

THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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Notes from the Mayor

MAYOR PAM LEACH

I believe 2020 will go down as one of the more challenging years we have faced locally, as well as nationally, in some time.

COVID-19 has impacted us all. Loss of lives, employment, business income, usual freedoms and our sense of security. Our desire to gather with family and friends has been tested by closures, restrictions, social distancing and masks. I am gratified to see how our community reaches out to help its neighbors and others in need – checking on those who want or need to remain at home, making shopping runs for others and following the suggested safety measures that help protect us all.

Drought conditions and toxic algae have impacted the Virgin River and our way of life. Things we take for granted during the heat of the summer – a quick dip in the cool waters of the river with family, friends and dogs; water for livestock; irrigation water for our fields, orchards and yards; emergency water from Springdale to back-up our culinary well water. As if drought conditions weren't enough, now we wait and watch what happens with the toxic algae in the river. More on that later. Use water wisely.

ROCKVILLE PIPELINE CO.

The Town water use for the month of July was extremely high and our water supply well on the mesa is not keeping up. We need to minimize purchasing additional drinking water from Springdale to supplement excess water consumption. We are requesting water users to refrain from or minimize outdoor use of drinking water.

Rob Snyder
Rockville Pipeline Company

FLU SHOOTOUT CLINIC

The Southwest Utah Public Health Department would like to invite you to attend their Flu Shootout Clinic.

WALK-IN Clinic for adults and families at the Washington County Fairgrounds on Tues 9/22 from 2:30-6:30 pm, and a DRIVE THRU Clinic for those 18 years old and older at the Red Cliffs Mall on Tues. 9/29 from 8 am to 12 pm.

MAYOR PAM LEACH

TOXIC RIVER ALGAE

Currently, daily tests of the outflow from Springdale's water treatment plant have been negative or non-detect for toxins and Rockville Pipeline Co. has been able to supplement their well water as needed from Springdale. Test results from the sampler placed on the Rockville irrigation intake was picked up the weekend of August 2nd and sent to the lab. Lab results are expected sometime the week of August 14th. We will send out an email with those results as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we urge you to continue to follow these safety precautions:

- Do not swim in the river.
- Do not submerge your head underwater.
- Avoid areas of algae scum.
- Do not allow pets to play in the river, drink river water or eat algal scum.
- Do not drink the river water (including water passed through a personal purifier).
- Watch livestock that are watered with irrigation water or directly from the river for any changes in health.

IRRIGATION TURNS

As the summer drought continues and in consideration of your fellow shareholders, it is **IMPERATIVE** that all irrigation water users turn your valves on and off or open and close head gates at your assigned watering times. If you fail to abide by the schedules, in addition to taking your neighbors water, you will be issued a warning the first time and a \$100 fine for every infraction thereafter. If you have a broken valve, please advise your irrigation company as soon as possible to avoid penalties.

Thank you for your cooperation,

HALL & GRAFTON IRRIGATION CO.
and ROCKVILLE DITCH CO.

In a world where you can be anything,
please choose to be kind,
compassionate and helpful.



As you may have heard, the Town Council considered the renewal of the Solid Waste District's contract for residential waste collection. This is a new 10-year agreement that will cover from February 1, 2021 through December 31, 2030.



- This new agreement will provide for the curbside collection of:
- Basic household garbage, rubbish, and trash on a weekly basis
 - Bulky waste placed at curb on a weekly basis
 - Recyclable materials every two weeks
 - Free dumping of excess residential waste hauled to landfill by residents

Billing and collection done by the Town of Rockville

Components of fee:	Current	Year 1
Amount paid to Republic for basic service (includes 2 containers)	\$6.70	\$6.90*
Amount to offset district administrative costs	4.45	4.55**
Amount to offset costs of town billing and collection	0.95	1.00***
Amount paid to Republic for recycling (includes 1 container)	2.94	4.91****
Cost of recycling container		0.75

*subject to 2.5% annual increase and \$0.25 increase if recycling goes away during contract term

**subject to increase of \$0.10 per year

***actual amount determined by Town of Rockville

****dependent on percentage of residences participating in recycling and subject to 1.5% annual increase plus additional cost for additional containers

Recycling Optional

Agreement provides resident with an option for recycling, based on notion that recycling rates should reflect the true cost of recycling
 90-day opt out period from 9/1/2020 through 11/30/2020 (see Opt Out Rules below)



Actual recycling fee determined by residence participation rate

May be terminated at any time by mutual consent of District and Republic, or by either party with 180-day notice after 3 years.

If/when the participation level reaches the level for inclusion in the next higher Tier of pricing, the recycling rate shall be adjusted to the amount in said next higher Tier as of the date that said participation level is achieved. (The rate charts are available on the Rockville website or in the town office for your review.)

Recycling Opt Out Rules and Guidelines:

Residences on the South Mesa and residences beyond 276 Grafton Road shall be excluded from the recycling program. Residences in other areas of Rockville shall be included in the recycling program.

The election to opt out shall be made by the owner of the residence or by such other person designated in writing by the owner as approved by the Town of Rockville.

All residences/residents who do not opt out by November 30, 2020 shall be included in the recycling program for the contract period unless they move to an excluded area.

Residents who opt out on or before November 30, 2020, as determined by the Town of Rockville, may opt in anytime but thereafter shall be included in the recycling program for the remaining contract period unless they move to an excluded area.

Residents who move from an excluded area to an included area shall be included in recycling for the contract period for as long as they remain in an included area.

New residents, i.e. people who move from outside the District to a residence in an included area, or people who move from within the District to a new residence in an included area regardless or the prior election to opt out, shall be automatically included in the recycling program for as long as they remain in an included area.

DAVID FIRMAGE

Happy August friends and neighbors!

First off let me say how grateful I am for this time of year. Jess and I love to pick through the garden, when the heat of the day subsides, to decompress after the workday is finished. We also look forward to impromptu evening chats with neighbors in the street, on the bridge or sitting by the river. With the school year right around the corner, we'll try to hold onto these last few weeks of summer as long as we can... although a little rain would be great.

On that note, let me take a moment to throw out a few numbers we should be aware of. Over the last month we've received less than 25% of our average July precipitation, and temperatures have been about 2-4 degrees above normal. Fuels in our area that can carry fire are extremely dry, actually exceeding 10-year record lows for this time of year. And the potential amount of energy available for a wildfire to release right now is at record highs. These conditions combine to create a very heightened threat of wildfires around our communities.

Additionally, our monsoon season looks to be a bit of a dud again so far. And while this means less lightning and potential fire-starts, it also means less moisture, which we all could sure use. Please take extra cautions when working outside with any type of tool or machinery that could create a spark. Campfires are currently prohibited outside of approved established rings at private residences. But even with those, it's probably not worth the risk right now. Last week Utah saw 73 new wildfire starts, bringing the yearly total to 951, with 186,000 acres burned.

Looking out a few weeks we have a 30-40% probability that temperatures will remain above normal, and a 40-50% likelihood of below average precipitation. The three-month outlook looks much the same, with higher temps and drought likely to continue.

All I can say is hang in there. This too will pass, and hopefully sooner rather than later we'll be able to cool off in the river again. Till then, enjoy the garden season and all the creative ways we can prepare zucchini and squash, and let's take care of each other. Cheers!



Both the Grafton Reunion and the Zion Canyon Music Festival, scheduled for the last weekend of September, have been cancelled.



RECYCLING BINNIES

It has come to our attention that we need to ask residents to be courteous when they are using the binnies.

- Please remember that the binnies are in a residential area.
- Please put your glass recycling in carefully and quietly as possible. The breaking of the glass is disruptive to the neighbors.
- Please do not let your dogs run loose; if you must take them to the binnie, please keep them on a leash .
- Please make your visits in daylight hours; car lights after dark tend to shine in the neighbors homes.



NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Vicki S. Bell

HAVE YOU COMPLETED THE 2020 CENSUS?

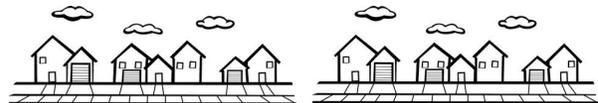
The census can be done in about **5 minutes online** or on **your phone**. No matter how you decide to complete it, be sure to be counted!

HERE'S HOW TO BE COUNTED:

- * Complete survey online at <https://my2020census.gov/> **OR**
- * Call: **1-844-330-2020**

If you own a home here and it is not occupied, you are still required to complete a form for that residence separately. But you only count yourself and those you live with once for wherever you call your permanent residence.

If you do not complete the census, a Census taker will come to your address to complete the form with you in person. They will not ask for any social security numbers or for money.



JOYCE HAMILTON

My garbage cans are stuffed full nearly every week with some kind of vegetation that is growing out of control. Whether it be the trees encroaching upon my home or the Banks rose bushes that are looking pretty ragged and growing out into Bridge Road.

Please take a moment to look around your place. Do you have any vegetation growing out into public spaces, creating a public safety hazard? Maybe it's a Mulberry tree that is a bit too close to the sidewalk or the road—not just horizontally, but vertically too! How about weeds encroaching upon the sidewalk?

It's always a good idea to look up after the strong winds we've experienced in July. You don't want to have a loose limb come down unexpectedly. I have several cottonwood trees and I seem to find a broken limb caught up in the tree quite often.

Town Office Closed Monday, September 7th.

Planning Commission Meeting Schedule

September 8 October 13 November 10

Town Council Meeting Schedule

September 9 October 14 November 12

**The Dumpsters Are Coming!
August 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. All Town residents are encouraged 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.

Land Use Code and General Plan Update

Just over a year ago the Town hired a consultant to help us update our Land Use Code and General Plan. Those revisions are ready for your review. Please visit the town's website at <http://rockvilleutah.org> or call the Town Office at (435) 772-0992.

We are hoping and planning to have the consultant make a presentation at our September Planning Commission meeting. We welcome your feedback and hope you will take the time to review the changes.

WANT TO CONTACT YOUR TOWN OFFICIALS?

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

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