

# THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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## Notes from the Mayor

### MAYOR TRACY DUTSON

Greetings,

I would like to thank Megan Honer-Orton, Terry Bell and Steve Cox for participating in the recent election for the two open Rockville Town Council seats. I congratulate Megan and Terry on capturing the Town Council seats and look forward to serving with them moving forward.

It is hard to imagine that the holiday season is upon us. As we move into the cold winter months, please be sure to check on your friends, neighbors and pets in order to keep everyone safe.

All the best, Tracy

## Town Council Updates



### PAM LEACH

#### CHRISTMAS IN ROCKVILLE

Santa is warming up his sleigh to begin his rounds of Christmas parties. He will be paying a visit to the Rockville Recreation Hall on Saturday, December 5th, at 6 p.m. So bring the kids with their Christmas wish lists (adults too :-)) and something sweet to eat to share. Warm up those caroling voices and join in singing in the Holiday Season.

See you there!

#### CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATORS!

Looking for Santa's helpers to decorate the Rockville Community Center for Christmas.

Decorate Exterior of Community Center Buildings -  
Meet Shirley & Jeff Ballard on Monday, November 30th at 10 a.m. to begin decorating.

Thank you!



## MEGAN HONER-ORTON

### Household Batteries

We can save a lot of money and the environment by recharging our household batteries. When an item has two or more batteries, and it stops working, maybe only one of the batteries is bad. A \$3.00 battery tester can tell you which one is not putting out the power it is supposed to. The others are often still good or can be recharged. I have two chargers, one takes alkaline and Ni-cad batteries. The other one takes nickel metal hydrides. There are so many different varieties of lithium batteries that there isn't one charger that will work for all of them. One of the chargers I have is 19 years old and is getting tired. What I would like is one that will handle alkaline, Ni-cad, and NmH in AAA, AA, C, D, and 9 volt sizes. If you find one, please let me know. I haven't yet.

### Batteries at the Community Center

Recently someone put a plastic bowlful of household batteries in the bookcase next to the small box of batteries we have recharged. Will that person call me and let me know if these batteries are spent or recharged? Alkaline batteries are no longer able to be recycled at Batteries Plus. They are just thrown away now in the regular trash (yuckkkk!). Batteries Plus will only take rechargeable batteries. I have been taking the rechargeables to them and also recharging the alkalines that will take a charge. The recharged batteries are free in the small boxes on the bookcase in the entry. For spent batteries, there is a drawer under the counter in the entryway to the Town Office/Post Office. Please let me know if you feel recharged batteries is a useful service and if you use it. Thank you for returning me to the Council to serve another term. I am honored.

Best Wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.





**NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

**NOTICE**

There are two positions on the Rockville Planning Commission that need to be filled for alternate members.

Candidates for appointment as an alternate to the Planning Commission should:

Have a genuine interest in the community and be dedicated to preserving the unique quality of life and ambiance of the Town.

Be committed to successful planning and be willing and able to commit the time and effort involved in studying and evaluating the issues that come before the Planning Commission.

Be individuals of personal and professional integrity who are dedicated to upholding Federal and State statutes, the General Plan and the Land Use Code.

An alternate member of the Planning Commission will be expected to sit on the Planning Commission during a meeting in the absence of a regular member of the Commission. In order to be prepared to do so, the alternate member will be expected to:

- Review all materials provided for Planning Commission meetings.
- Attend all Planning Commission meetings.

Written applications to be considered for this vacancy will be accepted by the Town Clerk no later than 4:00 pm, December 31, 2015. Letters should include a statement of why you would like to serve on the Planning Commission. This will enable the Town Council to review the requests prior to their regular meeting on January 13, 2016 where the Council will review the applications and appoint alternate Commissioners. Requests may be sent to the Town of Rockville, PO Box 630206, Rockville, Utah 84763, emailed as a PDF file to rockville@rockvilleutah.org, or delivered to the Town Office at 43 E. Main during office hours. Requests must include the NAME, PHYSICAL AND MAILING ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER of the applicant. Rockville Planning Commission members must be residents of the Town of Rockville.

Besides having an interest in preserving our General Plan, Commission members should be willing to attend training when offered.

The General Plan, Land Use Code, and Planning & Zoning Administration manual may be checked out for your review from the Town Clerk. Office hours are Monday thru Wednesday, 9 am to 4 pm; Thursday, 9 am to 1 pm and closed on Friday. Phone – 772-0992.

**OFFICIAL RESULTS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF ROCKVILLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
OF NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

Two Council Members  
Four-year terms

\*Van Terry Bell – 68

\*Megan Honer-Orton – 66

Write-in Steven W Cox – 29

\*Highest Number of Votes Cast

Total number of ballots cast – 100

Rockville Voter Return – 58%

**Thank you to those who are willing to  
serve Rockville!**

**PARK RESTROOMS**

Please be advised that the Rockville Park restrooms will be winterized and locked for the winter. This is being planned for the end of November unless the weather turns cold sooner.

**UPCOMING VACANCIES ON THE  
ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION**

There are two, three-year terms on the Rockville Planning Commission held by Robert Ford and Sharon Hatfield that expire December 31, 2015.

If you have an interest in serving on Rockville's Planning Commission, submit a letter of interest containing a statement of why you would like to serve and relevant experience to the Town Clerk no later than 1:00 pm December 31, 2015. This will enable the Town Council to review the request prior to their regular meeting on January 13, 2016. A letter of interest may be sent to the Town of Rockville, PO Box 630206, Rockville, UT 84763 or delivered to the office during regular business hours. The letter must include the NAME, PHYSICAL AND MAILING ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBER of the applicant. Rockville Planning Commission members must be residents of the Town of Rockville.

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## Update on Rockville's Historic Bridge

As you know, Rockville has a grant in place from the Joint Highway Commission (JHC) to remove and replace our historic bridge with a new two-lane concrete deck bridge. It was originally believed that the funding was to build a new bridge NEXT TO our historic bridge. Unfortunately, that is not the case.

Because of the strong support from residents to preserve our historic bridge (74% as shown in the most recent survey), and belief that certain protocols were not followed and the historic nature of the bridge had not been properly addressed by the JHC when the funding was granted, the Town contacted the JHC to see if the grant funds could be reallocated for use to complete a full rehabilitation of the historic bridge.

In March & April of this year, the Town received a series of emails from members of the JHC and its Non-Urban Sub-Committee indicating they didn't care how we used the money, and would consider our request to reallocate the funds. They stated that if we could provide an engineering study that indicated "rehabilitation was a viable option in accordance with the objectives in the original application (30 year service life, 25 ton load limit, cost, etc.) that they would consider changing the project scope to Alternative 3 - Rehabilitation Option." They asked that the Town attend their next Non-Urban Sub-Committee meeting in September to present the results of the structural analysis. They also indicated that they would consider increasing the funding another \$200,000 to keep the existing bridge as a bike/pedestrian facility (Alternative #1 in the application).

The Town engaged Baker Engineering to perform the study based on these statements from the JHC and its Sub-Committee. The initial study indicated that the "Alternative 3 – Rehabilitation Option (30 year service life, 25 ton load limit, cost, etc.)" could be met.

Rockville's Mayor and A.J. Yates from Baker Engineering were in attendance via telephone-conference at the JHC Non-Urban Sub-Committee meeting held in early September and presented the results of the engineering study. It immediately became clear that they had changed their mind regarding allowing the Town to utilize the existing funding for a rehabilitation project. The following day, the Sub-Committee presented its decision and recommendation to the full JHC, who then voted unanimously to not allow the Town to utilize the funds for rehabilitation, but that the funding must remain for removal of our historic bridge and construction of a new modern two-lane bridge.

Needless to say, this decision was not what the Town had expected.

Since the JHC decision was received, the Mayor has been working with various agencies to determine what could be done to save our historic bridge.

The Mayor spoke with Elizabeth Giraud who is the Architectural Historian for UDOT. She indicated that removal of our historic bridge could have an "adverse impact" which is determined by the State Historical Preservation Officer (SHPO). UDOT has to engage SHPO during the environmental review phase which occurs prior to the design/engineering phase scheduled for next year. If an "adverse impact" was determined by SHPO, the Town could enter into an MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) and negotiate an acceptable outcome with the JHC. The MOA would need to be signed prior to moving forward with engineering.

The Mayor has been working with Washington County Commissioner Zachary Renstrom, who sits on the JHC, to reopen the dialogue with the JHC as it relates to the Town's desire to rehabilitate our historic bridge and their decision not to reallocate funds for rehabilitation.

The Mayor has also been working with Dana Meier from UDOT, who will be the project manager once the project scope is finalized. According to Dana, UDOT and JHC are not related in anyway. Dana has pointed out on several occasions that the JHC generally sides with the will of the Town and residents on such a project, which is not the case here. Dana and the Mayor have been looking to find an alternative location for the new bridge. At this point, any other possible locations would require obtaining Rights of Way (ROW) and/or purchasing land from private landowners in Rockville. In addition, other locations would require placing a future roadway on our Master Plan and adding it to the Corridor List for consideration in COG monies to cover roadway construction and ROW and land costs.

In the event that the Town cannot persuade the JHC to change their decision regarding the use of the existing funding, it is likely the Town Council will have to vote on whether or not to keep the funding for a new bridge, or find new funding for the rehabilitation of our historic bridge.

Efforts will continue to raise funds for maintenance and rehabilitation of our historic bridge.

The Town will keep you posted as further information becomes available.

**ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2015**

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**Dec. No meeting**

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December 9

**ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016**

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January 12	May 10	September 13
February 9	June 14	October 11
March 8	July 12	November 8
April 12	August 9	<b>Dec. No Meeting</b>

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January 13	May 11	September 14
February 10	June 15	October 12
March 9	July 13	November 9
April 13	August 10	December 14

**DOG LICENSES DUE**

Dog licenses for 2016 are due December 31, 2015. An application is enclosed and if you need more than the one application, contact the Town Clerk at 772-0992. Please remember that a copy of **PROOF OF AN UP-TO-DATE RABIES VACCINATION IS REQUIRED.**

**CLEANUP DUMPSTER SCHEDULE  
FOR 2016**

February 19	May 20
August 19	November 18

**WANT TO CONTACT YOUR TOWN OFFICIALS?**

You are welcome to contact your Town officials at the following email addresses:

**Rockville Town Council**

Mayor Tracy Dutson	mayor@rockvilleutah.org
Pam Leach	pam@rockvilleutah.org
Megan Honer-Orton	meg-n-bo@infowest.com
Mark Hartless	mark@rockvilleutah.org
V. Terry Bell	terry@rockvilleutah.org

**Rockville Planning Commission**

Sharon Hatfield	sharon@rockvilleutah.org
Karen Lodinger	karen@rockvilleutah.org
Linda Brinkley	linda@rockvilleutah.org
Bob Ford	bob@rockvilleutah.org
Jane Brennan	jane@rockvilleutah.org

Town Clerk, Elaine Harris	rockville@rockvilleutah.org
Deputy Town Clerk, Vicki Bell	vicki@rockvilleutah.org



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