

# Uintah City News

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK...

#### **CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The city needs a part-time custodian, please contact City Hall for more information.
- There is an opening on Planning Commission, please consider serving if you're able to.
- Gordon Cutler



## CITY COUNCILOR BELL

A huge thank you to Abby Stuart and Stephanie Howell for their countless hours and dedication to Uintah City and the Cemetery. Your kindness and compassion shown to those in mourning has been admired and appreciated by all you've helped.

Tim Kendell has accepted the call as Sexton and will take over the duties from Stephanie and Abby.

### **CULINARY WATER**

Have you gone for a ride up Bybee drive to see the new tanks? I realize I might be the only person in the City

excited over this but after years of planning and chasing grants, it's great to see them taking shape. Finding a way to replace our old tank and upgrading aging infrastructure has been a focus of mine since being elected. I hope to continue improving our water system-piece by piece-to make sure it continues to meet the needs of our community. These new tanks will supply us with clean water for 50+ years! We're going from 250,000 gallons to 750,000 gallons of storage at that site alone. The project is about 50% complete and should be done this Fall. Approximately 65% of this project is funded by grants.



A separate project to replace the meter vault located at the entrance to Cottonwood estates will begin as soon as it warms up little. Uintah's own J.R. Burton Contractors bid on this project and was awarded the job! Please watch out for them and drive cautiously in the area during construction. This project is being funded by a grant.

Our annual CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) is included with this mailing, available online or at City Hall. **I'm pleased to report that our drinking water meets federal and state requirements.** If you have any questions about the quality of water, please contact me.

## \*\*\* WE OFFER AUTOPAY AND PAPERLESS BILLING! \*\*\*

You can now create an account to see your current and past water usage as well as pay your bill online. This is a great tool not only for your convenience but also a way to gauge/compare your usage and aid with conservation. **While you're signing up, consider going paperless.** Paperless offers many benefits, cost saving to the city, ease for viewing and paying your utility bill, most importantly less paper waste. Don't worry, you won't miss a single thought provoking, informative and inspirational newsletter because they will safely be delivered to the email address supplied when you sign up to go paperless.

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## 100<sup>th</sup> UDAY CELEBRATION

Please see the flyer about the book written by Lesa Pringle and Mark Stuart, "Beneath the Mountain U, a Portrait of Uintah through Time." This book is a beautiful history of our City and the people who made it great, don't miss your chance to get a copy.

### **GARBAGE & RECYCLING**

We've had problems recently with people putting non-recyclable materials into the recycling cans. Please do not do this because you've run out of room in your regular cans. This contaminates the entire truckload of recycling and prevents all materials from being recycled. If you need a list of what materials are recyclable, please refer to the city website or visit City Hall.

Inflation not only affects the things we want to buy, but also the things we want to get rid of. The price of doing business seems to have increased in every area, garbage included. Our contract with Waste Management allows for two types of increases, CPI, and increases in unusual costs. This year, we have seen both increases to our contract. The CPI was 3.6% and a \$0.50 increase to each tipping fee per can. The increase on your utility bill will reflect these changes beginning April 1, 2023.

Thank you,

- Kristi Bell

# MESSAGE FROM UDAY CHAIR - LIZ MINSTER

Happy Birthday to U!

In 1923 the citizens of Uintah united to build the hillside U landmark and heal a divided community. We're excited this year to be celebrating 100 years of the U – this is the Centennial U-Day celebration. 100 Years UNITED! This year's U-Day celebration will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now! We have a fantastic committee planning some timeless, well-loved events and activities. You won't want to miss it. Wondering how you can help with this historic celebration?

- **Volunteer** We still need more volunteers to make this year's events a success. Reach out to Kristi Bell, Liz Minster, or Jen Barclay for ways you can help.
- **Donate** We're gathering products, services, and monetary donations. Product and service donations will be used to put together a silent auction. Monetary donations will be used towards event costs. All donations can be made at the city office and may be tax deductible.



# CITY COUNCILOR SMITH

Now that Spring is here and as the weather improves, many of you will visit graves to clean and adorn the headstones and markers of your loved ones. As a friendly reminder, please check the rules and regulations posted on the east side of the Cemetery maintenance building. Permanent structures such as curbing, fences and benches are not permitted, glass containers, wire anchors and stakes can be harmful to personnel and equipment and are also not permitted. Remember that pets must be kept on

leach and cleanup is always the owner's responsibility.

Thank You for your cooperation and may our Cemetery be a place of reflection, meditation, and comfort you each and every time you visit.

**Best Regards** 

Jerry Smith