



# Uintah City News

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## From the Mayors desk...

### **STORM WATER**

With Mother Nature continuing to increase the snow pack, the likelihood that we will have some flooding due to runoff increases. Please take action now to prevent flooding damage.

In Uintah we have very few areas with curb and gutter. Storm water is collected in swells next to roads (in subdivisions). The water then evaporates or percolates in to the ground. By paving over swells, that should be in front of our homes, we prevent this from happening. This increases the possibility that Uintah City could be in violation of EPA standards.

### **MOSQUITO ABATEMENT**

With all this moisture it looks to be a banner year for mosquitoes. Please look around your property and take steps to remove standing water, which are perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

### **FIRE**

Uintah City received the bill from the state for the Labor Day fire in 2017. Our share is \$92,000. Yes that is correct \$92,000. We have about half of that in this budget year, and the rest we have in our PTIF (saving) account with the state. The city has made arrangements to pay the state \$1000 a month. There is no benefit to pay this off early as the state will not charge us interest. Once payment plans are in place for all government entities the state hopes to receive FEMA money from the federal government. Also, litigation is happening to determine who was at fault and seek reimbursement from them. Hopefully the city will be reimbursed and be made whole. Uintah has not had any long term debt since we paid off the water tank. Because of these obligations, many would now think we have taken on long term debt. We have money to pay this off if need be, but my feeling is, the city is better off to make a little interest and hope for FEMA and litigation to pay off the rest.

THANKS FOR MAKING UINTAH A GREAT LITTLE CITY

-Gordon Cutler

## **NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

to be voted on in the Uintah City Municipal General Election on November 5th, 2019

- (1) Mayor - 2 year term
- (2) City Council Members - 4 year terms each
- (1) City Council Member - 2 year term

Candidate Filing Period Begins. June 3, 2019  
UCA 10-3-301

Declaration of Candidacy Forms or Nomination Petition must be filed in person with the City Recorder at 2191 E 6550 S Uintah, Utah between the hours of 9am and 5pm Candidate Filing Deadline Ends June 7, 2019.

UCA 20A-9-203



### **City Staff Changes**

Welcome to Cheryl White and Christie Blackner! If you've stopped by City Hall lately, you've noticed Tina has moved on and we have two new faces. Due to being a small office, job responsibilities often overlap but Christie will focus mainly on Court and Cheryl will be the Utilities & Planning Commission Secretary.

### **Water Department**

In previous newsletter, I asked for interested citizens to join a water panel. People expressed an interest and a well-rounded group consisting of planning commission members, previous city council, community members, and engineers stepped forward. The panel discussed contract options available with Weber Basin, selecting the one they felt would be best for the future of our City. I plan to bring this contract option before the rest of the council with the Panels' recommendation. If anyone would like more information, please contact me or watch for it on the agenda to attend.

**GREAT NEWS!** Uintah was awarded a grant from the CDBG program. This money will be used to install and upgrade the Combe water tank vault with a SCADA system. This system is needed to improve employee safety, comply with OSHA requirements, and monitor daily water use required by the State. The remaining money will be used for Engineering studies related to the Bybee Tank.

### U Days

If you have a design concept for this year's shirt, please submit it by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

-Kristi Bell



### Animal Control

Happy Spring everyone!! It's that time of year again where we all are getting out of the house and enjoying the weather. Please be mindful of your animals. Remember Uintah City has a leash law. Animals are to be on a proper leash at all times while in public places or a public right of way this includes the park, cemetery and while walking. This is detailed on the city webpage under ordinances (Title 5 Chapter 2 Article D-5).

### Easter

Thanks for all of the generous donations from our local businesses and citizens!! The hunt would not be a success without them!!

-Michelle Roberts



### Fire Department

Welcome to Spring!!!...kind of. It seems winter still wants to visit from time to time, but we are now into the Open Burn Season and with the spring runoff beginning fast flowing rivers.

As for Open Burn, permits must be in hand to have an open burn. Visit <https://air.utah.gov/OpenBurning/form/index.php> to get yours. Please make sure you pay attention to air quality and the clearing index to make sure you can burn on your desired day.

The DEQ's burn permit guidelines are as follows:

- Once a burn permit is obtained, the clearing index must be above 500 in order to burn legally.
- The burning material must be of vegetation type like tree limbs, leaves and grass clippings.
- Tires, paint, conventional lumber or any material that is manufactured is not allowed to be burned.
- Fire must be accompanied at all times and must be put out by dark.
- The area fire department does reserve the right to extinguish any fire if it becomes a public nuisance or becomes out of control.

With the river running through our city, we must take precautions when we are near the river as the snow melts. Cold and quickly moving spring runoff from this year's above-average snowpack and wet spring has greatly elevated the risk of dangers and drowning.

Tips to keep your family safe during your outdoor activities

1. Watch Your Kids – do not let them near the swift water alone. Make sure they are supervised at all times.
2. View from a Safe Distance – Some find it interesting to watch and/or photograph the roaring of the river during Spring run off. Enjoy it from a distance
3. Keep pets leashed. The water is too strong and too fast to let them swim. Wait until it is warmer and the waters are calmer.

We welcome our community to the fire station to visit and if you have any questions or concern's you can reach Chief Sacco at [msacco@uintahfd.org](mailto:msacco@uintahfd.org).

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#### Animal Control

Office (801) 399-8244 or emergency (801) 629-8221  
Hours – Monday – Friday 8 am - 5 pm, Saturday 8 am to Noon.

#### Blue Stakes

Dial 811, (800) 662-4111 or (801) 208-2100  
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