



NEWSLETTER

January/February 2022

Message from the Mayor



As we ring in the New Year together, I am excited to represent Parowan as your Mayor.

The year 2022 comes with great promise as we all look with hope and excitement to what is in store. Change is all around us, even in our sleepy little town. There is a new energy as we welcome residents moving in, our kids moving back home with families of their own and many of our local families growing strong! Without a doubt, we can all agree that there is a lot going on in Parowan Utah! The key for our community in the coming years is wise and strategic planning with transparency and communication so we can council together and grow wisely.

Welcome to our two new City Council members, Rochell Topham and Sharon Downey who have been very involved in our community and will hit the ground running in their new elected offices. Also, a tremendous amount of gratitude to Council Members Jim Harris and Patti Vesely for their tireless service over the past years on our behalf. Thank you also to Parowan City staff and employees for providing services, events and support to all who live and visit here.

Be sure to stay up to date through the Parowan City website, parowan.org, for

current information on agendas for upcoming meetings, schedules and calendars.

Please, at any time, do not hesitate to reach out to me with your input, ideas, observations, and concerns. I am here because of you and pledge to work hard for you and the town we all love to call home.

Sincerely,
Mollie Halterman
Parowan Mayor
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171st Parowan Birthday Celebration "Patriotic Parowan"

This year's Birthday Celebration will be held on **Thursday, January 13, 2022** at the PHS Gymnasium. There will be songs and dances provided by the High School and Elementary Students.

The luncheon will follow the celebration at 11:00 am, with the Town Meeting starting at 12:00 pm.

The Birthday Ball theme is "*Back in the Saddle Again*". It will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at the Iron County Fair Building from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Come dance to the live band "Muddy Boots" and have a warm scone. Everyone is invited!

For more information, please call 435-477-8190.



Thank you!

Thank You Everyone!

The year 2021 was another unusual year to navigate through for so many. Dealing with Covid, mandates, working and schooling from home, and the list goes on.

However, all these issues did not dampen the spirit of caring and giving in our beautiful community. We want to thank everyone who worked hard, volunteered, collected, and donated to our Sub-4-Santa Program.

All the children in our program had gifts of toys, clothing and blankets for their Christmas. Each family had food to stock the pantry and even a turkey for Christmas Day.

Only through your generosity and open hearts could this have been made possible. We hope that your Christmas was as bright as the ones that you helped to provide for those less fortunate.

Again, many thanks to each and every one of you for supporting the Sub-4-Santa Program this year. Wishing all the best for 2022!!



Utility bills not paid by the last business day of the month will be assessed a

penalty. Parowan City Office hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:30 pm, Friday 9:00 am-12:00 pm.

Did you ever wonder what the Chamber of Commerce does? Here is a quick rundown! Come join!

Our Mission: To elevate business prosperity and encourage healthy communities.

Our Vision: To proactively expand business opportunities through diverse and sustainable growth.

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce provides a variety of member benefits.

- **Monthly Meetings**, held on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 am at the Chamber Room behind the Visitor's Center. During these meetings you have the opportunity to learn, interact with business professionals, and develop beneficial relationships. Four times a year these meetings are held at 12 pm with a luncheon and guest presenters, hosted at one of our local restaurants. Cost is \$10 for lunches.
- **Networking**, by being a part of the Chamber you are opening your business up to countless opportunities for growth, connections, and increasing your credibility and following in the community through our benefits and events.
- **Events**, the Chamber holds scheduled events such as monthly luncheons, business tours, Hometown Holiday, and more. These events provide great opportunities for networking and sponsorships for your business.
- **Credibility**, a tremendous benefit to becoming a member is the additional credibility that comes through association with an organization devoted to the growth and promotion of local businesses.
- **Advertising**, new members are introduced to existing members and the community by being featured on our website, in your first chamber meeting and on our social media pages.
- **Referrals**, each year the Chamber assists countless visitors and callers looking for local services and products. When recommending business, we prioritize our Chamber members and try to promote them and connect them with new clients whenever possible.
- **Support**, in addition to numerous business referrals, we provide support in the way of ribbon-cuttings and open houses. We also engage in legislative advocacy efforts to help ensure we maintain a healthy economic environment for business.

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Parowan Public Works Department wants to remind residents that for the plow to remove snow and ice in a safe and efficient manner, please keep all vehicles, including trailers, off the rights-of-way. Please keep fire hydrants clear and free of snow.

Parowan Animal Assistance League (PAAL)

The Parowan Animal Shelter is a NO KILL facility which temporarily houses and cares for abandoned or lost dogs. Currently space is limited.

PAAL is a non-profit organization staffed entirely by volunteers who are dedicated to the care of the dogs we take in.

Duties of our PAAL members include feeding and providing fresh water daily, cleaning the runs and kennels, and probably one of the most important things is to provide comfort and attention for the frightened and confused animals.

One of our volunteers reads to the dogs and they respond very positively to the attention. The dogs are brushed, played with, given treats, and generally worked with. We have had great success with several in our care due to the efforts of all of our volunteers.

Since the shelter is meant to be temporary housing, PAAL works to adopt out or transfer the dogs to rescue organizations if an owner fails to claim them.

If you love animals and can donate some of your time to volunteer, please contact Mary Hanley at 435-704-4112.

From the Parowan Solid Waste Truck Drivers

In order for the Parowan Solid Waste Truck Drivers to ensure prompt and efficient disposal, please:

- Have your garbage can(s) out by 7:00 am on your scheduled pickup day.

**Tuesday—West Side
Wednesday—East Side**

- Place lid opening of can towards street.
- Place cans 5 feet apart if you have multiple cans.
- Place can on city streets. Cans cannot be picked up on private driveways.
- Branches, shrubs, etc. need to be cut to 2 foot lengths. Longer lengths may get hung up on the truck preventing the rest of the garbage from falling into the truck.

- Lid has to close; this keeps trash from being spilled into the roadway.
- No trash outside the container can be picked up.
- Only "Parowan City" cans will be emptied.
- No metal or construction material.

Your cooperation in following these guidelines is greatly appreciated!

3D Digital Mobile Mammography Unit

**Coming to the
Canyon View Clinic
March 22 & 23**

Call 435-676-1267 or 435-676-1547 to schedule your appointment.

FREE mammograms are available to those that qualify. Provided by UCCP—Utah Cancer Control Program.

Parowan City Meeting Schedule

City Council

2nd and 4th Thursday
@ 6:00 pm

Power Board

3rd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

Airport Board

1st Monday @ 4:00 pm

Theater Board

1st Tuesday @ 4:30 pm

Planning & Zoning

1st and 3rd Wednesday
@ 5:30 pm

Water Board

2nd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm

Economic Development

1st Tuesday @ 5:30 pm

Shade Tree

1st Thursday @ 6:00 pm

Check our website, parowan.org, the day prior to the meeting for the Agenda and for Theater Board meeting information

All meetings (except Theater Board) are held in the Parowan City Office Building
35 East 100 North

Amos Chester Hatch: Parowan's 20th Century Potter

Submitted by
Sandra Decker Benson

One of my most enjoyable journeys of late was reading the extensive family history of Amos Chester Hatch. It's compiled by a son, Oleen N. Hatch. Mike Robinson, A.C.'s grandson, shared it with me. It is a treasure. Therein is found not only family histories but pieces of Parowan's history. It reflects diligence, sacrifice, courage, devotion to family, church, and country. It's truly an American story.

In 1927, Mr. Hatch came to Parowan as a young family man to teach school, coach, and be the high school principal. He and his wife, Sarah Edna, were born in Davis and Box Elder counties respectively. Their arrival was expected to be temporary. Yet, here they remained. How privileged Parowan has been to have had them so deeply planted in our community circle.

Mr. Hatch was a family man. Their family eventually consisted of nine children. He was a well-educated individual who taught the Social Sciences, coached, and was the PHS principal. He tried his hand at farming, became a decorated soldier in both WWI and WWII having remained in the army reserves between the wars. He became an officer and a gentleman, completing his "tours of duty" as a Colonel. A good number of accolades were bestowed on him and his eventful life gives us a hint as to why he remains so prominent in local history. He was always a contributor, sometimes in large and other times in small ways. For example, in 1933 he was known as the "Parowan Pit Barbecuing Specialist." Asked where he learned the skill, he said he may have read the directions somewhere and tried it

out. Family history indicates that reading and studying it out in his mind was his routine.

The years after WWII brought major changes in A.C. Hatch's life. Once again, he was reinstalled as the Parowan High principal. He worked hard upgrading the school after the erosion of programs because of the war. Athletic fields were improved, curriculum was solidified, and he got interested and became involved in ceramics at the school. Herein are quotes from a paper A.C. wrote to the local school board about school and community collaboration: *"A hundred years ago the pioneers of Parowan discovered excellent bodies of clay. They formed and fired utensils from this material out of pure necessity. . . Pottery making became a lost art here for more than fifty years. Now the beds are relocated and again put to use. We feel at Parowan High School that our gift of nature might well be used as material for creative art. We tested the clay body and had the University of Utah School of Mines give us an analysis. The result of this investigation encouraged us to attempt the fabrication of certain types of pottery. . . The popularity of this project is due to a number of psychological and pedagogical appeals inherent in pottery making. . . The pottery project spills over into the physics and chemistry departments. Testing materials there gives measurements purpose and interest to experiment. The mechanic arts department has been indispensable in designing and building and mixing machinery and potters' wheels. There has been no expense to the school board except the purchase of a small electric kiln, the cost of firing the kiln, and some glazing materials. This project is justified as a part of the school curriculum on the grounds of public relations and pupil interest. It is a medium of artistic*

and handicraft expression. It gives purpose and interest to several departments."

When Mr. Hatch retired in 1958, his ceramics interest had become his driving force. In a 1969 Deseret News article entitled, *"From Military to Mud-From Pupils to Pottery"* it was reported that Mr. Hatch delivered his ceramic works of art far and wide in the Utah areas, particularly where shops near the Utah Parks were located. At the Big Rock Candy Mountain resort the owner wrote a postcard indicating he needed more with the message: *"Can use ½ gross small pitchers and couple dozen medium - soon as you can send."*

Mr. Hatch said of his labors, *"I wanted to keep busy."* He strained the clay, mixing it with water in a discarded electric washing machine, and poured the liquid mud called "slip" into molds. He lamented, *"I don't have time for my potter's wheel so I handle nothing but slip work."* After carefully firing the pots at precisely 1839 degrees for 3 hours in an electric kiln which he constructed, he dipped his artistic beauties in a glazing liquid and baked them for an additional 5 hours.

Some called him "Famous Amos." Often, his work was featured in news/business articles. In 1975 he was spotlighted on KSL television. He never tired of his projects and he received countless recognitions for his beautiful, useful work. He gave his pots as wedding and birthday gifts, and to neighbors and friends. And while Amos Chester Hatch is gone, his legacy lives on.

So, just a thought: The clay is still in the east hills near Parowan and one might wish that another Parowan Potter would emerge. What an entrepreneurial adventure that would be! And after all, it's been at rest for these past 50 years, again.