



Notes from the Mayor

MAYOR PAM LEACH

A new year is underway and I wish to thank all of you who expressed your encouragement and support for my filling the position of Mayor of Rockville for the next four-year term. I will continue to support our Town Council and Planning Commission in their efforts to uphold our General Plan and Land Use Code. I welcome thoughts and suggestions from the residents and property owners in Rockville. My thanks also to Jeff Ballard and Barry Sochat for filling two positions on the Town Council, and Jane Brennan and Linda Brinkley for continuing on the Planning Commission.

Rockville is a special place. As visitation to the area and development throughout the County increases, we will continue to feel pressures from outside and inside our boundaries to make changes. As your Mayor, I will make every effort to control those impacts to our town.

Of significant importance to Rockville, in 2017 the Utah State Legislature authorized UDOT to spend \$100 million, known as "Recreation Hotspot Funding", on projects prioritized by the Transportation Commission that have a significant economic development impact associated with tourism, expanded recreation options, and to help alleviate congestion. The Transportation Commission has identified Zion Canyon/Washington County as one of the areas for project funding. Several projects have been submitted for our area. These have been reviewed and prioritized by a group of UDOT representatives and local elected officials. This group has listed, in priority order, the following projects for funding in the Zion Canyon/Washington County area. Please note projects number 1, 3 and 5, which would impact Rockville if approved:

- Big Plains Road Paving (Smithsonian Butte Road – SR-59 to SR-9 using Grafton and Bridge Roads to connect with SR-9)
- St. George to Springdale Bus Transit
- New connector corridor from Smithsonian Butte Road to SR-9 (in conjunction with project 1 above in place of using Grafton & Bridge Rds.)
- Sheep Bridge Road Paving
- Park-n-Ride at the west end of Rockville (near the UDOT borrow pit)

The Transportation Commission will make their final decision regarding project funding awards in April 2018. The Transportation Commission will be meeting in Springdale on March 15th and 16th. Please watch for agenda details and plan to attend these meetings and voice your opinion on these projects. If you have questions, please submit them to the office.

BRIDGE REHABILITATION REPORT

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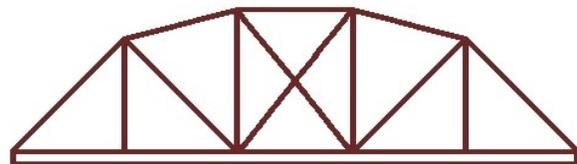


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The Bridge Project is moving forward, but slowly. A recent discovery that the concrete abutments may have been hindering normal temperature related expansion, required changes to engineering design plans. Fortunately, these changes did not cause significant increases to the cost estimates.

However, they did affect the schedule for review and advertising the project for bidding. It is now expected that the project design plans will be sent to UDOT to begin the review process by February 15 and posted to UDOT's website and the newspaper advertising for bid submissions sometime in late March. Because of this delay, we will be unable to meet the environmental window restricting construction of the bypass road through the river prior to April 1st, however, we can begin after July 31st. Of course, this also puts us in the monsoon season, which may delay construction of the bypass should we have a heavy monsoon season in July and August.

Our application for additional funding from the Community Impact Board (CIB), which would have been acted on at their February 1 meeting, has been placed on hold. This actually works well for us as we will have bids in and have hard costs to work with. We have requested to be placed on the CIB's June agenda for review and hopeful approval if additional funds are needed.

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Goings on around Rockville:

- Thanks to everyone who attended the Town Christmas Party!
 - Our Tree Board and residents, working with Justin Bell of Zion Arborist, have been working on trees around Town to improve safety and the health of our beautiful trees.
 - Plans are underway for our annual Appreciation Breakfast to be held on Saturday, March 3rd. Watch for notices and let me know if you would like to help set-up and serve.
 - The Saliva Sisters will be performing in Rockville on Saturday, March 10th as part of a Fund-raiser for resident Filly, who is dealing with the out-of-pocket expenses from cancer treatment. Watch for more information.
 - Annual Stockholder meetings for the Rockville Pipeline Co. and Hall & Grafton Irrigation Co. will be held on Wednesday, March 7th and for the Rockville Ditch Co. on Wednesday, March 14th. Watch for more information.
- Best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2018!

Town Council Updates

MEGAN HONER-ORTON



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM Training

CERT members respond to emergencies to help Police and Fire departments when needed. We are trained in disaster preparedness, first aid, fire suppression, light search and rescue, infirmary set up, disaster psychology. and applying these skills to a potential terrorism scenario.

CERT training was established after the Mexico City earthquake of 1985. After the quake, during discussions about what went right and what went wrong it was discovered that due to lack of training of citizens, many who were trying to rescue others were injured or killed themselves. The training addresses those issues that were identified as risks to those trying to help.

The training takes 24 hours of class and exercise activities. The usual class meets Tues evenings

(3 hours), Thurs evenings (3 hours) and Saturday (6 hours) for 2 weeks. Sometimes classes are offered on 2 weekends, 12 hours each. There may be a new class scheduled for March. Rockville is in need of several more people to train. If you would like to help our community face these challenges, please call Megan 772-3393.

SIDEWALKS

We have sidewalks so that our community is walker friendly. Two people should be able to walk together without tripping on hoses or creeping or overhanging plants, being snagged by bushes or tree limbs and not having to walk around cars parked on the sidewalk. If you have sidewalks in front of your home, please check to be sure they are clear of any obstruction so that people who like to walk will be safe.

BARRY SOCHAT

Preparing Fruit Trees for Spring

If you have fruit trees, better get the pruning done soon. Take a look for diseased limbs that might be fire-blighted and get ready for a dormant oil treatment to smother over wintering pests. Hoping for a bountiful harvest.

PLANNING CHAIR JANE BRENNAN

One of the things I love about Rockville is the beautiful night sky. Having lived in a place with light pollution for much of my life, it's a joy to be able to see the stars! Perhaps you have noticed the Town has placed "umbrellas" over the town lights which hang over the streets. According to dark-sky.org, much outdoor lighting used at night is inefficient, overly bright, poorly targeted, improperly shielded, and in many cases, completely unnecessary.



This light, and the electricity used to create it, is being wasted by spilling it into the sky, rather than focusing it on the actual objects and areas that people want illuminated. Rockville's Outdoor Lighting Land Use Code is Chapter 26 and it was last updated in 2012. Its intent is to protect the night sky by restricting light pollution. One exception to our Outdoor Lighting Land Use Code (Chapter 26) is Holiday Lighting, but only from November 15 to January 15th. So please turn holiday lights off.



NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Vicki S. Bell

Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

March 13 April 10 May 8

Town Council Meeting Schedule

March 14 April 11 May 9

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL?

If you would like to receive future newsletters by email, just provide your email address to Rockville@rockvilleutah.org. You will save the Town time, money and resources.

REMINDER—DOG LICENSES ARE PAST DUE!

Dog licenses for 2018 were due December 31, 2017. An application can be picked up at the Town Office. Please remember that **PROOF OF A CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION IS REQUIRED.**

REPAIRS/NEW GARBAGE TOTES

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

**The Dumpsters Are Coming!
February 23-25**

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.

POLICE CHIEF BRECKE

Greetings. I thought I would share some of the police department statistics for 2017. Officers issued 1348 citations including 1008 for speeding, 218 for improper passing, and 122 for miscellaneous violations. Parking Enforcement issued 938 citations.

The police made 227 arrests including:

- 86-Drugs
- 40-Alcohol/DUI
- 26-Assault/Domestic Violence
- 20-Warrants/Weapons Offenses
- 6-Burglary/Theft

Springdale officers investigated 2575 incidents including:

- 673-Citizen Assist
- 136-Alarms/911 Hang Ups
- 178-Suspicious Persons/Vehicle
- 146-Animal Problems
- 141-Traffic Incidents
- 114-Illegal Camping
- 105-Accidents
- 61-Fire/Medical
- 63-Lost/Found Property
- 79-Assault/Domestic Violence/Dispute
- 60-Theft/Fraud/Burglary
- 28-Vandalism
- 18-Missing Persons
- 5-Sex Offenses

The Springdale Police Department serves the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you witness any suspicious activity, or need to report a crime, please call the non-emergency Dispatch Center at (435)634-5730 or dial 911.

This will ensure the fastest police response.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Follow or "Like" us on Facebook for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/springdale.police/>

Saliva Sisters

Benefit Concert

for Filly Diaz Johnson



**Tickets
\$25**

Saturday, March 10th at 7:00 pm

Rockville Recreation Hall

43 East Main Street, Rockville

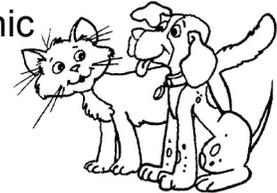
Available at <http://fillysfundraiser.eventbrite.com>

Appreciation Breakfast

Saturday, March 3rd, 9-10:30 am

The annual Rockville Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, 9-10:30 am in the Recreation Hall. If you know of someone you feel deserves acknowledgement of efforts made on behalf of the Town, or if you are interested in volunteering to help with breakfast preparation and serving, please let Vicki Bell in the Town Office know. Hope to see you all over a wonderful breakfast!

April 7th Springdale
Animal Vaccination
Clinic



Self-Help Homes is a nonprofit organization providing a sweat-equity home ownership program through the USDA that helps low- to middle-income families get into affordable homes of their own.

We have several lots available in LaVerkin and Toquerville and are getting another group of families together.

For more information, you can see our website: <http://www.selfhelphomes.org/> or email or call me.

Julie Applegate

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WANT TO CONTACT YOUR TOWN OFFICIALS?

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

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