

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

August 1, 2010

Voice of the City: *Gone With The Wind* was the theme for a time on the day of June 30th, 2010, in Richmond! What a wind it was that blew through the center of town and left the City and citizens with quite a mess on their hands. There were branches, small, medium and large, down throughout most of the City. Some trees came down in their entirety and there was some property damage in the way of buildings that collapsed, shingles that came off, and other items of property that had damage here and there. Thank goodness no serious accidents to citizens occurred or were reported.

In a matter of minutes after the winds calmed, the theme for the day turned to one of SERVICE! We saw examples of that service being provided all over the City. Neighbors came out of their homes and went to work on their properties and yards as well as their neighbors property and yards. When one area was cleaned, everyone moved on to the next home, the next yard, and/or neighbor to lend a hand of service. This went on well into the late evening.

My cell phone started to ring within minutes of the wind and in a matter of an hour after the storm I had well over twenty-two calls. Most were individuals arriving home from work and wanting to know where they could go to help out or lend a hand. It was one of those times when I was very pleased and humbled to be a part of such a great community and to see that community rally around, dig out, and clean up after such a harsh “blow” being dealt by Mother Nature.

We had citizens that helped clean up roadways and streets, yards, the City Park, and the Cemetery. You could pick any street in town and see the community in action. I then received several calls and comments over the next couple of days from citizens who were just expressing thanks for living in an area where they were able to witness neighbor helping neighbor and people serving each other.

In the movie *Gone With the Wind* occurs that famous line of Rhett Butler saying to Scarlet O’Hara “Frankly, my dear, I don’t give a darn” – or words to that effect. In Richmond City it can be said that people do care and they do give a darn. That care and concern was shown in so many acts of service. **Thank You** to the citizens and to the City employees. **Mayor Mike Hall**

Back to School Month: As the parents are only too well aware, school gets back into session the end of this month. All of the students are being encouraged to follow safe procedures getting to and from school, be it North Cache 8th & 9th Center, White Pine Middle School, or Park Elementary. As citizens we need to be particularly careful to protect the “little ones” going to Park. The administration and PTA have put out the following information for the students safety:

Students are to use the designated routes outlined in the plan to walk/ride to school.

Students are to always use crosswalks to cross streets. Avoid crossing diagonally across intersections

Parent's picking-up/dropping-off students should always enter from the north or east so they can drop students off curbside adjacent the school. Please do not park on the east side of 100 West, or south side of 100 south and request students to walk across the street. This practice is dangerous and put students in jeopardy of being hit by passing vehicles.

Skateboarder and bicyclist are to observe traffic laws and always be in control of their equipment.

Community members are asked to help control truancy by immediately calling the resource officer at North Cache when school age students are known to not be in school.

Irrigation Restrictions: The Richmond Irrigation Company asked us to let their members living within the City limits know that new irrigation hours have been set, effective a few weeks ago on July 17th. **Even numbered** residences may water **from 7 a.m. Saturday until 7 a.m. Sunday. Odd numbered** may water **from 7 a.m. Sunday until 7 a.m. Monday.** Each stockholder is allowed **one sprinkler 7/32" or less per share of stock.** (One share, one sprinkler head.) Field turns are controlled by the Water Master, Brook Skidmore (881-1254).

Artifacts Roadshow: Have any Native American artifacts? Curious about Utah's prehistory? Utah State University has begun a research project centered on northeastern Utah which is the focal point of three important regions in the West: the Great Basin, the Rocky Mountains, and the Northwest. The unique geographical and environmental conditions make this area a melting pot of past cultures. USU will be hosting an artifact road show at the City Park on 100 South and 200 West in Richmond on Friday August 6th, 2010. Two

archaeologists, Ben Fowler and Alex Hildreth, will be present to identify artifacts and give a short presentation on Utah's prehistory. We encourage community members to come and bring their private collections for identification. The event will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the south pavilion. Please contact Alex Hildreth at hildreth@iastate.edu or (708) 476-9128 for any questions or information.

Who: Utah State University

What: Artifact Road Show

Where: Park on Main St. and 200 West, South Pavilion, Richmond, Utah

When: August 6th 2010 4-7pm

Bear River Head Start offers FREE preschool services to low-income children and children with disabilities ages 3-5 years. We also work with parents to meet their child's educational and family goals. For more information or to sign up for our program contact us at 435-755-0081 or visit our office: 95 West 100 South Suite 200 in Logan.

Summer Safety: As we enjoy the last part of our busy summer activities, let's take a minute and make sure we are mindful of what's going on around us. With all the children out playing and people walking and riding bikes there is more potential for accidents to occur. Be sure to talk to your kids about wearing helmets when riding their bikes. Children are more prone to head and neck injuries, and they are usually more severe. As the temperatures rise, we are all going to be more prone to heat emergencies and hyperthermia. Be sure to keep well hydrated with water and other fluids. So let's keep safety one of our priorities by talking to our children about what they can do, as well as ourselves, as we are all out and about on how to stay safe. **Richmond Fire Department and EMT's**

Richmond Lions Club: The Bill Harvell family has graduated the guide dog puppy named Thyme which they previously socialized into formal guide dog training at the Guide Dogs for the Blind campus in California in June 2010. The Harvells are now socializing a new puppy by the name of Jakota. Jakota is eight weeks of age and will be socialized in a similar fashion in preparation for formal training as well. The Lions club is pleased to support this important effort. Please visit <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/RichmondUT> for pictures of the new puppy and information about Guide Dogs for the Blind. Please know that your purchase of Lions Club calendars is the means by which the Lions club supports this important effort and the many other projects around the City of Richmond. Thank you for your support and good luck to the Harvell family.

Library News and Views: “When I opened a book, I opened a world of possibilities.” --- David Baldacci
Jamie Hatch has been our Preschool Story Hour Lady for the last three years and has done a marvelous job. We, the community and the library, wish to thank her in a very big way for all the time and talent that she has shared. Jamie has preformed a very valuable service for the community and it has been so very much appreciated. Thanks, Jamie!

The Library is looking for a new volunteer. Are you interested in being the Preschool Story Hour Lady? Have you always loved children and find a world of fun when reading their delightful books? Would you like to share your talents and love of books with these little ones? Please let the library know if you are interested. We would love to have someone who could start presenting Preschool Story Hour starting the week after school starts (Thursday, September 2nd).

A Big Thanks goes to all the volunteers

who presented the Summer Reading Program for the little children and the teens. Thanks to Cheryl Peck for her terrific talent and her time in reading stories to the young children; and to Jeana Natali, Makisha Rosen and Krista Carlson for doing the fun activities with the young ones. Thanks to Adrienne Larson and Kathy Schultz for the fun activities they created for the teens and for the time they took encouraging continued reading. Come in and see the display of recommended reads the teens have shared.

The library also expresses a Big Thanks to Rebound Unlimited for the equipment they so willingly supply for the final Summer Reading Program fun day. Many children enjoyed a full day of fun in the sun – Thanks Rockie and Angie.

Remember that the library is **closed** the week of **Aug. 9-14** for our annual cleaning and special projects. We appreciate your patience during this closed time. If there is an emergency, please feel free to call. If we are there, we may be able help you.

New Children Books:

Whiplash! by D.R. Shealy

Three Whales Who Won the Hearts of the World by Suzanne Kita

Several titles in the *Field Trips, Out and About Series*

Raining Cats and Dogs by Will Moses

The Looking Book by, P. K. Hallinan

New Teen Books:

Scrambled Eggs at Midnight by Brad Barkley & Heather Hepler

Vampire Academy (Vampire Academy, Book 1) by Richelle Mead

Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer by John Grisham

Soldier X by Don L. Wulffson

The Light (Morpheus Road book 1) by D. J. MacHale

Spy! by Anna Myers

The Sea of Monsters by Rick Riordin (also in audio)

New Adult Books:

Mary, Mary by James Patterson

Sizzling Sixteen by Janet Evanovich

The Measure of a Lady by Deeanne Gist

Miss Julia Delivers the Goods by Ann B. Ross

Wake Up to Murder by Steve Allen

ATV's on City Streets: In 2008 the City Council passed an ordinance (2008-6) which allows All Terrain-type Vehicles on City Streets. The Council did this to enable residents to more fully, and legally, enjoy ATV's in a safe manner. After two years, it appears wise to remind our citizens of a few "cautions and restrictions" relative to these vehicles. First, the authorization to drive on City streets applies only to CITY streets. We have two exceptions, one obvious and one overlooked. You may not drive ATV's on the highway, U.S. 91 or 200 West. That is a State owned highway and ATV's are prohibited. You may cross over the highway, but you can be cited by law enforcement if you drive along the highway. Second, Main Street WEST of the highway is a County road. The same thing applies – you can cross over but you cannot drive along west Main from the Maverik to the west City limits. Again, you can be cited if you do so.

The driver must: 1) Have a valid State driver's license if you are 16 or older. 2) Have proof of liability insurance on the part of the owner/operator. 3) Have a current State registration tag, sticker, or license placed on the vehicle according to current State regulations. 4) Observe the posted speed limits [25 miles per hour unless posted higher]. 5) Have the following minimal equipment – Brakes, headlight and tail-light that operate between sunset and sunrise, noise control device as provided by the

manufacturer and not tampered with, and a spark arresting device.

If you are under the age of 18, you must wear a properly fitted and rated protective head gear.

And last, a matter of common courtesy, do not drive on private land without first obtaining the owners' permission.

Culinary Water Cross-Connections:

We've run a number of articles over the years about the dangers of cross-connecting your water in any manner that might cause contamination to get into your drinking water system. Comments on those articles have run from "thanks, I didn't realize that" to "you gotta be kidding, it is my water system at my house." Recently the city of Saratoga Springs, down in Utah County, was placed on a "boil order" for a number of days. This meant that you could drink the culinary water only if it had first been boiled – including washing out your mouth after brushing your teeth and don't "gargle" in the shower! A number of residents were becoming seriously ill and the only commonality was their exposure to the drinking water. Eventually the boil order was lifted after at least a **dozen** cross connections had been located and removed along with having the entire culinary water system flushed and disinfected. That, folks, is using up an awful lot of water!! Last we heard, the bulk of the cross connections were residents who decided to hook both their culinary water and irrigation water to their lawn sprinkler system without having what is called a physical air-gap. End result, a lot of innocent folks really suffered. A real and recent example of why cross connections must be prevented! If you do want to use both irrigation and culinary water in your lawn sprinkler system, come to the City Office and we'll give you some instructions on the safe way to do this.