

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

January 1, 2009

Is This Your Child?: Some of our children have began a very, very dangerous “game” with the snowplows. When the streets are being plowed, they will run towards the street in an effort to be covered or otherwise “hit” with the plowed snow. **THIS CAN BE A DEADLY GAME!!!** The visibility from the plow drivers seat is poor because of the size of the blade and the manner in which the snow can blow or “fold.” The truck has a loaded sand/salt bin, is obviously on slick roads, and requires a considerable distance to stop. The snow being “thrown” may have chunks of ice, rocks, or who-knows-whatever-else in it. It is entirely possible that a chunk of hard snow or ice could smash the skull of an adult, let alone a child. This would leave anything from a corpse to a living vegetable. Don’t assume that this is someone else’s child - please talk to your youngsters as soon as you read this and let’s bring this potentially deadly practice to an immediate halt.

Thanks for a Great Year: The year 2008 is becoming history as this is written, and we have a fresh new year coming. On behalf of your elected officers, thank you for being the outstanding Richmond citizens you are. Oh, sure, we’ve had some problems, we’ve had some set-backs and discussions that left someone unhappy, but by and far we’ve seen cooperation and support. Richmond has been extremely fortunate in having and attracting people who are more than willing to assist others, to go the extra bit in getting things done, and cooperating in times of need.

Our sewer treatment plant is now “above ground” (for the first six months of construction most of the work was sub-surface, and I’m sure people were wondering if we were going into the mining business) and is scheduled to be put into operation the end of June. We are actively working at locating and installing a new water tank for the culinary water. We are working

hard on both maintaining and improving our streets and roads in spite of the continuing reduction of funds provided by the State.

I’m very pleased with the quality of employees who make every effort to keep the City safe and operating. Rob Bair, Ben Lundgreen, Tamara Petersen, and (our new sewer plant operator) Scott Ball, and City Manager Marlowe Adkins all deserve your thanks. Chris Purser, the City Treasurer, and City Recorder Justin Lewis are constantly “stretching hard” to keep our finances under control, and making do with an annual budget that wouldn’t even amount to one days expenditure for the larger cities in Cache County. So, our thanks to all, and here is to a happy and hopefully more prosperous New Year. **Mike Hall, Mayor.**

Neighborhood’s Really Need To Watch:

We’ve had some instances of cars being entered and stereos, money, and other property stolen. Please be sure to keep your car locked even in your own driveway, and everyone please keep you eyes open for anyone looking “out of place” or suspicious. If you see someone actually entering a house or car that doesn’t belong there, immediately call 911. If it is just an “unusual” situation, call Dispatch at 716-9400 and give them the information.

“Dead” Christmas Tree Drop: The Cache Service Area has established a drop-point for “natural” Christmas trees who’ve outlived their usefulness in front of the Black & White building. There is a sign that marks the spot. [This site will be closed on Friday, January 9th.](#)

An Invitation to Attend Time Together

Workshops: Again this year Park Elementary School is presenting a series of workshops for parents of students that will be attending Park Elementary School. New this year is a two-night workshop for parents of students 3-4 years old. The workshops for parents of students that

are 4-5 years old (students entering Kindergarten in the Fall of this year) will continue as it did last year. If you have not yet received a detailed flyer telling you about the program and the workshop dates (January 8, February 12, March 5, and April 2) we request that you call the school (258-2344) and let Patty know. Anyone in the community that has a student with a birthday prior to September 1, 2009, is requested to call the school and get your student on the school registry.

Richmond Soccer Sign-ups: If you have a child or children interested in playing soccer, sign-up will take place at the Richmond City Office on Wednesday, January 21st and Friday February 6th between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. A Saturday sign-up will take place on February 7th, same location between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. If your child did not play soccer in Richmond last year, a copy of their birth certificate must be left with the registration paperwork. Fees remain the same: \$30 each for the first two children in a family, \$25 for each child after that. Contact Lori Durrant at 994-1420 if you have any questions.

Library News and Views: "Books are the treasured wealth of the world and the fit inheritance of generations and nations."- **Henry David Thoreau**

Richmond Public Library and Bridgerland Literacy wish to thank you for your generous help and contributions to the 2008 "Have a Novel Christmas" book drive. This year 2500 books were distributed to children in need throughout the community. Thanks for making it such a successful year of giving and for supporting the service organizations in our community.

In these uncertain economic times, it's reassuring to be able to count on your local library for all the free services provided. We offer a variety of books for all ages, audio books *A Distant Thunder* by Anita Stansfield (Part 2 of the Jayson Wolfe Story)
More Precious Than Gold by Alex G. Chappell
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer

(including Playways), movies, and computer services such as Internet access, e-Books, Overdrive, e-Audiobooks - plus many databases made available through Pioneer. Interlibrary Loan is also a great resource for meeting your needs when we don't have what you are looking for. We appreciate your patronage and look forward to continuing offering this wealth of resources.

Preschool Story Hour: Bring your little ones to Story Hour on Thursdays at 10:00 AM for fun activities and great stories. Though the winter months are cold and stormy, Story Hour is an excellent way to get out for moms and little ones. It's close to home and it's a good break from the blahs.

Don't forget to check out www.iseesam.com - a great website to help your little ones who are just learning to read: You will find it a lot of fun, as well as being very helpful.

New Children Books:

Go Ask Alec by Patsy Becvar

Skippyjon Jones and the Big Bones by Judy Schachner

Who is Your Favorite Monster, Mama? by Barbara Shook Hazen

Madeline says merci : the-always-be-polite book by John Bemelmans Marciano

Wackiest White House pets by Kathryn Gibbs Davis

New Teens Books:

The Mystery of the Third Lucretia by Susan Runholt

At Her Majesty's Request (An African Princess in Victorian England) by Walter Dean Myers

The Sorcerer of the North (Book 5 - Range's Apprentice) by John Flanagan

The Eye of the Forest (Book 5 - Children of the Lamp) by Margaret Peterson

The Tales of Beedle the Bard by J.K. Rowling

New Adult Titles:

Through Deepening Trials by Robert H. Moss

Only With the Heart by Rolayne Hanson

Abinadi by H.B. Moore

New Non Fiction Titles:

It's Not About the Bike: My Journey Back to Life by Lance Armstrong

Mormon Country by Wallace Stegner

Each New Day by Corrie ten Boom

Book Lust by Nancy Pearl

Stories by O. Henry

Two Years Before the Mast by Richard Henry Dana, Jr.

The library will be closed Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Remember - we provide delivery service to those unable to access the building.

Business, Dog and Kennel Licenses: All licenses expired at midnight, December 31, 2008. **Business licenses can be picked up beginning Tuesday, January 20th.** The cost remains \$25.00 for the year UNLESS you failed to pick up your license last year. Should that be the case, the fee will be \$75 which will cover last year plus the interest. If you failed to pick up your business license two years in a row, it was cancelled and you'll have to re-apply through the City Council for a new business license. **Dog and Kennel licenses can be picked up beginning Monday, January 5th.**

As in the past, if you get your dog and/or kennel license(s) before March 1st, you'll receive a 50% discount. Kennel license will be \$50, spayed or neutered dogs will be \$5, and "intact" dogs will be \$10. These fees double (\$100, \$10, and \$20 respectively) effective March 1st.

Kennel License Questions: We've had individuals ask a few, repeated questions relative to dog kennels. (FAQ in "computerese".) Residents may have up to two dogs per residence (*not* per person). Naturally, they are expected to be licensed in the proper manner. If a residence has three or more dogs, a kennel license must first be obtained. To qualify for a kennel license, the resident must have property double the zoned minimum requirement. For instance, if you live in a Residential Medium Density (RMD) area, the minimum lot is 10,000 square feet. To qualify

you must have a minimum of 20,000 square feet, either the same property number or an additional adjacent (property lines touching) property (separate tax number but owned by the resident) to bring the total to required square feet. If this requirement is met, you must obtain signed statements from all adjacent property owners, including those across the street from the residence, stating their agreement for a kennel to be established. The property owner then contacts the City Manager to get on the City Council agenda. At the City Council, the applicant must provide the signed statements, verify the satisfaction of the property requirements, and formally request the kennel license. If approved by the City Council, since it is the initial application, a license will be issued for \$50 no matter the time of year. The license will expire on December 31st, and subsequent renewals will be subject to the "late fee" penalty.

Disposing of Prescription Drugs: Do not flush down the drain! Keep medicines in the original container with the drug name readable, but black out your name and prescription number. For pills, add some water and bicarbonate of soda to start the dissolving process. For liquids, add a healthy dose of cayenne pepper or kitty-litter. Close the lid tightly and secure with good old duct tape...what would we ever do without it. Place the bottle or bottles inside an opaque container such as a coffee can or a plastic laundry bottle (bottles that contained fabric softeners such as Snuggle work well also) and tape it closed. Put that container into your garbage can, the "black beauty" NOT the recycle (Lil' Blue) can.

2010 Census: Need help - 1-866-861-2010 or www.census.gov/roden/www

Is your child OFF TO KINDERGARTEN next year?

Introducing

Time Together

*A community based education program for
parents of four year old children*

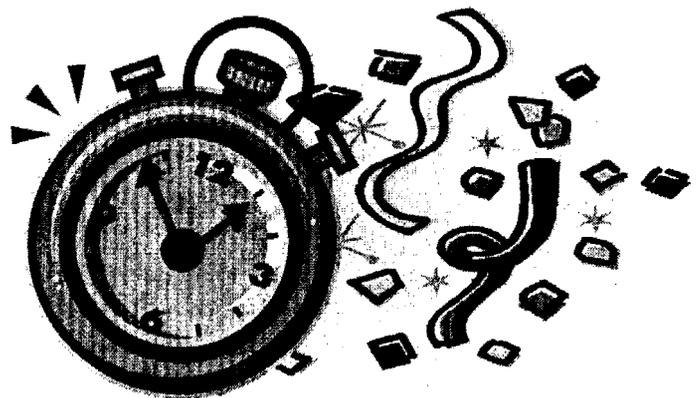
Presenting a series of parent workshops

January 8

February 12

March 5

April 2



Take home materials and door prizes provided for parents

Time Together is a cooperating partnership with
Pepperidge Farm, Presto Products,
Cache Valley Countertops
and Park Elementary

Designed to help parents **PREPARE** their children
to enter school ready **TO SUCCEED**
