

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

February 1, 2010

Thanks for Your Service: Council member Keith Ward tendered his resignation effective February 16th at the January 19th City Council meeting. As many of you know, Keith's brother, Wyn, unexpectedly passed away. Because this put the running of the family farm business on Keith's shoulders, he felt that he could not also carry out the Council responsibilities to meet his high personal standards. Those of us who have had the privilege of working with Keith over the past four years have a deep appreciation for his careful and thorough consideration on all City-related matters. His quiet yet powerful input will be missed. Thanks, Keith, for all that you did and we wish you the very best in the future.

Federal Census: The Constitution of the United States requires an official census of everyone living in the United States every ten years. Some people, in the mistaken notion that this is a modern plot on the part of the Federal government, refuse to participate and actively discourage others from cooperating. Here is the real story as to why you should cooperate and be very accurate in the population count. First, the number of members in the House of Representatives from the State is determined by the census count for Utah. There is quite a story concerning the "Framers of the Constitution" and the anguish they went through relative to that simple sentence, but (much as I'd like to) this isn't the place for a

history lesson. Funds, and the eligibility for funding, are based upon population, and this is not just restricted to federal and/or state money. Closer to home, the percentage of sales tax and others monies coming from the State are all based directly upon our population – the more people, the more dollars we will receive. Official Census Day is April 1st – we've already scratched our heads about who chose April Fool's Day for Census Day – so we'll have more on this subject in the March issue. Accompanying this issue, however, is a single sheet with the 2010 Recycling Schedule (blue cans out!) on one side, and an excellent article by Lt. Matt Bilodeau of the Sheriff's Department on the other. We encourage you to keep that sheet out where you can easily see it, with the Census Safety side showing until June. The scam artists and "bad guys" aren't going to wait until April 1st to begin their work, and we hope that after reading Lt. Bilodeau's article you will be well prepared.

Council Vacancy: Notice is hereby given by the Richmond City Council that due to uncontrollable circumstances Council Member Keith P. Ward has vacated his position effective Tuesday, February 16th, 2010. There is now a vacant Council seat on the Richmond City Council. Qualifications for this position are: 1. Must be a citizen of the United States; 2. Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age; 3. Must be a resident of Richmond City for at least

twelve (12) consecutive months prior to February 16th, 2010; 4. Must be a registered voter. This mid-term vacancy will be filled pursuant to Utah State Code (Annotated) 20A-1-510. Citizens interested in filling this Council position through midnight of December 31, 2011 are invited to submit an informative application to the Richmond City Council via the Richmond City office. Such applications must be received by the Richmond City office, located at 6 West Main Street, Richmond, Utah, no later than noon, February 8th, 2010. The municipal legislative body, known as the Richmond City Council, shall fill the vacancy at its scheduled Council meeting on Tuesday, February 16th, 2010. **Justin B. Lewis, City Recorder**

Monthly Safety Tip: Help prevent fires by, keeping papers, boxes, clothes, and any other combustibles away from any heat source. Such as candles, stove tops (gas & electric), furnaces, water heaters, space heaters, and fire places. For example candles need at least six inches of clearance on all sides when it is lit, and space heaters need about three feet of clearance around them. Keep these tips in mind when heating your home. Warm winter wishes from your local Firefighters and EMT's.
Richmond City Fire Dept.

H1N1 Clinic: A clinic for the H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine will be held in the Richmond Council Chambers on Monday, February 8th, from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. Bear River Health Department will administer the vaccinations. Consent forms are available at the city office or from the City website (www.richmond-utah.com); please fill one out for each person. This clinic is open to

EVERYONE over six months old, and the vaccination is **FREE**.

Dairy Princess Information: The 2010 Richmond City Dairy Princess Pageant will be held February 20th, 2010. New Royalty will be crowned at 7pm at the Richmond city building. All are invited to attend. This year the pageant will be open to all **Junior and Senior girls.** (from 2011 on it will be open to Juniors only.) If interested in competing contact Leisa Wallace @ 435-232-8358 or email Leisalu.wallace@gmail.com by **February 13th, 2010**

Richmond Lions Club: The Richmond Lions Club would like to thank the citizens of Richmond for their purchases of the Lions Club calendar. The revenue from calendar sales and the calendar advertising revenue represent the principle fund source for the Lions Club. We use these funds for the purchase of eyeglasses for those in need and for service projects throughout the city. Thank you again this year for your generous support.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): CERT will be holding several classes this spring in the valley. Smithfield will be doing theirs on March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 15, 22, and 29. To sign up, please call Bill Hartman at 435-563-2571. Cache County will hold classes at the Sheriff's Office in the third floor training rooms on April 1, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 13, 20, with a review on May 27 and a final test on May 29. To enroll for the County CERT class, please call Sandy Spendlove at 435-563-5143.

Library News and Views: “My lifelong love affair with books and reading continues unaffected by automation, computers, and all other forms of the twentieth century gadgetry.” - Robert Downs

Thanks to Taun Beddis, Horticulture Agent of U.S.U. Cooperative Extension, for the gardening presentation given at our January Library Lecture. He spoke on the topics of pruning – when and what to prune; what to plant first – how to know when to plant (especially for Cache Valley); soil testing and what the results mean. His powerpoint presentation was very informative and helpful – and a copy of this handout will be available at the checkout counter for anyone interested.

February Library Lecture: Terrie Wierenga has visited Tunisia, located just across from the tip of Italy, and is going to share pictures and information on this Arab country on **Friday, February 19, at 7:00 PM** in the basement of the library. This country of 11 million is rich in heritage and diversity and has been the crossroads for many cultures over the centuries. Come experience the trip without the cost. Refreshments will be served.

**Preschool Story Hour Schedule:
Thursdays at 10:30 AM**

Feb. 4 Royalty

Feb. 11 Valentines/Love

Feb. 18 Presidents/Flags

Feb. 25 Dinosaurs

The children’s computers (or in other words - the non-internet computers) have some new games loaded on them. These computers are available for all ages to enjoy. The newest additions are: Oregon Trail, Chessmaster, and Jump Start Reading for 1st Graders.

New Children Books:

Goldilicious by Victoria Kann

High in the Clouds by Paul McCartney, Dunbar & Ardagh

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly

Kisses on the Wind by Lisa Moser

I Loved You Before You Were Born by Anne Bowen

Tear Soup by Pat Schwiebert & Chuck DeKlyen

New Teen Books:

Erak’s Ransom(Ranger’s Apprentice #7) by John Flanagan

Skeleton Creek by Patrick Carman

Sharp Shot by Jack Higgins with Justin Richards

Someone Named Eva by Joan Wolf

Crocodile Tears (Alex Rider #8) by Anthony Horowitz

New Adult Books:

The Scarpetta Factor by Patricia Cornwell

Going Rogue by Sarah Palin

The Marvelous Journey Home by John M. Simmons (Book of the Month Award – based on a true story)

I, Alex Cross by James Patterson

Pirates Lattitudes by Michael Chrichton

Rachel and Leah and Rebekah by Orson Scott Card (Audio Books on CDs)

The Library will be closed Monday, February, 15th for Presidents' Day.

Soccer Sign-up Information: Children who were born on or before July 31, 2005 can participate in this year's soccer program. *If your child was born after that date, they cannot play this year.* Sign-up on-line at uysa-richmond.sportsaffinity.com or at the City Office Monday February 1st through Wednesday the 10th, (less the weekend) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. If your child did not play last year, a copy of his/her birth certificate must be left with the registration.

Fee payment is \$30 with the check or money order made out to "District 7 Soccer."

Mail Boxes vs Snow Plow: Our citizens are caught between the proverbial "rock and a hard place" in that the U. S. Post Office requires you to have your street-side mail box within a given number of inches from the edge of the pavement. (Note that these rules come out of Washington, D.C. where winter is very different. Literally, one inch of snow on the ground and everyone living twenty miles or more head for home; two inches those living ten miles away do likewise; three inches and the whole blinking city shuts down. Having lived and

worked there for three years, I know that to be a fact and not legend. Please don't fault our Post Office.) While this distance may be sufficient to keep cars from hitting your mailbox, unfortunately it doesn't provide any kind of a buffer for snow being plowed to the side of the street. Our men do the very best they can but every once in awhile a mailbox goes down (usually in a heavy, wet snowstorm). Most often it is the result of the heavy snow hitting the flat side of the box; it is very rare for the blade to actually hit the box or support. If you do get "tagged", please observe the following steps: 1) Call the City Office (258-2092); 2) Don't yell into the phone; 3) Give us your name, address, a phone number where we can contact you, and when your mailbox was "tagged." In turn we'll check to be sure it was our plow that did the dirty deed (about a third of the time it turns out to be a pick-up truck or tractor driven by one of the many fine people helping out with driveways, etc.). We'll then get back to you with specific instructions relative to the actual repair/replacement of the mail box/post if we did it. More often than not, you'll be fully reimbursed. **Here is the exception:** If you live on 200 West (the "highway") don't call the City. The Utah Department of Transportation plows that road (we aren't allowed to, even if we had the time) so please call UDOT, Region One. Their current phone number should be in the telephone book.

Need to Contact the City?

Phone: 258-2092 Fax: 258-3604

e-mail: richmondcity@pcu.net

<http://www.richmond-utah.com>

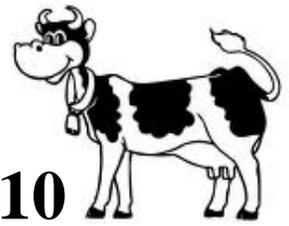
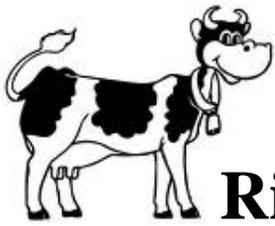
Avoid Falling Victim to Fraud During the 2010 Census

This year's census may create fraud or identity theft opportunities; here's how you can protect yourself and your family from becoming a victim.

The next census begins in April and we want the citizens of Cache County to be watchful of criminals posing as U.S. Census Bureau officials. The U.S. Census is conducted in the United States every ten years. The data is used to help allocate \$300 billion in federal funds every year, as well as determine a state's number of Congressional representatives. Each household is required by law to respond to the Census Bureau's request for information. However, the Census Bureau is limited in the type of information they can gather and the means of gathering that information. During the U.S. Census, **households** will only be contacted by **mail** first; if that form is not complete you may later be visited by **telephone** or **in person** by a U.S. Census worker. It's important to note and I repeat ***you should not be contacted again if you completely fill out and return the Census form mailed to you.*** They are not allowed to contact anyone by email, so never click on a link or open any attachments in an email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau. The Cache County Sheriff's Office generally encourages the public to never give out personal information over the phone or to anyone that shows up on their front door.

If a U.S. Census worker does knock on your door, they will have a badge, U.S. Census Identification, a handheld device for recording answers, a U.S. Census Bureau official canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. When the person at your door identifies themselves as a U.S. Census worker don't be shy or feel intimidated, ask them to show you both their badge and identification before answering any of their questions. Even after you have been satisfied, you should never invite anyone into your home that you don't know and that includes a Census worker, no matter the weather conditions. You should especially be cautious if you are contacted after dark.

The questions U.S. Census Bureau officials are authorized to ask are how many people live in the home as of April 1, 2010, type of dwelling, phone number, names of everyone living in the home, age, dates of birth, gender, race, ethnicity, relationships to others in the household, whether or not you own or rent your home. For a full list of the questions that will be asked in the 2010 census you can go to www.census.gov and you can click on "Preview the 2010 Census Form" to see for yourself. If anyone asks any questions such as **your Social Security number, ask for a donation of any kind, or credit card or banking information, do not give it to them even if they threaten you.** Excuse yourself and call the Cache County Sheriff's Office right away; we'd like to make sure that they are held accountable for what they are doing and that no one else will become a victim. Please remember if you are directly contacted by a U.S. Census worker we would advise you to be cooperative, but cautious, during the Census so you do not become a victim of fraud or identity theft. **Lt. Matt Bilodeau, Cache County Sheriff's Office**



Richmond City's 95th Annual Richmond Black & White Days 2010

May 11th through 15th, 2010

Yes, it is that time of year again. Time to start thinking about Black & White Days! With the forming of the Black & White Activities committee last year we saw tremendous success throughout the event. This committee helps with all Black & White Days activities outside of the cattle show. For our first year, the Youth Council's local band and movie in the park on Friday brought out over 500 people. This year will be even better with a larger speaker system and lots of food. There have been a lot of people that let me know how excited they were about the family activities we did during the day on Saturday. This will also continue with even more activities being added. The Black & White Days activities committee is on a volunteer basis under the direction of the Richmond City Council. We know that you may have ideas to make Black & White Days even better. We encourage everyone who desires to participate to get involved and help make this and the future of Black & White Days the best they have ever been.

**We will be having our first meeting of the year, all are welcome!!
February 10th 7pm in the City Council room.**

This is a list of the current activities the Committee is or might be involved in

Local Bands & Movie in the Park

Buckaroo? (Yes this might be an option, need volunteers to help)

Cow-A-Bunga Race

Horse Show

Family Activities

Dairy Food Contest

Dairy Queen Royalty

Dairy Princess Scholarship Pageant

Parade

Horse Pull

“Well done is better than well said.” ~Benjamin Franklin

I want to thank all those that were involved with the planning and execution of Richmond's Black & White Days. Without these volunteers nothing would get done. If you have an idea for Black & White Days please be willing to help make that idea reality by volunteering. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Thanks

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