

4TH QUARTER NEWSLETTER - 2007

TOQUERVILLE - 1858 to 2007. 150th Anniversary Celebration – Coming July, 2008

TOQUER's "Team": Mayor Ken Powell; City Council: Lynn Olds (Mayor ProTem), Randy Scott, Darrin LeFevre, Paul Heideman, Daren Cottam; Staff: Administrator & Subdivisions, Mike Vercimak; Water Dept., Doug Gubler; Sewer Dept., Blair Gubler; Planning Commission: Annette Kleinman (Chair), Jared Elison, Mark Fahrenkamp, Anita Lowe, Courtney Coates, Don Tait; Recorder: Carol Pogue; Treasurer: Pam Jarman; Bldg Inspection: Wayne Pope; Emergency Manager: David Pope.

MTGS at City Chambers (212 Toquer Blvd): Council, 2nd Thursday; Planning Commission, 3rd Wednesday (6pm-Work & 7pm-Regular Mtgs); Staff: Tuesdays, 5PM (except last Tues.) – Please call if you'd like to be on any of these Agendas. 635-1094.

NEWS: Elections are coming – November 6th; **"Meet the Candidates"** night will be held at the old Town Hall, 7PM on Oct. 10th. Candidates for (3) Council positions: Daren Cottam, Brigham Darger, Dwayne Ewell, Paul Heideman, Sylvia Scott Meryhew, and Lynn Olds. We have new residents eager to participate in this election and look forward to a good turnout at Town Hall.

ISSUES: Land use and other concerns are being addressed by the "Team" each month at Planning Commission, weekly Staff and Council Meetings. Developers and land owners are proposing new residential and commercial projects, some working for several years with laws and Ordinances of the City, Attorneys, and Development Agreements. Land Management Code and restrictions to "sensitive lands and hillsides" are being reviewed and adopted and will protect this beautiful area. Residents are encouraged to attend meetings or contact elected Officials and Staff to express concerns and ask questions. Office: 635-1094.

CITY PARK has become a sought after gathering place for local and neighboring residents, reserving for family parties, reunions and Church activities. A night-lighted ball field attracts leagues and tournaments from near and far. Additional parking by the new south bridge is in work and a picnic area with horseshoe pit is completed. The local area LDS youth have put in a trail around the Park and Scout projects continue to bring much appreciated amenities, including the new electronic scoreboard.

The HISTORIC TOWN HALL has a restored interior with attached new Offices, landscaped grounds and gazebo (help from the Scouts again) and parking along a new paved Old Church Road. Our Maintenance Manager, Bob Olsen, has supervised and been involved with all our projects, our thanks go out to him for his dedication to the City. Our first play was held on the stage, the Mikado, sponsored by LDS 1st Ward and directed by Marba Hale; enjoyment was had by all who attended and performed.

COMMERCIAL (Highway and Neighborhood) areas are being explored again by developers of gas stations, restaurants, motels, etc. We'll keep you posted (check the Post Office, City Office and the Terrace Boards) if they begin the land use process. Access into areas of development has been discussed for many years with City Council, developers, UDOT and landowners. The proposed "bypass road" will take the heavy truck traffic off our old "Historic District"; Mayor Powell and City Council may yet realize (one day soon, we hope) the vision of "little shops for artists, antiques, crafts, ice cream parlor, bakery, etc.; benches and old fashioned street lights lining the area from the north bridge to the winery". There are currently some homes on the old highway for sale and others on the Historic Register.

POPULATION has doubled in 10+ years to about 1500 people; they're helping support our much needed City services with our recent tax raise. The City raised property taxes to total about \$81,000 (from \$38,000) which had not occurred for nearly 20 years. This is a small part of the approximate \$525,000 needed to run the City. We all received the "every 5-year area raise" imposed by the County and also the State, a bitter tax year for all County residents; raising taxes is always a difficult process. Our Mayor has fought for Sheriff Patrol and accomplished coverage that has greatly improved quality of life for all.

I'm grateful and proud to work with the "Toquer Team" of caring and giving individuals, and for the residents of this great little City; please call the office for information; we'll find answers to your questions. Carol Pogue, City Recorder. 635-1094.