



NEWSLETTER

September/October 2022

Message from the Mayor



Hello Parowan residents, visitors and friends. Just as the long, hot days of summer start to end, we herald in, what might possibly be everyone's favorite time of year! The days get shorter and cooler and there is a chill in the evening air that welcomes all the colors of fall into our valley. We continue to see family, friends and neighbors we have known for decades along with new faces at the post office, grocery store and around town. As we greet one another throughout our daily routines, please take the time to share our traditions, our heritage, our stories and our favorite things about Parowan. There is so much to be joyful about here in the Mother Town of Southern Utah. All of us, both new and lifetime residents, are so happy to be here and want to know more about this special town that we all feel grateful to call home!

There has been a lot going on in Parowan in the past few months and a few things that you may have missed or want to know more about. Here are just a few quick updates:

Iron County has completed the fairgrounds project for the year and hopefully you had a chance to go to an event and see the changes. There is more seating around the arena, a beautiful, new

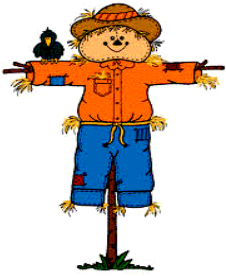
iron fence, artistic entries and gates made from repurposed, historical iron and a complete sprucing up of the grounds including additional parking that will be utilized year-round. Stay tuned for upcoming events that will be held at the Iron County Fairgrounds, as it continues to be a fun, year round venue right here in our backyard!

The Dr. Priddy Meeks Pioneer Farmstead Pond is drained and the new water line will be going in soon as the restoration of this beloved urban fishery and outdoor learning center continues. The goal is to have the pond filled again and restocked with fish before winter. Check the website www.justserve.com for updates on when you can get involved in this exciting community project that will include local flora of indigenous, drought resistant landscaping, additional picnic areas and other amenities that will make it a peaceful, outdoor community hub that will be enjoyed by all once again!

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The **Pressurized Irrigation** is scheduled to be turned off mid October, pending water availability. Parowan City will notify residents when the pressurized irrigation water will be turned off through the Everbridge Notification system, on our Facebook page Parowan Utah, and website parowan.org. If you are not signed up for the Everbridge Notification system, please call the city office at 435-477-3331 to be added.

Once Again It's "Scarecrow Time"



Scarecrow Time on Parowan Main Street has become a really fun event for our community to participate in and for everyone to enjoy! Please join

in by creating your very own Scarecrow! Get your family, neighbors, business, school group, reading club, etc. together and put on your thinking caps and get creative.

Straw bales will be available on **September 29th** and we ask that you have your entry complete and up by **October 3rd**.

There is no fee to enter and participate, but please call the Parowan Visitor Center at 435-477-8190 to reserve your spot or for any other questions.

We look forward to a great Fall Showing!

Yankee Meadow Half Marathon

Our 2022 Yankee Meadow Half-Marathon, 5K and Yankee Doodle Dash was a great success!

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make it possible! We have a very generous community, giving of their time to support our runners, making our streets safe, and creating an enjoyable all-around experience for them here in Parowan.

We would also like to thank our many sponsors for their contributions in support of this event. Bev's Floral, Ron's Sporting Goods, High Country Realty, Davis Heating and A/C, Oak Storage, Dutch Cowboy Dairy, Parowan Market, Red Door, Hero Plumbing, Color Country Physical Therapy, Parowan Cafe, Parowan Medical Center, Parowan Drug. **WE THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!!**

More Tips and Info for Garbage Pickup

- Please make sure nothing is hanging over the sides of your trash can. Items hanging over the side such as garden hoses, tarps and blankets can become tangled up in the grabber causing a huge mess, unnecessary clean up and costly delays.
- Large boxes need to be broken down, not crammed into the trash cans. The grabber squeezes the side of the can with considerable force causing oversized boxes to become wedged in the can and next to impossible to dump.

Parowan Arbor Day Educational Symposium

Parowan has been honored with the coveted Tree City USA designation. To preserve and enhance the city's forest beauty, the Shade Tree Commission is sponsoring an informal arbor enlightenment at Parowan's City Park near the library on **October 6th at 4 pm**. The gathering will be outdoors with good weather, or indoors in the library conference room if inclement weather.

Topics for discussion will include tree choices compatible with our climate zone, planting times, tree care and maintenance, watering, mulch protection, pruning, disease prevention and treatment including borers and cicadas, pesticide and herbicide use, and pathways for city and state assistance. Questions will be encouraged.

Ryan Johnson, Utah State Certified Arborist, will be the moderator. We will be looking forward to the community's attendance and questions.

Fall Fest and Car Show 5K Run and Bike Slow Roll

Parowan City presents "FALL FEST" on Main Street on Sat., October 8th!



Come and enjoy all the festivities, vendors, food, games and the FALL FEST CAR SHOW from 10am to 4pm.

The Car Show is open to all makes, models and types of vehicles. Entry fee is \$25 per vehicle. Swag bag and Car Show T-Shirt is included.

If you would like to be a vendor for this great fall event, you can register/pickup an application at the Parowan Visitor Center at 5 S. Main.

Participate in the Library 5K Run with the donation of \$5 or a gently used/new good book! The Run will start by the "Little Library" on Center Street at 9 am and will finish there as well. Everyone participating will receive a fun medal from one of our previous events!

For more information, please call 435-477-8190. We are looking forward to a beautiful day on Main Street, Parowan Utah!



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Parowan Interfaith Patriots' Program



Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, September 11, as we honor our First Responders and Military personnel and commemorate the events of 9/11/01.

We are pleased to have Staff Sergeant Zach Tuttle as our keynote speaker. Zach has recently returned from a tour of duty in Syria, Iraq, and Kuwait. There he served as a collection manager and human intelligence linguist. He is now a reserve deputy marshal for Brian Head City and a reserve deputy sheriff for Washington County Sheriff's Department. He also teaches English at Parowan High School.

Along with Zack, we are excited to have Joseph Goodman on the bagpipes. We will also have several musical numbers as well as youth speakers.

We hope you will join us as we celebrate our freedoms and honor those who have given so much for us.

The program will be held in the Aladdin Theater at 6:00 pm.

Parowan Soccer League

It is time for sign-ups!

Parowan Soccer League will run from

September 14th—October 28th.

Regular Registration

Aug. 15th—Sept. 7th

\$35/person or \$30 if your child already has a jersey

Late Registration

Sept. 8th—10th

(NO Registration after Sept. 10th)

\$55/person or \$50 if your child already has a jersey

Games will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays

For ages 3-18

Please register at the Visitor Center

5 North Main
Mon-Sat 10am—5pm

2022-2023

Pickleball Program

Parowan City is able to offer our popular Pickleball Program again! The season will start on October 3rd, wrapping up on July 22nd.

All players must be registered and sign a release waiver before participating. Fees are due on the 1st of each month for month-to-month payees. You can register and pay at the Parowan Visitor's Center, 5 South Main, from 10am to 5pm Monday through Saturday.

10-Month Program: \$150

This fee covers day and night play, Monday—Thursday

Month to Month: \$25

This fee covers day and night play, Monday—Thursday

10-month Night Play: \$50

The fee covers Monday nights

A Message from PAAL

Shelters and rescues are finding themselves overcrowded all over the country. The two primary reasons for this are:

1. Allowing cats and dogs to reproduce with little chance to find homes for the offspring, and
2. Pets being relinquished by owners who can no longer keep their animals, or who no longer want them. This makes it hard for a small shelter like ours to find a rescue or a new home for the dogs we have. Many dogs are surrendered because the owner realizes the dog does not fit into their lifestyle. Before you get a dog do some research into the breed or breeds of the dog. A high energy dog needs a place to run and use up some of the energy.

There are 5 things you can do to reduce pet overpopulation:

1. Don't intentionally breed your pet. There are enough animals that need homes without adding more. Shelters are overcrowded and too many animals that enter shelters are put to sleep due to lack of homes. If your pet has puppies or kittens, they could end up in a shelter. In addition, every puppy or kitten sold or given away by an owner that breeds their pet means there is one more shelter animal that will not find a home. Don't contribute to the number of unwanted pets and deaths.
2. Spay and neuter your pet. Spay and neuter will reduce the number of animals that enter municipal shelters by reducing the number of unwanted pets. As an added bonus, it also prevents undesirable behavior and health risks which can shorten the life of your best friend. There are low cost spay and neuter programs in this area.
3. Adopt your next pet from an area rescue or shelter. The quality of animals available through shelters and rescues is astounding. Looking for a specific breed? It is estimated that 25% of the dogs that enter shelters are purebred and there are breed specific rescues for every type of dog imaginable. Keep in mind when you adopt a pet, you are actually saving two lives because you make space for another pet to get a second chance.
4. Be a responsible pet owner. Make a commitment to give your pet the care it needs for its lifetime. Make sure that you are in a place in your life to make this commitment. Pets that are relinquished due to changes in their owner's lives such as divorce, birth of a child or moving make up a large percentage of animals found in shelters and rescues. Also, make sure your pet always has proper identification in case it is lost.
5. Spread the word. The greatest defense to our pet overpopulation crisis is a well-informed community. Make sure that your friends and family are aware of the pet overpopulation crisis and how their personal actions can help solve or contribute to the problem.

Establishing Roads and Entertainment

By: Sandra Benson

Note: Thank you Lola Ann Johnson Jones for your unselfish sharing of Parowan history. I appreciate you. I feel badly that we no longer have a community paper such as the Parowan Times. Without a community publication we have lost historic detail surrounding our community.

All established towns/cities require places that invite leisure activities. Early in our history, there was an established racetrack, located between 300 and 500 west on what is now Old Hwy 91. The need for removing the track was dictated in 1924 when a new highway was coming through town. A new bridge was also built at the south end of main street. All was intended to accommodate "Americans on the Move."

However, Parowan residents were left without their racetrack. In articles found in the *Parowan Times*, 1927, relocation plans were set in motion. In this town, horse flesh aroused a good deal of interest. Validation is found with an article stating that in 1930 (and possibly before), Government Remount Thoroughbred Stallions were brought in and kept by R.L. Fenton to improve the area horses." Yes, our town had a love for a fine piece of horseflesh.

In a July 15, 1932 *Times* account, we learn that Parowan City bought property on the east side of town for a new racetrack and amusement park. The community got onboard. On Aug. 15, 1932 the *Times* mentions that the Parowan Mayor asked the locals to contribute one day's work per week to get the racetrack/amusement park project done. And, while this was under construction, races were held on ground cleared near the H.L. Adams farm (probably near the Old

Paragonah Highway).

From 1932 to March of 1933 the new Parowan-to-Paragonah highway was under construction and, in Parowan, instead of turning east on 1st North it continued on main street to 5th North and then angled northeast to Paragonah and on to Little Creek turnoff north of Paragonah.

Still, 1st North all the way to 3rd East was soon to be the main road to the track and amusement park location. On 3rd East a wooden fence was placed. The slats were from the wooden pipeline that came out of the Old Power Plant located in the canyon. At the admission gates they placed large cement pillars on each side of the entrance. When there were events, flags flew and there was an air of excitement. School athletic contests occurred here as well. One citizen recalls that a very heavy chain was strung between the pillars when the area was not to be used as the local youngsters loved to race their cars on the track. Oops. The kids took their unauthorized racing events to the Old Paragonah Highway, apparently less used because of the new road to Paragonah.

And, at last, in 1934 the first fall race meet was held at the new racetrack.

In the March 29, 1935 *Times* we learn that the Grandstand was going up at the track. In collecting this story, several community old-timers chuckled as they recalled the Grandstand was originally on the north side but it was quickly realized there was a problem (Wind? Weather? Sun?). For whatever reason, the Grandstand was partially taken apart, put on rollers, tires and trucks, and moved around the track to face north.

The *Times*, July 12, 1935: It was announced that a baseball diamond and athletic field was to be cleared within the boundaries of the track.

The *Times* Jan 3, 1936: Posted was a list of those contributing money to the amusement park. It is also learned that the government CCC's group who resided at the fairgrounds and were overseen by Clefford Evans made a good deal of the work happen as it was identified as a Government Work Project. Two CCC's housing accommodations are still standing north of the 1st North entry.

And the work continued. 1937: twenty stables were added. 1940: a roof was placed on the Grandstand. 1941: boxes were added in front of the Grandstand for Sponsors. 1946: the CCC buildings were used for farm and garden produce displays at the Iron County Fair.

In the *Times* March 2, 1947 edition, Leon Frehner said the Parowan racetrack and grounds were the best in the State. And in 1948 the Rodeo Arena was added. By then, much of the Amusement Park activities had been relocated near the high school (football, baseball, etc.).

In 1951, the centennial year for Parowan and Cedar City, there were chariot races at the fairgrounds. Ed King and R.L. Fenton, local businessmen, made it possible for Buffalo to be brought in for display. I recall my folks taking me to see them and saying they would soon be gone forever. In recalling that as a 6-year-old, I think, "Aren't we grateful for human energy that proves us wrong!"

Thus, we recall a brief history of a road that went through town and the Parowan Racetrack, aka the Rodeo Grounds, the Iron County Fairgrounds. It's a tale about all of us. This year's recent fairgrounds facelift reflects a dual cooperation between Parowan City and Iron County. Times change but, in many ways, that which we value stays the same ... with improvements.

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Parowan Pool update: We, the Mayor and City Council, are still working toward the best solution for our community pool. We are starting to explore fundraising as well as directing efforts toward grants and partnering to try to come together with resources to continue to look for options for this amenity that will be utilized by all ages and abilities. We have heard from a large number of our residents regarding how important the pool is to our town; it feels great to know how many care and are concerned. We would greatly appreciate your ideas and feedback as we work together toward a plan to accomplish this goal for our community, so please reach out to me and our City Council members, we would love to hear from you!

If you have questions or would like to share ideas or observations, please contact me by email at mayor@parowan.org or any of our Parowan City Council members who's email addresses can be found on our website, www.parowan.org, under "Your Government" or attend City Council meetings held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Parowan City offices: 35 East 100 North.



Parowan High School welcomes the new school year. Being a community school makes PHS unique. We support the

town and wish to build relationships. When we are united in purpose, we are each greater. It is our unique challenge and responsibility to work with the Parowan Community to reinforce the core values and education that continue to make Parowan such a special place.

PHS would like to build more partnerships within our neighborhoods and city that not only enhance the students' educational experience, but build Parowan. We have the job to look for the betterment of not only students, but for our community.

To be special, and Parowan is, Parowan High School needs to act differently from others. We can teach these core values with the involvement of our community. We invite you in, as parents, alumni, clubs, citizenry to support our students and to have the conversation of how to support PHS which helps to build Parowan. Through this process we build trust and have a more positive relationship for our students.

To follow our activities please log on to phs.irondistrict.org. PHS appreciates the shared vision and the conversation of how to create the best of times for the best of kids; we can do that by joining hands this school year.

Thank you, Parowan Community, we are happy to begin the conversation.

Kim Bailey, Principal
Parowan High School