



NEWSLETTER

March/April 2020

Fire Mitigation Prevention

Wildfires are unplanned fires that burn in natural areas like forests, grasslands or prairies. These fires spread quickly and can devastate not only wildlife and natural areas, but also communities. Be prepared. Mitigate sources or fuels around your homes, especially if you live on or near mountain areas.

- Use fire-resistant materials to build, renovate or make repairs.
- Find an outdoor water source with a hose that can reach any area of your property.
- Create a fire-resistant zone that is free of leaves, debris or flammable materials for at least 30 feet from your home.
- Designate a room that can be closed off from outside air. Close all doors and windows. Set up a portable air cleaner to keep indoor pollution levels low when smoky conditions exist.
- Recognize warnings and alerts.
- Make an emergency plan.
- Keep copies of important documents in a protected place.
- Know your evacuation route
- Gather supplies.
- Evacuate immediately if authorities tell you to do so.
- Don't return home until authorities deem it is safe to do so.

When in the mountains for recreation:

- Only start a campfire in an approved fire pit, or an area cleared of all vegetation.

- Never leave a fire unattended
- Always make sure your fire is completely doused with water and smothered with dirt before leaving.
- Don't start a fire on a windy day.
- Keep lighters and matches out of the reach of children.
- Don't burn yard waste or debris without checking with your local fire department.
- When lighting fireworks, have a fire extinguisher handy; have a bucket of water or garden hose available to wet down the surrounding vegetation.
- Don't park a hot car or other machine in dry grass.
- Tractors, off-road vehicles and equipment, such as chainsaws, must have spark arrestors.
- Secure tow chains to ensure they don't drag, causing sparks and fire risk.
- When target shooting, choose a backstop that is free of rocks and dry grass.
- Remember the complete impact of wildfire when playing, working or traveling in Utah.

More information is available at
www.ready.gov/wildfires



Tentatively scheduled for
Saturday, April 10th • 10 am
LDS Church Parking Lot

Sponsored by
The Little Salt Lake Service Club

From the Library

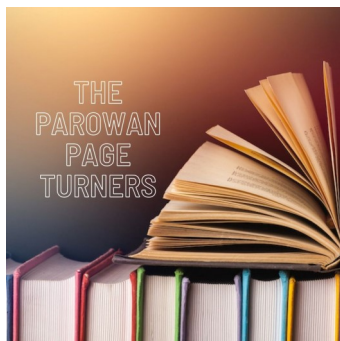
Parowan Page Turners
book title picks are:

March

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
by Maya Angelou

April

The Princess Bride
by William Goldman

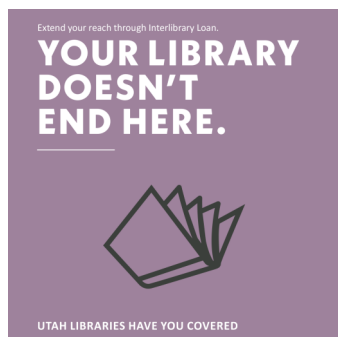


Book Club is held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Large Conference Room at the Parowan Library.

If you are needing a book and the Parowan Library does not have it, please email parowanlibrary@parowan.org.

We will be happy to get it through our InterLibrary Loan program.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram at Parowan City Library for updates, new activities and programs!



Dog License and Tags

Parowan Police Department has its own tag machine! When you license your dog, the tag will be good for a year from the month you purchase it. In addition to the license fee, you can also have either your name and phone number or your dog's name on the back of the tag for an extra \$5. You can also purchase an additional tag with your information on it for \$10. This will be a big help in getting lost dogs home.

Remember, licensing your dog is a City Ordinance.

Check our Facebook page *Parowan Utah*, website parowan.org, and marquee by the Library for upcoming events.

A Message from PAAL

It is required by law that all dogs be licensed by the City of Parowan. You must show a current certificate of rabies vaccination to obtain a license. Having a city license is also very helpful in returning lost dogs to their owners. The fee for licensing is \$5 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$25 for dogs that have not been spayed/neutered.

It's important to have your dog receive their other vaccinations also. These vaccines protect them from many serious infectious diseases. It is very important to get puppies their shots as many of these diseases can be fatal.

It is also required that all dogs be kept on the owner's property.

If a dog is found running loose the owner is liable for the violation. Dogs also need to be on a leash when walking. Even if your dog is friendly doesn't mean that another dog is.

If you lose your dog, call the Parowan Police at 435-586-9445 and give dispatch the information. This helps you get your dog back. If you find a lost dog call the same number. They may know where the dog lives. If not, the police can pick it up and PAAL will get the information on the dog out to the public. We take very good care of the dogs we get in the shelter and try to get them home as soon as possible.

Possible Changes To Water Days for Pressurized Irrigation

Watch our website parowan.org, Facebook page "[Parowan Utah](https://www.facebook.com/ParowanUtah)", and City Office bulletin board for upcoming changes

City Council Meetings are available to view on YouTube!

Watch
[Parowan City Live Stream](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)
every 2nd and 4th
Thursday at 6 pm

From the Parowan Chamber of Commerce

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce is going strong in 2021. Our meetings are open to the public and held every 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:00 at Gym on Main (98 N Main), middle door entrance. With over 70 business owner members, we are working hard and working together. We have joined forces with other Chambers of Commerce around the state of Utah along with multiple county coalitions to continue to not just bounce back, but to bounce forward! We are excited about these partnerships and looking forward to more resources to build a stronger, more sustainable economy here at home.

- Here are just a few fun examples and project updates:
- We were able to bring flowers back to Main Street in 2020! Through the support of our local businesses, Parowan Chamber member volunteerism and Ladybug Nursery, we had colorful, cheerful streets during a very challenging time. Through feedback from this project we realized how important it is to our citizens that we have a beautiful Main Street year around and see value in this project ongoing. If you would like to help with Main Street beautification in 2021, please contact us at: parowanchambercontact@gmail.com
 - Our Winter Wonderland/Hometown Holiday events were a great success and brought in over 3000 visitors from over 47 zip codes around



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Pictured L-R: Trisha Harris, Dayla Ulrich, Jamie Bonnett, Mollie Halterman

the world into Parowan/Brian Head to eat, shop and play. Thank you for coming out to support and for being wonderful, welcoming hosts!

- Our February sponsored American Red Cross Blood Drive was the most successful in Parowan Chamber of Commerce history! We were told that enough units of blood were collected that day to help up to 126 people. Thank you to all of you who gave blood and volunteered to make it a success.

If you would like to donate to help with 2021 Parowan Chamber of Commerce projects, you can do so through Venmo - Parowanchambercontact@gmail.com or mail: P.O. Box 1598, Parowan UT 84761, or through our website parowanchamberofcommerce.com or by becoming members.

We would like to see these Parowan Chamber sponsored events become annual traditions which we can build upon for

years to come! Thank you for your support and words of encouragement as we see you around town. We appreciate all who call Parowan home and look forward to serving you in any way we can.

Sincerely,
Parowan Chamber of Commerce
Mollie Halterman, Jamie Bonnett, Tricia Harris, Dayla Ulrich



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Garfield Memorial
Hospital

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DIGITAL
MOBILE
MAMMOGRAPHY
UNIT**

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March 23rd & 24th
Canyon View Clinic
15 East 400 North

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

FREE mammograms available to those who qualify.
Provided by UCCP - Utah Cancer Control Program

Times are Hard but We're Still Dancing

By: Sandra Benson

Trials are part of our present as well as our past. And what did the pioneers do to lighten their burdens? Well, among other things, they danced. Some of the material herein came from the Luella Dalton book under the heading "*Social Life in Pioneer Days*." Hopefully, it will make us smile as we recall youth and maybe our own first formal event.

Brigham Young recognized the value of recreation. As the Pioneers trekked west, and for decades thereafter, the evenings contained individuals tired to the bone. Yet, they had campfires and company/community programs. The cornerstone of all events was singing and dancing. Young and old were involved. All that was needed was a fiddle and a good voice acting as "caller." Early on, dancing consisted of the quadrilles and Virginia Reel, and a number of other "reels." Prior to each dance there was a call of "all set" (suggesting it was time to begin the activity), and then "Circle All," and away they went with an "Allemande Left, Promenade All, Balance on the Corner, Docey Doe," etc. Such dancing activities were continued as the pioneers spread over the territory.

However, after the railroad came to the territory in 1869, there was a good deal of stir about these community dances as the gentiles were bringing in new, more suggestive moves in the dancing. In the communi-

ties, censoring songs was not unusual but dancing was more troublesome. Square dancing and line dancing was giving way to "round dancing" which is couple dancing. Oh my!

According to the Dalton book, it was between 1877 and 1880 (after the death of Brigham Young and until the sustaining of a new President, John Taylor in 1880) that the guard was let down and dancing took a turn for the worst. Apparently, within 3 short years, round dancing was firmly embraced in most communities. After discussion, the solution, at least in Parowan, was that you could only have two round dances during a social event. And according to Mrs. Dalton, "*Then the bars were let down. Now the dances are mostly all round dances; only on special occasions do they dance the old time quadrille. (With the new style of dance) the gents would bow and scrape with the air of royalty. Some were surely expert in the art of swinging their legs, in dancing a jig, and stamping as they bowed; you really wondered how they could get in so many twists and turns, all in tune.*"

And there was no turning back. Dancing continued and for generations there was, in our community, at least one weekend dance. And then there were the holiday celebrations wherein they'd dance the night away. There were school dances, especially the Jr. Prom and the Senior Hop (now replaced with the Homecoming Dance) where both boys and

girls were taught the proper etiquette of a formal dance. No event exceeded the Jr. Prom's decorations and the display of young ladies in formal attire, although the Senior Hop, held in the fall, was fairly lavish as well.

During the Prom, there was and still is a promenade wherein each junior is presented to the community. And still, then and now, all are dressed in formal attire. At the end of the promenade, a parent dances with his/her daughter or son. And then the old folks generally go home, leaving the young to put on their generation's choice of music and "Let the fun begin."

Yes, dancing is good for all, helping us through challenging times. And while the Jr. Prom was canceled last year, there will be a Jr./Sr. Prom this year. It will be a lovely, elegant event with participants all arrayed in formal attire. Ladylike and gentlemanly manners are expected. Parents will beam as they dance with their son or daughter and each will discover that dance moves have changed from generation to generation. Yet we hold on tight to an event that helps us put aside the troubled world and create a memorable experience for all. In Parowan, the Prom is the "coming out" event for boys behaving like gentlemen and girls being ladies. The fiddle is gone, the live band is gone, but the music is still there and expectations of good etiquette and elegant fun prevail.