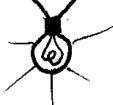


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NOTES FROM MAYOR PAM LEACH

Finally, the first snow (1/26)! I am hopeful that by the time you receive this newsletter we will have had several more storms passing through bringing much needed moisture to our area.

I would like to thank those of you who applied for positions on our Planning Commission. Thank you Jane Brennan and Linda Brinkley for your willingness to continue as members of the Planning Commission, and we welcome Tim Arnold as our newest Planning Commission member. We are currently accepting applications for Planning Commission Alternates. If you are interested in being an alternate, please contact Town Clerk Vicki Bell for information. Application deadline is February 26, 2021.

As we move into the New Year, my hopes are that the COVID-19 virus soon becomes a thing of the past, our government works together for the benefit of the people it serves, and we can work together for the benefit of our community.

Until then, I encourage everyone to continue following the health safety protocols - wear masks, wash your hands often, socially distance and limit gatherings. Help your elderly neighbors, or those with health conditions that make them vulnerable to the virus, in any way possible so that they stay safe as you stay safe.

In light of the continuing concerns about the COVID-19 virus, community activities have been cancelled until further notice. Town Council and Planning Commission meetings will continue to be conducted through Zoom virtual meetings. I encourage residents having business with the Town to call first for consultation and schedule an appointment if necessary to limit contact. We are still available when needed. Wishing you all a better 2021!

Pam Leach, Mayor

ENJOYING THE NIGHT SKY



The holidays are over and it is time to take down or turn-off those holiday lights. Living in a rural area, we are fortunate to enjoy amazing night skies.

Zion National Park has recently applied for certification as an International Dark Sky Park.

We can all do our part to help ZNP and our Town by following our Land Use Code Chapter 11 - Outdoor Lighting, the purpose of which is to:

1. Prevent lighting nuisances and discourage the use of purely decorative outdoor lighting.
2. Encourage low-level outdoor lighting through the use of low wattage bulbs and full cutoff light fixtures.
3. Encourage outdoor lighting practices that minimize light pollution, glare, light trespass and sky glow in order to preserve the natural darkness of the night sky.
4. Maintain and encourage outdoor lighting practices that provide adequately for nighttime safety, utility and security.
5. Maintain an uncluttered nighttime appearance, thus preserving the rural atmosphere and character of the Town.
6. Minimize nighttime impacts on nocturnal wildlife.

Please take a look at our Land Use Code on the Town website, rockvilleutah.org for complete lighting requirements. Please turn off lights in accessory buildings and greenhouses at night in awareness and consideration of our neighbors.

Thank you for helping to keep our night skies beautiful!

ROCKVILLE TOWN PARK



The Rockville Park is available for exercising your dogs as long as they are under voice command and leashed if others are present. Please clean up after your dog with use of the pet station out of courtesy for the next users of the park. Thank you for protecting and preserving our amenities.

REMINDER—DOG LICENSES ARE PAST DUE!

Dog licenses for 2021 were due December 31, 2020.

Extra applications can be picked up at the Town Office or printed from RockvilleUtah.org.

Please include proof of current Rabies Vaccination!



JEFF BALLARD

It is hard to believe we are into February already! Recently we were able to put down a half mile of milled asphalt on the Grafton road. This will help reduce the dust, and provide a better road surface. We would like to remind folks to keep the speed down to help with dust for our residents on Grafton road.

With the increased traffic in our area and the onslaught of visitation to Zion Park, the visitation to Grafton has quadrupled. At any given time, you will find the parking areas full at both the cemetery and Old Town Site. People are desperate to get outside and having trouble getting into the Park. With that, they are coming to Rockville to see Grafton but are not respecting the town sight. I had put a garbage can at the center of the sight and pick it up at least once a week. It is, for the most part, being trampled to death and has become a bathroom behind every bush and tree. If the trend continues, I fear we are going to have to make adjustments as to how the sight is managed. I don't advocate for a porta-potty but something must be done. Possibly, a sign notifying people, NO BATHROOMS PROVIDED.

The last two years have been super dry. With the upcoming irrigation season fast approaching, we are hoping to get some badly needed moisture to see us through the summer. The Rockville Town Ditch and the Grafton Ditch, continue to have numerous problems with aging valves and distribution lines. However, it is good to see some residents reaching out and cleaning the ditches in front of their property. It certainly makes it easier when the water goes back into the system, and makes the Town look so much better.

Bernie Harris, the president of the Rockville Town Ditch Co. has moved to Washington City, with his wife Elaine. We wish them the best. They have been longtime residents of Rockville and have served our Town in many capacities. I would like to THANK them for their many efforts and friendship throughout their time here.

Thank you

I would like to THANK everyone who helped with the Holiday lighting of the Community Center and the Bridge:

Dan and Aleen McGuire, Shirley Ballard, Scott Ashman, Mike Shannon & Barry Sochat!

There are always opportunities to serve: We have roadside cleanups, cemetery cleanups, tree maintenance cleanups, Rockville Daze, Appreciation Breakfast and Arbor Day to name a few. You can give Town Clerk Vicki Bell your name and number at the Town office to be added to the call list.

Stay safe, Jeff

MEGAN HONER-ORTON

Emergency Contact Information

Our Fontree calling list and town email list need to be updated. If you would like to be notified of **emergency situations** affecting Rockville, and events such as **water outages**, **power outages** and **road closures**, please make sure we have a phone number and email at which we can reach you quickly. We would like to let you know ahead of time as soon as possible once we are notified.

We also need Fontree callers for Grafton Road, Bridge Road, and West Main St. because some callers have moved. The town is divided into areas so that we will be able to notify everyone on the list within an hour of situations. Each list has from 15-20 people to call. Emails are sent out by the Town Office. We also want to be able to contact **property owners who may not live here**. Home-owners who are not residents or who are renting to others, please submit your info as well as info for your renters.

Please send telephone info to me:

meg-n-bo@infowest.com 435-772-3393

or the Town office:

rockville@rockvilleutah.org 435-772-0992

Sidewalks!!

Rockville now has the budget to go ahead with sidewalk repairs we have been planning for a long time. We will be contacting Allen Lee as soon as possible to make sure he still has this project on his list. There are also places on the sidewalks that just need to be smoothed down to prevent tripping and we plan to address these also. We will be moving ahead with this ASAP!

Bystander Intervention Training

Have you ever seen a situation developing that you were pretty sure was going to get out of hand and wished there were something you could do that wouldn't put you or anyone else at risk? That is what Bystander Intervention training does! We have heard that this training is now offered in our county by The Dove Center. Our plans to offer this training have had to be put on hold until we can accommodate a group of 10-12 social distanced volunteers.

RECYCLE BINNIES

For all residents who chose to opt-out of BluCan curbside pick-up, our Binnies remain on Center Street for you to use at your convenience.

In consideration of the Binnie neighbors, please recycle glass during the daytime as it is a noisy process.

TERRY BELL

Washington County Residential Waste Collection Procedures

- ◆ All residential waste shall be placed for collection in your waste containers.
- ◆ All residential waste shall be placed for collection by 6:00 a.m. of the day scheduled for collection. This is normally Thursday but can be changed due to holidays.
- ◆ Waste containers must be placed within three (3) feet of the curbside, blacktop, or other roadway surface, with three (3) feet clearance on either side of the container from parked cars or other objects.
- ◆ All empty waste containers must be removed from the street as soon as reasonably practical but not later than 24 hours after being emptied.
- ◆ Bulky waste shall be placed at or near the curbside, blacktop, or other roadway surface, or at other locations readily accessible to collection vehicles and personnel. Bulky Waste means residential waste materials with lengths, weights, or volumes greater than those allowed in the waste container, including but not limited to stoves, refrigerators, dryers, dishwashers, televisions, hot water tanks, washing machines, household furniture, four (4) or fewer tires, air conditioners, Christmas trees, bicycles, large toys, tree limbs of 3-6 feet in length and up to 6 inches in diameter, and bags used for seasonal disposal of leaves. You can contact **Washington County Solid Waste** at: 435-673-2813 to schedule Bulky Waste pick-ups.

Planning Commission Updates

Hi folks, this is Jane Brennan and for now I'm the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission. First, I'd like to thank all of the interested applicants who volunteered to fill open spots on the Planning Commission. You were all terrific and please stay interested, there is always a spot to fill in this volunteer driven town we love.

We have recently updated the Land Use Code, (LUC) hopefully making it clearer and easier for all of us to use. It's online under the "Land Use Code" drop down on rockvilleutah.org.



What isn't covered in our LUC is usually covered in the International Residential Code (IRC) and the International Building Code (IBC). For many projects, you need a permit if the building inspector needs to take a look and make sure everything is safe and according to Code.

Planning Commission Updates—Continued

Here are some questions we often get about the Code:

Q: Do I need a permit to replace a light fixture, outlets or switches inside my house?

A: No you do not. We do need you to get a permit if you are running new wires or rewiring to the electrical box.

Q: I'd like to put in solar panels either free-standing or on my roof, permit?

A: Yes, solar panels require a simple permit.

Q: Do I need a permit to replace a sink or toilet inside my house?

A: No, similar to electrical, you only need a permit if you are doing big changes, such as changing the location of pipes or drains.

Q: Do I need a permit for a shed?

A: It depends on the size. For a residence, the IRC only calls for a permit if the shed is over 200 square feet or if any shed has utilities added. You still need to keep within the setbacks according to your zone. See the handy new chart in our Land Use Code Chapter 8.8.1 for setbacks for your zone.

Q: Can I put water in my shed or outbuilding?

A: No, according to our Land Use Code, water is only allowed on the outside of accessory buildings. LUC 8.7.2 (9)

Q: How tall can my house or shed be?

A: Our LUC limits building height to 25 feet tall. Chapter 8.8.1 in the Land Use Code, and also 9.1.16.

Q: What is the largest square footage my house can be?

A: Four thousand (4000) sq. feet is maximum, eight hundred (800) sq. feet is minimum. LUC 8.8.1

Q: Can I let my family member or a friend live in an RV parked in my yard?

A: Sorry, no. In most cases, there is a 15-day limit to camping in your yard. LUC Chapter 9.1.20.

Q: Do I need a permit if I'm building a fence?

A: Not if the fence is under six (6) feet. Masonry or concrete fences of any height need a permit. Take a look at the setback requirements. If your fence will be near the corner of a road, driver visibility must remain clear. LUC 9.1.18

Q: Speaking of concrete, do I need a permit for a new driveway?

A: No, flat concrete work does not require a permit, but watch that you don't harm the drainage for your house or your neighbor.

Q: Do I need a grading permit to grade my land?

A: You need a permit if you are moving more than 30 cubic feet of soil. There are other factors, so look at Chapter 5 in our Land Use Code before you start.

Q: So I need a permit to demolish my old building?

A: If it needs a permit to build, it most likely needs a demolition permit. Building, digging, fencing and other projects might also need to take advantage of the Blue Stake service to make sure you don't hit an underground line or wire.

The Dumpsters Are Coming!

February 20-21

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 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 2021	Feb 20-21
	May 22-23
	Aug 21-22
	Nov 20-21

COVID-19 Vaccinations are available for Utahns seventy years and up as well as other priority groups.

Beginning March 1, 2021, Utahns aged 65-69 will be eligible as will adults with certain medical conditions. If you would like assistance with registration for your own vaccination, please contact Town Clerk Vicki Bell with your name and contact information. Currently registration occurs Mondays at 9 a.m. For more information:

<https://coronavirus.utah.gov/vaccine-distribution/>



ZION 100 TRAIL RUN APRIL 10-11

The 2021 Zion Ultra trail run will start at 5 a.m. on Saturday April 10th and will finish on April 11th at 5 p.m. We are anticipating 1000 participants at this years event.

Runners will be primarily on BLM land with a few trail sections of Wire Mesa and Gooseberry Mesa within Town Boundaries of Rockville.

Thank you to the town of Rockville for your support and for letting us run through your wonderful community. Please contact Lyle Anderson, the event director, at lyle@vacationraces.com with any questions.

Town Council Meeting Schedule

March 11 April 15 May 13

Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

March 10 April 14 May 12

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