

**Paradise Town  
Office of the Mayor**

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**December 2014**

**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS** – The Town Council offers a public THANK YOU to the Paradise Lion’s Club for their efforts with the Christmas lights over the streets and the lighting of the pine tree at the Welcome sign on the north end of town. They coordinated a lighting upgrade project where the Town combined funds with the Lion’s Club. The existing short life and inefficient traditional lights were replaced with long life LED bulbs. Because of the longer life expectancy of the bulbs, it is expected that this project will have a pay-back of about 2 or 3 years.

We also want to publicly thank Mr and Mrs Kevin Smith for the work they do each month providing theme based decorations each month at the Welcome sign. Their efforts to take care of the never ending weeds as well as designing and installing new decorations each month makes the Welcome sign an attractive feature on the entry to town. It seems I often find people getting their photos taken with that sign when I am coming in to town. Where else can you stand and smile in front of something that says Welcome to Paradise?

Larry and Carleen Atwood have also taken time from their busy schedules to decorate the Town Hall for the Christmas season. It makes a difference when we have so many people voluntarily work together to make our community more attractive and fun to live in!

**YOUTH SPONSERED LIVE NATIVITY** - The young men and women from the northeast corner of the community have organized a Live Nativity event which will be held on Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup> between 6 and 8 PM. The performance will be repeated every 20 minutes throughout the evening. They are asking for a can of food from each person that will go to the Cache Food Bank. Free hot chocolate will be provided to those that attend.

This event will be held in the barns owned by the Eborn Family (the old Wes Ohwiler property) located in the center of the block between 8800 and 8900 South and 100 and 200 West. They are asking that people park in the vacant lot west of the Post Office, entering from about 140 W. 8900 S. Overflow parking along the roadways is also OK – just be careful about getting too close to the edges if it is snowy..... People probably should not park in the Post Office since it is a Federal facility and neither the Town or community members can direct what happens there.

**CHILD AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER ACTIVITIES** – The CFSC organization is sponsoring several great activities, classes, and workshops this winter season. They are a great resource that helps families prevent and recover from difficult or abusive situations. More information about their services, activities and opportunities are available at [www.childandfamilysupportcenter.org](http://www.childandfamilysupportcenter.org) or 435-752-8880.

**PARKS AND RECREATION** – The Town has successfully obtained a grant from the National Park Service that is administered through the Utah State Parks Department of the Division of Natural Resources. This Land and Water Conservation Fund grant is for public outdoor recreation facilities that are put into a conservation easement in perpetuity. We have taken about 9 of the 14 acres of the new park and put them into this conservation easement and in trade, there will be funding available for pavilion and restroom facilities.

Depending on the weather, the Town is considering trying an ice skating arena this winter over the baseball diamond in the northwest corner of the downtown park. With the help of the Fire Department and the Lions Club, if we get some extended cold weather, we can have a place to skate under the ball park lights for a few weeks. Of course, if we keep having this October weather all winter long, we won't be skating!

**WINTER HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS** – The Town Office will be closed for sure on December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>, and potentially on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of December as well. You can always leave water bill payments in the drop box or contact us at home by e-mail or phone if you need something that can't wait until the office reopens.

**BUILDING AND PARK RESERVATIONS** – For now, we will be keeping with our tradition of opening the reservation book for the new year on the first day the office is re-opens. We encourage those that want a specific date to get with Alyssa and get it scheduled. Hopefully we will be able to move soon to some kind of web based scheduling system which will make the process easier. Of course you will still have to come in to the office to pay any applicable fee and to get a key if necessary. We have great facilities and encourage people to take advantage of the parks and Town Hall for their various activities. We provide facilities for reduced or no cost to those organizations that provide return services to the Town for park cleanup and upgrade projects. Please get with us and we will see what we can work out as far as fees and service projects.

**CONTACTING US** – The Office Hours are 9-12 on Monday thru Thursday. If it is not convenient to stop in, you can e-mail Alyssa at [clerk@paradise.utah.gov](mailto:clerk@paradise.utah.gov) or leave a message on the voicemail at 435-245-6737.

For emergencies, please call me on my cell phone at 435-720-3893 and leave a message and I will listen to it and respond as soon as I can.

Feel free to call or e-mail me with any concerns, comments, or questions regarding the above notes or other Town issues.

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