

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

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Conserve, Conserve, Conserve Water: After all of the rain we've experienced over the past few months, this may sound like a very strange request. The fact of the matter is we are still suffering the after-effects of the very recent drought, and our water tables are still quite low.

When our well was operated recently, for only a twenty-four hour period, the draw-down was greater than anything we've seen in the past decade. *Please do not water with culinary water between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.* Automatic water sprinklers are our bane in that people "set 'em and forget 'em." *Fifteen minutes per area three times a week* is more than enough to keep a healthy lawn in our area, and please don't hesitate to turn them off during periods of rain. We usually have a "July monsoon" towards the latter part of this month. Your cooperation will save all of us money and ensure a reliable supply of drinking water.

Richmond Website: The Richmond City website, www.richmond-utah.com, features a page called "Links." It provides links to a number of websites that may be of interest to citizens. One section is dedicated to businesses here in Richmond. If your business has a website and you would like us to provide a link to it, please contact Terrie at 258-3777, or terrie@richmond-utah.com with the information.

Keep the Bad Guys Out: Citizens are urged to keep their garage doors closed, even when you are in the house. Open garage doors are an invitation to burglars who can drive by and evaluate if your home is worth looking into - literally! Also, keep in mind that once someone is in your garage, they are as good as in your house.

Library News and Views: "Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries." - P. Fantozzi

A BIG Thanks to Jamie Hatch for the excellent job of planning and presenting Preschool Story Hour this past school year. The library is advertising for a volunteer to either help with, or direct, next year's Preschool Story Hour. If you are interested please contact the library (phone: 258-5525).

Thanks to Mary Rogers for the very entertaining and delightful Pioneer Presentation. Her talent and shared information made for a very enjoyable evening. Our pioneer heritage is certainly something to be proud of and we appreciate the reminder.

The Summer Reading Program began June 11th and will continue each Thursday at 10:00 AM through July 30th. Bring your children and let them "Be Creative @ Your Library". And, of course, the teen's are doing a great job with "Express Yourself @ Your Library". The reading contracts can be done, even if they are gone for vacation, and turned in July 30th - or after. Our big closing party will be July 23rd (the week before the last day of the Summer Reading Program) - with the bouncy slide and the Shoot & Shower. Be sure to mark your calendar for a great day of fun. Then the last day, July 30th, the children can bring their contracts and have a great time being creative with sidewalk chalk in front of the library and the city office.

Some of the LSTA grant money that we have received has gone towards the replacement of two old patron computers. Those old computers are up for bid until the end of August. Other bid items are a scanner, 2000 World Book Encyclopedia set, and a 1996 United States set. Please place your bids at the library before September 1, 2009.

The library will be closed for the holidays: Saturday, July 4th and Friday, July 24th. Also our annual closed week will be moved to the first week of August, so mark your calendars and be sure to have plenty of books to last through August 3rd - August 8th.

New Children Books:

Waking Beauty by Leah Wilcox
The Everafter War (#7 Sisters Grimm) by Michael Buckley
Sunrise (#6 Warriors: Power of Three) by Erin Hunter
The Sword Thief by Peter Lerangis

New Teen Books:

Max (Maximum Ride #5) by James Patterson
The Soldiers of Halla (Pendragon #10) by D.J. MacHale
Mississippi Jack (Bloody Jack # 6) by L.A. Meyer
Scat by Carl Hiaasen
DVD: *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

New Adult Books:

Still Alice by Lisa Genova
Pursued (Maggie MacKenzie Mystery) by Lynn Gardner
Waiting For the Light to Change by Annette Haws
The Last Waltz by G.G. Vandagriff
DVDs: *Fireproof, Though None Go With Me, Forever Strong*

Happy Birthday Richmond!: We're 150 years old! Or is it 145? That's the question facing Richmond. This year is the sesquicentennial of the first permanent settlement at the site of what became Richmond. The town itself, though, was not incorporated until 1864. What to do?

Celebrate twice!

The City Council has chosen to celebrate BOTH "birthdays". This August 28th, at the annual City party, we will have a special program on the 150th anniversary of the first permanent settlement at Richmond, the granite monument on the southwest corner of the park was designed and erected by the Richmond Lions Club several years ago; this year we will have a ceremony to officially accept it and dedicate it to

those early pioneers who started Richmond on the path. In 2014, we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of Richmond as an official government entity. Next month, we will have more on the early history of Richmond. Stay tuned!

Sewage Plant Update: Periodically we get inquiries about how matters with the MBR plant stand. In a nutshell, we are doing great but are behind schedule. Our contractor has done an excellent job but nature always wins out. In this case it was the extended period of rain that we've enjoyed this spring. Once things dry out, the balance of the project should come to a rapid conclusion.

We hired Scott Ball, an experienced and licensed wastewater technician, last December 1st. He worked with the Hyrum MBR plant (which is a much larger version of our plant) from his hire date until February 15th on an intern basis. Kevin Maughan, who is the Hyrum plant supervisor, was extremely helpful and Scott brought back a wealth of practical knowledge. Since mid-February he has been present as our plant was equipped, and has a very detailed knowledge of the entire physical and mechanical system.

As this is being written, it is impossible to give an exact start-up date. (Especially considering the very dark thunderclouds building on the western side of the valley!) Our hopes are for the end of this month, and we'll have our open house in August.

Water and Sewer Rate Increase: The annual increase in water and sewer rates will begin on July 1st, and will be reflected on your August 1st billing. Each year, by ordinance, we have a one dollar increase for water per month, and a one dollar increase for sewer per month. This increase helps off-set the continuing increase in the cost of materials and supplies. In spite of the current financial recession, product prices (especially in the area of plastics and some metals) continue to increase dramatically.