



**A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...**

Spring is fast approaching, and what a year it has been! With warm winter weather, city projects have moved forward without delay. Top priority is a new approach to growth that we as a City Council and Administrative staff are calling "Rural Done Right." The goal is to shape Parowan's future with slow, managed growth that is pro-family, pro-business and pro-heritage and protects our precious resources and rural character.

We will be adjusting our municipal code in the coming months to reflect this direction for Parowan to grow smart, stay rural and keep Parowan a beautiful, peaceful community that is a wonderful place to be. Whether raising a family, settling into retirement or enjoying an unmatched lifestyle surrounded by all-season outdoor recreation, you will feel blessed to call Parowan home.

Heading into spring, several key projects are underway:

-The design phase is nearly complete for the historic Old Hwy 91 Bridge, with construction set for late fall. Our Water Recharge Project designed to replenish our Parowan Valley Aquifer is also set to begin construction in the fall of 2025 or early spring of 2026. Most of the funding for these two projects is coming from partnerships with other stakeholders and also from county, state and

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federal grants. These projects took tremendous effort, cooperation and collaboration and we feel fortunate to be moving forward with such a minimal financial impact on the Parowan City Budget. *(continued on page 7)*

### Welcome to Parowan City, Brooke Gleason!



Brooke Gleason is a dedicated and dynamic member of the Parowan community, known for her warmth, passion, and her commitment to making a difference to improving Parowan's communication with it's residents. She has become a familiar face in town, always ready to lend a hand or offer a smile to neighbors and friends alike.

In addition to her family and community commitments, Brooke is an avid social media user, where she shares glimpses of her life in Parowan, from promoting local businesses to sharing her love for books and coffee.

Brooke's love for reading, coupled with her devotion to her four sons and husband, makes her a well-rounded presence in the Parowan community. Her balanced approach to family, work, and social engagement.

We're fortunate to have Brooke as part of our community, and we look forward to all the great things she'll continue to do in Parowan.



## PAROWAN CITIZEN'S OF THE YEAR

**Larry & Jenelle Zajac**



The Zajac's journey began in Nevada, but it was in the scenic beauty of Southern Utah where they found their true home. After years of visiting Swain's Creek and Duck Creek, the Zajacs fell in love with the vibrant landscape and charm of Parowan, ultimately making it their permanent home

in 2015. Since their arrival, Larry and Jennelle have been unwavering in their commitment to bettering the community they cherish. From day one, they've immersed themselves in local projects, dedicating countless hours of service and support. Larry's role on the Parowan Planning and Zoning Commission, which he joined in 2016, has been just one of many ways he's worked to help shape the future of the town.

Beyond their personal involvement, the Zajacs have been instrumental in supporting significant local initiatives. Their generous donations of time and resources were vital to the success of the Parowan Municipal Pool Project and the recent renovations of the Parowan City Library—both of which are now valuable assets to the entire community.

Their contributions extend beyond Parowan's borders as well. As longstanding members of the Cedar City Rock and Gem Club, Larry and Jennelle have offered their expertise, with Larry serving as Shop Supervisor and Jennelle as Treasurer. Jennelle, a gifted writer, regularly shares her talent with Iron County Today, and she's also been a key figure in securing grant funding for the Old Rock Church—another testament to her dedication to preserving Parowan's rich history. The Zajac family's passion for Parowan's community is truly inspiring. Their kindness, hard work, and selflessness serve as an example for us all. They have not only embraced Parowan as their home but have made it a better place for every person who lives here. We are proud to recognize Larry and Jennelle Zajac as Parowan's Citizens of the Year.

## OLD ROCK CHURCH DAYS: Celebrating Parowan's History

Parowan Old Rock Church Days is an annual celebration in Parowan, dedicated to raising funds to preserve and renovate the historic Old Rock Church. This beloved landmark has long been a symbol of the town's rich history.

The City appreciates the efforts from the previous years, which resulted in generous community support and grants. Old Rock Church Days unite the community, connecting the past to the present through activities celebrating Parowan's heritage.

We are excited to announce that John Yardley will be the featured speaker on Friday evening, June 20. John is a business and church leader from Panguitch, Utah. He and his wife currently serve as Cedar City Temple President and Matron. He will share stories that tie our community to its rich heritage.

Old Rock Church Days also serve to connect the past to the present. Through its activities and programming, the event helps preserve the life skills and values that have shaped the community, while reminding us of the pioneers who laid the foundation for the thriving town we call home. A replica of the old Parowan Fort, consisting of hay bale boundaries, will be the central focus in the Parowan City Park on Saturday. Inside that structure, demonstrations of Pioneer skills will be presented, from log sawing and horseshoeing to clothes made from leather. Watch for so much more on that day!

We welcome everyone to participate, reconnect, and contribute to preserving the legacy of Parowan Old Rock Church. Join us for a weekend of fun, reflection, and giving back as we celebrate Parowan's history and preserve its future. Please mark June 20 - 21 on your calendar and invite a few friends and family both in town and out of town. Let's make this a wonderful event!



*(Parowan Fort, Wooden Version) 851-1872  
Drawing at the Pipe Spring National Monument)*



### CONGRATS PHS SWIM!

We are thrilled to announce that our PHS State Swim Team champions were honored at City Council! A huge congratulations to Sydni Lauer, named 2A Swimmer of the Year and taking 1st place in the 100 Fly, and to Ty Lauer for securing 1st place in the 500 Free! We also want to celebrate all of our amazing Parowan athletes of all ages who made their mark in competitions across the state. Well done!



### PAROWAN CITY

1/2 MARATHON, 5K & YANKEE DOODLE DASH

### RUN YOUR BUNS OFF



### AUGUST 2, 2025

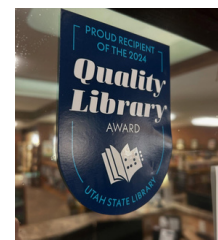
Register at: [www.parowanhalf.com](http://www.parowanhalf.com)  
For More Information: 435-559-4504



The Parowan Library has been honored to have received the Quality Library Award from Utah State Library for its exceptional dedication to providing outstanding resources, services, and community engagement. This recognition celebrates its commitment to excellence in fostering a welcoming an innovative environment for all users.

### Library Events to Remember:

- Girl Scouts are now at the Library every Thursday night!
- Storytime every Tuesday at 10:30 am.
- Join the Parowan Prevention Coalition! Get involved with your community. Help plan FREE family events. Every 3rd Thursday at the Library 11:30-12:30 pm
- Visit our FREE Little Library. Leave a book or take a book. Located on Center Street across from the Parowan Library.
- Start planning your garden! We have a FREE Seed Library. You must have a current Parowan Library card. Some rules apply.
- Blood Pressure Monitors are now available to check out! You can check them out for 2 weeks for FREE!







### 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.



Parowan Animal Assistance League (PAAL) has helped a great deal of dogs move into their 'forever' homes this quarter! Some have even found their way back home, with some great helpers from the shelter!

PAAL took a trip out to California and worked with Marley Mutts to clear room from the LA shelters so that dogs rescued from the fires would have a place to wait for their loved ones. Seven dogs were brought back and have either already found homes or are being loved on by their fosters!

Don't forget to come and visit PAAL at the swap meet in Parowan March 21st and 22nd! Donations are always encouraged to help raise money for the shelter. Please Call/text PAAL at (435) 393-1137 to arrange details. (No clothing, please.)

Thank you to everyone that donated and volunteered! You are appreciated!

PAAL is very proud to be a recipient of the No-Kill shelter award from 2023, and look forward to getting it again for 2024!



We are still accepting volunteers in any capacity whether it be feeding, exercising or just cuddling the dogs. If you are interested: Please visit <https://www.paalutah.com/contact-us> Call/text Jennifer (435) 393-1137

### Easter Egg Hunt



April 19th at 10 am  
Valentines Peak Soccer Fields

*Sponsored by The Little Salt Lake Service Club*

### Parowan City is hiring!



The City will be hiring several new positions.

- Parks Assistant
- Lifeguard
- Recreation Assistant

Keep your eye on our website at [parowan.org](http://parowan.org) for openings!

### Mammogram Truck is Back!



3D Digital Mobile Mammography Unit will be at the Canyon View Clinic on March 18th & 19th

Call 435-676-1276 or 435-676-1547 to schedule your appointment.

FREE mammograms are available to those who qualify provided by UCCP - Utah Cancer Control Program.



### Parowan Recreation



-Basketball 2025 season just concluded. It was an amazing season and the kids improved their skills and had a great time. Thank you all to the amazing coaches and parents that volunteered their time to make this a successful season!

-Youth Volleyball begins on March 4th. This will be the 2nd season of Volleyball for Parowan Rec youth. It was quite a hit the first season. Many of the same players are returning as well as many new players. This takes place at the fairgrounds building and runs for 5 weeks with 2 games per week.

-New to Parowan Rec this year will be Lazer Tag for the youth. This will take place in the fairgrounds building with two games per week. Season will run for four weeks.

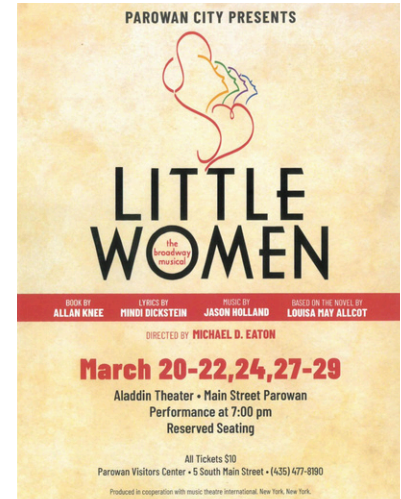
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-Spring Soccer Registration is open at Parowan.org. This is for ages 3-13. Great chance for kids to get out after the cold winter and have some fun.

Last October 2024, we celebrated the completion of our new outdoor courts with a tournament. Parowan rec looks forward to having many more tournaments for our citizens to enjoy!

Pickleball is up and running in the Iron County Fairgrounds building. This runs (Oct-July). Parowan now has out very own pickleball courts. Currently, the nets are down for the winter but as soon as the sun decides to shine our Parowan picklers will have many options for play of pickleball.



### American Red Cross



### Parowan Utah Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Parowan Community Interfaith Committee

Thursday, March 6th , 2025  
1:30-7:00pm

90 South Main Parowan Utah

Schedule an appointment online or by telephone at 1-800-733-2767 or redcrossblood.org



### New 2025 Board of Directors!

- President: Kade Bryant (Brian Head Ice and General Store)
- Vice President: Jed Sudweeks (Local Artisan)
- Secretary: Shay Bayles (Old Crow Basics)
- Treasurer: Kristina Harris (Harris Cabinets)
- Director: Danny Abbott (Southern Country Bakery and Chevron)
- Director: Todd Gale (State Bank of Southern Utah)
- Director: Jaxon Haderie (Brian Head Resort)

### Upcoming Events:

- General Meeting: Wednesday March 5th at 10 am, Parowan City Offices
- Brian Head 50th Anniversary Weekend: March 12-15 (See Flyer Below)
- Brian Head BIRTHDAY CARNIVAL: Friday March 14th, 10am- 12pm Brian Head Fire Station
- Parowan & Brian Head Chamber Spring Networking and Training Event: Wednesday April 2, 6pm-9pm (See invite below!)
- All Business Owners and Entrepreneurs invited!

**YOU'RE INVITED**  
To our  
**CHATGPT TRAINING**

Join us for our Spring Networking Social and Training!  
**\$20 PER PERSON**  
INCLUDES THAI DINNER

6:00pm - 9:00 PM  
Wed. April 2, 2025  
The Valor Hotel  
1650 W 200 S Parowan

Please RSVP to Lynsey @ 435.477.9817

Pay with Venmo #Parowan-Chamber 02592408



## Why the Beehive is Utah's Iconic Symbol

by Sandra Benson, Parowan City Historian

In the 1980's, after a busload of PHS kids competed in the State History Fair and earned superior ratings in every category, the state coordinators sent PHS a book entitled "The Grand Beehive" and commended our school's youth and achievements. I glanced through the book and set it aside. However, in the past couple of years, the state has chosen a second state flag, with the Beehive on center stage. And I rediscovered the long forgotten book. I'd like to share a few points therein. Much of this information is quoted from "The Grand Beehive."

"The people of Utah have inherited and preserved a remarkable and largely unexamined treasury of folklore and art. An attractive aspect of this inheritance is the unusual way in which one particular traditional motif, the beehive, appears repeatedly. The recurring emblem and its use is both striking and pervasive. More importantly, the beehive motif carries with it a wealth of meaning and information about a people's culture (Utahns) and our psychological connections with the distant past."

The research then delves into the ancient world, explaining how the beehive was widely revered. It marches through the Middle Ages as the beehive symbol was embraced by many peoples, and especially the peoples of the United Kingdom. It cites the Masonic use of the symbol. Herein, it should be noted that a good many Utah pioneers were Masons. The final historic connection states, "Almost every western culture has looked on the hive as a model of the perfect social system."

And there you have it! A perfect social system was what the early pioneers sought!

The book states, "Though we don't know exactly where or when the beehive took hold of the Mormon imagination, we can speculate that its importance grew soon after Brigham Young succeeded Joseph Smith and led the Church into the West. As pioneers attempted to reorganize the hostile land according to an ideal inherited from the lush gardens of northern Europe, the beehive took on inspiring meaning. The hive as an agrarian model was crucial in the quest to reap the fruits of the earth and to make the desert 'blossom as the rose.' It is tempting to imagine that,

given all the emphasis on the traditional beehive as a symbol, early Utah beekeepers wove tales, invoked bee charm, and idolized their bees. The truth is that beekeepers in Utah always employed the most scientific methods of beekeeping in order to produce as much as possible. . . . The land must overflow with milk and honey."

### Embracing the Motif

Early in Utah history "As a political kingdom, the beehive reflected that which was self contained and was thus representative of the Mormon settlements. The beehive had definite boundaries and was completely protected. There were no windows looking out to the world and none looking into the Mormon kingdom."

This symbolism and mentality of being united, yet removed from the world in our 'hive' played a part in early history as Utah applied again and again for statehood and was denied. It played a part when Johnston's Army arrived in the valley in 1858. However, by the late 1800's the symbol was looked at and had achieved common meaning to all people who lived in the state. The beehive best suited the vision of "industry" which was pursued with great vigor. Early in the 20th century, Utah embraced a broader population and the beehive was displayed on the lavish Hotel Utah, on dinnerware, stone carving, architecture, etc. Noteworthy, a large department store, Auerbachs, a Jewish business, developed a popular "Beehive Clothing" line.

Thus, it can be said that the "Beehive" has a long history, woven in religion, government, commercial, and personal commitment of togetherness and individual responsibilities.

Quoting Mark Twain, visiting Salt Lake City in its early days, "The Mormon crest was easy. And it was simple, unostentatious, and fitted like a glove. It was a representation of a Golden Beehive, with the bees at work."

Perhaps this bit of history helps explain why a newly designed second Utah flag has been created. Certainly, over generations, the beehive has been the symbol that explains our history and insight as to who we are. It is an ever present icon of us. It even suggests why Lloyd and I have a beehive on our headstone (smiley face). And therein we have company!



(Mayor’s Message cont.)

The Recreation, Arts, and Parks (RAP) Committee will soon assess available funds, with applications opening in April or May for projects to enhance parks, trails, theater, and arts programs. Watch for details to submit proposals.

The new ICSD Parowan High School Fieldhouse is underway with completion expected by September/October of 2025. The facility is over 21,000 square feet and offers space for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, drop down batting cages and pitching space, cafeteria, classroom, two dressing areas and an office. This new facility will support the physical, emotional and social development of our youth and community with many of our Parowan City Rec Programs planned around our wonderful shared recreational facilities.

Our Public works team has harvested a tremendous amount of material out of the breakwater and will use the sand, gravel and soil on several upcoming projects. The Sidewalk on 200 S, Water Recharge Project and the Evil Water Bike Park will all benefit from this effort that also prepared that area to be ready to manage potential flooding in the coming year. Shout out to Public Works for all of their dedicated work on these important projects and best use of resources to protect Parowan residents and properties.

Speaking of the Evil Water Bike Park, plans are in action to complete the pump track and mountain bike training course by the end of the school year early this summer. What an exciting time for the kids to be able to be outside, improving their skills on their bikes and enjoying the beautiful outdoors at our wonderful Valentine Peak Sports Complex.

With critical plans in place—including our Master Transportation, Power Rate, Water/Sewer, Drainage, and Industrial Manufacturing Zone strategies—we’re now focusing on sewer upgrades, road improvements, infrastructure development, historic preservation, and more. These efforts ensure we use our resources wisely for Parowan’s present and future needs.

Growth is challenging, but together, we honor our past while shaping our future. From Native Americans and pioneers to farmers, ranchers, and veterans, we recognize those who laid Parowan’s foundation in the Mother Town of Southern Utah. As Helen Keller said, "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all." May we all find adventure, joy, and cherished memories here as we build our community together.

If you have any questions or concerns about our city, please do not hesitate to contact me ([mayor@parowan.gov](mailto: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](mailto:brooke@parowan.gov)).

Sincerely, Mayor Halterman

## PAROWAN EVENTS 2025

- March 21-22 Swap Meet \* 9 am
- April 19 Easter Egg Hunt \* 10 am
- May 23 Foam Party \* 1 pm
- May 26 Memorial Day Program \* 10 am
- June - July Friday Scavenger Hunts \* 10am
- June - July Story Time, every Tuesday
- June 14 Fun Run Car Show \* 8 am
- June 20-21 Old Rock Church Days
- June 17-29 Gliders
- July 4 Celebration Parade, Games \* 10 am
- July 4, 11, 18, 25 July Concert Series \* 8pm
- July 17 Sprinklers in the Park \* 1pm
- July 21 Painting in the Park \* 7 pm
- August 2 Parowan 1/2 Marathon
- September 1 Labor Day Weekend Iron County Fair
- October 1-31 Scarecrows on Main
- October 11 Fall Festival
- November 28-29 Christmas in the Country