

THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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Notes from the Mayor

MAYOR PAM LEACH

Not sure where January went, but February is here and 2019 is well underway!

Several items to report on:

We have been advised that the protest period for the proposed boundary change of the Hurricane Valley Fire Special Service District (HVFSSD) to include Rockville and Springdale has ended and that the protest numbers did not meet the requirement for delaying the County Commissioners action in this regard. We have been advised that the boundary change will occur in the next few months, and were asked to submit a candidate to serve on the HVFSSD Board on behalf of Rockville. The candidate had to be a present or former elected official, so I am happy to report that Dan McGuire has agreed to continue to represent Rockville on the Board and that Randy Aton will represent Springdale. It appears that the County Commissioners will assume full control of the Rockville Springdale Fire Protection District (RSFPD) until the boundary has been changed and the existing Board will be retired. Thank you to those members of our communities who have served and been part of our local District – you have been OUR heroes and guardian angels.

Dennett Dip – You are sure to have noticed the dip across SR-9 near Dennett Lane. The exact cause is still unclear, but UDOT and the Rockville Pipeline Co. are working together to make repairs once the weather warms up. Drive carefully through the dip.

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, our Community Survey will be coming out soon. Your responses are important, so please take the time to let your officials know your desires for our Town.

-St. Patrick's Day Parade – The World Famous Rockville Drill Team will once again be strutting its stuff through the streets of Springdale on Saturday, March 16th. If you are interested in joining in the fun, contact Megan Honer-Orton at 772-3393 or Vicki at 772-0992 for more information and join the team!



BRIDGE REHABILITATION REPORT

MAYOR PAM LEACH

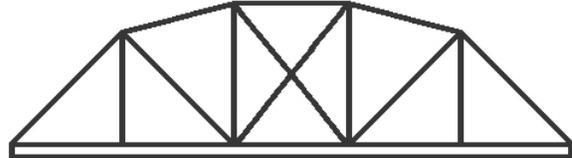


Image Courtesy of Joe Motter

The bridge rehabilitation project is nearing completion. The new wood deck looks great and only adds to the beauty of our historic bridge. Delays caused by weather have set the completion date back a few weeks, but we expect it will be opened to traffic the later part of February. With that in mind, we have decided to have a locals ribbon cutting ceremony when the bridge opens. Please watch for emails or postings at the Post Office for the date of this event. The removal of the temporary bridge and cleanup will take a few more weeks after the opening. Thank you for your patience during the construction, for traveling carefully thru the construction zone, and for being mindful of the workers.



ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETINGS

March 6, 2019 – Rockville Meeting Hall

6:00 p.m. Hall & Grafton Irrigation Co.

7:00 p.m. Rockville Ditch Co.

7:30 p.m. Rockville Pipeline Co.

If you are unable to attend, please return your proxy by March 4th. Thank you!

The Town Office will be closed Monday, February 18 in observance of President's Day.

Town Council Updates

M. HONER-ORTON

Now that Hurricane Valley Fire District is our 911 responder, it is imperative that your house number is displayed on the road in 4", but preferably 6" contrasting or reflective numbers so that they can easily see where our houses are. Not all the responders are as familiar with our town as our RSFPD was, so it is to our own advantage to assist them in finding us.

If you are not being notified of pre-planned power outages, water issues or road closures, maybe we don't have your correct phone number or a good email address. When we know in advance of these situations, we try to call or email with details. When we can, we will try to call you about unplanned events. Please contact Town Clerk Vicki Bell at 772-0992 or email her at rockville@rockvilleutah.org to be sure your phone number and email are up to date.

P.S. we need a few more callers for our phone tree.

If you are new in Town, or if you haven't joined us for a while, we would like to invite you to our next town event, The Rockville Appreciation Breakfast on an upcoming Saturday yet to be determined, from 9am to 10:30 in the Community Center. Enjoy a free breakfast on the Town and celebrate our newly refurbished Rockville Bridge!!

We would like to attract new residents to our town activities. We thought of starting a committee to welcome new residents to Rockville. Ideally we would visit them and tell them about our town and invite them to participate in our meetings and events. We could take our newsletter, information about Rockville, Grafton, our bridge and let them know when town meetings are. If you know of anyone new in town, please invite them to the breakfast or let us know so that we can invite them. To be on the committee, please call Megan 772-3393 or Vicki 772-0992.



BARRY SOCHAT

Spring is around the corner. Looking forward to the completion of the bridge restoration project. Hoping that those with fruit trees are getting their pruning done and ready for dormant oil spray before bud break. Also, remove purplish, deadwood that may be Fireblight before it warms up and has a chance to spread. Fireblight spreads with high humidity between 60 and 80 degrees. Now is the time to cut it out of your trees. Remember to clean your pruning tools after cutting infected wood to avoid spreading to other trees.

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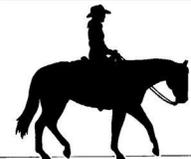
One Man's Opinion: Why Rockville is still "Utah's Last Great Treasure"

Just musing about what makes Rockville such a unique and special place to live. We chose to raise funds to restore the last vehicular Parker Through Truss bridge in the State of Utah, soon to celebrate its reopening. This is a historic landmark for all Rockvillians to celebrate. Low crime, low taxes, relatively quiet. Low key law enforcement, and we know the names of our police officers. No restrictive parking meters or red curbs. A self-reliant attitude, and generally a "get-along" attitude pervades the Town. Volunteer Town Council and Planning Commission manage to keep this Town living within its limited budget. Blessed with limited, good culinary water, ample sunshine and soil for pastoral agriculture. A mixture of young and old, workers and retirees, this Town is sought after for beauty, recreation and a healthy living environment.

A place where livestock can coexist with humans, sustainable for over 150 years. Rockville has private irrigation companies with systems that have worked well for decades using volunteer labor. The stone ditches that line Highway 9 are a reminder of the public works project from the Great Depression that enabled our lawns and gardens to



continue to be sustained. A place where one can walk a dog, ride a bicycle or horse and not be overwhelmed by the motorized world. One of the last bastions for the wild animals that traverse the fields to get a drink from the river or while ditch water is flowing.



The desert is a fragile environment. Amidst all of the growth in adjacent towns, we still have a dark sky filled with stars, clean air and a sense of calm that pervades our Town. Take a look around this County. If you have photos from 50 years ago compared to today - most of the county has undergone dramatic growth. Not Rockville. That has been a deliberate choice. This Town preserved a good pastoral life within the sustainable limits of water, buildable soils and canyon confines. Hoping that our Town will find an elegant solution to water, housing and sensible development that will allow Rockville to continue on this sustainable path and remain "Utah's Last Great Treasure".

Please participate in the upcoming Town survey and let your officials know your desires for the future of Rockville.

JEFF BALLARD

Spring is fast approaching and the upcoming irrigation season will be on us soon. It would be helpful and nice if everyone that is capable could spend a little time cleaning up the sidewalks and ditches that are adjacent to their property. Any help would be appreciated.

Rockville is a unique little town and for the most part everyone who lives here enjoys our life style. That is why we chose to live here. We shouldn't take it for granted. With Washington County's recent purchase of the 300 plus acres of school trust land within the western boundary of Rockville, we can't help but wonder what the ultimate goal for the property will be. It is my hope that they will include Rockville in the process, and it will fit within our current Land Use Code. I know that growth is inevitable, but it is coming way too fast for this country boy.

The Town secured funds for chip and seal work for our roads that will hopefully take place in late summer. We do have prep work that needs to be accomplished before the chip seal work. We will cover as many of the paved roads that the money will allow. Most of the asphalt that will be sealed is recycled material that came from Zion Park in 2004, with the exception of Jennings Lane and part of Bridge Road. This work will greatly improve what we have now. The Town is working with the Washington County Road department to accomplish the chip seal work. I have plans to grade Grafton Road as soon as we can make repairs to our old Gallion grader. The county has us on their schedule to grade the road up the South Mountain, but I don't have a date yet.

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH and Intermountain Dixie

Regional Medical Center is providing presentations in support of the national effort to increase heart health by increasing awareness. Heart disease remains the leading cause of death for both men and women in the US. Each year, one in four deaths are caused by heart disease. The heart health education classes are free and will be held from 4 to 5 pm in the SelectHealth Auditorium at 1424 E Foremaster Drive in St. George.

February 21—Dr. Arne Olsen, "Vascular Health"

February 28—Dr. Carrie Willis, "Women's Heart Health"

PLANNING CHAIR JOYCE HAMILTON

The Planning Commission has been working on a new community survey. It was recently sent to Five County Association of Governments for their input. Participants will have 30 days to return the completed survey. Then Five Counties Assoc. will analyze the results and provide us a report by late summer or early fall if all goes well. Start thinking about what you value and what you'd like to change in our community.

Please turn off your Holiday Lights. Yes, they're pretty, but Rockville's Land Use Code does not allow Holiday Lighting after January 15th. The purpose is to protect the night sky from unnecessary light pollution. Don't you enjoy looking up at the stars? Well, your neighbors do, so please, turn off your lights!

We have hired a professional consultant to assist us in revising our Land Use Code to make sure it's compliant with State and Federal laws, and to comply with "plain English" rules. We are expecting to have proposals ready for public review later this year.



NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

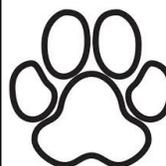
Vicki S. Bell



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 6, 2019 between the hours of 8:00 am and 1:00 pm and on June 7, 2019 from 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.**

REMINDER—DOG LICENSES ARE PAST DUE!



Dog licenses for 2019 were due December 31, 2018. An application can be picked up at the Town Office. Please remember that **PROOF OF A CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION IS REQUIRED.**

Dominion Energy will be bringing natural gas to Springdale in 2019. The Town would like to know if our residents would desire to have natural gas. Contact Vicki at 772-0992.

Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

March 13 April 10 May 8

Town Council Meeting Schedule

March 14 April 11 May 9

**The Dumpsters Are Coming!
February 22-23**

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.



Community Meal

**Appreciation Breakfast
Saturday, Date TBD, 9-10:30 am**

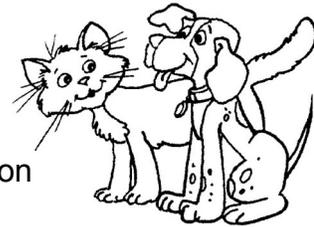
The annual Rockville Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Saturday, date TBD, 9-10:30 am in the Recreation Hall. This year we will appreciate and celebrate the completion of the restoration of our historic bridge. If you are interested in volunteering to help with breakfast preparation and serving, please let Vicki Bell in the Town Office know. Hope to see you all over a wonderful breakfast!

Donations for medical care and food can be made to Zion Animal Lovers and sent to PO Box 214, Springdale, Utah 84767.



Springdale Animal Vaccination Clinic

Saturday
April 6th
9am to noon



WANT TO CONTACT YOUR TOWN OFFICIALS?

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

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