

## **TO: HURRICANE JOURNAL: APRIL NEWSLETTER - 2008**

### **TOQUERVILLE - 1858 to 2008 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – July 26th, '08**

**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: Mark Fahrenkamp (Chair), Annette Kleinman, Anita Lowe, Mike Ruesch, Courtney Coates, Don Tait; Recorder: Carol Pogue; Treasurer: Pam Jarman; Bldg Inspection: Wayne Pope; Emergency Manager: David Pope.

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

**LATEST NEWS:** Miss Toquerville – Princess Megan Manwaring will reign for the 2008-09 coming year; Dacie Elison is 1<sup>st</sup> Attendant, Jessica Beatty - 2<sup>nd</sup> Attendant, and Emma Jeppson, "Miss Congeniality". All eight wonderful young women shared their talents, poise in beautiful gowns, and answered questions for our judges at Hurricane High School on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The remaining contestants and awards were: Shawnney Sharp, "Community Service" and "Judges' Question"; Tyanna Sharp, "Miss Photogenic"; Gwen Lundell, "Perseverance"; Shaynae Gubler, "Director's Award"; Dacie Elison, "Production Number" & "Poise / Appearance"; our congratulations to all the participants. We are very grateful for the donations from our local residents and businesses, all the judges and a great emcee, Derek McKusick, driving from Salt Lake City to assist the Committee. Our thanks for the teamwork and organization from Wendy Kabonic and her volunteers who gave to the City with their time and skills; this traditional event would not happen if not for these talented Mothers and friends of Toquerville!

**COUNCIL / PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATES:** The updated and clarified Land Management Code has been approved; the public may go to the cityoftoquerville.com (website) to view and become informed about residential, commercial, or other designated zones, and permitted or conditional uses. This Code is a "living" document and under periodic reviews by Planning Commission, City Staff and Attorney; then final review and acceptance for amendments by your elected City Council. The new Codes, Transportation and Water Master Plans updates, required by State and local government, will enable the City to acquire grants and bond help from other organizations as we upgrade and maintain our Systems.

**AUDIT UPDATES:** Auditors reported City Financial Statement to Council, Mayor Powell, and Treasurer, Pam Jarman. The area slow-down of building permits has created limited income, with no commercial revenue. A raise (in '07) of the residential City tax to approximately \$81,000 helps with costs of running the City; we will maintain a balanced budget for this year ('07-'08). The last Fiscal Year ('06-'07, with slowed projections of revenue) has brought us close to the State limit of allowable reserves; you may view past and current City Financial Statements at the Office.

**CITY CEMETERY:** A new irrigation system is completed at the Cemetery – thanks to Than Naegle (donating many hours of labor and resources), along with Chris McNeil and Delos Elison (Maintenance Dept.); this system has been in need for many years. Residents should contact the City for obtaining a family plot as all City fees are under review; 635-1094.

**CITY PARK on ASH CREEK:** RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THE PARK CALENDAR FOR YOUR FAMILY REUNION during Toquerville's 150<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration – the calendar is filling up! Our new parking asphalt is in on the west end of the pavilion and ball diamond; come out and watch the baseball, summer evening tournament. The new bridge is in place across the Creek, thanks to the David Jeppson family; it spans the dirt parking area across from the picnic / horseshoe area, to the pavilion.

**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION NEWS:** July 26<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) is the City Celebration Day – Our Committee is headed by Paul Heideman and Van Kleinman, along with great volunteer residents throughout the City. Activities being planned are: (a) parade; (b) breakfast; (c) program and entertainment from the Royalty; (d) children's games & rodeo; (e) guided historical tours – close by AND ATV sites; (f) horseshoe tournament; (g) Dutch oven dinner; (h) softball tournament; (i) traditional "water fight on the Creek"; (j) evening entertainment...WOW!! A fun Celebration for all - watch for flyers and go to cityoftoquerville.com.

Two contests are now running for our Celebration – DESIGN OF COMMEMORATIVE PINS and the OFFICIAL 150<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION T-SHIRT. Posted on the boards, or go to cityoftoquerville.com website for details – "150<sup>th</sup> year" button; these items will be for sale during the month and after our Celebration.

**CITYWIDE CLEANUP:** April and May ARE CLEANUP MONTHS; we encourage all to help us beautify for our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration and to welcome our visitors. We encourage residents to organize (small or large groups) and help your neighbors – especially the older folks! We are scheduled for dumpsters in June (before July 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration and for resident's use only).

**COMMERCIAL:** These areas are still in pre-development stages by developers; we'll keep you posted (check the Post Office, website, City Office, Cholla Creek and 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" is still at the talking stage with all involved; the new proposed Transportation Master Plan will help this process along.

**SUBDIVISIONS:** The Trail Ridge Estates (south of Cholla Creek) is nearing building permit issuance stage; Developers are still working with our City Staff to finish all requirements. The LaVerkin "water crossing" is a tie-in to this area for emergency water access to the rest of the City. The Developers (1500 acres in the south-west Toquerville area) has not begun any of the land development process with the City. The Heideman / Kleinman property (170+ acres) on the south-east near Hunter Lane is still reviewing with Staff and LMC requirements.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** A System upgrade will be installed at the "Springs", purchased with previously collected Impact Funds (restricted to upgrades) for the "Springs Tank". This includes re-build of current pump and purchase of another pump, along with pump house wiring, etc.; this will help prevent future water outages experienced in the past.

A Resolution will be introduced next Council Mtg to lower the amount of water (gals) per household, from current 15,000 gals, to the State mandated 400 gallons of culinary water per day, or 12,000 gals per month. With this conservation, the City will provide culinary water without dependence on the Washington County Conservancy District (WCCD) for a longer period, thus controlling usage and maintaining cost (\$22. for 12,000 gals). If you use culinary outside, use it sparingly; if irrigation "hook-up" is available, consider the long-range cost effectiveness for your property as well as impact to your culinary water cost over the minimum. OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO PAY UTILITY BILLS IN A TIMELY MANNNER; this helps Staff with day to day operations of this important Entity.

**MAYOR'S MINUTE:** I want to remind our residents that it's only legal to ride ATVs or off-road vehicles on City streets while going to or from a place where riding is allowed; see [cityoftoquerville.com](http://cityoftoquerville.com) for this Ordinance or review at City Office. City is aware that some will ride to their fields or neighbor's home, etc., and we want to continue to allow that. However, we are still receiving accounts from the Sheriff's Office of speeding violations, no helmet (under 18 yrs), registration violations, etc. Please obey the rules; not everyone in Toquerville rides ATVs or even wants to allow them; enough complaints could force us to revisit the Ordinance. Please be considerate of other's views and rights; thanks for your support and for the many volunteers who help the City and their neighbors in so many areas – "It's the People", as stated on our City Logo.

The Office Staff is proud to work with the "Toquer Team", and for the residents of this great little City; please call the office for information; we'll find answers to your questions. Carol and Pam at 635-1094.