



NEWSLETTER

July/August 2021

Utah Drought Conditions

from water.utah.gov

While we have experienced droughts in the past, the intensity and the fact that we haven't had any recent relief have created this extreme situation.

We don't know how long this drought will last. That's out of our control. But what is in our control is how we respond, and what we do as individuals, families, businesses, institutions and industries to conserve water anywhere we can. With 60% of residential water used outdoors, look for ways to improve your outdoor watering efficiency:

- **Water less.** Our lawns will survive with two waterings per week in northern Utah and three in southern Utah. It's okay if the grass browns.
- **Prioritize your watering.** Water trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals before grass. Grass is tough. It will enter dormancy during times of drought and will bounce back.
- **Raise your mower.** Set your blades to 3 to 4 inches. Taller grass means deeper roots.

For drought-related questions, please email drought@utah.gov.

Check with your water provider for restrictions in your area.

Pressurized Irrigation UPDATED Watering Schedule

Due to a low water year, watering days will remain at 1 day a week

Mondays: City Parks, Cemetery, Schools, Churches and all residents south of 200 South

Wednesdays: ODD House Numbers north of 200 South

Fridays: EVEN House Numbers north of 200 South

NO SUNDAY WATERING

Please **DO NOT** water between 10:00 am and 6 pm on your scheduled day

4th of July Celebration

**CELEBRATE with us and
"THE AMERICAN WAY" parade
at 10:00 am on JULY 3rd**

The "Fly-Over" indicates the start-up of this year's parade. Leading off the parade will be members from BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) and their motorcycles. BACA is a great organization and has been with us for many years. Always a crowd pleaser, we appreciate their participation.

Following BACA, our FLAGS will be presented on horseback, compliments of FFA.

Fun entries of all types will continue down Main Street...cars, tractors, wagons and our rodeo royalty on horseback as well!

Following the Parade there will be vendors and games in the Main Street Park.

The Water Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

is available in the Parowan City Office
35 East 100 North, and on our
website, parowan.org.

From the Swimming Pool Committee

The Parowan Swimming Pool committee has taken on the great responsibility of looking into all aspects of opening a new pool in Parowan. We have visited multiple pools in surrounding areas of similar populations to see what was working for their communities and what they would have done differently. We have done a considerable amount of research and met with all aspect of those involved in community pools from Pool Managers to City Managers, as well as financial officers who have helped with funding pools for municipalities.

We have been working diligently with Parowan City officials on an RFQ (Request for Qualifications) and our draft for the pool was approved by the City Council and will go out for advertisement on July 1, 2021. This will allow us and the city to have a better understanding of

what actual construction costs will be.

The committee is also looking at other types of funding from grants to foundations and fundraising avenues that are out there to help fund our new pool. We welcome your input in the process as we recognize the resource of our community members who want to help with this project.

We are committed as a pool committee to see this project through until the very end and get a pool open and running again in Parowan.

If you have any questions or comments, please email parowanpoolproject@gmail.com.



Summer in the Park

Parowan City is happy to present another great line-up of entertainment for the "**July Concert Series**". Every Friday Night for the month of JULY, bring your lawn chair, blanket, family and friends and enjoy a "FREE CONCERT" in the Main Street Park.

There will be vendors for you to enjoy, but you are also welcome to bring your own treat bag or basket.

If the family pet will be joining you, please consider that there may be others, so please have your pet on leash.

Concerts begin at 8:00 pm, and we look forward to seeing you there.

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

This year we present:

Desert Reign—July 2nd

Radio Player—July 9th

Kevin Conley—July 16th

Hi Jinx—July 23rd

The Seez—July 30th

Changes to Fee Schedule for FY 2022 (Effective July 1, 2021)

PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION – 1.5% INCREASE

Monthly Fees –

¾ inch	\$15.89 per month (from \$15.66 per month)
1 inch	\$17.53 per month (from \$17.27 per month)
1 ¼ inch	\$19.16 per month (from \$18.88 per month)
1 ½ inch	\$20.79 per month (from \$20.48 per month)
2 inch	\$22.42 per month (from \$22.09 per month)
4 inch	\$24.06 per month (from \$23.70 per month)

GARBAGE SERVICE - 1.5% INCREASE

Trash Receptacle	\$11.54 per receptacle per month (from \$11.37 per receptacle per month)
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SEWER BASE RATES – 3.5% INCREASE

Home/Apt./Condo/Mobile Home	\$28.16 (from \$27.21)
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WATER, BASE RATES – 1.5% INCREASE RESIDENTS

¾ inch	\$32.74 per month (from \$32.26 per month)
1 inch	\$37.34 per month (from \$36.79 per month)
1 ½ inch	\$45.65 per month (from \$44.98 per month)
2 inch	\$54.12 per month (from \$53.32 per month)
4 inch	\$87.65 per month (from \$86.35 per month)
6 inch	\$120.02 per month (from \$118.25 per month)

For a full list of the Fee Schedule, go to "parowan.org".
A copy is also available to view at the Parowan City Office.



The Parowan City Half Marathon & 5K will be held on Sat., August 7th. Register at www.racenentry.com or www.parowanhalf.com.
For more information,





Parowan Library

Outside Storytime is every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. on the Library lawn. We will be learning about Nutrition from Morgan Clawson, with the Utah State University Extension. Bring a blanket and join us!

Our Summer Reading Program is from June- August 13th. It is not too late to start! Read to win fun prizes.

We have so many things happening at the Parowan Library. We are looking for additional members for our Library Board. If you are interested please email parowanlibrary@parowan.org.

We have some exciting things coming up in July! Please follow the Parowan Library on Facebook and Instagram for updates at Parowan City Library.

Pioneer Celebration



'Together Again'

is the theme for this year's Pioneer Day Celebration to be held

on Saturday, July 24th in the City Park.

Festivities include:

6:00 ~ 7:00 pm

Dinner, Game & Activities
provided by the Parowan
Stake and Wards

7:00 ~ 9:00 pm

Dance to live music
By Carylee Zwang's band
"The 8eez"

Food! Fun! Friends!
Everyone is welcome!
Please come!

pads of your dog's feet. If the outside temperature is 95 degrees the pavement is 149 degrees. It only takes 60 seconds for a dog's paws to burn.

Remember when you order from Amazon to use "Amazon Smile" and choose 'Parowan Animal Assistance League' as your charity.



Theme

"Tough Enough"

September 2nd—6th

For the full schedule of events,
go to [ironcountyfair.net/
schedule](http://ironcountyfair.net/schedule)

From the Chamber of Commerce

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for a busy summer. The flower baskets on Main Street are gorgeous. Provided by our local business owners and watered through volunteer chamber members, the colorful flowers have Main Street bursting with life and inviting passerby's to stop, shop, eat and stay awhile.

To find out what to do in Parowan and, more importantly, where to get a cinnamon roll, visit: thesweettour.com.

Our local shops and restaurants are busy with tourists and locals alike as they enjoy the summer heat and our fun community events. As we break our routines through travel and aren't around as much in the summer months, don't forget to support local business when you are here in town. Our business owners appreciate you and love seeing their regulars all summer long!

If you would like to help with watering or to sponsor a flower basket on Main Street, or for membership information go to: parowanchamberofcommerce.com or email: parowanchambercontact@gmail.com.

A message from PAAL

As everyone knows it has been an unusually hot summer. Please remember that your pets need shade and plenty of water. NEVER leave your pet in a car. Even with a window rolled down the inside of a car gets extremely hot.

If you walk your dog, please do it early in the morning or late in the evening. The pavement gets very hot and can burn the

Thank you
Chamber of Commerce
for the beautiful
flowers on our Main Street!



The Parowan Reclamation Company Organized July 1, 1918

**Material herein was obtained from
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At the turn of the 20th century, the Adams brothers, sons of William Adams Sr., ranched in the Co-op Valley, a place that is private land but much appreciated by locals. This high country valley is accessed by going up Parowan's main canyon, turning onto 1st left hand (the 4-Bay) and making a northeast (left) turn just before driving into the Bowery. These public canyon roads are still used as livestock trails as a number of local farmers/ranchers drive their livestock into these mountains for summer pasture. Seeing these livestock drives in June and October is a throwback experience of by-gone days but be aware, it slows the traveler who is in a rush in our canyons.

Historically, water in Co-op Valley has been plentiful. Hoosier Lake in the eastern part of the valley sends water north where it is collected in the "Sink." Quoting from the Adams family history in the early 1900's, "If we only had the water down in the valley that runs into the Sink and disappears." Originally, this was only a wish but when Wilford Day purchased land in north Parowan valley, he and Hugh L. Adams and others felt that this dream could become a reality by drilling a tunnel through the hill west of the Sink. They envisioned that such a tunnel would allow the dumping of enough water into the northern valley of Parowan to irrigate from 1000 to 1200 acres of what was then dry land.

From this idea came the Parowan Reclamation Company, born July 1, 1918 in the home of Hugh L. Adams with an accompanying detailed Ledger record book, that follows the idea through its development.

On September 24, 1918 the group met in Wilford Day's home as they consulted with an engineer; bidders for the project were in attendance. Bids were considered but all were rejected. On December 18, 1918 the Board agreed to sell shares. Those were limited to 150 shares on June 19, 1919. However, this number was quickly narrowed. Early on, engineers cautioned the investors to have more soil studies before the project began, but water was needed in the valley and tunnelling into the rock on the west side of Co-op began.

The tunnel was 1600-1800 feet in length (two reports reflect different lengths) and completed at a cost of approximately \$38,000.00-\$40,000.00 (same reported discrepancy). It was completed June 21, 1920. The crews who worked on the project were divided into those who worked in the tunnel, those who worked on the cut and Sink, others who freighted materials to the project, and still others who worked on the ditch and dam. There were also camp living facilities provided for workers and some of their families. Essential building supplies and food created a continual freighting endeavor.

However, there was always a safety concern near the tunnel's west exit. "No one liked to go into the tunnel for fear of cave-ins. The part excavated through solid rock gave no trouble, but that built through loose dirt and rock was sloughing off and re-

quired constant repair (through-out the life of the system). The tunnel was lined with ties on two sides and the top. This was prepared so there would not be any cave in." (During excavation) ".....there were generally 2 cars brought out on one trip." These cars were dumping their excavated load into porous soil and the Sink. But herein arose another issue. One entry says, "Again and again dirt was scraped, pushed, or shoveled into the Sink hole where the water went into the ground and disappeared. One year sacks were filled with dirt and thrown into the hole which solved the problems (but only temporarily). The Sink seemed to have a bottomless pit under it. Water could build to as much as 8 feet but then it would disappear, never reaching the valley.

In 1931 Depression funds of \$415.00 were granted to the company and used for puddling the ditch from the hills down to the valley. Cement was used to make the base of submerged dams at intervals; the channel was narrowed by the use of rocks and tree boughs.

Over time, the project opened a good deal of dryland farming to irrigation but did not fulfill all that was hoped for and was abandoned. The Sink lost too much water before it entered the tunnel.

Today the Adams family still herd livestock to this summer pasture. They are a generous family, still opening their land to scheduled public and private events, sharing the mountain with many.

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And, over the years, there are those who have enjoyed some very fine deer camps and hunting in the area. The curiosity of the Sink and tunnel is still appreciated, the history is detailed and speaks of an amazing endeavor, and then there is the mountain beauty, welcoming us to our remembrance of by-gone days.

The Emerald Ash Borer

By Ryan Johnson
Urban & Community Forester for
the Southwest Area of Utah

A small, invasive green beetle called the emerald ash borer presents a looming threat to some of our most popular local tree species. Millions of ash trees have already been devastated and communities have faced the costly task of removing and replacing large numbers of mature dead trees. This pest is now rapidly advancing toward Utah, and we can learn from the experience of communities that have dealt with this destructive pest for years. Thoughtful preparation will make our community forests significantly more resilient to emerald ash borer when it arrives.

The emerald ash borer, which feeds exclusively on ash trees, originated in Asia where its numbers rarely get high enough to kill the native ash species. The females lay eggs on the bark. When the eggs hatch, the larvae burrow into the living part of the tree called the cambium. Feeding just beneath the bark, the larvae leave telltale serpentine tunnels called galleries, which are filled with what

looks like sawdust. The larvae then bore out of the bark and emerge as adults leaving a characteristically D-shaped tunnel.

If beetle numbers are high enough, the galleries spread around the trunk and sever the connection between the leaves and the roots, killing the tree. If a community depends too heavily on a few closely related tree species, those trees will be vulnerable to pests like the emerald ash borer.

In 2002, the beetle was found in Michigan. Free from all its native predators, the emerald ash borer found itself in a continent full of ash species that had no natural defenses. The beetle began to rapidly expand across North America. Escaping all attempts at quarantine, the emerald ash borer left millions of dead trees in its wake. This beetle acts fast. Without some intervention, it kills nearly every ash tree in a community within 10 years of its arrival.

When the ash borer does arrive, communities need to be prepared to save the most valuable ash trees and lower the cost of tree removal by slowing the progress of the borer. The good news is there are ways to mitigate the impact of this pest. Planting large numbers of diverse tree species that will mature in time to replace the vulnerable ash trees can make our community forests resilient to the borer as well as any other future threats for decades to come.

There are many pesticide options that are effective against emerald ash borer. Since the adults feed on many different trees, each pesticide treatment lowers the beetle numbers in the area, which protects nearby trees in the process. If enough

nearby trees are treated, an area can achieve herd immunity that dramatically slows the borer's progress. Please consult the professionals at Iron County USU Extension (<https://extension.usu.edu/iron/>) or an ISA Certified Arborist (treesaregood.org/findanarborist) before applying any pesticide.

Awareness is key. The more municipal leaders and the general public know about the emerald ash borer and the threats it presents, the more prepared communities will be to preserve their ash trees and avoid costly tree removals. So, ask questions and talk to your local leaders about their plans to mitigate ash borer damage.



Randy Frantz, Ron Roth and Ryan Johnson- Southern Utah Community Forester, along with Mollie Halterman and Vito Locatelli (not pictured), met to determine the direction of the Community Partnership Grant Program. The goal of the Shade Tree Commission with this grant is to beautify Parowan's Main Street by pruning the dead branches off the trees that line our Main Street. Volunteer time and equipment are needed.

To find out how you can help, email Committee Chair Linda Smith at: lindarae-smith@hotmail.com.

A Message From The Mayor 2021 Fire Hazard

The current and future forecasted weather conditions are extremely dry in our area which has exposed our community to significant fire risk. After consulting with the city council and staff, a request is being made of all citizens to take measures to prevent the ignition of potentially dangerous fires.

To this end, and pursuant to Parowan City Ordinance Title 8 Chapter 10, the Parowan City Council is requesting that all citizens review each of their properties and take immediate action to cut down and remove all potential fire fuels on their properties before it becomes dangerous to the community.

It is requested that citizens take the following steps

1. Immediately commence cutting down and removing all potential fire fuel.
2. Become aware of those properties around you that might become a fire hazard and take steps to protect your property from potential fires.
3. Refrain from cutting, welding or grinding metal in areas where vegetation, which has not been removed, or has become dry.
4. No outdoor fires or fireworks are allowed.

We ask that citizen take an immediate evaluation of their property before the weeds become dry for the purpose of protecting their own property and the property of others. We love our community and appreciate your efforts in making this city safe.

Mayor Preston Griffiths