



September/October 2019

## From the Police Department



As school gets back into session we at the Parowan Police Department want to give you a little refresher course with safety tips for those walking and/or driving in school zone areas. These are great tips for kids and parents alike. We are in this together, so let's all be safe together!

### Walking Safety Tips

- Be predictable. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Whenever possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections, where drivers expect pedestrians. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely; continue watching for traffic as you cross.
- Never assume a driver sees you. Make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen.
- Be visible at all times.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.

### Driving Safety Tips

- Look out for pedestrians everywhere, at all times.
- Safety is a shared responsibility.

- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as bad weather.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to crossing guards and or pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing guard and crossing pedestrians so they can stop too.
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see.
- Follow the speed limit, especially when pedestrians are present.
- Follow slower speed limits in school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.
- Be extra cautious when backing up—pedestrians can move into your path.

Let's have a super safe 2020-2021 school year!

## From the City Office

The Parowan City Office is excited about some upcoming changes!

We are excited to announce we have a new website that will better serve our community and those wanting to learn about Parowan. The website address will remain the same, [parowan.org](http://parowan.org). Please check it out!

In the next couple of months we will be changing our utility bills to a full sheet instead of the postcard size statement. This will come in an envelope so please watch for it. The full size sheet will allow for more detailed information about your monthly charges as well as important messages that need to be brought to your attention.

We also would like to remind you of ways payments can be made. You can pay with a credit/debit card online at [xpressbill-pay.com](http://xpressbill-pay.com) or call the office, put a payment in our drop box located on the east side of our building, or come into the office.

Please remember that returned checks will be assessed a \$25 return check fee.



**Parowan City Meeting Schedule**

**City Council**

2nd and 4th Thursday @ 6:00 pm

**Power Board**

3rd Thursday @ 5:30 pm

**Airport Board**

1st Monday @ 4:00 pm

**Planning & Zoning**

1st and 3rd Thursday @ 6:00 pm

**Water Board**

2nd Wednesday @ 6:00 pm

**Economic Development**

1st Tuesday @ 5:30 pm

**Theater Board**

2nd Tuesday @ 5:30 pm (Meets at the Theater)

**Historical Preservation**

As Needed

*Check our website, [paroawn.org](http://paroawn.org), the day prior to the meeting for the agenda*

All meetings (except Theater Board) are held in the Parowan City Office Building at 35 East 100 North

**Parowan Community Theater**

Ready..... Set.....

Sadly, someone mentioned how lonely and closed down the theater looked, and this caused us to reflect on how much we enjoy the liveliness the theater brings to our town. Though we cannot have a production going at this time, our community should know that we are waiting, planning, and preparing for the time that we are given the chance to return.

The theater is run by volunteers, people who love the theater and the chance to share with others and share their talents. We truly appreciate them, and could not make things work without them. There are many who donate their time and service. You may know some

of them and want to join them in this good cause. These are some of our recent helpers, Steve Decker (directing), Lisa Cox (directing), Debbie Grimm (costumes), Jed Sudweeks (sets), Jerry Vesely (lighting and sound), Liz Zaleski (sewing). Add to that list those blessed actors who grace our stage, there are too many to name. Thank you to all who have helped in the past, there are more than you realize.

The Theater Board governs the activities of the theater, with the support and approval of the Parowan City Council. These volunteers are asked to serve on the board after their names are approved by the City Council. Our board, at this time, consists of Jerry Bixman, Cami Cox, Shelley Porter, Janice Ruesch (President), Jenifer Terry, Aubrey Tuttle, Patti Vesely, Trevor Walker (Secretary), and Jay Wilcken. Don't be surprised to see their names as active participants on stage or backstage! The theater building is managed through the City Events Department, led by Jet Smith. The Visitors Center houses her office and they handle scheduling and other services for the theater.

Until such time as we are cleared to go to work again, we are brainstorming and working on new ideas. Join us in our fun, we would love to have you! But for now, we are Ready... Set... to GO!

**10th Year Celebration Yankee Meadow Half Marathon**

What a great celebration we had! Congratulations and thank you to all who participated in our Half Marathon, 5K and the Yankee Doodle Dash.

It was another beautiful sunny race day for our 10th year! Several runners reported beating their personal best time. There were medals for everyone and refreshments at the finish line, including celebratory cupcakes!

Special thanks to our army of volunteers who have made celebrating this 10th year possible! Thank you so much to everyone for getting up early, giving of your time and energy year after year to make this all possible. What a great community of hard working, giving people we have!

Again many, many thanks!

**A Message from PAAL Parowan Animal Assistance League**

Are you thinking about getting a dog? It is a very big decision for anyone. A dog is a 10 to 20 year commitment depending on the breed. Think about what you are looking for in a dog and what breed would be best for you. Don't just take home a puppy because it is cute. Many of these dogs end up in shelters because people don't realize the commitment it involves.

Puppies take a lot of time and energy to train. Dogs can be expensive. They need shots regularly; they need to be spayed or neutered and have occasional dental work. And then there are always the unexpected vet visits.

If there are children in the home you should consider what breed would be best for your family. If possible, have the dog meet the children before you take it home. And children should be taught how to treat the dog. Training classes are very important for dogs and owners. You learn how to train your dog and it will also socialize the dog. Your dog is part of your family. Treat them as such. They need love and affection and they will give it back. The most common reason for surrendering a dog is the family does not have time for them. Think about that before getting one. And if you find you cannot keep your dog please do not dump them off somewhere. This is a big problem here in Parowan. PAAL will help you re-home your dog.



## Parowan Interfaith Patriots' Program

With so many to honor during this unprecedented time of Covid-19, the Interfaith Council has planned a program to recognize those who have done so much for our community. In addition to our First Responders that we typically honor, we recognize the unselfish service of medical professionals, business employees, transportation workers, and our neighbors who have reached out to be of service.

This year the program, sponsored by the Grace Christian Church, United Methodist Church, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, will be held at the Grandstand at the Fair Grounds to accommodate social distancing. There will be a flag ceremony and special musical numbers.

We hope you will join with us September 11 at 7:00 as we honor all our citizens and celebrate life in Parowan Valley.

## Fall Fest and Car Show in the Park

Fall Fest will be held on **Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Come and join us, breathe in the fresh air and enjoy the sunshine! There will be live entertainment for all to enjoy.

We will have vendors with goods to sell, and food vendors with yummy treats. This is a great opportunity to get the family outside and safely enjoy the day.

This event will also host our **Car Show** open to all makes, models and types of vehicles. The entry fee is \$20. You may register at the Parowan Visitor Center at 5 South Main from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Saturday. Sign in will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday morning, Octo-

ber 10<sup>th</sup>.

For more information please call 435-477-8190.

We are looking forward to a beautiful fall day on Parowan City Main Street!

## Parowan Library

The Parowan Library has a collection of photographs of local landscapes on display. This beautiful collection was donated to the Library for the public to enjoy. A big thank you to Dr. Ron Roth for the wonderful addition to the Library.

Follow the Parowan Library on Facebook and Instagram for all the latest Library updates @parowan-citylibrary.

Thank you for all our summer reading program participants! Wishing you a wonderful school year!

## It's "Scarecrow Time"

Let's see how scary, funny, and eye catching your entry can be..

It's time for the SCARECROWS on Main Street. If your family is interested in making a scarecrow, please contact the Parowan Visitors Center at 435-477-8190 and reserve a bale of hay.

Bales will be in place on September 28. Please have your scarecrow complete by October 4<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, and have fun!

## New 3D Digital Mobile Mammography Unit

### Coming September 3rd

Call 435-676-1267 or 435-676-1547 to schedule your appointment. FREE mammograms are available to those who qualify. Provided by UCCP—Utah.

## Swimming Pool

It has been an interesting season, to say the least! 2020 keeps throwing us curve balls, but we just kept

on hitting them out of the park!

During our COVID-19 downtime, we were able to get some much needed repairs done around our deck and replace all of our broken and chipped coping stones. Big shout out to the City Council for their pro-active approach in accomplishing these repairs when it wasn't possible for us to be open anyway. That was a fabulous use of our downtime!

We would also like to thank all of you, in our community, for your incredible support of our local swimming pool. We rushed in a couple of sessions of swimming lessons and were booked to the limit within a matter of hours. Our private rentals have been through the roof this year, and we actually had to schedule lifeguards to work until 10:00 pm, which is fantastic! We appreciate your support in being safe during this season of our lives, in your social distancing on the deck, limiting the number of patrons, and keeping your time at the pool to a two hour limit so others could also participate. You all have been really great and patient with us.

The pool will remain open through the middle of September, with Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> being the last day of the 2020 season. All times will remain the same, so check your schedules and keep swimming.

Classes from Parowan Elementary School will be coming periodically throughout the week, so plan on a crowd if you come at 1:00.

The Annual 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Olympics is scheduled for Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. This event is free to the public and always fun to watch, so mark your calendar.

There are a few open spots for end-of-summer reservations, so call the pool at (435) 477-8066, or Alice directly at (435)691-0722. As always, enjoy these last few weeks of summer!

## **The Parowan Cemetery: Boundaries Expanded 3rd Edition 1940's to Present**

By: *Sandra Benson*



Upon the completion of the W.P.A. project that replaced the wooden fencing with a rock wall around the cemetery (1939-40) and the installation of water that established lawns and resulted in the removal of dirt mounds on graves, the cemetery appears to have been managed primarily by a City Cemetery Board (committee). Having searched city council minutes, there are few references concerning the cemetery beyond the Cemetery Board reporting to the Council recommending the raising of burial fees or requesting seasonal help.

In the early 1960's, every other road between the three established sections was closed; new cemetery plots were then made available. Today, grave sites dating in the 1960's to the present are seen nestled between graves dating from the 19th century through the first half of the 20th century. Close observation reveals this oddity; the headstones produced by local pioneer stone-cutters/carvers are flanking the newer, manufactured monuments found primarily in the middle of the sections.

In 1980 the south side of the cemetery, previously inhabited by cedar and juniper trees and a good many clumps of sagebrush, was opened for burial expansion.

Also, in the 1998 Dan Evans, son of Clefford Evans (who was the local foreman for the W.P.A. rock wall project), took on the philanthropic task of financing the rock building just south of the arch entry. This building houses technology, referencing all burials in the cemetery. It also provides restrooms. Architect for the building was Robert Mercer and the structure was built by Larry Pendleton's construction company. Mr. Evans, Mr. Mercer, and Mr. Pendleton all claim first arrival ancestors.

When additional space was still needed in the early 21st century, the rock wall on the south that ran east and west, enclosing the cemetery, was dismantled and the materials were used to build pillars to lengthen the wall running north and south with wrought iron posts being placed between the pillars. The work was done by another descendant of pioneer stock, John Orton and the Orton Construction Co. The project greatly expanded the confines of the cemetery. Grass and many trees surround this addition. The Parowan Shade Tree Committee was involved in this endeavor. All of these efforts reflect community pride and respect for this hallowed ground.

### **And into the Future**

Of late, a number of our residents have seen additional activity in and around the cemetery and are wondering about future plans. Having had a recent conversation with the Parowan City Manager, Cleve Matheson, some of those questions have been answered.

Mr. Matheson has a computerized mock-up of additional work that will be done on the

cemetery wall. The City has obtained a grant to expand the wall north and east of the arch, making the exterior fence similar to that which is on the southern expansion. The grant is hoped to provide money in excess of \$100,000 with matching funds provided by the city. Much of the city's contribution will be in-kind labor. The future wall will result in the removal of the existing chain link fence on the north. There will be pillars much like those on the expanded south fence with wrought iron posts between the pillars. The pillars on the north will have a cap-stone. The interior rock wall that is now running east and west on the north side will remain. There is a plan for a walking path with planted shrubbery north of that interior rock wall. It is intended to provide an additional place for personal contemplation.

It has been determined that the Valentine Peak trail will have a trail-head down in the fairgrounds area rather than inside the cemetery. That trail will take a southeast direction and will hook-up with the existing Valentine Peak Trail east of the cemetery.

This completes an historic sketch of the establishment of our iconic Parowan City Cemetery. In future editions I'd like to thematically tell the stories of some of the residents. There are countless tales of patriots, sacrifice, courage, heartache and endurance. There are also stories of accomplishments, vision, faith and joy. A principle often taught in my classroom was my firm belief that if we maintain a bridge between ourselves and our past we have the keys to build a better future (the gospel according to Sandra).