

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

November 1, 2009

ELECTION DAY - TUESDAY NOV. 3rd BOTH DISTRICTS VOTE AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING, POLLS ARE OPEN 7 A.M. UNTIL 8 P.M.

New Voting Rules: The Utah State Legislature made an important change in the voting rules. *You must now show a valid voter identification before you may receive your ballot.* Accepted legal forms of identification are: a valid Utah driver license; a valid Utah Identification card bearing your photo; a valid photo identification card issued by a branch, department or agency of the United States (such as a military ID card); a Utah permit to carry a concealed weapon; a valid United States Passport; a Tribal Identification card. Also, the following items may be accepted in combination as long as one bears your current address: a certified birth certificate; a valid Social Security card; a check issued by the state or federal government; a paycheck from the voter's employer; a valid Utah hunting or fishing license; a certified copy of court records showing an adoption or name change; a valid Medicaid, Medicare, or Electronic Benefits Transfer Card; and an identification card issued by a local government, employer, or college or university within Utah. You must have this positive identification even if the election official is your spouse of ninety years!! Please come prepared, and cooperate with the election officials who are just carrying out their legal responsibilities

Winter Changes: Two items as reminders. Section 11-345 of our Code states: **“WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful for the owner or operator of any motor vehicle, or any vehicle towed, pulled, or otherwise associated with motor vehicles, to park such a vehicle on any street or road of Richmond City between ten (10) p.m. and seven (7) a.m. between *November 1st* and March 31st.

Drivers may park for no longer than five (5) minutes in the event of loading or unloading passengers only if the vehicle is plainly marked with operating four-way flashing lights. Vehicles loading or unloading property at a commercial facility may park up to a maximum of thirty (30) minutes only if the vehicle is plainly marked with operating four-way flashing lights and active loading or unloading is taking place.” Another item to keep in mind is if you damage or destroy water meter pads or lids while moving snow, you will be charged for the replacement. Right now it is running close to \$100 to replace the unit. A broken lid will also increase the chance of having your water line freeze during our cold winters. Please use extreme care if your water meter is close to where you'll be “moving snow.”

It is an Honor to Serve: As we enter into our autumn season, and another year is preparing to come to a close, it is time to once again express gratitude for the opportunity that we have to live in such a wonderful community. Each year as the elected officials of Richmond we have the opportunity to go to Salt Lake City and participate in the Utah League of Cities and Town meetings. These meetings help us, both elected City officials and City administrators and staff to know what is ahead as challenges. We get a “heads up” on changes that we can expect in policy and procedure along with general information that we must adhere to and implement to ensure government runs smoothly and in the correct way. In an ever changing landscape of policies and procedures imposed by others, the one constant is the good people that we have an opportunity to live among and serve. I am impressed at those who approach us constantly asking what they may do to help the City and its citizens. I express a sincere thank-you to those who are willing to serve out in the open or behind the scenes. Each can do their

part in their own way to serve. Each act of service and each person who is willing to serve helps to build and shape our community in a positive manner. We have so many who serve in our local community groups, or on committee's or taking part in individual acts of service like Eagle Scout projects or neighborhood projects. Those who help replace a broken section of sidewalk, clear weeds out of the parking areas of neighbors, contribute their time to projects intended to make our City and even nicer place in which to live. We have elected officials who spend uncounted hours, behind the scenes and without fanfare, working on various projects to enhance where and how we live. Each is appreciated and each is acknowledged including those who seek to serve without obvious recognition. Once again, THANK YOU for serving, and for allowing us to serve you. **Mayor Mike Hall**

Open House: The long-awaited open house at the new wastewater treatment plant will be spread over two days. Mark on your calendar Friday, November 6th from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., and Saturday, November 7th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The plant operator, Scott Ball, will be conducting small group tours of the facility. We also plan on having some light refreshments. The plant is located just west of the City limits on SR-142 ("Conference Road") and looks like a farm building.

Update Your Phone Information: The City Office is requesting that you up-date your phone information with us as soon as possible. It would be very much appreciated if you would put your current phone number on the face of your utility stub when paying your bill, or give the City Office a call (258-2092) if you pay via a third party. We have emergencies occur periodically, including the need to shut off the culinary water in various locations about the City. We do our best to give advance notice, but in case of an emergency or unexpected event, it is very frustrating to attempt to call our citizens and find that their phone number on our computer record is out-dated. Needless to say, we get some very unhappy calls in spite of our

best efforts. There is one exception - if you are utilizing a service (usually associated with your computer) where you call out at a very low rate but people calling in are routed through long-distance service, we will not complete the call. This holds equally true for a water outage or in response to a message left on our answering machine. Some of the charges (\$4 and more in some instances, per minute) far exceed what your City's budget can afford. **City Office**

Introducing Our New Fire Chief: Lyle Bair has been asked, and has accepted, to have the opportunity to serve as the Richmond City Fire Chief. He replaces outgoing Chief Bob Hugo. Lyle was unanimously supported in the new position by a vote of the City Council at the September 29th meeting. Lyle has been serving as the Training Officer in the Fire Department where he has been a volunteer for over five years. He has also volunteered to serve in a County role from time to time. In addition to being a Training Officer on the fire side of the department, he has several fire certifications along with being an EMT Intermediate. Lyle tells me that he is a life-long resident of Richmond, and desired to be a firefighter as long as he can remember. His father and one of his brothers have served in the Richmond Fire Department. Please join me in congratulating and thanking Lyle for his willingness to serve Richmond City in this capacity. As a Mayor and City Council, we appreciate all those who volunteer their time and effort to our local emergency response units. We invite any who wish to be involved in this valuable City service to contact the City Office and find out more regarding this opportunity. **Mayor Mike Hall**

Monthly Safety Tip: Remember to change the battery(ies) in your smoke and/or CO detectors annually. Pick a day that is easy to remember such as a birthday, holiday, Daylight Saving Time change, etc., to make the change. In addition, check your smoke and CO detectors monthly. **Richmond City Firefighters and EMT's.**

Sub For Santa: Applications for the Sub For Santa program are available at the Library. This

is a program for young people, age 18 months to 18 years. The application must be turned in no later than December 4th.

Richmond City Youth Council: Come join the Richmond City Youth Council. Richmond youth who are in the 9th through 12th grades are invited to attend an opening social on Saturday, November 7th, at noon in the City Community Building. Come have lots of fun, food, and make new friends. We hope to see you there. Bring your friends also, the more the merrier. We encourage you to join the Youth Council for the coming year. Application forms are available at the Richmond City Office. You may either turn in the completed form at the City Office, or bring it with you to the social. We are in an active group with full support from the Mayor and City Council.

Roll-on, Roll-off Bins: They will be gone for the winter after Saturday, November 14th; however, the Cache Service Area will have a designated drop point (probably south of the Black & White building bus stop) for “retired” non-artificial Christmas trees. We’ll get the bins back again in the spring. Thanks for your support this past year. **Remember, they will still be available until Saturday, November 14th.**

Park School Workshops: Park School is sponsoring a series of workshops for parents to help children succeed in school. Parents of children who are four and will be turning five before September 1st, 2010, are invited to attend on January 14, February 18, and March 11, 2010. Parent of children who are three and will be four before September 1st, 2010, are encouraged to attend two workshops held on March 4 and April 1, 2010. Door prizes and take-home materials will be provided. Day care is available for children of parents attending. All workshops will be held in the Park School Media Center and will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please call Park Elementary (258-2344) if you have any questions.

Library News and Views: “I find that a great part of the information I have was acquired by

looking something up and finding something else on the way.” – Franklin P. Adams

October was the Library’s 95th Birthday and what a great celebration it was. Thanks to all who came and participated in the festivities. The Reflections theme contest winners were: 1st place through 3rd place in poetry and story - Karissa Peck, Linda Kirby, and Jennefer Segura. For pictures - Hyrum Hatch, Ethan Reed, and Hannah Hatch. For Mrs. Roberts’ class entries - Jenny Vail (best detail), Corinne Taylor (most colorful), and Marina Howser (most descriptive). Congratulations and thanks to all who entered, they were all excellent. The winners of our guessing contests were: Jordan Rogers guessing 85 of the 86 pieces of candy, Jamie Hatch guessing 276 of the 275 balloons, Jessie Moss guessing the exact 299 bookmarks, Chantrill Davis guessing 1550 of the 1534 visits to the library in September, and Dominique Rogers guessing the exact 192 of the combined ages of the 5 librarians. Tons of fun was had in all the guessing games - especially the ages of the librarians. Thanks to a great community who knows how to have a good time.

November Library Lecture: As November is the time we reflect on our blessings and how “Thankful” we are, it is also a great time to remember those who are not so fortunate. Friday, November 13th, at 7:00 PM, in the library basement, Matt Whittaker of the Logan Food Pantry will present some wonderful information about our local service and what we can do to make a big difference for those in need. Come learn how it works and how you can share. Refreshments will be served.

Music and Movement is something new at the library. Shannon Teater is offering a 6 week class for toddlers and preschoolers (and parents). It will be held 10:00-10:30 AM each Tuesday, starting November 3 and going through Dec. 8th. This is a fun chance for children and parents to explore with movement, rhythm, and coordination. Babies are welcome if they have a sibling in the class with parental assistance.

Preschool Story Hour Schedule:

Nov. 5 Mommas and Poppas
 Nov. 12 Babies
 Nov. 19 Grandparents
 Nov. 26 **No Story Hour** - Thanksgiving
 Holiday

New Children Books:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days by Jeff Kinney
When the Leaf Blew In by Steve Metzger
Dark Day in the Deep Sea by Mary Pope Osborne
Charlie Cook's Favorite Book by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler
The Seven Silly Eaters by Mary Ann Hoberman

New Teen Books:

Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins
Phantom - Sword of Truth #10 by Terry Goodkind
Elantris by Brandon Sanderson
Spilled Water by Sally Grindley
River Secrets (audio) by Shannon Hale

New Adult Books:

Great Speeches of Our Time by Hywel Williams
Careless in Red by Elizabeth George
360 Degrees Longitude by John Higham
Confessor by Terry Goodkind
 Books 1-3 of *Dragon Lance Legends* by Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman

The Library will be closed November 11th for Veteran's Day and November 26th through November 28th for Thanksgiving Holiday. 258-2344 if you have any questions.

Public Meetings: The Planning & Zoning Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each

month, but only if there is scheduled business. They meet in the City Council chambers at 7:00 p.m., and this is an open public meeting. This Commission is the first step for people seeking to re-zone property, develop property, and other matters that impact land use with the City. It is necessary to be on agenda, so please contact the City Office at least ten working days before the scheduled meeting date. Current members of the Commission are Dr. Randy Jones, Chair; Mr. Lee Anderson, Mrs. Suzanne Dent, Mr. Daryl Black, Mr. Chris Anderson, and Mrs. Monica Merrill.

The City Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m - and this meeting doesn't lack business. It, too, is an "agenda meeting" and like the P&Z meeting we need people wanting to appear before the Council to contact the City Office at least ten working days in advance of the meeting. A wide variety of matters are heard by the City Council, including public hearings. It is an open meeting, and the Council would really like to see more citizens attend.

Agendas for both the P&Z Commission meeting and the City Council meeting are posted at least forty-eight hours ahead of the meeting but we try for the Thursday before the meeting. We post on the government bulletin board in the post office, the Council room window at the Community Building, and at the Library. Beginning in 2010, we hope to have the agendas appear on our "web-page" - www.richmond-utah.com.

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