



## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...

What an amazing start to a summer full of progress here in our wonderful city! As projects from the spring are wrapping up, the months ahead are shaping up to be some of the best yet for 2025. With sunshine, hard work, and a spirit of community, there's a lot to celebrate and even more to look forward to ahead.

We are thrilled to announce the Grand Opening of the Evil Water Bike Park on May 31 at Valentines Peak Sports Complex! Thanks to the vision and hard work of our talented Public Works team, this exciting new amenity will provide a fun and challenging outdoor space for riders of all ages. We look forward to seeing families and neighbors out enjoying this newest addition to our recreation offerings—just in time for summer break!

Our beloved Parowan City Pool will reopen with the annual Freeze Day Celebration on the last day of school—featuring a sparkling newly plastered pool and the grand opening of the concession stand serving summer favorites like Otter Pops, hot dogs, pretzels, nachos and drinks. It's the perfect way to dive into summer!

Another long-awaited project—the sidewalk along 200 South—is set to begin construction in the coming months. We anticipate completion later this summer, just in time to provide a safe and beautiful

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walking, running, and biking path into town for late summer activities and for students returning to school this fall. This project has been a true team effort by our Parowan Public Works, UDOT, and collaborative, involved property owners. We are excited to finally see it become a reality that will improve safe travels for those living and recreating on the southwest side of town.

We're also making important strides at the Parowan Cemetery, where the north side fence completion project is underway. Thanks to the strong efforts of our skilled Public Works department in welding and fabrication along with generous donations of expertise from a local block and stone worker, this important project is progressing beautifully. (cont. 9)


## Join Us for the Parowan State of the City Address

On Tuesday, May 6, Mayor Mollie Halterman will deliver the annual State of the City Address, and you're invited to be part of this important community event.

The address will highlight the progress made over the past year, outline current challenges, and share the vision for Parowan's future. This is a unique opportunity to hear directly from your mayor about the priorities, projects, and plans that impact our everyday lives—from infrastructure and public safety to economic development and community programs.

Event Details:

 Date: Tuesday, May 6

 Time: 6:00 pm

 Location: Historic Aladdin Theatre - Main Street Parowan

Whether you're a longtime resident or new to our community, your voice and presence matter. Let's come together to celebrate our accomplishments, ask questions, and engage in the future of Parowan.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Welcome to Parowan City Police Department, Jed Imlay!



We are pleased to welcome Officer Jed Imlay to the Parowan Police Department. Officer Imlay recently joined our team and brings with him a strong commitment to community service and public safety. Officer Imlay is dedicated to upholding the values of integrity, respect, and professionalism. We are excited to have him as part of our department and look forward to his contributions of keeping Parowan a safe and welcoming community.



### 2025 PAROWAN CITY MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOTICE

In accordance with UCA 10-3-301(2)(a), **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Municipal Offices in Parowan, Utah to be voted on in the 2025 Municipal General Election are:

- **Mayor** – to be elected at-large to serve a four-year term
- **Two (2) City Council Members** – to be elected at large, each to serve a four-year term

2025 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION (if necessary)  
2025 MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

August 12, 2025  
November 4, 2025

#### Candidate Filing Period:

A Parowan City resident who is interested in becoming a candidate must file a Declaration of Candidacy between **June 2 and June 6, 2025**. Declarations of Candidacy must be filed with the Parowan City Recorder at Parowan City Hall, 35 East 100 North, Parowan Utah, during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

#### The qualification requirements for municipal office are:

A U.S. citizen  
At least 18 years old  
A registered voter in Parowan City  
A resident of Parowan City for at least 12 consecutive months prior to the election  
Must not have been convicted of a felony

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 2025.



PAROWAN CITY CORPORATION

  
Callie Bassett, City Recorder

DATES OF PUBLICATION: April 21st, 2025

Posted this 21st day of April, 2025 on the Utah Public Notice Website, the Parowan City Website, and the Parowan City Offices.

#### Election Related Links:

Utah State Site: <https://vote.utah.gov>  
Iron County Site: <https://ironcounty.net/>  
Parowan City Site: <https://www.parowan.org/citycouncil/page/election-information-2025>

## Welcome Alan Cavalieri!

Hello Parowan! My name is Alan Cavalieri and I have been selected as the new Fire Chief. I grew up in Henderson Nevada and have worked for the Clark County Fire Department for the past 25 years. Our family moved to Cedar City in 2014. The good people of Parowan have given me such a warm welcome and so much support through this process. I look forward to working with the great men and women of the Parowan Fire Department in serving you. If you are interested in volunteering with us please feel free to contact me at 435-590-1598. Thank you!

-Alan Cavalieri





## Parowan Recreation



Spring Soccer began April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
This is the first of Parowan  
Spring Sports to get kids active  
after a long winter!

Our first ever Laser Tag program  
started April 30<sup>th</sup> offering a fun  
and engaging youth activity.

### Adult Softball

Registration is currently open  
for the co-ed softball league  
here in Parowan. You can sign  
up as a single or couple at  
[Parowan.org](http://Parowan.org).

## Upcoming Events - Mark Your calendars!

### Evil Water Pickleball

Tournament is in the works for  
June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The Tournament  
will be hosted at our beautiful  
outdoor courts. Keep an eye out  
for registration.

Come check out the new pump  
track! The official grand opening  
is Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup>. Come on  
out and bring your bikes, there  
will be food vendors, music, and  
a lot of fun! Located just north  
of the soccer fields at Valentine  
Peak Sports Complex on 200  
North.



## PAROWAN OLD ROCK CHURCH FUNDRAISER TOWN SQUARE JUNE 20-21, 2025



Let us "tie" to the past to  
"bind" us together, to live  
better now and prepare for  
the future. We are raising  
money for a new roof. Part of  
the project is to "tie" the roof  
to the building. (As it is now,  
the roof just sits on top).

We have exciting news! An  
Iron County family will match  
every dollar we raise for the  
Parowan Old Rock Church  
renovation. The organization  
providing the matching  
contribution is the Dixie and  
Anne Leavitt Family  
Foundation.  
Your contributions will be  
matched up to a total of  
\$50,000.

This year we have new  
amazing features --- a huge  
Parowan Fort replica, Pioneer  
skills, children's crafts and  
more!

-Horse shoeing, a log saw,  
leatherwork, Pioneer brooms,  
quilt tying, butter and ice  
cream making, etc.

-Two special families will be  
celebrated for their  
wonderful contributions to  
our community and our  
area: 1800's Pioneer Family,  
William and Mary Ann  
Adams Modern Pioneer  
Family, John and Wilena  
Cowen.

Steve Decker, director of our  
wonderful Parowan City Art  
Program, brought together a  
group of artists, who offered  
their time and talents for  
Parowan ORC fundraising.  
The delightful views of our  
cherished building painted  
by many residents from the  
Parowan area are truly  
amazing.

Each painting will be  
featured on the Parowan  
Old Rock Church FB page.  
They will be created into  
cards that can be purchased  
during ORC Days June 21.

Every donation of time and  
financial support ties you to  
this journey of honoring the  
heritage of this treasured  
community.

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# ORC Schedule of Events



## FRIDAY, JUNE 20

- Quilt Show 10 - 6:00 pm  
ORC basement, \$5 admission
- Pulled Pork Dinner 6:00 pm- \$10 adults - \$7 children under 12
- Cake and Live Auction during dinner
- Program 7:30 PM, Featured Speaker John Yardley
- 1800's Family Celebrated William & Mary Ann Adams.
- Modern Pioneer Family, John & Wilenca Cowen

## SATURDAY, JUNE 21

- Parowan Old Fort Replica 10 - 4:00 PM
- Pioneer Crafts & Skills Demonstrations including horseshoeing, weaving, quilting, butter, ice cream making, and children's crafts.

- Commemorative Brick Sales
- ORC Original Gifts including New photo Christmas Ornaments, ORC Night Lights, Commemorative Coins, crocks, mugs, new cards created by local artists, and more!
- Entertainment from 10 - 4:00 pm
- Quilt Show in the ORC Basement 10 - 4:00 pm \$5 admission
- Handcart Experience and Pioneer Games.
- ORC & Jesse Smith Home
- Hamburger Lunch & Vendor Food for sale
- Baked goods and other sales.

For more info visit our FaceBook page, Parowan Old Rock Church.

Venmo is available year round for purchases or donations @Parowan-OldRockChurch



## Building a Stronger Community Together

The Parowan Prevention Coalition is a community-driven group dedicated to supporting youth and families by working to reduce substance misuse and delinquent behavior among our young people. Through education, outreach, and family-centered events, we strive to build a safer, healthier Parowan for everyone.

Throughout the year, we host a variety of fun, FREE activities for families that encourage connection and positive communication. You'll also find us at city events—like the July Concert in the Park series—where we set up our booth to share family bonding kits, educational materials, and resources to help parents and youth thrive.

Want to stay in the loop? Follow us on Facebook: @Parowan Prevention Coalition or Instagram: @parowanprevention to get updates on upcoming events and tips on how to keep your family strong and connected. Let's work together to make a lasting difference in our community!

-BreAnn Veater  
Prevention Specialist  
Southwest Behavioral Health Center



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Memorial Day is an important day for our entire Nation to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that so many of our soldiers and their families have made. It is an opportunity to publicly demonstrate our appreciation for our service men and women past and present. Please join us at the Parowan City Cemetery on May 26, 2025 at 10:00 am for our Annual Memorial Day Program. Everyone is welcome. For more information call (435) 477-8190.



The 34th Parowan Fun Run Car show will bring vehicles, vendors, and longtime friendships to the City park on June 14 2025. The event is a partnership between Parowan City and the Desert Cruiser of Las Vegas. Registration will start at 8am. The show is open to all makes and models and types of vehicles. For more information call Mike Hull at (702) 885-35344.



### Scavenger Hunt

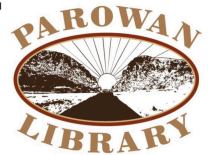
Come to Parowan's visitor center anytime between 10-5 on each Friday in June and July. You will be given riddles and clues to put your detective skills to work and find objects all over Parowan. Enjoy this fun game and then return to visitors center to pick a treasure from the chest.

### Soaring Camp

The Parowan Soaring camp will take to the air June 17th thru June 30th 2025. So keep your eyes open for the gliders in the sky.

### Summer Reading 2025!

Our theme is "Color Our World"  
June 2- August 1  
Win magnetic tiles!  
Check our social media for updates and activities!



### We have many programs, even during the summer!

- Girl Scouts
- 4H
- Utah Food Bank Children feeding program
- Outside Storytime
- Parowan Prevention Coalition Family Activities
- New Releases for all the "hot titles"
- Free Wifi
- Free Seed Library
- Free Little Library





## IRRIGATION SEASON IS HERE!

### SCHEDULE

Monday/Thursdays: City Parks, Cemetery, Schools, Churches and all residents south of 200 S

Tuesdays/Fridays Odd House Numbers North of 200 South  
Wednesday/Saturdays Even House Numbers north of 200 South

NO SUNDAY WATERING



STRICT ENFORCEMENT WILL BE IN PLACE. Please be conservative.

Watering time are from 12:01 AM TO 10:00 AM AND 6:00 PM TO 12:00 AM on scheduled days.



NEXT MEETING:  
May 7th, 10:00 AM

Join us at our upcoming Parowan & Brian Head Area Chamber of Commerce meeting, at the Parowan City Offices. We will enjoy a breakfast snack while we jump into new tips for the Spring!

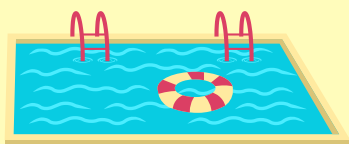
We will hear from Jeremy Waite from the Innovation Center who will show us how to take advantage of our local resources to help your business succeed! See you there!

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Tricia Bullard-Sudds in a Bucket  
Logan Cruz- Old World Builders  
Kelly Oldroy- Brian Head Thunder  
Jessica Jacobs- Brian Head Cleaning Services  
Spencer Davis- Proclamation Handyman Services  
Tiffany Larsen- Reel Mental Health

If you need anyone's services, please visit our website for the directory!  
[parowanchamberofcommerce.com](http://parowanchamberofcommerce.com)

## PAROWAN CITY POOL



Officially open for the summer season, May 23  
Stay tuned on [Parowan.org](http://Parowan.org) for pool hours.

**The 5-Mile Picnic Area officially opened May 1<sup>st</sup>.**



**Visit [ironcounty.net/parks](http://ironcounty.net/parks) for more information and to make reservations.**

Stay connected with everything happening in Parowan by following us on Facebook and Instagram!



Get the latest updates on community events, city news, important alerts, and more. Follow us today at Parowan Utah on Facebook and @parowancity on Instagram!







## Parowan recognized by Get Healthy Utah!



Parowan Mayor Mollie Halterman & City Council Member John Dean were honored to receive the Get Healthy Utah Community Award on behalf of Parowan City at the Spring League of Cities & Towns event! Parowan was recognized for the City's accomplishments toward amenities geared toward the well being of residents quality of life for all ages and abilities in a sustainable and impactful way! Some of the accomplishments include:

- Pickleball Tournament
- Master Active Transportation Plan
- Locally Owned and Accessible Produce
- Backyard Poultry Ordinance
- Free or Low-cost Breakfast and lunch for kids
- Safe Disposal of Medications
- Senior Health Activities

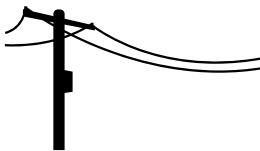
## DIGITAL MOBILE MAMMOGRAM TRUCK

3D Digital Mobile Mammography Unit will be at Canyon View Clinic on June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>.

Call 435-676-1276 or 435 676-1547 to schedule your appointment.

FREE MAMMOGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO QUALIFY PROVIDED BY THE UCCP - Utah Cancer Control Program

## Parowan to Brian Head Transmission Line Replacement



**Public Notice: Increased Helicopter Activity**  
Parowan to Brian Head Transmission Line Replacement. The City of Parowan would like to inform residents and visitors that work is underway to replace the transmission line between Parowan and Brian Head. This project will involve increased helicopter activity in the area starting May 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing through the end of July from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to improve the reliability of our electrical infrastructure.

For more information visit:  
[www.1884lineco.com](http://www.1884lineco.com)

## Historic Aladdin Theatre Hosts Premiere of 'Raising the Bar' Celebrating Alma Richards



Photo by Jeff Richards from St. George News

The Aladdin Theatre hosted the premiere of *Raising the Bar: The Alma Richards Story*, a new film by acclaimed director T.C. Christensen. The event marked a significant moment for the community, bringing to life the inspiring journey of Alma Richards, Utah's first Olympic Gold Medalist, who triumphed in the high jump at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics. *Raising the Bar* chronicles Richards' transformation from a farm boy who left school in 1908 to pursue work, to an Olympic champion who overcame numerous obstacles to achieve greatness.

As the film continues to garner attention, it serves as a reminder of the power of perseverance and the impact of small-town heroes on the world stage.

Have something to share?

If you would like to contribute to the Parowan Newsletter, please contact [Brooke@parowan.gov](mailto:Brooke@parowan.gov)



**PAROWAN, UT**  
**EVIL WATER BIKE PARK**  
**GRAND OPENING**  
EVIL WATER BIKE TRACK

**BRING YOUR OWN BIKES**

**COME ENJOY** PAROWAN REC OR CALL 435-600-1597 FOR MORE INFO **SATURDAY**  
**FOOD, MUSIC & FUN!** **10-2 PM** **MAY 31**  
VALENTINE PEAK SPORTS COMPLEX  
NORTH OF SOCCER FIELDS





## **Parowan's Forts: There Were Two**

**Submitted by, Sandra Benson**  
**Parowan City Historian**

Thank you Steve Decker, Ron Roth, Janet Seegmiller, Luella Dalton and others who research and record Parowan's past. We appreciate Dr. Ron Roth for providing an adobe fort monument near the fort's southwest corner.

Most of the following information is found in Steven D. Decker's extensive research on Parowan forts, submitted to the Parowan City Council on Sept. 9, 2010. At the time, Steve was a member of the Parowan City Council and that body requested Steve to research historic details concerning the early forts. This is an abbreviated summary of that research.

There were two forts built in Parowan. In 1851, begun immediately upon arrival, the first fort, Fort Louisa, was a log enclosure. The structure provided shelter from predators for settlers and livestock alike, protected precious survival essentials, and enabled the pioneers to prosper.

The fort measured 56 rods square with a vertical log-based wooden wall. The center of this fort was near the center of our Church Square today. There is a reference to this fort in the Deseret News in 1851. To quote from that article, "The people of this colony (Parowan) are progressing as usual, going forward to picket in the Fort according to the instructions from the Presidency."

Today, on the southeast corner of 1st South and Main, there is a rock historic marker that indicates the existence of a Council House located near there. Also, there are historical references in local histories that indicate the Council House had a "look out" over the wooden fort wall. The Council House was definitely within the confines of both forts. Also, within both forts, there were personal property lots. Those in the 2nd fort measured 2 rods X 4 rods (33'X66'). Personal property lots in Fort Louisa were a bit smaller.

Moving on to the second fort, Assistant LDS Church Historian, Andrew Jensen, wrote, "In the summer of 1854 the people of Parowan enclosed the old fort, which was 56 rods square, with a wall enclosing 112 rods square. The wall was to be 12 feet high and 6 feet thick

thick at the bottom and 2 ½ feet at the top. By the 7th of November, 1854, it was built all around, although not every place to its full height."

As Jensen documents, the above assertion is extrapolated from the Deseret News, 4 Jan., 1855: "When we arrived there (Parowan) we found the people almost universally engaged at their city wall . . . I should judge they had enclosed half a mile square . . . six feet thick at the bottom, and eight feet high all around, and intended to be built four feet higher next season....." The assertion that the wall will be complete "next season" is important and will be addressed more fully."

We know from family histories and lore that within and surrounding this second fort economic endeavors flourished. The Deseret News further reported, "The new flourishing mill of Messrs. Geo. A. Smith and John Calvin Smith, is . . . within the walls of the highest part of town . . . Just below the mills are E. Elmer's cabinet and C.C. Pendleton's machine shops..."

Luella Dalton records that, "The Fort was 112 rods square, divided into 92 lots, each 2 rods wide and 4 rods deep. A street strip 4 rods wide separated the lots from the public corral, which was in the center and occupied 10 acres of ground. In the southwest corner of the Fort, a 4 rod square was reserved for the Liberty Pole. In the southeast corner of the Fort, a 4 rod square was reserved for building a log council house." Dalton places the Council House ... near 1st South and Main Street. Dalton reports the size of the Council House at 22'X44'.

In the northwest corner of the Fort a rod square was reserved for a bastion to command the Fort. There were 2 big double gates in the center of the walls on the east and west. Seeking information, one finds slight discrepancies of placements and sizes. Using Google Earth, a local survey, placing the Old Rock Church in the center of Fort #2, checking recorded memories of older folks who emphatically state "being told," the 2nd Fort's walls were inside the following boundaries: inside the northeast block of 2nd South and 2nd West, near Dr. Roth's adobe monument, going north to 2nd West and 1st North, turning east (right) past the schools to 1st East and 1st North then turning south (right) to the corner of 1st East and 2nd South and finally turning right once again and going west, back to the Roth adobe monument near the powerhouse. Within this route, on the right hand side all the way around, were the fort boundaries. The trek makes a very large square and may remind us of a safe haven for those who resided here. For many, an element of that safety is still here.



(Mayor's message cont.)

When completed the new fencing—featuring stone columns and steel railing matching the existing design—will enhance the beauty and serenity of this timeless and sacred historic Parowan Cemetery.

Meanwhile, two of our largest infrastructure projects are moving forward: the Parowan Aquifer Water Recharge Project and the Old Highway 91 Bridge Replacement. Both projects will soon be officially out for bid, and we are on track for construction to be completed by spring or early summer of 2026. The bridge will remain at its previous location, preserving an important part of our city's history while providing a superiorly designed structure with protected pedestrian crossings on both sides of the roadway. The new bridge will ensure safe travels for both motorized and active transportation of our residents and visitors for generations to come.

Summer also brings one of our favorite Parowan traditions—Old Rock Church Days, coming up on June 20th! This celebration will feature a full day of fun activities for all along with a very special guest speaker. We are especially excited to unveil the new brick paver patio, showcasing engraved bricks honoring dedications, memorials, and family names of those who have donated and are being remembered and recognized. We invite everyone to come find your brick, enjoy the festivities, and share in what promises to continue to be a wonderful annual Parowan event.

As part of our continued commitment to smart growth, Rural Done Right has now been officially integrated into our Parowan City Municipal Code. This important framework outlines how we maintain Parowan's Community Character while allowing for thoughtful, slow, and planned growth—creating a place where young families, retirees, and everyone in between can find housing options, employment opportunities, and the unmatched quality of life that we all cherish here at home.

We are also excited to welcome some new faces to our Parowan City family! Please join in giving a warm welcome to our new Parowan Fire Department Fire Chief, Alan Cavalieri, as well as our newest lineman Tobin Esplin, who recently joined our Parowan City Power team. With our small but mighty crew, our Parowan Power department works tirelessly to keep the lights on and ensure reliable service to our community.

The expertise of our Public Utilities and Public Safety Departments strengthen and protect as they strive to keep our services safe, resilient and responsive! Our Public Works team continues to knock it out of the park—not only with maintenance and improvements to city buildings and our parks but also with major strides toward expanding our emerging trail system. New trails and sidewalk connections are beginning as part of our Master Active Transportation Plan, with the ultimate goal of connecting Parowan to Brian Head with a safe, accessible trail all the way to the top. It's an exciting project that we can all look forward to watching take shape in the years ahead!

I am deeply grateful to be serving this community as your Mayor. Even with challenges, it is a humbling honor—one I strive to carry out daily with a heart full of blue and gold for the Mothertown. Thank you to all who serve: our incredible City Staff, our dedicated departments, our hard-working Parowan City Council, and most importantly, our wonderful citizens who volunteer on committees, commissions, and serve quietly throughout the community. Your service often goes unnoticed, but never unappreciated—you are the true builders of this community. Thank you!

If you have input or concerns or would like to volunteer and get involved, we have several opportunities and would love to connect you with others who share your passion for bettering our community. Please contact me, your City Council members, or Parowan City Staff anytime at 435-477-3331 or email us through the directory on our website at [parowan.org](http://parowan.org).

Wishing you all a safe, peaceful, and adventurous summer ahead!

Sincerely,  
Mayor Mollie Halterman