

# The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

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**New Years Greetings:** Another adventure, called 2012, opens to us. Crystal balls don't really work all that well, so everything is subject to change but we thought you might like a bit of a briefing on some things that we anticipate.

Our water project is underway. Bids were received from contractors and opened at the December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011, City Council meeting. We had ten contractors bid on the 2 million gallon water tank, and seven bid on the water distribution contract. The Council and City Engineer have checked a number of factors with the bids, and the formal contract will be awarded to the selected contractor at the January 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. We weren't able to put out a bid on the well as yet, as we have to run a test well by the new water tank to see if we have an adequate water source in that location. We hope that it exists as it will enable us to change the "point of diversion" from the current well location, which would require quite a run of pipe to the tank.

We will continue our program of "jetting" the sewer system come Spring. To aid in preventing obstructions in the sewer mains, we have contracted with a company that has an extremely high efficiency reputation in this area. We are having one fourth of the system "jetted" (high pressure washing of the sewer main) each year on a rotating basis. The intent is to reduce as much as possible the "plugging" of our sewer mains which would cause backups. This has a secondary benefit in that our insurance provider gives us a benefit with this preventive maintenance.

Continuing efforts will be made to maintain and even up-grade the streets and roads. A factor in this area over which we have no control is what will be the funding from the State B & C roads allocation to the City. But you can be assured that whatever funding we receive, it will be carefully spent to give us the best overall effect.

Our Maintenance Crew will be carrying out their many and assorted duties. From snow removal to mowing lawns, from water and sewer maintenance to keeping the streets swept, they are dedicated to doing the best they can for the betterment of the City.

Your Mayor and Council will continue to govern to the best of their ability under the many restrictions and laws imposed upon us by higher authority, both State and Federal. One matter in which I would encourage our citizens is more participation in the City Council meetings, along with the Planning and Zoning Commission meetings. P&Z will normally meet on the first Tuesday of each month; City Council will normally meet on the third Tuesday of each month. All of these meetings (except for the very, very rare "executive session") are open to the public. Decisions are NOT made in private, they are all made under the public scrutiny of the respective meeting, and we encourage all citizens to be actively engaged in this cause.

On behalf of Richmond City and the City Council, I wish all of you a most happy and prosperous New Year, and the ability to withstand whatever comes our way in spite of those wishes. **Mayor Mike Hall**

**Library News and Views:**

Quote: "The greatest gift is the passion for reading. It is cheap, it consoles, it distracts, it excites, it gives you knowledge of the world and experience of a wide kind." --- Elizabeth Hardwick

The new library system is up and running and we are discovering more and more great things about its capabilities. You can go to our website ([richmondlibrary.us](http://richmondlibrary.us)) and checkout the new look by clicking on "Our Catalog" link. If you are interested in having the ability to look up your library account online (from home or wherever you are), come in and set up your account with a librarian, then you will be able to access it and see when your items are due and what you have checked out. One of the great things about this new system is that we are now a consortium with three other libraries, Smithfield, Lewiston and Newton. If we don't have an item in our library, there is a big possibility that one of the others would have it. Your library card will work at each site, but you must be in good standing at your main library and the pick-up and drop-off of items will be your responsibility. If you have any questions, call (258-5525) or come in. We would be glad to show you the ropes.

**Preschool Story Hour Schedule:**

Jan. 5 Dark and Light  
Jan. 12 It's Cold  
Jan. 19 Snow People  
Jan. 26 Small, Medium and Large  
Bring your little ones to enjoy the fun stories and activities that are presented just for them.

**New Arrivals**

Children's Books:

*Thaddeus the Boss* by Heather Theurer  
*Fancy Nancy Splendiferous Christmas* by Jane O'Connor

*Look Out, Suzy Goose* by Petr Horacek  
*The Sniffles for Bear* by Bonny Becker  
*Chronicles of the Red King* by Jenny Nimmo  
*Mission Unstoppable-The Genius Files* by Dan Gutman  
*I Wanna New Room* by Karen Kaufman Orloff

**Teen's Books:**

*Belle* by Cameron Dokey  
*Midnight Pearls* by Debbie Viguie  
*Wild Orchid* by Cameron Dokey  
*Huber Hill and the Deadman's Treasure* by B. K. Bostick  
*The Death Curse* by James Dashner  
*Return to Exile* by E. J. Patten

**Adult's Books:**

*The Best of Me* by Nicholas Sparks  
*In the Valley of the Mountains* by Anita Stansfield  
*Whisper Hollow* by Carol Warburton  
*Pride and Popularity* by Jenni James  
*Sadie* by Rebecca Belliston  
*Explosive Eighteen* by Janet Evanovich  
*V is for Vengeance* by Sue Grafton  
*Audio Behold the Man* by Gerald N. Lund  
*Jacob T. Marley* by R. William Bennett

The library will be closed Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Stay Current:** Please remember that Council member Terrie Wierenga is keeping our Web Site ([www.richmond-utah.com](http://www.richmond-utah.com)) constantly up-to-date. This is a great way for you to keep yourself up-to-date from the latest meeting minutes to ordinances to the actual dates for Black & White Days to changes in meeting schedules to public announcements. It is a handy site to keep available on your computer.

