

# THE RICHMOND RECORD

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

December 1, 2011

**Voice of the City:** As 2011 comes to a close we would like to take a moment and thank all those who do so much to make Richmond City a wonderful place to live. 2011 had its share of both good and bad days, but overall for the citizens that make up the city we can all take great joy in the fact that we live in a great part of the world and are surrounded by good friends and neighbors. A sampling of the year's events are below.

For a second year in a row MOTHER NATURE dealt us a good wind storm complete with downed trees and power outages and for the second year in a row we saw the citizens rally to clean things up both in their own yards and the yards of neighbors and friends. They also rallied to make sure people were safe and sound after the winds had blown through and moved on. Once again it was a joy to see the service provided one to another.

We have also this year been busy putting into place the new water improvement project that has been in the works due to a fire flow shortage as defined by the state. As part of this we are building a new 2 million gallon water tank and taking care of some short falls with the current system. We have secured an extremely low bonded rate of interest and it is fixed for forty years giving us a great set of terms to work with as we bring this system back up to date.

We also welcome aboard a new City Council member, CJ Sorenson, and thank Allen Lundgreen for his service over the past several years. Allen was elected in November of 1999, has served on the Council since January of 2000, three full terms. CJ provided us a brief biography as way of introduction to you: Born and raised in the Salt Lake area, he has Richmond roots through his great-

grandparents, Almie and Hulda Olsen. They raised their family on State Street and ran a little cafe on Main Street. CJ holds a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Utah, and a Master of Social Work from BYU. He is a mental health therapist in Logan, having been employed with a professional organization since 2007. He married Tania in 2008 and they lived on State Street until they built a new home in 2009 in the Richmond Meadows subdivision. He and Tania are proud parents of a two year old daughter. He served on the Planning and Zoning Committee for the past year and a half.

We appreciate all those who have served and are serving currently in so many ways and areas. Whether it be on a committee, a council, or as a member of the emergency response units that we have, we pass a long Thank You for your time and service.

As we bring this year to a close we thank all of you who are willing to be involved by voicing your opinions, helping your neighbors and serving the City and your communities in so many varied ways. We hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish each of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year for you and yours in 2012. **Mayor Hall and the Richmond City Council**

**Veteran's Day Dinner:** On behalf of the committee members who hosted the dinner for our veterans, we would like to thank everyone who helped make the dinner a success. Through generous donations from Richmond citizens and businesses, we were able to serve a nice meal to the brave men and women who have served our country,

and to their families. The creativity of the students at our schools provided some poignant posters and letters for the veterans to enjoy. The Boys Scouts and volunteers who helped on the night of the dinner were invaluable. Thank you all!

Most of all we would like to thank our veterans. Thank you for your patience on the night of the dinner, and, more importantly, thank you for serving our country!

**Council Make-up 2012-2013:** Following the election on November 8<sup>th</sup>, the Richmond City Council will consist of the following members from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, through December 31, 2013. The date following the name is the term expiration date for that member, along with their initial assignment of responsibilities on the Council.

Mayor: **Mike Hall 2013**

Council: **Paul Erickson 2015** Public Buildings, Streets, Chair of General Plan Committee, Liaison with Richmond Irrigation Company.

**Brad Jensen 2013** Fire Department, Water & Sewer, Maintenance, Nuisance Committee.

**C.J. Sorenson 2015** Planning & Zoning, Neighborhood Watch, Historical Liaison with Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (DUP).

**Terrie Wierenga 2013** Library, EMT's, CERT, City Web-site.

**Jeff Young 2015** Black & White, Parks and Recreation, Civic Arts, Digital Technology and Associated Information, Liaison with Richmond Cemetery Board.

**Substance Abuse Prevention:** From teaching parenting classes to hosting prescription drug disposal events, the Northern Utah Substance Abuse Prevention Team (NUSAPT) has worked together for the past 10 years to prevent substance abuse

in Cache County. NUSAPT has implemented more than 16 prevention programs and strategies in an array of settings to spread their message. More than 25 members make up this prevention team with representation from local businesses, parents, schools, youth, and government agencies.

NUSAPT is currently overseeing two grants to address the drug issues most common in our community: prescription drug abuse and misuse, underage drinking, and inhalant use by 6th-8th graders. They oversee the local implementation of two well known statewide media campaigns: Parents Empowered and Use Only As Directed. In the past year they have funded the installation of two permanent drop off boxes and hosted two community drug disposal events where they collected and disposed of over 500 pounds of prescription drugs. For more information concerning NUSAPT or to join the team, please contact Cathy at 792-6529.

**Safe Holiday Driving:** The holiday season can be one of the deadliest and most dangerous times on America's roadways due to an increase in drunk driving. As party-goers celebrate the holidays with friends and family, everyone should heed warning to keep the party off the road or be ready to face the consequences. If you're over the limit, you'll be under arrest!

Despite hearing about the dangers of drinking and driving time after time, too many people still think they are invincible and regularly choose to get behind the wheel after having too much to drink. Impaired driving is simply not worth the risk. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for impaired driving can be significant.

**For a safe holiday season follow these simple steps:** 1) Plan a safe way home

before the festivities begin; 2) Before drinking, designate a sober driver; 3) If you're impaired, use a taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transportation; 4) If you happen to see a drunk driver on the road, don't hesitate to contact law enforcement; 5) And remember, Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk! If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.

Whether you've had way too many or just one too many, it's not worth the risk! For more information, please visit [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org).  
(From the Bear River Health Department)

**Park School Workshops:** Park School is sponsoring a series of workshops for parents to help children succeed in school. Parents of children who are four and will be turning 5 before September 2012 are invited to attend a series of workshops held January 12<sup>th</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Parents of children who are three and are turning four before Sept. 1, 2012 are encouraged to attend a series of workshops held January 26<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup>. Door prizes and take home materials will be provided. Child care is available for children of parents attending. All workshops will be held in the Park School Media Center and will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please email Patty Smith at [patty.smith@ccsdut.org](mailto:patty.smith@ccsdut.org) or Belinda Burningham at [belinda.burningham@ccsdut.org](mailto:belinda.burningham@ccsdut.org) or call Park School at 258-2344 regarding more information concerning this valuable program.

**Thanks for Helping Others:** Each year the Cache County Mayors Association and the Cache County Mayors Spouse Association put together a number of Thanksgiving Baskets to be delivered to those in the local communities so that the

recipients can enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings. This year we would like to thank the following businesses who made a donation to this event. They are Smith's Market in Logan, The North Logan Walmart, Great Harvest Bread Company of Logan, Macey's of Providence, Karren Farm Seed Potatoes of Lewiston, Lowers Foods of Richmond, FRESH MARKET of Logan, and Lee's Market Place in Smithfield and Logan. We appreciate the generosity of these businesses and the help they have provided to those in our communities. **Mayor Hall**

**Library News and Views:** "I was born with a reading list I will never finish." --- Maud Casey

The library wishes to publicly thank Rosalind James for the excellent Library Lecture on "Bees, Those Interesting Bees". She brought some pretty large **live** bees for us to see them in the process of making their nest. There were several displays of a large variety of bees, some so unusual looking, and some so tiny, that it was a surprise to learn that they were really bees. Thanks Rosalind, it was a terrific presentation – so very informative and fun.

Utah State Library in partnership with Utah Division of Aging and Adult Services has presented our library with a copy of the book titled "Navigating Your Rights – The Utah Legal Guide for Those 55 and Over." We have this book available for check out, but it is also available online at: <http://legalguide55.utah.gov/>. "Asian Americans in Utah – A Living History" is another book that has been provided by the USL in partnership with The Office of Ethnic Affairs. You may find these an interesting addition to our collection.

**Preschool Story Hour Schedule:**

Dec. 1 I Can Help  
Dec. 8 Snowflakes

Dec. 15 Giving  
Dec. 22 No Story Hour (Christmas break)  
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The next Story Hour will be Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, and the topic will be Dark and Light. Bring your little ones to enjoy the fun stories and activities that are presented just for them.

#### **New Arrivals**

#### **Children's Books:**

*The Princess and the Pig* by Jonathan Emmett  
*Chester and the Worldly Pig* by Bill Peet  
*Ivy Bean: No News is Good News* by Annie Barrows  
*Fancy Nancy and the Mean Girl* by Jane O'Connor  
Three Diaries of *Bathsheba Clarice de Trop* by Leila Rasheed: *Chips, Beans and Limousine; Socks, Shocks and Secrets; Doughnuts, Dreams and Drama Queens*

#### **Teen's Books:**

*Shiver and Linger* by Maggie Stiefvater  
#2 of Heroes of Olympus series: *Son of Neptune* by Rick Riordan  
*The Maze Runner and Scorch Trials* by James Dashner  
#11 of Ranger's Apprentice series: *The Lost Stories* by John Flanagan  
*The Outcasts* by John Flanagan (Brotherband Chronicles #1)  
*Crossed* by Allyson Condie  
Audio: *Janitors* by Tyler Whitesides

#### **Adult's Books:**

*Ladies Home Journal* (a fairly new magazine subscription)  
*Lost Light and Void Moon* by Michael Connelly  
*Sweet Cherry Ray* by Marcia Lynn McClure  
*Rearview Mirror* by Stephanie Black  
*The Next Door Boys* by Jolene B. Perry  
*Lit Fuse* by Mike McPheters  
*Escape from Zarahemla* by Chris Heimerdinger  
Audio: *Seven Miracles that saved America* by Chris Stewart

We have a new computer system at the library and are still learning the ropes. Thank you for your patience during this process. More information will be coming in the next newsletter.

The library will be closed Sat., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday and Dec. Sat., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> for New Year's Eve.

**Water Project Status:** We have received a few comments wondering why the water project seems to be taking so long. In a few words, the answer is "Being Careful!" Our Engineering firm, J-U-B Engineers, has been charged to be as sure as humanly possible that both planning and execution will be a combination of the best, most effective, and practically economic work. Additionally, there are a lot of hidden "delays" in a project such as this. As a "for instance," since this is a drinking water enterprise each stage of plans must be approved by the engineers in the State Division of Drinking Water before any tangible work can commence. Due to the proximity of Division of Wildlife Resources land, we have also had to coordinate all of our actions with them, obtaining permits where necessary. So, slow as it may seem, the results are proving worthwhile as we move from stage to stage with the absolute minimum of "rework" or "reconsideration." We are also taking this project a stage at a time since we don't want to overspend on any aspect unnecessarily. There are certainly enough expenses just in material costs these days; we don't need to have more through carelessness or haste. The bids were let on November 21<sup>st</sup>, and the bid openings are scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>. We expect construction on the water tank portion of the project to get underway in the Spring. There is progress!