



From the Mayor's Desk

In 1922, the old farming town of Uintah housed a gang of unruly boys that ran the streets and didn't want to be in school. The boys were responsible for running out eight principals prior to threatening then-principal Marlow J. Christensen, who began to carry a gun to protect himself and his family.

Following a scuffle with some of the boys, Christensen shot and killed one of them — 18-year-old Lloyd Bybee — an act that more than disrupted the small town of Uintah

The months and years that followed created a great split in the town, until Marlow ended up in California, never to come back to Uintah. The story goes that Christensen's successor, 26-year-old Golden Kilburn, transformed the town, bringing it together and giving the boys something to work for.

Kilburn was somehow able to reach out to the broken town and relate to Bybee's friends and family, bringing structure back to the community. In one of Kilburn's journals, he wrote, "There's no bad boys, we just have to help them extend their tremendous energy in the right direction."

He united residents to build the U, signifying them coming together. While most letters represent the name of a town or nearby university, the U stood for "united" for the townspeople of Uintah.

On June 9, please join me and the rest of the town to celebrate the anniversary of the building or the "U" and the unification of the citizens of this great community.

Lawrence Flitton



Safety on 6600

Just a quick update on what has been happening with Weber Pathways. They are working on rerouting the part of the trail that was damaged last year on the path from Adams Ave to Riverdale. It should be done this summer. Also, they are working on getting funding for a river study. Years ago when the 84-89 overpass was put in, the river was rerouted which overtime has caused issues downstream. As they work on continuing the path on the south side of the river they want to choose the best spot for a bridge. It will be located by the new commercial development near highway 89. They just need to locate the best place in this area. This of course will take years to accomplish but is being planned for as of now.

On another note, there has been a lot of discussion about the walkway on 6600 S. Clarification needs to be made that it is not a Weber pathways project. It is a proposed walkway for our citizens. Weber Pathways has agreed to help us find funding but that is the totality of their involvement.

Let me get slightly personal, not as a councilwoman, but as a citizen who lives on 6600 S. Do I want more foot/cycle traffic? No. Do I want my mailbox farther away than it already is? No. But, do I have 2 boys, 14 and 9, that I am trying desperately to get outdoors and knock on their friend's doors to play instead of sitting in their rooms playing videos games? Yes. Do I have 2 boys that have to venture out on 6600 S. no matter where they want to go be it a friend's or their grandparents? Yes. Do I have 2 boys that have to catch a bus in the morning to go to school which involves traveling 6600 S. and sunrise? Yes. It is dangerous and if I can help to prevent a tragedy not only for my family but another at the cost of an inconvenience I am in.

But, my opinions aside, I represent the citizens of our great city so as we think about moving along with this endeavor it is important to hear from the citizens. If this ever comes to fruition there will be a public hearing first and I hope you join the conversation!

Michelle Roberts



The Chief's Office

We are seeing the temperatures warm up, and our community out in about spring cleaning and beautifying their property. Remember to keep your property safe as well by ensuring a defensible space is in place in the event of a fire. Which leads us to remind the residents that you MUST have a permit for your open burn. When an open burn permit is not secured, and the smoke is called in as a possible fire, multiple agencies will respond which take them away from other potential emergencies that they may be called to. Also other factors need to be taken into consideration like air quality and wind. Please feel free to contact the department if you have any questions.

The department stayed busy in the month of April. We were dispatched to grass fires, illegal burns, multiple medical calls and a fire alarm. We participated with the community in the Annual Ditch Burn. It was great to see so many Uintah residents, and thank you for being safe.

The department is continuing training our firefighters to advance their skills. Currently there are firefighters in Wildland Firefighter as well as EMT classes. This is above and beyond the required department training that occurs weekly at the station. One of Uintah City's firefighters was sworn and badged in to the department this month as well. Firefighter Zachary Bush has worked hard and is dedicated to the Uintah community. It was an honor having him sworn into the department. Being Sworn in means they completed their probationary period and all required trainings that were needed prior to the swearing in ceremony.

A couple of reminders...

Open Burn season ends May 30th, no permits can be issued after that date.

U Days is just around the corner, and we look forward to seeing everyone. We look forward to the annual Wake-Up, Parade, our Explorers and visiting with the community throughout the day, we cannot wait to see you at the Pancake Breakfast as well, this is our favorite event. What an amazing way to start a great day for our community. We look forward to seeing you!!

Feel free to stop by the station to meet the Chief or any of our firefighters, and if you would like to reach Chief Sacco directly, you can do so at msacco@uintahfd.org.

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