

THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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Notes from the Mayor

MAYOR PAM LEACH

Fall has arrived with beautiful weather and my favorite colors! I look forward to this time of year as the heat of summer is gone, but it is still nice to be outside without all the winter clothing. The irrigation season has come to an end and now we are busy raking leaves and preparing gardens and homes for the cooler months ahead. The holiday season started with Rockville Daze and Halloween, and Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner.

Update on Happenings Around Rockville

Bridge Project – The Federal Aid Agreement has been completed and Rockville and UDOT are currently in negotiations with Lochner Engineering for the Design Phase of our Bridge Project. Lochner can provide a local project manager, a historical bridge expert and a strong environmental team. We look forward to working with them.

Efforts continue to raise the matching funds needed for this project. Grant applications are being prepared and donation requests are being sent. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the project both in time and money! Special thanks to Joyce Hartless, Kim Konikow, Larry McKown, Megan Honer-Orton, Jodi McGregor, Barry Sochat and Janet Hollis for their time and efforts on Rockville's behalf.

Road Repairs – We are currently analyzing repairs needed on Rockville's roadways. You may have seen Councilmember Mark Hartless around Town patching potholes and adding road base to support the edges of our paved roads and walkways. Mark has also just obtained an agreement to do crack sealing on our paved roads early next year. If you see Mark around town, please stop and say "Thanks". If you know of areas in need of attention, please let the office know and we will take a look.

Christmas Party – The annual Rockville Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 9th at 6 p.m. in the Recreation Hall. This year we will have the Square Pegs Chamber Orchestra and Sterling Tones Kids Orchestra providing musical entertainment along with Bob and Mary Cox leading us in our Christmas carols welcoming our special guest, Santa Claus! Bring a dessert to share, an ornament to hang on the tree and help sing in the Christmas season with family, friends and neighbors!

Best Wishes to all for a Happy Holiday Season!
Pam Leach, Mayor

Town Council Updates



TERRY BELL

Starting in January 2017 the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) will begin the first phase of the Rockville to Springdale widening and resurfacing project. Phase One will begin at mile marker 26.8 (at the west end of town) and end at mile marker 29.7 which is just shy of the entrance to the Majestic.

Phase One will be divided into two sections. The first section will begin at the east end of town and end at the Majestic. This part of the road will be widened with new shoulders on each side of the road. Once the widening is completed at the east end of town, the contractor will then begin at the west end of town and resurface the entire length of the road ending at the Majestic. Construction is set to begin in early Jan 2017 for the widening with the resurfacing tentatively set for the last two weeks in March 2017.

During the construction at least one lane of traffic will be kept open during working hours. During non-working hours one lane of unrestricted traffic will be maintained in each direction. The use of pilot cars will be used to shorten the length of road closures. The goal will be to keep lane closures to under 20 minutes throughout the duration of the project.

Although this project is being done during our slow time of year we know there will be some inconvenience. We would ask for everyone's patience and good cheer for the duration of the project. If you have any questions you can contact the town office. They will be able to help you get an answer to your questions.



MEGAN HONER-ORTON

Visitation Explosion in Zion National Park and Rockville

I attended the third in a series of meetings designed to address the effects of the unprecedented increases in tourism in ZNP and the communities in the canyon. There are representatives from many of the stakeholders such as ZNP, Springdale, Rockville, Virgin, UDOT, ZC3, BLM, Utah Office of Tourism, Utah Outdoor Recreation Association, Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau and hotels to name some of them. The goal is to assess the effects of the increases on traffic, transportation, recreation and

quality of life and to identify possible solutions to the problems that are obvious to everyone. Quarterly meetings are planned.

I also attended the open house of ZNP yesterday. What became clear to me as we were proposing things the park could do to manage the tremendous numbers of people who want to visit, is that reduction or distribution of visitors will probably result in increased impact to the surrounding communities. More camping, tours, ATV's and visitors to Grafton. If Rockville wants to be able to have a say in the managing of those who would be visiting Rockville sites, we need to look at the ordinances we already have in place and make sure they allow us the control we need to maintain the quality of life we want.

Community Emergency Response Team Training—As a result of the last newsletter, we have three people interested in training to become certified on our CERT team. We are planning a training for January, February or March. CERT teams assist in disaster or emergency situations where police and fire personnel could use extra help. We take training in preparedness, first aid, triage, fire suppression, building assessment, search and rescue, leveraging, psychology and infirmary setup. There are ways that people of varying abilities can help. We sure could use more people who can train to support our effort. Way back when, the team I trained with had members from Springdale and Virgin as well as Rockville. We need some new BLOOD!! heh, heh, heh! Please let your friends and family know if you think they may be able to help.

Sidewalks—You may have noticed Mark Hartless and a crew from Purgatory last week filling in areas next to the sidewalks that have washed out leaving the walks vulnerable to breaking. Please let Mark know you appreciate it. I'll go first. Thanks, Mark! If you have areas of sidewalk you know of that need work, please let me know so I can add it to my list. Thanks—Megan 772-3393



NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Vicki S. Bell

ROCKVILLE/SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT VACANCY

There is a vacancy on the Rockville/Springdale Fire Protection District Board. This is a four-year term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring on December 31, 2020, that is to be filled by appointment of the Rockville Town Council. 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 the applicant and be addressed to: Town of Rockville, PO Box 630206, Rockville, UT 84763 or delivered to the Rockville Town Office, 43 E. Main, during regular business hours – Mon. thru Fri., 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Applications will be taken through Monday, November 28, 2016 until 1:00 p.m.

UPCOMING VACANCY ON THE ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

There is a three-year term on the Rockville Planning Commission held by Karen Lodinger that will expire December 31, 2016.

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 30, 2016. This will enable the Town Council to review the requests prior to their regular meeting on January 11, 2017. 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.

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

The General Plan and Land Use Code may be checked out for your review from the Town Clerk or accessed at Rockville's website rockvilleutah.org.

REMINDER—DOG LICENSES ARE DUE

Dog licenses for 2017 are due December 31, 2016. 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 2017

Feb 24 May 19 Aug 18 Nov 17

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 dispose of.

**ROCKVILLE CLEANUP DAYS
November 18—November 20**

Washington County Solid Waste will provide roll-off 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.

DID YOU KNOW...



- ⇒ The BluCan Recycling Program collects an average of 400 tons of recycled material each month in Washington County.
- ⇒ The success of the BluCan Recycling Program could extend the life of the Washington County Landfill by decades saving money and natural resources.
- ⇒ You cannot put glass or Styrofoam in your BluCan container, it contaminates the contents.

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATORS

Looking for Santa's helpers to decorate the interior of the Rockville Community Center for Christmas. If you would like to help, contact Mayor Pam Leach at 772-2444.

We also need helpers to decorate the exterior of the buildings. Meet Jeff and Shirley Ballard at the Community Center on Monday, November 28 at 10 a.m.

THANK YOU!

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 colder.

Volunteers Make A Difference

We could not ask for more perfect fall weather. I hope that everyone has an opportunity to get out and enjoy the warm weather and fall colors. I, on behalf of the Town, want to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who have stepped up and helped out with some necessary chores around our Town.

Thanks to Dan McGuire for repair of the Town Clock. Thanks to Dillon Tomky for putting in additional time to make sure the Park looked good for Rockville Daze. Thanks to Jeff Ballard and Mark Hartless for volunteering to help supervise the Purgatory Crew in cleaning the irrigation ditches and shoring up the sidewalks to prevent the cement from cracking. Thanks to Mark Hartless and Terry Bell for putting a coat of stain on the cemetery kiosk. Thanks to Jeff Ballard for grading Grafton Road in preparation for the Butch Cassidy event. Thanks to Mark Hartless and Joe Motter for their hard work in preparing the shoulders on Grafton Road for future road maintenance. Thanks to Mark Hartless for forming and pouring cement to replace all the missing sections of sidewalk. Thank you to Bernie Harris for monitoring our roads and washes, especially during storms. Thanks to Daron Cook for volunteering to dig the post holes needed for the new message center. Also, a big thanks to Jim and Carol Harlan for allowing us to install the message center on their property. Thanks to all of you that volunteered to make Rockville Daze such a huge success this year – Megan Honer-Orton, Barry Sochat, Pam Leach, Jeff & Shirley Ballard, Gay Ballard, Ryan Ballard, Mike & VaNeta Shannon, Jane Brennan & Crissy Crismon, Sharon Hatfield, Lizette Byer & Lisa Benham and to everyone who pitched in to help with the cleanup. And last but not least, thanks to Terry Bell for all the odds and ends he gets roped into to helping me with sprinkling system repairs, repairing lights, repairing the fountain and the installation of a new message center on the corner of SR-9 and Dennett Lane. Thanks to anyone I may have missed.

Aside from our Town volunteers, we also want to send out thanks to the volunteers of the Rockville Town Ditch and the Hall & Grafton Ditch companies who worked very hard this year in keeping the irrigation water available for residents throughout the season. And thanks for everyone's patience as they endeavored to keep the water flowing.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at 772-0992 to let us know your availability.

REPAIRS/NEW GARBAGE TOTER

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

**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.**

December - No Meeting

**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.

December 14

HOW TO BE A GOOD ROCKVILLE NEIGHBOR

It is that time of year that everyone is preparing their homes for the winter months ahead. Whether you are a property owner, an absentee property owner or a renter, there are a few things that you can do to keep the neighborhoods looking good as you begin your fall cleanup.

For those living on SR-9, it is each home's responsibility, whether owner, absentee owner or renter, to clean all leaves and debris from the irrigation ditches in front of your homes. Keeping the ditches clean is imperative to prevent the culverts under neighbor's driveways from getting clogged and keep the water running smoothly.

If you have a sidewalk in front of your residence, we ask that you keep it clean from leaves and debris. We ask that you keep all trees and shrubbery cut back as to not impede those using the sidewalks. Keep all ground cover growing along the sidewalks from spreading over the sidewalk. Our sidewalks should be kept clear to where two residents can comfortably walk side-by-side.

If you are a dog owner who enjoys walking your dogs, please be cognizant of others property and clean up after your dog. If you are a horse owner who enjoys walking or riding your horse, please be cognizant of others property and those who enjoy walking, and clean up after your horse. There is nothing more unpleasant than having to step around dog droppings and horse manure.

We hope that everyone will make an effort to be a good Rockville neighbor and help keep our Town beautiful.



LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS. YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT!

Friday, December 9th at 6 p.m. in the Recreation Hall.

WANT TO CONTACT YOUR TOWN OFFICIALS?

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

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