

NEWSLETTER

March/April 2017



From the Mayor's Office...



What amazing times in which we all find ourselves today. As I look back on my life and all the changes that have occurred during my time here on this planet, I find myself a bit nostalgic for the days gone by and all the things

we just took for granted. I grew up in a time when people trusted each other, when our word was our bond. I grew up in a time when we were not only taught, but were expected to respect each other. I grew up in a gentler time when to be civil in our discourse was the norm not the exception. I grew up in a time when we jumped in to help a neighbor or friend without question. I grew up in a time when we didn't question how great our country was, we knew better. I grew up in a time when to be both patriotic and respectful was expected and was given.

Today we live in a time when discourse has become not only crude but rude as well. Today we live in a county that is so diverse that we can only wonder what the truth really is. If makes no difference what you say—the truth is immaterial, it is what we perceive it to be that's important.

Today I feel blessed to live in a community that to some degree harkens back to our glorious past. I am grateful that I live in a better place. We are by no means perfect, but I do believe most people in Parowan still believe in those old sound and true principles of civility and respect that we show each other and that we try to instill in our children. We can only continue to be an example to the rest of the country that this is the best way to move forward and to continue to work together for the common good. We will always face challenges—they are but bumps in the road that can be

overcome. Ronald Reagan talked about a "country shining on a hill." I believe we too may be a shining beacon that radiates our goodness to all if we but keep believing in ourselves and our community.

Mayor Donald Landes

Residents may have noticed that portions of the City's recent chip-seal job have begun deteriorating at a much faster than normal pace. City staff have met with the contractor who has committed to finding a solution to fix the problem. Maintaining the investment that we have made is a top priority.

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION PAROWAN CITY 2017

In accordance with UCA 10-3-301 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following positions are to be voted upon in the Parowan City 2017 Municipal Election on November 7, 2017:

CITY MAYOR
4 year term

TWO (2) CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
4 year term each

Candidate filing period begins June 1, 2017 and ends June 7, 2017 (UCA 20A-9-203) excluding Saturday and Sunday. Declaration of Candidacy must be filed in person at the Parowan City Recorder's Office located at 35 E. 100 N., Parowan, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A person filing a Declaration of Candidacy for Municipal Office shall be a registered voter and shall have resided within the Parowan City limits for the 12 consecutive months immediately before the date of the election.

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2016 Business of the Year

The Parowan Cafe was voted by the Parowan Chamber of Commerce as the “2016 Business of the Year”.

Located at 33 North Main, the ‘Café’ has recently undergone a renovation making it an even more welcoming and enjoyable dining experience. The delicious rolls, soups and daily specials are always local favorites.

Owner Katti Lister was presented with a plaque at the Annual Chamber Membership luncheon.

Winter Recreation Programs

***Youth Volleyball Camp** Feb. 28, March 2 and 4 (\$30/person or \$15 if you already have a Parowan City Jersey, 3rd-6th grade)

***Ballroom Dancing** March 7-9 & April 4-6, 6-8 p.m. (\$15/couple for 3-day session, ages 6 & up)

***Café Soups & Rolls** March 9, 12-2 p.m. (\$12/person supplies included, ages 16 & up)

***The Paint Mixer-A Social Art Event** March 9 & April 13, 7-9 p.m. (\$25/person/per class supplies included, ages 18 & up)

***Amazing Beads by Christene** March 13, 3 p.m. (\$15/person supplies included, ages 10 & up)

***Fleece Stockings** March 7 & 14, 3 p.m. (\$10/person both dates)

***Crock Pot Meals** March 15 (BBQ Pork Sandwiches) & April 12 (Chicken Tacos), 8 p.m. (\$20/person/class; ages 14 up)

***Community Bunco** March 21, 7 p.m. (\$10/person; ages 18 & up, “Ladies” only)

***March Madness Ice Skating Field Trip** to the Cedar City Aquatic Center, March 31, 5 p.m. (\$10/person, ages 10 & up)

***Kids Easter Craft Class** April 4, 4

p.m. (\$10/person, supplies included. Ages 8 & up)

***Easter Delights with Casey** April 10 & 11, 5:30 p.m. (\$15/person, ages 8 & up)

***Springtime P-Hill Picnic** April 22, 10:00 a.m. (\$5/person, anyone under 12 must be accompanied by an adult)

***Roller Skating** April 28, 7-9 p.m. (\$2/person or \$10/family, all ages welcome with families, 12 & up unattended)

For more information and to pre-register for all events go the Visitors Center
73 North Main

Dog License and Shot Clinic

The Parowan City Police Department is sponsoring the Annual Dog License and Shot Clinic. Dog Licenses will be available for a rate of \$5 for spayed/neutered and \$25 for male/female. After the clinic, licenses will go up to \$10 for spayed/neutered and \$50 for male/female. Dr. Bagley, the veterinarian, will offer discounted shots for your animal.

Date: April 1, 2017
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Place: Parowan Fire House

Please watch for the **Pressurized Irrigation** turn on date and schedule on our website “parowan.org”, Facebook page “Parowan Utah”, utility bills, and the bulletin boards at the City Office.

Parowan Animal Assistance League

PAAL is looking for two volunteers to manage the Feral Cat Spay and Neuter Program in conjunction with Best Friends Animal Rescue.

This job would be to put out

traps to catch feral cats, transport them to a pick-up site where Best Friends will take the cats to spay and neuter and then pick up the cats later the same day at the same site and return them to the area in which they were trapped. This is done approximately once a month. The volunteers would have to coordinate with Best Friends.

This service is much needed in Parowan as we have a large feral cat problem.

If you are interested in performing this service please call Mary Hanley at 435-704-4112.

Parowan Shade Tree Commission

With spring approaching, Parowan Shade Tree Commission is looking for volunteers to help with mulching around trees, pruning of small trees and planting new trees. This will only involve a few hours one or two days a week.

You can learn how to prune trees properly. We are also looking for new members for the Shade Tree Board. If you are interested please call Dale Cowley at 702-303-5701 or Mary Hanley at 435-704-4112.

Online Bill Pay

Parowan City offers online bill pay through xpressbillpay.com. It’s fast and easy to set up; all you need is your utility account number.

You can also choose paperless billing. You will receive your utility bill by email each month.

For assistance in setting up online bill pay, you can call the City Office at 477-3331 or Xpressbillpay at 800-766-2350.

You can also pay your utility bill with a credit/debit card over the phone, in the City Office, or use our drop box on the east side of the City Offices.



Parowan City Swimming Pool will be hiring 6-8 lifeguards before summer. Lifeguard classes are typically held in April or May.

If you are interested, please contact Alice Heidenreich at 477-8190 or 435-691-0722.

Mark Your Calendars!

The Parowan Community Theater in conjunction with the Parowan High School Theater Department will be presenting the family fun musical **"YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN"**, featuring both an adult and student cast on alternating nights: **March 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25, & 27.**

This delightful musical comedy brings to life the famous characters: **Charlie Brown** (Trevor Walker, Jordan Ruesch), his sister **Sally** (Larissa Huntington, Gabriella Hasemeyer); his advisor **Lucy** (Cassie Walker, Alexi Thatcher); his friends, **Schroeder** (Garrett Ruesch, Wyatt Olaya), the thumb-sucking **Linus** (Brett Adams, Mathew Benson), and his loveable dog **Snoopy** (Meghan Eide, Berkely Terry). The show also includes: **Woodstock** (Kyra Payne, Tessa Leavitt), **Pigpen** (Clinton Dipwyck), **Peppermint Patty** (Jillian Knox) and the **Little Red-Haired Girl** (Savannah Jones). Shelley Porter directs the play, with musical direction by Trevor Walker, choreography by Jenifer Terry and costumes by Janice Ruesch and Debbie Grimm.

"Happiness is ... " a great family show that makes you laugh and remember the timeless wisdom of Charles Shultz and his endearing characters.

Doors open at the Aladdin Theater on Main Street at 6:30 p.m.

Performances begin at 7:00 p.m.

Prices remain at \$7 for Adults and \$5 for children

From the Chamber of Commerce

*By Katti Lister
Chamber of Commerce President*

In 2016, the Chamber of Commerce was very excited at the prospect of beginning new projects and continuing old projects to not only help our members but our community as well. Parowan's Chamber is growing every year. The meetings are well attended which helps us to share ideas and different perspectives.

One of the most exciting things that the Chamber did last year was move into its own office as part of the brand new Visitors Center. The Chamber is very appreciative to be able to share a space with the Visitors Center and the new office is beautiful.

The Chamber tried some different advertising angles last year. Some of them worked and some didn't, but we learned a lot in the process. We really wanted to make it big with a digital campaign, but did not get the results we had all hoped for in the end. The newly formed Branding Committee will help us in the future to promote our town and bring more success to our local businesses.

We continued our support of giving donations when we could and supporting our community in many ways. We continued our Blood Drive in February, which is always a success and very much appreciated by the Red Cross.

The Chamber held its Annual Car Show and continued the tradition of doing a Sucker Sale for a chance to win a Gun. Last year we incorporated a Friday night BBQ, which the car show participants really appreciated and it was a fun time for those who came out. It was a great way to kick off our Sucker Sale and Car Show.

The Chamber was asked to join the Southern Utah Region Chamber Coalition, which consists of chambers from Mesquite, St. George, Cedar City, Richfield and Hurricane. The primary idea behind this coalition is to learn from each other and help each other out when needed. It also serves as an advocacy group dedicated to helping ensure sound legislation for business in Southern Utah.

We have seen many new businesses open and the Chamber is thrilled to be able to participate in the ribbon cuttings and grand openings of these businesses. Our town is growing and it only continues to help all the local businesses when

we have more choices and places for people to come and eat and shop.

As a chamber, as businesses and as townspeople, we enjoyed participating in the Scarecrows on Main Street during October. This was a fun time and really brought a lot of people into town to see what great and creative people we have in Parowan.

The Chamber brought back a tradition that we had started which was Ladies Night on Main. This night in December turned out to be fun and good for the businesses. We were able to add some different things last year with Santa and a movie and we hope to continue this again this year.

We are looking forward to 2017 and have many new things that we want to pursue. As always, we are very appreciative of our members and supporters, because that is what makes us a great chamber.

Steve Decker, Parowan City Co-Historian and in cooperation with Southern Utah University, is compiling information on saw- and shingle mills in Iron County from 1851 to present. Anyone having information or histories about these mills is encouraged to contact Steve as soon as possible at stevedecker477@gmail.com.

The first draft of his report will be submitted in April and the project completion day is slated for July.

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Saving the Old Rock Church: A Piece of Its 150 Year History

The Old Rock Church came into use in 1867, a hundred and fifty years ago. Quoting from Luella Dalton's book, "For 52 years the Rock Church stood as a beacon of faith, binding our community in religious and civic activities. In sunshine and rain, winter and summer, the old bell called us home and then it seemed, for a season, to all be abandoned as a lovely new Church was added to the southeast corner of the town square."

In 1917-1918 the now "OLD" Rock Church housed Parowan High School and then it was completely abandoned. Years passed; the structure became more dilapidated, windows were broken, pigeons made it their home. As travelers and what is referred to in the history books as "gypsies" and "hobos" passed through our community, they turned the southwest corner of the square into a campground. They tore away the Church steps and ornamental fences to build camp fires and by the late 1920's many thought it was time to tear the eyesore down.

But the Daughters of Utah Pioneers, with good memories of bygone days, worked tirelessly to save the structure, the core of so many goings on, on our Town Square. It's very existence was a testament of who Parowan people were. The DUP carried petitions and personally lobbied LDS President Heber J. Grant asking him to allow the building to be a place of remembered strength, determination, and pride. They wished to restore and

reopen the building as a museum, giving the DUP a home for meetings and relics that had been saved and stored around the town. President Grant said it was too big a project for the DUP to restore such a dilapidated building. And he turned them away. But the DUP hadn't given up. They lobbied again, and again they were turned down.

In Nov., 1927, Mrs. Ida Paxton, Captain of the DUP, made a third trip to SLC to see Pres. Grant. Lola Ann Jones, granddaughter, said, "She went without an appointment and was told she could not see the prophet. Sister Paxton, sitting down, responded, "He'll see me in this life or in the next." They allowed her in.

Quoted in a hand-written, unsigned note, now in the possession of Carey Shurtleff, (quoted as written) "Well she made her 3rd trip and of course he (Pres. Grant) was very upset and told her so but she finally said, Pres. Grant I just want the right to bring the building back. Pres. Grant said I don't know what to do with a woman like you guess I will have to give you a 99 year lease (sic) on it, but don't you ask the Church members for help we are having a hard time to finish this New church." The lease was conditional on whether the Parowan Stake President and both Parowan Ward Bishops approved. With pressure, they agreed.

The work began. Money was solicited. Banquets, old time dances, plays, programs, and quilt bazaars raised a good deal of money. Alma Richards, Utah's first Gold Medalist sent \$75.00. And the work progressed nicely.

Then, the Depression came, money was no longer available, the roof leaked and plaster fell. Windows were again broken and boys went in to shoot pigeons in the belfry. The basement was awful having been used as a restroom.

In 1938 the DUP reorganized and in 1939 Amos C. Hatch became the town mayor; he was also a school teacher, coach, PHS principal, and local potter with ties to the first wagon train. The DUP had an ally.

The Mayor and city council decided to make a park out of the town square using WPA labor. The DUP surrendered their lease to the city and a partnership was formed. Re-plastering, new windows, and steps out of cement were put in. The little white picket fence was restored. New paint and new shingles arrived. The beautiful wooden interior pillars were even being painted a lovely white when DUP Captain Lizzie Adams swooped in and ordered that gasoline soaked rags immediately remove the paint from the beautiful natural wood pillars. They and the pulpit would stay as "in the days of yore."

The project was completed in 1940. The WPA workers even donate \$56.00 in labor. Many, many others in the community were giving and giving again. The idea of who we were and what our community represented was alive and well. Our "core" was renewed and strengthened.

And in 1940 an Old Time Celebration signaled the completion. To quote Luella Dalton, "The whole kit and kaboodle of the community came. Everyone had a grand time."

An Addition to the Community Tribute to World War II Veterans who live in the Parowan High School Boundaries

On Nov. 11, 2016 Parowan High's Student Government honored living WWII Veterans now located within our school boundaries. Unfortunately, one was left off and that needs correcting.

Walter K. Lamoreaux was inducted into the U.S. Navy on Oct 13, 1944 at age 17. He went to the San Diego Training Station and earned the rank of Seaman 1st Class. He served at the Naval Air Station, Camp Kerney, and on the aircraft carrier USS Wake Island (CUE-65). He was on this aircraft carrier on VJ Day and was discharged June 14, 1946 days prior to his 19th birthday. He returned to Paragonah and has remained there, raising a fine family while working as a chemist, carpenter, and construction inspector.