

THE BLANDING BRIEF

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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HELLO BLANDING!

As the season of spring begins to paint our yards and neighborhoods, I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you. Spring is a season of renewal, growth, and community spirit, and it brings with it a wonderful opportunity to come together and make a positive impact on those we live around.

One effective way to shake off the lingering winter blues is to focus on serving others. Acts of kindness not only benefit those on the receiving end but also contribute to our own well-being and the overall happiness of our community. As we bask in the beauty of blooming flowers and longer, sunlit days, let us embrace the spirit of giving and look for opportunities to lend a helping hand.

Our community thrives on the dedication and passion of its residents, and I encourage each of you to consider becoming actively involved in various capacities. We are currently seeking volunteers for positions on boards, planning committees, and, crucially, within our volunteer fire department. Your commitment and skills can make a significant difference in shaping the future of our city and ensuring the safety and well-being of our fellow residents.

If you're eager to contribute your time, expertise, or simply your enthusiasm, please don't hesitate to reach out. Whether you're interested in planning, community development, or joining the ranks of our dedicated fire department, there are countless ways to get involved.

Together, let's harness the energy of spring to build a stronger, more vibrant community. By working hand in hand, we can create a city that thrives on unity, compassion, and shared goals.

Thank you for making Blanding City a wonderful place to live, work, and play. Here's to a season of growth, service, and community spirit!

Logan Monson
Blanding City Mayor

Community Calendar

March 11-15 - Spring Break

March 12 - City Council Meeting

March 23 - SJ Home Track Meet

March 26 - City Council Meeting

March 31 - Easter

April 9 - City Council Meeting

April 19 - Dallyn Bayles (Kigalia Event)

April 23 - City Council Meeting

May 3-30 - Art Show (@Edge of the Cedars)

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 14 - City Council Meeting

May 23 - Graduation

May 28 - City Council Meeting

June 16 - Father's Day

July 4 - July 4th Celebration

Do you have an event for the Community Calendar? Send it to bmuhlestein@blanding.city

Tip of the month

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BILL PAY

Did you know that you can sign up online to pay your monthly utility bill?

Online bill pay and autopay saves you time and gives you more flexibility with paying your bills.

All you need is the internet, your account information, and an email address.

Steps to sign up:

1. Visit online at www.blanding.city
2. Click on "Pay/View My Utilities Online"
3. Complete the registration form.
4. Pay your bill OR set up autopay.
5. To further simplify, try out the **mobile app!**

City Office Hours

If you have questions or need help with something, contact us at:

Monday - Thursday
7:30am - 5:30pm

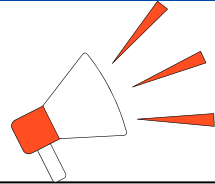
Friday
7:30am - 11:30am

(435) 678-2791

cityoffice@blanding-ut.gov
50 W 100 S, Blanding, UT

www.blanding-ut.gov

Blanding City is Hiring!



There are several positions coming up in the next few months. Here are a few:

- Justice Court Clerk (part-time). Join our team where you'll assist in maintaining court records and ensuring smooth judicial operations, making a difference in your community while enjoying flexible hours. Apply now and become an essential part of the justice system, balancing work with your personal commitments.
- Volunteer Firefighter. Become a hero in your community by volunteering as a firefighter, where you'll receive comprehensive training and the opportunity to serve others in times of need. While the position is volunteer, you will receive compensation for your time.
- Seasonal Recreation positions. Don't laze away the summer, get involved! The experience is good and extra cash in your wallet never hurt. The recreation department will be hiring multiple positions including lifeguards and seasonal Parks and Rec workers.
- Temporary Utility Maintenance worker. Help bring about real improvements in town to our streets and utilities, make some money and gain valuable experience at the same time. This job is a win!



Building Permits: Do you Need One?



Not just new buildings, but renovations, electric, plumbing, outbuildings and more require a permit. Don't let the **liability** fall on you, get a permit first!

blanding.city/build

Building Permits: Protect your work!

While getting a permit for your home improvement project isn't the sexiest part of the process, it is important!

Projects not covered by a permit are often ineligible for insurance coverage and could lead to more money out of your pocket in case of an incident. Here are some commonly missed permits:

- If your project involves changes to your electrical or plumbing
- If you are adding an outbuilding or extending the roof of a building
- If you are moving or affecting a wall in your house
- Some landscaping like retaining walls

Luckily we have a wonderful staff that can walk you through the process, if your project doesn't require a permit, we'll let you know!

Youth Quad Basketball Tournament held in Blanding



On Saturday Feb. 3rd Blanding City Recreation hosted a quad City Tournament with teams from Blanding, Monticello, Moab and Dove Creek. It was a great success. 22 basketball games were played in one day!

From left to right: Coach Zeb Crofts, Bodhi Christenson, Cardon Holden, Stockton Holden, Jag Bradford, Jaylon Crofts, Sammie Allred, Heston Holliday, Jameson Sanchez, Hayden Bandis, Makai Burton, Coach Steve Burton. Front row, Grey Holliday, Brenden Spillman, Colt Workman, Ridge Latham. The team on the Left won!

There were fans from all the communities cheering on their teams. It was an exciting day full of upsets and buzzer beaters. At the end of the day after many teams were eliminated the final four teams left standing were the Blanding teams. These kids have battled against each other all season and were well prepared for the competition. The picture above is of the 1st and 2nd place team after the championship game. All in all it was a fun day and we would personally like to thank all those who were involved to make the day a great success. Thank you all!

BLM and USDA Forest Service Release Draft Management Plan for Bears Ears National Monument.



On Friday March 8th the BLM and Forest Service released their draft plan for the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) for Public Comment. the public only has 90 days to make substantive comments, so it's important to learn what you can and make your comment before the expected June 11th last day to comment. Here are a few bits to get you started.

The draft includes 5 alternate plans that span a range of management options from taking no action to much more restrictive options. Plan A represents no change with B-E

plans showing other options. Currently management prefers plan E, but may take parts of any of the alternates for the final plan. You can learn about the plans, including looking at maps and other resources by following [THIS LINK.](#)

We encourage everyone to take time examining the documents and plans before making a comment. Making an emotional comment that doesn't cover topics in the alternates may lead to its dismissal. Only comments that cover substantive content relating to the alternates will be considered in the final plan.

As the process moves forward we'll do our best to keep you informed with resources and updates that will help you make the best comments. Here are a few to look forward to:

- The city will hold a public meeting to talk about some of the alternates and how to make a substantive comment
- There will be a public meeting held by the BLM in Blanding in the next few months.

Meetings such as these will be helpful in the planning process and making sure your voice is heard.

OHV's on City Streets



With warmer days ahead of us, Blanding City Police would like to remind the public about the legal use of Off-Highway Vehicles on city streets. This policy is there for public safety!

- A driver's license is required to ride on city streets.
- OHV's are not allowed on Main St or Center St except for direct crossings
- OHV drivers must obey all traffic laws
- Permitted use is for point to point travel, not for pleasure cruising.
- Any user of an OHV under the age of 18 must be wearing proper safety gear including a helmet.