



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

CULINARY WATER

After meeting with Weber Basin water, water restrictions don't seem to be an issue after the winter we had. The drought watering structure, monthly water limits, warning letters and fines won't be in place this watering season. However, I would caution residents to continue moving towards drought resistant landscaping, as winters like these don't happen very often. The state has been given a goal to reduce overall water usage with emphasis on outdoor reduction in anticipation of future drought.

I have always tried to be transparent and forthcoming with my goals for the departments I manage. So here we go... It is time we take a deep look at water rates. No one wants to be the person to raise rates but there comes a tipping point, and we've reached it. I don't bring this up to stir anger at the sound of charging more money for services but because I have found residents to be fair and reasonable when you know the reasoning behind action. The water department is run like a business, unlike most of the City it is not funded by the General fund and has its own revenue independent from taxes. Uintah has some of the lowest rates in the state, mostly because we've never raised them. Which sounds great but the reality is, we need to keep good employees, improve our infrastructure, have reliable equipment, and keep up with the cost of doing business. I've had consultants from Rural Water perform a rate study twice over the last three years, both times we have been told to raise rates. Due to the amount of time since rates have been adjusted, Rural Water recommended that we raise rates by at least \$20. After looking at our operating costs, project goals, depreciation savings, I would like to see an \$8 increase in the monthly water bill. This will allow the City to continue operating at the same level and prevent neglect of the most vital utility service we offer. I expect recommending the \$8 increase in an upcoming council meeting that will need to be voted on. Please reach out or plan to attend City Council for more information.

100th UDAY CELEBRATION

If anyone would like to be in the Uintah Days Parade on June 10th, please email Diane Johnson at jgregory5@comcast.net for more information.

Just a reminder, that Lesa Pringle is still taking preorders for the Uintah history book, "Beneath the Mountain "U," a Portrait of Uintah through Time." The cost of the book is \$40. Preordered books will be available for pick up in the Scout House on U-Day June 10th. A limited number of extra copies of the book will be available for sale on June 10th (while supplies last). Contact information-Uintah History c/o Lesa Pringle, 6665 S. 1650 E. Uintah, or phone: 801-725-8964 (text).

Please see the next page for fun family activities available at Uday....

Want to join the fun and see yourself in this newsletter? Two City Council Positions (4-year term) will be on the ballot this year. Interested parties may declare their candidacy for office in person between June 1 and June 7, 2023, at the City Hall with the City Recorder located at 2191 E. 6550 S. between 9:00 and 5:00 P.M.

Budget time is here, I would encourage all who are curious to attend and give input.

Thank you,

-Kristi Bell

Bell continued...

U DAYS KICKBALL GAME

JOIN US FOR SOME GOOD FAMILY FUN

Who: players of all ages

What: kickball game

When: June 10th at 11am (shortly after the parade ends)

Where: Uintah park baseball field

Why: to celebrate 100 years of U Days and have some fun



U DAYS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Help us celebrate 100 years of U days by participating in our softball tournament!

June 10th 1 pm-4pm

For ages 12 and older only

Bring your own equipment

Sign up by May 31st



Just scan the QR code and fill out the form to sign up!

