

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

March 1, 2010

Voice of the City: On February 16, 2010, the Richmond City Council formally accepted the resignation of Council member Keith Ward. Keith has served the City very well and has always put the needs of the City and its citizens foremost in his decisions. I have appreciated his wisdom and good judgment. He is a good friend and will certainly be missed. We wish him the best and thank him for his service. Please join us in thanking him when you see him.

We had six Richmond citizens who submitted letters of intent to serve in Keith's vacated seat through December 31, 2011. We are grateful to those who stepped forward and were willing to serve and give of their time to that end. At the same regularly scheduled meeting, it was put forward by motion and the Council voted unanimously to accept the letter of intent from Mr. Paul Erickson.

I express my thanks to Paul for his willingness to serve. Paul, on the same evening, was administered the oath of office and took his seat on the Council. He has expressed a commitment to serve Richmond City and each of us as citizens. His service to the City in the past in various positions is a sign of that desire and commitment to do so.

I am very grateful to each of those who serve as elected officials, appointed members of commissions and committees, employees and volunteers to make Richmond the wonderful place it is to each of us. It is my good pleasure to serve alongside and learn from these fine people. I would encourage anyone in the community

who has a desire to serve to contact myself or any one of the Council members. We have such a wide array of places and opportunities to serve that there is one that will fit your abilities and desires. It may be in the emergency services, on one of the committees, boards, or service clubs. We can each do our part to serve Richmond and one another. By doing so the sum will be much greater than the individual parts as we each do what we can to enhance Richmond what it has to offer. Thank you. **Mayor Hall**

Monthly Safety Tip: We as firefighters and EMT s wear PPE all the time, when we are on a emergency call or when we are training. This Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) helps keep us safe.

For this months safety tip we are asking you and your families to use your PPE. Your PPE consist of coats, gloves, eye protection, ear protection and the list goes on and on. Examples: Eye protection, ear protection and winter clothing when snow plowing your driveway; shin guards when playing soccer; helmets when sledding, skiing, riding a bike; dressing for the conditions outside. We at Richmond City Fire Department hope you stay safe in all your activities, and remember you PPE.

Richmond City Fire Department

Lions Club: The Richmond Lions Club is pleased to announce a new vision assistance service project. The club is partnering with Guide Dogs for the Blind as a sponsor of a local family who is socializing a puppy to be trained as a guide dog to serve persons with

limited vision. The Bill Harvell family is socializing and training a puppy named Thyme in preparation for further and intense training as a guide dog for individuals who need assistance in navigation due to low vision. This type of service is an excellent fit for the Richmond Lions Club since the primary mission of Lions clubs worldwide is vision health and vision care. Please know that the funds generated by your purchase of Lions clubs calendars is the means by which the Richmond Lions Club is able to support such a worthy project. We have pictures and additional information at our website: <http://lionwap.org/eclub/sites/RichmondUT>. The club would once again wish to thank the community of Richmond for the generous support we have received throughout the years.

Solicitors: We need your help with a growing problem. Over the past month we've had an increasing number of unlicensed solicitors knocking on doors in the City. If such a person approaches you or your residence, please demand to see their Richmond City solicitors license. This will be a letter on City letterhead and signed by the City Manager authorizing the bearer of the letter to solicit during specific times on specific dates. There will be a seal in blue ink that states "Richmond City" at the top of a circle, a star in the center, and "Cache County" with the word "seal" at the bottom. If the seal is not in blue ink, it is a forgery and not valid. Under the First Amendment we cannot prevent solicitors for doing business in the City ("Freedom of business speech" was the decision of the Supreme Court) but we do have the responsibility to regulate for the purpose of safeguarding our

citizens. Please do not do business with any solicitor that cannot produce a valid license as described above.

Road, Sidewalk, or Building Problems:

Council member Paul Erickson would appreciate citizens contacting him if you see any problems dealing with the roads, sidewalks, or public buildings. Please e-mail your concerns to perickson@cachevalleybank.com.

Richmond Dairy Princess Pageant:

Following a very active day on Saturday, February 20th, the following young ladies were selected: Queen Kelbie Hamby; 1st Attendant Amber Coburn; 2nd Attendant Lacrishia Tribe. Congratulation to the winners of our 2010 Richmond Dairy Princess Pageant.

Census Day: Between March 15th and March 17th residents who do not have Post Office Box addresses will be receiving your 2010 Census card. This questionnaire will consist of only ten questions – probably the shortest in a number of decades. you will be asked to take about ten minutes to fill out the questions and mail the form back between March 15th and April 15th. If you have a Post Office Box address, Census workers will be visiting you at your residence. **Please be certain to accurately respond and either mail the form or reply to the workers.** As noted in the February issue, an accurate count is vital for YOUR City to receive our fair share of funds, etc. Also, remember to review Lt. Bilodeau's article from the February issue relative to census safety.

Library News and Views: “Over 100 years ago, Andrew Carnegie funded the construction of over 1,600 public libraries in the United States because he understood the critical role they played in the education and economic empowerment of the public,” said Dr. Mary Alice Ball, of ALA (American Library Association). “Today with ten times that number nationwide, America’s public relies even more heavily on libraries not only to educate and retrain themselves, but also to make use of libraries’ no-fee access to the Internet to apply for jobs, use government services and to create small businesses. Carnegie knew that physical library buildings were vital to the continuing growth of the country in the last century...”

The Richmond Public Library is proud to be one of his libraries and to provide the services he knew were “vital to the continuing growth of the country”- including modern-day technology.

A Big THANKS to Terrie Wierenga for taking us on a trip to Tunisia at our February Library Lecture. It was a great presentation, rich with pictures and tidbits about the many cultures, the diversity, and the heritage of this Arabian country. Very interesting! Thanks Terrie!

March Library Lecture: Parrots as Pets – presented by Vicki and Sean Blaylock. They will talk about having parrots as pets, care and feeding, temperament and longevity. They will have their two beautiful Macaws present to assist with the lecture! **March 19th at 7:00 p.m. - Don’t miss it!**

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

Mar. 4 In the Jungle/ Dr. Seuss

Mar. 11 At the Zoo

Mar. 18 On the Pond

Mar. 25 Way Out West

March 7-13 is **National Teen Read Week.** Come in and see the great teen collection and enjoy some teen fun. There will be games, puzzles and fun contests.

New Children Books:

A Hat for Ivan and You Are Mine by Max Lucado

Heart to Heart by Jane O'Connor

Abuela by Arthur Dorros

Something to Say by Ronald Kidd

News for Dogs by Lois Duncan

New Teen Books:

The Dangerous Days of Daniel X by James Patterson, Micahel Ledwidge

Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarian by Brandon Sanderson

Ghost in the Machine (#2 Skeleton Creek) by Patrick Carman

Freefall by Roderick Gordon

New Adult Books:

Divinely Designed by Rachael Renee Anderson

Ere His Floods of Anger Flow by John Harmer

Hard Times and Holy Places by Kristine Warner Belcher

The Ball's in Her Court by Heather Justesen

Three Bedrooms, One Corpse by Charlaine Harris

DVD:

The Wedding Planner

Recreation Soccer: We are looking for referee's and coaches. If you are 14 years or older and would like to referee recreational soccer this spring, please contact Terri Baker at 258-0029 and plan to attend one of these three clinics: Friday March 12th – 6 to 9 p.m. or Saturday March 20th – 9 a.m. to noon at the Richmond Community Building; Saturday, March 13th – 9 a.m. to noon or Friday, March 19th – 6 to 9 p.m. at the North Logan Library. If you would like to coach this year, please contact Lori Durrant at 994-1420 and plan to attend the coaching clinic on Saturday, March 20th – 9 a.m. to noon at the Logan Recreation Center.

Foreclosure Prevention: If your mortgage is late, or will be soon, there is counseling help available. To help you understand the need to prioritize your spending, know your mortgage rights, see foreclosure options, and see what processes are sound, feel free to contact Tammy Kohler, the Foreclosure Prevention Counselor with Neighborhood Nonprofit Housing. Her phone number is 435-753-1112, ext. 107.

Think Water Conservation: Although the mornings are still cold and snow is still seen, it is going to be a dry years. Randy Julander, who is the Utah State water expert, reports that snow pack in northern Utah is well below normal – and the chance of improvement is essentially non-existent.

Although this is a “flock shot,” the fact of the matter is Utahns are notorious for overwatering gardens and lawns. We all want to have a green, lush lawn. We want the tallest garden corn in the neighborhood, and the ripest tomatoes. We want and we

want but then comes reality. We are completely dependent upon the water that nature provides, almost entirely in the form of snow melt from our winter weather. Without our springs and wells, we'd die. That is a pure and simple hard fact of life. Our culinary water system is as good as you can get, our water stands at the highest of quality. (Never can understand why people will buy water in plastic bottles that isn't as good as what you can get out of the typical Richmond tap for a mere fraction of the cost.) But it is a limited resource, one that we have to husband carefully. Our water tanks are quite small for a community our size and the demand is slowly increasing each year. Please think very carefully about what YOU can do to conserve on the amount of water used on a daily basis. End of sermon!

Which Reminds Me: A real danger to our culinary water supply is what is called “cross-connection.” This is anything that might enable dangerous materials to contaminate our drinking water – and nearly all are caused just by carelessness. For example, don't drop a garden hose into the plastic pool and let it run to fill it up. If something should happen to the pressure in the main line, the contents of that wading pool could be sucked back into the main line. We all know what small children do in wading pools, so ask yourself if that is what you'd like to drink. Always have an “air gap” between the end of a hose and any collection of water. We'll have some more examples in coming issues. **Remember, think water conservation and water safety for an enjoyable summer.**