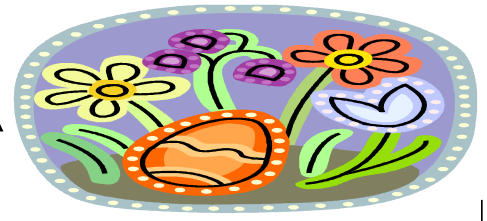




# CITY OF UCON

## APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

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### City Council Highlights – March 8, 2023

John Brasier, Johnalee McDonald, Tyrell Maughan, Larry Gilmore, and three citizens were present. Mayor Sturman was excused.

John Brasier called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MAYOR’S SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – Chris Paolini stated that he, Mayor Sturman, and the committee have been meeting over the last several weeks to discuss the application process. They hope to encourage as many people as possible to apply, and the committee will meet again next week to finalize the application. Applications will be accepted until 12 noon on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**POLICE REPORT** – Chief Fullmer reported 315 patrol hours; 2 arrests/warrants; 43 traffic stops; 13 traffic citations; 116 calls for service. He thanked the scholarship committee for their work on the program. He will attend a two-day training on fentanyl on March 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Lockdown and fire drills will be held in the near future at Ucon Elementary. He encouraged the council to again consider a parking ordinance. He stated that he will investigate to see how other cities handle parking violations.

**FIRE REPORT** – Chief Scott Norman reported 21 members, 17 attending regular training, and six wildland members. 162 training hours; 81 chief hours; 2 hours on two fire calls (2 Ammon assists – canceled enroute); 14 hours maintenance; 0 wildland hours; 259 total hours.

Four members are taking the firefighter training one course with Swan Valley/Ammon. Preparations are underway for Easter Egg Hunt on April 8<sup>th</sup>. He stated that wildland season is approaching - in 2022 the first wildland call was April 12<sup>th</sup>. He requested and received approval to spend \$3,000 from wildland funds to purchase roof-mounted air conditioning units for the HEMTT and 5-ton. Chief Norman stated that he is working with Bonneville County to prepare for flooding.

**LANDSCAPE & REC COMMITTEE REPORT** – Tyrell Maughan reported that he is pricing seedlings and larger trees to offer at the Arbor Day event.

**WATER/SEWER REPORT** – John Brasier reported that sewer flow rates are in line with past years.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – Daniel Morgan reported they will fill in potholes soon. The 12-inch water line extension project is finally making progress, and they are hoping to connect the water line next week. There have been many frozen water lines this year. He encouraged customers to run water to keep from freezing.

**BMPO REPORT** – Larry Gilmore reported no meeting was held in February and the March meeting will be held next week.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:38 P.M.

### MAYOR’S SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 11TH

**BIG NEWS!** The Mayors Scholarship application is available on the city website ([www.cityofucon.us](http://www.cityofucon.us))!

Applications must be received no later than 12:00 P.M. on May 11th, 2023. The winner will be presented with a \$2,000 check at the June council meeting. Any resident or direct dependent of a resident may apply. A resident is considered as someone who resides in the Ucon City limits and/or receives water or sewer services from the city of Ucon. Funding for this scholarship were raised at the Ucon winter festival party each winter. Please read the instructions carefully and good luck!

### 31st Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 8th —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 GROUNDS

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. **This event is funded entirely by donations. Donations are needed and greatly appreciated.**

### Arbor Day Celebration & City Clean-up day

**Date and time to be determined. Watch Facebook and next month’s newsletter for more information.**

### PREVENT FROZEN WATER PIPES!!

The frost is deep and frozen water lines have been a HUGE problem this year. Please leave a thin stream of water running to help prevent frozen lines. The impact on your water bill will be minimal (for example: using an extra 10,000 gallons will cost about \$6.50) but plumbing repairs can exceed \$500!

### City Meeting Schedule

- **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM

## Mayor's Straight Talk

The city of Ucon will be adopting a cross-connection control policy as required by state law. (IDAPA Code 58.01.08.552.06). What this means for us is that all connections to the water system besides domestic use must include a backflow prevention device of some type (Sprinkler systems, commercial/industrial water use, etc.). This does not include toilets and sinks in a business application, but more like process water for manufacturing, boilers, coolers that require water, etc. A backflow device is a device to keep water from flowing backwards through a pipe. There are certain types that are approved by DEQ and only those must be used. Luckily, most plumbing and irrigation contractors know this and usually include these devices in your system when installed. The city will be performing an inventory of these devices and adopting the policy in the near future. Most likely this will not affect most of us, but there will be a requirement to have these devices inspected annually by a licensed back flow assembly tester. For more information, check the city website at [www.cityofucon.us](http://www.cityofucon.us) for some brochures and information. There will be more information available as this process progresses.

Thank you,  
Mayor Sturman

