



Uintah City News

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BUDGET

On June 4th the City Council passed the budget for FY 2019-2020. We were able to provide a budget that is balanced with needs and a few wants. This was done without a tax increase. City staff will be given a 3% cost of living increase, while the City Council and Mayor will not receive an increase. Thanks to Darinda Wallis (city recorder) Mike Ulrich (city treasurer) and council members for their hard work to provide a balanced budget.

We need to start putting money towards capital improvements so we can replace equipment on a regular basis.

Only 3 folks attended the city council meeting when the budget was approved.

U DAYS

I hope you were able to make it to the city park for the "best little celebration in Utah". It was a bit cooler than most years but we had a good turn out and everyone seemed to have a good time. During the parade we honored Neil Bybee and Luke Mildon for their efforts in starting the fire department. As in past years no tax money was used to fund U Days.

Cemetery

Rules and regulations at the cemetery have been updated. Council Member Jerry Smith has worked very hard to keep the cemetery looking nice while trying to let loved ones honor those who have passed on.

Fire Department

As always the fire department could use volunteers. We only have 3 members who live in the city. Please consider joining.

RV Park

Planning Commission members John Arends and Brett Parke addressed the South Weber Planning Commission about concerns Uintah had about the RV Park that has been approved just over the bridge on the west end of the city.

I asked South Weber to please consider how this would affect Uintah (traffic noise etc.) with out much success. Dave Boothe, Kristi Bell and myself then met with South Weber's mayor and city manager who were much more receptive to our concerns.

City Council

Dave Boothe has been appointed to fill the empty seat on the council.

As always THANK YOU for making Uintah a great place.

- Gordon Cutler



U-Days

I can't thank the many people involved with U-Days enough. I would be remiss if attempted to name everyone, I would undoubtedly miss someone because so many people came together to donate their time, talents and resources to our community. It takes a small village to put on our yearly celebration and without the volunteers, we wouldn't be able to carry on such important traditions. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the festivities, we hope you enjoyed it. If you'd like to be involved next year, please contact me.

Water

This year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is included with this mailing. I hope you take a minute to read though it and notice the effort our Public Works department puts in to make sure our drinking water is safe and kept up to standards.

Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

A few months back I informed you of the aging condition of our Bybee water tank. It had received a "significant deficiency" rating during our system audit due to a crack/leakage in the exterior wall. I'm happy to report that we have applied the sealant to the crack and our tank is currently back in compliance with the Division of Drinking Water. It is however, a somewhat temporary fix and as we look to the future, we need to start making plans on how to replace some of our aging infrastructure when the time comes. A citizen panel is in place and currently discussing such topics, if you would like to be involved, please email me at cckristibell@gmail.com.

I'd also like to thank Greg Johnson for his time on City council and the difference he's made in our City. Dave Boothe was

chosen to fill the empty seat, bringing experience and a deep love and commitment to our great City. Both are such great examples and inspirations of continual community service.

Thank you,
- Kristi Bell

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

As of June 7th, 2019

Mayor – 2 year term
Gordon S. Cutler

Council Member – 2 year term
Michelle H. Roberts
Scott F. Kendell

Council Member – 4 year term
Debra B. Wickizer
Dave Boothe
Jerry Smith
Cory L. Bruestle



Fire Department

It seems as old man winter has decided to finally go away. That is good news. But as a reminder to our residents, Spring brings its own severe weather so get ready now. Where we live the dangers we face are mainly fire and floods, although there are other disasters we may face.

Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters. Flooding occurs following thawing snow, or several days of sustained rain. Flash floods occur suddenly, due to rapidly rising water along a stream or low-lying area. your loved ones safe!

- Flood/Flash Flood Watch – flood is possible/ Flood/Flash Flood Warning – will occur soon or is occurring – Take Precautions
- Listen to local area radio, or TV stations for the latest information and updates.
- Be prepared to evacuate quickly and know your routes and destinations. Check your emergency kit and replenish any items missing or in short supply, especially medications or other medical supplies.

Turn Around Don't Drown --- Do not go toward flood waters

*** Stay Away From Rivers During the Spring Runoff from the Snow***

Wildfires

If you live in a wildfire-prone area here are some tips on how to prepare for wildfire – but also know that prevention is an important part of preparation. There is also a misconception that the risk of wildfire is less with the wet weather we have had, but once the fuels (weeds, bushes and trees) dry out the fire potential can actually be worse due to the current growth that the vegetation is going through.

- The way we plant and maintain the landscaping around our homes can reduce the chance that a small fire becomes a wildfire.
- Create a defensible space around your home this slows or stops the spread of fire to your home
- Choose fire-resistant plants. Consult a landscaper in your area for the best plants
- Create empty space between shrubs and trees to reduce the chance of flames leaping between them.
- Prune trees above the height of bushes and shrubs (approximately 6'-10' off the ground) and remove dead branches.
- Mow grassy areas regularly so that the grass is never more than 4" high.
- Remove dead and dry plants that could fuel a fire, as well as fallen leaves, pine cones, and other dry plant material.

Over the weekend some of our firefighters and crews from Box Elder, Cache, Rich Davis, Utah & Morgan Counties as well as West Desert BLM & US Forest Service attended a two day Northern Utah Wildland Engine Training. The firefighters taught and learned how to refine wildland suppression skills, identify fire behaviors and structural protection needs, and watch out situations to insure property and crew safety!

Do you have any comments, questions, concerns or information you would like to share? Feel free to contact Chief Marc Sacco msacco@uintahfd.org. If you just want to stop by to meet our firefighters, we welcome our Uintah Residents. Don't forget to follow us on social media On Facebook ([facebook.com/Uintah.City.Fire.Dept](https://www.facebook.com/Uintah.City.Fire.Dept)), our website (www.uintahfd.org) and on Twitter at @UintahCityFD91