

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

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Voice of the City: We have been asked from time to time about how we as a City determine which roads in the City are in need of attention. We contract with a company called PavAs who provides assistance to several local cities and towns in this endeavor. PavAs comes in and every few years conducts an evaluation that determines and scores/grades each road within the City boundaries. They then help us to put together a plan to bring these roads up to a higher standard. They also assist in helping us to acquire bids to maintain and repair roads as they have several cities and towns in their portfolio. They can then negotiate a better price for those services than we may be able to do since we are a single entity trying to secure that service and they can get work done for several cities all at the same time at a reduced price due to the amount of work completed. All in all we have been very pleased with our association with PavAs and they have helped us to bring the overall road score over the last 4 to 5 years to a better and higher grade. The money in the road budget is derived from monies that come to us via the gas tax (Class C Road Funds) for the most part and that number over the last few years has gone down due to a tough economy and people spending less at the pump. That trickles down to us in less money available to fix roads and streets in the City. We certainly

feel like we have been able to do more with less in this area because of our associations with PavAs as well as other factors that we look at with each decision.

If you have any questions in this area please contact a member of the City Council. Thanks. **Mayor Mike Hall**

Play Ground: Thanks to funding that the City received from the Restaurant and RAPZ tax funds from the County, and a tremendous amount of sweat equity on the part of a number of volunteers, the children now have a new playground set to enjoy at the City Park. Located close to the gazebo that was put up a year ago (with similar funding), this will afford pre-school children a place to play while Park School is in session. Our thanks to all who were involved.

City Party: Mark your calendars in BOLD LETTERS that our annual City Party/ Neighborhood Night Out will be at the City Park on Friday, September 10th. We will begin serving the food at 6 p.m., but the “bouncy rides” for the children will be ready to go at 5 p.m. The Cache County Sheriff’s Office will have some of their equipment up to inspect and “enjoy” – especially if they bring up the “beer goggles” and the simulator. Our own Fire Department and EMT’s will have some of their equipment out, and will be justifiably proud to explain

the workings and their accomplishments. They are a group of citizens that we can all take great pride in having present! Remember, Friday, September 10th at 5 p.m.

Richmond City Craft Fair: Vendors and entertainers are needed for the first annual Richmond City Craft Fair to be held on November 5th & 6th at the Community Building. All vendors will need to be offering an inventory to sell and all booths will need to be juried during the application process. Please contact Rhonda Davis 435-258-4414 for details and an application. Applications are due no later than Oct 20th.

Volunteers Wanted: Park Elementary School is in need of volunteers to be reading tutors. Please contact Park Elementary Vista at 258-2344.

Monthly Safety Tip: BACK TO SCHOOL. This brings up some changes to our daily life.

First: We will have kids heading for school while most of us are heading to work. So here is another reminder to watch out for kids walking and riding to school.

Second: Those kids that will be riding the bus, especially those who will be doing this for the first time, need some instructions. As parents we need to inform them where the bus stop is located, and where to stand. They need to wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, and the driver has told them that it is alright for them to enter the bus. These are some basic instructions on boarding a school bus. If you need more instructions you can search this online, or call the school district and get further instructions. The bus driver will give the children instructions also.

Third: To help prevent the spread of illness. Remind your children to wash their hands regularly. This will help prevent them from getting sick, and also from bringing any illness home to you and your family. This needs to be a something we practice year round.

Hope all the school children will have a safe, health, and a happy school year.

Richmond Fire Department

Library News and Views: “I remember the suddenness with which a key turned in a lock and I found I could read – not just sentences but a real book. Now the future stood around on bookshelves everywhere.”
-Greene Graham

Thanks for your patience during our closed week in August. We were able to accomplish much on our “projects list” and we feel that the time given was so very valuable in catching up. The library has received a lot of donations in different genres so come and check them out.

Preschool Story Hour is starting up again. We have a new Story Hour Lady and we are thrilled to welcome her on board. Farol Nelson is a retired professor from the Early Childhood Education/ Child Development Departments at U.S.U. She has taught preschool and college students for 23 years and is so excited to spend time with you and your little ones, so bring them all (even tiny infants) and join us on Thursdays at 10:30 AM each week for a great hour of stories, music, activities, and plenty of fun.

Preschool Story Hour Schedule:

Sep. 2 Making Friends

Sep. 9 Where Do You Live

Sep. 16 Insect Friends

Sep. 23 Animal Friends

Sep. 30 Alphabet World

New Children Books:

Classroom at the End of the Hall by Douglas Evans

3 titles of “*Garfield Fat Cat 3 Pack*” by Jim Davis

2 titles of *Alvin and Hobbes* by Bill Watterson

Meet the Super Hero Squad by Lucy Rosen

Iron Man’s Friends and Foes by Lisa Shea

New Teen Books:

Only the Good Spy Young by Ally Carter
Dark Flame by Alyson Noël

Locked in Time by Lois Duncan

Alcatraz Versus the Scrivener’s Bones by Brandon Sanderson

Mockingjay (final Hunger Games) by Suzanne Collins

Adult Books:

This Time Together by Carol Burnett (also audio)

3 *The Girl Who...* titles by Stieg Larsson

3 titles by Dee Henderson - starting with *True Devotion*

The Double Comfort Safari Club by Alexander McCall Smith

Swimsuit by James Patterson

Driven by Larry H. Miller

New Audios:

Lonestar Homecoming by Colleen Coble

Night Train to Memphis by Elizabeth Peters

Morality for Beautiful Girls by Alexander McCall Smith

Shattered by C.K. Bailey

Jekyll & Hyde by Frank Wildhorn

The library will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 6th.

Odds ‘n Ends: City Council member Terrie Wierenga has been putting in a tremendous number of hours over the past few years establishing a City web site. In spite of a certain City Manager muttering that stone tablets and chisels worked fine for much of his life, Terrie has done a wonderful job in getting this site up and going on a strictly volunteer basis. If you haven’t already checked it out, please do so at www.richmond-utah.com. A future goal is to get our ordinances into digital form and on the web site. This, however, is going to be a considerable undertaking and will require time.

Speaking of ordinances, the Council is currently reviewing our current Planning & Zoning Ordinance to bring it into full compliance with the State’s Land Use Development and Management Act. This will also be a time consumer, but stay tuned and we’ll try to keep you up-to-date.

If there are any particular items that would be of general interest in the newsletter, please call the Mayor, a Council member, or the City Office and let us know.