



From the Mayor's Desk

Every day, I count my blessings to live in a country where the leaders of this great nation are selected by the power of the voting people. If we don't/do like what is happening in the local or federal level, we wield the power of change through the simple execution of the vote. If we elect not to take the opportunity to invoke our right to vote, our apathy is a vote of agreement with current policies.

Right or wrong, the apathetic vote has more power when majority of the people do not vote. This past election year, the average voter turnout in Utah was 40% and Uintah was 44.3%, which was slightly better than the average. I want to thank everyone who took the time to study the candidate options and vote for their preferred selection.

As I wrote last month, voting is an inalienable right through citizenship that is continually challenged by political abstinence, so please protect your posterity and let your voice be heard through the power of the vote. I hope that each of us cultivate the appetite to be familiar with local issues and then use the vote to support or reject the decision of the local government officials. I pray that each of us will have the desire to teach our youth the importance of being engaged in studying local, state and federal issues. May each of us pray for those that are willing to sacrifice their time and desires to serve their community.

To that end, I want to thank Greg Johnson for the time and energy he dedicated to his city council position. While he served this great community, he studied the issues and artfully articulated the challenges and worked hard to find a resolution. I will miss Greg and hope that he will continue to champion the needs of this great city.

To Gordon and Kristi, I thank you for your decision to serve the city as a city council member. To be a successful member of the city council, it takes time and energy to study the local and state issues and wisdom to work for a solution. I know you'll do great and look forward to working with you over the coming years.

- Lawrence Flitton



Election season is over and pending the official canvass it looks like we will have a change on the city council.

I would offer a big THANK YOU to Greg Johnson for his service to the city. Greg has been great to serve with. He has been a voice of reason and voted as he felt was right. We didn't always agree, but Greg was never disagreeable. I hope he stays engaged with the city. Thank you also to Greg's family for sharing him with the city.

Welcome to Kristi Bell. I look forward to working alongside her. She was not afraid to put herself in public arena and is willing to serve our little city.

Thank you for your support and allowing me to continue to serve.

Days are getting shorter and nights longer so please watch out for folks walking alongside the roads. In the morning and afternoon watch out for kids going to or getting home from school. With winter coming also remember no parking on the road right of way. Jeff and Scott will thank you when they are snowplowing. A benefit to you is your car will not be covered with snow from the plow.

The mayor and city council wrote a letter to the editor for the Standard Examiner offering our thanks to all who helped with the fire. The paper chose NOT to print it. We offer our thanks to the fire department, law enforcement and neighbors who helped. It was great to see neighbors come out and help those in need! It is the people who make our city the great place it is.

We all have something to be thankful for, so celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and family.

- Gordon Cutler



Uintah Cemetery

Have you noticed some changes at the cemetery recently? We removed the asphalt lane between section 41 and 42. This change will make available almost 140 additional spaces next year. For more information regarding space, please contact Stephanie Howell.

The Mountain U

Does the U on the mountain look a little whiter and brighter? Thanks to the great work of Eagle Scout Garrett Booth and his troop, the U has been completely repainted after the fire and is ready to shine for years to come. Our city and its betterment has been the

focus of many service projects over the years. Thanks to all those who have participated in this and other service projects. When you see Eagle Scout Garrett Booth let him know that his efforts to make Uintah a better place is appreciated. The other Eagle Scout service project, (the Fallen Officer Memorial at the Cemetery) is progressing, Target completion date is set for Memorial Day 2015.

May I also join with others in saying a BIG THANK YOU to Greg and Diane Johnson. I have seen Greg's work first hand and know of his commitment to the citizens of Uintah. Diane and Greg have also chaired the U Day parade for a number of years. What a joy to work with them and I look forward to their involvement for years to come. Thanks Again Greg and Diane Johnson!

Jerry Smith



From the Desk of Chief Pope

October was a busy month for the Uintah City Fire Department. From completing one training class finishing and another ending, training, the deployment and the Annual Trunk or Treat it seemed there was always something going on around the station. The most fun we had all month was the Annual Trunk or Treat! Many of the community members who we serve came out and toured the station and most importantly gave candy out to Uintah's Ghost's and Goblin's. There is nothing better than meeting Uintah residents during community events. Thank you so much for coming out.



In the month of October was Fire Safety Week, and once again the focus was on smoke detectors in the home. As a reminder, the department also is partnering with the American Red Cross in providing **FREE** Smoke Detectors (up to three) with installation to all Uintah residents. This yearly campaign serves as a reminder that each home should have the proper amount of smoke detectors to keep your home safe. This would include outside bedrooms and in the kitchen.

Uintah City Fire Department was dispatched out to multiple calls ranging from medical calls, auto accidents and two structure fires. The department also recruited new firefighters. Please help us in welcoming them to the Uintah community Firefighters Nick Anderson, Justo Espinosa, Kimberlee Paredes and Terrelle Tomlin. With new firefighters there comes training. The department is currently holding a Fire I and II class and all firefighters who attended HAZMAT passed and are now certified. With all the training and classes, many of our seasoned firefighters are assisting in the training of the new firefighters.



The department was deployed to the California Wildfires in October. Firefighter and Wildland Coordinator Chris Willden along with Firefighters Nate Jorgensen and Nick Anderson drove Brush 91 to California and assisted with the Bear Fire. The firefighters were deployed for a week and we were proud of their service and proud they returned home safely.



Once again, the Uintah City Fire Department showed their support for Breast Cancer Awareness for Breast Cancer Awareness Month by having the entire fire department wear pink shirts throughout the month of October. Showing support for causes so close to so many of us are important and an honor.

Do you have any comments, questions, concerns or information you would like to share?

Feel free to contact Chief William Pope at (801) 644-2508 or via email wpope@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://www.facebook.com/Uintah.Fire.Dept)), our website (www.uintahfd.org) and on Twitter at @UFD91

- Bill Pope

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