

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

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Voice of the City: The Richmond City water project is now underway. We are glad to finally be at this point in the process. It has been a long time coming as we started years ago in the planning stage and worked through to the time now when we have the contractor selected, the financing in place and dirt beginning to be moved. As the process goes along please do not hesitate to contact the City Office or a member of the City Council if you have any questions and/or concerns. We want to make sure that the proper information is out there available to anyone that may be concerned in any way at all. Once the work is completed it will be of a great benefit to the City for many years to come; of that we are confident. There will be some disruptions to the various roads and maybe some driveway entrances as we move along through this project. Again, if there are any concerns or items the city needs to be made aware of please do not hesitate to call. As we get into Spring, the City will once again have another City Clean Up effort. More information on this will be forthcoming, but please set aside the morning of May 5th for the annual City clean up. The City Council will once again provide grilled hamburgers and hotdogs on the park for those who come out to help spruce the City up as we prepare for our Annual Black and White Days Celebration to be held May 15th through 19th, and just provide for the "Annual Spring Cleaning" as the winter melts away.

Once again I pass along a thanks to all those involved in helping the City to run so efficiently and effectively. Whether it is the elected officials that I have the

opportunity serve among, the City employee's, the volunteers who serve on various boards and committees and various other assignments that effect and represent the City in so many ways, the civic clubs, youth groups or the emergency response volunteers and the many citizens. Each and every person plays a critical role in helping Richmond City be what each of us desire it to be as we live among and serve one another as neighbors and friends. **Mayor Mike Hall**

Easter Egg Hunt: Richmond Lions Club is pleased to organize and sponsor again this year the annual Richmond Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held this year on Saturday April 7, 2012. We will hold the event at the city park and the surrounding area. We anticipate excellent weather. The start time is 9 am and will begin promptly. Please bring children 18 months to 12 years of age no later than 8:45 am as the action promptly at 9 am will be fast and furious. There will be separate sections for each age. The Lions Club will direct your children to their correct area. Just look for the yellow Lions Club vests. Thank you.

Emergency Calls and 911: Probably everyone in town old enough to dial a phone knows that 911 is for emergency. But how about important calls to law enforcement that are not a true emergency. The number to use in that instance is **435-716-9400**. This number will take you to Dispatch, the same people who handle the 911 calls, but also lets them know that your call is not life threatening. Explain your reason, such as a possible prowler in the neighborhood or a

dog eating your neighbor's chickens, but remember to be organized and brief should Dispatch receive a 911 call while talking with you.

Annual City Clean-Up: As announced in the March issue of *The Richmond Record*, the Second annual City Clean Up Day will be on Saturday, May 5th. We selected this date in preparation for our annual Black & White Days which brings in visitors from all over the nation and Canada. The City Council will be "flippin' burgers 'n hot dogs" for those that participate. We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Black & White Days building (40 South State) where bags will be handed out and street assignments given for the clean-up to ensure we cover the entire City. After the clean-up, please head to the City park as the Mayor and Council will be cooking and providing drinks for all involved in the Spring Clean-up effort. Thank you for your help. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL NOT TO PARK IN THE CVTD SPACE IN FRONT OF THE BLACK & WHITE BUILDING AS THE BUS DOES RUN ON SATURDAY.**

Roll-on, Roll-off Bins: The trash and "green" bins are back at the Black & White Pavilion for the summer. These bins are restricted to residents of Richmond City. Hours of operation are scheduled to be Wednesday 3 p.m. until 8 p.m., or when full. Saturday hours will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or when full. There is a nominal charge for trash (NO WET GARBAGE) but no charge for "greens." Please, the green debris cannot be wrapped or tied, it must be loose. There will be a temporary location change in May, which will be detailed in the May issue of *The Richmond Record*.

Bear River Head Start Preschool: The Richmond BRHS preschool is now accepting applications for the 2012-13

school year. The child must be 4 years old by September 1, 2012, for Center based services. If you desire and qualify for Home based services, the child must be 3 years old by the same date. When you turn in your application you must bring the following documents: 1) Child's age verification – birth, blessing or baptism certificate; 2) Child's immunization record; 3) Your income verification- W2 or 1040 Tax statement. For more information, please call (435) 755-0081 or www.brheadstart.org.

Right-of-Way Adjustments: Part of this years street improvement project will be re-grading the edge of some of the streets and roads to allow better drainage and work towards preventing the flooding across the streets as occurred in the February "flood." If you have equipment/decorations/vehicles in the right-of-way immediately adjacent to the pavement, please move them closer to your residence – a minimum of eight feet from the edge of the pavement. We do not know at this time what streets and roads will be affected, nor do we have a date or dates when the work will occur. In general, however, if everyone will be aware and move items "in-board" as soon as possible it will be greatly appreciated. Doing that now will make the work faster and less expensive.

Black and White Days Information: Thanks to Council member Terrie Wierenga, who is shepherding along our web site, citizens can go to our home page and find a variety of information, including current information and forms relative to Black & White Days. Council member Jeff Young is coordinating a program that will have all of the graves in our cemetery identified with the occupants name and, in many instances, a photo of the gravestone. He has had some tremendous volunteer support in this effort. Jeff will be providing a detailed article in

The Richmond Record within the next few months along with a completion goal date. Lots of exciting things are happening.

Library News and Views: “Tucked away in many a library is the volume which will help shape a life and mold it into something better than it would otherwise have been.” - L. Matthews

Talking about a “tucked away” book making a difference in someone’s life, this year’s summer reading program could be that opportunity to make a difference in your child’s life. Plan to register your children for a fantastic summer. The theme this year is “**Dream Big, Read!**” and we will certainly be encouraging big-time dreaming and reading. The program will run each Thursday, from June 7th through July 26th and we’re sure you’ll want to stay up all night reading under the stars. If interested in helping with the activities, please contact the library.

National Library Week is April 8-14.

This year’s theme is “You Belong”, so come in and make yourself at home. We will have a week full of fun activities, riddles, guessing contests, and displays. Don’t miss the fun – or the treats.

The Library has a Free **Utah State Parks Day Pass** available, so remember as you plan your vacation time that you can checkout the pass and enjoy one or more of the 43 parks in our state for free. What a great way for families to get outside together and create lasting memories.

The library is offering a **beginner’s computer class** on Friday, April 20th, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. If you are interested, contact the library (258-5525). Additional classes may be scheduled based on need.

Preschool Story Hour Schedule:

Apr. 5 NO Story Hour (Spring Break)

Apr. 12 Wheel Away

Apr. 19 Babies

Apr. 26 Colors

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

New Arrivals

Children’s Books:

There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover! by Lucille Colandro

The Luck of the Irish by Brendan Patrick Paulsen

Riding Champion by L. L. Hitchcock

Five Little Ducks by Ivan Bates

I Spy a Dinosaur’s Eye and *I Spy a Butterfly* by Jean Marzollo

Curious George, Tadpole Trouble by Mark London Williams

Moo Moo, Brown Cow by Jakki Wood

A Fairy Treasure Hunt by Daisy Meadows

If You Lived 100 Years Ago by Ann McGovern

Teen’s Books:

Albrek’s Tomb by Mark Forman

4 titles in the series of *Adventures in Odyssey: Passages* by Paul McCusker

The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater

Cyberabad Days by Ian McDonald

Adult’s Books:

Banana Split by Josi S. Kilpack

Olivia by Julie Wright

Royal Secrets by Traci Hunter Abramson

3 titles in the *Fairhaven* series by Sharon Downing

Passage on the Titanic by Anita Stasfield

The worth of a soul : from Muslim to

Mormon by Ayse Hitchins

The Attack on the Lusitania (DVD)

The Double Comfort Safari Club (Audio) by Alexander McCall Smith

Dry, pure and simple: Hate to be a spoilsport, but it looks like we are going to be

suffering from another of those genuinely “dry” years when it comes to water. Granted, we may be surprised with heavy rains during April but right now the odds are against that. The “weather guessers” on radio and television talk about the reservoirs being full, but seem to forget that many communities, including Richmond, don’t have a reservoir. In fact, the sub-strata won’t allow a reservoir to be constructed here. (Look up the Teton Dam failure in 1976 – similar sub-strata to what we have in our canyons here.) We strongly suggest that each family take some time now to discuss and make some serious plans on how to conserve on water. As a rule, these don’t have to be drastic changes, just attention to details. For instance, a toilet valve that doesn’t quite shut all the way might add as much as 100 to 200 gallons onto your bill in one month. A dripping tap, inside or out, will waste 90 to 100 gallons. Turning on the garden hose and forgetting it is a huge waste of water. A “pin-hole” leak the size of this “o” (inside) at the average pressure we have in Richmond will consume (read “waste!”) 296,000 gallons of water in three months, or about 99,000 gallons per month – that is ten times the base amount for which you are billed! And, in this instance, we don’t want the money, we want to save that wasted water. Overwatering of gardens and lawns is easily the greatest single waste of culinary water. Way back when Utah State University was the Utah Agricultural College (I was but a boy then) the first serious studies were undertaken relative to proper agricultural watering techniques. Dry farming, which was pioneered in many ways in this area, was the incentive. Over the years a great deal of continuing research has proven, time and again, that over-watering is wasteful and can actually work against the plant growth. In our area, one-half inch of water every three to six days is more than adequate. Make the grass roots

go down deep to get the moisture, and your grass will stay green longer. You are encouraged to go to <http://www.conservewater.utah.gov/agency/materials/guide/default.asp> on your computer and read over the instructions and charts provided. You’ll save money, your plant growth will be better, and the City will conserve a lot of water if you follow those proven guidelines. In a future edition we’ll give you some hints relative to avoiding hazardous cross-connections and other positive water-related bits of information.

Plugged Sewer: Occasionally we get a question relative to a plugged sewer line. By ordinance, and this is pretty much standard with all publically owned sewer facilities, the property owner is responsible for the sewer lateral from point of origin inside the building to where the pipe attaches to the sewer main. Should anything plug that line, the property owner is responsible for getting the obstruction removed. Likewise, the City bears no responsibility for interior damage from a backed-up sewer such as a flooded basement.

The City is trying to ensure that our mains are clear, and have undertaken a contract with a private company to clean, or “jet,” one-fourth of our sewer mains each year. This has been a very wise decision and a number of potential “main plugs” have been cleared before causing any back-up into homes.

One of the major causes, aside from flushed diapers and toys, in plugging residential sewer lines is the practice of pouring grease down the sink. The hot grease congeals upon contact with the cold water and also collects along the walls of a sewer pipe. We have seen instances where a 4 inch diameter pipe was reduced to less than an inch of flow just from grease build-up over the years.