

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

October 1, 2011

Voice of the City: As we roll into the Fall season, we recognize that once again we are nearing that date when we pay our annual property tax assessment. We quite often receive inquiries as to where Richmond ranks in relationship to the other cities and towns in Cache Valley with our tax levy or assessment. The following table clarifies where Richmond City actually ranks:

City	Tax %*
Logan	108.9%
Lewiston	104.6%
Cornish	86.3%
Clarkston	64.5%
North Logan	58.9%
Mendon	58.1%
Hyrum	53.2%
Smithfield	50.4% #
Nibley	50.0%
Providence	28.7%#
River Heights	20.0%
Newton	15.3%
Wellsville	6.8%
Richmond	
Paradise	<2.3%>
Hyde Park	<5.8%>
Trenton	<32.1%>
Millville	<37.4%>
Amalga	<41.6%>

*percentage above Richmond

#New rates recently passed increased this number.

< > percentage below Richmond

Compiled by City Reorder Justin Lewis

There are thirteen cities/towns in the County which have higher property tax rates, five which are lower – and two of those are very close to our rate. These

figures are based upon the 2010 assessment numbers, the two that we know increased rates in 2011 are indicated with the “hash” (#) mark. Richmond has not raised our property tax rate since **1978**. I do not know of another local city/town that can come close to making that claim. Other portions of your tax bill may have increased, such as the County assessment, Cache School District, etc., but our local (Richmond) has not. (Keep in mind that if the County Assessor increased your property value, that will increase the number of dollars you are charged even though the percentage remains the same. The City has no influence whatsoever relative to property value increases or decreases.)

This is certainly to the credit of not only those who are now serving but also to those who have served in the past. It is a great responsibility to guard the spending of the money the City takes in and neither those who currently serve nor those who have served in the past take this responsibility lightly.

I appreciate the City Council members who have worked within their budgets, especially the last few years when money has been exceptionally tight. We have tightened our City budgets as well, and “have made do with what we have or we have done without.” I wish to pass along a thank-you to each City Council member and each department and/or city service provider that has lived within their means so that we are able to pass along to the citizens the good news of yet another year, in a long list of years, with no Richmond City property tax increase. **Mayor Mike Hall**

Bridgerland Literacy: This program is the only Nationally Accredited Literacy Center in the state of Utah. The vision of the Center is to help our community become a valley of readers. All services are free and confidential. The Center assists people who cannot read or who have difficulty in reading. Flexible hours, the building of relationships on a personal level, the opportunity to meet people with different culture and background, and the potential of your becoming a certified tutor are all unique to this program. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. A volunteer will serve for five hours or less a week, have your own students, learn about assessments and effective reading programs, gain real resume experience, and be able to teach a class. To either participate as a student or as a volunteer, please contact Hailey Peterson at 435-750-3218 or bht@BATC.edu also www.bridgerlandliteracy.org.

Thank Our Veterans: This coming Veterans Day, November 11th, Richmond will offer a free dinner for all its veterans. You can show your appreciation for our veterans and help pay for their dinners by making a donation. The citizens group organizing the dinner is asking for a \$10 or \$20 donation. You are welcome to donate a little more or a little less, depending upon your circumstances. The dinner is a simple way to thank those brave men and women who made the decision to serve our country. Please include your donations when you pay your next water bill, and make sure to indicate how much you are donating to the Richmond City Veterans Dinner. Thank you

Craft Fair: Vendors and entertainers needed for the second annual Richmond City Craft Fair to be held on Nov. 4th and 5th. All vendors will need to be offering an inventory to sell and all booths will need to be thoroughly juried during the

application process. Please contact Rhonda Davis 435-258-4414 for details and an application. Applications are due no later than Oct 15th. We are limited on space, so call quickly or there may not be space available.

Lions Club: The Lions club continues to accept orders for the Lions Club calendar for the year 2012. The club sent out order forms for the calendar with the September 2011 city newsletter. The cost of the calendar is \$8.00. The order form asks for names and birthdates and anniversary dates of family members living in Richmond. The completed calendar orders can be mailed in with your water bill to the city office. Please write separate checks for the water bill and the calendar order. The calendar can also be ordered by mailing the completed order form with a check for \$8.00 to: Richmond Lions Club, PO Box 126, Richmond Utah, 84333 or give the check and order form to any of the Richmond Lions. The order form and the \$8.00 must be received by October 15, 2011. Thank you for your generous support of your local Civic Service organization.

Library News

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Quote: "A book is a dream that you hold in your hand."

Hey teens! Oct 17-22 is Teen Read Week. The topic is: "Picture It" and we would love to have you create a "book trailer" OR create a "visual" of a favorite scene in one of your favorite books. Bring your creation to the library by Oct.14th for display during Teen Read Week and you will be entered in a contest. Before Teen Read Week begins you can come in and have your "picture" taken with your favorite book to post on the library bulletin board. We will start posting pictures on the 17th and continue posting throughout the week – and even after. Don't miss the art presentations during the

week by some of our local artists: Joe Alleman will present "Picture It" on Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 3:00 PM and then another presentation by Shane Larson on Saturday, Oct. 22nd at 11:00 AM. There will be treats, drawings, riddles, and prizes throughout the week, so be sure to come and join the fun.

Preschool Story Hour is in session. Bring your little ones to hear fun stories and do amazing activities. Come and enjoy the learning, the fun, and the social hour.

Preschool Story Hour Schedule:

Oct. 6 1, 2, 3
Oct. 13 Shapes
Oct. 20 No Story Hour (UEA)
Sep. 27 Disguises

New Arrivals

Children's Books:

New American Girls series *Julie* by Megan McDonald
Vampire Brat by Angie Sage
The Misadventures of Phillip Isaac Penn by Donna Peterson
Stand Straight, Ella Kate by Kate Klise
Absolutely Lucy by Ilene Cooper

Teen's Books:

The Crossbones and *The Raven* by Patrick Carman
Theodore Boone: The Abduction by John Grisham
Dareine's Rise by Paul McCusker
My Unfair Godmother by Janette Rallison
Behemoth by Scott Westerfeld
So B. It by Sara Weeks

Adult's Books:

Witchsong by Amber Argyle (local author)
The Miracle of Freedom by Chris Stewart
The Cold Moon by Jeffery Deaver
Smokin' Seventeen by Janet Evanovich
The Hainan Incident by DM Hoffman
Double Deceit by Stephanie Humphreys
Bloodborne by Gregg Luck
Hunted by Clair Poulson

Just Shy of Paradise by Carole T Warburton

The library will be closed Monday, October 10th for Columbus Day.

Eagle Scout Project: Luke Hegemann is doing an Eagle Scout project that involves donated prescription eyeglasses. He would like to invite the community to donate glasses to support his Eagle Scout project. If you have any extra glasses, you can donate them by putting them in the Lions club collection box in the City Library. Donations will be taken through the entire month of October 2011. Thank you.

Meet the Candidates: Richmond Lions will be sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates Night" on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the Community Building from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. The public is invited to come and meet the individuals running for City Council in the upcoming election.

Fall Burn Season: Fall Burn Season will be open October 1 – 31. Please call 435-932-0234 to get a burn permit. These permits are given on a day-to-day basis depending upon air quality. No burning is allowed on Sundays.