



NEWSLETTER

November/December 2022

Message from the Mayor



Hello Parowan residents, visitors and friends! In this final newsletter of 2022, we look forward to the upcoming holiday season that brings our loved ones back home together. Every year, we are renewed again as our community is trans-

formed into a magical place where memories are made and lifelong bonds are strengthened through connection around great food, heritage, united efforts and celebration. Our heritage and preservation of our stories, monuments, buildings and history continue to be a focus of our community and administration. Recently, Parowan's downtown old Dodge Dealership was awarded the Preservation Utah award in the "Rehabilitation/Restoration" category. Preservation Utah expressed gratitude for Parowan's efforts, over the past many decades, to preserve and maintain our old buildings and heritage on our Main Street and downtown areas and the resulting community connection and sense of place found for those who live and visit here.

Parowan City welcomed a new City Manager, Dan Jessen, in October. Dan comes from a background of farming, construction,



business management, accounting and finance. He is excited about his new position at Parowan City and is committed to working hard toward solutions for the best possible outcome for our community now and in the years to come.

This has been a year of community building for Parowan! To mention just a few projects completed this year: the renovation of the Iron County Fairgrounds with a joint effort with Iron County, restoration of Dr. Priddy Meeks Pioneer Farmstead Pond (which will soon be filled again with fish!), lighting of the "P" hill through partnering with the Iron County School board, local businesses and residents and moving toward a permanent solar solution so our "P" will be lit every night. The Veteran's Memorial was beautiful this year with new projects in store for recognition of more of our beloved veterans from other conflicts as well as improvements to the surrounding grounds.

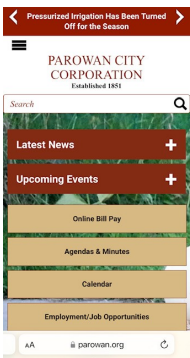
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Election Day • November 8, 2022

Iron County is a By-Mail County

Ballots were mailed to all eligible voters on October 18th

- If mailed, ballots must have **postage** and be **clearly postmarked by November 7, 2022**.
- **Ballot Drop Boxes** will be available at all Early Voting and Election Day Vote Center locations including Parowan City Office at 35 East 100 North.
- See ironcounty.net for the complete 2022 Notice of General Election.



Use **Parowan City's website** to check for latest news, upcoming events, city newsletters, meeting schedules, ordinances, paying your utility bill, etc. It is user and mobile device friendly! Go check it out at www.parowan.org!

Please update your Parowan City utility account information including current phone numbers and mailing address by calling or texting the City Office at 435-477-3331.

Parowan City Public Works Department

wants to remind residents not to park on the streets during winter months and particularly during snow storms. When vehicles are on the streets especially Main Street, state highways and subdivisions, it is very difficult for the snow plows to remove the snow.

In the smaller subdivisions, the plows cannot make it through some of the streets that are lined with vehicles. Please keep this in mind as we head into winter.

Start Your Christmas Shopping Now! Shop at your local businesses this holiday season!



Parowan High School Presents



This family-friendly musical fairy tale, comes to the PHS stage this November.

Placed in the 15th century medieval times lives Queen Aggravain (played by Lauryn Harrington), has ruled that none may marry before her son Prince Dauntless the Drab (played by Jeff Howser). However, she has managed to sabotage every princess that comes along. From the swamps comes Princess Winnifred (played by Kathryn Nelson) to the queen's demise, and with the help of the Minstrel (played by Gideon Carter), Jester (played by Matilee Sudweeks) and King Sextimus the Silent (played by Adam Howser), Winnifred isn't going to be quite so easy for the queen to get rid of.

If you thought you knew the story of 'The Princess and The Pea,' you may be in for a walloping surprise! Carried on a wave of wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic, this rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance provides some side-splitting shenanigans. Chances are you'll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again.

Once Upon a Mattress will run from November 17-22 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students/children.

Parowan Community Choir

It's almost time to begin Community Choir. Before we commit to moving forward, we would like to get an idea of how many people would be interested. Please contact Carylee Zwang at 435-590-5991 or carylee.zwang@gmail.com if you would be interested in participating.

The **Parowan Area Interfaith Council** will be sponsoring a blood drive on November 3, 2022. It will be held at the church building at 90 South Main Street in Parowan from 1:30-7:00 pm.

If possible, please schedule an appointment online or by telephone: redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED CROSS.

There is an urgent need for blood and all donors are greatly appreciated.

For upcoming city events and other information, please check the **Parowan City Marquee** by the library.

2022 HOLIDAY LIGHTING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

All residents who are **current on their utility bill** that agree to install 2 or more strings of holiday lights are eligible to receive a Ten Percent (10%) reduction on the **electric portion** of their December Utility Bill from Parowan City through this incentive program.

If you agree to this, all **lights must be up by the 26th of November** and must be turned on each night throughout the holiday season (November 26, 2022—January 1, 2023).

This form must be signed and returned to the City Office at 35 East 100 North or PO Box 576, no later than November 26, 2022. You can also call the City Office at 435-477-3331 to sign up.

I would like to participate in the 2022 Holiday Lighting Incentive Program.

Name: _____ (Please Print)

Signature: _____ Utility Account Number _____

Christmas in the Country

"The Most Wonderful time of Year" is the theme for the 2022 Christmas in the Country.

Friday, November 25th

The **Holiday Bazaar** will start things off at 10:00 am at the Iron County Fair Building - 50 South 600 East Clinic Way.

Saturday, November 26th

The **Santa Parade** will start at 10:00 am on Parowan Main Street. Santa will be at the Fairgrounds after the Parade to greet all the children.

The **Holiday Bazaar** will be from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The **Candlelight Walking Parade** will be at 6:00 pm. Lineup will start at 500 North Main. Everyone is invited to bring a candle and/or light and join in on the fun.

The **Town Lighting Ceremony** will be at approximately 6:15 pm at the Town Square.

The **Christmas Variety Show** will start at 7:00 pm at the Aladdin Theater. Free Admission!!

For more information, please call 435-477-8190 or check us out on Facebook at "Parowan Utah".

Scarecrows

Special thanks to the families and businesses that participated in this year's scarecrows. We had 84 decorated bails of straw on Main Street. Just the small things in life can make many people smile. Thank you!

Parowan Library



The Parowan Library is doing a **canned food drive!** The donation box is located inside the front doors. All food donated, will go to Sub for Santa program to assist local Parowan families.

4-H is held the second Tuesday of the month at the Library from 3:00-4:00 pm. We have two 4-H groups, The Cloverbuds and Parowan Pioneers. For more information, please email Marla at marla.hoyt@usu.edu



Come to the Library once a month for an **American Sign Language Family Night**. November 15 and December 13 from 6-7:30 pm. Play games and interact with fun activities that help you learn sign.



Storytime is every Tuesday at 10:30 am in the Large Conference Room.

Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook for upcoming events and holiday hours and closures.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!

The **Utah Opera** will be performing at the Aladdin theater on November 9, 2022. For tickets and more information, call the Visitors Center at 435-477-8190.

Parowan City Junior Basketball

The Parowan Junior Basketball League will start registration on December 1st and will close December 17th. The registration fee will be \$30 per child. Children from kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to register.

Late registration will be held from December 19th - 21st and will cost \$50 per child.

The season will start on January 9th, 2023 and will end in March.

Games will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights.

Each child will receive a basketball t-shirt. Games will be played at the Iron County Fair Building.

If you would like to coach or referee, please call 435-559-4504.

For more information call 435-477-8190.



Iron County Holiday Assistance Program • Sub For Santa

Applications for the 2022 Holiday Assistance Program are available at www.suu.edu/cec/holiday-assistance.html.

Applications will be accepted through November 21, 2022.

Gift distribution in Parowan will be December 9, 2022 at the Iron County Fair Building.

Donations of "new unwrapped toys", new clothing items and all food donations may be dropped off at the Parowan Visitor Center, located at 5 South Main Street from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday. Angel Trees will be around town with gift ideas. Children's clothing of all sizes, toys for all ages, games, hats, gloves, and blankets are needed.



Traditions and Developing Work Ethics

By: Sandra Benson

We must not lose touch with what we were, with what we had been, nor must we allow the well of our history to dry up, for a child without tradition is a child crippled before the world. Tradition can also be an anchor of stability and a shield to guard one from irresponsibility and hasty decisions."

(Louis L'Amour: To the Far Blue Mountains page 18)

Reading about the past certainly enlightens oneself. Generation after generation it is valuable to maintain a connection between ourselves and our past.

Parowan and its residents have established rich traditions. Some activities have come and gone; others have longevity over generations. All reflect values such as personal responsibility, work ethics, volunteerism, community bonding, community pride, etc.

A few days ago, I smiled with delight as I was told that an estimated 50,000 people over a 3-week period from mid-August through Labor Day participated in Iron County Fair events. Granted, some were repeat attendees to such things as the mud bogs, demolition derby, carnival, fair displays, big tent events, etc. And then there were the three PRCA rodeos where world class cowboy athletes came to our humble abode, thrilling so many. These events are traditions that attach us to our past, tie us to who we are, and for many, what we value.

As I pondered this subject, I thought of all the fall events we have that display our town values. It is in the fall that we harvest that which is produced through hard, ever vigilant labor. Canning, drying, and freezing, preserving that which we need for the coming winter. And then we have a Fall Fest. All of this is reflective of our

historic roots. In our valley, the level of productivity is impressive. The alfalfa/hay (as a kid we called it lucerne when it was in the field) is harvested and ready for feeding locally as well as shipping. The corn is turned into silage (it used to go into silage pits but now is bound under plastic). Large numbers of sheep and cattle and a few pigs are marketed with the best kept home for breeding, ever looking forward.

And there have been changes in the field crops harvested. No longer are there large acres of potatoes. With that said, let's recall what that industry entailed back in the day.

It became a serious business during the stressful 1930's Depression years and grew even larger as a cash crop to be exported far and wide during the 1940's. It continued to thrive as an exportable product into the '60's.

Generally beginning the 1st Wednesday of October (Utah Education Association fall break when school was out), many ambitious local teens gathered to do hard work over a 4-day period. In the early morning, kids were loaded into trucks in town and taken to a local farm. Days' Farm may have been the largest potato producer in the valley, Haltermans were impressive producers as well, and there were others involved. These youngsters were to work as coordinated pairs, attached for those four days to a friend and/or sibling. No squabbles allowed! No time for nonsense!

As the kids arrived at the top of a recently dug field, they put on their gloves, stuffed their hats down tight, and picked up a wire basket that could hold about 25 lbs. of "spuds." The pairs selected two rows and began their teamwork. Straddling an individual row with the basket between their legs, they picked while leaning over the front of the basket, filling it as quickly as possible. Part-

ners developed a rhythm and stayed side by side as they helped one another dump two filled baskets of spuds into a gunny sack. Pickers were paid a few cents for each filled bag. A really good picking-duo could fill 100 bags a day. Often, picking speed was a competition. Yup! Put youngsters together and they can make a game of about anything. Sometimes girl duos pushed the guys. Two young ladies, Peggy Mitchell and Eleanor Adams, were pace setters and legendary at Days. Everyone brought their own lunch. When the time came, they gathered in a shady shed to eat and listen to the World Series. Fun banter over teams and players occurred. Then it was back to work.

The most reliable youngsters drove a truck (no license required) gathering the field bags for the potato pit. That pit smell will never be forgotten. There the produce was sorted and re-bagged into 100 lb. gunny sacks sewn tightly at the top. Later, ten-wheeler trucks arrived for the shipping. But even then, one had to be vigilant. On one occasion a trucker arrived with a helper, loaded their truck, handed Woodrow Decker (my Dad) a check on the way out and drove away. Ever responsible, Dad checked the pit, realized a good number more bags had been taken than paid for. Red lights and siren! He called the local police and the truck was stopped in Summit. Not much of a get-away but an exciting tale for a small community. And it was a great lesson as we pondered such an event in our homes.

My sister/partner and I experienced in the potato fields valuable life lessons. It involved hard work, responsibility, honesty, a coordinated effort, and we made our own money. Wow! What we intended to do with our tiny, tiny checks. It was worth it!

Parowan Chamber of Commerce

Shop Local

The Parowan Chamber Leadership would like to thank everyone for continued participation in our "Shop Local" campaign. Your local businesses thank you for keeping your shopping dollars in Parowan as much as possible. When you think about it, with the price of fuel (as well as your time), driving out of town to "save" a little doesn't always add up.

As a community, we know we don't (yet) have absolutely everything you want, but most of our local merchants will strive to get it for you if you ask.

Hometown Holiday & Winter Wonderland

The Parowan Chamber is gearing up once again for the annual Hometown Holiday and Winter Wonderland. We would love to have you as a vendor for Hometown Holiday. Hometown Holiday is an exciting day of Christmas Shopping, getting warm by the burn barrels and eating yummy food. Contact Dayla Ulrich at 435-531-6461 for more details.

Winter Wonderland is a magical Christmas lighting display in the City Park. We have sponsorship opportunities starting with a "Helping Hand Sponsorship" which is 8 hours of your time and includes a mention on our banner, website, and social media posts about the event. Don't have a business? Come help as a community member or as a family, it really is a lot of fun. Other sponsorships start at \$100 and include even more advertising.



Winter Wonderland is scheduled to open the Saturday evening after Thanksgiving, following

the town lighting ceremony in front of the library. To help or sponsor a display, contact Jed Sudweeks at 801-386-2629.

Welcome New Chamber Members

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce is a great way to promote your business plus we can connect you with many free resources to help you grow. A special welcome to our newest members:

Dee Thomas
Fathom Realty

Lloyd Stubbs
*Brian Head
Firefighters Association*

Amber Stroyer
Primitive Waffle

Sandy Boyer
Color Country Coffee & Collectibles

Thanks again for supporting your local merchants! Have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Parowan High School would like to thank everyone that supported our resolution with Parowan City to build a better community. Our school has already begun some great projects in conjunction with the city to support our public servants and educators.

After the City Council Resolution signing, my students commented on how awesome it felt to work with our City Council leaders to improve our town and traditions.

Here are some areas that we have recently worked on together to improve our community:

- **Lighting of the P-Hill-** The Iron County School District and Parowan City have created a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to help maintain the lights on the P-Hill. I have heard so many positive comments about the "P" when it is illuminated. For those of you that have helped support this project, we can't give you enough

thanks.

- **Rake-and-Run-** On November 1st, our students will be hosting a Rake-and-Run to collect fallen leaves for the elderly around the community. We invite other community members to participate in this service project.
- **Veterans' Day Assembly-** We have worked with community members to find additional information about those who have graduated or worked at PHS and have served in our nation's armed forces. We want to thank everyone who has helped us in this process to make this assembly outstanding.
- **Historical Videos-** We have community members creating videos of our historical sites that can be used as educational materials for future generations. This is an awesome project, and we are so excited about its possibilities.

There are so many good things happening around Parowan, and we know that it is with your help that we can make Parowan Strong.

Parowan Animal Assistance League (PAAL) Winter is Coming!

Please make sure your dogs have a place to stay warm, preferably inside with the family. If not, a place outside where they can get in from the cold and snow. It is not humane to leave a dog chained or kenneled outside in the snow and freezing cold. Please make sure they have fresh water that is not frozen. If you are cold, they are cold.

We would like to remind people to take a picture of your pet so that if it gets lost you can share it. That makes it easier to find. They should also be registered with the city and having a chip is very helpful. You may not think you will ever need it but it's always better to be prepared.



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Additionally, the relocation and new arch construction for the Valentine Peak Trailhead as well as continued progress towards a City Pool for Parowan, along with progress toward the restoration and preservation of our cherished Old Rock Church. Repairs have been made to our library roof which will insure our "bat friends" can no longer make their summer home there. The Shade Tree Commission has made tremendous progress in removing dead and unhealthy trees, while trimming and preserving those that are viable. We will be planting new, more resilient species at the parks and library with more to be planted in the coming year.

There have also been a few legislative decisions in 2022 that are a positive direction toward our planned growth and stability for our town. The following bullet points are just a few of the key City Council decisions that have been made along with important dates to put on your calendars. We can assure you that we, at Parowan City, are all working hard every day and doing our best for you and for Parowan so that not only can we endure, but we can be secure. Our efforts and vision are clear as we navigate hard issues toward the best possible outcome for our local economy, quality of life and for preservation of those things that we can all agree are the most important; the safety and peace of our community, families and loved ones.

- Impact fees for commercial building projects will be reinstated March 31, 2023 at 12pm. All commercial projects must be submitted with a complete application by this date for fee suspension. After this time, fees will be assessed and charged.
- The new tiered water fee structure is in place for use of culinary water along with a new ordinance for bringing pre-1949 water rights for new construction of both residential and commercial building projects. Please continue to be conservative and find ways to use less water in your homes, gardens and lawns. Little things really do add up and cumulatively matter. Together we can make a difference in reducing our water use and awareness. Go to <https://conservewater.utah.gov> for more information on how we can each do our part.
- A Resolution was signed by Parowan City to partner with Parowan High School and Parowan Elementary to work together to better support one another to make "Parowan Strong".
- Parowan City Council will only hold meetings two more times this year: November 10th at 6pm and December 8th at 6pm. Come out and support your Parowan

City Council and get involved, we look forward to seeing you there. Find contact information for your City Council and stay up to date at www.parowan.org for the latest information and happenings around town.

Many of you have asked what you can do to help. Working together is more important now than ever. Showing understanding of the hard decisions Parowan City Council is faced with and communicating clearly your concerns, desires, goals and solutions for Parowan, now and for the future of our treasured valley is critical. Please write your Parowan City Council, letters, emails, texts or set up face-to-face meetings to help us better serve you which is the goal of each of us as elected officials. Also, look for ways to volunteer and help with projects in which you are passionately interested and willing to engage to further our united efforts and progress. Go to www.justserve.org for more information and project details or to make additions to Parowan's coordinated volunteer efforts.

Wishing you and yours all the best this holiday season and in the coming New Year and as always, we are here to serve you.

Sincerely, Mayor Halterman

ATTENTION ALL WHO LOVE PAROWAN!

You won't want to miss this!

Parowan Old Rock Church Days Celebration

Friday & Saturday, June 16-17, 2023



Mark your calendar and spread the word!
Watch for more information coming and be ready to experience some Mother Town Magic!



Parowan youth helping plant trees near the Parowan Old Rock Church