

# THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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## Notes from the Mayor

### Mayor Tracy Dutson

Welcome 2014! I want to thank you for electing me to be your Mayor; I will do my best to represent our Town and your goals and desires. Our community suffered a tragic loss at the end of 2013 with the rockslide which took the lives of our neighbors Maureen Morris and Jeff Elsey. Though Maureen and Jeff will be greatly missed, our Town pulled together and showed tremendous support and generosity during this difficult time. Once again reminding me why I am proud to call Rockville my home.

As the Town Council and I begin our service to the Town, we are pondering the goals that we believe might be beneficial to the residents, including the possibility of rehabilitating our historic bridge, continuing as a Tree City USA Town, painting the interior of the community hall, and other projects that maintain our rural character. I invite our residents to participate in our goal setting process. If you have suggestions for goals, please email me at [mayor@rockvilleutah.org](mailto:mayor@rockvilleutah.org) or leave them in the Town office and we will discuss them at upcoming Town Council meetings.

There is a brief update regarding our historic bridge. Jack Burns and Dick Kohler presented useful information at the January 15th Town Council meeting. There is a possibility that the Federal funding former Mayor McGuire and the Town Council secured can be used for the rehabilitation of the existing bridge. We will continue research on the rehabilitation option and provide updates as they become available. Please watch for bridge discussion on upcoming Town Council agendas and attend the meetings; your participation and input are welcome and encouraged.

As you know our Town operates on a small budget and we rely on our residents to volunteer for many functions that help to create the atmosphere we all enjoy. Please watch for volunteer opportunities notices which will be posted at the Town office, the Town email list, or better yet, I may come knocking on your door.

I look forward to hearing from all of you.

Tracy

## Town Council Updates



### PAM LEACH

#### ANNUAL APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Come one, come all, to Rockville's Annual Appreciation Breakfast! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 8th, 9 to 10:30 a.m. There will be eggs, sausage, hash browns, fruit, juice & coffee served from 9 to 10 a.m. with the award presentations following breakfast.

Join us for a free breakfast and show your appreciation for this year's honorees.



### MAX GREGORIC

Thank you for electing me to your Town Council; it is something of a wake-up call when the reality of representing the Town sinks in. My family and I chose to live in Rockville because of its proximity to Zion National Park and it's rural "historic feel", not to mention the incredibly nice folks that were already hunkered down here. As your representative I will constantly be on vigil so that the character of the Town will not be lost.

It is with great sorrow to see one of our town elders, David Hatfield, move on. I guess if I were to emulate anyone's governing style, it would be David's. I especially liked his healthy dose of humor he injected into any conversation.

While serving on the Town Council I will have an open document policy, any official correspondence I receive is available to anyone that asks. I'm still trying to figure out what medium I will use to post what I think are important relevant documents that I think you as citizens would like to see. I've already gotten gobs of drivel which doesn't seem worth posting, but like I said, all you have to do is ask and it's yours.

Of course, the biggest issue of the day is the bridge. My ardent belief is that the Town should do everything in its power to preserve this historic structure. There are bridges all over Europe that date back centuries that are still in use; I'm pretty sure we can keep this one going. In our January Council meeting it certainly appears that a solution was presented that will make the preservation a reality. A modern two-lane bridge would be nice from a transportation standpoint, but do we need it?

Some of you might have noticed that my preferred vehicle is a bicycle and promoting this method of transportation has been somewhat of a passion for me. It is my hope that in the near future the trail connection to Springdale can be completed, even if it has to be funded privately. I am also in favor of opening the Rockville Bench Trail to cyclists and haven't heard any really convincing arguments why the Town of Rockville should be opposed to this as they have been in the past. Outdoor recreational opportunities are vital to our physical and mental health and trail systems play a vital role in healthy communities.

Lastly, I have volunteered/been assigned to be the road coordinator, which was Jeff Ballard's position when he was on the Council. Since I have no idea what I'm doing, I will be relying on Jeff's good advice. From what I have seen, money is next to non-existent, so when you come up with some good road improvement ideas for the Town, remember to bring your checkbook.

My Town email is max@rockvilleutah.org.

The other training was more comprehensive in showing how best to deal with people who have several kinds of mental illness and are in crises. It is First Aid for mental illness. The method is the same and has the name ALGEE. ASSESS—for harm to themselves or others. Call 911 if the person seems likely to harm anyone and remove yourself to safety; LISTEN—non-judgmentally; GIVE—reassurance and information (if you have information). The telephone numbers above would be good ones; ENCOURAGE—appropriate professional help; ENCOURAGE—Self-help and other support strategies. Most of us are afraid of people with mental illness, but the great majority are not violent. The most difficult part of dealing with someone who has a mental illness is to take the time to listen. Most of us want to call for help and get away. Take some TIME.

SIDEWALKS — Just a reminder to check your sidewalks for gravel and obstruction of bushes and branches. There are still a few of us walking around town!



#### MEGAN HONER-ORTON

**DRILL TEAM** — The Rockville World Famous Award Winning Precision Drill Team will once again take to the road for the "Spring Celebration" otherwise known as the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The date has not been finalized yet, but looking at the calendar, I guess Saturday, March 15 at 2pm will be the chosen date for the event. Save the date and keep an eye out for the flyer at the Post Office. We hope you will join us for a Rockin' good time!!

**MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING** — I attended two trainings in January concerning mental health and illness. The first was for suicide prevention. There are three simple steps to attempt to prevent someone from committing suicide. 1. First, Question. ASK THE QUESTION, "Are you considering taking your life?" If the answer is yes, 2. PERSUADE the person to get help or wait until help can be arranged 3. REFER the person to help—the emergency room or a therapist, if you know of one.

These are the numbers for the mental health offices in Washington, Iron and Kane Counties. The local numbers are active from 9am-5pm only because the mental health resources in our area are so limited. Write them down. Carry them with you. They could help save a life. If I had know this last year, one of our residents might still be with us.

Washington County 435-634-5600  
Iron County 435-867-7654  
Kane County 435-644-4520  
1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)

#### ROCKVILLE/SPRINGDALE FIRE DISTRICT Burn Policy effective January 1, 2014

A burn permit must be approved by the fire chief, fire marshal or a fire officer of the district before burning is started. A permit can be issued in writing or verbally at the discretion of the fire authority. A burn permit can be revoked at anytime by the fire official for unsafe behavior, such as not following the stipulations of the permit, out of control fire, endangering life or property. A permit may be revoked on the grounds of unsafe weather conditions, such as wind, high temperatures, low relative humidity or any other condition that the fire official deems unsafe. A permit may be revoked if the fire is deemed to be a nuisance to the public.

Only vegetation is to be burned. No burning of building materials, paper products, plastics, or any other materials that produce toxic smoke.

Piles of vegetation must be kept a size that is manageable for the resources on hand. A substantial water supply must be on hand and ready to use.

There will be no burning allowed after dark.

The fire must be attended at all times. The person obtaining the permit or another qualified person must be present while burning is being done. The fire must be completely extinguished before the burning area is left unattended.

The person obtaining the permit will be held responsible for suppression costs as well as any other criminal or civil charges that may be deemed appropriate.

Please be advised that if the winds exceed 5 mph, the fire must be extinguished immediately. The weather

conditions used in obtaining this information can be found @ [www.weather.gov/forecastmaps](http://www.weather.gov/forecastmaps) and entering in your city or Zip code in the upper most left box. No burning will be allowed if the National Weather Service is predicting winds above 5 mph.

To obtain a permit on the day you intend to burn, please contact Interim Chief Joe Barker @ 435-680-9193. You are welcome to send an email request to [rsfpdchief@infowest.com](mailto:rsfpdchief@infowest.com). Please be advised that you must allow 24—48 hours if requesting via email. If you are unable to reach anyone by phone please leave a message with the following information prior to burning:

- Date and Time of proposed burning activity
- Your name and address

We appreciate your cooperation.

**HALL & GRAFTON IRRIGATION CO. &  
ROCKVILLE PIPELINE CO.  
ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER MEETINGS**

The annual shareholder meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 5th, in the Rockville Main Hall as follows:

- Hall & Grafton Irrigation Co. at 6:00 p.m.
- Rockville Pipeline Co. at 6:30 p.m.

Please be sure to return your proxy nominations if you are unable to attend the meeting.

**ROCKVILLE PIPELINE COMPANY  
Annual Shareholders Meeting**

Proposed date: March 5, 2014 at 6:30pm  
(following the Grafton-Hall Ditch Company meeting)

**Tentative Agenda items**  
(finalized agenda will be sent prior to the meeting)

1. Approval of last year's minutes
2. Water use report
3. System Report
4. Financial Statement
5. Radium 228 Notice of Violation
6. Water Fee review and possible increase

**Drinking water system and hydrant flush  
proposed on or about March 28th**

**NOTICE OF INCREASE FOR  
SOLID WASTE PICKUP**

Effective January 1, 2014 the charge for monthly service of solid waste pickup in the Town of Rockville will be increased from \$11.30/mo. to \$11.60/mo. This increase reflects an increase of \$0.25 by the Washington County Special Service District and \$0.05 increase for administrative costs.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM  
THE ROCKVILLE DITCH COMPANY**

The Rockville Town Ditch Company annual shareholder meeting was held on January 16, 2014. There were 22 shareholders present and 143 valid proxies were received for a total of 251 shares represented.

Minutes and the financial report from last year's meeting were read and approved.

Steve Cox and Tracy Dutton were reelected to the Board of Directors by acclamation and approved.

The most important issue for discussion and the reason for this article to be included in the Town's Newsletter dealt with water abusers and what could be done to heighten awareness of the severity of the problems created.

Of the 245 shareholder votes, 245 voted aye to give the board the authority to levy a penalty against those who abuse the privilege of water use.

What is a water abuser?

Those who fail to open or close the appropriate valve or gate when their turn is completed.

Those who use more than their turn allows.

Those who leave the valve just slightly open to maintain a little flow and thus rob their neighbor of his or her full amount.

Those who fail to make arrangements to control their valve or gate when they will be away during their turn. Often this results in wasting water that runs onto the highway and creates a hazard. Not to mention that the next users may not get a turn.

If you fail to take your turn at the prescribed time, then you lose your turn; if the water is not in the ditch for some reason during your turn, then you lose your turn. To try and make up a turn on someone else's turn is being a water abuser.

The problem is serious and we all need to work to eliminate water abuse; you can do your part by being watchful and knowing who is using the water before and after you. Maintain water discipline and everyone will be treated fairly.

If you elect to be a water abuser because it suits your purpose, then know this:

For the first violation, you will be issued a warning from the Board of Directors.

For the second violation and any subsequent violations, you will be assessed a \$100.00 fine by the Board of Directors.

Failure to pay any fines within the prescribed period, that will be made clear, portions of your shares may be sold to settle the fine.

No one needs to be a water abuser. If you are a non-resident property owner and have renters on your property, make certain that they know about ditch water procedures. The fines will be levied against the owner of the shares. Ownership from afar does not relieve you of the responsibilities that you have to be a good water user. Please inform your renters and have them direct questions to a member of the Board of Directors.

If you don't know who is on the Board, it's time to find out who these people are that labor without pay in order to provide the water that you need to maintain your landscape and gardens.

Submitted by Dan McGuire, Secretary  
danaleen@infowest.com

#### NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK



We want to thank those who signed up to receive the Rockville Globe electronically. If you missed the opportunity to sign up and are interested in receiving the Globe electronically, it is not too late. You can contact either Elaine or Vicki in the Town Office to be added to the email list. You can also email your name and email address to Elaine at [rockville@rockvilleutah.org](mailto:rockville@rockvilleutah.org).

#### DOG LICENSES DUE

Dog licenses for 2014 were due December 31, 2013. An application is enclosed and if you need more than the one application, contact the Town Clerk at 772-0992. Please remember that **PROOF OF AN UP-TO-DATE RABIES VACCINATION IS REQUIRED.**

#### ROCKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014

The Rockville Town Council will meet on the following dates at the designated time and place for the remainder of the calendar year 2014 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. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO A THURSDAY.**

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

#### TOWN OF ROCKVILLE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there is a vacancy on the Rockville/Springdale Fire Protection District Board for the remainder of a four-year term, which is to be filled by appointment of the Rockville Town Council. The term expires December 31, 2016. The applicant must be a resident and registered voter of the Town of Rockville and shall not be a paid or volunteer employee of the District. Applications to be considered for this appointment must be made in writing showing physical and mailing address and phone number of applicant and be addressed to: Town of Rockville, PO Box 630206, Rockville, UT 84763 or delivered to the Town of Rockville Office, 43 E. Main, during regular business hours – Mon. thru Wed., 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Thur. 9:00 am-1:00 pm, excluding holidays. Applications will be taken through Wednesday, March 26, 2014 until 4:00 p.m.

If there are any questions, please contact the Rockville Town Clerk, Elaine Harris, at 772-0992.

#### REPAIRS/NEW GARBAGE TOTER

Please call (435) 673-2813 for all requests for repairs/new garbage toters.

#### CLEANUP DUMPSTER SCHEDULE FOR 2014

February 21, May 23, August 29 and November 21

Rockville Cookbooks - Copies are still available 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.

#### ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2014

The Rockville Planning Commission will meet on the following dates at the designated time and place for the remainder of the calendar year 2014 unless otherwise posted. The Planning Commission usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockville Community Center, 43 E Main, Rockville, Utah. **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE FOR NOVEMBER HAS BEEN CHANGED TO A WEDNESDAY AND THERE IS NO SCHEDULED MEETING IN DECEMBER.**

March 11	June 10	September 09
April 08	July 08	October 14
May 13	August 12	November 12
<b>Dec. No meeting</b>		



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