



# NEWSLETTER

March / April 2023

## Message from the Mayor



Hello Parowan Residents and visitors. Let's start with the most exciting, recent news: Parowan High School won its second State title of the school year! The boys' basketball team took the State 2A Championship, beating Kanab and winning the title back for the

first time since 2004. This is the second state title for PHS, as the girls' volleyball team took State last fall. These Parowan High athletes go the extra mile and exemplify hard work, dedication and loyalty to their teams, their school and to their hometown of Parowan. Go PHS Rams, Parowan is sure proud of you!

It's a great time to pause and appreciate the four seasons we enjoy here in the Mother Town of Southern Utah. Winter is a favorite time of year with the opportunity to layer up and enjoy the outdoors and, in contrast, appreciate cozy, blanket bundled nights. As the whimsical mischief of Mother Nature continues to throw a curveball or two, we are all wondering what is in store for us this spring.

After such a surprising season of much needed snow and more snow, we will definitely appreciate a change of scenery and temperatures in March and April. With the heavy snow pack

### PHS Boys Basketball 2A State Champions



on the mountain, spring melt could pose a challenge this year. Watch for progress and needed improvements on the Parowan Creek in the coming months as Iron County and Parowan Public Works continue the difficult task of armoring and making every effort to stabilize this critical flood channel.

The harsh winter conditions this year have not affected our active and vibrant city; a lot is going on as upcoming community projects and events take shape with vision, planning and good old-fashioned hard work. You will notice continued progress around town. Highlights of what's to come so far this year:

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## DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY PERIOD FOR THE 2023 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

In accordance with UCA 10-3-301, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the following positions are to be voted upon in the Parowan City 2023 Municipal Election on November 7, 2023:

### THREE (3) AT-LARGE CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS

4-year term each

The constitutional and statutory qualification requirements for municipal office are:

1. The person is a registered voter in the municipality.
2. The person will be at least 18 years old at the time of the next election.
3. The person is a legal resident of the municipality for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the election.
4. The person has not been convicted of a felony.

Candidate filing period **begins June 1, 2023 and ends June 7, 2023**, excluding Saturday and Sunday (UCA 20A-9-203). Declaration of Candidacy must be filed **in person** at City Hall with the Parowan City Recorder, located at 35 E. 100 N., Parowan, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Callie Bassett, CMC  
Parowan City Recorder

Parowan City Office—35 East 100 North—PO Box 576—435-477-3331

Parowan Visitors Center—5 South Main—PO Box 1165—435-477-8190—parowanvisitorscenter@gmail.com

We wanted to thank everyone for making Parowan's Birthday celebration a success this year. It certainly was amazing to see this program come together in the middle of the school year. There were so many people behind the scenes that worked together to make this celebration a success, and we would like to thank them for their efforts. We also would like to congratulate our students both at Parowan Elementary and Parowan High School for making this celebration a success.



We are now nearing the end of winter sports season. We have several students and teams that represented our school well at the state level. Here is a shout-out to them:

- This year our Girls' Cheer team participated in the first ever sanctioned UHSAA state competition. In the inaugural year, our team ended up placing 3rd overall. Awesome job girls!!! Our Girls' Drill also competed at state, and we want to recognize their hard work and achievement this season. Thank you, girls, for all of your hard work!
- We also had two boys' wrestlers place 6th at state recently at a tournament held at the Sevier Valley Center. Great job boys! We are proud of all of our wrestlers and their accomplishments.
- Finally, we had a swimmer from Parowan place 5th in the Fly, and she placed 7th in the 500-yard race. She is only a freshman, and we had over 20 teams participating from the 1-3A level.

As we are heading down the stretch, we want to take a moment to thank all of the coaches and fans for the time and dedication they have given to our students and athletes. We appreciate all you do for our school.

## Calling All Players! Soccer Time is Here!

Sign up now!  
Parowan City Soccer registration starts  
**March 1st and runs through March 25th.**  
Standard fees per child:  
\$30 with your own jersey  
\$35 to include a jersey

Late registration will be from  
**March 26th through March 31st.**

Late Fees per child:  
\$50 with your own jersey  
\$55 to include a jersey

Games will be on Wednesdays and Saturdays starting May 3rd

If you are able to coach, volunteer, or be a team parent please let us know. Your participation is appreciated.

Sign up forms are available at the Visitor's Center, 5 South Main, open Monday-Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm.

## Vendor Applications

Vendor applications are available for the June 10th Car Show, and the 4th of July in the park. You can get an application at the Parowan Visitors Center or [parowan.org/events](http://parowan.org/events).

## Parowan Half Marathon

Registration is open for the Half Marathon, 5K, and Yankee Doodle Dash. Race date is August 5, 2023.



Its tax time! If you need IRS forms, we can help you! Stop by the Parowan Library and we will

get you what you need.

Are you using our online library, Libby? Its 4 easy steps. All you need is your Library Card Number and we can help you! Plus its FREE!!

We now have three 4-H Groups at the Parowan Library. We are so lucky to have the Cloverbuds, Parowan Pioneers and Teen Time!

Our Young Adult Book Club is off to a good start! Join the Parowan Explorers, make new friends and try new books!

Storytime is every Tuesday at 10:30 am in the large conference room. Once it warms up, we will move it outside on the lawn.

We are pleased to announce our new Parowan Library Board Members. Please welcome Jenn Sullivan and Nicole Strine!

Last newsletter we introduced you to the Parowan Police Officers. This newsletter we would like to introduce to you to Nicole, the lady in the office. She is the one behind the paperwork, reports, all the not so fun stuff. She is our Police Department's Administrative Assistant and Records Clerk. Nicole is the face you see when you come into the office, the voice behind the phone when you call Parowan Police Department (435-263-0324) and she juggles many other tasks within her position here.

Nicole has been with the Parowan Police Department since August 2019. Her favorite color is yellow, and her favorite food is her grandma's chicken and broccoli casserole with curry. Nicole loves to enjoy the "little" things in each and every day. She enjoys the mountains, fresh air, sun and camping.

Nicole said, "I love working for Parowan Police Department. I work with such a great group of officers. I love the small department atmosphere and I love that I get to do many different tasks daily."

Nicole would like to wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day & Happy Easter!





## Swap Meet

Friday, March 24th  
Saturday, March 25th  
9:00 am to 6:00 pm

At the Iron County Fair Building

Antiques, metal art, clothing, food, yard sale items, coins, knives and much more!

If you are interested in being a vendor, applications are online at [parowan.org/events](http://parowan.org/events) or stop by the Visitors Center at 5 South Main.

For more information call 435-477-8190.

There will be something for everyone! Come out and enjoy the day!

## Parowan Animal Assistance League (PAAL)

Very often PAAL is asked to help find a dog or cat. We will ask for a good recent picture of the pet and many times the owner doesn't have one. Please make sure you have a picture of your furry friend, preferably just of the pet. This makes it better to post on our Facebook page. Also, a city license tag and an identification tag on the collar would help. The best way to get your pet home is a chip. We scan all dogs brought into the shelter for chips. You can get your dog chipped at your vet. And remember to register the chip with the company that makes them.

## Old Rock Church Days



We are excited to share some of the details of this upcoming summer event!

This **June 16-17, 2023 celebration** will be a fundraiser to help preserve this Pioneer Church building and the museum artifacts, plus an opportunity to come together with friends and family from near and far. Watch for the Quilt Show both days in the basement of the ORC. A fundraising meal will be served Friday. Movie-maker, **T.C. Christensen**, will be the keynote speaker Friday evening,

along with Pioneer presentations. **Saturday** there will be pioneer and competitive games, a silent auction, plus free entertainment throughout the day. Come together for a great cause. Join us at the Parowan Main Street Park in the shadow of the Old Rock Church.

We have recently had several Parowan families make generous donations to the Parowan Old Rock Church for preservation and improvements. Some from other communities have also donated. These funds netted us nearly \$2500 and will be used carefully and honestly for projects such as the recently-funded placement of new rain gutters and drains that had fallen off, thus helping to preserve the integrity of the foundation. This is a good start towards reaching the goal and we'll need many more people to come forward to make this dream come true. This is until such time as the planned brick sales can fund the majority of the preservation effort.

We know people are worried about the bell tower. A recent study by architectural specialists has assured us that, at present, the bell tower structure is sound; the roof in general is of more immediate concern. Fundraising is underway to tackle this more pressing need. The tower will be refurbished during the roof project.

Donations can be made to our 501(c)3 charitable organization through Venmo @Parowan-OldRockChurch and SBSU: Old Rock Church Fundraiser.

## Chamber of Commerce

Thank you Parowan citizens and customers! Our member businesses reported a wonderful holiday season with a great mix of repeat local customers and tourists. We are grateful for your patronage! Our Winter Wonderland display at the city park turned out quite well again this year. Thank you to all the chamber members and sponsors for helping with set up, staffing hot cocoa nights and breakdown/cleanup. It's

a ton of work, but the positive feedback and the joy spread through the holiday season makes it all worth it.

In business news, we'd like to welcome our new members: Jenn Sullivan - Pest Defense, Tess Eyre-Eyre Travels, Alexander Hernandez - AA Personal Storage and Joy Gisi - Joy Waxing studio. We are excited to have you!

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce recently held elections, and we're pleased to announce our new Board of Directors.

**President** - Danny Abbott

**Vice President** - Christine Price

**Secretary** - Lynsey Swiderski

**Treasurer** - Shay Bayles

**Directors** - Jed Sudweeks, Dayla Ulrich, and Tricia Harris.

We wish to extend a very big THANK YOU to the outgoing board members for their dedicated service.

Our next service project is Chambers Annual Downtown Beautification Program and will begin in late spring. Most folks know about our flower boxes along Main Street, and the many blooming baskets hanging from our lampposts, but we've got more in store for our town this year. Keep an eye out for announcements about future beautification projects on our Facebook page and [Parowanchamberofcommerce.com](http://Parowanchamberofcommerce.com).

Join us for our monthly chamber meeting every 1st Wednesday of the month at 10am at the Parowan Visitor Center! We want to get to know you!

Remember: Shop Local...It really matters!



**LYMAN MUNFORD**  
2022 Citizen of the Year

## **A Community Providing and Surviving**

**By: Sandra Benson**

In the Parowan valley, throughout the last half of the 19th and well into the 20th centuries, it is safe to say a majority of male residents had a freighting story.

In the Luella Dalton book starting on page 421 Mrs. Dalton begins with, *"Freighting, freighting, freighting was ever the lifeline of this little community. As soon as the virgin soil and resources were tapped, grain, flour, vegetables, butter and cheese, lumber and shingles began to flow like milk and honey. In the early settlement, there was very little need for cash at home as there was a system of exchange using whatever you had in surplus together with what everyone raised, providing most local needs. Wants were few beyond what was produced, and the little colony was practically self-sufficient."*

This being said, by the 1860's, settlers wanted a bit more than that which could be produced here. Thus, there was a good deal of freighting back and forth from our territory eastward to the Missouri River. These freight/supply companies would leave Utah in April or early May and usually returned in December, hopefully before Christmas. The most commonly mentioned stop-off along the way was Ft. Kearney, Nebraska. For about 20 years, until it was closed in 1871, this military post and surrounding community was said to have about 2,000 immigrants and 10,000 oxen pass through during the month of May.

James J. Adams tells of his experience going on this trek with his father in the Robert Heybourne Co. in 1864. He was a 16-year-old boy. From his age perspective he said, "This was a wonderful trip." He drove four yoke of oxen; his

leaders were two white steers, Bonnie and Bounce. They followed the old pioneer trail through Utah, went over the North Pass and across Sweetwater. He got his first buckskin pants and said, "Every time it rained, they'd stretch and stretch out longer." He'd have to roll them up but they lasted the whole trip (one set of clothes). He recalled that all they had to eat was baking powder bread and fried bacon although on one occasion he and his father traded for some molasses and grapes. "We poured the molasses over the grapes to help keep them and they surely tasted good. Then we bought fifty cents worth of eggs at a farm and got so many our water bucket wouldn't hold them. These surely helped out our bread and bacon diet."

Their return trip brought a supply of stoves to the territory, and a threshing machine purchased by Charles Y. Webb. James and his father made the trip once again in 1868.

By the 1880's, there was a large demand for goods and services beyond our settlement boundaries. If a local family needed a little cash, there was something here to haul to those who were in need outside our community. The mines in Pioche and De La Mar, Nevada, and Silver Reef, Utah paid well for supplies. Local freighters made deliveries to these booming mining areas and there was an instant economic gain in Parowan and surrounding communities. In the Dalton book, we learn that some of our locals set up stores in the mining towns with their hired teamsters delivering on a regular schedule.

Thus, in Parowan, an entrepreneurial spirit went along with heavily loaded wagons containing whatever the miners in Silver Reef or out in Nevada sought. Wherever their destination, our pioneers

off-loaded their goods and returned home with where-with-all and a plan for personal improvements at home.

In telling this history of freighting, it needs to be said that the men engaged were physically challenged and often broken down in their bodies early in life. Lifting huge barrels of supplies into great freighting wagons required strength and endurance. My grandfather was said to be one of the most powerful freighters. Dad, when describing his father, Mahonri Moriancumer Decker, said, "He had legs like tree trunks that were terribly bowed in his old age, huge, gnarled hands, powerful arms, and terrible arthritis with debilitating back and leg pain in his later years."

In an attempt to preserve the memory of this freighting era, there is an original freighter's hitching ring embedded in the cement in front of the Old Merc. There is a plaque above it. It's worth checking out. It's the last one remaining on our main street although there used to be several. Unfortunately, they became useless toe-stubbers. Suffice it to say, these freighters worked throughout their lives to provide tools and goods that would advance pioneer communities' search for a better life.



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- The Parowan Airport project is on the horizon. This renovation will bring runway improvements along with additional hangers and more needed infrastructure at and around the Parowan Airport. These improvements will enhance the Industrial zoned area for Parowan and will be key for the future of economic development for our community.
- The UDOT Parowan Bridge project is scheduled. Plans are moving forward to relocate the bridge on Main/Hwy 91 to 100 West. These plans have been in the works for several years as our old bridge does not meet current flood clearance allowance or load requirements. This year is the scheduled year to finish up engineering and scheduling the start of construction will follow.
- Parowan's Historic Old Rock Church repairs and renovation evaluation. Architectural plans are being drafted and prioritized to begin a plan for preservation and protection of our historic gem. Old Rock Church Days (June 16th & 17th) fundraising dates are set and planning is in action to raise the needed money. There are many ways you can help! (See Page 3)
- Plans for new pickleball courts. We are in the process of designing, engineering and discussing Parowan Pickleball courts and the project will soon go out for bid. These courts will be paid for by a grant awarded to Parowan from the TRCC or "Restaurant Tax" from Iron County Tourism, but may require additional community donations to complete the project, depending on the number of courts our City Council and community decide is feasible to build. Stay posted for details on this new recreational facility.
- The Parowan Pool project is still hanging in the balance as we await the results of the feasibility

study that will help determine direction for a new or renovated facility. If you have an opinion or viewpoint you'd like to share, your City Council members, Mayor and City Manager would appreciate hearing from you. Email addresses for each are found

at [parowan.org](http://parowan.org) under "Your Government/Mayor & Council".

- A Parowan Active Transportation Plan is underway with Chris Wiltzie of Bike Utah leading the way toward a more walkable and bikeable community. Monthly meetings throughout the year will invite community involvement in this important plan. Watch for upcoming dates on the [parowan.org](http://parowan.org) website.

Additionally, we have had some changes and new members to our Parowan City advisory committees. We express gratitude to those who have served on these committees in the past and those willing to serve currently. We offer a tremendous debt of gratitude to Don Horton who has served for decades but recently has retired from the Airport Board and Water Board. Don has been such an asset through his involvement and we are so thankful to him for his service in our community. New Board Members:

Library Board: Nicole Strine and Jenn Sullivan

Theater Board- Bernadine Byl, Greta Adams and Michael Eaton

Airport Board- Del Tanner, Jr.

Water Board- Doug Fox and Carolyn Ray

Most of these committees and boards meet monthly and are open to the public. You can find the schedule on [parowan.org](http://parowan.org) under "Your Government/Boards & Committees".

Other things to be aware of are current and upcoming traffic counters at Main and 200 South and Main and Center. In an effort with UDOT, Parowan City is gathering important data that will determine options for those two intersections that continue to be a safety concern

for many of our Parowan residents. As that data, as well as plans for an updated Master Transportation plan take shape, we can start looking forward to a vision for Parowan's future for our roadways including solutions for these critical intersections.

On behalf of Parowan City, we hear and understand your concerns about growth and change. We assure you, in facing these challenges, as elected officials, administrators, Public Works, Parowan Power and all of our other city departments, we are doing our best. Our commitment to you is to focus on the best use of resources to plan and move ahead as a community in the most responsible way possible while maintaining, and where possible, improving the quality of life we all enjoy and cherish as residents of Parowan.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Mollie Halterman

## The Parowan Interfaith Council Presents "The Promise of Easter"

This will be held at the Grace Christian Church on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. This is the "sunrise" service to welcome Easter morning.

All local congregations are participating with music and thoughts of hope, joy, love, and peace.

Everyone is invited to join together to celebrate "The Promise of Easter."



**April 8th • 10 am**  
**At the Valentine Peak Soccer Fields**

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