

# NEWSLETTER

May/June 2016



that we always try to make decisions on what is best for Parowan. Do we always get it right? Not always, but we hopefully do not get it wrong very often.

Mayor Donald Landes

## From the Mayor's Office...



*"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field or endeavor"*

Vince Lombardi

This quote from a Hall of Fame football coach is a direct reflection of what we expect from all who work for this great city of Parowan whether in city government or as a city employee.

The other night I was in a meeting where the discussion centered around the need for more revenue for one of our city functions. It was evident that something would need to be done, either a drastic cut in services or an increase in the rate. Someone mentioned that an increase in rate would be a political death sentence. It was at this point that one of the members of this committee said the following, "Whether it is politically dangerous or not, we still have a responsibility to the citizens of this community to be responsible. To do the right thing." To me this is an indication that this was the example of an excellent board member recognizing that the need was more important than what would have been more comfortable to just let the situation continue to fester. Unfortunately, we have done just that in the past with disastrous consequences.

I am pleased that most of the staff and the members of this City Council are dedicated to doing the right thing. Not all people will agree but I hope that everyone understands that we are all committed to this community and are dedicated to always trying to do the right thing. We are not perfect but I like to think

## Parowan City Watering Schedule

◆ **Monday & Thursdays:** All residents located north of 100 North and all Sky Ranch Subdivision residents that live west of 850 West.

◆ **Tuesdays & Fridays:** City Parks, Cemetery, Schools, Churches and all residents south of 200 South.

◆ **Wednesdays & Saturdays:** All residents located south of 100 North to 200 South and all Sky Ranch Subdivision residents that live east of 850 West, and all Red Hills Subdivision (Gurr Subdivision) residents.

### NO SUNDAY WATERING

**STRICT ENFORCEMENT WILL BE IN PLACE  
PLEASE BE CONSERVATIVE AS THIS IS A LOW  
WATER YEAR**

Watering times are 12:01 AM to 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM on scheduled days.

Plant lawn at your own risk.

You will still need to follow the watering schedule for new lawn.

For purposes of monitoring violations, do not use your culinary water from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

**This schedule is subject to change, depending on availability of water.**

Please check the Parowan City Office, our Facebook page "Parowan Utah" and our website "parowan.org" for updates to the watering schedule.

**For calendar events, please check the Parowan City website, "parowan.org"**

**PAROWAN CITY WILL NOT BE PICKING UP LIMBS THIS YEAR**

Please take them to the County Landfill. Make sure to cover any load you are taking to the landfill.

Parowan City Office—35 East 100 North—PO Box 576—435-477-3331

Parowan Events Center—5 South Main—435-477-8190

Parowan Visitors Center—5 South Main—PO Box 1165—435-477-8190—parowanvisitorscenter@gmail.com

**Our Memorial Day Program** will be celebrated Monday, May 30th at the Parowan Cemetery. The service will begin at 10am. The 30 minute program will honor the service men and women buried in the Parowan Cemetery. This year's guest speakers, Richelle and Bret Irons, will tell the story of a strong military family, followed by patriotic songs. Everyone is welcome. For more information please call 435-477-8190.

**Parowan Interfaith National Day of Prayer** will be held



Thursday, May 5th at 11 am at the Parowan Public Library Flagpole. The theme is "Wake Up America" Time for Freedom, Family, Truth, Prayer. Music by our Parowan High School Students. Hope to see you there!

**The Parowan Visitors Center is Open!**

Parowan City would like to welcome you to our **NEW** Visitors Center and Souvenir Shop. We are located in the old City Office building at 5 South Main.

The building will house the Recreation Dept., Events, Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Dept., and theater ticket sales.

We are open Monday thru Saturday, 10am to 5pm. Our phone number is 435-477-8190. Everyone is welcome!

**Swap Meet Saturdays** are returning every Saturday in June and July. We have a new location! We will be at the Gazebo on Center and Main in Parowan. The Swap Meet will be from 9am—1pm. Please call 435-477-8190 for more information. Everyone is welcome!

**Town Clean Up Day**

Town Clean Up Day will be on **Saturday, May 14th**. The city will have 3 dumpsters around the community for general use on this day. For more information, please check our Facebook page "Parowan Utah". Just a reminder: The city will not be coming door to door to pick up limbs.

**Come Celebrate Someone**

**Walk for a Cure • Walk for Someone**  
Saturday, May 14, 2016  
Main Street Gazebo • 1pm—6pm

All proceeds go to the local cancer fund. Have dinner—hotdogs, barbeque, or hamburger. Stop by the bake sale for dessert. Then do not forget to check out the silent auction and yard sale for some unbelievable one of a kind items. Come enjoy dinner and a walk.

You can buy a "Bag of Love" to display on the library lawn, displaying the names of people fighting cancer or in memory of someone who fought cancer.

Come enjoy the afternoon and help make life easier for our local cancer victims. For more info call 477-8190.

**Summer Recreation Program**

Our children will soon be out of school for the summer! Want to keep them busy? Parowan City is ready to help! Beginning in May you may sign your children up for our **SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM**. Classes and field trips include painting, crafts, swimming, something for everyone. Qualified, caring instructors have been selected to help your children learn new skills and have a great time.

The Summer Recreation Booklet will be available the middle of May and will be distributed at the elementary school, or you may stop by the Visitors Center at 5 South Main and pick one up. For more information call 435-477-8190.

Special thanks for **Family Dollar Store** for their support of our Summer Recreation Program.

**Summertime Drive-In Movie Nights**

Come out and enjoy movies under the stars. Sponsored through Parowan City and the Parowan Animal Assistance League (PAAL). Load up the car/truck and bring your family, friends and neighbors out for a good time Drive-In Style, for only \$10 a carload!

Fairgrounds • Gates open at 7:30pm  
Show starts at dusk (9:30ish)

Friday, June 24th—"Minions"  
Sat., June 25th—"Jurassic World"

**Gliders Over Parowan**

ASA Camp June 14-26, 2016 at the Parowan Airport.

Come watch the Gliders soar over the spectacular areas around Parowan. Parowan is noted for its unparalleled mountain soaring and thermals to assist these gliders get the most for the competition.

They experience wide open spaces and mostly unrestricted free airspace.

For more information, please call 477-8190.

**Parowan Chamber of Commerce Update**

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce is very excited for the start of 2016 and we are looking forward to a very productive year. We are 48 members strong this year. We are very pleased and excited to be sharing the new Visitors Center and having our own office location. We as Chamber members would like to thank Parowan City and it's staff for all they do for the Chamber and what they have done to help get our office space looking beautiful. The Chamber is excited to be able to bring the Car Show to our Community. We are excited to invite one and all to join us on Friday night, June 3, 2016 to kick off our Car Show with a BBQ and cruise down Main Street. Come join the festivities and enjoy an evening of fun and enjoyment. We are also looking forward to helping with the Cancer Walk in May. We are launching a new digital and print ad campaign to bring more business and people to our community to see the many resources we have to offer. Please continue to support your local businesses, which are a big part of your community.

**RIDE THE GAP EVENT ITINERARY**



**Friday, June 3, 2016**

4 pm to 8 pm—Late Registration & Packet Pickup Red Rock Bicycle Co. (446 W. 100 S. St. George)

**Saturday, June 4, 2016**

6:30 am to 7:30 am—Packet Pickup Lions Park (100 S. 300 E. Parowan)

8 am—Ride Leaves

5 pm—End of support

**Register Online**

[spingeeks.com/events/ride-the-gap/](http://spingeeks.com/events/ride-the-gap/)



In Parowan, as many are aware, the primary purpose of the city right of way is for utility location and water retention. The public works department is currently working on a project to provide the correct grade of the roads and the right of way. The primary purpose of this project is to keep water off of the roads. Water, most also probably know, is the primary contributor to degradation of roads in Parowan City.

Parowan City Ordinance 29.100 states that the city "...may direct any person owning or maintaining facilities or structures in the public way to alter, modify or relocate such facilities or structures...". This relocation includes grass, gravel, and even asphalt that has been installed on the Parowan City Right of Way.

Parowan City understands that improving and maintaining the city ROW around private property can be very expensive and the idea that what has already been done must be torn up or damaged in any way is not a positive idea for anyone that has improved their property in this manner. It is for this very reason that we require individuals to get a permit before they alter the right of way or street or public property in any way. Unfortunately, most are not aware of this requirement or choose to not involve the city when they improve upon city property. For more information about this requirement, please review Parowan City Ordinance 19-40-020. As crews work through the community they will make every possible concession to not damage improvements on the rights of way throughout town.

Over the next few months, however, Parowan City will be improving the right of way around many homes for drainage and other utility accommodations. This work may affect any improvements to the right of way that a resident has completed. These improvements will not be replaced by the city. We hope that some discussion can take place between private

property owners and the city ahead of time to ensure that any future improvement to the public space around private property will be an asset to the right of way, the utilities that may be underground, and to the private property as well.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions about this, please contact the city office. Thank you for our consideration and patience as we complete this important project.

**Movies – Movies – Movies**

Parowan City will open the doors to the Aladdin theater every Wednesday morning at 10am in June and July. Popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase. Please no outside food.

\$2.00 per movie or  
\$10.00 pass for 9 movies

For more information  
please call (435)477-8190

**26th Annual Parowan Fun Run Car Show**

**Friday, June 3rd**

BBQ & Main Street Cruise • 6-9pm

**Saturday, June 4th**

Fun Run Car Show  
Main Street Park • 8am Check In  
\$10 Registration Fee  
Open to all makes, models  
and types of vehicles.

For more information call  
Frank Mattison at 702-565-8949  
Parowan Events at 477-8190

*The event is sponsored by the Parowan City, Parowan Chamber of Commerce, Desert Cruisers of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Cedar City-Brian Head Tourism Bureau*



**Arbor Day Service Project**

The entire community is invited to help with planting trees and pruning roses on Sat., April 30th from 10am—12pm. Come help plant new trees along the south side of the Veteran’s War Memorial or prune and weed the Rose Garden.

There will also be fun activities for children under 10 to participate in!

At noon, there will be refreshments a short program including a presentation on the history of the War Memorial and Rose Garden. Bring your work gloves, hand pruners, rakes, shovels and hoes.

*This community service project is a cooperative project by the Parowan Shade Tree Commission and Parowan Interfaith Committee.*



**Little League**

9 & Up Leagues have started and are well underway!

All 8 & Under Leagues will start toward the end of May or early June.

All-Star Machine Pitch Tournament tentatively scheduled for June 24 - 25, 2016

**Soccer**



AYSO has a VIP program open to all ages for players with special needs. New this year, we have a program for 3 & 4 year olds

For more info visit:

[AYSO.bluesombrero.com/region873](http://AYSO.bluesombrero.com/region873)

**ATV Rodeo**

We are excited to announce our **ATV Rodeo on June 18, 2016**

**Registration starts at 5:00**

**Show starts at 6:00 p.m.**

Quads, UTVs, Motorcycles, and a Kids’ Class this year! Pole Bending, Barrels, Flag Race, Balloon Pop, Hide Race and new this year, the Obstacle Course.

Call Kelly or Kim at 435-677-2288 or Alice at 691-0722 for more information

**The Summer Reading Program**

at Parowan Library will begin Tuesday, June 7th at 10:00 AM.

This summer we will explore all kinds of sports, fitness, and mental challenges. Program is for all ages.

For more information, call the library at 477-3491.



**Utah Summer Games Archery** will be at the **Parowan Soccer Fields June 16-19th!**

*Please come and support the Summer Games!*



**Parowan City Swimming Pool 2015**

- ◆ **FREEZE DAY**—Fri., May 27th, 3pm-6 pm
- ◆ **Open Swim**—1pm-6pm, Mon-Sat
- ◆ **PM Lap Swim**—Mon, Wed, Fri, 6pm-7pm
- ◆ **AM Lap Swim**—Mon-Fri, 6am-8am

- ◆ **Water Aerobics**—Mon-Fri, 6:30am-7:30am
- ◆ **Family Night**—Mon., 7pm-9pm
- ◆ **Pool passes** at the City Office

The pool is available for **private rental** any time other than listed above until 10pm

**Swimming Lessons**

- Session 1:** June 13-23, 9-day Session \$3
- Session 2:** June 27-July 2, 6-day Session \$25
- Session 3:** July 5-16, 9-day Session \$30
- Session 4:** July 18-28, 9-day Session \$30
- Session 5:** August 1-6, 6-day Session \$25

Please call Alice Heidenreich at 435-691-0722 to register for lessons, to reserve your private rental, or with any questions. You may also call the pool directly at 477-8066 after May 16, 2016.

## Memorial Rose Garden

The beautiful memorial rose garden is located west of the Veteran's Memorial and north of the church on main street. This rose garden was started with donations of bushes by various families and individuals in the community. These roses were planted in honor of individuals who had died recently and as memorials to honor pioneer ancestors. This rose garden has a special place in Parowan's heritage.

In researching the rose garden it is unclear just when it was started and by whom. However, in Parowan City minutes dated 28 April 1966, we read, "The memorial rose garden that was started last year, came through the winter in fine shape, although last week's cold sap set the leaves back a bit. Preparations have been made by interested ladies to enlarge this garden with places for many more bushes which will be contributed by residents." Minutes of a meeting 6 June 1967 reads, "The memorial rose garden cared for so tenderly by Florence Mitchell, Carol Wright, and Edna Brown, was a real sensation all last summer. All this loveliness was the result of the hard work done by the ladies in cultivating, mulching, pruning, spraying and faithfully watering."

I would like to quote from a letter to the editor written by a former Parowan resident in 1966. "... I noted the wonderful work that has been done by a group of tireless and devoted ladies, who have given many long hours of work to turn a weed patch into a place of beauty. The lovely rose garden brought tears of nostalgia and a feeling of closeness to my town's people. ... I send my thanks to each and every one for making a beautiful park of which Parowan can be very proud."

In an article dated 28 April 1966 "Parowan City Park to Take on New Look", we find several groups working to improve this park. Priesthood quorums of the local wards worked to clear the weed patch located on the southwest corner. They plowed, leveled, and made ready for sodding the area to be made into a softball and little league baseball field. Ladies of the ONO Club (One Night Club) planted and took care of flowers on the driveway leading to the Old Rock Church from 100 South Street. Flowers inside the circle at the American Legion Memorial Monument were planted by the American Legion Auxiliary ladies. In a 1967 report we learn that cedars in the enclosure at the south entrance of the historic Rock Church were a gift from Florence and Elmer Mitchell. The side plantings of *Pyracantha* were purchased and planted by Jean Hendrickson's seventh grade. The High School Student Council and classes also responded so loyally in their cleanup assignments. This was a wonderful show of community involvement and support.

In researching this history, I have had the opportunity to contact many wonderful people. I have learned that through the years many have been involved in maintaining this precious rose garden. They have given unselfishly of their time and talents and worked tirelessly for many years to preserve it. We appreciate the lovely memorial bench that was placed there by the family of Maxwell Kramer Niederhauser. A plaque to identify this garden would be a great addition. If you can add to the history of this

rose garden, please contact me—Helen Jean Stubbs at 435-477-8014.

It has come to the attention of the Interfaith Council that this rose garden has fallen into a state of neglect. There is much work to be done. We have enlisted the knowledge and skill of the FFA class of Parowan High School. Come spring there will be a lot of work to get things in shape. As you can see it takes a lot of time and willing people to keep our city beautiful.

If you would like to be involved, please contact the Parowan Inter Faith Committee, Jim and Gail Harris Chairmen (435)477-0093.

Helen Jean Stubbs  
InterFaith Council

## Parowan Main Street Memories Continues 3<sup>rd</sup> Installment of our Serialized Story beginning at 30 North Main

*We continue to ask for public input as we did with the 1<sup>st</sup> (Jan.-Feb. 2016) and 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mar.-Apr. 2016) publications. Generally, the information used has been a collaborative list that Frankie Lou Bentley and Sandra Benson compiled years ago. We're appreciative that Carey Shurtleff called and said, "You must not forget my Uncle Dave's butcher shop on Main." As others recall pieces of main street history, please contribute to this record as we seek an accurate account of people, places, and events. Contact Sandra Benson (435) 477-8801.*

Now let's begin our 3<sup>rd</sup> installment at 30 North Main, two doors north of *Parowan Drug*, where *Dave Matheson's Butcher Shop* was located. Later, this building was a relocation for the *Parowan Times*, owned and operated by Bob Mitchell. The *Times* provides a wonderful record of the goings-on in Parowan. Today, decades of those editions can be found on-line. It's a fascinating source of Parowan's economic, political, and social history, a record of who was doing what, when, where, and sometimes why. Many editions can be found at the *Parowan Library*. It's a great read. This same building was used for *Joan Mortensen's High Country Realty*. Also, it was the location of an Italian restaurant, Jean Evans' fabric store, and most recently has been the *Breaking Bread Bakery*.

*Bill Lowder's Pool Hall* was the next building north. It has since been torn down. Art Lowder and Tom Lemmon were also involved in this business. Many a young man learned to play pool in the back of this establishment. If you were under age you were expected to quickly pass right by the bar and go directly to the tables. It has been rumored that a few young fellows became so good at pool in this establishment they were able to hustle their financial way through college.

Located at 40 North Main with the south side of the building tucked closely behind the pool hall, was the *Roy Hyatt Hotel*, later the *Bill Lowder Hotel*, and still later the *Lemon Tree Inn*. Today this lovely old Victorian styled building is a private residence.

At 50 North Main there was *Perk Cleaners*, Heber Gurr's dry cleaning business. The Gurr family moved to Beaver and the building was

sold to Dr. Roy and Dr. David Wilkerson, father and son, who established a medical clinic here. Roy was what we called a "naturopathy doctor" and his son, David, was a fully accredited M.D. After a good many years of serving Parowan, David moved into a clinic in Cedar. For years thereafter, Parowan residents traveled to Cedar to receive medical attention. After the doctors vacated the building, Joan Mortensen purchased it and relocated *High Country Realty* there.

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, there was a building with a sign stating *Parowan Meat Market* and above that *General Merchandise*. Jim Guymon has a picture of this business. It may have been located in the street where East Pioneer Avenue begins at about 60 North Main. The business was probably owned by the Peter Gurr family.

At 70 North Main is a closed service station and behind that a closed motel site. Here, originally, there was a café owned and operated by Bob and Mildred Stevens. Then it was the site of the *Conoco Service Station* that had a good number of owners/operators. Demar (Bud) Bowman had it, then Claude Burton took it over from 1941-'46, followed by Sam Pritchard, Ken and Peggy Jenson, and Woodrow Decker took a brief turn in 1958-'59. It's boom days were in its twilight years when it was *Wild Bill's*, a gas and goodies place owned and operated by Zoe Trimmer. Eventually, Zoe discontinued the gas business, kept the goodies part, and attached a car wash on the back. Behind *Wild Bill's* was the *Ace Motel* built by Scott Mitchell, later operated by his daughter and son-in-law, Veda and Watson Adams, then the next generation, Rod and Colleen Adams took over. Then Zoe and Bill Trimmer assumed ownership. The *Ace Motel* and *Wild Bill's* closed a number of years ago.

We'll pick-up where we left off in the next edition.

## Join Iron County Emergency Management for a day of emergency preparedness

**Preparedness in the Park** will take place **Sat., June 4th** from 9am to 2pm at the Main Street Park in Cedar City. This Preparedness EXPO is a wonderful way to receive preparedness information and to speak with business representatives who can show you the latest in emergency preparedness supplies, strategies and procedures.

Learn how to use your home fire extinguisher from members of Cedar City Fire Department, learn how to better secure your home from members from our law enforcement agencies, and more!

The event is open to the public and is free! Feel free to contact John Higley, 435-865-5332 for more information.