



# Uintah News

## February 2012



### MAYOR'S MESSAGE



I would like to acknowledge the City Council for their willingness to serve and express how much I appreciate them and all the work that they do. I would like to thank all the City's employees, they are amazing. These individuals dedicate untold hours in service to our citizens and take their jobs seriously to serve our community. I regularly receive commendation from our residents who recognize the contribution of our employees. I am so thankful that I live in this wonderful community and that I have the opportunity to serve you

There are a lot of things going on in the City right now so make sure you read through "What's Happening" so that you can be updated and involved in what is going on in the City.

I would like to recognize and inform you that our devoted Fire Chief Dave Boothe who has served for 13 years as the Uintah Fire Chief will be retiring on February 29th. The City will be recognizing Dave at our City Council meeting March 6th. Please plan on attending the March 6th meeting so that you can thank him for all his years of service.

Lastly, I am so excited that the City will be starting the Youth City Council (YCC). We have so many wonderful youth in our City that will be able to benefit from this experience. Applications for both advisors and members are now being accepted at the City Office.

### UTILITY PAYMENTS

There have been some issues with Utility Payments and the late charge. The Uintah City Resolution No. 08-1007-WTR states:

**Due Date:** Payment of Bill/Notices is due on the 15th of the following month. If the 15th falls on a holiday or weekend, the date will be moved to the next working date.

**Late Fee:** A penalty fee of \$10 will be assessed for payments received after the due date.

**Late Payment:** If payment is not received by **5:00 p.m. on the Due Date**, payment for the account is officially late.

**Drop Box:** Payments left in the drop box **after 5:00 p.m. on the 15th are officially late**; those payments will not be reflected on the next bill.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL**

We are online with Weber County for our dog licenses. Weber County will be at the City Office March 5th and April 2nd from 9 to noon and 1 to 3:30 pm for the convenience to our citizens to license their dogs.

**RABIES CLINICS** - March 17 and April 14 at 2 to 4 pm. Cost of rabies shots will be \$14. The Rabies Clinics will be held at the Weber County Animal Shelter, located at the fairgrounds.

## **All licenses in Uintah expire on April 30, 2012.**

Fees will be as follow:

- Non-sterilized \$25.00 per dog
- Sterilized \$10.00 per dog
- Sterilized owned by Senior Citizen (65 older) \$5.00 per dog
- Non-sterilized owned by Senior Citizen (65 older) \$25.00 per dog
- Mandatory Late Fee (due 30 days after license expires) \$20.00 per household
- Licensing is due 1 year from previous licensing date. For instance if you license, March 13, 2009, your license expires March 13, 2010, and the late fee applies April 30, 2012.

(If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Council Member Heidi Flitton. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

## **BONNEVILLE COMMUNITIES THAT CARE (CTC)**

On Friday February 3rd there was an article about Bonneville CTC by Gentry Reinhart, Standard-Examiner correspondent. Mr. Reinhart referred to the arrests at Bonneville High School and explained what CTC is doing. He quoted Amy Mikkelsen, the CTC coordinator, when she said that: "The goal is to identify the types of factors that lead kids to detrimental behavior and to bolster efforts to reduce risky behaviors." He also briefly explained how CTC plans to reach this goal. Here is the link if you missed this article,

<http://www.standard.net/stories/2012/02/03/communities-care-release-assessment-findings-youth-community>

(If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Council Member Don Pearson. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

## **BUDGET**

We have completed our budget review for our half year mark and have adjusted the budget as per our public hearing held on February 7th. (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Mayor Sue Bybee. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

## **BUSINESS LICENSES**

I am happy to report that half of the businesses have renewed, the other half have until February 28th to renew. We have two new businesses licenses that were approved. They are for Jim and Kelly Anderson for Peregrine Health and Jeff and Alise Sonognini for Spirit Fingers Nail Salon. We ask that you support these new businesses as well as all the other businesses in the City. (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact City Recorder Darinda Wardell. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

## **CEMETERY**

We have been in the process of obtaining pricing of other communities, comparable to ours, on their fee structure for the pricing of cemetery plots, opening/closing costs, and perpetual care fees. We have contacted 10 various cities (local and throughout the state) and have compiled a spread sheet of their costs. These figures were presented and discussed at a open work meeting this past week prior to city council. To help us move forward with purchasing some newer equipment, future needs of the cemetery, and to update our current ordinance, talks have commenced about our fee schedule and ways to work towards achieving the above goals. (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Council Member Dave Boothe. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

## **CITY DIRECTORY**

The City directory is in the process of being updated. Please submit any changes that you have to the City, drop the information off in the drop off box, or email the information to [uintahcity@qwestoffice.net](mailto:uintahcity@qwestoffice.net). (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Mayor Sue Bybee. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

## **CITY OFFICE**

We have completed our update to the new software Caselle Clarity. We have trained all week and feel competent that we will be calling support a lot in the next few weeks.

**COMMERCIAL CRIME BLANKET BOND** - At the last City Council meeting the proposal for a Commercial Crime Blanket Bond was discussed and approved. This bond is like an insurance policy that protects the City from any potential that might result from dishonest employees. The City's auditor recommended that the City acquire this protection. (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact City Recorder Darinda Wardell. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

## **EASTER**

The Easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 7, 2012. Watch the newsletter and website for more information as it gets closer. We couldn't pull off our Easter egg hunt without the generous donations we receive each year. If you would like to donate, you may stop by the city offices. (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Council Member Heidi Flitton. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

The Emergency Preparedness Committee is working on the city's EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) in preparation for the state-wide earthquake drill which is scheduled to be held in April this year. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 28, at 7 pm, at the Old City Hall. If you would like to take part on this committee, please

contact Lee Wohlgeomuth (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Council Member Lee Wohlgeomuth. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

### **Fire Department**

There will be a City Council work meeting on February 28th to discuss the status of the fire department. The fire personnel have requested some changes be made and will be outlining the changes to the City Council. Because a decision has not been made on the status of the fire department, at the recent City Council meeting the Request for Proposal for a new fire station was put on hold. After the meeting with the fire personnel, the city will be reviewing their input as well as all other options in order to make a decision that will be best for the City. We owe it to the community to explore all options and find out the best possible solution for our city. There will be a work meeting where the input from the fire personnel as well as the options will be discussed, and then at a following meeting a decision will be voted upon. (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Mayor Sue Bybee. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

### **HWY 89**

Right of way acquisition is finalized. The engineers are in the final phase for the project. Advertising for a contractor is close. Construction should begin immediately after contractor selection. The goal is to have everything done by the beginning of school in the fall. (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Council Member Don Pearson. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

### **OLD TOWN PARK**

As we transition closer into our Spring season (hopefully sooner than later) we have various projects that will commence with our parks. Top priority will be replacing the grass, with approved sand or bark, around the play equipment at the City Hall Park.

We have also completed the project of repairing/replacing the fence along the east side of the old City Park that was blown over and destroyed by the heavy winds we experienced last December. (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Council Member Dave Boothe. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

### **PLANNING COMMISSION**

We have an opening for a Planning Commission Secretary that is being advertised. If you are interested please contact the City Office for an application. (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Planning Commission Chair Glen Woolsey. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

### **RECYCLING AND RECYCLING ISSUES**

I appreciate the comments that I have received from many residents about the city's recycle and waste removal programs. If you have not written or called me yet with your views on recycling, please contact me, Lee Wohlgeomuth, by phone or email. Meanwhile, I am happy to report that we will likely be able to reduce our costs for the recycling program in the near future, since you have been filling your recycle cans. I urge you to continue to recycle everything you can. At the same time, you can then put less in the waste cans, and we'll save some money there also. This will result in lower costs to our residents. (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Council Member Lee Wohlgeomuth. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

### **RFP'S - FIRE STATION AND SECONDARY WATER**

At the last City Council, both Request for Proposal (RFP) were approved. However, the one for the fire station was put on hold as discussed under the fire station section. The RFP for the secondary water was given to our city engineer to complete. (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Council Member Lee Wohlgeomuth. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

### **TRAILS**

By summer 2012, there will be a new bridge and trail constructed that will be close enough for joggers, walkers, bikers, and equestrians in the City to enjoy. You will be able to access the new segment of the trail by crossing the bridge over the river and following Cottonwood Drive. Currently, a portion of the path exists and is located on the right, just a few yards before you reach the toll bridge down along the river. The trail from Cottonwood Drive will be improved but not paved. There are some final items that stand in the way of beginning construction on this new segment. The Riverdale trail is located on the opposite side of the river, there is a plan to construct a bridge to make the connection. The connecting bridge will be close to the Riverside Golf course. To find out about all the trails around us, check out this website: <http://weberpathways.org/> (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Council Member Don Pearson. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

### **U-DAY**

Planning for our annual U-Days celebration in June is well underway! Local residents (28 in number!) came together on February 9th for the first meeting, and initial plans are moving forward. The next meeting will be held at the Old City Hall on Thursday, March 8th. The co-chairs of the U-Days planning committee are Patti and Neal Sawyer(801-589-8424) and Connie Lewis (801-476-4651). They have great ideas and great enthusiasm! We can use a few more people to help with the event, and perhaps a few more ideas. If you want to participate, we'd love to have you as part of the team. Call Patti, Neal, or Connie to volunteer, and plan to attend the next meeting in March. (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Council Member Lee Wohlgeomuth. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

## YOUTH CITY COUNCIL

The Uintah City Council is excited to announce the creation of its first Youth City Council (YCC). The YCC is a group of 10th-12th grade high school students from Uintah that will participate in political, social, and service activities associated with local government. The goal is to serve the community as well as learn about government and have fun doing it.

For those who are interested in running for office, applications may be obtained from the Uintah City Office February 8th until February 29th. Interviews and elections will take place on March 1st. Applications are also available if you'd just like to participate in activities.

All adults interested in supervising the YCC until the end of the school year are encouraged to apply at the Uintah City Offices. The YCC adult supervisors will attend two meetings a month with the youth, as well as all scheduled activities.

Please check the cities website for more information [www.uintahcity.com](http://www.uintahcity.com) (If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact Council Member Heidi Flitton. Contact information is at the end of the newsletter.)

## UINTAH'S CRIME CLOCK

### DECEMBER

#### THEFT

ZERO THEFTS OCCURRED

#### BURGLARY

ONE BURGLARY OCCURRED ON A TUESDAY AT MIDNIGHT

#### ASSAULTS

ONE ASSAULT OCCURRED ON A THURSDAY AT 6 PM



### JANUARY

#### THEFT

ZERO THEFT OCCURRED

#### BURGLARY

ZERO BURGLARIES OCCURRED

#### ASSAULTS

ZERO ASSAULTS OCCURRED

## CITY DIRECTORY

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### Maintenance

Jeff Holden.....801-391-2804.....jdm\_uintah@msn.com

### Fire Chief

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

### Cemetery Sexton

Gordon Pringle.....801-479-5965 or 801-479-4130.....uintahcity@qwestoffice.net

### Community Resource Officer

Todd Christensen.....801-629-8221

Animal Control - Weber County Animal Control and Shelter.....801-629-8221..... 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!!