

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

February 1, 2012

Voice of the City: January 19th and 21st of 2012 once again brought out the best in Richmond and its citizens. The frozen ground and falling rain made for a bad combination. The water flowing on top of the frozen ground created small creeks throughout the City, running down road ways and through fields. It certainly caused alarm as window wells began to fill with water and that water started to get into homes causing property damage. Although there were homes that did get wet, the problem could have been much worse as waterways also started to spill over onto the roads. Many fields filled with water and that water started to just run west and through town. Fighting this flood, the City went through over 2,500 sand bags Thursday night and another 4,000 sand bags on Saturday.

We thank all those who showed up to volunteer their time to fill sandbags and then deliver them to the many calls that were coming into the Command Center we had set up. We had the City Emergency Response Teams, i.e., Fire Department, EMT's and City employees and officials directing the efforts which included many volunteers. We had church groups, both young and old, male and female who came; we had citizen volunteers and good neighbors who also came to be involved and to offer help. We had trucks loaded with sand bags that drove the City just looking for those they could assist. Time after time they were able to help and then start the process all over again of looking for those needing assistance.

It was nice to be able to make just a couple of calls to a couple of leaders, both

community and church, and immediately have volunteers pouring in to help. We also had people on their own tractors helping everywhere they could. All in all, it was great to see the many that showed up to help and to serve their neighbors and fellow citizens.

We want to make sure that all those who were out Thursday evening and all day long on Saturday, enduring the rain and cold temperatures, that a big THANK YOU is passed along to you for these efforts and service. It is great beyond words to see our citizens always rise to the occasion and willingly step forward at a time of need and offer help and assistance to those in need of the help. Once again, a Thank You to all who willing got involved, stepped forward and served. **Mayor Mike Hall**

Rabies Clinic: The annual combined rabies clinic/dog license purchase event will take place on Saturday, February 25th between 9 and 11 a.m. at the Fire Station. Rabies vaccination will be \$15, dog license will be \$5 if spayed or neutered, \$10 if "intact." Two separate payments will be required, one to Valley Veterinary Services for the rabies shop, Richmond City Corporation for the dog license. Please note that the cost of the licenses will double on March 1st.

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 to be held February 9th and March 1st, 2012. Parents of children who are three and are turning four

before Sept. 1, 2012 are encouraged to attend a workshop held February 16th. 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 or Belinda Burningham at belinda.burningham@ccsdut.org or call Park School at 258-2344 regarding more information concerning this valuable program.

Other School Information: InTech Collegiate High School is now enrolling 9th, 10th and 11th grade students for the 2012-13 school year. InTech Collegiate specializes in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and Early College programs.

InTech Collegiate will be hosting information sessions for those interested in enrolling or learning more about the school. Dates/Time: February 21, 22, and 23; 6:30PM
Location: 1787 N Research Parkway, North Logan

If you have any questions would like more information, please contact:
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How would Richmond residents feel about a Youth Center in Richmond? As a VISTA member with the Center for the Schools of the Future, I have noticed there may be a need for a Youth Center in the Richmond City area. After research and a lot of hard work we have formed a coalition of community members to discuss the possibility and what a Youth Center might look like in our town. We will be meeting this next month to discuss the risk factors and a needs assessment for our area. We

have planned a **Town Hall Meeting on February 16th** to discuss this with the community. The study has been presented to and agreed upon by the Richmond City Council with the stipulation that no tax dollars would be spent on the youth center. They would provide a location for the youth center but the administration and the manning of the center would be on a “volunteer” basis. We are working on and looking for volunteers, donations and corporate sponsorship to make this happen. Also, there are grants available to cities like ours trying to better their community. This would be an ongoing process.

The meeting will be held at **City Hall on February 16th at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited and encouraged to join us. If you have ideas, support or even objections, we need you need there. Please mark your calendars and if you have questions, please feel free to contact Paula at 801-641-7534 or Paulg14@aol.com. **Paula Gilbert and the Center for the Schools of the Future**

Vista Information: Do you know about the Earned Income Tax Credit? Most of us have experienced the confusion and anxiety associated with filing our income taxes and not knowing which credits and deductions apply to our situation. For the many individuals facing the day-to-day challenges, filing taxes can seem especially daunting and, as a result, millions of eligible low-income workers do not receive the income tax credits and refunds that are designated to them. Many workers are also misled by expensive “guaranteed refund” and “rapid refund loan” schemes because they do not that credible, free tax filing assistance is available to them. The best way to educate yourself about the EITC and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is to visit the EITC Information for IRS Partners (<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96406,00.html>)

Other resources include: EITC Central (<http://www.eitc.irs.gov/central/main/>)

VITA Sites (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)

<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=107626,00.html>

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Programs offer free tax help for taxpayers who qualify. Trained community volunteers may help with special credits, such as Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, and Credit for the Elderly or the Disabled. In addition to free tax return preparation assistance, most sites also offer free electronic filing (e-filing). Individuals taking advantage of the e-file program will receive their refunds in half the time compared to returns filed on paper – even faster when tax refunds are deposited directly into one's bank account.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program:

The VITA Program offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income (generally, \$50,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. Certified volunteers sponsored by various organizations receive training to help prepare basic tax returns in communities across the country. VITA sites are generally located at community and neighborhood centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls, and other convenient locations. Most locations also offer free electronic filing. The closest VITA Sites to Richmond are listed below:

BRAG of Cache Valley 170 North Main Logan, Utah – Open January 31 thru April 12

DWS Logan – 180 North 100 West Logan, Utah - Open January 30th thru April 10th

Make sure you get all of the Tax Deductions that you can and if you need assistance filing, contact one of the two VITA sites listed above.

Irrigation Company: The Richmond Irrigation Company has posted new information (the annual financial statement, etc.) on the website (www.richmond-utah.com/irrigation.html). The bylaws and articles of incorporation are also found there. The irrigation company is NOT a City department but the City has chosen to help publicize their announcements on the City website.

Soccer Registration: Trish Elvin is in charge of Richmond. Online registration opened today and registration closes on 2/11. \$25 for U6, \$30 for everyone else.

U6 – July 07 – August 05

U8 – July 05 – August 03

U10 – July 03 – August 01

U12 – July 01 – August 99

U13-U15 – July 99 – August 96

Register online at: <http://uysa-richmond.sportsaffinity.com>

District 7 is now: Northern Utah United website: www.NorthernUtahUnited.com hotline: (435) 753-8202

Library News and Views: "Whatever the season, all the year through, reading is always a great thing to do." (*Annon.*)

Library Lecture: Friday, February 17th, at 7:00 PM. Sharik Peck is a physical therapist in our community. He specializes in pain relief therapies, which include treatment of anxiety, depression, fibromyalgia, migraine and tension headaches, Low back pain, sciatica, and TMJ dysfunction. Sharik will be demonstrating new advances designed to "calm the nervous system" rapidly and without pain. Come join the fun! February 17th at the Library.

The Northern Cache Library Consortium (NCLC) has been created to form a partnership with the Richmond, Smithfield, Lewiston, and Newton Public Libraries. A

new online sharing catalog has been created to give our library patrons access to additional resources. Patrons of these libraries can search the entire Northern Cache Library Consortium catalog. If patrons find materials in the other libraries, not their home library, they can go to that library and check out the material free of charge. The patrons are responsible to pick up and return the materials to the borrowing library.

This service was acquired through a \$20,000 LSTA State Grant. The grant was used for the purchase of needed equipment, software and provided the training for the librarians. The Libraries of the NCLC are excited to provide this expanded service to our patrons.

NCLC Loaning Policy:

Patrons will be responsible for picking up and returning materials to the lending library.

Patrons will be responsible for all fees/fines accrued at the lending library.

If patron has a \$5.00 or more fine at any of the NCLC libraries, they will not be permitted to check out materials until the fines are taken care of.

Due date of materials is set by the lending library and can only be renewed by the lending library.

Holds can be done only by contacting the lending library.

All policies of each NCLC library will be followed.

You can now create your own search account in our new system without coming to the library. You just need to know your library number - and if you don't know it, just call. Remember that your library card (number) 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:

Feb. 5 Let's Move

Feb. 12 Loud and Soft

Feb. 19 Sounds

Feb. 26 Making Music

Bring your little ones to enjoy the fun stories and activities that are presented just for them.

New Arrivals

Children's Books:

Sprinkles and Secrets by Lisa Schroeder

The Wide-Awake Princess by E.D. Baker

Smoke Mountain (Seekers #3) and *Smoke Mountain* by Erin Hunter

The Best Book to Read by Debbie Bertram

Return to Exile by E. J. Patten

Teen's Books:

Troubletwisters by Garth Nix

Phantoms in the Snow by Kathleen Benner Duble

The Wreckers, The Smugglers, and The Buccaneers by Iain Lawrence

City of Bones, City of Ashes, and City of Glass by Cassandra Clare

Crossed by Allyson Condie

Uncommon Criminals by Ally Carter

Adult's Books:

Courage - Orrin Hatch Leading the Fight for Constitutional Rights by Lee Roderick

Shaken Earth by Toni Sorenson

The Grilling Season by Diane Mott Davidson

How the States Got Their Shapes by Mark Stein

Sadie by Rebecca Belliston

The Library will be closed Monday, February 20th for Presidents' Day.