

THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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Notes from the Mayor

MAYOR PAM LEACH

On April 21st the Non-Urban Technical Sub-Committee of the Joint Highway Committee met to hear the request of the Town to change the scope of work for funding a new bridge to the rehabilitation of our historic bridge. Due to the large number of people who attended the meeting, it was relocated to a larger room at the Dixie Convention Center. Opening the presentation for the Town was 9-year old Romy Thomas, a 4th grader at Springdale Elementary, and resident of Rockville who lives on Bridge Road. Romy had written a poem about the bridge as part of a writing contest sponsored by the Rockville Bridge Fundraising Committee and the Town of Rockville. Romy's poem began "People come from all around just to see this bridge in our Town" - a full copy of which is included in this newsletter. With amazing calm, and a clear voice, she read her poem to the seven-member committee and an audience of over 50 residents and friends of Rockville. The Committee Chair, Brian Bremner, commended Romy on her poem and told her that her teacher should be very proud of her.

After the presentation on behalf of the Town by the Mayor, the Chairman provided time for members of the audience to make comments for and against the Town's request. Then the Committee members each presented their opinions. Committee Member Dirk Clayton made a motion to approve our request with the stipulation that the Town provides a Transportation Plan to the Committee prior to work beginning on the bridge. Committee Member Mark Raymond seconded the motion asking for a "friendly" amendment—to add \$400,000 to the \$2.1 million allocated for rehabilitation. The vote was 6 to 1 in favor of the motion. Chairman Bremner gave credit to Romy Thomas for the additional \$400,000 funding.

On April 22nd, the Sub-Committee made their recommendation to the Joint Highway Committee who voted to approved the change to rehabilitation. The next required vote of approval will come from the Utah Transportation Commission at their meeting in June. We will post an update notices to our email list and at the Town Office as the project continues.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meetings and to Romy Thomas for her wonderful poem.

Pam Leach, Mayor

THE ROCKVILLE BRIDGE POEM

By Romy Thomas

4th Grade, Springdale Elementary, 2016

PEOPLE COME FROM ALL AROUND
JUST TO SEE THIS BRIDGE IN OUR TOWN
RAINY CANYONS, GOOD COMPANIONS,
COTTONWOOD TREES AND STINGING BEES

PEOPLE COME FROM ALL AROUND
JUST TO SEE THIS BRIDGE IN OUR TOWN
PRETTY TREES BLOSSOMS AND BLOOMS
EVEN SOMETIMES WILD MUSHROOMS
THE COLORED TREES, THE LEAVES AND WEEDS
AND EVEN PUMPKIN SEEDS

PEOPLE COME FROM ALL AROUND
JUST TO SEE THIS BRIDGE IN OUR TOWN
FLUFFY SNOW, ICY ROADS, OUR SNOWY BRIDGE
AND THE SNOW ON THE MOUNTAIN RIDGE
SUNNY SKIES AND BUTTERFLIES SAND BY THE RIVER
AND THE BRIDGE THAT'S A GIVER

PEOPLE COME FROM ALL AROUND
JUST TO SEE THIS BRIDGE IN OUR TOWN

SPRINGDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WRITING COMPETITION

The Town of Rockville would like to recognize the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Eccles Fund for Utah who provided the education and outreach grant which made the writing competition at the Springdale Elementary School possible. Our goal was to plant a seed in the children that would stimulate conversations with family members and neighbors about the bridge's history, personal memories, and its continuing value as an iconic community landmark and the last surviving Parker through truss bridge in the state. By the end of the project, the students taught us about the Green Bridge of their family's youth. It was a remarkable experience for which we are grateful to the school, the judges, the grant and everyone else who helped to make this project such a resounding success!

SPEED MONITOR

Please note that a temporary speed monitor has been placed on Bridge Road and Grafton Road in an effort to slow traffic to the posted speed limits. We ask that everyone travelling on these roads be aware and considerate of children, pedestrians, cyclists and horseback riders who also use these roads for exercise and enjoyment. These roads are narrow with many blind curves and hills, so please, slow down and share the road. THANK YOU!

ART FOR THE BRIDGE

June 1st – July 11th at the Springdale Canyon Community Center there will be an art exhibit to benefit the restoration of the Rockville Bridge. Please make plans to attend the artists’ reception Thursday, June 2nd, 6-8 pm and participate in a silent auction of art works exhibited. Contact Jodi McGregor at 435-467-4278 with any questions.

On June 10th, 7-9 pm, a reception and live auction of works by five local artists, Kate Starling, Royden Card, Lisa Huber, David Pettit and Lyman Whitaker, will be held in Rockville with live music and refreshments. Most of the works will feature the Historic Rockville Bridge or surrounding area. The artists have agreed to donate all proceeds from the evening to match grant funds for the bridge’s restoration. We hope you will join us at this community fundraiser and support the artists who have contributed to the effort. Contact Joyce Hartless at 435-772-7802 for further information and to reserve your ticket for a minimum contribution of \$35 per person.

**ROCKVILLE CLEANUP DAYS
May 20—May 22**

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** leave 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.



ZION ANIMAL LOVERS

Donations help to ensure that the lost and abandoned animals of our canyon communities are given the best care until they can be fostered, adopted, or relocated to long-term care, no-kill facilities. This includes vaccinations, spay and neutering, and other medical expenses that may arise during their stay. One hundred percent of your donation goes to the animals, as we are an all-volunteer organization. Donations can be sent to PO Box 214, Springdale, Utah 84767.

**BURN POLICY
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15
FOR
ROCKVILLE/SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT AREAS:**

ALL FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED

USE EXTREME CAUTION DURING GRINDING,
WELDING OR OTHER SPARK
PRODUCING ACTIVITIES

OPEN BURNING IS CLOSED UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 (subject to change)

CAMPFIRES IN IMPROVED CAMPGROUNDS,
RESIDENTIAL FIRE PITS AND OUTDOOR GRILLS
ARE PERMISSIBLE

REMEMBER, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY
FIRE YOU START

FOR QUESTIONS, CALL FIRE CHIEF
RYAN BALLARD @ 435-772-5818

REMINDER—DOG LICENSES ARE 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**

May 20 August 19 November 18

RECYCLE BINNIES ON CENTER STREET

Note that the glass recycling binnie has been removed. Please either place your glass in a recycle receptacle at another location or place it in your regular trash. Do not leave it at the binnie area for others to clean up.

ROCKVILLE'S BEAUTIFUL NIGHT SKY

Submitted by Jane Brennan, Planning Commission

Our town is only 150 miles away from one of the brightest spots on Earth. Las Vegas has been noted by satellite photos and astronauts as one of the brightest lit points in the world! The nightlife in Las Vegas doesn't end, but the night sky is non-existent.

Many of you may not know there is a relatively new chapter in the Town Planning Code, The Night Sky Ordinance. Keeping the night sky dark is a benefit to wildlife, star gazers, and all of us who enjoy the rural, quiet feel of our town. The National Park and the surrounding area towns offer a refuge from the bright glow of Las Vegas and even St. George. Residents were asked in a survey, and overwhelmingly indicated their desire for the Planning Commission to put a night sky ordinance in place. We still have our little sanctuary of dark sky. We truly have something worth protecting.

Keep in mind the Planning Code is fluid, and is constantly being modified and clarified. For instance, in 2012 when it was adopted, it wasn't as common to use the term "lumens" to measure brightness of light bulbs. Our code speaks of "wattage", which is the energy a light bulb produces. Newer LED lighting can be very bright but not use much wattage at all.

The entire Night Sky Ordinance (Rockville Town Planning Code Chapter 26) is available both online (rockvilleutah.org) and also in the town office. Here are a few of the most significant points to consider when both picking out new light fixtures and also to look around at your present outdoor lighting. These are currently required by the ordinance.

- Light fixtures cannot have a total wattage of more than 60 watts incandescent or 15 watts compact fluorescent. This translates to about 800 lumens. (I think an 800 lumen LED bulb seems exceptionally brighter than a typical 60 watt incandescent bulb, but that is what the Internet tells me.)
- Lighting should be used for safety, not just for decoration or to highlight architecture or landscaping. It will be kinder to the darkness and your neighbors if you remember to simply turn off your lights when you are finished in your yard, driveway, porch or patio.
- A "full cutoff" fixture is the best to use to preserve night sky. This type of fixture has an opaque top and the bulb can't be seen below the shade. Think of a cone or cylinder with the bulb completely covered and light only being emitted from the bottom and pointing downward. If that style of light isn't possible or preferred, a fixture with an opaque top and a semi-opaque side cover, so the light bulb is obscured, is acceptable. The light should shine downward, and only downward.
- Shield your lighting to prevent "light trespass" only your neighbor's property. If you are near a ridge line, cliff face or hillside, you may need additional shielding to prevent light trespass to the area below you, or to prevent the lighting of cliff faces.
- The town code includes reference to "holiday lights." It refers to a holiday lighting time limit of November 15th to January 15th. That is perfect for Christmas lights, but many of us would like to decorate with lights for other holidays, or use "fairy lights" or string lighting for safety instead of typical porch, driveway or yard lighting. Although these lights are small, they can be very bright. This portion of the code will no doubt need revision to include what is getting to be a common way to use small, low energy lighting. Until this is clarified, I would suggest to keep even your fairy lights under cover of eaves or other cover to reduce light pollution, and turn them off after your guests arrive or the BBQ is over and you go inside.

Light pollution is a real thing. Just as you wouldn't leave your trash on our roads or toss crud into our river, please remember to not pollute our precious night sky.

Volunteers Make A Difference

Last September, Larry McKown saw to it that the ditch in front of the Town Office and Post Office were cleaned; Eric Brantley assisted with removing the stove from the Bridge Road rental and replacing it with a used one the town had purchased. Also, last year Mark Hartless organized the shelving in the basement of the rec hall to enable more storage. Mark also did weed control in the Town Park the first part of April. Max and Julie Gregoric donated stain from the Sol Hardware Store and Mark Hartless and Terry and Vicki Bell spent several afternoons applying the stain to the Park's benches and they look fabulous!

If you would like to be on a call list to volunteer for upcoming projects, please contact the Town Office.



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Despite the showers, we had a great turnout for the Arbor Day Celebration on May 7th at the Town Park. Thank you to all for your participation and labor in sprucing up the Park trees! We all had the opportunity to learn proper pruning techniques and utilized them to beautify our Park! Thank you to all who brought the tasty goodies that were much appreciated after our hard labor.

A huge thank you to George Walsh, Certified Arborist, for volunteering his time to educate us on: maintaining tree health; what to be on the lookout for; proper pruning and felling techniques. George lives in Virgin and operates Eco Arbor (435-272-3516 or ecoarbor.ut@gmail.com). Also much appreciated was Justin Bell, who resides in Rockville, who loaned his truck to be used to haul the trimmings away. Justin is a Certified Arborist and operates Zion Arborist (435-703-5855 or zionarborist@gmail.com). Additionally, Professional Tree Service located in St. George loaned their stump grinder for use. Professional Tree Service can be contacted at (435) 586-0160.

George provided very useful contact information if you have questions about trees or pests that may be impacting your trees. Where can you go with questions? 1. Contact local arborists 2. Utah State University will do soil, tree, and plant sample analysis- <http://www.usual.usu.edu/> or phone (435) 797-2217. We will post contact information and resources for State agencies on the town website.

—Robin Smith

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.**

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| June 14 | September 13 |
| July 12 | October 11 |
| August 9 | November 8 |

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.

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| June 15 | September 14 |
| July 13 | October 12 |
| August 10 | November 9 |
| | 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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