



NEWSLETTER

September/October 2024

Message from the Mayor



Happy Fall y'all! The crisp morning and evening air is an exciting reminder that the weather is changing adding a skip to our steps as we look forward to what I've come to know is the favorite time of the year

for many in Parowan.

Bountiful gardens, farmers' fields and heritage fruit trees continue to be abundant in producing delicious food that will sustain us through the coming months as we gather to enjoy time together with family and friends. Parowan schools are back in full swing bringing sporting events to our valley, along with activities that unite our community to celebrate the spirit of Parowan.

Parowan City is bustling with projects large and small, all aimed at enhancing our best use of resources, finding sustainable future solutions, and preserving the quality of life that we all hold so dear.

Our water recharge project is moving forward, with the route of the pipe set from a newly planned diversion structure, running through the east side of town and into the Iron County gravel pit. Construction is planned for the winter and spring of 2024-25. This crucial project will ensure that water is not lost to evaporation at the Little Salt Lake, but instead is directed into our groundwater through recharge. This long-awaited and much-needed initiative has taken tremendous effort, including raising grants and funds in partnership with all water share owners. It's a collaborative project

that represents a significant win for Parowan, securing our water future and substantial effort toward the health of our aquifer, once completed.

Our recent meetings with Rocky Mountain Power were productive, resulting in small but significant adjustments to fire safety settings and line configuration. These changes have led to greater cooperation and more sustainable power for Parowan. With Utah experiencing twice as many fires and twice as much acreage burned this year, these critical fire settings are vital for protecting lives and property.

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Congratulations on
your Retirement

David and Judy Schiers

Thank you for your
combined **62 years** of
service to Parowan City!



*Retirement only means.
it is time for a new adventure.*

It's "Scarecrow Time"



"Scarecrow Time" on Parowan's Main Street has become a really fun event for our community. Any-

one can participate and create fun scarecrows for all to enjoy! Please join in by creating your very own scarecrow! Get your family, neighbors, businesses, school group, reading club, etc. together and put on your thinking caps and get creative!

Straw bales will be available on **October 1st**. We ask that you have your entry complete and up by **October 5th**.

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

We look forward to another great fall showing!

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

Parowan City presents "Fall Fest" on Main Street. This event will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Come out and enjoy all the festivities, vendors, food, games and the Fall Fest Car Show from 10 am - 4 pm.

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 are

3D Digital Mobile Mammography Unit

Coming to the
Canyon View Clinic
September 23 & 24

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.

included.

If you would like to be a vendor for this great fall event, you can register/pickup an application at the Parowan Visitors Center at 5 South 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 Library on Center Street at 9 am. The race will end 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 fall day on Main Street, Parowan UT!

From Parowan High School

As we begin a new year, we would like to welcome back our students. We are excited this year for the many opportunities that we have to continue to build school and community. We truly believe that when we are unified in purpose, anything is possible.

School and community continue to be a central focus for this upcoming year. Parowan is a special place, and we feel that teaching the core values of service and kindness strengthens all of us. It is with these two attributes that we can build community spirit.

We invite all alumni, clubs, and citizenry to support students in their curricular and extracurricular activities. It is through this process we will build trust and have a more positive relationship for our students.

Please log on to phs.irondistrict.org to follow our activities. Go Rams!

Yankee Meadow Half Marathon

Our annual 2024 Yankee Meadow Half Marathon, 5K and Yankee Doodle Dash was a great success!

We would like to thank our

many sponsors for their contribution in support of this event.

Parowan Interfaith Patriot Program



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

We are pleased and excited to have Jed Townsend as our keynote speaker. Jed joined the Army National Guard during his senior year of high school. He was deployed to Iraq for 18 months in 2005-2006.

He is currently employed with Parowan City Police Department and assigned as the School Resource Office for Parowan Elementary and Parowan High School.

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 Grace Christian Church, 845 West 200 South, at 6:00 pm.



At the church parking lot on 100 South
THURSDAY-OCTOBER 31

5:30-6:30
(or until candy runs out)

Setup starts at 5:00

Prizes given for the best decorated trunk!
Community trick-or-treating afterward



Everyone is invited!

Parowan Animal Assistance



League (PAAL) has returned six dogs home this quarter and placed one in a new home!

We have obtained the needed materials for the dog run and are excited to have that completed.

Thank you to everyone that donated and volunteered!

We have, yet again, won the award for being a no-kill shelter for 2023! We are very proud of this award



and look forward to getting it again for 2024!

We are still accepting volunteers in any capacity whether it be feeding, exercising or just cuddling the dogs. If you are interested, please visit www.paalutah.com/contact-us or call/text Jennifer (435) 393-1137 or Michael (435) 590-4005.

From the Library

Thank you to all who participated in our Summer Reading Program! The magnetic tile prizes were a huge hit!

- We now have a **FREE Seed Library** for all your growing needs. You must have a current Parowan Library card. There is a limit per family and we do accept donations!

- We have a **FREE Little Library** across the street from the Parowan Library. It is take a book, leave a book, but please help yourself to a book.

- Have you signed up for our **FREE online library**? All you need is a Parowan Library card and to download the free Libby app!

- **Storytime** is EVERY Tuesday at 10:30 am. If it is nice weather, we are outside by the pine tree. If not, we are in the conference room.

-The Parowan Library is headquarters for the **Parowan Prevention Coalition**! We also have the Parowan Youth Prevention Coalition. If you

want to get more involved with your community, planning free family events, contact the library! - The Parowan Library currently has three **4-H groups** from Kindergarten to Senior. We meet once a month with fun activities and community events. Ask us more about 4-H!

- Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for our upcoming events! We have a **Magic Show** coming up and always have fun stuff planned for our community.

From the Director of the Parowan Library

A huge thank you to the community who helped the library while I was on medical leave. I can never repay the kindness, love and helping hands that kept this building going. The much needed remodeling has been so nice to come back to. You make me want to fight harder, and I appreciate all of you! We live in the best community!

Cori Adams

From the Police Department

Officer Townsend, our school resource officer is excited to be back in school with all the kids, and is looking forward to the new school year. The Parowan Police Department has a few messages from our SRO Townsend:

- Please be cautious around our schools during school hours and remember to go 20 mph with caution through our school zones. Be alert and yield for all pedestrians and crossing guards in the crosswalks. Also, as a reminder to everyone, especially elementary parents, there are "one way" signs and two gates on 200 west, which is west of the elementary. These gates are up during the entire school day. Please abide by the signage and gates during the entire school day.

- As we get into another school year and we go over the safety of the students and school staff, I want to encourage every parent to visit the "I Love U Guys" foundation website for some great resources: <https://iloveuguy.org/#with-you-we-got-this>.
- We also want to encourage parents to get their emergency contact information up to date regarding their student's PowerSchool account. Doing so will help expedite the reunification process for parents and students.
- Below are listed the 5 specific actions that can be performed during an incident.



Hold is followed by the Directive: "**In Your Room or Area**" and is the protocol used when hallways need to be kept clear of occupants.



Secure is followed by the Directive: "**Get Inside. Lock Outside Doors**" and is the protocol used to safeguard people within the building.



Lockdown is followed by "**Locks, Lights, Out of Sight**" and is the protocol used to secure individual rooms and keep occupants quiet and in place.



Evacuate may be followed by a location, and is used to move people from one location to a different location in or out of the building.



Shelter and state the **Hazard** and **Safety Strategy** for group and self protection.

The Parowan "**Free Art Exchange**" is up and ready to go! Thank you Matt Edwards and his students for building it and Bert Mitchell for installing it. A special thank you to Marta Mitchell, the PHS Art Teacher, for this wonderful addition to our community!

Open to ALL ages and ALL abilities. Located at the end of the cul-de-sac on 1300 West 325 South.

Please be respectful and happy Art Exchange! Any medium!



PROGRESS: WOMEN IN TRANSITION

Now This is a Tattle and Tale!

In the March 17, 1933 Parowan Times edition, there appeared an interesting news release from the Iron County School Board. I hope it makes you all smile as it surely did me. Herein, we are all reminded that progress and change are often achieved through common sense adjustments. I totally enjoy articles such as this. Some attitudes, writing patterns, and even word usage is interesting. This article is exactly as it appeared in the Parowan Times.

School Board Abandons Married Woman Policy Merits of Each Individual Case to Supplant Arbitrary Rule Against Married Women As Teachers

“An arbitrary rule against married women as teachers in the Iron County School District, adhered to by the Board of Education with few exceptions for a number of years, was definitely abandoned at a meeting of the Board the first of the month.

Hereafter, the fact that a woman is married will not be a bar to her employment in the schools of the district. Rather, her application will be decided on its merits without regards to her marital status.

The rule against married women has always invoked criticism and even members of the Board haven't been entirely converted to it. It has been argued against the rule that first consideration in the employment of a teacher should be

about her ability to put over the job; that the teachers were for the school rather than the school for the teachers.

The recent marriage of one of the district's outstanding teachers, Miss Wavie Williams who is now in the Cedar schools, brought the question before the Board to be consistent with the past policy of the District. Miss. Williams' services should have been dispensed with when her marriage to Mr. Jacobsen about holiday time became known, but the superintendent and the board members felt that it would be poor policy and detrimental to her students to replace her at this time. The new policy resulted from a discussion of her case.

Incidentally, it was planned by Mr. and Mrs. Jacobsen that their marriage should be a secret until the end of the school year because of this rule and they took the precaution to go to Nevada for their license. But some enterprising news reporter got hold of the story and it came out in Nevada and then in the Salt Lake papers.

So, they were not so successful as were Miss Barbara Green and her young man whose marriage at holiday time two years ago remained a dark secret.

To continue the play, the latter couple even issued announcements of their marriage sometime in May or early June after her school work here was finished and it is probably news to most of our readers, even now, that they were actually married at holiday time. She continued to put over a mighty good job in the school room and he continued his studies until the end of the school year, parents and probably school officials being none the wiser.”

Note: I was told this story while attending education classes at SUSC. It has been fun to read the validation as printed in the Parowan Times. Everyone can now access the Parowan Times on-line. The materials therein provide a most enjoyable browse. It has a good deal of news, laced with tattles and tales.

Parowan City Art Program



Fantasy Watercolor with Marta Mitchell

6:00 p.m., October 17
Parowan Fire Station
190 W 200 S

Limited palette and brushes will be supplied or feel free to use your own materials.

Marta Mitchell has taught high school art for over 30 years. Her mentorships at the "Third Thursday" consistently rate highest among program participants.



Parowan's Streetscape in Black and White with Whitney Jones

Drawing

6:00 p.m., September 19

Meet at the Aladdin Theater,
27 N. Main Street

Bring your own supplies:
Paper and pencil (charcoal if you prefer)
and a camp chair.

Tables will be provided.

Inclement weather location:
Parowan Fire Station, 290 W. 200 S,

Whitney Jones is an illustrator, muralist, and retired art director. He is an active participant at Cedar City Library's "Character Sketches" program. He is adept in many mediums and mentored the 3rd Thursday program at which we watercolored a Dark-eyed Junco (snow bird).

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We deeply appreciate the efforts of Rocky Mountain Power and Parowan Power Company for addressing our power challenges head-on and working diligently together to achieve a more reliable and resilient outcome.

A few more projects to keep on your radar include the ongoing improvements to our roads. Chip sealing is scheduled in the coming months, and we'll keep you informed about which roads will be improved as the schedule becomes available from our fantastic Public Works Department.

Our Valentine's Peak Sports Complex parking lot has been resurfaced, and construction is underway for Parowan's Pickleball Courts. Mark your calendars for a fun event during Fall Fest on October 12, 2024, when we will host our first ever Parowan City Pickleball Tournament. For more details and to register, visit our website at parowan.org under Parks & Recreation, or contact Anna Carlson in the Recreation Department at 435-600-1597.

Additionally, the Cedar Breaks National Monument Visitors Center is now open, providing a great place to stop, learn more about this beautiful and historic landmark, talk to rangers, and purchase souvenirs. The center is open daily from 9am to 5pm.

Finally, the Utah Food Bank continues to serve our commu-

nity. To find out when the next food drive is or when and where food will be distributed, visit utahfoodbank.org. If you have questions or concerns or would like to volunteer to help with ongoing community projects, you can reach out on our parowan.org website, call Parowan City Hall at 435-477-3331 or email me directly at mayor@parowan.org.

Here to serve.

Sincerely, Mayor Halterman

Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce is so excited to announce our NEW business partnership with our beautiful neighbor Brian Head! We are now the Parowan & Brian Head Area Chamber of Commerce.

We will be celebrating this union at our next meeting, which will be our quarterly Lunch and Learn event. We would like to invite all business members and community minded members to the Lunch and Learn on September 4th 2024, at 11 am at the Brian Head Firehouse. It is \$15 a person for lunch and we will be hearing exciting things from Bret Howser of Brian Head Town and Tom Pettigrew from Brian Head Resort. Please RSVP TODAY!

Our 2024 Main Street Program has gone well this year with contributions to community event banners and seating for our gazebo. We look forward to the future planning of wayfind-

ing kiosks and murals that will help Parowan and Brian Head visitors seek out what they need

to find in our towns. We are still looking for interested community member volunteers to join our planning committee.

We need you! Do you love our town's Winter Wonderland? Are you or your business wanting to get involved with Hometown Holiday? Well, now is your chance! The Holiday season will be here before you know it and we need your help! We are forming volunteer committees for both events, as well as looking for vendors. Contact us if you're interested!

We have nominations coming in November for NEW 2025 board members. If you or someone you know loves working with the chamber on creating a fantastic community of networking partnership, we want you. Attend our next meeting for more information.

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that Lynsey Swiderski has been hired as the NEW Executive Director of the Parowan & Brian Head Chamber of Commerce. She is eager and ready to answer any questions about all things chamber, local businesses and community. Please reach out to Lynsey if you are interested in becoming a member, volunteer, committee member or if you have any questions. You can also RSVP for our upcoming meeting by texting or calling Lynsey at 435-477-9817.



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](https://www.facebook.com/ParowanUtah), and website parowan.org.