



# Uintah News

## September 2011



### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

#### Animal Control

The City is glad to announce that Weber County animal control will now be doing animal control. If you have any questions please contact Heidi Flitton.

#### Calendar

The calendar with reservation and event will not be in the newsletter, is now on the City's Website at [www.uintahcity.com](http://www.uintahcity.com). There are other items of interest on the website so visit it often.

#### City Meetings

I would like to invite anyone that would like to attend any meetings that we have at the City. Tuesday mornings at 8:15 am, we have administrative round robin meetings to discuss event and any issues that are taking place during the week.

The 1st and 3rd week of the month, we have City Council work meetings at 6 pm, if necessary, and City Council meetings at 7 pm. On the 4th Tuesday of the month, we have Planning Commission Meeting at 7 pm. Occasionally, we meet with different individuals and companies to discuss City matters. Our meetings are open to the public; you are always welcome to attend these meetings.

One item that bothers me is that I have heard several times that the City is having secret meetings. I am totally confused about this and can't figure out when they are occurring. If you have concerns about the City violating the Open and Public Meetings Act, please contact me so that we can discuss it. I will always strive to make sure that the City doesn't violate the Act. For those that are saying that we have secret meetings, I ask that you to tell me or someone on the council what meetings you are talking about. If you know of something that you feel we have done or are doing to violated the law, or have some concerns, please contact me so that we can correct what we are doing wrong or discusses the issue.

For your information, I have added information on the Open and Public Meetings Act.

The Open and Public Meetings Act defines a meeting as being a convening of a public body when a quorum is present. Meetings include workshops, executive sessions, and it does not matter if the meeting is held in person or by means of electronic communications. Convening is also defined to mean any meeting called by a person authorized to do so for the purpose of either discussing or acting upon a matter on a subject matter over which the body has jurisdiction or advisory power.

The exceptions to what a meeting is are very narrow. They include a chance meeting, a social meeting; a convening of a public body that has both legislative and executive responsibilities where no public funds are appropriated and where the meeting is convened just to implement administrative matters.

The Open and Public Meetings Act applies to more than just the governing body of a city. It also applies to Planning Commissions, the Boards of Adjustment, and other advisory committees of the city. As long as this group consists of two or more persons, has the power to expend, disburse, or is supported in whole or part by tax revenue and has authority to do the public's business it is governed by the Act. The intent of this is to include all committees, commissions, or other groups that may be carrying out anything that looks like the public's business if they are supported by public funds.

It is important to remember, however, that a quorum of the body is necessary for it to be a meeting subject to the Act. For example, any two council members, including the Mayor of the city could get together to discuss any matter without it being a meeting but three council members, including the Mayor could not get together to discuss a public matter without it constituting a meeting.

If there are any issues with any of the City's meetings, please let a member of the Council or myself know so that we can correct any mistakes that we are making.



### Culinary Water

The city will be starting to work on GPS and mapping all water hookup locations. As a reminder, it is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep all meter lids clear of debris so that they can be located easily. If you could please check you meter lids and clean them up as well as around them we would appreciate.

### Flags

If you have a flag that is in a condition that needs to be destroyed, you can drop it off at the City. We will be contacting a group that holds ceremonies to dispose of flags in a dignified, lawful manner.

### Hwy 89

Currently UDOT is working on the right-of-way documents for HWY 89. After they are completed, UDOT will begin the appraisal process. We have been told by UDOT that they will not have barriers between the railroad over crossings.

### Town Park

Lately, we have been having some vandalism in the park. We are asking that you talk to your young children that play in the park and ask them not to drag the picnic tables around or climb on the roof. For some reason, the bowery roof has become a playground for children which is dangerous. The bowery was just been replaced because of the damage cause by the children. Weber County Sheriff will be patrolling the area more frequently.

## 32 YEARS AGO (1979)

- ◆ Uintah Town Hall was expanded through a Mott Foundation Grant to the community.
- ◆ The Town developed a transportation system to help senior citizens in the area get into Ogden City for necessary shopping once a week. Preliminary work on the plan and corrdation was done by Leora Dye.
- ◆ The clean up day, chaired by Luke Mildon, was held where the citizens who cleaned up the town park, cemetery, and also constructed a playground of tires that was financed with a Mott Foundation grant.
- ◆ A Uintah School Park community fund raiser was held to raise funds for a roller skating program and park improvements.
- ◆ Parts of the City Code for traffic, zoning, and farming were revised.
- ◆ Preliminary approval was given for the 8-lot Uintah Heights Subdivision.

## DEPUTY ALLEN



Summer is coming to an end. School is back in session, and School buses are running. Speed limit in a marked School zone is 20 MPH when lights are flashing. When lights are not flash-

ing vehicle must yield to persons waiting at a marked crosswalk. Also all traffic must stop for a School bus if it has its flashing lights on. Remember it is everyone's responsibility to keep the children safe.

Also, if you see something happening in the City that needs a police response call 911 or the non-emergency Dispatch at 801-395-8221. If you call while the incident is occurring, it will make our job of investigating the incident easier.

## DON PEARSON

Have you noticed that with no weeds and tall grass you can see the litter along 6600? Have you also noticed that it doesn't stay there very long? Thanks so much for caring and keeping our city looking GREAT!



Look at our Web page - [www.uintahcity.com](http://www.uintahcity.com)  
With your suggestions it will become better and better! Thanks Darinda!

City elections are coming. Please be informed so that your voice will be heard but be nice!

## PHONE BOOK CHANGES

### Move-in:

Richochet Storage  
2510 E. 6550 S.  
801-479-0844

Shawn Bostic & Colette Allred  
6855 S. 1600 E.  
801-548-8174

## LEE WOHLGEMUTH



The city is working to create an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for Uintah, which will meet our local needs to respond to an emergency of any type -- flood, fire, earthquake, train wreck, etc. Our efforts will focus initially on establishing an EOC, Emergency Operations Center, which will direct the work of emergency response crews, whether police or fire, or city volunteers who are called out to assist. People will be designated to fill key leadership roles, and supportive roles, and an overall organizational command structure will be established.

The city's Emergency Preparedness Committee met recently to review the existing city plans for emergency response. We realized that the plans need to be updated to meet our needs, as well as new requirements. We therefore are planning how we will bring the city into compliance with county, state, and federal guidelines for emergency responders. This includes the creation of an EOP, with the command structure, the EOC. Committee members are Joe

Butler, Stu Boyd, Margaret Putnam, Jim Morkin, Dave Boothe, and Lee Wohlgemuth.

At the same time, we will continue to encourage residents to maintain their own reserve supplies, and to be fully prepared as families. Residents are encouraged to take care of themselves as far as possible, and to provide for neighbors under emergency conditions. Local buildings will be designated as assembly or shelter points, in case of flooding, fire, earthquake, etc. An emergency city-wide communications network will be set up, to be used when home phones and cell phones fail, and which will connect us to the county and other emergency services. A few years ago the city produced and distributed an Emergency Management Preparedness Guide. It is still a valid resource, and we encourage you to review it in light of your own personal family needs.

The state of Utah is planning a state-wide emergency response exercise next April, which will test the ability of counties, cities, and towns to respond to various emergency scenarios. The city of Uintah is determined to do its part, to provide emergency support to its residents, to coordinate with surrounding towns, and the county, to make sure all people are safe and secure. Our development of an EOP and EOC are timely and will help us be ready to meet any disaster.

**IMPORTANT:** In our efforts to compile the information and instructions which will comprise the EOP, we need to determine which city residents are already prepared in various areas to help the city as a whole. Here are some questions:

- A) Are you interested in helping us develop our EOP?
- B) Are you certified by FEMA (or other agency) in any emergency response areas?
- C) Are you a ham radio operator? Would you be willing to be part of our emergency communications network?

Please contact me, or any member of the committee, if you can assist the city in these emergency areas. Thank you!

## RECYCLING OF CFL BULBS

CFLs contain a very small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing. EPA recommends that consumers take advantage of available local recycling options for compact fluorescent light bulbs. To recycle your CFL bulbs, our local Home Depot stores have recycling containers located outside the building. Just seal them up in a plastic bag and drop them off at any Home Depot location. The bulbs will then be carefully shipped to a recycling management company and recycled.

When a fluorescent bulb breaks in your home, some of this mercury is released as mercury vapor. To minimize exposure to mercury vapor, EPA recommends that residents follow cleanup and disposal steps. See [epa.gov/cfl/cflcleanup.html](http://epa.gov/cfl/cflcleanup.html) for more information.

## HEIDI FLITTON



### Nuisance Ordinance

Mayor Bybee announced the city would be checking all property within city limits for nuisance ordinance violations. There have been questions regarding what we will be looking for. That question can be answered by referring to the city website under documents, and click on Nuisance Ordinance, 2006. Property was checked by driving around the city, and noting what can be seen from the road. Many residents had tall weeds (over 6 inches), junk, and unlicensed vehicles. Since the initial drive around the city, many of those residents took the initiative to take care of their property, without a letter from the city. Another drive through the city was recently made, and letters will follow.

We appreciate the residents paying prompt attention to this issue. The objective is to reduce health and welfare issues, as well as fire hazards in the city.

### Animal Control

We are in the final stages of contracting with Weber County for animal control, and animal sheltering services. Weber County will have an officer patrolling the city during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If an animal is picked up by an officer, there is an \$85 fee, and you will need to go down to the shelter at the Weber County fairgrounds. There are officers on call 24 hours/day, 365 days/year. You will continue to license your animals at the Uintah city office, and they WILL NOT be picking up cats.

### Eagle Scout Project

We'd like to thank Jeremy VanderDoes and his scout troop for making 7 sets of sand bag filling boxes. These boxes make it possible to fill 6 sand bags at a time, and they are portable for different sand bag filling sites. Should you need to borrow these, you can contact Jeff Holden.

## CITY DIRECTORY

<u>Mayor/City Council</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Cell</u>	<u>email</u>
Mayor Bybee.....	801-648-7628.....	801-391-1447.....	uintahbybee@gmail.com
Dave Boothe.....	801-479-4595.....	801-540-9474.....	uintahfire@aol.com
Don Pearson.....	801-479-8766.....	801-624-9670.....	dpearso@yahoo.com
Lee Wohlgemuth.....	801-475-7334.....	801-648-2508.....	lee_uintah@yahoo.com

<u>City Office</u> .....	801-479-4130.....	uintahcity@qwestoffice.net
City Recorder.....	Darinda Wardell	
Court Clerk.....	Amanda Shipley	
Treasurer.....	Nichole Venz	

### Planning Commission

Glenn Woolsey.....	801-621-6257.....	801-528-2363.....	wool_z@comcast.net
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### Board Of Adjustment

Dave Shurtleff.....	801-479-8402.....	david.a.shurtleff@l-3com.com
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### Maintenance

Jeff Holden.....	801-391-2804.....	jdm_uintah@msn.com
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### Fire Chief

Dave Boothe.....	801-479-4595.....	801-540-9474.....	uintahfire@aol.com
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### Cemetery Sexton

Gordon Pringle.....	801-479-5965 or 801-479-4130.....	uintahcity@qwestoffice.net
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### Community Resource Officer

Andy Allen.....	801-629-8221
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**Animal Control - Weber County Animal Control and Shelter.....801-399-8244.....** Hours - Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday 8:00 am - Noon. Keep current identification tags on your pets and get a microchip. Identification saves lives!!