

# THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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## Notes from the Mayor

### MAYOR PAM LEACH

Falls cooler temperatures are here and all we need now is some rain! I am hopeful that rain will have come before you read this newsletter. This newsletter, I am asking your help with some local issues.

**DRIVING TOO FAST** - Rockville is experiencing more and more traffic, and our once quiet side streets are becoming perilous for children, animals, walkers and bikers. While we have graciously been given the use of ZNP's speed trailer, begun to put up additional speed signs, and have asked our local law enforcement officers to patrol and ticket violators, we ask everyone to be aware of your speed while driving in Rockville and mindful that we are a rural community where taking a walk or riding a bike is a wonderful form of exercise and a way to enjoy our beautiful surroundings.

**CAMPING** – As more and more visitors come to Utah, the area is experiencing a huge increase in people looking for free and convenient camping locations. Along with these campers come untended campfires, human waste and trash, not to mention the impact to sensitive lands. Recently placed “No Camping/No Overnight Parking” signs at the bottom of Smithsonian Butte Rd. were stolen within a few hours of placement. The BLM signage that indicates no camping within a ½ mile of the road is being ignored. Rockville does not allow camping along roadways or on the BLM lands that are within a ½ mile of roadways. The BLM has few rangers to patrol its thousands of acres of public lands. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, while acknowledging fire hazards are still extremely high, the BLM lifted fire restrictions on public lands. If you see illegal camping in Rockville, please notify the Springdale Police Dept. Dispatch at 435-634-5730. They will contact those campers and give them information on places they can camp legally.

**COVID-19** – Thank you to everyone who continues to wear masks and/or socially distance while in public places in Rockville. With the holiday season upon us, our desire to spend time with family and friends in celebration provides opportunities to spread the virus. Be mindful and considerate of high-risk individuals as you gather – wear masks, give air-hugs or have virtual gatherings to help keep everyone safe. This will also help all those frontline providers who care for those who are sick with this virus.

### MAYOR PAM LEACH

(Continued)

As Dr. Bryce Ferguson, Medical Director of the ICU at Dixie Regional Medical Center recently said during a Mayors Association weekly Zoom meeting, go forward with love not fear, be respectful of others and remember all the things we have to be thankful for.

Wishing you the best for the holiday season and the New Year ahead!

### North Fork of the Virgin River Algal Bloom

The Danger Advisory for the North Fork Virgin River inside Zion National Park remains in place.

The Warning Advisory for the North Fork Virgin River outside Zion National Park remains in place.

Zion National Park Service (NPS) and the Utah Division of Water Quality (DWQ) have been monitoring benthic cyanobacteria in the North Fork of the Virgin River since July 7, 2020. Benthic cyanobacteria mats have been observed in varying densities within the river from The Narrows in Zion National Park down to Confluence Park in LaVerkin, Utah.

Routine monitoring and sampling continues both inside and outside the Park in order to gain a better understanding of the ongoing recreational risk from benthic cyanobacteria.

Cyanotoxin analysis has shown that anatoxin-a exists in high concentrations in the cyanobacteria mats and within the water column when mats are disturbed.

In areas of the North Fork of the Virgin River, outside of Zion National Park borders, the Southwest Utah Public Health Department has issued a public health warning. Signs have been posted by individual cities and towns to advise recreators of the risks associated with exposure.

Residents should adhere to these guidelines:

- \* Do not swim in the North Fork of the Virgin River.
- \* Avoid areas of algae scum.
- \* Keep animals away.
- \* Do not ingest the water.
- \* Clean fish well and discard guts.

Pet owners should be careful not to let animals play in the river, drink from the river, or eat algal scum.

**The Rockville Pipeline Company**

**The Board of Directors are ending the temporary emergency rate adjustment for drinking water that began on October 1, 2020.**

Water use was extremely high during September and October while aquifer flows were low, partially due to the drought we are experiencing.

As of November 1st, rates return to the structure approved by the Board at the March 2020 Shareholders Meeting (refer to rates below).

Base rate to 5,000 gallons	- \$20	These rates are set to encourage water conservation. Thank you for your continued support. Rockville Pipeline Company
5,000 to 15,000 gallons	- \$4.00 per thousand	
15,000 to 30,000 gallons	- \$6.00 per thousand	
30,000 to 50,000 gallons	- \$8.00 per thousand	
Over 50,000 gallons	- \$10.00 per thousand	



<b>Town Council Updates</b>
Terry Bell

## The BluCan Curbside Recycling Program is Changing!

**What is the same?** Same great curbside service. Recycle paper, plastic, metal, and cardboard goods in the existing blue cans which will continue to be picked up every other week, taken to the District transfer station to be loaded, and hauled by semi-trucks to the Republic Service recycling facility outside of Las Vegas, Nevada.

### What is changing?

**\* Participation:** Recycling reduces our need for new raw materials. Recycling keeps trash out of the landfill and extends its useful life. Recycling conserves energy and reduces pollution to our air and water. It's important to recycle correctly and to ensure contamination isn't being added to recycling materials! Future recycling fees will be based on countywide participation. The minimum fees assume at least 51% participation. Fees will increase if countywide participation drops below 51% and the program will stop if participation is below 34%.

**\* Cost:** The current monthly rate for recycling is \$2.94 and will increase February 10, 2021. The new fees are based on participation.

Tier 1, which would assume over 51% participation, increases to \$5.65

Tier 2, 41% - 50% participation, increases to \$6.10

Tier 3, 34% - 41% participation, increases to \$6.66

Fees will increase annually by up to 2.5% for at least the next ten years.

**\* One Time Opt-Out Period—Ends at 1pm on November 30, 2020** No exceptions will be granted. The Washington County Solid Waste District has authorized the Town of Rockville to offer a ONE TIME 90-day opt out period, which is NOW AVAILABLE. If you would like to opt out of the curbside recycling, you can do so by completing the opt out form, which is available at the Rockville Town Office. Call (435) 772-0992 with questions.

Courtesy of the Springdale Clerks

**MEGAN HONER-ORTON**

**REPORT ON ULCT CONVENTION**

Rockville is a member of an organization named Utah League of Cities and Towns. This organization represents Utah cities and towns in bills that come before the legislature and coordinates cities and town to work together to accomplish common goals and objectives. They try to make sure that our legislators understand how this or that bill will affect cities and towns in Utah. They often take positions for or against bills depending on how that bill might affect a city or town. Often they work with legislators to improve the effect of bills on our communities. Sometimes they oppose bills flat out that they believe will be detrimental. This is a great service, especially to small towns who don't have the staff to read each and every proposed bill that may affect Rockville and all the different versions of that bill as it goes through the process before coming up for a final vote in the legislature. We can follow the reports that are emailed and let our representatives and ULCT staff know how we feel about a bill and why.

ULCT usually has two conferences a year where they have speakers on various things that concern local government. At this one the opening day was addressed by Reverend France Davis who spoke on equality, tolerance and inclusiveness. His speech was powerful and he ended it with this quote " Be who you is and not what you ain't cause if you is what you ain't, you ain't what you is."

One of the break-out sessions I attended was on housing. Utah is 45,000 units short of what we need so that everyone has a place to live. Although cities and towns have tried to develop affordable low income and moderate income housing they have not been able to keep up with the number of residents who need housing. The land keeps getting more expensive, which makes the developments more expensive which keeps homes and apartments out of reach for many. Various ways of alleviating this situation were discussed. Rockville has also discussed ways of handling the housing shortage. Our planning commission will be considering in-home apartments and accessory dwelling units.

Another next break-out session was on Correct development in Small Towns. This session encourages communities to anticipate the future. One way that was suggested is by planning for the areas around towns as well as

within town borders. The reason for this is to protect towns from development that wouldn't be beneficial. It was felt that a plan would better enable a town to justify opposition to a project that wouldn't be beneficial to the town. Other strategies to accomplish this were to clearly articulate the General Plan, keep ordinances for large lots and get them up to state law standards, review uses in each zone, and consider clustering development rights and purchases. Capital Improvements Plan for region.

Other sessions I attended were:  
Conflict resolution and collaboration on objectives, Rural Resources for planning and funding <https://rcac.org> (Rural Community Assistance Corp), Ways of improving community participation, FB Branding for town in website and general plan.

Sidewalks--  
We are still waiting for Allen Lee's schedule to allow him to find time for our sidewalk project. In the meantime I will be reassessing the slightly lifted areas for possible grinding down. Now that the weather has cooled and more of us may be walking, if you have a gravel driveway, Please keep the gravel that migrates across the sidewalk swept up so that it doesn't become a trip hazard. Thank You from the "Walkers"!



**NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK**

**Vicki S. Bell**

**TOWN PARK MURAL**

Jodi McGregor restored the mural in the Town Park's Pavilion so it can be enjoyed for another 30 years!

And thanks to Angie Hebner for bringing this project to the Town's attention. She reminded the Town that it should be kept in good condition because of all the artists that participated, including Jimmie Jones, a famous local painter who built a home on the south mesa and was a native of Cedar City.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

The Town of Rockville is honored to be included in the [Wreaths Across America](#) event Saturday, December 19th starting at 10:00am. Wreaths will be placed on all known Veteran gravesites in the Rockville cemetery. If you know of a Veteran and would like to have them honored in this special and significant way, please contact the Town office. Family members will be asked to come out and lay a wreath on the grave of their loved one. This program gives us all an opportunity to pay tribute to our community's most revered heroes.

Last year was our first year to participate in this program and we hope that we can improve our community participation this year.

**JOYCE HAMILTON**

**JOB OPENINGS**

If you have an interest in any of the job openings, please contact me or the named individuals:

Opening: Rockville Deputy Town Clerk  
Contact Town Clerk Vicki Bell (435) 772-0992

Opening: Rockville Planning Commissioner  
Contact Town Clerk Vicki Bell (435) 772-0992

Opening: Z-Arts Administrative Director  
Contact Board Member Vicki Bell at  
zartsfin@infowest.com

Opening: Secretary of the Rockville Historic  
Preservation Commission  
Contact Jane Whalen at (435) 635-2133

Opening: Secretary of the Grafton Heritage  
Partnership Project  
Contact Jane Whalen at (435) 635-2133

Joyce is truly going to be missed!

**TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE**

Planning Commission	Town Council
No December Meeting	December 9
January 12	January 13
February 9	February 10

**The Dumpsters Are Coming!  
November 13—15**

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.

**COMMUNITY SHRED DAY**

**NOVEMBER 18TH**

**10 AM TO NOON**

Call Joyce at 772-0992 to let her know how many boxes you have by November 16!



**Town Office Closed  
November 26 & 27**



**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
V. Terry Bell	terry@rockvilleutah.org
Jeff Ballard	rockvillejeff@infowest.com
Megan Honer-Orton	meg-n-bo@infowest.com
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**Rockville Planning Commission**

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