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The Mayor's Minutia

Mayor Dan McGuire

I guess I will have one more opportunity to write in the newsletter before I head over the hill, but I want to take this time to express my appreciation.

I have served with so many thoughtful and talented people from my time on the Planning Commission on through my terms on the Council. Having come from the corporate world, I felt so fortunate to have worked alongside so many people who too were bright and dedicated. Making the transition to rural government work took some adjusting for me; I used to be the Chief and in local government I found that I was just another Indian even as the Mayor. But, I made the adjustment and tried to be a good contributor and to be fair to all. I may have missed the mark on occasion, but not for lack of trying.

Serving the community of Rockville has been a hallmark for me because of the uniqueness of the town. Here we are with a fairly stable population of very bright people who are fiercely independent, but at the same time generally supportive of what we try to accomplish in Rockville.

Rockville is so very fortunate to have a solid core of volunteers who are always there when needed. It may be transparent to some about the work that is accomplished by volunteers; I am not talking about getting a big group together for a particular project, that's so important, but so is the individual effort that is happening almost daily. People willing to complete a simple task that supports the overall effort to keep our town in good repair and functioning.

Special thanks to all who have jumped in from time to time when needed.

It goes without saying that we are the envy of many other communities in southwestern Utah. Though leaders of other communities are loath to admit it, I have sensed it in the many meetings and functions that I have attended over the years. We are content with our lot and willingly make the sacrifices that are required of us. Operating within a very limited budget has not been a major problem for most, sure there are wishes that remain just that, but we have always maintained a balanced budget and we raised taxes just one since our incorporation and that was to continue to fund the Canyon Police which had to grow to meet the needs of all the communities which they serve.

With a part time clerk and deputy clerk, no paid professional staff and an all volunteer planning commission,

we do pretty well in keeping things rolling. Countless hours are spent by all sorting through the various issues that must be addressed. We make extensive use of all the free help we can get from county and state staff and the expertise of paid professionals in other communities; that's called networking and we do that very well.

All the effort put forth for the benefit and welfare of the citizens of Rockville is priceless because the individuals who comprise our community are priceless and we have always given it our best. You can be proud to live in such a dignified and giving community; I have personally called upon you many times in the past and you have never disappointed me.

I hope I have earned your trust and respect by providing a service that makes you proud. I truly do love Rockville and all those who call it home. Thank you for a great ride.

Dan McGuire

Town Council Updates



PAM LEACH

ROCKVILLE DAZE - OCTOBER 12, 2013—It is hard to believe that another year has passed, and Rockville is now 151 years old! Our annual Rockville Daze event will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come shop at the Country Store, enter the drawing for items from local merchants, enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs, and visit with friends and neighbors. All proceeds will benefit tree planting in the Rockville Cemetery. Mark your calendars, because we look forward to seeing you there!

CALLING ALL BAKERS & KRAFTERS—We are looking for donations to the Rockville Daze Country Store. Non-perishable items can be dropped off at the Town office anytime from now until Thursday, October 10th. Baked goods can be delivered to the Country Store on October 12th by 10 a.m. if possible. Proceeds will benefit tree planting in the Rockville Cemetery. Please call Pam Leach, 772-2444, if you have any questions.



MEGAN HONER-ORTON

Bagz—We recently saw a screening of the DVD "Bag It" about our incredible plastic bag waste. I highly recommend it (the DVD, I mean). There are mountains of bags all over the world. They are floating in the waters, they are caught on bushes and trees, they are blowing all over the place.

We came home and started looking around at what we use

plastic bags for. We already take reusable bags to the grocery store. We wash and reuse our produce bags. We freeze our meat scraps to put out on Trash Day. We compost our vegetable scraps. So, what do we use plastic bags for? Well, we discovered that we use them in our waste baskets and trash cans to contain other plastic bags!! And so our “trash cans” don’t get dirty. And so the garbage doesn’t smell bad or fly around the neighborhood when the cans are dumped. So we are mostly bagging up other bags. Duh!! AND we are protecting our trash cans from.....(wait for it....) TRASH! What we found is that we have plenty of dog food bags, potato chip bags, and other bags that stuff comes in that we don’t have to use plastic grocery bags in our waste baskets and trash cans, or, if we can’t completely break the habit we can dump and reuse our wastebasket bags.

Campground in Rockville?!?! - Now before you react....the idea was suggested by a friend of a former resident who runs campgrounds. The idea was to provide a place for campers to go who are camping illegally on town roads. Since the closure of Mosquito Cove and Coal Pits Wash to camping, campers are setting up camps on the South Mesa Road, the Grafton Road, Smithsonian Butte Drive, and even in town neighborhoods. Current law prohibits campers from camping closer than ½ mile from the road. We know that most do not get off the road that far and some are building camp fires in very flammable conditions. We can send our law enforcement officers to move them, but where? A town-run primitive campground might give them a place to go. It would need to be run by the town in order to protect Rockville from commercial development. We would need to identify land to lease and start out slowly, make some simple improvements and charge a small fee to pay for the lease and maintenance. It is hoped that we could lease land for this from BLM or UDOT.

That is the basic idea. Some are of the opinion that we should provide a safe place for people to camp since there are not enough camp sites available in the canyon and fires are a real danger. Others say that no matter how many campsites there are, there will still be those who camp illegally. Others feel it isn’t Rockville’s responsibility to provide camp sites. Some feel that Rockville should step up with some solution to the camping problem. (Approximately 40% of our residents make income directly or indirectly from tourism.) Let us know what YOU think, please contact Town Clerk Elaine Harris with your input at 772-0992 or elaine@rockvilleutah.org.

NOTES FROM THE CLERK’S DESK



CANDIDATES FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2013 MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR ROCKVILLE

Rockville is fortunate in having outstanding and experienced candidates for the open positions on our Town Council. During September there will be a “Candidates Night” that will include short statements from

each candidate, followed by questions asked by the audience. Watch for more information regarding date and time. In alphabetical order, the candidates are:

MAYOR – 4 YEAR TERM

Steve Cox
Tracy Dutson

COUNCILMEMBER – FOUR YEAR TERM

Bernie M. Harris
Pamela Leach

COUNCILMEMBER – 2 YEAR TERM

This position has no candidate—
See more information below.

IMPORTANT DATES RELEVANT TO THE ELECTION

We have one two-year seat on the Town Council that will be vacant January 1. As of this date, there is no candidate for this position. If you would like to run as a Write-in Candidate, you must register with the Town Clerk by 4:00 pm Friday, September 6, 2013.

For the November election, the last day you can establish residency to be a registered voter in Rockville is October 6, 2013 and the last day the County will accept voter registrations that are mailed to them or applied for at the Department of Motor Vehicles is October 7, 2013. October 21, 2013 is the last day the County will accept voter registrations that are dropped off at their office or applied for ONLINE at www.vote.utah.gov.

Rockville will again be voting by mail and the ballots should be sent no later than the first week in October—there will be plenty of notices posted at the post office.

VOTING IS YOUR RIGHT—EXERCISE IT!

SOLID WASTE

Per our contract with Washington County Solid Waste (WCSW), Rockville collects fees for your solid waste pickup and then pays WCSW for the service. If a residence has running water and/or electricity, they are considered “habitable” and must be billed.

Each residence must pay for the service. The only time a residence does not pay for service is if there is proof that there are no utilities active to the residence. If a resident chooses to have a dumpster in addition, that is their option, but it does not relieve them of the requirement to have a residential pickup.

Rockville homeowners, resident or non-resident, who are conscientious about recycling almost everything, and take the remainder to a dumpster at work or to a solid waste disposal at another residence are still responsible to pay for waste services for waste that has been generated in Rockville.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Elaine at the office—772-0992.

**ROCKVILLE
MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2013**

The Town of Rockville Planning Commission will meet on the following dates at the designated time and place for the remainder of the calendar year 2013 unless otherwise posted. The Planning Commission usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Rockville Community Center, 43 E. Main, Rockville, Utah. **There is no regular meeting scheduled for December.**

September 10 October 08 November 12

The Town of Rockville Town Council will meet on the following dates at the designated time and place for the remainder of the calendar year 2013 unless otherwise posted. The Town Council usually meets on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Rockville Community Center, 43 E. Main, Rockville, Utah.

September 11 November 13
October 09 December 11

REPAIRS/NEW GARBAGE TOTER

Please call (435) 673-2813 for all requests for repairs/new garbage toters.

CLEANUP DUMPSTER SCHEDULE FOR 2013

August 23, November 22

Rockville Cookbooks - If you haven't picked up your copy of the Rockville Cookbook, it's not too late. Copies can still be picked up from the Town Office. These cookbooks make excellent gifts, so while you are picking up one for yourself, buy a few for your family and friends.

ROCKVILLE CEMETERY



We are in the process of computerizing all the cemetery records. We know that since the cemetery was established in 1861 that there have been many burials in unmarked graves. We are currently aware of 57 unmarked graves and suspect there may be more.

We need your help in identifying, if possible, who might be buried in these graves. If you or your family members have any knowledge, documents or family history that can shed light on the identity of our unmarked graves, please contact Vicki Bell at vicki@rockvilleutah.org or you can stop by the office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 9 to noon.

Greetings from Rockville Pipeline Company



This is from the Utah Water Users Association newsletter of June 8th, 2013:

“There is no good news on the water supply front these days. The litany of bad news is endless: snow packs were below average and melted early, soil moisture was dry and sucked up a lot of what little snow we had, southern Utah hasn't had a descent storm since early May and northern Utah hasn't had one since mid May (40 to 60 consecutive dry days), current stream flow at unregulated stations ranges from dry to 25% of median and reservoir storage is low and dropping fast, cities and towns across the state are scrambling to put water restrictions in place.”

The point is we are not alone in Rockville in our need for water conservation. The entire state, indeed the entire country, is dealing with the same concerns. We had multiple electronic disruptions to our control systems due to lightning in May, as did Springdale. This combined with exceptionally high water use in May and June created a critical situation. We were fortunate to be able to purchase emergency water from Springdale in spite of their having to deal with similar system problems combined with unprecedented levels of water use. Springdale cannot guarantee that level of emergency support in the future. In order to assess our water availability and use we are beginning a water system master planning process. More information on this will be available in the future.

The good news is we seem to have made it through worst part of summer. I want to acknowledge that the majority of shareholders are very conscientious about conserving culinary water. Thank you for your efforts.

Some shareholders were not as conscientious and used over 40,000 gallons in a month. Our water supply cannot handle this amount of use. Even though the hottest part of the summer is behind us, we ask you to continue to conserve the culinary water you use. If we are all aware of the water we use and use that water conservatively, there will be water for all of us into the future.

Rob Snyder
Rockville Pipeline Company



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