



# Uintah City News

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## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK...

### ELECTIONS

Remember Election Day is Nov. 21 2023. You can mail your ballot to the county. You can also drop your ballot off at the city offices or on election day you can go to the county offices and vote in person. Please study the issues and the candidates.

### WINTER

Please do not park in the road right of way. Move vehicles so they are not in the way of the snow plow. Look in on your neighbors and make sure they are safe. Be on the lookout for people out walking.

Have a happy holiday season and be safe.

THANKS

- Gordon Cutler



## CITY COUNCILOR BELL

### WATER

I'd like to hit on a topic I've seen as a reoccurring issue for residents that can be a costly problem. Water heater pressure relief valves need regular exercise and monitoring. If you check the pressure relief valve on your water heater regularly, move on and disregard this newsletter, but if you don't know what I'm referring to, please read. The City is not liable for malfunctioning valves resulting in water damage to your home.

Please take the time to protect your home and belongings.

#### What Is a Water Heater Pressure Relief Valve?

A water heater pressure relief valve is exactly what it sounds like: a safety mechanism that prevents excessive pressure from building up in your water heater's tank. Without it, there would be a risk of the tank bursting and flooding your house. A bursting water tank can also cause serious injury and damage to your home's structure, so keeping the pressure relief valve in good working order is essential.

Pressure inside your water tank occurs when the water expands and produces steam as it heats. The hotter the water, the greater the potential for high pressure. Although some pressure is normal and can escape through the pipes supplying your fixtures, the pressure relief valve activates when the pressure exceeds safe levels. It releases some hot water and steam until the pressure level normalizes.

#### Where Is It Located?

A water heater pressure relief valve is a short, flat lever attached to a pipe running through the water heater. Its location varies depending on what water heater model you have, but you can usually find it above the tank or high up on one of the sides.

Councilor Bell continued...

### How Often Do You Need to Test a Water Heater Pressure Relief Valve?

You should test your water heater pressure relief valve once or twice each year. The more often you check the valve, the higher the chances of detecting a problem early and preventing a costly leak or burst tank.

### How Do You Test a Water Heater Pressure Relief Valve?

You can test your water heater pressure relief valve by opening it slightly with a bucket underneath to catch dripping water. Don't force the valve open if you feel resistance. You'll know that your valve is working properly if you can see or hear water and gas escaping. If you can't see water escaping, or you can't turn the valve easily, it's time to call a plumber to repair or replace the valve.

Please reach out if you have questions.

Thank you,

- Kristi Bell



## CITY RECORDER

**Please don't forget to vote!** Your ballot needs to be postmarked by the 20th, or you can drop it in the Dropbox at City Hall until **November 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 PM prompt.**

Jerry Smith and Dave Boothe are not running again, leaving two seats available. There are three candidates wanting to fill those seats, please research them and ask questions if you need.

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##### Building Inspector

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##### Animal Control

Office (801) 399-8244 or emergency (801) 629-8221  
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##### Blue Stakes

Dial 811, (800) 662-4111 or (801) 208-2100  
Monday-Friday 7am to 5 pm

##### Park Reservations

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