

# THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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## Notes from the Mayor

### MAYOR PRO-TEM PAM LEACH

As many of you know by now, Mayor Tracy Dutson resigned as Mayor of Rockville effective January 31, 2016. His resignation was due to a required relocation for work. Tracy was saddened to resign, but felt it was in the best of interest of Rockville.

Tracy - " It has been difficult stepping away, but I simply cannot give the Town my focus right now. I do love this Town and will miss being here, though keeping the house will be reason enough to come back!" Yes, that's right - he and Robin will continue to be property owners here in Rockville.

On behalf of the Town of Rockville, I wish to extend our thanks and gratitude for his service and wish he and Robin the best wherever life leads them. Hopefully it will lead them back to Rockville as full-time residents in the future!

Best of luck!

### BRIDGE TOWN MEETING

The Town will be holding a meeting on Friday, February 26th at 6 p.m. in the Rockville Recreation Hall to give an update on the bridge project and provide an opportunity for questions and answers.

In addition, copies of the completed Bridge Rehabilitation Feasibility Study, prepared by Michael Baker International, are now available via email or hard copy from the Rockville Town Office. For an email copy, please contact the Town Clerk at 772-0992 and provide an email address. Hard copies can be obtained from the Town Office during regular business hours. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

- Pam Leach, Mayor Pro-Tem



## MEGAN HONER-ORTON

**Town Clerk**— Elaine Harris is a valuable employee of the town and deserves to be treated with respect. She often puts in long hours and extra time she is not reimbursed for. We all tend to assume that she knows everything about the Town, but not always. If she gives you the best information she can and refers you to someone else for more or more accurate information, she is doing her job. She should not have to endure insults and sarcasm. So please, ease up and let her know you appreciate how much she does on the front line and behind the scene for us all. And that goes for Vicki too!!

**Community Resilience**— We have a wonderful resilient community. What does that mean? It means we have people and resources that can carry us through a temporary emergency as well as a long term condition such as a drought. We help each other out and we look after one another. Please look around your neighborhood and see who is elderly, who may need some help, and who is renting. Get to know them. Borrow a cup of sugar, bake some cookies. If we stay anonymous to each other, we will lose our resilience, our sense of community.

**Community Emergency Response Team**- These are people in our town who can step in and help us in times of disasters and emergencies. They train at their own expense and learn first aid, search and evaluation of buildings, fighting fires, and setting up central gathering places for treating injuries. A new training will be held in St. George in March and April. If you would like to become part of the team, call me and I will put you in touch with the trainers. Megan 772-3393.

## Town Council Updates



### PAM LEACH

#### APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Please join us for the annual Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday, February 27th in the Rockville Recreation Hall. Breakfast is free to all attendees and will be served from 9-10a.m. with Appreciation Awards to follow. See you there!



### ZION HALF MARATHON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - MARCH 12TH

Raise money for the bridge project by volunteering! The Zion Half Marathon will donate several thousand dollars to the Rockville Bridge Project if we provide volunteers for their water stations and act as race marshals. Those who participated last year said the event "was a hoot". If you're willing to encourage the runners on the morning of March 12th, please contact Joyce Hartless at (435) 772-7802 or [JoyceHartless@gmail.com](mailto:JoyceHartless@gmail.com) to sign up.

**NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**



**Notice of Mid-Term Vacancy  
Rockville Mayor**

If you are interested in serving as the Mayor of Rockville for the remainder of the term expiring January 2018, you may submit a letter of interest to the Town Clerk before February 17, 2016.

The letter needs to verify that you have been a continuous resident of Rockville for the last 12 months, that you are registered to vote in Rockville, that you are mentally competent and that you are not a felon.

The letter should also indicate why you want to serve, why you are qualified, and what experience you have.

Rockville Town Council will make a decision and an appointment at a special meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 6:00 pm. in the Rockville Community Center – 43 E. Main

**ROCKVILLE CLEANUP DAYS  
February 19—February 21**

Washington County Solid Waste will provide rolloff dumpsters to assist Rockville residents in disposing of yard debris and other unused items that would normally go to the landfill, but do not necessarily fit into your residential garbage can.

The dumpsters will be located on Center Street from Friday afternoon thru Sunday evening.

This service is provided as a courtesy to the Town as an option to hauling items to the landfill for disposal. We encourage all Town residents to take advantage of this service.

Please **DO NOT** put the following in the dumpsters:  
\* Oil \* Batteries \* Paint \* Tires  
\* Concrete \* Dirt \* Asphalt  
\* Construction or building materials

Please **DO NOT** large items that YOU cannot put INTO the dumpster outside the dumpster for others to try to put inside.

The ends of the dumpsters are removable for large items—Please move all your trash to the front of the bins, and compact as much as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**REPAIRS/NEW GARBAGE TOTER**

Please call (435) 673-2813 for all requests for repairs/new garbage toters. There is no charge.

**VACCINATION CLINIC**



The Town of Springdale and Zion Animal Lovers will sponsor a vaccination clinic on March 5th from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon at the Springdale Town Hall Parking Lot, 118 Lion Blvd., Springdale. This is great opportunity to get your animals vaccinated with the resources coming close to your home. Also, you will save the cost of an office visit. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall or Chief Brecke at 772-3434, or Luci Francis at Zion Animal Lovers 949-370-7280.

Cash or Credit Card Only.  
Please keep all animals leashed at all times.

**NOTICE**

The Rockville Town Ditch Company will host another walk through of the ditch system. Everyone is invited to participate and to learn about how the water gets through the system to your property. Scheduled for April 23, 2016 starting at 10 a.m. from the Rockville Community Center. Participants will then drive to the water diversion point and begin the tour from there.

Steve Cox will be the host and have support from board members. Pass the word, this is a fun and instructional event that you don't want to miss.

**DOG LICENSES PAST DUE**

Dog licenses for 2016 were due December 31, 2015. An application can be picked up at the Town Office. 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

**PARK RESTROOMS**

Please be advised that the Rockville Park restrooms have been winterized and locked for the winter. They will be opened as soon as the weather turns warmer.

## OPEN LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS OF ROCKVILLE

Submitted by Dan McGuire and Jeff Ballard

This is being written in response to a recent edition of the Rockville Newsletter that provided an update on Rockville's Historic Bridge. We take exception to the first two paragraphs which state: *"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 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.*

We were the principles involved in securing the grant from the JHC and it was done with the full support of the Rockville Town Council. The facts are that we never agreed to have our bridge taken down and replaced when meeting with the JHC.

How we learned of this funding source, developed the proposal and presented the proposal is history. All the other principals from UDOT, the JHC, Baker Engineering, local landowners, the County Council of Governments, Five County Association of Governments as well as our own Town Council have been part of the discussion before the proposal was developed and have been part of the discussions since the grant was made available. At no time did we ever agree to the notion that our bridge would be torn down and replaced. UDOT reps can testify to that fact. Yet that thought persists and has been part of every discussion in Rockville.

We feel strongly that the first two paragraphs of the Town Newsletter that is printed in italics at the beginning of this letter disparages us and implies that we had prior knowledge that our bridge would be taken down and replaced with a "concrete deck" bridge. We believe the intent of the article to be sincere, but lacking in facts. Unfortunately, we were never given the opportunity to discuss the situation with Town Council before the letter was published in the Newsletter.

We had dedicated many years of service to Rockville and it took only this one letter to strip away our integrity for our years of elected service. Much has been accomplished as a Town during our tenure, but we are left with a feeling that we somehow betrayed our community. — Jeff and Dan

### APOLOGY

In response to the letter above from Dan McGuire and Jeff Ballard, I wish to extend a sincere apology. The article in no way was intended to disparage Dan or Jeff and their role in obtaining the grant for the bridge project or imply their prior knowledge of the Joint Highway Committee's plan to replace our historic bridge. I agree that Dan and Jeff, along with the other Council members never advocated or approved the removal of our historic bridge. I can only ask that they accept my apology, and assure the readers of the Globe that their integrity is intact, and to remember the years of service they have both given to the Town of Rockville and its residents. — Pam Leach, Mayor Pro-Tem

### SPRING TO DO LIST

- ☆ Clean Town Ditches in preparation for start of irrigation season.
- ☆ Rockville Clean Up Days — February 19—21\*
- ☆ Attend Town Bridge Meeting—February 26\*
- ☆ Attend Rockville Appreciation Breakfast—February 27\*
- ☆ Animal Vaccination Clinic—March 5\*
- ☆ Volunteer for the Zion Half Marathon—March 12\*
- ☆ Rockville Town Ditch Walk-Through—April 23\*

\* See the Newsletter for additional details.



**ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016**

The Rockville Planning Commission will meet on the following dates at the designated time and place for the remainder of the calendar year 2016 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 THERE IS NO SCHEDULED MEETING IN DECEMBER.**

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

**ROCKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016**

The Rockville Town Council will meet on the following dates at the designated time and place for the remainder of the calendar year 2016 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.

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

**WANT TO CONTACT YOUR TOWN OFFICIALS?**

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

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