

THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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Notes from the Mayor

MAYOR PAM LEACH

Happy Spring! As I write my notes, it is raining lightly and Rockville is looking very green! The Arbor Day/Dessert In The Park was scheduled for Saturday, May 13th and with the forecast for sunny weather, it should have been a good gathering. Thanks go out to ISA Certified Arborist George Walsh for providing pruning and tree trimming training and to everyone who lent their help in making our park beautiful!

The Town Meeting Hall will be getting new roofing the beginning of June. We request you take caution around the Community Buildings while this work is being conducted.

Bridge Restoration Update

The Bridge Restoration Project is moving forward. The Design Team has completed their Cultural Review and determined that the only historical feature within the restoration work area is the bridge. Initial biological review has indicated that restoration work cannot be conducted between the months of April and July due to potential bird nesting. The Environmental team will be working with the Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corp of Engineers to determine other requirements and restrictions for working within the river corridor. UDOT is providing a new load rating study to the Design Team engineers this month. This information will guide the engineers in the structural design work needed to bring the bridge to the required 25 ton load rating. The next Design Team meeting is scheduled for May 18th. We will share updates from that meeting with you via email. If you have not provided your email for updates, please contact Vicki in the Town office with this information.

The Plein Air art event conducted by our Bridge Fundraising Committee on April 27-29th was a tremendous success. The event raised \$12,860 for our Bridge Maintenance Fund. I hope you had the opportunity to observe artists working around town and took home one of their amazing pieces of art from the sale. Thirty-four pieces of art were sold! Thank you to the artists who shared their talent with our fundraising efforts for the bridge. See the full report on this event later in the newsletter.

We have received the State appropriation funds for the bridge! We received \$100,000 that completes our required matching funds. We are very

grateful for the Legislative support shown for our project.

I hope you enjoy all that Spring has to offer! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have thoughts or suggestions for the benefit of Rockville.

Town Council Updates



MEGAN HONER-ORTON

Rockville World Famous Award Winning Precision Drill Team

will take the field at the 4th of July Parade on...wait for it...the 4th of July!!! We hope that participation will be bigger than ever and welcome everyone who would like to march. Parade is usually at 9am, line up to rehearse and decorate the truck at 8am on Lion Blvd. On-the-ground marchers lead the parade.

Community Emergency Response Team

Anyone who would like to be trained as a lay volunteer in the event of an emergency or disaster event, please contact Megan at 772-3393. The training can come in very handy for all sorts of situations and takes two Saturdays and two evenings to complete. Trainings are offered from time to time as the trainers are available.

Sidewalks

Now that the weather is great for walking, please check your section of sidewalk to be sure it is gravel free and that two people can walk together without getting snagged in bushes, trees, tripped by hoses or other stuff on the sidewalks. We thank You!

UPDATED BURNING RESTRICTIONS

As of June 1, there will no longer be any open, agricultural burning allowed. Watch for a new schedule in the fall.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Fire Chief Ryan Ballard

FARMERS MARKET

There is a Farmers Market from May to October held on the lawn of the Bit & Spur Restaurant in Springdale. Different vendors sell a variety of seasonal produce, honey, bread, eggs, and meat; agricultural crafts such as soap and hand spun yarn; and limited arts and crafts.

WANTED: 25 customers in Rockville who would be interested in a higher speed wireless internet service. Prices would range from \$20/mo. for low volume users; \$40/mo. for 8-10 mb; \$49/mo. for 10-20 mb; \$80/mo. for those needing higher upload speed. The service provider needs at least 25 customers to make it viable to install the necessary equipment. **At this time we have 10 customers showing interest.** Please contact Vicki Bell at 772-0992 to express your interest.



NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Vicki S. Bell

SAVE THE DATES

May 19-21 Rockville Dumpsters on Center St.
 Jun 1-7 Municipal Election Filing Dates
 Jul 4 4th of July Parade
 Jul 24 Pioneer Day Celebration

ROCKVILLE CLEANUP DAYS

May 19—May 21

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.

CLEANUP DUMPSTER SCHEDULE FOR 2017

May 19 Aug 18 Nov 17

REPAIRS/NEW GARBAGE TOTES

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

THANK YOU ROCKVILLE VOLUNTEERS!!

February Appreciation Breakfast—Dan & Aleen McGuire, Kim Konikow, Megan Honer-Orton, Jeff & Shirley Ballard, Joyce Hartless, Mike Shannon, Vicki Bell, Sharon Hatfield, Barry Sochat and Mayor Pam Leach.

March SR-9 Highway Cleanup—Dan & Aleen McGuire, Sharon Hatfield, Shirley & Jeff Ballard, Gay Ballard, VaNeta Shannon, Julie Gregoric, Megan Honer-Orton, Vicki Bell and Pam Leach.

Our apologies for anyone we may have missed!

!! REMINDER !!

ROCKVILLE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Upcoming four-year seats that are available for the November 7, 2017 election: Mayor and two Council Members. Window for filings is June 1 - 7 during office hours. Call the Rockville Town Clerk at 772-0992 during office hours for more information.

ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION NAMES ROCKVILLE TREE CITY USA

Rockville, UT was named a 2016 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Rockville achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact on urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

About the Arbor Day Foundation: The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at arborday.org.

**ROCKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE
FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2017**

The Planning Commission and Town Council will meet on the following dates at the designated time and place for the remainder of the calendar year 2017 unless otherwise posted. The Planning Commission usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockville Town Hall, 43 E Main, Rockville, Utah. The Town Council usually meets on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockville Town Hall, 43 E. Main, Rockville, Utah.

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u>				<u>TOWN COUNCIL</u>			
Jun 13	Jul 11	Aug 8	Sep 12	Jun 14	Jul 12	Aug 9	Sep 13
Oct 10	Nov 14	Dec—No Meeting		Oct 11	Nov 15	Dec 13	

Rockville Smithsonian Butte National Back Country Byway

In their recent session, the Utah State Legislature passed Senate Bill 277, Highway General Obligation Bond for \$1billion. This Bill designates a portion of the funds to be used for highway projects for recreational hot spots. The wording of the Bill is as follows: (b) \$100,000,000 to be used by the Department of Transportation for transportation improvements as prioritized by the Transportation Commission for projects that:

- (i) have a significant economic development impact associated with recreation and tourism within the state; and
- (ii) address significant needs for congestion mitigation.

Applications for three projects have been submitted that will affect the Zion Canyon corridor –

1. St. George to Springdale Transit Line (Bus service) - \$9 million
2. Pave and improve Sheeps Bridge Road, SR-59 to SR-9 Virgin – \$3.2 million
3. Pave and improve Big Plains Road aka Smithsonian Butte National Back Country Byway (“Byway”), SR-59 to SR-9 Rockville – \$6.8 million.

Rockville’s Town Council signed Resolution No. 17-0412-01 supporting the St. George to Springdale Transit Line. Public bus service could help to relieve some of the traffic and parking issues for both visitors and local business employees.

Mayor Leach and Council Members Terry Bell and Mark Hartless met with Washington County Commissioners Zachary Renstrom and Dean Cox and Ron Whitehead, Washington County Director of Public Works, to discuss their application for improvements to the Byway. The application provides for paving the Byway from SR-59 through Rockville along Grafton Rd. and Bridge Rd. to SR-9. (See attached application.)

Concerns were expressed for this project in that it will direct potentially heavy traffic into Rockville through residential and agricultural areas, along narrow roads, across our single lane bridge and to an intersection with SR-9 that does not have space to provide for turn lanes to accommodate the additional traffic safely and effectively. This SR-9 connection concern was also expressed during our efforts to get approval to rehabilitate our historic bridge.

Your officials encouraged the Commissioners to include in this plan a new connector corridor from the junction of the Byway and Grafton Rd. to SR-9, with a new two-lane bridge crossing of the Virgin River. While the Commissioners acknowledged that would be best, they showed no intention of amending their application and indicated that this corridor would be Rockville’s responsibility.

Our concerns have also been provided in writing to local Transportation Commissioner Naghi Zeenati.

Traffic increases to this improved road would come from the following sources:

- BLM Gooseberry Mesa biking area – 2016 visitors numbered over 21,000. This could conceivably represent 54 vehicles per day (21,000 divided by 365 days).
- BLM is proposing to create 245 designated dispersed campsites along the Byway with fire rings, numbered signs and maps directing visitors to these sites. While these campsites would help with the problem of indiscriminant camping throughout Rockville and the surrounding areas, management of this area is a concern.
- Washington County has indicated that 4,000 vehicles travel SR-59 daily and that if 5% of these vehicles use the Byway it would relieve some of the congestion through Hurricane, LaVerkin and Virgin. This represents 200 more vehicles per day. In reality, if this becomes a paved road and navigation systems identify it as a shorter route to Zion National Park, this number would be much larger.
- The use of this beautiful scenic drive by visitors just sightseeing could explode once it is accessible to 2-wheel drive vehicles and shown on GPS and navigation programs.

The Utah Transportation Commission will be reviewing and making decisions on state wide applications for these funds sometime in the next 2-6 months. The exact date is yet to be announced. Currently comments can be made on the UDOT public forum site <https://www.udot.utah.gov/main/f?p=100:pg:0:::1:T,V:4696>, - Rockville encourages you to let your thoughts be known about the project application. Comments can also be sent to Transportation Commissioner Naghi Zeenati at nzeenati@utah.gov. Thank you for taking the time to consider and comment on this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Mayor Pam Leach at pam@rockvilleutah.org.

WANT TO CONTACT YOUR TOWN OFFICIALS?

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

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