

NEWSLETTER



November/December 2018

From the Police Department...

Parowan City Police Department is accepting formal applications for a **Part-Time Crossing Guard**. This position performs routine unskilled duties as needed to assure safe crossing of school children and the general public at intersections and other road crossings. For qualifications and essential functions, see job posting at the Parowan City Office or at www.jobs.utah.gov. Starting wage is \$9.35/hour.

Applications may be picked up at the Parowan City Office at 35 East 100 North and will be accepted until the job is filled.

Whether you walk or drive, take 5 seconds to follow these **Crosswalk Safety Guidelines**

Pedestrians:

- Always cross at marked crosswalks. You forfeit your rights as a pedestrian if you cross elsewhere.
- Obey any pedestrian signals and look left-right-left to make sure the road is clear in both directions before crossing.
- If a vehicle approaches, make eye contact with the driver to be sure she/he sees you before you cross.
- Look before walking past stopped vehicles. Do not cross just because a driver waves you on. Be sure all lanes are clear first.
- Remember that bicyclists are not considered pedestrians unless they are walking their bikes. Otherwise, they are considered vehicles.

Drivers:

- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections.
- Be prepared to stop at all marked crosswalks. Stay alert and reduce speed in areas with

crosswalks.

- Be alert for bicyclists and skateboarders whose approach to the crosswalk may be much swifter than those of pedestrians.
- Come to a complete stop if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross.
- Wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane past the lane you are in before resuming travel.
- Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.

Parowan High School Presents

Parowan High School will be presenting the Broadway Musical, **NEWSIES**, written by Harvey Fierstein, music by Alan Menken, and lyrics by Jack Feldman, performed with permission from Musical Theater International, on **November 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th & 20th at 7pm** in the Parowan High School Auditorium.

This story takes place in 1899, when Joseph Pulitzer (Matthew Benson) raises the distribution price one-tenth of a cent per paper, ten cents per hundred, and the newsboys, poor enough already, are outraged. Inspired by the strike put on by the trolley workers, Jack Kelly (Berkeley Terry) organizes a newsboys' strike with his best friend Crutchie (Grayson Sudweeks). David Jacobs (Clay Prentice) is the brains of the new union, and Jack is the voice; together with Newsies from all over New York, they find the strength to band together and challenge the powerful Pulitzer. Their story is championed by newspaper writer, Katherine Plummer (Emily Gurr) and local dance hall owner, Medda Larkin (Tessa Leavitt). Other principal characters include David's younger brother Les (Gunner Tuttle) and a cast of Newsies, who will sing and dance you through one of the most entertaining nights of the year. Newsies is directed by Shelley Porter, assisted by Jenifer Terry, with musical direction by Trevor Walker, choreography by Heather Shurtleff and costume designs by Janice Ruesch and Debbie Grimm.

Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and children.



Parowan Community Theater Presents
at the Aladdin Theater

12th Annual Red Rock Film Festival
Friday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Southern Utah's Red Rock Film Festival is back with a whole new line-up of film competitions, seminars, movie premieres, parties, actors, filmmakers. You won't guess where they are having their opening night... right here in Parowan!

Like a small Sundance just for Parowan, the Red Rock Film Festival will unfold with a celebration of new short films made by some very talented college students, and judged by the audience. Plus, as part of the opening night event, there will be trailers (sneak previews) of films playing at the Festival the following week plus other festivities. The Festival has prepared some remote controls that allow the audience to submit their scores without having to turn on their cell phones or download anything.

Tickets are \$10 each and available by calling 435-705-5555 or online at www.goevent.com/RRFF/Pass/Sale where Festival Passes are also available for guests going for more than one day.

More information is available at www.facebook.com/RedRockFilmFestival.



Parowan Animal Assistance League (PAAL)

We would like to remind people that cold weather will be here soon. Winter snow and cold can be hazardous to dogs as it can be to humans. It is very important to provide adequate shelter for them if they must be outside. A well insulated dog house should be sturdy, dry, draft free and off the ground. Also make sure the dog has fresh water. It is best to give your dog a bed in the house when temperatures drop very low.

Remember, if you find a dog that is lost or you have lost a dog please call the Parowan Police at 435-477-3383. Also, get your dog licensed at the Parowan City Office. With the license number, they can get home sooner if they get lost.

Parowan Chamber of Commerce Update

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce has been busy the last few months. They would like to thank everyone who helped out with their Sucker Sale and who contributed to the Chamber. They gave away the sucker sale prizes at the Annual Fall Fest. The Fall Fest on Main Street was a great day for all of Parowan's businesses and the community appeared to enjoy it.

The Chamber welcomed a new business to Parowan! The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for Red Rock Turf and Carts was held Friday, October 12th. They are always excited to welcome new businesses into the community.

As the Cinnamon Roll campaign continues, the Chamber is pleased with its success and the amount of people coming off I-15 to visit Parowan to support its local businesses.

Look for new classes starting at the Gym on Main this month, including 'Meditative Thai Chi' and 'Pilates and Core Yoga'. Contact the Gym on Main for more details.

The Parowan Chamber of Commerce and local businesses are looking forward to a great winter season and are excited to see what it will bring.

Parowan City Public Works Department

wants to remind residents not to park on the streets during winter months and particularly during snow storms. When vehicles are on the streets (especially Main Street, state highways and subdivisions) it is very difficult for the snow plows to remove the snow. In the smaller subdivisions, the plows cannot make it through some of the streets that are lined with vehicles. Please keep this in mind as we head into winter.



2018 HOLIDAY LIGHTING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

All residents who are **current on their utility bill** that agree to install 2 or more strings of holiday lights are eligible to receive a Ten Percent (10%) reduction on the **electric portion** of their December Utility Bill from Parowan City through this incentive program.

If you agree to this, all lights must be up by the 24th of November and must be turned on each night throughout the holiday season (November 24, 2018—January 2, 2019).

This form must be signed and returned to the City Office at 35 East 100 North or PO Box 576, no later than November 23, 2018.

I would like to participate in the 2018 Holiday Lighting Incentive Program.

Name: _____ (Please Print)

Signature: _____ Utility Account Number _____

Christmas in the Country

“*Christmas Around The World*” is the theme for Parowan City’s 2018 Christmas in the Country Celebration

Friday, November 23

The **Holiday Bazaar** will be open 10:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Iron County Fair Building - 50 South 600 East.

Saturday, November 24

We will kick off with the **Holiday Parade** at 10:00 am on Main Street bringing **Santa Claus** to town! Santa will be visiting the Iron County Fairgrounds following the parade.

The **Holiday Bazaar** will be open from 10:00 am— 4:00 pm.

The **Candlelight Walking Parade** begins at 6:00 pm on Parowan Main Street. The public is invited to bring their own light/candle and join in. Line up at 500 North Main.

Town Lighting Ceremony at 6:15 pm at Town Square.

These holiday programs are free to attend or participate in. Everyone is encouraged to join in the festivities and feel the spirit of the season! For more info call 477-8190.

Weatherization Assistance Program



The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) helps low-income individuals and families reduce energy costs and increase comfort and safety in their homes. Individuals, families, the elderly and the disabled who are making no more than

200 percent of the current federal poverty income level are eligible for help. However, priority is given to the elderly and disabled, households with high-energy consumption, emergency situations and homes with preschool-age children.

Participating households average nearly 33 percent in savings, or approximately \$285 per year, after the completion of weatherization improvements. To apply for weatherization assistance, individuals must submit their application to the agency that services the county in which they reside.

The Utah Division of Housing and Community Development administers the program statewide through eight government and non-profit agencies. Benefits are provided in the form of noncash grants to eligible households to make energy-efficiency improvements to those homes.

To apply, contact the FCAOG Weatherization Assistance Program Cedar City Office at 865-0195 or go to jobs.utah.gov/housing/scso/wap/how.html.

Open Pickleball started on October 3rd. Participants must register and sign Release Waiver prior to play.

This is a 10-month program running through July 2019.

Sign up now and enjoy this great indoor activity! Different payment options available.

Please call the Parowan Visitor’s Center for more information at 477-8190.

HEAT Program Help With Utility Costs

If you are burdened by your utility costs, the Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT) program may be able to help. The HEAT program provides winter home heating assistance and year-round energy crisis assistance for eligible low-income households throughout Utah.

For more information, contact your local HEAT office at 586-0858 or go to jobs.utah.gov/housing/scso/seal/heat.html.

Start Your Christmas Shopping Now

Shop at your local businesses and the Parowan Visitor’s Center this holiday season! There is something for everyone!

Please update your Parowan City utility account information including current phone numbers and mailing address by calling the City Office at 477-3331.

Remember....utility bills not paid by the last business day of the month will be assessed a penalty. City Office hours are Mon-Thurs 9am-4:30 pm, Friday 9am-12pm.



‘Story Time’ at the Parowan Library

Stories, Crafts and Fun!
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Please call the Library with any questions 477-3491



Our Sub 4 Santa program begins soon! We encourage all residents interested in signing up for assistance to complete registration online. Online registration is available at suu.edu/community and will close November 19, 2018. No late registration will be accepted.

Donations of new unwrapped toys, new clothing items and food donations may be dropped off at the Parowan Visitor Center at 5 South Main, open from 10am to 5pm Monday through Saturday. Children’s clothing of all sizes, toys for all ages, games, and appropriate gifts needed.

Distribution day will be on Friday, **December 7, 2018** at the Iron County Fair Building from 9am until 6pm.

Thank you to the entire community for your continuing support.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas!

History of Parowan's "P" Hill: A Century of Light



In 1916 Parowan High School was established. Prior to that, school extended only through the 8th grade. Now, with 45 students in grades 7-12, the newly elected student officers led by President Alvin Decker began to establish a well-defined school identity binding all with the slogan "A School Where Nothing But the Best is Good Enough" and a motto of "In Unity Is Strength." And then those 45 young learners, with the energy of youth, set out to proclaim to any and all that their school was a guiding light to a positive future.

In the first year they physically began to raise their standard, "breaking ground for a huge block letter "P" on the hill south of town, establishing our "P" Hill. The acquisition and placing of rock was arduous, not an overnight job, but the youth were up to the task. In the second year (1917-'18), the teens completed a rock outline of the "P" and on April 1, 1918 the school held their first "Annual Day" with the boys white washing the letter as the girls stayed in town preparing for the school's "Annual Day Ball" held that evening. (Luella Dalton book and Parowan Utah Stake History).

Over the years the block letter was filled in with rock and the white washing was an annual event, followed by evening festivities at the school. The letter became an established beacon all the way out to Buckhorn Flat, some 20 miles north. Then, sometime along the way, there began the tradition of the "P" being lighted on graduation night. To accomplish this, empty gallon cans were collected and rags and/or rolls of toilet paper were placed in the cans soaked with kerosene or diesel fuel. With the contents set afire, the "P" proclaimed that yet another successful

year was completed at Parowan High. Those cans burned for hours. Until recently, this lighting was the responsibility of the newly elected student body officers, their first official act and, indeed, their sacred trust.

Then, in 1994, there was a question about the "P" even remaining on our hill. It seems our hill wasn't ours. It was on BLM ground and a gentleman, Ervin Larsen, a BLM employee, came to the school and indicated that the Bureau was looking into removing such non-indigenous symbols. Principal John Pensis sent Mr. Larsen my way as I was the Student Government advisor. Hearing the issue, I said something like, "Neither you nor I can run far enough fast enough to escape the fallout if that "P" is removed!" He enthusiastically agreed and asked me to write a history of the "P" suggesting that perhaps it could be archived as an historic site. Done! Soon after, we were so very pleased to be notified that if the site was maintained properly it would remain.

Worry! Worry! That year, 1994-'95, the student government class organized the town. Proclaiming that we needed to save our "P," we solicited community donations in order to put our symbol in cement. In an advertised event, with lights and sirens blaring, the fire and police departments carried student's door to door throughout the town. Sufficient money was collected on a single night to cement the "P".

Engineer, Bob Rowley, volunteered to mark the outline as it needed to be polished a bit. Larry Pendleton offered his cement pumper truck and crew for free to work the cement. Larry also negotiated with Western Rock, making us a much appreciated financial deal favorable to our cause. Alan Stones and Ralph Robinson used county equipment and smoothed the road so the cement equipment could make the trip. Additional rock was hauled and students outlined the "P" with larger rocks placed on the outside and smaller ones set in the middle. Rebar was pounded into the form and chicken wire stretched around and into the structure. White color was included in the cement.

It took two years to complete the project, but maintenance is less and permanency is solidified.

And another change has also occurred, indicative of our times. No longer are cans of fire used to light the "P" but we've turned to the use of flares. They don't last as long but they are much more environmentally safe.

Thus, a century of labor and learning, through great effort indeed, is symbolized in the existence of our "P" Hill as it proclaims that "Nothing But the Best is Good Enough" and there is indeed "Strength in Unity."

From the Power Department

Parowan City understands that tree pruning is a concern to homeowners. However, wind-blown tree limbs are a frequent cause of power outages, which are inconvenient and costly to repair.

Parowan City Power Department will begin pruning trees in the power line right of ways after the leaves have come off the trees this fall.

Parowan City Power crews remove limbs to provide a minimum of three years clearance for re-growth. Trees are trimmed back to the next available limb fork so that no branch stubs are left. Overhanging limbs that can be reached are pruned to eliminate the danger of them falling on the lines.

The wires going from a utility pole directly to your home is called a service drop and is the customer's responsibility to keep clear of trees. For your safety Parowan Power crews ask that you hire a professional tree pruner to clear your service drop if it is in need of pruning, or you may call Parowan City Office at 435-477-3331 to have your service drop removed temporarily so that you can safely prune your trees. When completed, the service drop will be re-attached free of charge.

Parowan City Power does not trim trees around telephone or cable television lines.

If your tree causes a power interruption to your service drop Parowan Power Crews will remove the power line until your tree is pruned or removed and you will be billed for the cost of any repairs.

Please call the Parowan City Office at 477-3331 with any questions you may have regarding your trees and power lines.