

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

March 1, 2011

Voice of the City: Spring is definitely around the corner, and our thanks to you, the City of Richmond, for your great cooperation. This year easily marks the fewest citations for winter-time parking and those who drive our snowplows appreciate that very, very much. It is a hazardous business at best. Keep in mind that the no parking between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. remains in effect until March 15th. We ask your continued cooperation (and it is really just common sense) that if it snows after the 15th of March you'll pull your cars off the shoulder of the road.

Harvest Market News: Richmond's Harvest Market will open for the season on Saturday, June 4th. It'll run from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. (note time change from last year!) every Saturday through October 15th at the Rockhill Creamery at 563 South State Street. The market guidelines for interested vendors and the application are available on the web at www.richmond-utah.com/harvest. Plant some extra starts and bring them to our early days to sell. Or make some hand-crafted items or Cottage Kitchen products to bring.

We are looking for an electric golf cart that we'd be able to use on Saturdays to help folks get up the driveway. If you haven't been to the market yet, you park on the street and walk up a sloping driveway to reach the vendor area. A cart would enable us to run down and pick up those less able to walk up the slope on the rough surface.

Another sponsorship need is for someone (a business or group) willing to help defray the cost of leasing a portable toilet for the season. Currently, we have no bathroom facilities available for the customers (last year over 1800 came through).

If you want more information or would like to be a sponsor, please contact Terrie Wierenga (258-3777 or terrie@richmond-utah.com) or Pete Schropp (258-1278). And if you're interested in performing on one or more of the market days, please call Sue McCormick (760-5022). See you in June!!

How It Really Works: In the eleven-plus years that I've had the pleasure of working for you, I have not written an attributable article in *The Richmond Record*. This will break that custom, but I want all readers to know from where this information comes, and also understand that I am writing on my own, without anyone's encouragement or at anyone's behest.

Last month the Voice of the City provided information relative to our proposed new water tank. From comments and questions heard and received, it certainly won't hurt to recount how decisions are made by your Mayor and Council on these important matters. I'm going to use a "for instance" so you can follow the process.

When Kip Panter was our Mayor, Cordell Johnson was on the Council supervising Water and Sewer, and Gavin Little was the Maintenance Supervisor, Gavin attended some professional training and heard about a new, radio-signal sending water meter. As you know, we can't read the water meters when they are covered with snow, and the idea of being able to have accurate water readings each month was definitely appealing. This would be especially true for those citizens who end up getting a "huge" bill the first time we are able to read the meters and catch-up on the winter overage. The Council at that time discussed the matter and decided that, under existing circumstances, the cost would outweigh the benefits. The idea was there and it was passed on, but no further action would be taken for the time being.

Jump forward eight or ten years. The problem still remains; the Treasurer still gets the angry calls and comments when the "spring bill" goes out after the meters are read. But some changes have taken place. The radio meters have come down markedly in price while reliability and effectiveness has increased. More companies are competing for the business. Yet another factor enters the picture called the USEPA – the Environmental Protection Agency. California has directed a reduction in lead in their drinking water system, and the traditional brass meters (universally used) do contain a degree of lead. Companies wanting to deal with California developed meters made of an amalgam that considerably reduces the lead content, and also makes them lighter. Sounds good on the surface but we have also lost all

reliability data because no one knows how well the new substance will hold up to the tremendous force of water pressure on a constant (and consistent) basis.

The picture here has changed – we have more people in Richmond with a greater need to monitor our water. The increased reliability combined with a reduction in price of the radio meters, along with the years of experience combine to favor adoption. BUT we are also dealing with a possible new meter material which has no background data whatsoever. AND will the EPA adopt the California standards (which happens on a regular basis) and mandate that culinary water systems switch over to the new amalgamated meter? AND if that should happen, what would be the time frame involved, i.e., how long of a period of time would we have in which to replace seven hundred plus meters? AND, of course, such a mandate would be unfunded meaning the City would have to pay the full cost. (That is standard policy, by the way.)

When all of the factors are considered, no decision has been made at this time. Data is being accumulated, and serious discussions are being held with a number of different sources including communities that have made the change to the radio meter system. So what is the purpose of this very long story? Simply to illustrate YOUR Mayors and Councils do not make snap or arbitrary decisions on matters affecting the well-being of Richmond. Matters are carefully and cautiously studied and discussed. Always remember that YOU are the City, you elect your representatives, and you can freely

make contact with any of them. **Marlowe Adkins, City Manager**

Monthly Safety Tip: To help us respond to your house faster in case of an emergency, there are a couple of things you could do.

First you need to **have your house number marked clearly on your house**, so that it is easily visible from the street both day and night. If your house number is on your mail box make sure it is on both sides of your mailbox.

Second if we are coming to your house, and it is night time, if at all **possible turn on an outside light or some lights inside your house** to help us find your house.

When seconds count, these couple tips can help us save time when we are coming to your home. **Richmond Fire Department**

Thanks to Richmond's Snow Angels!

Thanks go out to our City maintenance crew who are keeping the roads and school route sidewalks passable this winter. We'd also like to thank the neighborhood snow angels--those folks who zip around town cleaning driveways and sidewalks for others who may not get out right away or are unable to do theirs. This truly makes life better in Richmond.

Library News and Views: "Tucked away in many a library is the volume which will help shape a life and mold it into something better than it would otherwise have been."
—L. Mathews

Lost and Found@ the library: a set of keys found on the outside steps, a fur cap and gloves found downstairs.

Thanks to Bryan Dayton for the excellent pruning demonstration in February, and to Ken and Ramona Turner for the facility (their greenhouse) where it was held. It was a great presentation with very helpful tips and superb information.

March Library Lecture will be *The Navajo Way: Customs and Traditions, Past and Present* from Utah Humanities Council. Born and raised on Navajo land, Lucille Hunt has been a speaker and presenter of the Navajo culture and language for numerous organizations for many years. Included in the presentation is a discussion of the ancestral Navajo clan system, language, rites of passage into adulthood, seasonal songs and dances, games, tools, toys, and traditional dress. Lucille uses visual aids such as a cradleboard, grinding stones, grass brushes and brooms as well as toys made from stones, scarves, and clay. She also shares stories and metaphors associated with these items. She is one of UHC's most popular Road Scholars and a frequent Navajo storyteller at the annual Living Traditions Festival in Salt Lake City. She has taught Navajo language classes for the College of Eastern Utah Community Education Department and a Navajo history class at San Juan High School. She makes her home in Blanding. This event will be Thursday, March 10th at 7:00 PM, in the library basement. Lucille will also be presenting at White Pine and Park Elementary that day, so come and bring the whole family in the evening for a great presentation. Refreshments will be served.

Billboard Contest: This year's Black & White Days contest will be: "Create A New Billboard" to advertise Richmond's Black &

White Days. The dates for 2012 are May 15th-19th and your entry needs to be something that can be easily painted on a billboard. Be thinking – more info will be coming in next month’s newsletter.

Remember Teens! You can still enter the **2011 Teen Video Challenge!** Deadline is March 26, 2011. For more information ask your librarian or go to these websites:

[http://library.utah.gov/programs/youth/summer Reading.html](http://library.utah.gov/programs/youth/summer%20Reading.html) or <http://www.cslpreads.org/challenge-overview.html>

Preschool Story Hour Schedule:

Mar. 3 Making Music

Mar. 10 It’s Windy

Mar. 17 Bubbles

Mar. 24 Clouds & Air

Mar. 31 Colors

New Arrivals of Children’s Books:

The Romeo and Juliet Code by Phoebe Stone

Frankly, Fannie: Check, Please! By AJ Stern

It’s Raining Cupcakes by Lisa Schroeder

Dear Dumb Diary: Okay, So Maybe I Do Have Superpowers by Jim Benton

Deep Down Popular by Phoebe Stone

Fancy Nancy: The 100th Day of School by Jane O’Connor

Teen’s Books:

Dark Secrets 2 No Time to Die & The Deep End of Fear by Elizabeth Chandler

The Wizard Heir by Cinda Chima

Magic Under Glass by Jaclyn Dolamore

Radiance by Alyson Noël

Elspeth by Kate O’Hearn

Adult’s Books:

Remember Me? By Sophie Kinsella (large print)

All She Ever Wanted and *Until We Reach Home* by Lynn Austin

101 Best Outdoor Towns by Sarah Tuff & Greg Melville

Heaven Bound by Lynn Jaynes

Heroes of Quantico Trilogy - by Irene Hannon

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City Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m. **Planning & Zoning Commission** meets on the 1st Tuesday also at 7 p.m.