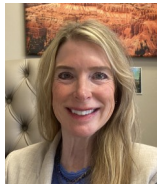




NEWSLETTER

May/June 2023

Message from the Mayor



Hello Parowan Residents and visitors. As a kaleidoscope of spring color begins to transform our landscape, we are all holding our breath as snow packed mountains yield to warming temperatures. Preparing for runoff that we know is coming by clearing and widening the flood channel has been a top

priority for our City Manager, Parowan Public Works Department and work crews from Iron County. With less-than-ideal space to maneuver equipment and weather challenges, the channel has been improved and made ready. There have been tremendous volunteer efforts to fill sandbags and prepare in an effort to protect people and property in more vulnerable areas of our town.

Be aware that there is a sandbag filler, sandbags at the Valentine Peak Sports complex near the baseball fields for use by the community during this uncertain time.

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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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT NEW POWER COST ADJUSTMENT

Recent volatility in the wholesale power market is causing Parowan City's power purchase costs to increase significantly. Therefore, it is imperative that Parowan City start a Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) starting on April's power bill, which you will receive this month (May). The fee of \$.04 per kwh will be applied to all energy use by residential and commercial customers.

Parowan City realizes the impact this has on our citizens and assure you we are doing everything we can to keep our power costs down.

Some things that you can do to help offset your power bill:

- Adjusting thermostat temperature in summer a few degrees can lower your monthly bill
- Newer appliances are more efficient
- Installing LED lights
- Proper insulation and updated windows may also help reduce costs
- Unplug appliances when not in use

Working together as a City, we can get through this volatile power situation. Thank you for understanding.

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



Blood Drive

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on **Thursday, June 1st from 1:30 pm to 7:00 pm** at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints building on Main Street. You can register online at www.redcrossblood.org.

Please be willing to share the gift of health.

Sponsored by the Parowan Area Interfaith Council.

National Day of Prayer

The first day of prayer was declared by the Continental Congress in 1776. President Abraham Lincoln announced a National Day of Prayer in 1863. It was established again by Congress in 1952 and signed into law by Harry S. Truman.

If there was ever a time of needful prayer, it would be now. Please join us, and the rest of the nation, for a **National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 4th at 11:00 am** by the Parowan City Library Flagpole on Main Street.

Sponsored by the Parowan Area Interfaith Council.

New 3D Digital Mobile Mammography Unit

Coming to the
Canyon View Clinic
June 13th thru 15th

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 Events

May 29 - Memorial Day Program
Memorial Day is an American Holiday observed on the last Monday of May. It honors the men and

women who died while serving in the US military. Memorial Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 29th. To commemorate this holiday, a **Memorial Day Program** will be held in our beautiful hillside cemetery at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

June 10 - Fun Run Car Show Series
Classic car shows have long been a staple of car enthusiasts, and a place for gearheads to gather with fellow car show participants to show off their antique rides. Parowan City and the Desert Cruisers have teamed up again for the **32nd Annual Fun Run Car Show, at the Main Street Park on June 10, 2023**. With hoods up and engines shining, the show will start at 8:00 am. Open to all makes and models. Come enjoy the day in the park! Everyone is welcome.

June 16-17 Old Rock Church Days
See article on page 5.

July 4th Parade and Games in the Park

The 4th of July, also known as Independence Day, is celebrated every year in the United States on July 4th. The holiday is celebrated to mark the day the second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. The 4th of July became a federal holiday in 1870. Parowan will start the day with a **parade on Main Street at 10:00 am**. Following the parade, games will begin in the Main Street Park. Come enjoy food, fun, and family! Check out the vendors and enjoy a good foot race. Everyone welcome. **Fireworks at Dusk**.

July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4 Concerts in the Park

Come out to Parowan's Main Street Park on these dates. Enjoy the warm summer nights with live entertainment. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy many different genres of music and vendors. All are welcome!

August 5 - Parowan Half Marathon and 5K. Registration is open at parowanhalf.com.

Event Applications are available at the Parowan Visitors Center for the following events:

Car Show Entry, Car Show Vendor, 4th of July Parade, 4th of July Vendor, July Concert Series.

For more event information call 435-477-8190. The Parowan Visitors Center is open Monday-Saturday from 10am-5pm and is located at 5 South Main Street.

From the Library

Summer Reading

is right around the corner! This year's theme is "*All Together Now*". We are so excited! More information to come.

We absolutely love our **4-H** groups! A big shout out to the leaders for all their hard work and dedication. Some of our groups still have openings.

Parowan Explorers Young Adult Book Club has room for your teen! It's a great way to make new friends.

The Parowan Library **Storytime** is every Tuesday at 10:30 am in the large conference room. We do move Storytime outside on the lawn in summer months. Bring a blanket or a chair.

We are planning an **End of School Bash** at the library. Make sure you check our social media or the Parowan City Marquee for more information when it gets closer. We are still working out the details.

To stay up to date on all the activities at the library please follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Any questions please email parowanlibrary@parowan.org.



From the Parowan Police Department



Parowan Police Department has seen an increase of vehicle burglaries and items being stolen out of vehicles. With that being said, we want to remind everyone of the following:

- **Lock Your Car at All Times**
- **Hide Your Valuables and or Remove Valuables from Your Vehicle**
- **Be Aware of Your Surroundings**
- **Take Your Keys**

In today's world, it's important to take every precaution possible to stay safe. One simple step you can take towards keeping yourself and your belongings safe is to always lock your car doors. It may seem like a no-brainer, but you'd be surprised how many people leave their car doors unlocked, especially in busy or public areas. By taking the time to lock your doors, you're deterring would-be thieves and criminals from being able to easily access your car.

Lock your car at all times - Statistics show that 9 out of every 10 burglarized vehicles were unlocked at the time of the crime. Locking up your car is the simplest and easiest way to keep yourself and your valuables safe.

Hide your valuables - If a thief can see your valuables, they're more likely to break into your car. Some ideas for where you can stash them include:

- *In the trunk:* A thief is less likely to break into a car if they can't see what's inside, and trunks are often more difficult for a thief to get into than the cabs of vehicles.
- *Under the seats:* Especially if you have a sedan or SUV, you can usually tuck things under the seats out of sight.
- *In a bag or purse:* A bag is a much less appealing target than, for example, a laptop or a pair of expensive sunglasses out in the open to be seen. Bags should still be placed out of sight if possible.
- *In the glove box:* Small items can easily be tucked away in the glove compartment, but be careful! Surprisingly, items stolen from vehicles include registration papers and even owner's manuals, and the glove box will be the first place a thief will look for these documents.

The important thing is to take a few minutes to hide your things before you leave your car, or remove them altogether. If you don't leave valuables in your car, you won't have to worry about them being stolen from your vehicle at all.

Be aware of your surroundings - Choosing the right parking spot is another important consideration to keep your vehicle safe. Ideally, your spot will be somewhere visible from a window of your home, your office, or the store in which you're shopping, but of course this isn't always possible. At night, it's incredibly important to park in well-lit areas around other vehicles. If you see anything suspicious, or anything that makes you uncomfortable in any way, keep the doors locked and move to a location that feels safe.

Take your keys - Lastly, and possibly most importantly, take your keys with you. We know that Parowan is a small town and for the most part we all know each other. However, with many visitors and people passing through town, especially as the weather gets warmer, let's make the smart choice and always take our keys with us.

2023 Pressurized Irrigation Watering Schedule

This year's schedule
is as follows:

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
City Parks, Cemetery, Schools,
Churches and all residents
south of 200 South

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS
EVEN House Numbers
north of 200 South

WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS
ODD House Numbers
north of 200 South

Watering times
12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
and 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
on scheduled days

NO SUNDAY WATERING

PLEASE BE CONSERVATIVE

Plant lawn at your own risk

For purposes of monitoring
violations, please do not use
your culinary water from
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**This schedule is subject to
change, depending on
availability of water.**

Please check the Parowan City
Office, our Facebook page
"Parowan Utah" and our
website "parowan.org"
for updates or changes to
the watering schedule.

Parowan Animal Assistance League (PAAL)

PAAL is looking for some volunteers to help with dogs. The duties are to feed and water the dogs, clean the outside run (pick up poop), clean the inside runs and

make sure the dogs are doing well. We cover for each other so if you have to be out of town on your day, someone will trade you. If there are no dogs, you don't have to go out.

If interested, please call PAAL at 435-704-4112.

We also have two puppies that need homes. They are about 14

weeks old, male, mixed breed (we call them All American breed), and are cute as can be. They must have a fenced yard. Contact PAAL if you would like to meet them.

Brief History of Parowan

By: Sandra Benson

Note: Clark J. Bentley, nephew of Parowan resident Roma Bentley Dalley (deceased), has collected a number of local histories. One, written by "Papa" (about 1925), was about Parowan's earliest years of settlement. It doesn't have particularly new information but does contain tidbits on families and specific contributions within our community and beyond. Parowan's history, found in journals, church records, written by local historians, included in school assignments, etc., all have value. Decades ago, I decided that to write a history, even to read a history, ties us to a piece of the past and often transfers values and, at the very least, makes us ponder. So, as I share this work, I'll begin with the personal, handwritten note that Pearl Bentley (Clark's Aunt, Roma's sister) wrote at the end of the Parowan history. It made me smile.

"This is what Papa wrote and we hope it will do. There isn't any news and I will write this afternoon and tell you about the dress. The Junior Prom is March 25th but I don't hardly want one of those collars for Junior Prom. I'll write and tell you. We're all well and anxious to get this off in the mail so it will have to do. With love, Pearl, Box 228."

The following history is what Clark shared:

"Early in the year 1850, Brigham Young sent out an exploring party headed by Parley P. Pratt to explore the southern part of Utah territory. They came to the Parowan valley during this year and explored the valley and surrounding country and also raised a flag and unfurled the

stars and stripes to the breeze.

In the fall of 1850, a small band of men and a few women left Salt Lake City to settle this valley. Among this band were the father of William C. Mitchell, deceased, and his son, M.C., the Adams family, the Whitney family, the Geo. A. Smith family, the Richard Benson family, John Henderson, the Topham's, and many others of no less importance who braved the storms and wilderness to settle a valley more than two hundred miles from any settlement at all. This band of pioneers arrived in Parowan Valley on the 13th day of January, 1851. There was a light shift of snow on the ground, but otherwise the weather was mild.

After the company had pitched their camp, the men of the camp began to explore the canyons for timber. Roads were made into the canyon and the timber brought down to build log houses with. The land surrounding the camp was surveyed and platted into lots and each one was given a lot or plot of ground to build his house on.

The Indians were somewhat hostile so it became necessary for the pioneers to build a fort to keep their livestock in at nights to protect them (no mention of settlers' protection).

Early in the history of the town, a saw mill was built and some of the timber used in the manufacture of lumber.

Among this band of pioneers were men of all trades and professions. The Whitney family were blacksmiths, the Bayles family were carpenters and weavers. Others were tillers of the soil.

Later a cotton factory was built and cotton cloth manufactured. A tannery was built and leather made from the hides of

animals. As was customary, a co-operative store was established and flourished for a long time. Connected to this store was a shop for the manufacturing of shoes, and another for the manufacturing of furniture.

The first deed record in Iron County was recorded to Francis Whitney. The town was first named Loisa, but later changed to Parowan. The first meeting and school house was built of logs and served as a church, a schoolhouse, and many times as the amusement house for the inhabitants of Parowan. Later a rock or stone building was built for a church (the Old Rock Church) and this has recently been replaced by a new, modern building (today's historic Stake Center).

The leading industries of the community are farming, sheep raising, and lumbering. From some of the native lumber of the region was built a part of the Tabernacle organ at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Situated in the north end of the valley lies the Little Salt Lake which, for many years, furnished the inhabitants an abundance of Salt."

A final note: Concluding my reading of this history, I wanted to know about the Junior Prom and if the prom dress had a collar. Alas, history doesn't tell us everything and sometimes makes us want to know more.

Let's put June 16-17, 2023 Old Rock Church Days events on our calendars. The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers, Tom and Liz Zaleski and others have worked mightily hard on this project.

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If you would like to volunteer to fill sandbags, please contact the Parowan City Office (435-477-3331) for assistance. If you would like to pick up filled sandbags, please take only what you need and alert the city if you are aware of anyone in the community that is in need of assistance.

To minimize the dangers of spring snow melt and flooding, it is important to take precautions such as:

1. Staying informed: Pay attention to weather forecasts and flood warnings from local authorities.
2. Avoiding flood-prone areas: Stay away from the flood channel as well as rivers, streams, and other bodies of water during times of heavy rain or snowmelt.
3. Preparing for emergencies: Have an emergency kit on hand with supplies such as food, water, and first aid supplies.
4. Protecting property: Elevate valuables and important documents above flood level.
5. Maintaining drainage systems: Ensure that drainage ditches and gutters are cleared and functioning properly.

We are all in this together and are hoping that through our efforts of preparing and planning we are ready. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Parowan City Office, or for emergencies call Dispatch (24/7) at (435)-586-9445.

Several city projects are in the works and continue to move forward that we are anticipating to have decisions made and funding secured as we move from spring into summer. Our Parowan Pickleball courts are still a focus of the City Council and community as we continue to plan for the best possible location and as many courts as our funding can afford.

Gone Fishin'! The Priddy Meeks Farmstead "kids pond" has been stocked with fish! The pond and surrounding grounds are being prepared to resume enjoyment of this favorite local fishing hole and summer pastime. Planting has taken place and the water diversion is being managed. This long-awaited project and completion are just time for warmer temperatures and summer break. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers, Historic Committee, Public Works and Division of Wildlife Resources for preserving our urban fishery and site of the historic Priddy Meeks Cabin.

In light of the costs outlined in our recent feasibility study to build a new pool, an in-depth review of the old pool has taken place by both the Iron County Health Department and Parowan City insurance trust to get a better understanding of what it would require from both agencies to consider reopening the old pool. Several factors are still to be determined in order for the City Council to consider that option. At this time, this direction appears to be a possibility contingent upon cost and availability of materials, contractors and timeline needed to make the necessary repairs and required renovations in order to reopen the historic Parowan Pool. The community will be updated on the city website at Parowan.org under Departments/Pool as more information becomes available.

Our active transportation plan with Chris Wiltzie and Bike Utah is rolling right along. Several focus groups have met including school aged families, seniors, bikers, walkers (& dog walkers), runners, hikers, business owners and community members. Dangerous and less passable areas have been identified and needs for sidewalk improvements have been established. Maps have been marked with planned future sidewalks and trails, with determination of prioritization and available funding resources currently underway. One segment at a time, our trail system and inner-city sidewalks are being planned to be improved and expanded with this focused effort. This is a great opportunity for us to hear from you regarding what you would like to see during this planning stage for active transportation in Parowan.

Parowan has three new members of our Economic Development Committee and we would like to welcome them and share our gratitude for their service to our community in this important capacity. Thank you, Rick Anderson, Michael Keil and Dave Mineer, Jr. for being willing to help. We look forward to your engagement as we work together toward developing and maintaining a strong, healthy local economy for businesses and residents in Parowan. Please prioritize shopping local and supporting local business, it really does make a difference!

If you would like to volunteer, share input or help with any of the following needs, we would welcome and appreciate your time, talent and passion for these important community projects. Please contact me by email and make me aware of your willingness to help. I look forward to hearing from you and working together for the things that matter to you most. Emergency Preparedness & Response, Historic Preservation/Old Rock Church, Trails, Arts, Parks & Open Spaces, Main Street & City Beautification, Guiding Growth & Community Character, Grant Writing & Donations.

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, mayor@parowan.org

From Parowan High School

Dear Community, I couldn't help but think of the exciting events happening in our community. First, Governor Cox visited with our school and community leaders. It was an amazing opportunity for our students to interact with him. Our school was complemented by the Governor's office on how PHS went the extra mile to host the Governor

and his staff. I wanted to thank everyone that helped set-up and prepare for this event. I also wanted to thank our students for dressing up, holding flags, making signs, and for the dignity and respect they gave the Governor during his address. We have some great students, and it was noted by the feedback we received from the Governor's office.

We also took some time after school, on the 7th of April, to give

back to the community. As a faculty, we filled sandbags at the city baseball complex to use in case of flooding. It was a great chance to work together as a faculty. We have been blessed this year with needed moisture in our mountains and valleys, and we felt it necessary to help fill sandbags for those in need. Thanks for all that you do.



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 machinery 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.

Ride the Gap A Ride Through Scenic History

Saturday, June 3rd

For more information and to register go to:
<http://ridesouthernutah.com/events/ride-the-gap/>

PAROWAN CITY WILL **NOT** BE PICKING UP LIMBS THIS YEAR

Please take them to the Iron County Landfill.

Make sure to cover any load you are taking to the landfill.

Parowan Old Rock Church Days Fundraiser

**June 16 & 17, 2023
Town Square**

Featuring Special Guest & Keynote Speaker
TC Christensen

*Writer & Director of 17 Miracles,
Ephraim's Rescue, Fighting Preacher &
newest movie featuring Alma Richards*

Friday, June 16th

Noon-5:00 pm—Quilt Show in Old Rock Church basement, \$5 admission

5:00-6:00 pm—BBQ Beef fundraising dinner & desserts in the park

6:30 pm—Free Pioneer program & TC Christensen presentation in the West Church building

Back outside, bring your own blankets and chairs

Pioneer Vignettes & Music, Pie & Cake Fundraising Auction

9:00-10:00 pm—Line Dancing

Quilt Show • Old Rock Church Tours

Saturday, June 17th

10:00 am - 5:00 pm Live Entertainment featuring Children & Youth at

10:30 am & 1:30 pm

10:00 am - 5:00 pm Quilt Show in Old Rock Church, \$5 admission

Handcart Experience • Pioneer Games • Old Rock Church & Jesse Smith Home

Tours • Bake Sale • Alma Richards Competitive Games • Food Vendors

Silent Auction • Bounce House

Bring your own blankets and chairs!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

*For more information, please visit our Facebook page,
Parowan Old Rock Church.*

Venmo is available @Parowan-OldRockChurch

