

THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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Notes from the Mayor

MAYOR PAM LEACH

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a very wonderful holiday season, complete with snow! The Town was festive with lights and displays, including the outside of the Town buildings, thanks to Jeff and Shirley Ballard, Dan and Aleen McGuire, Mike Shannon, Sarah Martin and Vicki Bell. Our bridge was once again aglow with Christmas lights connected to our new electrical system, thanks to Jeff Ballard, Mike Shannon and Barry Sochat. The recreation hall was beautiful with decorations thanks to M. Honer-Orton, Sharon Hatfield, Jane Brennan, Crissy Crismon, Robin Smith and yours truly. The Town Christmas Party included a visit from Santa, music by Bob Cox and the Desert Strings Orchestra, caroling by the attendees and lots of desserts to munch on. Make sure to see the wonderful photos by Jim and Carol Harlan!

The new HVAC system has been installed in the recreation hall, and is up and running! These new units will be more efficient in the heating and cooling of our recreation hall. We saved the door off the old oil furnace and will find an appropriate way to display it for posterity.

Returning Council members Terry Bell and Megan Honer-Orton were sworn-in at the January meeting, and our newest Council member, David Firmage, who replaced Barry Sochat, was also sworn in. Planning Commissioner Joyce Hamilton returned for another term, and Ken Rybkiewicz was appointed as the First Alternate to the Commission. Thank you all for your service.

The annual Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 9-10:30 a.m. Be sure to join us for a delicious breakfast!

Wishing you all the best for 2020!



WANTED: VOLUNTEERS!

To cook and serve breakfast to the residents who attend the appreciation breakfast!

Saturday, March 7th 8 to 11:30 a.m.

To volunteer,
Call Town Clerk Vicki Bell
at (435) 772-0992.

BRIDGE REHABILITATION REPORT

MAYOR PAM LEACH

The new electrical service was completed on the bridge just in time to install the Christmas lights. Once the weather warms, the contractor will return and paint the metal conduit to match the bridge. This electrical service will also provide power for tools needed to maintain the bridge.

Thanks to a \$75,000 grant from the Eccles Foundation and funds from the Town and the Rockville Pipeline Co., the waterline removed from the bridge during rehabilitation will be reinstalled under the river on the east side of the bridge. This work is expected to take at least two weeks, but should have minimal impact on traffic using the bridge.

Sometime during the month of February, Wadsworth Bros. Construction will be back in Rockville to make needed repairs on the bridge. The south header board will be replaced with steel and rubber and anchored to the concrete abutment, and the wooden running boards will be replaced with steel diamond plates. This will provide a much longer lasting driving surface and eliminate the drop-off created by the 2" wooden boards currently being used. This will provide a safer surface for drivers, walkers and cyclists. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED DURING PERIODS OF THE DAY FOR THE TWO DAYS WORK WILL BE PERFORMED. WATCH FOR EMAIL AND POSTED NOTICES

The Town Office will be closed Monday, February 17 in observance of President's Day.



Town Council Updates

JEFF BALLARD

It is hard to believe that we are into the new year a second month already. Irrigation and gardens will be coming soon. The Town has plans to get the Purgatory crew in early March to clean the ditches along SR-9 and do the cemetery in April. I would still ask residents to keep ditch and sidewalks in front of homes cleaned. It sure helps out. The Town has the chip and seal project coming this spring and summer. We will do our best to keep everyone informed of delays as we go through the town to complete the project.

I would like to thank Barry Sochat for his service on the Town Council over the past two years and also thank Dave Firmage for stepping up and taking the remainder of Barry's term. Rockville is a town of volunteers, so if you have some free time, don't hesitate to serve your town. Please let Vicki at the town office know and she can add you to the call list.

We have three upcoming meetings on the fourth of March. The Hall and Grafton Irrigation, the Rockville Town Ditch and the Rockville Pipeline Company will hold their annual meetings. So if you are a stockholder in one, or all three, of the aforementioned organizations, please watch for the notices and plan to attend or send your proxy so you are represented. This will allow the meeting to move forward without having to spend a lot of time running down proxy votes or share holders in order to conduct annual meetings. Please attend.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETINGS

March 4, 2020 – Rockville Town Hall

5:30 p.m. Hall & Grafton Irrigation Co.

6:00 p.m. Rockville Pipeline Co.

7:00 p.m. Rockville Ditch Irrigation Co.

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

Megan Honer-Orton

CERT

Our Community Emergency Response Team met last month and approved our participation in Utah's Great Shake-Out earthquake drill. We have not had an active CERT for quite awhile, so our project will be small and local. We will pull out the CERT trailer, go through the supplies, set up the canopies and start the generator. In the meantime we will review our manual's chapter on earthquakes. We suggest this for all residents. If you don't have earthquake preparedness information, there is some available in the town office or let me know, I have some too. We welcome anyone who wants to come. We will be at the Rockville Community Center at noon on Saturday, April 18.

WALK

The "walkers" among us may see white markings across the sidewalk at various spots. We have been planning to have Allen Lee replace about 9 places where the sidewalks are obviously lifted, mostly from tree roots, but that hasn't happened



yet. There are many more places where the seams in the sidewalks are lifted just a little, but enough to catch the toe of a shoe and be a trip risk. (As I found out awhile back while sprawled flat out!) I marked the ones I found that were about 1/2" high with white paint, but if there are others, please let me know. Which reminds me to remind those of us with gravel driveways to keep the side-

walks clear of gravel migration. Even a small rock can turn an ankle.

CALLING OR EMAILING ALL RESIDENTS

Our phone and email list of contacts for residents needs to be updated from time to time. If you are not getting town emails or if its been awhile since you verified you phone number, please contact Vicki or Joyce at the town office 772-0992. We will be notifying residents about bridge closures and water projects in the foreseeable future, so make sure we have your contact information.

ROCKVILLE TOWN PARK

Spring and summer are just around the corner and we would like to remind everyone of a few simple rules:

1. Dogs are allowed in the park and we now have a pet station to help in keeping the park clean for others. Dogs must be on a leash when others are in the park.
2. Remind children that there is no climbing on the vinyl and chain link fences.
3. Remind children there is no climbing on the trees. We lost several nice branches last year.
4. Remind children not to throw rocks onto the grass to avoid damage to lawn mower.



NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Vicki S. Bell

The Town has replaced the old oil furnace with a brand new dual fuel (HVAC and propane gas) heating and cooling system. When the new system was installed, the Town needed to get the electric panel updated. Our electrician found the source of that pervasive smell in the community center and while not yet repaired, the smell has been contained. It's a broken auto vent. There are several located in the kitchen and the outside restrooms.

BLUCAN UPDATE! Please refer to the top of your blue can to see what is and is not allowed to be recycled.

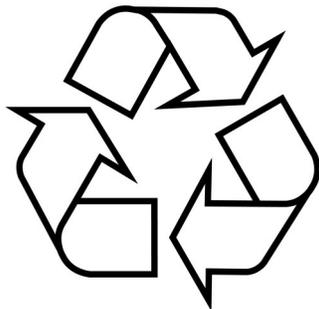
All Plastics Bottles & Jugs #1 through #7

Magazines, Junk Mail, Books, Paper & Newspaper, as well as Paperboard (cereal boxes)

Aluminum & Aerosol Cans & Tin

Flattened Boxes & Cardboard

NO: Garbage, Styrofoam, Electronics, Ceramics or Dishes, Food Waste, Plastic Grocery Bags, Motor Oil Containers, Household Hazardous Waste, Yard Waste or Trash, Glass of Any Kind.



ZION CANYON EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 25th starting at 7:30 am

at the George A. Barker River Park

Build a trail and enjoy a cookout provided by the Town of Springdale.

Please bring gloves, eye protection, shovels, rakes, and other trail building tools.

Contact Ryan Gubler at (435) 772-3434 with any questions.

JOYCE HAMILTON



Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands

Opportunity to rid yourself of invasive species—for FREE!!! Are you willing to allow the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and Public Land to remove Russian Olive and Tamarisk from your property? There is a grant in place. They will remove the invasive species and apply an herbicide to stunt future growth. The property owner will be responsible for cutting back new growth in future years. The roots of Russian Olive can be up to 12 feet deep! So I've been told there is no concern of riverbank erosion. Native species should revegetate the area within a few years. If you're interested, please contact the Southwest Area Forester, Carrie Howard, at (435) 218-4629. Resource materials may be found on the main page of the Town's website at <http://rockvilleutah.org>.

Russian Olive and Tamarisk are rapid growing, non-native deciduous trees. In some areas, they can dominate the plant community in many riparian and lowland sites in the western states. These invasive woody trees cause serious ecological changes to riparian habitats with impacts to wildlife and watershed values, agriculture and recreation. They are also they worst type of fuel when it comes to wildfires. According to Sara Shaughnessey of the National Park Service, "This vegetation, when ignited, can produce up to 65-foot-high flames and sterilize the soil."

ZION HALF MARATHON ON FEBRUARY 29TH

The annual Zion Half Marathon will be on Saturday, February 29th! Starting in Virgin at 7:00 a.m. and ending in Springdale, 2,500 runners will be enjoying the beautiful views along SR-9 as they run into the sunrise towards Zion. Thank you to the town of Rockville for your support and for letting us run through your wonderful community. Please contact Dehn Craig, the event director, at (775) 544-1139, with any questions.

REMINDER—DOG LICENSES ARE PAST DUE!



Dog licenses for 2020 were due December 31, 2019. An application can be picked up at the Town Office. Please remember that **PROOF OF A CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION IS REQUIRED.**

Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

March 10 April 14 May 12

Town Council Meeting Schedule

March 11 April 15 May 13

**The Dumpsters Are Coming!
February 21-23**

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.



Welcome Spring!

*Appreciation
Breakfast*

Saturday, March 7th, 9-10:30 am

The annual Rockville Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 7th, 9-10:30 am in the Recreation Hall. 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!

**COMMUNITY
BLOOD DRIVE!**

March 9th
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Canyon Community Center
126 Lion Blvd, Springdale



**Springdale Animal
Vaccination Clinic**

Saturday April 4th
9 a.m. to noon

Springdale Town
Office Bldg.



WANT TO CONTACT YOUR TOWN OFFICIALS?

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

Rockville Town Council

Mayor Pam Leach	pam@rockvilleutah.org
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Rockville Planning Commission

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