



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...

Hello Parowan residents and visitors, Parowan City is ready to hit the ground running and excited to Welcome 2025! A New Year is before us presenting wonderful opportunities to continue to set and accomplish goals to take care of the business of the city. We are grateful for the continued progress and strengthening of relationships as we start the year off in full stride celebrating Parowan's Birthday and a Parowan City workload that did not slow down for the holidays. In recapping projects completed along with goals for the New Year, there is a lot to share for our Jan/Feb newsletter so let's get to it!

Projects completed in 2024 include continued road work/maintenance, public property and public building maintenance and progress on several critical infrastructure improvement projects.

Our Parowan Airport runway rehabilitation including new lighting and improved surfaces was completed in 2024. An additional grant was awarded which allowed for an engineered design for our Airport Industrial Manufacturing Park which provides plans for needed power, water and a new airport road opening the door to future economic opportunity.
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NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR PAROWAN!



Welcome to Parowan City, Connie Biasi!

We would like to introduce Connie Biasi as our new Parowan City Billing Clerk! If you've called into the city office more recently, you've probably noticed the cheery voice on the other end. Connie has over 20 years of experience running their family business, Biasi Automotive and Sew Crazy. She can handle any billing and business questions you throw at her. Connie's roots can be traced to the origins of Parowan.

Connie brings a strong attention to detail and a commitment to helping the community. She has a positive, go-getter attitude and we're so excited that she's here to contribute to the smooth operations of Parowan City. Connie looks forward to building positive relationships with the residents of Parowan. Outside of work, Connie can be found running her quilting business, and being active in her children's sports.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PAROWAN!

The Parowan Birthday Celebration will be held on Monday, January 13, 2025 at the PHS Gymnasium. There will be songs and dances provided by the High School and Elementary Students at 9:00 am. A luncheon will follow the celebration at 11:00 am. The Town Meeting will be held at 12:00 pm.

The Birthday Ball will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at the Iron County Fair Building from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Come dance to the music of “Muddy Boots”, refreshments will be served.

Everyone is invited to the all the events! Come and celebrate Parowan History with us!

For more information, please call 435-477-8190. Sponsored by Parowan City.



PROCLAMATION

From January 9th, 1931 by former Parowan Mayor, Albert E. Adams

That the people in Parowan should pause in their activities to celebrate the birthday of their community, and to pay homage to the memory of those sturdy pioneers of 1851 who came and founded it, seems fitting and proper and in harmony with the sentiment and feelings of its citizens.

THEREFORE, I, Albert E. Adams, mayor of Parowan City, hereby designate and proclaim Tuesday, January 13th a holiday for this purpose, and I urge that all citizens observe it in a fitting manner, by meeting together and participating in the program which has been arranged with the Daughters of the Pioneers in extending to the people of our neighboring communities, an invitation to join us in this celebration.

Parowan Swap Meet

The Swap Meet will be on Friday March 21, and Saturday March 22, 2025 and will be open to the public from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Come shop for antiques, toys, clothing, gifts, food and more. It will be held at the Iron County Fair Grounds located at 50 South 600 East Clinic Way, Parowan Utah. The Swap Meet is open to garage sellers, organizations, fundraisers, business owners, churches and schools. Vendor applications are available at the Visitors Center located at 5 South Main Street Parowan, UT. For more information call 435-559-4504.



Shop with a Cop: Bringing Holiday Cheer to Our Community

This holiday season, our Parowan police department had the privilege of participating in the annual Shop with a Cop event. Officers teamed up with children to shop for gifts, helping them pick out presents. The event was a huge success, filled with laughter, holiday spirit, and a sense of unity. Thank you to all who supported this heartwarming initiative and made this holiday season a little brighter for everyone involved!



THANK YOU!

The Sub-4-Santa Program would like to thank everyone who donated food, gifts, money, and time all in the spirit of giving. Each family was able to have gifts for their children, food to supplement the pantry and a turkey for Christmas dinner. The generosity of this wonderful small community ensures a Merry Christmas for so many families less fortunate at this special time of year. Thank you again to everyone, you are appreciated!

Parowan Animal Assistance League (PAAL)

PAAL is looking for volunteers. Be a dog hero today!

- Morning and/or afternoon dog walkers
- Fosters. Open your home temporarily to one of our dogs. We provide all of the food and supplies.
- Donation supporters: You can donate to the mama and puppy fund on GoFundMe or we also accept Venmo.
- Run a booth at the fair.
- Organize a fundraiser.

Please visit paalutah.com



(PAAL VENMO)



PAROWAN BRIAN HEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

It's the happiest season of the year! HAPPY NEW YEAR from Parowan & Brian Head Area Chamber of Commerce! The Parowan and Brian Head Chamber of Commerce would like to wish a very prosperous and peaceful new year! A very big thank you to our beautiful community for making the chamber such a success in 2024!

Here are some upcoming events that you don't want to miss!

CHAMBER MEETINGS

Our first meeting of the year will be January 8th at 10 am at Parowan City Offices. Follow us on Facebook for the zoom link if you can't make it!

ELECTION DAY!

January 8th! We will be holding our board elections January 8th at 10 am at the chamber meeting. In addition, we will be sending out a google form to vote through and Gym on Main will have ballots and a polling station from 11am-3pm! Go vote!

BRIAN HEAD TOWN

Come see the lights around town while Ice Skating in the beautiful backdrop of Brian Head! Brian Head Resort will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary the week of January 7th! Check out the resort event page for a week full of FUN!

Exclusively for Business Owners and Entrepreneurs

Future Ready Utah
FREE BUSINESS BUILDING SEMINAR!
Streamline your Processes for Lasting Success: Join us on January 15, 2025, to explore strategies for improving business processes and fostering consistency within your organization. Learn practical methods to enhance efficiency, minimize errors, and achieve lasting success.

11:45 a.m. - Lunch is Served for live participants

12:00-1:00 p.m. - Discussion: Streamline Your Processes for Lasting Success

1:00-1:30 p.m. - Optional Q/A & Networking Session will happen live in Parowan, and will be live-streamed for virtual participants.

MUST RSVP IN ADVANCE

Please contact Lynsey at 425-477-9817 with any questions.



(Future Ready QR Code)



**Brian Head Peak Overlook Shelter:
Shared by David Burton whose family, for
generations, has had deep roots in the area.
Shared by Sandra Benson, Parowan City
Historian**

The original Brian Head Peak Overlook Shelter was built in 1934. It was a CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) project, originally subbed out for construction to two individuals, Deb Mortensen and Charles Burton.

Deb Mortensen was a master stone mason and Charles Burton was a local sheep rancher who owned property adjacent to "The Monument." Both from Parowan, together they contracted with CCC Camp # 1966, also known as "Subcamp F-16" to build the pavilion on Brian Head Peak.

The F-16 CCC's main encampment was at Zion National Park. Because of the proposed monument's high elevation, a sub camp was stationed at Duck Creek during the summer months and at Zion in the winter months. The F-16 camp at Duck Creek was responsible for the construction of the ranger station and improvements at Duck Creek and the dike in Navajo Lake.

Part of the F-16 camp was stationed at Cedar Breaks at a meadow known as "South House" which is a meadow east of Sunset View in Cedar Breaks National Monument. This group of men of the F-16 were responsible for building the Ranger Station, the old Visitors Center, and the old Lodge at Cedar Breaks. An accomplishment which they are also proud of was the fencing of the entire Cedar Breaks Monument on the plateau, top of the amphitheater. The crew consisted of 50 men and two foremen, who cut 4,932 cedar posts at Zion National Park in the winter months. They then hauled the posts to Cedar breaks in the summer, and fenced the park known as Cedar breaks National Monument in a period of two months.

The fence was built to keep livestock from grazing in the monument; an agreement that the Park Service made with the Forest Service.

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As stated, Deb Mortensen was a master craftsman-stonemason and Charles Burton was a local sheep rancher. Both were lifelong residents of Parowan, whose families were among the original settlers of Parowan. It is interesting to note that the two men constructed the Pavilion before there was a road to the site of the Peak. They used draft horses and drag skids in transporting materials to the site to build the Pavilion. The sled, known as a drag skid, was made by fastening a pole on each side of the draft horse to the harness tugs and securing them together at the bottom to form a sled. This allowed them to transport water, mortar, lumber, logs, shingles, nails, and other supplies to the site to construct the Pavilion.

They also used pack horses to carry supplies to the construction site. Rock that was available on site was used in the construction of the Pavilion. The two men cut timber in the area for poles to make trusses and scaffolding for the structure; lumber for roof sheeting came from local sawmills.

Deb Mortensen and Charles Burton camped in Skunk Hollow, at Skunk Springs, which is in a draw just below the Monument to the south and east. Skunk Springs was on property owned by Charles Burton. The spring supplied the water for the project.

Charles Burton took the job to subsidize his sheep operation cash flow needs, as this was during the Great Depression.

His cousin and business partner Mark Gudmundsen, took care of the sheep while Charles worked on the project during the summer months.

Later, CCC Camp F-16 was responsible for constructing the road to "The Monument." This road was constructed after the Pavilion was built. (cont. on page 5)



Note: The Monument Pavilion's roof was blown off and the structure badly damaged by severe weather in recent months. The Monument has been such an icon, truly being "On top of the world" (at least our world). However, there is a good deal of talk about repairs and reconstruction. One can only hope such a project progresses beyond talk.

*A Tale as to how Brian Head Peak got Named:
Part of David Burton's family Lore*

One summer, while at the Adams Family Ranch, originally known as Little Ireland, Miriam Adams Gudmunsen, who was my Grandmother Miriam (Minnie) Adams Burton's sister, looked up at the Peak to the north of Little Ireland Homestead. This Peak was known at that time as "Monument Peak" or "The Monument." She exclaimed, "That looks like Ol' William Jennings Bryan's craggy old head." William Jennings Bryan was bald! And from this moment, she named the Peak "Bryan Head" in honor of that image. William Jennings Bryan was a statesman and three time contender for President of the United States in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

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Having this formally engineered allows for grant applications to continue for every aspect of the project which will provide the possibility for higher paying jobs and career options for Parowan residents. Additionally, new hangers, commercial and manufacturing lots are planned which will add to economic opportunity now and in the years to come. Fingers crossed as we apply for grants as our new airport road is a big money project as the old road must be replaced and is a high priority for the city.

A sustainable citywide water recharge project is in the final planning phase with significant costs secured through multiple grant awards and teamwork necessary to fund this needed and critical project.

A year of coordinated design and planning meetings have resulted in engineering documents that include a new diversion structure, mechanical gate, settling area and miles of underground pipeline-one going west from Hwy 143 down 300 S to 100 W and additionally a pipe line to approximately 50 N across

the Fairgrounds that will carry our overflow rainwater into the Iron County gravel pit on 300 E. Once there, the water will filter through the natural gravel layers and sink into the earth to recharge our Parowan Valley aquifer instead of going to waste at the Little Salt Lake where it evaporates and gets carried away in the clouds. This project is critical to the future water security of Parowan and has been supported through collaboration of the canal companies, Parowan City, Parowan Pumpers and other vested entities. Plans for construction are winter of 2025 for this critical and necessary water conservation project.

Our Parowan bridge on Old Hwy 91 has been funded and is in the design stage which will allow the bridge to remain in its current, historic location. Due to the complexity of the multiple utilities and infrastructure located throughout that area, the project will now begin in winter 2025. This is a win-win for Parowan residents as the bridge will not only withstand a 100-year flood, but is also improved with a protected pedestrian crossing for safety and inclusion in our future trails system as part of our Active Transportation Plan.

Power outages have been minimal so far this winter with more improvements ahead as the lines are "hardened" and Parowan is switched to a new transmission line in the coming months. These changes will not only increase the reliability of our power but will also increase our efficiency as we are isolated on a line that feeds only Parowan and Brian Head and eliminates much of the issues with weather, wind and fire associated with the valley and farms located along I-15. We appreciate your patience as we work through the nationwide power grid issues by maintaining our independence through providing power generated by Parowan Power and delivered through Rocky Mountain Power lines.

We recognize that Parowan City Power in cooperation with Rocky Mountain Power is doing a fantastic job serving our community in a less-than-optimal power environment with more sustainable power solutions in the works, always with the priority of providing reliability at the best available rates. *(cont. on page 7)*



Additional Updates:

- The Recreation, Arts and Parks (RAP) committee will meet early in 2025 for the first time to assess available funds and receive applications to allocate this new funding source for maintenance & improvements of our parks, trails, theater and arts programs.
- The new gymnasium/ cafeteria at Parowan High School is under construction and will offer an additional facility for Parowan City recreational programs and is set for completion by fall 2025.
- Beginning Renovations on the Old Rock Church and Parowan Library were completed. Thanks to generous donations and volunteer hours we are on our way to improving and better maintaining our public buildings.
- A new roof was completed on our Library Park Pavillion
- Extended asphalt and curb and gutter were completed along Lion's Park and the Parowan Pool on 300 E with a new sidewalk to come on 200 S planned for spring of 2025.
- Extensive clean out of our Parowan Breakwater "gravel trap" has been in progress allowing our Public Works to harvest a tremendous amount of material for our roads, recharge project, sidewalks and other upcoming projects using our own, local resources at a tremendous cost savings to our residents.
- Phase I of our Parowan Pickleball complex is complete with four new courts. We will be applying for four more courts this year from the TRCC funds in January 2025.
- The Evil Water Bike Park for all ages funded through the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant is taking shape with an overlook pavilion and shade structure, training course and pump track planned for completion in summer of 2025! Shout out to Parowan Public works for their hard work on this exciting recreation amenity and one of our future trailheads for expansion of our Parowan Evil Water trail system.
- Several new City plans and updates have been completed and adopted including a Master Transportation Plan, Master Drainage Plan and a Power Rate Study.

- Plans still in progress are a FEMA flood channel study, a Master Water/Sewer Plan, Master Airport Plan along with an Iron County initiated Public Safety District feasibility study.

These guiding documents allow Parowan City to move forward with important infrastructure and future facility planning that give the city the ability to pursue the necessary funding and assistance to accomplish these projects for Parowan. Having these plans complete is the first step for needed upgrades and projects that will strengthen and update Parowan's water, sewer, power, roads, parks, sidewalks and trails as we continue to work together to pursue the best use of resources and technology to enhance and stabilize resident and business utilities and other critical infrastructure.

There is not a day that goes by that we don't all enjoy and appreciate the efforts of our dedicated Parowan City employees and residents who are committed to keeping Parowan the beautiful, little town we are blessed to share. Parowan is Parowan because of the people who live, visit and work here; our people truly are our greatest asset. All the best to you and yours for the coming year. May it be filled with peace, health, prosperity and joy in relationships with family, neighbors and friends.

If you have any questions or concerns about our city, please do not hesitate to contact me (mayor@parowan.gov) your Parowan City Council members, or Parowan City Administrative staff at 435-477-3331. If you have suggestions for the newsletter/website contact Brooke Gleason, our Parowan City Communication Specialist (brooke@parowan.gov).

Sincerely, Mayor Halterman



A WHAT IS A SAFETY ACTION PLAN?

Iron County, in partnership with surrounding communities, is preparing a county-wide transportation Safety Action Plan. The Safety Action Plan will analyze transportation safety needs, identify high-risk locations and factors contributing to crashes, and prioritize strategies and improvements to address them. The goal of the plan is to help reduce traffic fatalities and serious injury crashes throughout Iron County.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

If you walk, bike, drive, or roll anywhere in iron County, we would like your input. Your feedback will help identify community needs and areas where safety improvements will enhance the transportation system. How do you typically move around the County? What or where are the issues you encounter? What are some ideas you may have to improve safety?

Please scan the QR Codes to complete a survey and leave your comments on an interactive map.

Visit the project webpage at:
IronCountySafetyPlan.com



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Website

