

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

June 1, 2010

One Huge Thanks: It is hard to put into words the gratitude felt by the City Council towards all of the wonderful people who made this one of the finest Black & White weeks ever. Our citizens who participated on the various committees and carried out what sometimes seemed to be overwhelming responsibilities in a most effective manner; the City workers (Scott, Rob, Ben, and Justin) who put in very long days before, during, and after (clean-up); the members of the Black & White Days committee; and those who successfully managed the horse programs on Saturday. Thanks to all – we have a truly great little City. **Mayor Hall and the City Council**

Black and White Days Horse Show: The Richmond Black & White Days Open Horse Show was a great success under the direction of Pete Schropp and his regular crew of volunteers. An increase in attendance, a great sense of humor and good sportsmanship was observed. Awards were presented by B&W Days Queen, Samantha Arehart, and Attendant, Kenzie Spackman. Although little Kenzie received several requests, she adamantly refused to include a kiss with the trophy award presentations.

Local EMT's assisted one participant who was thrown from her horse. She checked-out okay at the hospital.

Check-out the new B&W Days Royalty at richmond-utah.com and click on Black and White Days.

Road Closures: In an effort to direct runoff water more effectively into the storm sewer, during the month of JULY access to two of

the streets coming off of 470 South will be closed. We will be cutting through the pavement and installing a concrete "California gutter." These gutters will require about a week of "set time" to fully cure and handle the weight of the vehicles. In the July issue of *The Richmond Record* we will have more specific details including how to handle garbage pick-up for at least one Friday. Residents affected will have to access their homes via the two streets that will remain open.

Mosquito Season is Here: A new mosquito season has begun. Cache Mosquito Abatement District (CMAD) workers this week began checking areas of standing water for mosquito larvae and are finding high numbers present. Larvacide is being applied to attack the mosquitoes before they become airborne. This minimizes fogging to kill the adult, airborne mosquitoes.

The CMAD uses an integrated pest management program; information is available on our website (www.cachemosquito.com). Given the high numbers of larva we're seeing, fogging may commence by Memorial Day. West Nile virus has already been found in mosquito pools in southern Utah. It has been confirmed present in Cache County since 2005, when the District was formed and began testing of mosquitoes.

There are practical measures that citizens can take to help protect them from mosquitoes that might carry West Nile virus. DRAIN standing water around your house since that is where mosquitoes lay eggs,

including tires, flowerpots, bird baths, and clogged rain gutters. Trim grass and shrubs, and don't over water.

DRESS in long-sleeved shirts and pants when outdoors between dusk and dawn to prevent bites. DUSK to DAWN is when the mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus are active.

WEAR insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Always follow label instructions for skin and clothes.

More safety tips are available on the website.

Just an FYI--there a LOT of mosquitoes in the valley this year. Our CMAD field workers are finding high numbers of larvae in about every pool of standing water they sample. As a result, the adult mosquitoes are starting to show up despite the larvacide that's been spread (it's impossible for us to treat every single source of breeding area). So, fogging for the adults will begin next week. As in past years, Richmond will be fogged on Thursday evenings (weather permitting). Additional information on the District and the chemicals being used may be found at www.cachemosquito.com
Cache Mosquito Abatement District, PO Box 466, Hyde Park UT, 84318 - locally Terrie Wierenga, 435-764-6839 – cmad@cachemosquito.com

Irrigation Turns: Attention Richmond Irrigation Company stockholders: Because of the low snow pack in the mountains this year it will be necessary to limit City water turns beginning on Tuesday, June 1st. Those residents with odd-numbered addresses will be allowed to water on odd-number days, and those with even-numbered addresses on even-numbered days. Depending upon the weather and water flow at the springs, further restrictions may be necessary later in the summer. Please conserve water whenever possible. Thanks for your cooperation. **Richmond Irrigation Company Board**

Monthly Safety Tip: Make sure you and your children are protected this summer during your activities. Wear a helmet. This is a simple message. However this is one of the best ways to protect yourself from major injury.

Here are some of many activities that you should consider wearing a helmet. ATV riding, Baseball, Bicycling, Football, Horseback riding, In-line skating, Rock climbing, and Skateboarding. Stay safe, and enjoy your summer.

We also would like to tell all those who showed their support to the fire department during the Black and White Days - Thank You. Because of your support we were able to have a successful fund raiser. We appreciate your help, and look forward to serving our community. **Richmond Fire Department**

Where Your Utility Bill Money Goes:

As expected following the first billing of the season after the water meters are read, we received some calls and notes in various stages of outrage. Many less this year, however, so obviously more than a few read the article we included last month in *The Richmond Record* about why the overage charges appeared and how they were calculated. That was the good part. But on the down-side were some not-very-nice comments. After thinking a bit, however, those comments are actually welcome as it reminded us that there are probably many citizens that don't really understand where their utility money goes once it leaves their hands. So please bear with us for a few column inches and we'll try to give you a brief run-down.

Your utility bill includes five categories: Water, Sewer, Garbage, Recycle, and CD or Central Dispatch (911 calls). Three of the five are what we call "pass-through" charges. The County is actually the recipient of the garbage, recycle, and CD fees, we just act as their collection agency.

The water and sewer belong to you – keep in mind that each of you constitute a part of the City – and those monies stay here.

We have two separate funds, the Water Enterprise Fund and the Sewer Enterprise Fund. All money received for water bills are entered into the WEF, all for the sewer into the SEF. Those dollars CANNOT be used for any other purpose, period!

The major consumer of the water monies is the maintenance of the system; however, we are in the very initial process of constructing a new water tank. This is required because we are “maxed out” on what is called “fire-flow.” For our safety, the fire department must be able to pump a given number of gallons of water per minute for a specific period of time and still leave the water tanks at a given level. Our Engineer has determined that we’ve reached that limit, hence the need for additional water storage.

Testing is another important, and expensive, aspect of our water system. Included with this issue is the annual Consumer Confidence Report, a report we are required to furnish to you annually. All of the results shown on the CCR reflect many laboratory tests that ensure your drinking water is safe. Some of those tests are in the multi-hundreds of dollars and we might be required to conduct them five and six times a year. It all adds up, but is worth every penny considering the possible consequences.

On the maintenance aspect, although the economy is down the cost of oil is still up, thank-you, and we use plastic products and metal components heavily – metal is also drawing premium prices. End result is we are making do, maintaining a very effective and safe culinary water system but also increasing our base rate by \$1 each July in an effort to at least break-even with the rising supply costs.

The major draw on the sewer fund is the

pay-down on the cost of the MBR treatment plant. We’ve written a great deal about that over the past two years, so ‘nuff said; however, keep in mind that our collection system uses the same plastic and metal components as our water system and requires significant maintenance effort after being in service for nearly 40 years. (And if you ever get the chance, give sincere thanks to any of the Council members or Mayors from the 1970’s and 1980’s who had the foresight to install the sewer system. We are light-years ahead of some communities who delayed putting in a sewer system and treatment plant.)

Aside from being able to admire the “barn” which houses the MBR treatment plant, nearly all of both the water and sewer systems are hidden from sight. Your money is being carefully and wisely invested, but visually you can’t see a thing. That brings about an understandable frustration on your part in that you see your money go out of your pocket, but you really don’t see (literally) how it is helping or improving your City. **City Office**

Library News and Views: “A nation becomes what its young people read in their youth. Its ideals are fashioned then; its goals strongly determined.” --- James A Michener

Remember the FREE program that is offered to your little children and teens during their summer break. This year’s Summer Reading Programs are bound to be great memory makers. There will be 9 weeks of fabulous activities and fun stories. The following schedules are the lists of June’s topics (and July 1st).

“Make A Splash” Children’s Summer Story Hour Schedule: Thu. at 10:30 AM

June 3	Pirate Party
June 10	Wet Pets
June 17	At the Water’s Edge / A Day

June 24 at the Beach
Sea Serpent Party
July 1 An Octopus's Garden

**“Make Waves @ Your Library” Teen’s
Summer Reading Program Schedule:
Thu. at 10:30 AM**

June 3 Rock the Boat Part I
June 10 Rock the Boat Part II
June 17 Ocean Commotion
June 24 Dive In
July 1 Water Your Imagination

Thanks to those who participated in the fun activities at the library booth during Black & White Days. Those of you, who have not yet picked up your free book, be sure to stop in at the library to get your prize.

Try this website: www.parentfurther.com. It is a great resource where families can quickly find advice for coping with a specific challenge or simply browse through rich, interactive information about topics that most deeply impact them.

The library would like to survey the community to see how you feel about our library lecture series. Would you like to see it continued? What topics would you like addressed? Which night is the best? Would you prefer daytime lectures? Where would you like them held? If you have a recommendation, please fill out a survey sheet at the library.

New Children Books:

Time to Say “Please!” by Mo Willems
Walter Wick's Optical Tricks by Walter Wick
Daddy Promises by Kerry Arquette
The Inside Story by Michael Buckley

New Teen Books:

The Enchanted Quest by Frewin Jones
Stargazer by Claudia Gray

Ironhand by Charlie Fletcher

New Adult Books:

1,000 Dollars & An Idea by Sam Wyly (5 extra copies for those who may be interested in a copy of their own)
Rise and Shine by Anna Quindlen
The Remarkable Soul of a Woman by Dieter F. Uchtdorf

**THE FOLLOWING IS A REPEAT
FROM LAST MONTH – WE
CONTINUE TO HAVE SOME REAL
AND EXPENSIVE PROBLEMS**

Landscaping and Water Meters: With the arrival of nice weather comes the landscaping of yards and an associated problem. City construction requirements establish that the top of the water meter **must** be between 18” and 24” below the lid on the water meter barrel. If you bring the landscape above the lid, you need to raise the lid to the level of your yard and you are responsible for all expenses and work to maintain that 18”-24” limit. This is an expensive proposition as you **MUST** have a licensed plumber do the work, you **MUST** have the plumber coordinate with the City for inspection purposes, and you **CANNOT** cut the wires linking the meter with the touchpad in the center of the lid. (A replacement lid with touchpad is about \$120!) It is also strongly advised that you don’t landscape in such a manner that the ground runoff water is directed into the meter barrel. Common sense tells you that contaminated water directed into the source of your drinking water isn’t the wisest of decisions, no matter the safety devices installed. If you are considering work of this nature, please contact the City Office (258-2092) before doing anything to be certain you don’t create a hazardous situation.