



NEWSLETTER

January/February 2023

Message from the Mayor



Welcome 2023! What an exciting time in Parowan. A new year gives way to new opportunity and potential inviting goal setting, planning and optimism. So many great projects happened last year

with many still in the works or planned for the New Year.

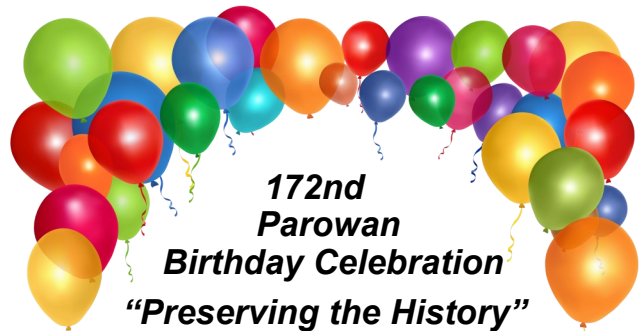
The community is alive with enthusiasm as the parks, library and city properties continue to be cared for and maintained to better serve our residents and visitors coming to our area. The library roof repairs are complete. Rain guttering (paid for by the local DUP) has been installed to preserve and protect Parowan's Old Rock Church, one of our oldest historical, architectural buildings. Our Priddy Meek's Farmstead and Urban Fishery is full of water and awaiting being stocked with fish by the DWR (Division of Wildlife Resources) for the coming spring season. We have a new OHV trail planned and approved for motorized transportation up the canyon to Brian Head town and an active transportation plan underway.

The City Council continues to review ideas and input from the community on plans for our new City Pool and expect to see a completed feasibility study by the end of January to help determine direction for that project. The Valentine Peak recreation complex continues to take shape with plans for lighting the ball fields in the near future.

In addressing infrastructure needs, we had a great year last year in our Power Department. More attention to tree limb trimming resulted in our system weathering storms better and fewer power outages providing consistent, reliable power to Parowan City. Our

roadways are getting attention with pothole filling and general maintenance underway as the roads are carefully attended to by our outstanding Public Works Department. An important meeting on January 11th at Parowan High School will determine the future of our water resources. The State Engineer will present a completed Master Groundwater Management plan in an attempt to stabilize our aquifers, ensuring water future and security for Parowan now and for decades to come. Please do your best to continue to conserve water as you approach the care your homes and yards. Each drop does matter and we can all do our part in conserving this life giving, natural resource.

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This year's Birthday Celebration will be held on **Friday, January 13, 2023** at the PHS Gymnasium. There will be songs and dances provided by the High School and Elementary Students at 9:00 am.

A **luncheon** will follow the celebration at 11:00 am. The **Town Meeting** will be held at 12:00 pm. This year's guest speaker will be Ryan Paul.

The **Birthday Ball** will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at the Iron County Fair Building from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. Come dance to the live band "Muddy Boots" and enjoy a warm scone and hot chocolate.

Everyone is invited to the luncheon, Town Meeting and Birthday Ball! Come and celebrate Parowan History with us! For more information, please call 435-477-8190.

**Old Rock Church Days
Beginning Now and
Culminating on
June 16-17, 2023
Calling all Citizens to the
Rescue**



Parowan's beacon of history, the Old Rock Church, is falling into disrepair and we are all being called to the rescue. The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, and countless others in our community are answering this call but we need everyone's help.

We have a time guideline to achieve our goals. For the next six months, donations can be made through State Bank, through Venmo @Parowan-OLDRock Church, or through Tom and Liz Zaleski, Lola Ann Jones and Karen Miller. More information can be found on the Facebook page "Old Rock Church".

Every dollar will be dedicated to renovation and preservation of the Old Rock Church.

This is a whole unifying community project. The building was originally built on donations and local labor; now we must work, once again, to preserve the building and our community's history. All residents and visitors, young and old, are invited to participate and are very much needed.

This preservation project connects our past to our present, and provides everyone the opportunity to reflect on what has made Parowan this great place to live and raise families. We are

and always have been hard working people who know togetherness is the key to our strength.

Therefore, you all are invited to give and then to reach out to others who have Parowan connections. After all, there is a love for Parowan and our heritage that extends far beyond our town boundaries. We need everyone.

And finally, we will be having Old Rock Church Days June 16th and 17th. There will be quilt displays, activities, a special community program in the evening on June 16th, and we'll celebrate our community and ourselves for helping to preserve the Old Rock Church, our beacon, our centerpiece of who we are.

Sub-4-Santa 2022

Through good times and tough times, our community always steps up!

With the hard work of volunteers, school, church groups and everyone that contributed, we were able to provide a happy Christmas for those less fortunate again this year.

Generosity and kindness does define Parowan, particularly at this time of year. Blankets, clothing, toys and food were provided for all the Angels on our Trees.

We thank you so very much for supporting Sub-4-Santa again this year.

Wishing all the best to everyone in 2023!



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.

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)

We get a lot of calls about feral cat colonies in Parowan and PAAL would like to find a few people that would be interested in starting a TNR (trap, neuter, release) Program. It would only involve about 2-3 days a month. If you are interested please call PAAL at 435-704-4112. This would be a great way to volunteer in our community.

Please remember during these very cold months to provide a warm place for your animals to stay. If you are cold outside, so is your pet.

The Parowan Shelter is a no kill shelter. We try to get dogs back to their owners, get them adopted or to a rescue, if not claimed. Remember, it is against City Ordinances to let your dog run outside of your property.

Join us for
**Parowan Community
Choir Rehearsals**
on Monday nights
from 5-6:30 pm
at the PHS band room!
Starting January 9th.

From Parowan High School

As we begin a new year, we would like to take an opportunity to thank everyone that has helped make this past year memorable. We couldn't do it without you, and your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

We continue, as a school, to work with the community to build community spirit. We look forward to our birthday celebration in January and the excitement that it brings to our town. It is truly a unique tradition to Parowan, and I was told not to change the Hokey-Pokey this year by one of our city council members since it is one of the featured program highlights.

We would also like to recognize our 2A State Champion Girls Volleyball team during this program. We invite you to join us to help congratulate them with their 29 and 1 state record, and recognize the coaches and players for their accomplishment during a near perfect season.

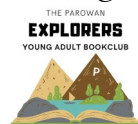
As we look forward to a coming new year, PHS would like to share our love and hope for a new and prosperous 2023. Thank you for all your help and service to make Parowan such a great community.

Big Things are Happening at the Parowan Library for 2023!

Food Fun & Reading Food, Fun and Reading will be January 10th thru February 14th on Tuesdays at 10:30 am. A series of FREE lessons for Storytime kids/Preschoolers-2nd grade and their parents. Learn about nutrition and culture with an activity and snack.

A new 4-H Group called

"Parowan Teen Time" will be meeting at the library the first Tuesday of every month, beginning January 3rd, starting at 4:30 pm. Ages 6th-9th Grade. We now have three 4-H groups meeting at the Library.



Introducing our new book club, The Parowan Explorers Young Adult Book Club! Starting January 2023! Ages 7th-12th Grade. Please follow the library for more information.

Do you use Libby/Overdrive? Please contact the Library **BEFORE JANUARY 17th**! Your old user name will not work, we are updating our Patrons to a 14 digit ID. Please come into the library if you have not received your new Parowan Library card and number. Your Libby/Overdrive account will not work after January 17th unless you update your number with the library.



We want to start the New Year out right with our goal of ZERO overdue books. Please check with the Library if you have any overdue books. We would love to get the books in the hands of a new reader.

Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates at parowancitylibrary.

Happy New Year from the Parowan Library!

From the Parowan Police Department

On Saturday, December 10th, some of the wonderful Parowan Police Department (PPD) Officers participated in Shop with a Cop for the 2022 Christmas season. We met up early in the

morning with other local first responders and local kiddos. We all had breakfast together before heading over to shop at Walmart with and for the kiddos, but not before Nicole (PPD admin) requested a picture of the crew with Santa. Oh, what fun we all had together! Speaking of fun, let's get to know our awesome Parowan Police Department with a few fun facts about each of the officers. We have 5 full-time officers and 2 part-time officers. Our officers have worked in law enforcement for a combined 45.5 plus years.

Chief A. Adams has been with Parowan Police Department since September 2019. His favorite sport is rodeo. Did you know he used to rodeo in his younger years? His favorite color is red. His favorite food is red meat and his favorite drink is coffee, hot coffee. Chief's favorite vacation spot is his cabin above Brian Head, and on his days off he will most likely be found there as well. Chief said, the best thing about being at PPD is the small-town atmosphere, great citizens and working with an awesome staff.

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Pictured left to right: Officer Abbott, Officer Taylor, Chief Adams, Officer Hart, Santa, Officer Dobrinski

HISTORY OF THE BROWN DERBY

Still Standing and Being Useful at 65 East Center Street in Parowan

This hand-written history was written by Georgia Halterman Holyoak (daughter of Maine Halterman, mother of Arlene, Karen, Scott, Glade, JoAnn and Stephen). Georgia shared it with Kathy Allen, present owner of the property, who shared it with me, Sandra Benson. It is amazing what a treasure these short histories are. And, I suspect, others can add to the tales. I'd love it if you'd share them with me.

"Joseph Marion (Maine) Halterman and Thomas Bennett built the Brown Derby in about 1910. It was originally called the "Rex Hall." They got timbers measuring 12 feet long from the Richard Benson "Up and Down Saw Mill" up Parowan Canyon (located at the Four Bay). They put these timbers on flat sandstone rocks for the foundation. It was built for a dance hall. Everyone said it was the best dance floor there was! They would use a large round sandstone rock to sand the floor. And they used "Old Molly," a gray mare, to pull the sandstone around the floor. They put a diaper on her but would still take her outside once in a while. They would ride Old Molly to pull the sandstone and then swept-up the sandings off the floor.

They had a silent movie twice a week in this establishment. They would have to climb a ladder to the projection room and the projector was run by hand. Many people remember spending lots of time turning the projector. Later, an ice cream parlor was added on the east side of the

building with an "ice hour."

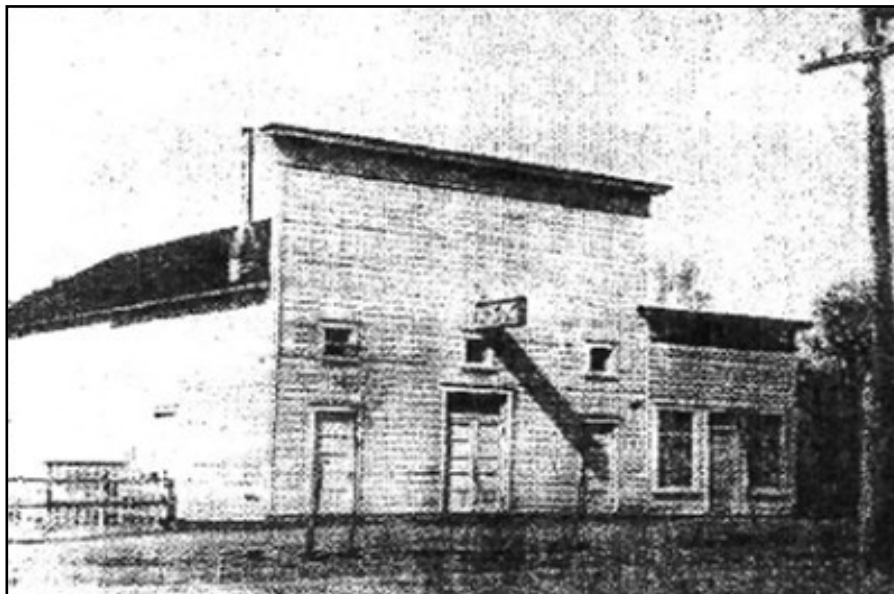
In the winter, they would get ice from Rasmussen's Pond. They fashioned a horse-drawn deal to freeze the ice cream and would use "Old Molly" to run it.

Later, they started skating in the dance hall and that ruined the floor."

Contained in material shared by Kathy is an undated news article that says, *"The Rex Theatre (photo) was built during the silent movie era. Residents looked forward to viewing exciting movies accompanied by live music performed by local artists. After "talkies" came out, movies moved to the Aladdin, and the Rex Theater became the Brown Derby, a reception center for the community. The building had a fine maple floor and for years served as a roller-skating rink on weeknights and as a dance hall on Saturday evenings. People came from all parts of southern Utah to skate and dance at the Brown Derby, which is still located at 65 East Center in Parowan."*

Later, this building housed the Brown Mug Sandwich Shop. Georgia included a menu. It begins with the notice "A LA CARTE BREAKFAST ORDERS

SERVED ALL DAY AND NIGHT. SEE SPECIAL MENU FOR CLUB BREAKFAST." Ham and Eggs were .40 cents. But breakfasts could be personalized with individual items, each adding a bit to the price. For example, 2 eggs fried or scrambled were .25 cents. Toast (dry or buttered) was .10 cents. Soups were .10 cents for a large bowl. Heinz Soup was .15 cents and "served at all hours." Salads ranged from .10 to .25 cents with Cole Slaw at .10 cents and Vegetable Salad at .25 cents. Avocado and Grapefruit (listed as one item) was a whopping .30 cents. An omelet was a pricey .40 cents. Another side of the menu said, "SANDWICHES MADE THE BROWN MUG WAY" and those ranged from .15 to .40 cents. STEAKS AND CHOPS were amazingly not that expensive. T-Bone Steak was .50 cents and Top Sirloin .60 cents. Half a Dozen Fried Oysters were .50 cents but if you got them stewed it was just .40 cents. They served beverages but there was no mention of Soda and at the bottom of that category it said, "WE SERVE WINE."





From the Parowan Police Department

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Officer J. Townsend (SRO for PES and PHS), has been with Parowan Police Department since January 2019. His favorite color is blue. His favorite team is a tie between the San Diego Padres and the Parowan Rams. Bet you didn't know his favorite sport is baseball! His favorite place to vacation is anywhere that has a beach or a mountain. Officer Townsend's favorite snack is fruit snacks, favorite drink is Gatorade and his favorite foods are steak and burgers. Officer Townsend said his favorite thing about being with the PPD is protecting and serving his hometown.

Lieutenant E. Taylor has been with Parowan Police Department since January 2022. His favorite place to vacation is Yellowstone National Park. His favorite color is blue. His favorite food is some good old savory barbecue. He enjoys cooking, mainly barbecue. When Officer Taylor attended Utah Valley State College he played Lacrosse, where he received All-American honors as a goalie. Did you know that he is a complete "softie" for his 2 little puppies at home? When asked what his

favorite thing is about being with PPD, he said, "I love the comradery within the department. If we have to be away from our families while at work, there is peace in knowing we are just with our Parowan PD family. The selflessness each member of the department shows daily inspires. Every member of the department having the same goal in mind, to protect and serve the members of the Parowan and Paragonah communities; each one working towards keeping Parowan and Paragonah the amazing communities they are."

Officer T. Hart is one of the newest police officers here at Parowan Police Department. He has been with us since April 2022. He went to Peace Officer Standards & Training in July and graduated from POST in September 2022. He loves being a police officer because he gets to help people and live a legacy. His favorite tv shows are Yellowstone and The Office. He, too, said his favorite sport is baseball. I bet you didn't know Officer Hart has wanted to be a cop since he was 3 years old.

Officer K. Dobrinski has been with Parowan Police Department since November 2022. On her days off, and after work, she likes to hunt, snowboard, camp, fish, wake board, and spend time with her kids and husband. Her favorite places to vacation are in the mountains camping with her family, or at Lake Powell camping and boating. Her

favorite meal is ribeye steak, salad, and a loaded baked potato. When asked what is her favorite thing about being with Parowan Police Department, she said it is serving the community in which she lives.

Officer D. Abbott has been working with Parowan Police Department as a part-time officer for six years. He likes to watch movies and go camping. His favorite foods are steak and ice cream. His favorite sports are hunting and fishing. His favorite color is blue/grey. His favorite vacation is just taking time off and hanging out at home. When Officer Abbott was asked about his favorite thing about Parowan Police Department he said, "PPD is great because of the people in the department and community."

Officer Z. Tuttle has worked with Parowan Police Department as a part-time officer since November 2016. He also works as a part-time officer with the Brian Head Marshalls Office. Did you know Officer Tuttle is a teacher at Parowan High School?

On November 10, 2022 Chief Adams was sworn in as Chief of Police, along with Officers Hart and Dobrinski being sworn in as Officers during the Parowan City Council Meeting. This was a great day for us all within Parowan Police Department.

All of us here at the Parowan Police Department want to wish you a happy, healthy and safe new year, 2023.



Chief Adams, Officer Dobrinski and Officer Hart at the November 10, 2022 City Council Meeting

Mayor's Message

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This year, goals of the City Council include:

Airport improvements including runway work and additional hanger installation along with progress toward our new bridge and a FEMA study under way to enforce our flood channel are two important projects you will see underway this year. Plans to upgrade our city parks with better recreational amenities with attention to improving the Valentine Peak sports complex to facilitate softball, baseball and soccer recreation are additional goals that will be developed this year along with pushing toward our new pool as an addition to that recreational complex. Our youth and family involvement in recreational activities is critical to mental, social and physical health, and Parowan City recognizes the crucial role it plays in providing these programs and amenities to Parowan residents.

Upcoming community events include, Parowan's Birthday on January 13th at Parowan High

School at 9am with the announcement and recognition of Parowan's Citizen of the Year for 2023. A luncheon follows immediately after in the Parowan High School Auxiliary gym where Parowan City will serve hot chicken noodle soup, green salad and delicious fresh baked rolls. The Parowan Birthday Ball will be held at the Iron County Fairgrounds building on January 14th at 7pm and will include live music, dancing and refreshments. All of these events that celebrate Parowan's Birthday are free to the public and everyone is invited and welcome to come celebrate Parowan together!

Many thanks to Parowan City employees in every department for a fantastic 2022, without each one of them, such an amazing year serving the residents of Parowan would not be possible. When you see them around town, be sure to thank them for all they do.

All the best to you and yours for the coming year! May you be surrounded in health, joy, peace, family and friendship in 2023.

Mollie Halterman
Parowan Mayor

Utah's New Off-Highway Vehicle Education Course (HB180)

Beginning January 2023, anyone operating an off-highway vehicle (OHV) on public lands in Utah will be required to complete an online education course. Operators under the age of 18 shall possess a youth OHV education certificate in order to operate an OHV on public land, road or trail. Operators 18 years of age or older may operate an OHV if they possess an approved adult OHV education certificate.

Intended to reduce conflicts between OHV riders and residents, and reduce environmental impacts, the course should take 30 minutes or less to complete, and will be offered for free.

For more information on the new education course and to take the test beginning Jan. 1, 2023 go to www.recreation.utah.gov/off-highway-vehicles/.



The Parowan City Council and Parowan City employees enjoyed activities and dinner together at our annual employee holiday party.

Sponsored by an anonymous donor, and catered by Hamburger Patties, and gift prizes from several local Parowan businesses, the gathering was a wonderful way to celebrate the year end accomplishments and show appreciation for everyone who makes Parowan City run smoothly. We look forward with optimism to working together in the coming year to preserve, protect, and accomplish mutual goals of taking care of our community, residents and town in 2023!

