

THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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Notes from the Mayor

MAYOR PAM LEACH

Much change is occurring in the canyon.

The local fire district is now under the management of the Hurricane Valley Fire District with reduced personnel. I would like to thank our former emergency personnel and Fire Chief. The canyon was a safer place when they were here. We wish them the best wherever the future takes them.

Visitation numbers are up again for Zion National Park. As of the end of March, there was an 11.62% increase over last year at this time. I would expect that this number will continue to rise as advertising campaigns from the State and County draw visitors to the beauty of the area.

Springdale has placed paid parking along SR-9 to the border of Rockville. Discussion has taken place regarding placing "NO Parking" signs along SR-9 leading into Rockville, but the thought of more signs along our beautiful canyon is not very appealing. I would ask that residents let the Town know if you have problems with visitors parking along SR-9 in Rockville and we will determine how best to deal with it.

A Petition for Disconnection has been filed with the Washington County District Court for parcels within the Town of Rockville. Now begins the long process of litigation. We are working with our attorneys to protect and preserve the lands contained within Rockville's boundaries. Thank you to those of you who attended the Public Hearings or wrote letters voicing your opinions on the Disconnection Applications made to the Town.

The Transportation Commission will be voting soon on which projects will receive Recreational Hot Spot Funding. The St. George to Springdale Bus Transit project seems to be gaining support. We will post the final results at the Town Offices and via email when determined.

BRIDGE REHABILITATION REPORT

The bridge rehabilitation project has moved into the bidding stage through UDOT. Currently, seven contractors have placed their names on the list as possible bidders. Bids will be opened on May 24th and the contract will be awarded a few days later. Work is scheduled to begin August 1st and completed in approximately five months.

Expectations by both UDOT and Lochner, our design contractor, are that our current funding will cover costs. However, we are still in a position to return to the Community Impact Board (CIB) in June to ask for additional funds if needed. We also have the matching grant from the George S. and Dolores Dore Eccles Foundation for a maximum of \$75,000.00 that can be added to any CIB funding.

Town Council Updates

M. HONER-ORTON

Community Emergency Response Team

In past years we have had an active CER team in Rockville, Springdale and Virgin whose function it is to provide help and assistance to residents, fire fighters and police in the event of an emergency that overwhelms our usual ability to respond. Over time team members have moved away and become unable to do the strenuous things that an emergency might require. Although there are ways that people of all abilities can be useful on CER teams, we need some younger stronger and dedicated people to add to our team. Towns usually provide the training costs of about \$40. The classes are given by volunteers from our local communities.

Training consists of Disaster preparedness, First Aid, Fire Suppression, earthquake procedures, assessing the condition of buildings, medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, team organization and a unit on terrorism. Training takes 20 hours of class and active practice. The schedule is usually 3 hours on Thursday evening, 6 hours the following Saturday, 3 hours the following Thursday evening, and 6 hours including exercise of the skills the next Saturday.

Even if we never have a disaster here, these skills can come in very handy with our own families especially if some of them have medical conditions that may need special handling. And it is always a good idea to be prepared for anything.

ROCKVILLE WORLD FAMOUS PRECISION AWARD-WINNING DRILL TEAM

will take the field on Wed July 4th! The team usually meets at 8:30am on Lion Blvd. to rehearse and decorate the truck. Parade usually starts at 9am. Times and location will be updated later. Watch for the flyer at the Post Office. Come and ROCK OUT!!

JEFF BALLARD

Hi everyone, spring has arrived, I think. Folks are planting gardens, watering and getting ready for the hot summer months. It has been a busy spring so far. The town had the Purgatory crew up in March and they were able to clean the small rock ditches on both sides of SR-9.

With Memorial Day fast approaching, I would encourage those with family members or any one for that matter, to do a little cleaning at the Cemetery. It would certainly be appreciated and make the area look better. The town will have a small dumpster at the cemetery this year to put old flowers and trash in, for Cemetery waste only.

It appears we are off to a busy traffic season again, probably more than last year. It is sad to see all the parking restrictions in Springdale, especially for Rockville residents. I grew up here and felt as though we were all one community here in the upper canyon area. But when greed takes over, you find out where you are in the scheme of things.

As you may know or may not, we have lost our local Fire and Ambulance service that we have had since the mid 80's. As of May 1st, the RSFPD is no longer. It has been replaced by the Hurricane Valley Fire District. The County Commissioners revoked our authority to govern ourselves in an early December Meeting. I served on the RSFD for over 25 years, serving as Chief for 10 years. During those years we were able to procure property, build a fire Station, acquire some nice fire apparatus. We also took over the ambulance service that Springdale was providing but no longer wanted. This story would take pages to tell, but the level of service and the personal touch is gone.

The current Chief and 26 other fire fighters, Emergency service providers and District secretary have all lost their jobs.

THANK YOU ROCKVILLE VOLUNTEERS!!

February Appreciation Breakfast—Mayor Pam Leach, M. Honer-Orton, Jeff & Shirley Ballard, Mike & Diane McBride, Linda Brinkley, Lori Sherbeck, Jane Brennan & Crissy Crismon, Mike Shannon, Barry Sochat, Robin Smith Greg Dennison and Vicki Bell helped with this year's breakfast.

Irrigation Ditch Cleaning—A HUGE Thank You to Jeff Ballard for overseeing the irrigation ditch cleaning this spring. Please keep the ditches clean.

BARRY SOCHAT

Spring has arrived and with it, comes all the garden activity. For those with fruit trees, I hope for a bountiful harvest. Fire blight has reappeared with rising temperatures and humidity, so keep a careful eye for rapid dieback and distinctive purple discoloration on shriveled bark. If you think you might have fire-blight on apple or pear trees, give a call. Barry [772-3441](tel:772-3441).

My thanks to Ryan and Jeff Ballard for the repairs on the Hall and Grafton Ditch. All shareholders of this company owe a debt of gratitude for the maintenance they have performed on our behalf. The Rockville & Grafton Fields will stay well watered thanks to their efforts.

Please be on the lookout for standing water that could breed Mosquitos. If you notice any Mosquito activity, please report it to me or the Southwest Mosquito District office, [435 627-0076](tel:435-627-0076). Thanks for your vigilance.



NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Vicki S. Bell

For those who are interested in reviewing Planning Commission or Town Council agenda documents, you can access the Utah Public Notice website where I am required to post all this information each and every meeting.

Website is publicnotice.utah.gov

Left side of screen – Click Cities

Center of screen – Click Rockville

Right side of screen– Click Planning Commission

Scroll down until you see the Planning Commission Meeting for April 24, 2018 and you can click on the attachments listed on the right.

If you have any problems, I will be glad to help.



DESSERT IN THE PARK

May 19th at 9am

Join us Saturday, May 19th to plant a tree & prune some trees & learn about tree maintenance from Zion Arborist Justin Bell.

Bring a sweet treat to share and enjoy getting to know your neighbors!

Children visiting the Town Park should not remove rocks from beds or swing from trees.

SAVE THE DATES

May 18-20 Rockville Dumpsters
May 19 Arbor Day Dessert in the Park
Jul 4 4th of July Parade
Jul 24 Pioneer Day Celebration

**ROCKVILLE CLEANUP DAYS
May 18—May 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.

**CLEANUP DUMPSTER SCHEDULE
FOR 2018**

May 18 Aug 17 Nov 16

REPAIRS/NEW GARBAGE TOTER

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



Whether you have a dog, a horse, or sheep, be a good neighbor and a responsible pet owner. Please clean up your pet's waste, even on your own property, but especially in shared public areas, like sidewalks, along side of town streets, and town

Jane Brennan, Planning Chair

It Runs Downhill

Yes, I'm talking about poop. It runs downhill and it runs down river. It is irrigation season again and with that comes the responsibility we have to the water we are "borrowing" from the river. If we allow animal feces, yard waste, bits of trash, or chemicals to wash across our properties and into the ditches, it ends up in the river. On the way to the river, this waste clogs ditches, litters sidewalks and causes our neighbors grief and concern over pollution.

Please do your best to clean up animal waste or route your irrigation away from your manure pile before you take your turn. The folks downhill, down river and the rest of the world, will appreciate it.

JOYCE HARTLESS

Bridge Fundraising Update

To date, over \$200,000 has been raised to restore the Rockville Bridge! Of that, \$100,000 was given to the Town through a state appropriation from the 2017 Legislative Session. \$40,000 of the money came from individual donors, and another \$40,000 is grant money from private organizations. Nearly \$20,000 was raised at the various fundraising events. And over \$7,000 has been collected in the change jars scattered around Springdale.

Thank you for giving! The design phase of the project estimated possible cost overruns. Now the construction bidding phase will show us our bottom line cost. However, the final cost is still a very big unknown, so we are still collecting donations.

LINDA BRINKLEY

Dear Friends and Neighbors!!!

The season has arrived with all the activity in the Canyon. It's time to think about the many things we can do to be a little safer here in Rockville.

Having your house number placed clearly in the front of your home can be a real plus for safety. After speaking with our fire chief, Ryan Ballard, I found a few tips that can help.

Numbers should be large (example: three inches). It helps if they are a contrasting color to the background. Make sure they are not obstructed by bushes, plants or other objects.

It's always been important for possible emergencies—Fire or Ambulance—but now our new set up for the fire department means we may have all first responders coming from out of town who do not know any of us or where we live. A small thing that could be very important. Ryan mentioned getting them on line, but Ace Hardware also has them, and they are very helpful.

P.S.—a huge thank you to Chief Ballard, our fire fighters, EMTs and support staff. We appreciate and will miss you!

WASHINGTON COUNTY INTERAGENCY BURN PERMIT MANAGEMENT

- ◆ In order to apply for a burn permit, you can either visit <https://washingtoncity.org/burn/permits.php> or you can call the Hurricane Valley Fire District (435) 635-9562.
- ◆ Spring Burn Season is March 1 through May 30th
- ◆ Fall Burn Season is September 15 through November 15
- ◆ BURN PERMITS are VALID for the SINGLE DAY they are submitted only. You must submit a new burn permit for EACH DAY you will be burning.
- ◆ By accepting a permit you will be responsible for any civil and/or criminal actions that may occur from losing control of your burning, including fire suppression costs!
- ◆ Burn permits are for basic yard clean up of weeds and trimmings. No trash, building materials or field burns are allowed.
- ◆ The burn must be in small piles and a water supply must be available at all times. Please do not leave the fire unattended at any time and if the wind comes up, you must extinguish it immediately.
- ◆ Fires must be out by sundown. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
- ◆ A burn permit must be submitted online for each day you plan to burn. Required fields must include your name, address/location of burn and at least one contact phone number or the permit is not valid.

CHIEF GARREN BRECKE: Among many calls for service this month, here's one incident the police responded to. Officers responded to an incident on Grafton Road where they discovered an intoxicated driver, who was traveling with a small child. Luckily no injuries were reported. The driver was arrested for DUI in the presence of a child, and the child was placed with family. If you witness suspicious activity or need to report a crime, please call the Dispatch Center at (435) 634-5730 or dial 911 for emergencies. Like us on Facebook and follow our updates at www.facebook.com/springdale.police. Thanks for your support!

ROCKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2018

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 2018 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 12	Jul 10	Aug 14	Sep 11	Jun 13	Jul 11	Aug 15	Sep 12
Oct 9	Nov 13	Dec—No Meeting		Oct 10	Nov 14	Dec 12	

WANT TO CONTACT YOUR TOWN OFFICIALS?

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

<u>Rockville Town Council</u>		<u>Rockville Planning Commission</u>	
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