



Uintah News

September 2010



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Our City Workers



During the last few months I have had the privilege and honor of rubbing shoulders with some of the most choice and caring individuals that I have ever known. They are the employees who serve this community. These individuals are dedicated to serve, protect, and to make

Uintah a better place for its citizens, the businesses, and above all the children who are our future leaders.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "People who get so wrapped up in themselves make for such a small package."

I can say that our employees which includes everyone, planning commission, board of adjustments, fire department, sheriffs department, those that come in after hours and clean, city council, cemetery crew, and all the city workers that you see or don't see daily out and about are concerned and care about each of you.

I want to publically thank each of them for all they do. I commend our employees for always putting the needs and concerns of the citizens ahead of their own agendas and interest.

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

STAFF AT UINTAH CITY HALL (Darinda Wardell)
Darinda is now a notary, so if you need something nortarized during work hours she can do it for you.

WATER (Sue Bybee)

All of the broken fire hydrant have been fixed or replaced. The replacement of the waterline on 6600 South will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks for your patience and during the construction period.

DON PEARSON, CITY COUNCIL

Maybe I am different, but I sure am enjoying how good the City looks!! You know the tidy manicured look complements people that live here!! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could keep it this way? I think we can!!

1. You may have noticed the smell of the spray. The smell didn't last very long but the effect should. They applied three products to kill broad leaf, grass, and woody type weeds with a pre-emergent.
2. We have already had many helping by picking up trash. Even children have been helping. Please stay off the tracks and have an adult present to supervise. Thank you!!
3. There is an interest in the request to "adopt" a piece of the railroad land. Isn't this great!?

Let me make a few comments and suggestions and ask again for you help.

1. Don't disturb the soil in the treated areas to allow the pre-emergent to work.
2. Rocks or anything that may present problems in future weed control need to be removed.
3. Call City Hall or Jeff Holden if you have clean fill dirt that could be used to fill in the low areas along the tracks.
4. The lease/agreement has been signed by the UPRR and Mayor Keyes. Instead of \$1 there was no charge to Uintah for the lease. This lease/agreement included that no parking, burning, or DUMPING be allowed on UPRR property. HELP! PLEASE don't do it and report to City Hall if you see any dumping!
5. Call City Hall with any comments, ideas, or suggestions.

Thank you!

DEPUTY "ABBY"

This month, Deputy Abby is taking a break from answering letters to address a growing issue in Uintah City. The issue I am referring to is centered around Animal Control, mainly, DOGS. Uintah City has an Animal Control Ordinance No. 151-01. I recommend to anyone who has a dog, or has a neighbor that has a dog, to become familiar with this ordinance.

In the last few months, I have responded to two Dog Bite Complaints, a Felony Animal Cruelty Complaint, more than a handful of Nuisance Animal Complaints and a couple of Dog Licensing Violations. I want to talk about each of these issues to help educate people, so that this growing issue, becomes a non issue.

In Uintah City any dog bite, resulting in injury, needs to be reported to The Weber County Sheriff's Office through Dispatch at (801-629-8221). The reason the dog bite needs to be reported, is for no other reason, than safety of the community. An investigation will take place, to determine if the dog is current on it's vaccinations and if the dog has a documented aggressive history. A citation may be issued to the dog owner and the dog will be quarantined for up to 10 days. The quarantine can be an in house quarantine, if the bite is a first offense and the dog is current on it's vaccinations. If the dog is not current on it's vaccinations or has a documented aggressive history the dog may be impounded by South Ogden Animal Control. Keeping dogs properly restrained will help eliminate dog bites, if not take care of the problem all together.

In regards to the Felony Animal Cruelty Complaint. The case itself is still pending, so I won't go into any great detail about the complaint itself. I will mention that intentionally and knowingly causing pain and suffering to a companion animal is considered a Felony in the State of Utah. A companion animal is considered to be a domesticated cat or dog. Any cruelty to animals that is witnessed, needs to be reported as soon as possible to Dispatch, at the number given above. Sadly, the reason for the Felony Animal Cruelty I had dealt with was someone taking actions into their own hands, rather than reporting a Nuisance Animal Complaint. **IF YOU ARE HAVING ANY PROBLEMS WITH A NEIGHBORS DOG OR ANIMAL, REPORT IT!**

A Nuisance Animal Complaint should be filled with Uintah City if the complaint falls under the Nuisance Animal definition in the Animal Control Ordinance mentioned above. I would go into more detail about the definitions, but that would make this article way too long. I will again suggest to anyone that owns a dog or has a neighbor that owns a dog to become familiar with the Animal Control Ordinance.

The reason I wrote "documented" in bold above is to impress the importance of reporting complaints to Uintah City or The Weber County Sheriff's Office. If a formal complaint is received by Uintah City or The Weber County Sheriff's Office, a report WILL be written. When a complaint is written into a report, it is considered to be documented. If the complaint is not documented, it never happened. So the on going problem you are having with your neighbor's dog is not happening, if you don't report it. When two or more reports are written regarding a similar complaint, these reports are what I call a paper trail. If a paper trail is established, it helps justify any actions taken by Uintah City or The Weber County Sheriff's Office towards correcting the complaint.

Now before you get me in trouble with Darinda or Dispatch by calling in each and every complaint, try to be neighborly first, and go speak with the animal owner yourself. In almost all of the Nuisance Animal Complaints I have dealt with in recent months, the animal owner's told me that they were unaware of any problem with their animal because no one told them there was a problem. And if being neighborly doesn't work, **DON'T TAKE ACTIONS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS**, report the complaint.

As far as the Dog Licensing Violations go, all dogs over four months of age, that will be kept, harbored or maintained by any person/household in Uintah City, needs to be licensed with Uintah City. The license fee must be paid by April 30th of each year or with 30 days after bringing the dog into Uintah City. If the license is not purchased by this date, there will be a delinquent charge added to EACH license fee (each dog). The delinquent charge is \$50, and after October 1st, the delinquent charge is \$100...for EACH DOG. So those of you that have not licensed your dog(s) yet, and you know who you are, get in to Uintah City and license your dog(s) before October 1st. After October 1st., you might get a visit from Deputy Abby, requesting your autograph on a citation.

SPOTLIGHT



A fitting month to spotlight our fellow citizen and neighbor Lieutenant Colonel William C. Bailey, Commander of the 4th Fighter Squadron (the Fightin Fuujins) at Hill Air Force Base! Chris, his wife Monica and three children; Cori, Nate and Erin live here in Uintah and their family prepares as yet again Chris is preparing for deployment.

Chris has served in the United States Air Force at Maxwell AFB, AL; Osan AB, Republic of Korea; Goodfellow AFB, TX; U.S. European Command, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany; Columbus AFB, MS; Mountain Home AFB, ID; Luke AFB, AZ; Moody AFB, GA; the Pentagon, Washington, DC; and Hill AFB, UT.

Uintah City and Citizen's wish you a safe and speedy return home to you and your unit!

As we hear the sounds of the F-16's before your deployment and others after deployment, keep the Bailey family in your thoughts, and remember that sound in the skies is the sound of FREEDOM! Thank you Chris, Monica, Cori, Nate and Erin!

WEBPAGE

Uintah City has contracted iGOV to take over the Cities website. Soon our website will be entirely redone with many new features. If you have common interests in subjects, agenda's for meetings, etc. you will be able to add yourself to a mailing list to receive these items once posted. The website will also hold our ordinances, meeting agenda's, calendars and a variety of helpful communication tools between the City and the Citizens. Your City website liaison will continue to be Janet Thorsted. For more information on iGOV's capabilities or websites they have prepared for other Cities, use the links below.

<http://www.igovwebsites.com>
<http://www.tremontoncity.com/>
<http://boxelderut.com/>
<http://www.elkridgecity.org/>
<http://applevalleyut.org>

PLANNING COMMISSION

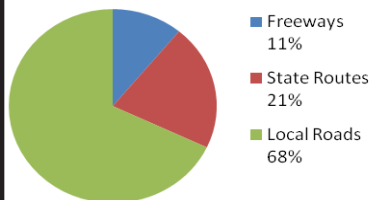
The Planning Commission has been very busy this year and has recently approved the Minster Subdivision and the Helsten Commercial Development. The fall will bring Conditional Use Permit reviews and many upcoming projects for review. If you have any Planning or Zoning questions please contact me at 801-479-5911 or email UintahPlanning@aol.com.

CITY COUNCIL, CHUCK THORSTED

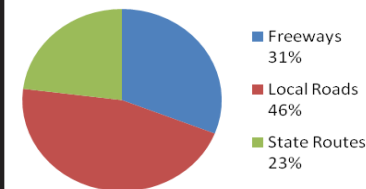
Roads (Hwy 89 project), Cemetery, Park Maintenance and Neighborhood Watch

Uintah City DOES have a Parking ordinance which can be found on our webpage under the Documents tab. This is a reminder to citizens, as we have had many complaints of vehicles, boats and trailers parked along subdivision roads and 6600 S. Especially in subdivisions, there have been many times where vehicles parked along the road on both sides of the street has caused nearly less than a single lane access. Vehicles are to be parked on your own property, either driveway, grass or extra parking area, but should not be parked on the City roads.

Crashes By Road Ownership



Vehicle Miles Traveled By Ownership



Last, we held a public hearing on September 7, to begin the dialog to reduce the speed limits on 6600 South. We have consulted with Utah League of Cities and Towns, Weber County and other entities to discuss the needs and desires of many citizens to lower the speed for the safety of our citizens. The general rule, written in driver's licenses manuals, code, etc. is 25 mph in residential areas; but 6600 South becomes unique with narrowing roads in some areas and wider spots in others. We are in negotiations with the Railroad who owns to the North of 6600 South, but a side walk or walk way has already been studied and at a cost of 8 million dollars.

There are many things were mentioned in the hearing that I would like to address: A printout of citizens who received tickets was brought up, and all of which were written for 5 miles over the speed limit. Therefore, the theory was the City is doing this as a means of revenue. Indeed the Sheriff's Department response was that a ticket may be written for 5 miles over; but the actual speed documented was many miles over. They have been lenient in giving the 5 miles over so the ticket cost the citizen less, doesn't reflect on your driver's license, and doesn't show up against your auto insurance.

Uintah has triple the amount of bus stops as it did ten years ago, and carries the false security that walking, jogging, or riding bikes is safe in a small City. This discussion is just in the beginning stages and an engineer study will be completed to see what the safe speed is for the use of our roadway is. For any questions you may have regarding Roads, Cemetery, Park Maintenance or Neighborhood Watch; please call me at 801-920-9785. Council Member Chuck Thorsted

FIRE DEPARTMENT, DAVE BOOTHE

We are excited to have the new equipment that was purchased with the 2009 Assistant To Firefighter Grant that the department was awarded through FEMA and the Homeland Security Governmental Agencies. The amount we obtained for the grant was \$ 33,773.00.

With this grant, we were able to purchase a two station refill boom-box and a compressor to refill our SCBA (self contained breathing apparatus) air bottles. During use, the SCBA air bottles only carry a 30 minute supply of oxygen. This new piece of equipment will give us the capability to refill these air bottles, whether used during an emergency or after a training session. Prior to this acquisition, we would have to take our empty air bottles to either South Weber or South Ogden fire departments to have them filled. This equipment elevates the out-of-service time required to complete this task. This new system will be a real win-win situation for our department.

We were also able to purchase new training DVD's. The currently used training video's we have were produced and filmed in 1984. Since that time, there have been several changes in training procedures geared to assist the firefighter in several aspects of the job. This new addition which consists of 33 DVD's, covers both Firefighter I and Firefighter II training. The information contained on these DVD's, along with the practical training we do, will increase our firefighting knowledge and skills and will help us to improve the safety of our firefighters at a emergency scene.

Thanks again to our community residents that have help make our community fire safe during the past summer season. As we transition into the fall season, I hope everyone will continue to be diligent and fire safe.



CITY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 12	13	14 Garbage & Recycle Day	15 Justice Court 11 am to 1 pm	16	17 Canyon Crest Ward Old Town Hall	18 Wright Old Town Hall
19	20	21 Garbage Day	22 Jerry Smith Old Town Hall	23	24	25
26	27	28 Garbage & Recycle Day Planning Commission 7 pm	29 Uintah City Traffic Court 7 pm	30	October 1	2
3	4	5 Garbage Day City Council 7 pm	6 Justice Court 11 am to 1 pm	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12 Garbage & Recycle Day	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Garbage Day City Council Work Meeting 7 pm	20 Justice Court 11 am to 1 pm	21	22	23

NOTICE

**Last month under recycling, it listed glass as being recyclable.
It is not. Sorry for any confusion.**

UINTAH'S CRIME CLOCK

JULY

THEFT

One theft occurred every 15.5 days
THEFT - TWO OCCURRED,
ONE ON A WEDNESDAY AND ONE ON
SUNDAY WITH A TIME FRAME OF
2:00 A.M. AND 11:30 A.M.

BURGLARY

One Burglary occurred every 10.3 day
BURGLARY - MOST OFTEN
OCCURRED ON A WEDNESDAY



AUGUST

THEFT

Zero theft occurred every 31 days

BURGLARY

Zero Burglary occurred every 31 days

CITY DIRECTORY

Mayor/City Council

Mayor Keyes.....801-479-5923
Sue Bybee.....801-479-8382
Gary Laird.....801-479-8739
Don Pearson.....801-479-8766
Chuck Thorsted.....801-479-5911

City Office.....801-479-4130

City Recorder.....Darinda Wardell
Court Clerk.....Amanda Shipley
Treasurer.....Nichole Venz

Planning Commission

Janet Thorsted.....801-479-5911

Board Of Adjustment

Dave Shurtleff.....801-479-8402

Maintenance, Animal Support

Jeff Holden.....801-391-2804

Fire Chief

Dave Boothe.....801-479-4959

Cemetery Sexton

Gordon Pringle.....801-479-5965

Community Resource Officer

Tyler Greenhalgh----801-629-8221



Welcome to our Little
Corner of the World

PHONE BOOK CHANGES

Move-Ins

James & Kelly Anderson
6847 S. 1650 E.
801-608-7070