



# Uintah City News December 2018

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## From the Mayors Desk

As we end 2018 and look forward to 2019 I want to inform the folks of Uintah of some of the issues we are facing.

**ROADS-** The city has used its Class "C" road fund to maintain the cities roads. I believe the roads are well maintained with these limited funds. We will continue to spend these funds responsibly. It appears that Cottonwood Drive will continue to be a problem. We will work with South Weber on this.

**CEMETERY-** The cemetery is reaching the point that we need to look at expansion. The City Council is going to amend the ordinance/rules/policies concerning decorations. Safety is the main concern. Also, the problems with maintaining/mowing the grounds without having to move or mow around decorations are a continuing concern.

**FIRE DEPT.** Chief Sacco brought to the attention of the City Council the need to start planning on how to replace Engine 91. Fire trucks are expensive and we need to put this on the Capital Facilities Plan. Also, we have other equipment that may need to be upgraded.

**WATER-** The city engineer has recommended that we upgrade our water storage. He feels like we need to add storage on the east and west ends of town. During peak usage we need more storage. Peak use is during the summer months when we use drinking water for outside use. Lack of secondary water will continue to be a problem for Uintah. Also, by adding storage we will be planning for the future. I WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL TO CONSERVE

**US 89-** The work on US 89 will impact the city of Uintah. We meet every month with folks from a community outreach team for UDOT. The concerns for Uintah continue to be our primary focus.

I will try to keep everyone informed of issues facing the city.  
Thanks for all you do to make Uintah a great place to live.  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

- Gordon Cutler



## Water News

In the past few newsletters, the topic has been conservation. As of the end of November, we have used 97.50% of our purchased water. With just one month left, it will be a photo finish but i'm optimistic we'll be okay. I'd like to thank all of those who took extra steps or had already been taking steps to conserve.

I think we can all agree to the importance of water, the lifeblood of a community, and the ability to provide clean drinking water to each residence. Myself, Public Works and the City Engineer have been looking closely at our current system and infrastructure. For years, there has been a concern of a looming need to upgrade our tanks and aging infrastructure to keep up with demand. According to our peak day demands and current storage, we have just enough. Looking to the future, we need more. As a council, we would like the citizens to be involved with the upcoming brainstorming and solutions.

- We have new houses being built and new businesses coming online who will strain our current supply.

-A state water audit recently classified our Bybee Tank as having a "significant deficiency" and needing repair. (Not an optional fix, actions need to take place to stay in compliance with the State)

-New water contract option available with Weber Basin. Significantly decreases our City water bill in the future but comes with a new (fairly large) impact fee for new connections.

-Where to build new tanks or demolish and rebuild

These are big, potentially expensive changes that rushing into them.

If you have knowledge, experience or passion in be in the loop, please contact the Council. It won't

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larger Bybee Tank.

deserve proper consideration and thought before

applicable areas, desire to be involved, or just want to be a huge time commitment, maybe one or two

meetings to hear the information and options...I'll even volunteer the Mayor to bake cookies for it! ☺

Wishing you a safe and happy Holidays!

- Kristi Bell



## Fire Department

Winter is in the air, and although it has been a mild one so far, there are still a couple items of information we would like to share; CO detectors, and heating safety. With the colder temperatures, we use our heaters and space heaters on a regular basis. Both of which, can be a CO (Carbon Monoxide) danger. Please make sure all of your equipment is checked and you have a working CO detector in your house. Heat sources such as fireplaces or wood and coal stoves can also pose a fire hazard, and fatal fires peak in the early morning hours when most people are sleeping. To reduce the risk of heating related fires, the following is recommended:

- Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.

- Turn off portable space heaters every time you leave the room or go to sleep.
- Have wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, and chimneys inspected annually by a professional, and cleaned if necessary.
- If you must use a space heater, place it on a level, hard and nonflammable surface (such as ceramic tile floor), not on rugs, or carpets or near bedding or drapes. Plug power cords directly into outlets and never into an extension cord.
- All heaters need space. Keep children, pets and things that can burn (paper, matches, bedding, furniture, clothing, carpets, and rugs) at least three feet away from heating equipment.
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended, and use a glass or metal fire screen to keep fire and embers in the fireplace.

November brought more California Wildfires! Four of our own firefighters were deployed to the Woolsey Fire. They spent nearly two weeks in California doing 24-hour shifts. (24 on and 24 off) They witnessed so much devastation. Thankfully they made it home safely just a couple of days prior to Thanksgiving to be with their families.

We also want to congratulate Firefighter Bret Bowdich who completed his probationary period and was sworn in and badged as a Uintah City Firefighter. Bret has worked hard and has shown dedication and passion for firefighting and an immense desire to protect the citizens of Uintah City.

Do you have any comments, questions, concerns or information you would like to share? Feel free to contact Chief Marc Sacco via email [msacco@uintahfd.org](mailto: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.Fire.Dept](https://facebook.com/Uintah.Fire.Dept)), our website ([www.uintahfd.org](http://www.uintahfd.org)) and on Twitter at [@UFD91](https://twitter.com/UFD91)

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