



## Parting Words

I wasn't quite 5 years old when we moved from a new house in a subdivision to a house here in Uintah that was at least 50 years old. No insulation, only coal for heating the house, heating water, and cooking. Our first winter was record breaking cold and snow. We were snowed in for three weeks and had to bring coal over deep drifts of snow to try and keep warm.

Sixty seven years later I still call Uintah home with no plans to move. If you would like, sometime, you and I can discuss the qualities of life in Uintah that have kept you and I here. For now I would like to talk about one aspect that would qualify as quite unique and motivates outsiders to marvel and comment that "Uintah would be the perfect place to live."

Let me try to describe this in one sentence: "We are close to everything but still have that small town feeling." How did I do? Do you know what I mean? Why is this so "unique"? I think one could say that most places that have a "small town" feeling are not close to everything and most places that are "close to everything" don't have the "small town" feeling.

In a recent survey in which you were asked to participate, an endeavor was made to find out your description of what you like and want to keep so it can be preserved. If the unique Uintah life style is to survive, it will require that you get involved! Please decide now to make a difference!

This will be the last article that I will have the opportunity to write for the Uintah City Newsletter as a member of the City Council. I have tried to put my heart and soul into what I feel is important for the City. The councils that I have been a part of have accomplished a great deal but there are still loose ends and a lot to do here in our wonderful Uintah.

If you would like, stop by the Scout House between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM on January 9, 2016 and say hi.

Thank you for my opportunity to serve!

Don Pearson



## Listening to Uintah

It has been an honor spending the last few months in Uintah. We were invited into Uintah to listen to you and identify what you value about your community. Our hope is that those values will be reflected in the updated general plan as well as future decisions made within the community.

We thank you all for your kindness you have given us and the participation you have demonstrated through the survey as well as engaging in conversation with us.

We invite you to a presentation of what you and your neighbors have shared with us through the survey and conversation.

### Planning Commission Meeting

Uintah City Hall

Tuesday, December 22, 2015

7:00 pm

We hope that you will join us!

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As the year comes to a close, I wanted to take a quick opportunity to thank all of you for your support of our volunteer fire department. Our members spend a lot of time training and preparing for you for when the time comes. As part of that, our volunteer firefighters need Personal Protective Equipment and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus to protect themselves to the immediate dangers to life and health that we expose ourselves to in service to you as a city. And our equipment is getting old. Actually really old, past it's useful life expectancy. **So We Need your Help.**

The city has an opportunity to compete for a Community Development Block Grant Program to obtain this

necessary equipment to protect our volunteers while they are serving Uintah City. The City Council has prioritized this firefighter equipment for our volunteers at the top of the list.

I know that you have been inundated with surveys over the past year, but I'm going to ask if I can impose one more on you. As part of the CDBG grant program, we have to complete a sampling of our city for some basic demographic information. Last year the firefighters came around with a 12 question survey, this year we will be coming around with a much more simple 4 question survey this year. In fact, so there is no surprise, I'm going to give you the survey questions here so you will be prepared for exactly what we are going to be asking.

Over the next few weeks, the volunteer Firefighters will be coming around your neighborhood asking you to complete this survey. They will be in uniform and have picture ID, and will be in pairs of two. The survey is completely anonymous, they will not take down your name or your address or your signature. They will just ask you fill out the simple 4 question survey regarding the demographics of your household and try to not take up any more of your time.

I cannot stress the importance of having viable working personal protective equipment for these volunteers who risk their lives for you and this small community. Your support of them and our small department, I am extremely grateful for. Please accept my sincerest thank you in advance for this continued support and in allowing us to take up a little more of your time with yet another survey so that we might be able to obtain this grant and purchase this much needed equipment.

If you have any questions about the grant, our equipment needs, the survey or the personnel conducting it as always feel free to contact me at (801) 336-1589 or [wpope@uintahfd.org](mailto:wpope@uintahfd.org)

- William Pope, Fire Chief

#### SURVEY QUESTIONS

- 1) How many persons are in your family?
- 2) Is there more than one family in this household?
- 3) Are you a single female head of household?
- 4) What is the combined income of all the household's family members living at this address (this response is a circle of ranges, not an exact number)

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