

THE ROCKVILLE GLOBE

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Notes from the Mayor

MAYOR PAM LEACH

WHEW! It's hot out there! Don't think I really needed to tell you that, but as we work our way through the monsoon season, at least we have had moisture and some cooler temps along the way. I am personally counting the days until Fall.

Several items to report –

- I am happy and sad to announce the retirement of Elaine Harris as Deputy Town Clerk as of June 30th. Happy for Elaine and sad for Rockville. Elaine has served Rockville faithfully since its days of incorporation. She has been the voice on the phone, the face in the office, the keeper of records, the supplier of information, the bookkeeper that kept our accounts reconciled and our budgets balanced. She has helped train and inform those of us who have served on the Town Council and Planning Commissions, and has assisted every Mayor of Rockville in doing their job, including myself. She has been an important asset in training Vicki to take her place. If you have the opportunity, please let her know how much she has been appreciated and that she will be missed. Elaine has agreed to be on call to answer questions for Vicki about things that have gone on in Rockville in recent years and long before many of us came on board. Thank you, Elaine. We wish you the very best!

-On August 3rd, the Community Impact Board (CIB) placed our application for a \$40,000 grant for improvements to our paved road on their Priority Funding List. This should receive the final stamp of approval at their October meeting. These funds added to our B&C Road Funds will allow us to do patch and repair where needed and apply chip seal to help preserve our paved roads. This work may begin this winter with the patch and repair and the chip seal being applied late summer of 2018. Thanks go out to Rod Mills of Ensign Engineering who helped with this process and "paved" the way for a successful outcome!

-The Washington County Fair celebrated 20 years with "There's No Place Like Home" being this years theme. Thanks go to Dan & Aleen McGuire, Jeff & Shirley Ballard and Gay Ballard who worked with me to build our display titled "There's No Place Like Home – In Rockville!" Our display included items found in country homes – a rocking chair, loom, butter churn, cabinet filled with bottled goods, china and books, our beautiful Rockville picture quilt

(which normally hangs in the Town Office), and an amazing cross-stitch of Rockville by Bernie Harris, and of course, lions and tigers and bears – oh my! Hope you had a chance to see it! Thanks to this great group of volunteers!

-Our Tree Board is working to obtain a grant to help with work needed on our beautiful trees. Tree Board Chair Robin Smith and Justin Bell with Zion Arborist have made a survey of trees needing attention. This will be another tree project requiring volunteers, so we will keep you posted.

-The bridge rehab project is moving forward and is currently scheduled to begin about April, 2018. See my separate report in this newsletter.

Thanks to all of you who volunteer your time and efforts to help Rockville be the wonderful community it is and those whose homes and properties grace our streets. I can't begin to tell you how often I hear from people who are passing through or are visiting our town what an amazingly beautiful place it is!

Town Council Updates



MEGAN HONER-ORTON

Community Emergency Response Team

Your CERT team has a trailer stocked with emergency supplies at the Rockville Community center between the restroom building and the shed in the parking lot. It will last a lot longer if it is under cover, so we are asking if there are any community members that would be interested in designing and building a simple car port for it. It can be attached to the restroom building on one side. There is some money budgeted for the materials. Call Megan – 772-3393.

Zion Regional Collaborative—what???

Some of you may be aware of an organizational effort to balance the needs and wants of tourists, local businesses and residents of the towns in the east and west Zion areas. This effort is being guided by expertise from the Environmental Dispute Resolution Program of the University of Utah. Rockville is participating, along with Springdale, Virgin, business interests in East Zion, Zion National Park, BLM, Washington County Commission, outdoor industry representatives of the State, UDOT, National Park Conservation Association, local businesses, and...well you get the picture, lots of elected officials, agency heads, industry leaders and just plain folks. Subcommittees have been

formed to address transportation, camping and recreation, messaging (information and signs), quality of life/community character. The purpose of all this is to communicate with each other so we understand the needs and desires of others and they ours, to find common ground to build on so that we are aware of how what we want affects others in the canyon and so that the needs and wants of one sector doesn't overwhelm others. And so that proactive solutions can be discussed. Rockville has representatives on 3 of the subcommittees and we would be better represented if we had more. Hint hint. Call Megan if you would like to participate 772-3393.



NOTES FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Vicki S. Bell

SAVE THE DATES

Aug 18—20 Rockville Dumpsters on Center St.
 Oct 14 Rockville Daze Celebration
 Nov 17—19 Rockville Dumpsters on Center St.

VOTER REGISTRATION

In order to vote in the upcoming Municipal Election, you must be registered to vote in Rockville. Here are registration deadlines:

Establish residency: last day to establish residency is October 8th

By mail: form must be postmarked by October 10th

In-person & Online: register with the county by October 31st.

Town Notifications—If you want to be notified about water outages, power outages and town events, please let our Town Clerk, Vicki, know. If we have your phone number, we can put it on our phone tree. If we have your email, we can send notifications via email. Please give Vicki a call at 772-0992 or stop by the Office M-F 8 am-1 pm.



The Rockville Park is available for exercising your dogs as long as they are under voice command or leashed. Please clean up after your dog out of courtesy for the next users of the park.

SPRINGDALE/ROCKVILLE POLICE

The Springdale/Rockville Police Department has added two new members. This increase in staffing now allows 24 hour coverage. Many times a crime or disturbance is relayed, after the fact, to the Rockville Town Office. That can be too late. Please utilize the enforcement our Town is paying for. If you see something questionable or someone at risk, please report it right away to the Police Department. Either call 911 in an emergency or call the non-emergency number (435) 634-5730 to report in with the dispatch center.

Dispatch Center (435) 634-5730

Emergency 911

REPAIRS/NEW GARBAGE TOTES

Please call (435) 673-2813 for all requests for repairs/new garbage totes. There is no charge.

**ROCKVILLE CLEANUP DAYS
 August 18—20, 2017**

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 try 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.

ROCKVILLE DAZE - OCTOBER 14TH

It's almost that time again for the annual Rockville Daze event! Be sure to mark your calendars!

- Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and candy —
- The Country Store with all kinds of goods and Rockville T-shirts—New Logo, New Colors
- Drawings for items from generous local businesses
 - A bounce house for the kids
 - Music for all to enjoy!
- Please join us for a great day of fun, food and friends!

**ROCKVILLE TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE
FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2017**

The Planning Commission and Town Council will meet on the following dates at the designated time and place for the remainder of the calendar year 2017 unless otherwise posted. The Planning Commission usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockville Town Hall, 43 E Main, Rockville, Utah. The Town Council usually meets on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockville Town Hall, 43 E. Main, Rockville, Utah.

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u>		<u>TOWN COUNCIL</u>	
Sep 12	Oct 10	Sep 13	Oct 11
Nov 14	Dec—No Meeting	Nov 15	Dec 13

ROCKVILLE BRIDGE PROJECT

After a lengthy delay to the project, brought on by UDOT’s review of the current load rating, the Design Team is back working to expedite the timing for construction. Currently, it is estimated that construction on the bridge will begin in April 2018.

The temporary by-pass will be created using 5 or 6 72” – 90” culverts in the river supported by rock and road base as the driving surface. This by-pass will run along the east side of the bridge. Access to the by-pass will be developed off the existing roadway.

Preliminary engineering plans have been created and measurements will be verified by a two-day onsite visit by the engineers in late August, early September this year.

The design plans will be reviewed by an independent engineering firm selected by UDOT. Once those plans have been approved by UDOT, they will be submitted to the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) for review to confirm the design does not affect the National Registry of Historic Places status of the bridge. Preliminary discussions with SHPO have indicated they do not expect the required work to have an adverse affect.

Along with the needed strengthening to the steel members of the bridge, the culinary waterline will be removed from the bridge and a new deck system will be installed. Several deck options have been reviewed – a metal open grid deck, a transverse timber glulam deck, FRP composite deck panels or a lightweight concrete deck. The current choice is the transverse timber glulam deck, which will reduce the deck weight by 41.9 pounds per square foot which will help achieve the required 25 ton load rating, provide a smooth quiet driving/pedestrian surface, and will be in keeping with the original deck system. Given our arid, mostly arid climate, the timber glulam should have a service life of 50 years. The hardwood running boards, which are the actual driving surface, will be expected to have a service life of 15-20 years or more, and those boards which receive the most vehicular wear can be easily replaced.

The bridge paint system will be completed with a final coat of paint that will match the current rusted steel color.

Current costs estimates to complete the project are \$2,810,000. This includes a 20% contingency cost representing approximately \$560,000 and installation costs for the timber glulam deck provided by the suppliers has been inflated 50% to allow for detail uncertainty at this stage.

The Town currently has funds in excess of the original match required of \$22,515; Kim Konikow is working on a grant request to the Eccles Foundation of \$85,000; additional grants or low interest rate loans are being researched to provide any current funding overruns.

Should you have any questions or comments, please send them to pam@rockvilleutah.org, rockville@rockvilleutah.org or drop them off in writing to the Town Office.

TOWN OF ROCKVILLE WEBSITE

We would like to invite everyone to visit the Rockville website and even bookmark it as one of your favorite places. The website has a lot of great information. For instance, you can find the complete Rockville Land Use Code, chapter by chapter for easy searching. And if you ever have questions on the Land Use Code, please feel free to contact the office. You can also find Planning Commission and Town Council minutes. There are links to other Zion Canyon websites, public notices and information about upcoming events. If you would like to see something that we haven’t thought of, please let us know. All suggestions welcome!

PARKING IN ZION CANYON

As you are aware, the continued growth in visitation to Zion National Park and the surrounding area has created issues with traffic and parking congestion in Rockville, Springdale and ZNP. Washington County, UDOT and the Zion Canyon Communities are exploring ways to help with these issues. One of the ways to help is to create parking areas along SR-9 where visitors and employees could catch a transit bus or shuttle into Springdale and the Park, lessening the number of vehicles passing through our towns.

I have been approached by Mayor Stan Smith of Springdale to discuss a possible partnership in developing a parking lot on the UDOT gravel storage area just west of Coal Pits Wash trailhead on the south side of SR-9. This piece of land is actually BLM property within the boundary of Rockville. Mayor Smith has proposed that if Rockville were able to enter into an agreement with the BLM for use of this land for a parking area, Springdale would bear the cost of improvements. Initial thoughts are that Rockville would require that the improvements and parked vehicles would not be visible from the highway or from the Grafton Town site. The only indication of a parking area would be signage along SR-9. This parking area would have restroom facilities, trash receptacles and possibly a Visitor Information and ZNP Entrance Fee Station.

Rockville would share in a portion of any income produced from this site, which could be used to offset an increase in service fees for the Canyon Police Dept. Please keep in mind that this is only in the earliest stages of consideration and would require more work and public input to make happen. To start the process, I am asking that you send an email to pam@rockvilleutah.org or rockville@rockvilleutah.org or drop written comments at the Town Office and let me know your thoughts as soon as possible. This is an opportunity for Rockville to help with an issue affecting us all. Thank you!

Mayor Pam Leach

WANT TO CONTACT YOUR TOWN OFFICIALS?

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

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