



Uintah City News

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From the Mayor's Desk

The council has completed the 2018/19 budget proposal without a tax increase. I want to thank the council, city employees and the Fire Department for their dedication and desire to have a balanced budget. We couldn't have arrived at a balanced budget without a conservative financial approach. The new commercial development and fiscal prowess by the council has allowed the city to be in this position, which I am very grateful. I anticipate the new commercial development and additional tax revenue will be a tremendous benefit for the city for many years to come.

We had another successful U-Day celebration. I want to thank everyone who came, but I want to especially thank the volunteers and Becky Petty who spent countless hours preparing for the event. We served roughly 600 dinners, which seems crazy to imagine, but true. Next year, I want to exceed this number, so invite your neighbors and friends to the celebration. I would like to see more Uintah families in attendance, so please let me know via email how we can make this happen.

- Lawrence Flitton



Recycling rates are increasing... I know what you're thinking, "what a bunch of garbage!" I feel the same way but unfortunately, I get to be the one who breaks this trashy news. All cheesy puns aside, I want to let the citizens know about the information the city has received and why the rates are increasing. Yes, we have a contracted rate that has kept our rates low but this last week we received notice that because of extraordinary costs, rates need to increase in order for Waste Management to continue meeting our needs.

Waste Management Extraordinary Rate Request: "Other Extraordinary circumstances, causes or reasons that are not within the reasonable control, WM respectfully requests an extraordinary rate increase to cover increased costs, which have stemmed from the National Sword. As we have discussed over the past couple of months, the dramatic changes in the recycle industry related to contamination have caused a sharp decline in the value of recyclables and forced us to slow down our sort lines to meet these new contamination levels established by China on January 1st. This in turn has limited the markets to move commodities and increased our processing costs as we have added employees to work on the recycling sort lines to remove trash from recyclables. Waste Management requests the increase outlined below to address reduced recycling commodity values and increased processing fees."

Waste Management will increase residential recycling costs by \$2.85 for a total of \$5.85 (per month per home) beginning July 1st.

Communities that Care have a few fun activities coming up! Enjoy a night out against tobacco Weber-Morgan Health Department, has FREE tickets for an upcoming Raptors ballgame - that's right, FREE! The game will be on Wednesday, June 27 @ 7:00pm. Don't miss this opportunity to spend some FUN time bonding with your family. There's some FREE bike helmets that will be given away, too! Contact Lori to reserve you game tickets: lgreene@co.weber.ut.us @ 801-399-7189.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - August 25th is the race to prevent opioid abuse. This will offer both a half marathon and a 5K option, both of which start here in Uintah. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

A HUGE THANKS to Becky Petty and all of the many helpers who made U-Days a success! Many months of hard work and planning go into U-days each year and we can't thank them enough for volunteering their time, talents and effort to keep our beloved traditions alive.

- Kristi Bell



From the Desk of Chief Marc Sacco

First and foremost, I am honored to have been appointed to the position of Fire Chief for the Uintah City Fire Department and I look forward to advancing the skillsets of your fire department volunteers and protecting your properties from fire dangers. With the dry winter and anticipated extreme fire dangers this summer, I would like to take a moment to highlight the Uintah City Ordinance, Title 4 – Health and Sanitation Chapter 1: Nuisances.

Per Section 4-1-11: Standards for Weed Control, it is the responsibility of the property owners to ensure that weeds (including

abutting park strips, alleys or street edges) shall be maintained at a height of not more than six inches (6") at all times and that cuttings are promptly cleared and removed from the property. These include but are not limited to grasses, stubble, brush, tumbleweeds, clippings and cuttings that endanger the public health and safety by creating a fire hazard.

It is my sincerest desire we will all work together as the Uintah City community to build awareness to this Ordinance and ensure we all comply with it. This will be a great start to limit the risk to the community in the event of a fire like the one we all experienced last fall. The full Uintah City Nuisance Ordinance can be found at:

http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=978

In other department news, the month of May was Wildland Fire Safety Month. The Uintah community knows all too well the devastation a wildfire can cause and how quickly it spreads. During the month, our Wildland Division worked hard to prepare for the Wildland Fire season. Response apparatus have passed all necessary inspections and Brush 92 was officially converted to a Type III Tactical Tender. A Tender is a specialized vehicle capable of bringing water to fire trucks in the field that are engaged on the fire line. They are specifically designed for firefighting, often with four-wheel drive, rugged suspension and high wheel clearance for mountainous dirt road conditions. Finally, Weber County held a Fire Prevention Fair at Washington Heights Church. Weber Fire District, Uintah City Fire Department, Search and Rescue, US Forest Service and Air Med were on hand to answer questions and gave tips on how to keep your property and families safe in the event of a wildfire. Valuable information was provided, and it was great seeing our community members there.

- Marc Sacco



Bonneville Communities That Care Coalition Corner

In April we participated in the National Take Back Day, which was created to help people get unused medications out of their homes so other people don't have access to those medications. We're proud we were part of a county-wide effort that took in over 1400 lbs of unused medications! Thank you to everybody who brought in their unused medicines, we'll be doing another one in October, watch for more information about it in September.

There has been much publicity concerning opioids including discussion on addiction, overdoses, prevention and treatment in the news for quite some time. There is a lot of information out there, and it can be boggling trying to comb through everything and be sure it's from a reputable source. One of our partners, Weber Human Services Prevention is hosting a two day conference: Partnering for Change Conference: Ending the Opioid Epidemic. This two-day training has premier speakers, including: Dr. Bertha Madras, Ph.D. (Harvard University), Sam Quinones (Author of Dreamland), Dr. Jennifer Plumb, MD (Utah Naloxone), Dr. Stephanie Bradley, Ph.D. (Peen State University), Alema Harrington (Host of Utah Jazz Game Night). Registration is open now. 10% discount to individuals that work or live in Weber and/or Morgan County. For more information, go to: <https://www.whspfchange.net/> This conference goal is to provide education focusing on many sectors of the community including but not limited to, the public, medical, treatment, recovery, and law enforcement, about how to prevent opioid overdose deaths. We hope you can join us and learn more about this important topic.

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