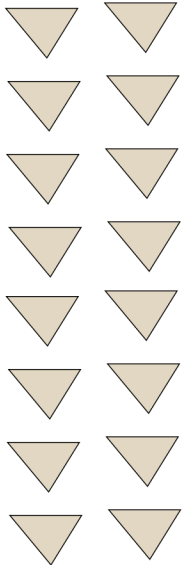


# NEWSLETTER



## Introduction

This is the first seasonal newsletter of many to come. They will contain a summary of what has happened and what is upcoming throughout the City. Our goal is that these newsletters will serve as a quick reference for you. More importantly, it will allow those who wish to be more involved an extra opportunity to plan for things coming up. We will produce four newsletters a year, one for each season. We are excited to be adding this additional avenue of communication.



## 2024 A Year In Review – City Council

Many great things happened during 2024, and this newsletter would be 30 pages if we added them all, so we are providing a brief update of all major happenings.

The City Council welcomed a new Council Member, Kirk Crowley, and said a special thanks to the tremendous work of Councilmember Kim Henderson. During the past year, the Council passed over 7 Ordinances, ranging from landscaping codes for new developments to revisiting the old codes to improve or bring them up to date with State requirements. Along with that, 4 Resolutions were passed, making changes to budgets and many fees through out the City. With each act the City Council is moving Monticello towards a place we all want to live and call home. Even though this last one counts as a 2025 accomplishment, this newsletter suggested by Mayor Hedglin will be a great addition for our citizens.



## Hideout Golf Course Report

As always, the Hideout Golf Course held out to the last second, hoping to get every drop of sun possible before closing when the temperatures dropped. Fifty new leased golf carts finally arrived, and the grounds crew will be ready to rock and roll with three new mowers. The year ended with great numbers, and next year will be even better.



## Airport Update

Monticello City Airport got a face lift over the summer, thanks to FAA & State funding. This included a new coat of sealant along the runway, with freshly painted lines to make it look brand new. This runway has operated admirably well past its lifespan, so plans will be in the works for a replacement in the coming years.





## Recreation

The 2024 Recreation Programs were highly participated in and ran quite smoothly across the board. We are trying to create a positive experience for those who participate, for the family & friends who come out and support, and for the staff and volunteers that help make these programs possible. Our focus with City Recreation programs is for the kids to have fun, learn good sportsmanship, fundamentals of the sports, and have something to do to get out and be active. We added a new Mountain Biking program in 2024 that had great participation. We are looking forward to what 2025 has in store for us. Keep an eye out for the magnets that came home with your kids from school for general information on what sports to see in 2025! We also will send out multiple flyers as we get closer to each sport.

## City Parks & Trails

2024 held great things for the parks and trails that the City maintains. We recognize that there is a lot of work that needs to be done in each park and especially on the Mill Site and Lloyds Lake trails. We are actively seeking options to bring both trails into good operating order.

The Parks Department has seen substantial improvements and also received new equipment to effectively and efficiently maintain the grounds. We have acquired a grant for \$70,000 to go towards new ADA accessible playground equipment and hope this is a project we see come into fruition in 2025.



**2025 MONTICELLO CITY YOUTH RECREATION SPORTS**

**Spring Flag Football**  
Grades: 3rd - 6th  
Registration: Opens 1/27/25  
Ends 3/9/25  
Season: 3/31/25 - 4/25/25

**T-Ball**  
Grades: Pre-K - Kinder  
Registration: Opens 2/3/25  
Ends 4/27/25  
Season: 5/12/25 - 5/30/25

**Machine Pitch**  
Grades: 1st-2nd  
Registration: Opens 2/3/25  
Ends 4/27/25  
Season: 5/12/25 - 6/6/25

**Baseball Softball**  
Grades: 3rd - 9th  
Registration: Opens 2/3/25  
Ends 5/4/25  
Season: 5/12/25 - 6/30/25

**Mountain Biking**  
Grades: 2nd - 6th  
Registration: Opens 2/3/25  
Ends 5/4/25  
Season: 5/19/25 - 07/30/25

**Swim**  
Swim team & lessons  
Grades: Pre-K - 12th  
Registration: Opens 3/2/25  
Ends 7/13/25  
Season: 6/2/25 - 7/30/25

**Soccer**  
Grades: Pre-K - 6th  
Registration: Opens 3/31/25  
Ends 7/13/25  
Season: 8/4/25 - 8/29/25

**Flag Football**  
Grades: 1st-2nd  
Registration: Opens 6/2/25  
Ends 9/18/25  
Season: 9/2/25 - 10/3/25

**Fiddle Football**  
Grades: 3rd-6th  
Registration: Opens 6/2/25  
Ends 8/18/25  
Season: 9/2/25 - 10/31/25

**Girls Basketball**  
Grades: 1st-6th  
Registration: Opens 8/4/25  
Ends 10/12/25  
Season: 11/3/25 - 12/6/25

**Boys Basketball**  
Grades: 1st-6th  
Registration: Opens 9/2/25  
Ends 12/14/25  
Season: 1/5/26 - 2/7/26

**Note:** This is a TENTATIVE TIMELINE. Sports are contingent upon total sign-ups, and individuals willing to Coach. Follow our Facebook Page for all updates!

Monticello City Recreation  
For questions and concerns please contact the Assistant City Manager/Parks & Recreation Director Megan Gallegos megang@monticelloutah.org (435)587-2271 Ext15

Make registration easier use our QR Code!

## Public Works

The Public Works Dept. experienced many changes in 2024. During the past year we welcomed two new employees and gained a new Public Works Director, bringing the total amount of Public Works employees to 5. Smaller projects are being completed with great speed with two additional projects planned for 2025. It's going to be great!

Quick plug for the Fire Department. They have done such a great job and have lowered our ISO rating. The rating changed in April of last year so if you haven't reported it to your homeowners insurance, be sure to do so. Your insurance premium may decrease. Check our website for more information.



## Sewer Project

We have secured funding to replace 5 sections of the main sewer lines throughout the City. Each of the selected lines have been chosen based on historical problems that have been recorded by our sewer operator George Rice. The funding is currently being finalized and once in place the project will be ready to go out for bid. Once a bid is selected it is expected that we will have the project underway this Summer with it wrapping up by the end of the year. As with any projects changes may happen and we will keep the updates coming.

## Spring Creek Project

The Spring Creek Project has been a very long road. We have purchased the necessary water rights and have been working through the engineering process to get the water from Spring Creek to the water treatment plant. As of today, the environmental studies are still being conducted. It is expected that the project could get a green light by July 2025 with funding to quickly follow. Due to the chance of snow in the project area it is not expected to be completed until Fall 2026, however as we all know, the weather is constantly changing.





## Planning Commission

In the famous words of Lee Bennett "Planning & Zoning is like walking on Jell-O." The City Planning Commission had some major changes in 2024. The Commission was reduced from a five person committee to a three person committee and a lot of code, some old some new, has been written and re-written to ensure we have the most up to date information. Keeping up with the State Legislature is no walk in the park.



## Recreation Committee

The City Recreation Committee kept busy in 2024. Between Community movie nights, Recreation Programs and Pioneer Day Competitive and Family Cornhole competitions there wasn't much room for anything else. The Recreation Committee is working on prioritizing projects for 2025!



## Parks and Beautification

The Parks & Beautification Committee hit the ground running with all new committee members in January of 2024. They took the annual projects with grace and even added a couple new things! 2025 will have a lot in store for them and they do a wonderful job!



## City Events

Organizing events requires a great deal of time, effort, and commitment from both volunteers and staff. We are truly grateful to everyone who contributes and donates to help make these events possible for our city. We couldn't do it without the ongoing support of local businesses and community members. We are excited for the events in 2025. Save the dates for Pioneer Days July 25th & 26! Thank you for showing up, supporting us, and helping to build a stronger sense of community unity!

## Welcome Center

We applied for the Rural Communities Opportunity Grant and have been awarded \$205,000 to renovate the Welcome Center. This project will include a new roof and repairs to all water damage. The parking lot will be refreshed with newly painted lines and new outdoor lighting will be installed to brighten the area, no more dark parking lot! Additionally, the outdoor sign will be repaired to display the Welcome Center's hours and upcoming community events. We are excited to be moving forward with this project!

## Employee Recognition Corner

It is always great to recognize an employee but it is even better when the State also sees the potential. This editions spotlight goes to our City Recorder Melissa Gill. She has worked hard to learn the ins and outs of her position and has the certificates to prove she knows it. Part of being the City Recorder is getting a certification from the Utah Municipal Clerks Association. Melissa received her UCMA State Certification in record time. This certification is recognized across the state showing that Melissa really knows her stuff. Thank you for all you do for our City!



## Community Thank you!

Thank you on behalf of the admin staff. As a team who has had two years or less in their current positions with the City, we are so grateful that the community has shown patience and kindness as we have navigated our jobs and worked and continue to work on figuring out the best way to serve you! THANK YOU!  
- City Manager Kulow, Assistant City Manager Gallegos, Recorder Gill, and Office Manager Nielson.





# The Rumor Mill

The Rumor Mill is a place where rumors will be listed along with the truth (or the whole story) that goes along with them. If you hear of a great rumor let us know for the next edition.

**Rumor #1:**

County Zoning Code Will Change the City Code.

**The Whole Story:**

This is false. The County and City both have to maintain their separate zoning codes, allowing each to be best suited for its residents. Monticello City updates our codes to remain current with State changes and ensure our community is keeping its small town feel. If you have questions regarding zoning ask the zoning director that would be over your jurisdiction.

**Rumor #2:**

Electrical Grid Contract

**The Whole Story:**

Monticello City sold our power grid to Empire Electric over 45 years ago. Every 20 years we may renew or end that agreement. Currently the Council is requesting a review of costs to determine, when it is time, that their choice of renewal or purchase is the best option for the City.

**Rumor #3:**

The City of Monticello is raising utility rates.

**The Whole Story:**

Yes, our rates will be increasing. This change is part of our effort to move our town toward a better future. By raising prices we'll be able to set aside funds for necessary projects, including purchasing or repairing our sanitation truck, replacing outdated water and sewer lines, fixing roads, and more. Our goal is to create a stronger, more reliable future for Monticello, thereby improving our community.

## Upcoming Events

Council, Commission, and Committee Meetings:

- Feb. 4 - Planning Commission @ 6:30 pm
- Feb. 5 - Rec Committee @ 6:30 pm
- Feb. 11 - City Council/MBA Meeting @ 7 pm
- Feb. 18 - Airport Committee @ 5 pm
- Feb. 20 - Parks & Beautification @ 6:00 pm
- Feb. 25 - City Council Work Session @ 7 pm (Public Forum On Circle Park)
- March 4 - Planning Commission @ 6:30 pm
- March 5 - Rec Committee @ 6:30 pm
- March 11 - City Council/MBA Meeting @ 7 pm
- March 18 - Airport Committee @ 5 pm
- March 20 - Parks & Beautification @ 6:00 pm
- March 25 - City Council Work Session @ 7 pm
- April 2 - Rec Committee @ 6:30 pm
- April 8 - City Council/MBA Meeting @ 7 pm
- April 15 - Airport Committee @ 5 pm
- April 17 - Parks & Beautification @ 6:00 pm
- April 22 - City Council Work Session @ 7 pm

Meeting Locations:

Hideout Community Center - City Council, Planning Commission, and Parks and Beautification  
City Offices - Recreation Committee, Airport Committee, and all meetings directly with staff

- Sports Registration:
- Spring Flag Football 3rd - 6th grade: Registration opens 1/27/2025
  - T- ball Pre K - Kinder: Registration opens 2/3/2025
  - Machine Pitch 1st - 2nd: Registration opens 2/3/2025
  - Baseball/Softball 3rd - 6th grade: Registration opens 2/3/2025
  - Mountain Biking 2nd -6th grade: Registration opens 2/3/2025
  - Swim Pre-k - 12th grade: Registration opens 3/2/2025
  - Soccer Pre-k - 6th grade: Registration opens 3/31/2025

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHTS ARE TYPICALLY THE 3RD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

## Recently Passed Ordinances & Resolutions

**Ordinances:**

2024-7: An Ordinance Establishing the Regulation for Development of Tiny Home Parks - January 28, 2025

**Resolutions:**

2025-1: Amendment of Consolidated Fee Schedule: All Rates January 14, 2025

