

NEWSLETTER

November/December 2024



Message from the Mayor

Wow, what a year! As we round the bend to wrap up 2024, I am in awe of the accomplishments of our City Staff, City Council and community.

As we continue to strive to provide the most basic needs of Power, Water, Roads and waste removal, we have actualized improvements that are both sustainable and fit our Parowan City budget. Most importantly, the updated studies and master plans for best use of our resources have provided direction that will insure optimal outcomes for protecting people, property and resources now and into the future.

Our roads have been carefully evaluated, and systematically crack sealed and will continue to be chip sealed in the spring. The parking lots around town at the Valentine Peak Sports Complex, Heritage Park and City Hall have been repaired and improved. Upgrades in our Power system with a new line added across the highway and stabilization of our lines and safety setting have allowed for more consistent power and a bit more peace of mind.

A combined effort to create a significant water recharge project will divert the runoff water to the County gravel pit is designed and will be constructed in 2025. This important and timely project is a huge, collaborative effort to help stabilize our precious aquifer. New water ordinances continue to protect the water future of our most precious resource.

The new Parowan Bridge is predominantly grant funded and currently being engineered. The bridge will remain in its current location on South Main/Old Hwy 91 with construction planned for 2026.

At the same time, there has been tremendous improvements in our shared amenities including rehabilitation projects to many of our existing buildings including the Old Rock Church, the Parowan Public Library, a new roof on the Lion's Park Pavilion and new Parowan Pickleball Courts. The airport runway renovation was completed this year along with the Industrial Manufacturing District Master Plan just south of the runway on the road to Paragonah.

The work never stops and thoughtful consideration is always in the forefront of the Parowan City Council as decisions are made for the future of all in our beautiful valley. Thank you for your individual service, care and contribution to making Parowan such a wonderful place to be for the holidays and everyday. Always here to serve you.

Sincerely, Mayor Halterman

New Parowan City Treasurer, Jerry Ross

We would like to introduce Jerry Ross as our new Parowan City Treasurer. He is a dedicated business professional, husband, and a proud father of two. With over 20 years of experience in financial management and operations, he was most recently the Assistant Director of Employer Relations at Southern Utah University. He enjoyed connecting employers with students to enhance career opportunities. His background also includes leadership roles at Big 5 Sporting Goods, where he successfully managed over 80 locations.



Jerry is known for his strong communication skills, innovative problem-solving, and ability to build lasting relationships while balancing a fulfilling career with family life. He is committed to creating a supportive environment for his family, Parowan City and the community.

Welcome to Parowan City, Jerry Ross!

Parowan High School

For the third consecutive year, PHS would like to thank everyone that supported our resolution with Parowan City to build a better community. We want to thank Parowan City and City Council for working with us to strengthen our community. The following is a short list of some of our upcoming events:

Veterans' Day Assembly November 11th at 11:00am- We have worked with community members to find additional information of those who have graduated or worked at PHS and have served in our nation's armed forces. We wanted to thank everyone who has helped us in this process to make this assembly outstanding. .

We will be assisting the American Legion with a **Flag Retirement Ceremony on November 8th, 11am-12pm.** If you have a worn-out flag, please bring it to our school. The ceremony will take place at the Vet-



erans' Memorial in Parowan. Please bring any worn-out flags to the school before this date.



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.

Friendly Reminder about Garbage Pickup

We can only dump garbage cans that have been provided by Parowan City. If an additional can is needed, please contact the city office. There is an upfront \$100 fee plus a monthly charge on your statement. We do not dump any out of state cans, or cans that have been purchased from Home Depot.

Each can you pay for will only be dumped once per week per can. If

you need to purchase additional cans we will be happy to help you.

Trash can lids must close within reason. No curbside pickup, no exceptions.

If you have multiple cans, please place them at least 5 feet apart.

Start Your Christmas Shopping Now! Shop at your local businesses and the Parowan Visitor's Center this holiday season!



Parowan Community Choir

The Parowan Community Choir will begin in January. Please contact Jay Wilcken at 435-477-8084 with any questions or if you are interested in participating.

2024 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 25th of November** and must be turned on each night through-out the holiday season (November 25, 2024—January 1, 2025).

This form must be signed and returned to the City Office at 35 East 100 North or PO Box 576, no later than November 25, 2024. You can also call the City Office at 435-477-3331 to sign up.

I would like to participate in the 2024 Holiday Lighting Incentive Program.

Name: _____ (Please Print) Address: _____

Signature: _____ Utility Account Number _____

PAROWAN CITY PRESENTS
Christmas
 IN THE COUNTRY



Wonderful Christmas Time

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 -

HOLIDAY BAZAAR 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Iron County Fair Building • 50 South 600 East Clinic Way

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 -

SANTAS PARADE 10:00 AM
 Parowan Main Street. Santa will be at the Fairgrounds after the Parade

HOLIDAY BAZAAR 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Iron County Fair Building • 50 South 600 East

CANDLELIGHT WALKING PARADE 6:00 PM
 Parowan Main Street • Line up at 500 North Main
 Public invited to bring their own light/candle and join the parade

TOWN LIGHTING CEREMONY 6:15 PM
 Town Square

CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW 7:00 PM
 Aladdin Theater • Free Admission • Donations Accepted

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Please contact the Parowan Visitors Center for more information. | 435-477-8190 |

Sub for Santa provides Christmas gifts for children ages 0-18. We provide gifts for families in our community who need help during the holiday season. This program relies on volunteers as well as donations from local individuals, families, and organizations. Applications are currently open for the 2024 Holiday Season. Apply before November 25th at www.suu.edu/cec/holiday-assistance.html Donations of new, unwrapped gift items and new clothing or coats can be dropped off at the Parowan Visitors Center at 5 south main street. We do accept cash donations.

Angel trees will be displayed in local businesses. *Thank you for your generosity.*

For more Information call 435-477-8190.





Parowan Library is now an award winning Library!

The Utah State Library honored us with the Quality Library Award. It is for Utah State Certified Libraries that go “Above and Beyond” what is required of them. We are so honored and worked so hard for this award.

- Storytime is every Tuesday at 10:30 inside the Large Conference Room.
- Don’t forget to follow the Parowan City Library on Social Media! We are always up to something, and want you to be a part of it!
- The holidays are right around the corner! We have a food donation box at the Library for our Sub for Santa program! We will also have an Angel Tree to help local families!
- Make sure your library card is up to date to access our online Library! It will help the long winter nights, with access to books at your finger tips. Libby is the app! Free is the cost!

- We are home to 4-H groups, Parowan Prevention Coalition, free seed library, free little library, Parowan Youth Prevention Coalition. Being involved with the community starts with us!
- Need to get the word out? We have a public community bulletin board! Hang a flyer, leave your business card! Let us help you with your fax, copy and scanning needs.

**Cori Adams- Director
Parowan Library 16 S Main Street**



(preferred dog food of Parowan Animal Shelter-PAAL and Venmo Code)

A Message from PAAL

Would you be interested in being a foster parent for a dog from the shelter? This requires you to feed and care for the dog, and prepare it for its forever home. This can be a very rewarding experience for you and the dog. And it would be very helpful for the dogs as they become very stressed at the shelter.

Winter is coming! Remember, if you are cold, your dog is cold. Make sure they have the shelter they need, preferably inside the home or in a garage with heat.

If you’d like to give a Christmas Gift to the dogs at the shelter, donations can be made by Venmo or drop off at Parowan City Office at 35 E 100 N.



Ticket QR Code

If you have anything you would like to share in the Parowan Newsletter, please email brooke@parowan.gov



PAROWAN REC HIGHLIGHTS:

Exciting things are happening for Parowan Rec! We just had our first outdoor pickleball tournament on our brand new courts! Our pump track is currently in the works and will be such a fun asset to families and kids. Parowan Rec now offers Junior Volleyball as a new indoor sport for kids to learn the fundamentals before hitting those high school years. This program is currently underway. Upcoming Parowan Rec events for the next few months are: Gobble Grinder Pickleball Tournament (outside if weather permits, otherwise will move indoors) This will take place on Nov 23rd. Information to follow.... will be posted on FB Parowan Rec page as it becomes available. Also, Parowan Rec will be hosting 2 cornhole tournaments. One will be in Nov and the other will be in December. Dates not yet posted. Registration for Parowan Rec Junior Basketball will begin on Nov 15th online at Parowan.org. Junior basketball will begin after the 1st of the new year. For information on any Parowan Rec event: Call 435-600-1597 or can join our Facebook page at Parowan Rec.



PAROWAN BRIANHEAD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

It's the happiest season of the year! We are so excited for our upcoming Chamber of Commerce meetings and events! JOIN us for our November and December general meetings in the Parowan City building at 10 am on **Nov. 6th** and **Dec. 4th**. We will be highlighting one of our awesome members at each meeting and giving a little business education to take with you to start off the New Year with a bang!!

November 30th we will join in the city's festivities with a Chamber of Commerce sponsored Hometown Holiday Vendor Fair. If you are a talented artisan or a business that sells goods and gifts, please feel free to email parowanchambercontact@gmail.com for more info on being a vendor. We would love for you to be a part of our Vendor Fair. **November 30th** We will also be lighting the library park up with our Chamber of Commerce Winter Wonderland display, following the Town Tree lighting. We have a few opportunities to highlight your business as a sponsor for one of our Hot Cocoa nights, happening every Saturday throughout the season, with the exception of Nov 30th. Please contact us if you'd like to be a sponsor for our beautiful Winter Wonderland.

December (date and location TBD),

Get to know your business neighbor better with our speed networking Holiday event! We will have music, snacks, and of course networking FUN!

Chamber Member Highlight Event: Brian Head Ice will be opening Thanksgiving day weekend! JOIN us **Dec 14th & 15th** to enjoy Las Vegas Ice Theatre at Brian Head Ice! Follow us on Facebook @Parowan&BrianHeadAreaChamberOfCommerce for all of our updated event and volunteer information! We Hope to See you Soon. Happy Holidays!



New Digital Mobile Mammography Unit at Canyon View Clinic December 3rd & 4th

Call 435-676-1276 or 435-676-1547 to schedule you're appointment. FREE mammograms are available to those who qualify provided by UCCP—Utah Cancer Control Program.

*Thank you for your interest , service and engagement in our community ~
Have a safe & Merry Christmas! & HAPPY NEW YEAR !*

A “First” in Parowan

Shared by Sandra Benson
Parowan City Historian

When stating some of the “Firsts” wherever it might be,” one is always in jeopardy of disputations. However, in a Daughters of Utah Pioneers publication, dated February 1947, one finds stories of some of Utah’s “firsts.” I enjoyed the list of claims in this 1947 memory record and am herein sharing a Parowan/Paragonah claim printed under the heading “Iron County.” It needs to be mentioned that the authorship says only, “By a Granddaughter.”

“Richard Benson, a pioneer of 1850-’51 and my grandfather, owned one of the first shingle mills in Iron County. This mill was located at the head of Paragonah Canyon, about twenty -five miles from Parowan. The first I remember was the year I was five years old, and we were moving up to the ranch near the mill. We got up real early as we were depending on the old oxen to take us, and they were very slow travelers; they were the smartest oxen in the world because when my father would say, “gee” they would turn right; and when he said, “haw” they would turn left. We got the things we were going to take loaded into the wagon and were ready to start at daylight. We traveled all day, and at night we were only half way, so we camped for the night. We arrived at the ranch the second night, and Grandma had a delicious meal ready for us. We could see the buildings a long time before we got there. After we came around the point of the hill, we could see the house, the mill and a milk house. We always milked a num-

ber of cows there, and made butter and cheese.

Grandfather had three sons who lived at the ranch and worked on the mill during the summer months. Alvin and family lived in the east room of the log house, and Heber and family lived in the west room. A lumber room was built in the rear, and James and his family lived in it.

The shingle mill was run by water power. A canal was made around the side of the hill, which carried the water to the mill and water wheel. The wheel, which was under the mill, furnished the power to run the carriage where the logs were sawed and split into shingle-length blocks. It also could be reversed, and it ran the knife that cut the shingles. The logs were brought to the mill on low wagons, hauled by the old faithful oxen. After the logs were in blocks, they were put into the stream box in between , so that it was very tight. Under the box was a tank with water in it, under which a fire was built. This formed a steam which went into the box and steamed the blocks. A square door in the front of the box was clamped shut; when the blocks were steamed enough, they were taken out and were ready for the knife. The shingle knife was a wide blade that worked up and down, and cut through the steamed block. A guard on the knife made the shingles thicker on one end than the other. On the opposite side of the knife, a box was made the size the bunches of shingles were to be. As the shingles came from a knife, a man fitted the shingles into the box, with the edges lapped over in the center, and the shingles placed wide and narrow as they would fit. They were then fastened together in a

bunch with a strip of wood and straps of tin. The shingles were then stacked in the sun to dry, and later taken to town to be sold.’

This D.U.P. publication also mentions the establishment of Iron County settlements for the purpose of developing mining, particularly that of iron, coal and lead. Lead was much sought after for the making of bullets, required for hunting and protection. Survival depended on it. And, for the ladies, there is a mention of the organization of Z.C.M.I (Zion's Cooperative Mercantile Institution) and its competition, Auerbach's stores. They are said to be the first incredibly successful department stores. Brigham Young encouraged both businesses , even designating each building location. He embraced free-enterprise and believed in healthy competition.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH : THE PAROWAN CITY ART PROGRAM

November 21– Abstract Painting
December 19th
Christmas Themed Project

