

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

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IT IS PARTY TIME! We are mailing out this issue a bit early to remind all of you that our annual City Party and Neighborhood Night Out will be **FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH**. This year we are also celebrating the 150th anniversary of the original founding of Richmond. As usual, we'll meet at the City Park for the party, but the Daughters of the Utah Pioneer's museum will also open at 4:00 p.m., and will remain open until 6:00. Going through the museum is a great way to set the mood for our "birthday party." At the park, the air slide and other events to help excite the children will begin at 5:00 p.m. The formal dedication of the "Richmond" monument on the corner of 1st South and the highway will be at 5:50 and the food will be served beginning at 6:00. Display's and demonstrations will be going continuously, provided by our Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services personnel along with members of the Cache County Sheriff's Office. These fine people have been a consistent "stand-out" at past parties. All residents are most cordially invited to attend and participate! Remember, it is free to you.

Do You Know?: The Richmond Cemetery District involves more than just those of us who live within the Richmond City limits. As a result, the District is a completely separate political entity. It has a Board of Directors, currently Kip Panter as Chair, Albert Purser and Denise Allen as Board members, Chris Purser as Secretary and Justin Lewis as Recorder. Chris is also the City Treasurer, which makes it convenient to have all of the cemetery records at the City Office. The Board is responsible for the perpetual care, the hiring of the Sexton, and expansion of the grounds as needed.

Utah Museum Day: Saturday, September 26th, has been designated Utah Museum Day. Our Daughters of the Utah Pioneers museum will be one of those participating. It will be open for

visitors and guests from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on that day. In addition to the interesting items that make up the DUP collection, the ladies hosting have a great background and are very informative in their knowledge of our history. We encourage all of you to mark this day on your calendar and plan on making a visit. For those of you with relatives no longer living in Richmond, you might want to make them aware of this event and encourage a reunion with their heritage. Refreshments will be served.

Your Head is Irreplaceable: That might appear to be a somewhat "dumb" statement, but according to the Sheriff deputies patrolling Richmond it appears a lot of people haven't come to that realization. With the passage of our ordinance allowing "4-wheelers" to use the City streets, the deputies are not only seeing much more traffic, they are also seeing many, many people who fail to wear a helmet. For your own safety and well-being, please wear a helmet any time you are driving or riding on any motorcycle, three or four-wheeler, or other type of off-road vehicle without an enclosed cab. Parents, enjoy your children growing up and help them to avoid a serious injury...make them wear a helmet, please!

Reading Water Meters: Speaking of 4-wheelers, the City utilizes two 4-wheel vehicles when we read the water meters. Once upon a time, when Richmond was much smaller, meters were manually read by a maintenance worker walking from meter to meter, opening the lid, and copying down the meter numbers. As we've grown, we've switched to a "touch-wand" system and a computer program. Continued growth (and reduction in manpower) brought us to using a 4-wheeler to access the meters. Today it requires two men two full days to read the meters. They do drive

on the City right-of-way to access the meter heads, which has caused some comment. We appreciate citizens taking care of the right-of-way in front of their homes, but we must access the meters as effectively as possible. Of course they will not drive on newly planted areas or anything of that nature, but you may see “tracks in the grass” for a day or two each month. Please do not park over the meter.

Library News and Views: “There is nothing I can’t do...There is nowhere I can’t go...There is no one I can’t meet...There is nothing I can’t build or discover...If you’ll give me a book.”

This month’s Library Lecture will be on 9-11-09 at 7:00 PM in the basement of the library, and the topic will be about emergency preparedness. The date, itself, reminds us that being prepared for an emergency can certainly lessen the tragedy end of a tough situation. It will be a very helpful and informative evening and refreshments will be served.

Welcome back to **Preschool Story Hour**. This is a great place to bring your little ones to learn the Six Pre-Reading Skills starting from birth. Pick up a free packet that covers preschoolers and reading with online resources, literacy tips, and the 6 pre-reading skills booklists. Story time will have an added plus this year with our new equipment. Come, see and hear the larger than life stories. There is always fun at Story Hour - with stories, activities, and the social fun of the group.

Preschool Story Hour Schedule for September:

Sep. 3	On the Road
Sep. 10	In the Air
Sep. 17	On the Tracks
Sep. 24	In the Water

The Library will be closed September 7th for Labor Day.

New Children Books:

Woodchuck Chuck by Richard McDermott, illustrated by OUR OWN LOCAL Scott Wakefield (This is a must - all ages will love it!)
Pingo by Brandon Mull, illustrated by Brandon Dorman
The Jewel Fairies 1-3 by Daisy Meadows

The 39 Clues Book 5 by Patrick Carman
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman (Newbery)

New Teen Books:

The Lab by Jack Heath
Ranger’s Apprentice 6 & 7 by John Flannagan
The Immortals: Blue Moon by Alyson Noel
Small Favor by Jim Butcher

Audio books:

Pendragon Series Volumes 1 thru 6 by D.J. MacHale
Max by James Patterson

New Adult Books:

Strangling Your Husband is NOT an Option by Merrilee Browne Boyack
Parenting Breakthrough by Merrilee Browne Boyack
The Time Traveler’s Wife by Audrey Niffenegger
In the Company of Cheerful Ladies and Blue Shoes and Happiness by Alexander McCall Smith

Audio books:

Sackett’s Land by Louis ‘Amour

Wastewater Treatment Plant: Your new plant is now fully operational, and handling nearly a half-million gallons per day. There are still a few items that need “signing-off” but we should be in full possession by the end of September. We’ve had to postpone the Open House, probably until October, primarily due to landscaping and paving issues. We’ll keep you informed.

School Is Back In Session: Judging from the smiles on parental faces, this is already a known fact. However, we are facing a continuing problem of drivers in too much of a hurry. Please, give yourself extra time and *slow down*, especially at the times when the children are going to and coming from school. Our thanks to former Mayor Marvin Traveller, the Park School PTA and UDOT for the new sidewalk on west Main Street, between 200 and 400 West.