape by attending any of Weber Basin's free classes.
- Keep turf mowed to 3 inches tall, mowing frequently enough to avoid cutting more than one-third of the total grass height.
- Don't hose off hard surfaces.
- Limit car washing.

In General:

- Continue indoor water conservation practices.
- Shorter showers.
- Don't run dishwasher until full
- Do larger loads of laundry if possible
- Fix any leaks.
- Help neighbors do the same.
- Discuss importance of water conservation with your community, etc. and encourage ordinances and policies that accommodate and encourage sustainable landscapes

BONNEVILLE COMMUNITIES THAT CARE

This is one of the lesser-known programs that I have been able to be involved in for our City. If you do not know about them and have children at Bonneville High or any school in the Bonneville cone (one of the schools that funnel to Bonneville High school) it is a great resource for parents and kids. It is a coalition that focuses on evidence-based prevention methods to prevent underage drinking and drugs. Please consider joining, it involves minimal time, but the impacts are great for our community.

Uintah City was awarded a \$10,000 grant to help encourage community involvement and pride. Studies have shown when kids engage in their community and feel a sense of pride, the risk factors for underage alcohol and drug use decrease.

What have we been using this money on so far?

- Revamp of the city webpage making it more user friendly on mobile devices and easier to access information to community events.
- Community clean up day with free t-shirts and swag for all participants.
- Youth night and events at Uday.

There are plans for more fun activities closer to school starting back up! Watch the city calendar/website/Facebook for upcoming events. If you have ideas for a fun activity, let me know.

Thank you,

- Kristi Bell