

THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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Minutia from the Mayor

Mayor Dan McGuire

The Town has submitted an application for funds to add an additional bridge next to the Rockville Bridge. We received late information about the funding cycle and so we met with many UDOT Engineers and UDOT Commissioners to discuss the application. We met the deadline of January 11th and expect that we will hear sometime in February if our application has been accepted. The funds, if available, would be several years out. We will have plenty of time to discuss the process at public meetings. None of this implies action at this time, it is only the submitting of an application for consideration.

The engineering report that was created for us by the Baker Company through UDOT, depicts an additional bridge on either side of the existing bridge. The Baker report utilized Google Earth images and was developed for the purpose of defining the scope of the work and the cost estimates. If we are approved and money is made available, the bridge location would be determined by further engineering studies and input from our Town.

Our existing bridge has been downgraded to 45.7 out of 100 and when you fall below 50, you may be eligible for federal funds. But, more importantly, UDOT has served notice on us that we must take steps to do something with the bridge and this is a step in that direction. We are fully cognizant of the impact the lowered bridge load rating is having on private planning on the south side of the bridge and we have provided some relief to vehicles with different axle configurations. That information has been shared with suppliers and is available at the Town Office.

Southern Utah University is taking steps to develop a demonstration project on their 1500 acre parcel up Cedar Canyon that will educate the public on how to manage and care for mountain property. Once schedules are known, it will be included in the newsletter.

Rockville has joined with Virgin and Springdale as partners in the Community Covenant Program. This program is organized by the Utah National Guard and as partners, we developed a resolution to the effect that we support our military service personnel and their families. We may be asked from time to time to display our flags or make facilities available for an activity. Our local coordinator is Bob Kelly of Virgin.

The Senior Lunch Program is undergoing some changes. Arlene Rossi has retired as the local director. The county has appointed an interim director and the job is posted online at washco@utah.gov. The county wants to hire

someone from Springdale or Rockville. Recently, our town wrote a letter of support to the County Commissioners and thanked them for the funding that they make available. If you are not aware, the program offers hot and nutritious meals on Tuesday and Thursday of every week. Additionally, they have bingo, medical checks, guest speakers and field trips throughout the year.

Dixie Regional Medical Center is expanding and will have two new buildings by 2014. The building they call the 400 East campus, the old hospital, will become a mental health facility. Women and children will all be at the main hospital. They have hired a couple of neurosurgeons, one who is already onboard and specializes in complex spine surgery. Another will be coming by 2014 and his specialty is brain surgery. Administrators at the hospital report that during 2012, 250,000 procedures were accomplished at the main facility and 11,000 surgeries. As a non-profit hospital, they provided \$25 million in donated services and another \$25 million was written off from people who have the capability to pay, but simply won't.

Recently, Zion National Park personnel erected a wire fence and gate at Coal Pits Wash. The fence will allow people and horses to pass through, but not recreational vehicles. According to park personnel, riparian areas were being destroyed and health concerns were noted as well since there are no toilet facilities.

Zion National Park is developing maps that will be made available to the public about camping areas outside the park. With the annual overflow of campers, the maps will be helpful in pointing out campsites that are not on private land or public roads. Hopefully, this will benefit Rockville as campers in unauthorized areas pose a fire danger and health problem to Rockville.

Through the years that I have served as your Mayor, I have periodically scheduled town clean-up dates. Those who respond have labored to clean out the water ditches, cut down weeds along the sidewalk, clean the cemetery, trim branches over the sidewalk and many other tasks. That's a great service provided by volunteers. But sadly, it is almost always the same people who respond. In good conscience I cannot continue to ask the same people to do the work that should be a community effort. If you look at our streetscape, you will notice that much of our historic rock ditch network is filled with leaves.

The water season will soon begin and if you expect a full measure of your share, then the ditches must be clean for the water to follow. The north side ditch is primarily drainage, but with mud and leaves clogging it, the runoff from irrigation cannot make its way back to the river and often pools in the ditch; stagnating and smelling and making an

ideal breeding place for mosquitoes and who knows what else.

Bottom line is this, we must take responsibility for the section of ditches in front of our property and keep the ditches clean, especially during the watering season. We cannot expect a handful of volunteers to do our work. Each of us has to step up and pitch-in for our town. Maintaining our small town, rural atmosphere and life style comes with a responsibility on each of us and far too many are avoiding their responsibility to do their part. Let's keep Rockville beautiful together.

Always welcome your phone calls or email. Ph. 772-3144, email danaleen@infowest.com.

Town Council Updates



Megan Honer-Orton

E 9-1-1 Emergency Response—Rockville Addresses - Elaine and I have worked with the State of Utah and our local dispatch center to standardize addresses for our emergency response agencies. This is being done all over the state. The objective is to bring addresses into conformity with GPS standards so that emergency response times will be faster. The addresses in the main part of town are, for the most part not a problem except for a few which have house numbers which indicate they are on the other side of the street. Some of the houses that are located on the south mesa and out toward Grafton have addresses which make them hard to find. Increasingly, emergency responders are from areas outside our community and are not familiar with where people live. Dave Hans knows where we live, but he is not on duty 24/7 and the other ambulance personnel can be from anywhere in the region. For this reason, we have scheduled a public meeting on Wednesday, April 17 to review the addresses that are not consistent with GIS parameters. We will post a list of those addresses and the suggested changes to them prior to the meeting.

Changes of address are VOLUNTARY at this point. It may be that the state or county may request that they be mandatory at some future time, but that is not on the radar yet. The reason we recommend that addresses that need to change be done now is to avoid problems in the future with emergency responders not being able to find an address they have been called to. EMS responders will be using the suggested addresses soon. When they do, we surmise that utility providers will start using them and then package delivery services, and then various other entities. In order to avoid problems with these agencies we recommend that those affected change their addresses on Property records, estate documents, utilities, phone service, driver's licenses, P.O. Boxes and financial accounts. We realize that this is a pain to do, but better now than when there is a deadline to meet such as an ambulance call or estate matters that need to be settled.



PAM LEACH

Appreciation Breakfast - Come join us for Rockville's annual Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, March 2, 2013. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 10 a.m. Come enjoy a free breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee. In addition, help us show our appreciation for a few folks who help make Rockville the wonderful community it is. Look forward to seeing you there!

Rockville Cookbooks - If you haven't picked up your copy of the Rockville Cookbook, it's not too late. Copies can still be picked up from the Town Office. These cookbooks make excellent gifts, so while you are picking up one for yourself, buy a few for your family and friends.



JEFF BALLARD

It is hard to believe we are into the new year a month or so already. Just a few things I wanted to let you know about that has been going on for the last couple of months. You are probably aware of the new weight limitations put on the old green Bridge by the Utah Dept. of Transportation (UDOT). Recently changes were made from 25 ton down to 14 ton, which greatly restricts the use of the bridge by larger trucks. We received special permission from UDOT and Washington County to allow the garbage collection truck and others if they meet special axle requirements to cross. Those axle spacing requirements are available in the Town Office.

At the time of this letter, South Central Communications will be installing a fiber optics cable from Apple Valley to the cell tower on the South Mountain. All the cable will be underground until it reaches the Eagles Crags road and then it will go overhead to the top of the mesa. All the installation will be on existing road shoulders.

I would like to thank everyone that helped with holiday decorations of the bridge and community center. Mike Shannon, Scott Ashman, Gay and Shirley Ballard, Dan and Aleen McGuire and others that contributed if I missed anyone. Pam Leach and her crew decorated the interior of the cultural hall for the Christmas party and the atmosphere was great. The only problem was we didn't have a very good turn out to enjoy it. I would encourage folks to come out and attend these events. It only takes a little of your time and it is a way to get to know your neighbors.

It's getting that time of year when irrigation ditches will soon be back in action and I would encourage all of you that are able to get out and clean the leaves and debris out of the ditches in front of your property. If everyone would do a little it would help us all. Enough for now, Happy 2013!

FOR SALE: 1998 GMC alternative fuel diesel pick up 3/4 ton, with oil gathering equipment included. Asking \$6,000. Call Bob 668-8883.



2012 MOSQUITO ABATEMENT REPORT

Linda Behling

The Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District (SWMACD) has moved into a new facility in Washington City. Over the course of the year, they caught a total of 19,644 mosquitoes in Washington County that consisted of 17 species. The mosquitoes were tested in the lab for West Nile Virus (WNV) with the RT-PCR machine. There were 13 pools that tested positive for the WNV. They found one infected horse in Washington City and one human case in Santa Clara.

SWMACD set up traps from May to October in Rockville and did 21 weeks of trapping. During this time they caught a total of 106 mosquitoes that consisted of 7 species. None of the mosquitoes tested positive for WNV. However, there were five positive pools in Virgin.

The plan for 2013 is to continue the surveillance program and test for WNV, as well as look for larvae and treat with larvicides.

The manager for SWMACD is Mario Boisvert, Ph.D. If you have concerns, he can be reached at his office by calling 435-627-0076.

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES

to be voted on in the
Town of Rockville Municipal General Election
on
November 5, 2013

- Mayor – (4 year term)
and
- (2) Town Council Member – (4 year term)
and
- (1) Town Council Member – (2 year term)

Candidate Filing Period Begins Monday, June 3, 2013
Declaration of Candidacy Forms or Nomination Petition
must be filed in person with the
Town Clerk at 43 E. Main, Rockville, Utah between the
hours of 9 am and 4 pm Monday thru
Wednesday and 9 am and 4 pm Friday.
Candidate Filing Deadline Ends June 17, 2013
UCA 10-3-301.

Rockville is a vote-by-mail precinct.

Are you registered to vote in Rockville? You can register
in person at the Washington County Clerk's office, or
online at www.vote.utah.gov.

ROCKVILLE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2013

The Town of Rockville Planning Commission will meet on the following dates at the designated time and place for the remainder of the calendar year 2013 unless otherwise posted. The Planning Commission usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Rockville Community Center, 43 E. Main, Rockville, Utah. **There is no regular meeting scheduled for December.**

March 12	June 11	September 10
April 09	July 09	October 08
May 14	August 13	November 12

The Town of Rockville Town Council will meet on the following dates at the designated time and place for the remainder of the calendar year 2013 unless otherwise posted. The Town Council usually meets on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockville Community Center, 43 E. Main, Rockville, Utah.

March 13	June 12	September 11
April 10	July 10	October 09
May 15	August 14	November 13
		December 11

DOG LICENSES— PAST DUE

Dog licenses for 2013 were due December 31, 2012. If you need an application or several, contact the Town Clerk at 772-0992. Please remember that **PROOF OF AN UP-TO-DATE RABIES VACCINATION IS REQUIRED.**

WATER COMPANIES ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

The annual shareholders meeting for the Hall & Grafton Irrigation Co., Rockville Pipeline Co. and Rockville Ditch Co. will be held at the Rockville Meeting Hall on the evening of Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Please watch your mail for meeting times and details. If you are unable to attend any of the water company meetings of which you are a shareholder, please be sure to complete and return your Proxy form as soon as possible upon receipt so that we will have a majority of the shareholders represented at the meetings.

CLEANUP DUMPSTER SCHEDULE FOR 2013

February 15, May 17, August 23, November 22

ZION HALF MARATHON

The Zion Half Marathon will begin in Virgin at 7:00 a.m. on March 23, 2013 and will travel through Rockville, ending in Springdale. The race, which will follow the highway, will not block traffic and the runners should be off the road by 10:00 a.m. They are anticipating approximately 750 runners. The race promoters have asked that parking be limited along the highway during the race.



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