



# NEWSLETTER

November/December 2021

## ***From the Police Department...***

With the holidays approaching fast, what are you doing to keep your deliveries safe? With all of the online shopping and packages that will be delivered over the next 2 months, the Parowan Police Department has 6 easy and simple tips to help keep your deliveries safe this holiday season.

1. **Don't let your packages sit.** Monitor when your packages are expected to arrive. Leaving your packages on your porch or in your mailbox overnight or for a couple of days is an open invitation to thieves.
2. **Talk to your neighbors.** If you have a neighbor who is home during the day, consider asking them to collect your package(s) on the delivery date. More than likely, they'll be willing to help which can eliminate some holiday stress for you.
3. **Ship to an alternate address.** Consider shipping your packages to a friend or relative's home, or right to the gift recipient.
4. **Ship to the store.** Some retailers allow you to ship to a store near you. While this isn't always convenient, it does provide security and peace of mind.
5. **Signature on delivery.** If possible, consider having your packages delivered only when someone is available to sign for them.

6. **Insure your holiday packages.** Because package theft increases around the holidays, it may be wise to insure your packages this time of year. This way, if your package is stolen, you can be reimbursed for your loss.

Our hope is that implementing one or more of these safety techniques can keep your packages safe and give you peace of mind during this hectic holiday season.

Enjoy the 2021 holiday season and may all your deliveries make it safe and sound to their destinations.



## ***Election Day • November 2nd***



Iron County is a By-Mail County. Ballots were mailed to all eligible voters on Oct. 15, 2021.

- If mailed, ballots must have postage and be **clearly postmarked by November 1, 2021.**
- **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](https://ironcounty.net) for the complete 2021 Notice of General Election.

## From the Parowan Chamber of Commerce



**November 27th:** Parowan Chamber of Commerce presents a second-year encore of our **Hometown Holiday and Winter Wonderland Event**. Holiday market of vendor tents and artisans at Sweet Pea Farm & Orchard & Main Street Vendor market next to State Bank along with Parowan City's Holiday Bazaar, **Christmas in the Country**, will provide all day shopping for unique, hand-crafted gifts bookended by the morning Santa Parade and the evening candlelight walk and lighting of the Town and the expanded Winter Wonderland light display at the Main Street Park and Town Square.

**New trails** above Frisbee Golf: In conjunction with the BLM and Parowan Trails Arts Recreation & Parks (TARP) Committee, 3 new trails have been completed! Go take a hike and explore the colorful fall leaves as the season changes to winter in our own, beautiful backyard.

**Shade Tree Commission:** We had an amazing Arbor Day Celebration on October 7th with a Tree Pruning Workshop and Community Clean-

up Project at Meeks Pond. The dumpster is still there with branches and weeds that can still be piled in. Come out in the first few weeks of November and bring your friends and family to "pitch in"!

New Businesses and existing businesses, you are important to our Parowan Chamber of Commerce and to our community! Please visit our websites at [parowanchamber-ofcommerce.com](http://parowanchamber-ofcommerce.com) and [thesweettour.com](http://thesweettour.com) or call 435-238-0993 to find out the who and what of the Parowan Business Community and how to join our Chamber along with the sites and fun things to explore around town. Welcome to all of those who live and visit here, Parowan is glad you are here!

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

**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.



## Parowan City Junior Basketball

The Parowan Junior Basketball League will start registration on December 1st and will close December 18th. 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 20th - 22nd and will cost \$50 per child.

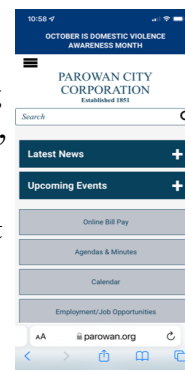
The season will start on January 10th, 2022 and will end in March.

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.

For more information call 435-477-8190 or 435-559-4504.

Use **Parowan City's website** to check for latest news, upcoming events, city newsletter, meeting schedules, ordinances, to pay your utility bill, etc. It is user and mobile device friendly!! Go check it out at [www.parowan.org](http://www.parowan.org)!



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

## Iron County Holiday Assistance Program • Sub For Santa



Applications for the 2021 Holiday Assistance Program are available at [www.suu.edu/cec/holiday-assistance.html](http://www.suu.edu/cec/holiday-assistance.html). Applications will be accepted through November 22, 2021.

Gift distribution in Parowan will be December 10, 2021 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. Children's clothing of all sizes, toys for all ages, games and age appropriate gifts are needed.

Please watch for our Angel Trees at participating businesses.

**Thank you in advance and have a Merry Christmas!**





## Parowan City Presents Christmas in the Country

"Christmas Memories"  
is the theme for the  
2021 Christmas in the Country.

### Friday, November 26th

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 27th

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

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 their own light/candle and join in on the fun.

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

Then don't forget to attend the **Christmas Variety Show** 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".

For upcoming city events and other information, please check the

**Parowan City Marquee**  
by the library.

## Parowan Library



The Parowan Library is doing a **canned food drive**! All donations will be for our local "Sub for Santa" program to help benefit local families. There is a donation box inside the library.

**Storytime** is every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Library's Large Conference Room. We hope to see you there!



Utah's first **Library Hydroponic Garden** is right here in Parowan. We grow a variety of food. You are welcome to take the food home! Watch for harvest days on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Have you visited the Little Library? Its never closes! Please take a book, leave a book, enjoy a book. Located across the street on Center and Main Street.

Please check for Holiday Hours on our Facebook and Instagram page @parowancitylibrary.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!

**We Need You!!** We are asking you to become a **Senior Companion** assisting elderly adults by providing transportation & companionship, or become a **Foster Grandparent** assisting children with reading and math skills in your local schools.

You will receive a stipend, mileage and meal reimbursement. You can earn \$200 per month! To qualify you must be 55 or older and be income eligible. (Income must be less than \$2,100 a month for a single person).

You will receive a small stipend, but the richest reward will be the smiles & friendships you will share and the satisfaction you will feel, helping make independence a reality as a Senior Companion, and the fulfillment that comes from foster-

ing hope in the hearts of children as a Foster Grandparent. You are older, wiser and you are needed!

Call Joni at 435-673-3548 x122 to be part of the **Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Programs!**

## HEAT Program

If you are burdened by your utility costs, the Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT) program may be able to help. The HEAT program provides winter home heating assistance and year-round energy crisis assistance for eligible low-income households throughout Utah.

For more information, contact your local HEAT office at 586-0858 or go to <https://jobs.utah.gov/housing/scso/seal/heat.html>.

## 2021 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, 2021—January 1, 2022).

This form must be signed and returned to the City Office at 35 East 100 North or PO Box 576, no later than November 25, 2021. You can also call the City Office at 435-477-3331 to sign up.

I would like to participate in the 2021 Holiday Lighting Incentive Program.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Utility Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

## Early Pottery Production in Parowan

By: Sandra Benson

Common with every LDS settlement, Parowan's earliest pioneers scoured the land, ascertaining the availability of natural resources to be harvested and shared with others near and far. Any resource that would lift burdens and enhance the quality of frontier life was valued as a blessing from heaven. One blessing in this area was the discovery of clay deposits in the east hills above Parowan Valley.

But let it be known that the pioneers' discovery of clay deposits came far later than that of the Fremont/Native American find. Jim Guymon, a local history enthusiast, shared information found in *Traces of Fremont*, authored by Steven R. Simms. Herein it states, *"The Parowan Valley (literally centuries before pioneer arrival) seems to have been a pottery center as vessels made of Parowan clay have shown up in great frequency across the west deserts of Utah and eastern Nevada."* Mr. Guymon also shared his e-mail communication from Richard Talbot, Director of the Office of Public Archaeology. That communication said, *"The core production area known as the Snake Valley pottery is manufactured in the Parowan Valley. And how do archaeologists know this? It is a well-crafted pottery, better in quality than elsewhere in the Fremont area."*

So, while the pioneers were certainly not the first potters in the valley, they set in motion plans to reintroduce the manufacturing of quality clay items that would soften life in the area's harsh environment.

In 2009 -2010 Tim Scarlett, associate professor of archaeology at Michigan Technological University was teaching Industrial Heritage and Archaeology. He had written his doctoral dissertation on Utah

frontier pottery. He and a handful of students came to Parowan to literally "dig up" our pioneer history of clay, pots and potters. Their discovery hinged on an archaeological dig on the Thomas Davenport pottery site located on 1st South 85 West. Within his research, Scarlett stated, "The only identified commercial pottery industry west of the Mississippi River and east of California prior to 1869 (prior to the railroad) was located in Parowan." Of course, this only references the whiteman's frontier. Scarlett's dig and discovery project took two years to complete but a great deal of nostalgic evidence of Parowan's pottery production was uncovered. The buried and forgotten kiln along with a great many tools, building foundations and broken pottery were uncovered. Local residents were invited to come and see and have Mr. Scarlett explain, as he saw and interpreted Parowan's pottery industry first failing and then succeeding.

This struggle is validated in Davenport family histories as they memorialize their ancestry. Thomas Davenport came to Parowan in November of 1852, less than a month after arriving in Salt Lake City. His grandson, W.T. Davenport wrote in a widely distributed family history entitled *"Thomas Davenport: His Life, History and Posterity"* a lengthy poem about Thomas's journey to Parowan:

*At last they met, and Brigham said,  
"I'm looking for a man,  
One on whom I can depend,  
to go to Parowan.  
Now the job I've got lined-up  
requires a man like Job, of old,  
With patience and endurance,  
it's about like panning gold.  
You're the man I have selected,  
for I knew you'd be a sport,  
I knew your stock in England,  
our name is Davenport.  
Your job's to build a pottery and  
make some pots and pans*

*And dishes too, for all the Saints  
down in that goodly land."*

And Thomas Davenport's reply:  
*"We'll go, then, and be glad too,  
and answer your great call.*

*We'd better leave here right away  
or we won't get there by Fall."*

Thus, Thomas Davenport's legacy in Parowan began. He unsuccessfully fired a kiln a year later, and again and again through 1856. The next year, however, he had some success and full success in 1858. In his blog site (<http://utah-potteryproject.blogspot.com>), Scarlett recognizes that Thomas and his wife, Sarah, were remarkable in that *"They certainly got to be good potters."*

Of course, the remaining descendants of Thomas Davenport and so many others know the story of Thomas Davenport, the Potter. He provided a greater quality of life in every household. He came to Parowan from Brampton, England where many early settlers worked in the potter industry.

Mr. Scarlett is quoted in a May 6, 2009 Spectrum news article with, "It's the archeology of work that he (Scarlett) is teaching. This professor uncovered the work ethics built into the very bedrock of Parowan's pioneer culture. Work, often through trial and error, is the foundation that establishes success.



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