

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

May 1, 2011

Voice of the City: To misquote Bill Shakespeare, to flood or not to flood, that is the question. Without doubt everyone reading this has heard the many news reports and speculation relative to how bad the floods will be this spring. All of us are totally pleased with the abundant snowfall but are also holding our breath as to how fast of a “Spring thaw” will take place. The rain-accelerated melt the week of the 18th of April gave us a taste of what could happen. The City is constantly (literally daily) checking the streams (City Creek and Cherry Creek) for depth and erosion, watching all the culverts for blockage, and just generally keeping our eyes open. **WE CAN USE YOUR HELP.** Specifically, please keep everyone away from the creeks. There is a natural fascination with flowing water but we also tend to forget how powerful it can be. You can often hear the boulders tumbling along the creek bed – think what chance a child would have in that type of water flow. For that matter, fully grown and weighty adults have been swept out of control in creeks the size of what we have. Also, that water is snow melt and just barely above the freezing level. The shock to a persons system could be fatal in and of itself. Second, please help us by keeping your eyes open also. If you see anything that concerns you relative to the creeks, please let a member of the City Council or staff know immediately. We’d rather be called out on a dozen false alarms than miss the one that could make a difference. **Mayor Hall & Council**

Citizen Emergency Response Team: Rick Williams, Emergency Manager at the Cache

County Sheriff’s Office, will offer training on flood response and sandbagging on Wednesday, May 11th, at 7 pm in the City Hall. Weather permitting, we’ll also have some hands-on experience on filling sandbags, passing them along, etc. Everyone is invited to attend. If you are interested in learning more about CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team), please contact Kenlee Brown 258-0425.

Coming Up in City Council: At the April meeting an ordinance was introduced that will adjust the culinary water rates in view of inflation, the rise in metal and plastic (oil-based) costs, and the new water tank. This month’s meeting, on May 17th, will include a public hearing on this matter. Please go to www.richmond-utah.com after May 13th to see the full agenda.

Springtime Safety: As the weather starts to warm up, families are certain to be spending more time outside. Here are a few tips for a safe and enjoyable spring:

- Use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher. Be sure to reapply every two hours or after swimming or sweating.
- When playing at a park or at the playground, make sure the equipment is appropriate to a child's age and maturity level. Never leave your child unsupervised.
- Observe safety precautions, and make sure those operating recreation vehicles have proper training.
- Teach children how to safely cross the street— at a corner, using traffic

signals and crosswalks, and after looking both ways before crossing.

- And always buckle up! **Richmond Fire and EMT's**

General Plan: The Richmond City Planning Commission and City Council have begun work to update the City's General Plan, which is a requirement of Utah law. The City's General Plan is used as a guideline for community leaders and elected officials for the next 5 to 10 years in regulating the development and use of land within the City limits. Citizen input is essential for the new plan to meet the needs of the City. The General Plan Committee has put together a survey to receive citizen input; this will be sent to you in a separate mailing. **PLEASE** take the time to thoughtfully answer the questions and return completed surveys to the City Office by May 31st. Households may submit one survey per adult living in the home or apartment.

The General Plan survey will also be available online for residents beginning May 1st. Please go to www.richmond-utah.com to access the online survey. Additional copies of the survey in PDF format will be available on the City's website for those wishing to complete the form using either fill-in-blank or handwritten responses. Completed forms may be delivered to the Richmond City Office or emailed directly to terrie@richmond-utah.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Harvest Market: Richmond's Harvest Market at Rockhill opens for the season on Saturday, June 4, at 563 South State Street. Hours will be 10 am to 1 pm every Saturday through October 15. Market guidelines and vendor applications are available on the city website (www.richmond-utah.com/harvest.html) or at the city office. We already have the Dry Lake Band

scheduled to perform opening day. Come support locally grown produce, artisan cheeses and breads, hand-crafted treasures, and great music at one of the few farmer's markets held on a working farm!

Elections: This is an election year for your Richmond City Council. There will be four (4) seats available – this is unusual but the seat held by Keith Ward was filled through appointment by Paul Erickson due to Keith's resignation. By State law, although the seat is a four-year seat, appointments are only good until the next election. As a result, we will have three seats for four-years, and one seat for two-years. Anyone interesting in running must comply with the following: 1) must be a registered voter; 2) must have lived within the Richmond City limits for twelve consecutive months prior to Tuesday, November 8th, 2011 [1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday of November]; 3) cannot be mentally incompetent; 4) if convicted of a felony, or convicted of treason or a crime against the elective franchise your right to be a candidate is denied until it is restored per Utah law. If eligible you must file a Declaration of Candidacy, in person, before the City Recorder or other designated official at the City Office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on any working day between July 1 and July 15, 2011. Candidates must also file campaign financial statements periodically during and following the campaign. We'll have an additional reminder in the June issue of *The Richmond Record*.

First Annual Clean-up Day: We invite our citizens to participate in a City-wide "clean-up" day on Saturday, May 7th. We will be cleaning up rubble, but no branches or "green" debris. Meet at the Black and White Building on State Street beginning at 10 a.m. Participants should dress appropriately for the work, including wearing gloves and sturdy footwear.

Participants will be assigned an area to work in and given supplies to complete the work. We anticipate that each area can be cleaned in about 60-90 minutes. Upon completion of the clean-up in the assigned area, participants will return to the Black and White Building, report their time and activities to the coordinator, Jonathan Dayton. Jonathan will then give each participant a ticket for lunch, which will be served at the City Park near the kiosk. Please contact Paul Erickson (perickson@cvbank.net) or Jonathan Dayton (jonny_182@hotmail.com) for details. See you there! Please **DO NOT** put out branches, cuttings or other “green” debris as we cannot handle and dispose of that type of material.

Relic Hall: In conjunction with Black & White Days, our Relic Hall will be open on Saturday, May 21st from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. If you are new to the City, or an “old-timer” who hasn’t been inside for a few years, this is an excellent opportunity to see some very interesting “relics” of Richmond’s past. Period clothing (when you are there, imagine what some of it would be like to wear on a hot summer day – both men and women!), tools, household implements, photographs of all kinds and books are just some of the items on display. We are fortunate in having some very literate ladies that can give you considerable background on many of the items. Even the building itself has an interesting background of having originally been the “Bishop’s Storehouse” where “tithing-in-kind” was brought by members of the LDS Church. Dry goods of all types were located inside, livestock, hay, etc. in the yard behind. Drop in on the 21st – bet you’ll find something interesting.

Library News and Views: “By recommending a book to someone, we extend its life.”

Thanks to Jennifer Hines and Terrie Wierenga for the excellent presentation on the history of the Rockhill Creamery and the Harvest Market. This farm is on the list of The National Register of Historic Places and is an amazing place to visit. Check out their website @ rockhillcheese.com. Also check the Harvest Market tab on the city website (richmond-utah.com) to get the latest info on what’s coming to the Harvest Market this year. If you would like to be a vendor (it’s easy) info is on the website or contact Terrie.

May Library Lecture: Laura Swift Lind from the StarHouse Discovery Center will be our guest Friday, May 13, at 7:00 PM. She'll present Stellarium, a planetarium on a computer, that shows a realistic sky in 3D as well as other astronomical information. The StarHouse Discovery Center's mission is to promote and provide hands-on science, astronomy, and technology experiences to children, parents, teachers, and administrators. Come discover what's above and around us! Refreshments will be served

May 2-7 is National Children’s Book Week! Come listen to a librarian share a fun storybook each day at 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Post your favorite children’s book on our bulletin board and check out the other posts for some terrific ideas. There will be a large poster puzzle to put together; choose a number from the puzzle pieces when you check out a book, and see how quick the puzzle is completed.

Last Call: This year’s **library contest** will be: “**Create A New Billboard**” to advertise Richmond’s Black & White Days. The dates to be included on your sketch are May 15th-19th 2012. Your entry needs to be something that can be easily painted on a billboard. Be thinking – and creating! Turn entries into the library by May 14th.

Preschool Story Hour Schedule:

May 5 Parades & Trains

May 12 Opposites

May 19 Cows

May 26 Mud

New Arrivals of Children's Books:

A World Without Heroes by Brandon Mull
(1st in the *Beyonders* series)

Endangered Animals of Africa, Asia, and Australia by Marie Allgor

Platypus and Okapi by Sara Antill

Storm Runners by Roland Smith

Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library by Vicki Myron (picture book of true story)

No T. Rex in the Library by Toni Buzzeo

Teen's Books:

Chasing Yesterday series, books 1–3 by Robin Wasserman

Three new titles of the *Royal Diaries* series

The Trouble with May Amelia by Jennifer L. Holm

Eon: Dragoneye Reborn by Alison Goodman

The Shadow Project by Herbie Brennan

Adult's Books:

The Gate House by Nelson DeMille

Payment in Kind and *Trial by Fury* by J. A. Jance.

Rough Weather by Robert B. Parker

Mark of Royalty by Jennifer K. Clark

Vengeance by Clair M. Poulson

The List by Melanie Jacobson

The Library will be closed Saturday, May 21st, for Black & White Days and Monday, May 30th, for Memorial Day.

The Library sends a BIG Thanks to all those who participated in our National Library Week activities. A lot of fun was had by all! We have a great community and the library appreciates the support and love expressed through our Patron's Praise bulletin display. Thanks to all. And a special Thanks to Karen Teuscher for a fabulous storyteller presentation.

Cache Humane Society: With "Kitten Season" in the air, the Cache Humane Society wants the public to be attentive. You might find litters of kittens without their mother and we would like to inform you that they are not always abandoned. Removing them from where you find them is likely to do more harm than good. The mother may merely be out of sight. Just because you do not see her at the nest, it doesn't necessarily mean she is not close at hand. If you are worried that the nest is abandoned, observe the site for 24 hours to be sure that there is no mother around. We are also trying to bring more happiness to our dogs by sponsoring a "Rawhide Roundup". If you would like to help out, please bring a bag of rawhide bones to the shelter and see how it lightens up their day. Thank you,
Ashlyn Jensen, Cache Humane Society

Natural Gas Meters and You: Steve Krebs, from Questar, made a presentation before the City Council at the scheduled meeting on March 15th. His primary topic concerned the gas meters located outside of residences and businesses served by Questar. Although they look indestructible, the can corrode and cause some very serious problems. Do not "bury" the meter – keep a minimum of ten inches between the base of the meter and earth. Don't "bury" the meter in foliage – safety people need fast access in case of a fire or other need to shut off the gas. If your meter is below the roof eaves, check to be certain that falling snow or ice from your roof will not strike or bury the meter. With the increasing use of metal roofs, allowing "slippage" of great weights of snow and ice, damage to the meter is increased. Fashion a protective barrier over it if necessary.

Web site is: www.richmond-utah.com