

THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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Notes from the Mayor

MAYOR PAM LEACH

It has been a productive start to the year. Here are a few happenings around Rockville since our last newsletter:

- The bridge rehabilitation was completed and locals gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony and walked across the bridge on February 18th. A few days later the bridge was opened to vehicular traffic. In the two months that followed, the temporary bridge was removed, the area was hydro-seeded, willows were replanted along the river banks, additional running boards were added to the deck and the muddy mess created as a result of the wet winter, construction and equipment was cleaned up. Thanks go out to Barry Sochat, Terry and Vicki Bell for planting willows and Mike Brooks, Allen Lee and the Town of Springdale's roads crew for assisting with the cleanup!

- The annual Appreciation Breakfast brought a nice turnout of friends, family and neighbors. I was the surprised recipient of the Appreciation recognition and a gift certificate for a massage at the Flanigan's Inn Spa – thank you! I hope everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast!

- Rockville's World Famous Drill Team made a fine showing strutting its stuff in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you to everyone who participated!

- UDOT repaired the "Dennett Dip" across SR-9 the last week of April. The cause has still not been determined, but the area is being watched for any further sinking and repairs to the historic irrigation ditch along that area are being looked into.

- On April 26th, County Commissioner Gil Almquist, with a donation of blocks by Sunroc, and an assist from his workers, Jesse and James, volunteered their time and muscles to build the Town a new stairway down to the river by the northwest corner of the bridge. It is beautiful, and with a handrail to be added soon by the Town, will provide safe access to enjoy the river.

- On May 3rd, we celebrated the completion of the bridge restoration project by recognizing what was accomplished by this small community with the help of UDOT and Federal Highway funds, a State Legislative allocation, grants from the Eccles

MAYOR PAM LEACH (Continued)

Foundation, Simmons Foundation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and donations by residents and friends, and the hard work of the staff and officials of the Town of Rockville. We were also fortunate in our construction partners on this project, namely UDOT, H.W. Lochner Inc. and Wadsworth Brothers Construction. Thank you to everyone who played a part in this historic preservation project.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy late spring and early summer season!



Town Council Updates

M. HONER-ORTON

The World Famous Rockville Drill Team will march in the 4th of July parade. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this fun event!

Thank You to our loyal and enthusiastic Drill Team!! Pam, Elena, Pearl, Joyce, Donn, Nida, Bernadette, Jim, Carol, Kim, Lorie, Bob, and Megan. Gear up for 4th of July!!!

Dog Pooh

It seems that there are a few dog-parents who are not picking up after their pets. Not only in the park (where it is particularly yucky because children play in that grass too), but one or two are particularly fond of the sidewalk between the 2 Cranes Inn and the driveway of The Bunk House Inn. Really? How hard is it to bring along a pick-up bag for your pooches pooh?

M. HONER-ORTON (Continued)

Great Utah Shake-Out

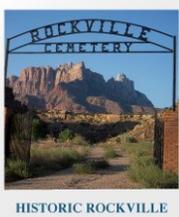
I hope many of you participated in the Great Utah Shake-Out on or around April 18th. It was a good reminder for me to check on my progress on our "GO" bags and look over our emergency supplies including for pets. In our area we need to prepare for not only earthquakes, but floods, wildfire, hazardous spills, and terroristic threats. We are a close community and I know we will help each other, but try to think about where you will go if the road is closed, what will you do if our water becomes contaminated, what if the power fails, what if there is no gas, WHAT IS YOUR PLAN? If you want more information, search for Great Utah Shake-Out and follow the links.

JEFF BALLARD

Summer will be on us very soon and folks are starting to get their gardens underway. It is a great time of the year: the flowers and all the beautiful foliage. Irrigation has gotten off to a rocky start. We started off with a 56 foot plug of sand and gravel in our main line at the head. Thanks to Ash Creek Special Service District and their Jet truck, we were able to blow a small hole in the plug and flush it out. With the very high water flows in the River, we continue to struggle with huge amounts of sand, requiring the pipe to be flushed 4 times during the day. This results to unscheduled down time in the system, so be patient. Hopefully the wet spring will continue.



Rockville will be having the Purgatory crew cleaning the cemetery on the 21st of May. The Cemetery has a very healthy growth of weeds this year which will require a lot of work to clean it up. We still have an abundant amount of leaves in the ditches especially on the North side of SR-9. Anyone willing to clean those up would help out a lot.



The chip seal project that I spoke about in the February newsletter has been delayed due to the fact that Washington county is unable to assist us in completing the work. So we will not only have to go out to contract for the work to be done, and also go back to the Community Impact Board for more funding. This project will include asphalt patching through out the town.

JEFF BALLARD (Continued)

The Town was able to get the old Gallion road grader repaired and I was able to grade the Eagle Crags Road as well as the Grafton Road. We are contracting with Allen Lee to grade the South Mountain road towards Hwy 59. Also he will help us out on the Eagle Crags Road as needed. I have contacted him and its on his schedule.

BARRY SOCHAT

One of the unique features about living in Rockville is the spirit of Volunteerism. Residents have been willing to forego many of the local government services and opt for a DIY option instead. From patching potholes, (thanks to Jeff and Shirley) picking up trash on the roadways, fixing a broken street sign, planting and pruning the park trees, making and serving food in the town sponsored gatherings and setting up and putting away chairs and tables for same, as well as decorating the town buildings and bridge for Christmas. Residents pitch in and help their neighbors and their town. In a sense, this is very basic form of town hall democracy.



The newest group of volunteers gathered on the Rockville Bridge with brooms and dustpans to sweep clean the bridge prior to the Easter Weekend. There is a sense of civic pride that comes from participating in the towns basic functions. Thanks to all who attended to cleaning the deck.

Increased attendance at our Town Council and Planning Commission meetings would broaden our citizen democracy. One can hope that this civic involvement will continue to engage the next generation of residents in support of our town.

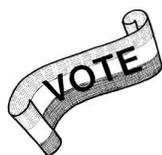
I mention the passing of Larry McKown and the great service he gave our town. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. For those who did not know Larry, here is a partial list of deeds he did for the Zion Community:

Built Flanigan's and the Spotted Dog Cafe, and sponsored the Utah Symphony every Summer when they came to the OC Tanner amphitheater to perform. Initiated the St Patrick's Day Festival in Springdale. Restored the Springdale Church building and the Rockville School House and renovated the basketball court and gardens. Allowed the Town access to his house and grounds for numerous fundraisers on behalf of the town. Donated time and money for same.



NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Vicki S. Bell



2019 IS A MUNICIPAL ELECTION YEAR!

The Town of Rockville will hold a municipal election on November 5, 2019 to elect two Town Council Members for a four-year term. These seats are presently held by Council Members V. Terry Bell and Megan Honer-Orton. Declaration of Candidacy and Nominating Petition Forms may be filed with the Rockville Town Clerk at 43 East Main Street in Rockville, Utah from **June 3, 2019 to June 7, 2019 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. No filings will be accepted after 5:00 pm on June 7, 2019. Please consider serving your community as a town council person.**

PARK RESTROOMS

Please be advised that the Rockville Park restrooms have been de-winterized and are ready for summer!

NEW TOWN PARK INSTALLATION

A new Mutt-Mutt dog station will be installed in the Rockville Town Park. It comes complete with a trash can, signage and the baggies. We hope this will encourage visitors of the park to pick up after their dogs.

We wish you a wonderful

MEMORIAL DAY



PLANNING CHAIR JOYCE HAMILTON



The Rockville Land Use Code does not allow residents to occupy or allow someone else to occupy a temporary structure, like an RV, tent, camper van, etc., on your property for more than 15 days in any 6 month period. The Code specifically says if you have a separate living space within the footprint of your home, you can only allow family and guests to stay there, and cannot rent it out for income. If you do rent a space within the footprint of your home, it must be for more than 30 days, and you must share space, like the kitchen.

How do you feel about this? Are you concerned about the people working in Springdale and the Park who cannot afford local housing? Should Rockville allow such alternative dwelling units for long term occupancy? Would it benefit our community to have some younger people living in Rockville? Would it benefit our residents by giving them some company, income, or help with caretaking? Please let me know your thoughts; email me at joyce@rockvilleutah.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

Rockville Mayors

Eldon C. Walker
Appointed June 29, 1987
Elected 1990-1997

David M. Hatfield—1998-2001

Dan McGuire—2002-2009

Allen Brown—2010-2012

Dan McGuire—2012-2013

Tracy Dutson—2014-2015

Pam Leach—2016-2021

Orthopodomyia signifera (Coquillett, 1896)

The Southwest Mosquito Abatement and Control District has located a rare mosquito in Rockville. It likes to live in cottonwood trees, feed on birds, prefer warmer climates and can be strong fliers. This species is a tree-hole mosquito, which tends to stick their eggs to leaves and debris just above water levels and usually in hollowed trees or containers that retain water year round. The larva hatch from eggs deposited within the tree-holes when the water begins to evaporate and recede. They seem to prefer more alkaline (pH range 8 -10) water which has a high hydrogen ion content. Because of this species' feeding preferences and low collection numbers in the area, there is no threat of disease. In Washington County, collections have only come from along rivers with tall cottonwood trees. Adults tend to be long-lived compared to other species.



Burn Permits

Spring Burning Season ends May 30th. To obtain a permit, visit <https://washingtontcity.org/burn/permits.php>

Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

June 11 July 9 August 13

Town Council Meeting Schedule

June 12 July 10 August 14

The Dumpsters Are Coming! May 17-19

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 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.



Black Panther Movie Night at the Canyon Community Center May 30 at 6:00 pm. Free admission and popcorn! Sponsored by the Town of Springdale.

By July it is typically quite dry here in the Canyon. No fireworks are allowed in Rockville. Being an agricultural community, we desire to protect our animals from both fright and fire.



Google Maps now says its quicker to go through Toquerville to get to St. George rather than through Hurricane.

WANT TO CONTACT YOUR TOWN OFFICIALS?

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

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