

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

August 1, 2011

Voice of the City: We had five citizens declare their candidacy for the four City Council positions open this Fall. As such there will be no necessity for a Primary election. Our candidates include a new face in Richmond politics, Mr. Paul Chaffee. Returning faces are Paul Erickson, C.J. Sorenson, Terrie Wierenga, and Jeff Young. Paul E., Terrie, and Jeff are currently on the City Council, C.J. is a Commissioner on the Planning & Zoning Commission. We hope to have a brief write-up on each candidate along with a “Meet the Candidates” night in the near future.

Storm Damage Policy: In the past few years we have experienced at least three wind storm events that have caused quite a bit of damage. As a City we have had the City employee's take the City equipment and help in this clean up. We have determined after this last storm that we cannot continue to do this as we have in that past due to both man hours and fuel/equipment cost. In the future, when and if these types of winds/events occur, we will have an area just north of the Waste Water Treatment Facility available for citizens to bring the debris. It can then be taken care of appropriately by our crew. We appreciate everyone who pitches in to help in these events to get everything back up and running and the City being spruced up in a timely manner. **Mayor Hall**

City Party: Mark your calendars, i-whatevers, bathroom mirrors, and anywhere else you use for your memory. *Friday, September 9th* will be “Party Day” for

Richmond. Come to the park for dinner and entertainment. Meal will start at 6:00 p.m.

Park School Information: If you haven't registered for elementary school yet, you will be able to go to the Park school starting Monday, August 8th to get your child registered. Your child needs to be up to date on their immunizations. You will need to bring their immunization record, and birth certificate with you.

Rod Bullock is our Speech contact. If you have any questions regarding speech therapy, you can contact him at the school through July.

We will be having our Back to School night on Wednesday August 24th at 6:00pm. This is an opportunity to meet our new Principal Jacqi McDowell, and for you and your child to meet his/her teacher.

Park PTA will also have some tables set up, you will be able to join the PTA, sign your child up for fluoride, and order a school directory, calendar, and Park Eagles t-shirt that night.

You can call the school with any questions from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. 435-258-2344 Park Elementary is located at 90 S. 100 W. Richmond, UT. Be sure to visit the school's website at

<http://www.ccsdut.org/Park.cfm?subpage=23>

If you have any questions about the PTA, you can email: ptapark@gmail.com or you can call the PTA president (Jenny): 435-258-0090

Park Elementary PTA is now on Facebook!

From Roads and Streets: Two items in the community need to be addressed for the

safety of residents and for the protection of property values.

Abandoned / Non-Functioning Vehicles in City Right of Way.

A number of residents and city staff have reported the presence of non-functioning vehicles, boats, campers, equipment or other personal property parked or placed in the city's right-of-way, which is roughly 15-20 feet from the edge of the road. Overnight parking is allowed during summer season, provided that the vehicles, boats or trailers are licensed, functioning, and moved or used on a regular basis. Permanent parking on the City right-of-way is not permitted. Presently, there are a number of vehicles parked in these spaces throughout the City that have not been moved in many months.

During the month of August, residents that have vehicles, boats, trailers or other personal property parked in these areas that meet the descriptions we've provided here should remove them from the City right-of-way. Any items left in the City's right-of-way that are not functioning or used on a regular basis will be towed at the owner's expense starting September 1st. While the City will attempt to contact homeowners prior to taking action to remove the problem, prior notice to the owner is not required by Utah State law. Please help us maintain the safety and cleanliness of the City by removing anything that isn't in harmony with this reminder.

Sidewalk Obstructions. Another item needing attention is the presence of bushes, trees or other obstructions that partially or fully obstruct City sidewalks where the plant, tree, shrub or flower blocking the sidewalk originates from a homeowner's property. To see if this problem applies to your property use this test: If a 6-foot-tall person cannot walk through an area of sidewalk without having to change course

(walk on grass, duck, go around) due to an obstruction on either side of the sidewalk, then trimming needs to occur for the safety of all who use City sidewalks.

If you are aware of areas where the City should trim trees or shrubs on the street-side of the sidewalk, please call the City Office. If you are a homeowner or landlord and know that plants, trees or shrubs from your land obstruct the sidewalk adjoining your property, please trim the area immediately so that pedestrians may pass safely. If you are physically unable to do such work, please make contact with a person or contractor of your choice to perform the work.

As with the abandoned vehicles notice above, the City will be contacting homeowners that need to trim plants or trees that originate from their property if such trimming hasn't occurred by September 1st. Please help us maintain the beauty of our city by doing your part if this problem exists. **Council member Paul Erickson**

Calling All Veterans!: A local group of citizens is trying to find out how many veterans live in Richmond. We want to honor you this coming Veteran's Day. If you have ever served in the military, or know a living Richmond resident who has, please fill out the paper enclosed with this newsletter and return it when you pay your utilities bill. Or call one of the following people listed below and provide the following information: Name of veteran; Branch of military service; Calendar years served. Thank you for your help with this project, and for your service to our country.

Ted Hegemann – 258-5536
Gale Alvey – 258-2088
Wayne Winn – 258-2117
Leslie Erickson – 258-5572
Larry Dunkley – 258-2107

Library News and Views: “A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life” - Henry Ward Beecher

A BIG Thanks goes to our July Summer Reading Program presenters: Patricia and Kevin Forsgren and Julie Johnson - who took us to the Good Ol’ U.S.A., France, and Australia. They were excellent presentations and so fun for the children and teens to experience. Thanks also, to all our other volunteers who have helped with the summer reading program: Cheryl Peck for reading the stories to the young children, Anna Marie Isaacson for the young children’s activities, and to the library staff members, Misti Rameriz and Tina Reese, for doing the teen activities. We certainly appreciate those who give so much to our community.

The library also wishes to acknowledge Rocky and Angie of Rebound Unlimited for supplying the fun equipment for our Summer Reading Program final fun day. Many enjoyed a full day of fun in the sun – Thanks tons, Rocky and Angie!

If you are still going on a trip and may be visiting a **State Park**, remember the library has a free park pass for checkout.

The Library’s **annual closed week is August 8-13**, so please be aware and plan ahead. We appreciate your patience during our closed time. If there is an emergency, please feel free to call. If we are there, we may be able to help you - or leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible.

Preschool Story Hour will begin the Thursday after Labor Day, September 8th. The schedule will be posted in September’s newsletter.

New Arrivals

Children’s Books:

The Star-Spangled Banner with CD

LaRue Across America by Mark Teague

How to Bake an American Pie by Karma Wilson

The Seashore Book by Charlotte Zolotow

Late Night at the Zoo by Mairl Mackinnon

15 Usborne Very First Reading Books

Lone Wolf and *The River of Wind* by Kathryn Lasky

Teen’s Books:

The Guardian of the Gate by Richard Blackburn

Hourglass by Claudia Gray

Princess for Hire and *The Royal Treatment* by Lindsey Leavitt

My Fair Godmother and *Just One Wish* by Janette Rallison

My Name is Not Angelica by Scott O’Dell

Arch-Enemy by Frank Beddor

Adult’s Books:

She Flies Without Wings by Mary D Midkiff

Worthy of their Esteem and *The Words of*

Abraham Lincoln by Abraham Lincoln

Worth Dying For by Lee Child (also in audio)

The Fifth Witness and *Nine Dragons* by Michael Connelly

Queen of the Night and *Trial by Fire* by Judith A. Jance

10th Anniversary by James Patterson

New Audios:

Bossypants by Tina Fey

The King's Speech by Mark Logue

New Movies:

Gnomeo & Julie, How to Train Your Dragon, Mall Cop, Percy Jackson & the Olympians the Lightning Thief, Toy Story 3, Up

School Safety Already: Parents with school-age children are in anticipation but for everyone else we can only be amazed at how time flies. The end of this month our City's children will be returning to their schools, three of which are within the boundary of Richmond. As drivers, please "switch gears" and go into the "extreme caution" mode. The streets will be alive with children walking, riding bikes, skates and scooters. Please keep in mind that some of the "little one's" may be venturing out on their own (beyond their own neighborhood) for the first time. The streets leading towards Park Elementary are particularly vulnerable to excited young ones that may very excited and not be overly cautious. Slow down and assume that one of those children is going to dart in front of your car. For students walking towards the bus stops, White Pine Middle School, and North Cache 8th & 9th Center, please be courteous yourself and don't obstruct vehicles in the street. Walk along the edge of the road if there isn't a sidewalk present, and avoid spreading out into the traffic lanes. We have been so busy this summer clearing out branches and handling other weather related problems that, literally, we may not be able to get the crosswalks painted on State Street and Main Street before school begins. Drivers, please treat those corners that the students concentrate at as though they are the best marked crossings in the world!

Why is My Dog Digging?: Dogs dig for lots of reasons. Your dog may dig because he was bred to be a digger, like a terrier. He may dig because he is hot and wants to lie down in the cool dirt. And he may dig because he is so bored that he can't think of anything else to do.

Lots of puppies like to dig. It feels cool and fun on their little feet. It's kind of like kids when they play with fingerpaints. What fun! Don't panic if your puppy has dug a few holes in your parent's yard. Explain to them that he might be doing that just because he is a puppy.

The more a dog or puppy is left alone outside, the more likely he will look for things to do. Your goal is to give your dog lots of exercise, lots of company, and lots of interesting things to do.

For dogs that are digging just to keep cool on a hot day, the remedy is east. Provide lots of cold water and a lot of shade. The more comfortable your dog is, the more relaxed he'll be. And instead of digging, he may just lie down and take a nap.

Remember, the steps to stop digging are:

Give your dog lots and lots of exercise – tire him out.

Bring your dog into the house more often.

Spend lots and lots of time with your dog.

Make sure your dog has toys that he likes to play with.

Give your dog a cool, comfortable place to spend his time.

If he still digs, try making him a special digging place.

Cache County Sheriff's Office Animal Control

Need to Contact the City?

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