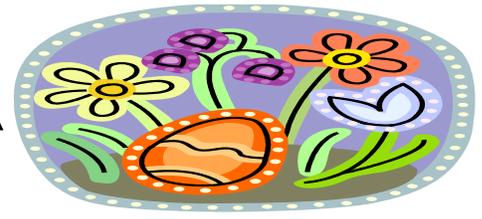




CITY OF UCON

APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

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- **March 8, 2017 City Council Highlights**
Mayor Blain, Nadine Ball, Craig Sturman, Jon Holst, John Brasier and three citizens were present.
- **Mayor Blain** called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The opening prayer was led by Gene Streeper.
- **FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported 19 total people with 16 attending regular training; 115 hours training; 49 hours PR/meetings; 4 hours on actual fire calls – 1 to Ammon canceled in route, 1 lift assist in Idaho Falls; 95 hours maintenance. The department is offering a CPR class on Wednesday March 29 and the council members are invited to attend. The certification cards are \$5 each. Chief Norman requested and received authorization to spend \$75 for 15 firemen for CPR certification cards. He has requested three radios from the Forest Service. The radios will be used for wildland communications. We will not own the radios and they will be returned if they break. They are working to get donations for the Easter egg hunt. Ucon is in a flood warning until Monday but things are looking pretty good. He requested eight tires for the tender and presented bids. The council approved \$2,096 for eight mounted tires.
- **COMMERCIAL FIRE INSPECTIONS** – Chief Norman presented the council with an excerpt from the 2012 International Fire Code (IFC) and stated that the code may be adopted by the City it would explain the rights and responsibilities an entity has to enforce fire codes. The cities he's talked to have informed him that a commercial fire code inspection is built in to their building permit application. He urged the council to consider adopting the IFC.
- **POLICE REPORT** – Chief Walker reported 312 patrol hours; 14 hours investigation/court, 3 call outs, 3 arrests/warrants, 12 traffic stops, 8 traffic citations issued, 9 complaints responded to, 2 special events, 1 special patrol, 1 county assist, 2 traffic accidents, 16 hours other /maintenance/roads. He informed the council that the Crown Vic is out of service. The Ford F150's interior electrical has failed and it has an exhaust leak. He's working to get the F150 electrical repaired. The Taurus X is the only police vehicle we have that's currently running. Daniel said he will try to get to the truck next week. Chief Walker reported that the grant for the generator and security system is still on track. A meeting was held with local business owners regarding the eclipse. The Idaho Office of Emergency Management has sent out lots of documents. The Idaho Falls emergency response team is gathering information from nearby entities in the area to plan for the eclipse. Mayor Blain believes it is going to be more like the fireworks-type

event, but that it is better to be prepared. He ask what ordinances, if any, would be suspended during the eclipse and for how long.

- **P&Z REPORT - VARIANCE** – BRIAN BIRCH 10053 N YELLOWSTONE – REDUCE MINIMUM SETBACKS– Tyler Baum stated that the P & Z held a public hearing and recommended approval of the variance. The council approved the variance. Gene Streeper stated that Felipe Resendiz at 10939 North Yellowstone Highway would like to install 20 feet of six foot wood fence in the front of his house to prevent rocks from flying through his front windows that are very close to the street. Mayor Blain stated that only four foot fences are allowed in front of residences due to taller fences creating visibility issues.
- **LANDSCAPE & REC. COMMITTEE REPORT** – Nadine Ball stated that she is in the process of applying for the 2017 Arbor Day grant and wants to get cleanup day and Arbor Day on the calendar. Arbor Day/City Cleanup Day was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd. Dumpsters will be in place a week before and a week after the cleanup.
- **WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – Daniel Morgan reported that Officer Fullmer's 2010 Dodge Charger would not start. It was discovered that the fuel pump had failed. The car has two fuel pumps so he replaced them both. Officer Fullmer stated that after the fuel pumps were replaced, the crank position sensor failed and will be replaced as soon as possible. Daniel reported that 15 water meters froze and broke during the winter. He is going to order 20 repair kits at \$40 each so he can get them repaired. The meter pits where the meters froze are lower and he thinks the water went down into the pits and froze the meters. He will try to raise the meters up before next winter. He ordered three sewer pumps for Hitt Road lift station from Utility Management Services for \$52,000. The pumps have a five year warranty which decreases as the pumps wear. The pumps will take nine weeks for delivery. The fuel HEMTT is almost complete. He thinks he's been able to stay pretty close to \$2,000 and hopes to turn meters that were on the truck in for credit at Leonard Petroleum. John Brasier stated that Ucon has the sewer capacity to serve the increased population during the eclipse. He encouraged the council to consider updating security measures to protect water system. Jon Holst reported that the road on 105 North and Crowley Road where the sewer line was replaced has

City Meeting Schedule

- **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM
- **Planning & Zoning:** Last Thurs, 7:00 PM
- **Landscape & Recreation:** 1st Thurs, 5:30 PM



settled severely. He stated that he will call Landon Excavating and Bonneville County to see what needs to be done.

- **BUDGET STATUS – BUDGET STATUS – Mayor Blain stated that 41% of the year has elapsed and budgets are on track.**
- **COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:22 P.M.**

26th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th —10:00 A.M.

Please bring your own baskets.



Ages 1-3 in the TENNIS COURT (One Parent will be allowed on the Tennis Court.)

4 yrs—2nd Grade will be at SIMMONS PARK.

3rd Grade—6th Grade will be at the SCHOOL

GROUPS

NO ONE older than 6th grade will be allowed to participate. Please do not arrive at the park before 9:30 A.M. Be sure to check your eggs for prize coupons. We recycle the plastic Easter Eggs. Please empty the contents of the eggs into your baskets and put the plastic eggs in the can by one of the Fire Trucks. This helps us cut down on the costs. This event is funded entirely by donations. Contributions are always welcome.

UCON BASEBALL

Registration coming up soon!



Visit Ucon Baseball on FACEBOOK or call Kammie Turpin at 589-2259

Public Hearing

2017 Eclipse Planning

The City of Ucon will hold a public hearing on Wednesday April 12th @ 7:30 PM to discuss planning strategies and possible suspension of select ordinances during the Eclipse.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 22nd City Building @ 10:00 AM

CITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, April 22nd, 2017

We would like to assist you with your spring cleaning. As in past years, we will be placing two large dumpsters in the city. One dumpster will be placed on 41st by the tennis courts. The other will be placed on 107th by the old city building. The county landfill restrictions on materials in the dumpsters are as follows:

Prohibited Items: Treated Wood (i.e. Railroad ties, Fence posts: Grass, Clothes, paper, Ag. Waste such as (Seeds, Hay, Straw, Manure), Burn Barrels, Tires, Refrigerators, Paint, Oil, Oil Filters, Bug Killers, Herbicides, No empty cans of Paint, Electronics, Fluorescent lights, Furniture, Mattresses, Carpet, and Contaminated Soil. No garbage bags of anything. No food of any kind, including garden produce vegetables and fruits). No plastic or metal flammable fuel containers.

Allowed Items: Construction and Demolition debris which include Wood Products, Branches, Lumber Bricks, Concrete, Tree Stumps, Packing Material, Soil, Rocks, Bulky metal items, Yard debris (no grass), and Weeds.

If you have an item that is too large, heavy, or you just need some assistance, we will be out with the dump truck on Clean-up Day. This service may be requested by calling the city, we will only be able to remove items if you are available to assist or direct. If you are not available, items will not be removed from your residence.

Home-Security Tips

While it's difficult to protect your home from professional thieves, most home burglaries are done by amateurs. These thieves are more easily thwarted if you employ some of these simple security precautions:

- Plan to "burglarize" yourself. You'll discover any weaknesses in your security system that may have previously escaped your notice.
- Lock up your home, even if you go out only for a short time. Many burglars just walk in through an unlocked door or window.
- Change all the locks when you move into a new house.
- Your house should appear occupied at all times. Use timers to switch lights and radios on and off when you're not at home.
- If you're going on vacation contact our police department and talk with neighbors to watch your home.
- A spring-latch lock is easy prey for burglars who are "loiding" experts. Loiding is the method of slipping a plastic credit card against the latch tongue to depress it and unlock the door. A deadbolt defies any such attack.
- Before turning your house key over to a professional house cleaner for several hours, make sure the person is honest and reputable as well as hardworking. Check all references thoroughly. If the house cleaner is from a firm, call your local Better Business Bureau to check on the firm's reputation.
- Instead of keeping a spare key in a mailbox, under the doormat, or on a nail behind the garage, wrap the key in foil -- or put it in a 35mm film can -- and bury it where you can easily find it if you need it.
- If the entrances to your home are dark, consider installing lighting with an infrared detector. Most thieves don't want to be observed trying to get in a door.
- Trees located near windows or shrubbery that might shield a burglar from view can be major flaws in your home-protection plan. Consider your landscaping plan in light of your protection needs.
- Dogs are good deterrents to burglars. Even a small, noisy dog can be effective -- burglars do not like to have attention drawn to their presence. Be aware, however, that trained guard dogs do not make good pets. Obedience training and attack training are entirely different, and only the former is appropriate for a house pet.

Mayor's Straight Talk

This summer (August 21st) there will be an Eclipse and depending on who you talk to it is either great or the worst thing that could ever happen. August is not very far away and as a city we need to plan now. I have received input that people are going to have friends and family over for the event, which is great and not a problem. It could become a challenge if 5,000 or more people descend on our city, so we are asking for your input and we are holding a public hearing on April 12th at 7PM. You can post your comments on the City Facebook wall or come to the meeting. We need your input.

Mayor Blain