

# The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

June 1, 2012

**Primary Election:** The primary election will be held on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. All Richmond precincts as well as Cove will vote in the dance hall at the Community Building. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

**Utility Rate Increases:** Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, both water and sewer rates will increase by ordinance. An additional one dollar (\$1.00) will be added to the sewer rate, twelve dollars (\$12.00) will be added to the base 10,000 gallons a month water rate. These increases will appear on your August 1<sup>st</sup> utility bill.

**Up-date on the Water Project:** We realize only too well that the \$12.00 per month increase in water rate is significant, but it is part of the water project that we reviewed and had public hearings on last year. In February we finally broke ground and the pipeline improvement project will be completed well ahead of schedule by the time you read this. The contractor has been extremely efficient! The water tank is pretty much on schedule. We should have water stored and flowing from the tank by March of next year. Financially, a quick review of what was presented and approved last year that carries over into this year. We were extremely fortunate in being able to obtain funding from the Community Impact Board. We applied to the CIB for a loan and were delighted to receive a full-request amount of (in round figures) \$5.1 million. We received these funds at a fixed 3.75% annual interest rate with a thirty (30) year pay-back. Current commercial rates, at the time we received the CIB approval, were in the 4%-5% range for five (5) years, then would be re-negotiated for the interest rates at the end of five years. While we received the full \$5.1 million amount, if we are able to bring the project in under that amount, we will only be charged interest for the actual amount that we utilize. Truly an excellent arrangement, financially. The CIB Board also cooperated

very nicely with us in that they allowed us to generate the required funds to be held over a three year period. Instead of having a \$30.00 to \$40.00 per month increase immediately upon granting of the bond, we were allowed to increase by \$12.00 last year, \$12.00 this year, and then next years increase will be in direct proportion to how much we actually spend. While we can't see into the future, we are anticipating that the third increase will be relatively minor.

As a Council we are committed to ensuring the City is in compliance with Federal and State mandates, but are equally dedicated to seeing that the City gets the biggest "bang for the buck" on all of our projects. We'll continue to keep you up-dated through this newsletter as the project progresses.

**Over the Fence:** From comments we've heard at the City Office from our fellow Richmond citizens: "Really like the way she picks up her dog's droppings in that baggie." "My neighbor has never once junked anything over the fence even though some of my back area is pretty messy." "I really appreciated those young people that came and cleaned up my yard after I was hurt." "I could have been robbed blind if --- didn't call the sheriff when he spotted that car." "Felt like a real idiot when I realized I was doing exactly the same thing to my neighbor here that my neighbor in ---- did to annoy me. Wish he'd called it to my attention sooner." A thought – have you done anything to enable someone to make a nice comment about you?

**Consumer Confidence Report:** The required annual drinking water report for last year (2011) is included with this copy of *The Richmond Record*.

**Library News and Views:** "Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." –Emilie Buchwald

**Contest deadline extended:** The entry date for the Black & White Days Billboard Contest is extended to the end of June. This will be an ongoing contest each year and any community member may enter. Two winners will be posted the following spring to advertise that year's Black & White Days. The dates to be included on your entry this year are May 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2013. Please remember your entry needs to be something that can be easily painted on a billboard. Submit your entries to the library by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Have fun and create a memory.

**2012 Summer Reading Program:** The theme this year is “**Dream Big, Read!**” and we will certainly be encouraging big-time dreaming and reading. Registration for the summer reading program can be done anytime during library hours. The program will run each Thursday, from June 7<sup>th</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup> and we're sure you'll want to stay up all night reading under the stars. Each week there will be story time and activity time. Weekly prizes will be given or the participants will take home the craft they make that day. Teens will also have reading activities, fun crafts and activities that go along with their topics. Each child/teen will be awarded a free book at the end of the program if they complete their reading contract - even tiny toddlers.

**Summer Reading Program Schedule:**

June 7th ----- Dreams (Both groups – children and teens)  
June 14th ----Wishes (Both groups)  
June 21st ---- Night, Night (Teen's topic: After Dark)  
June 28th ---- Night Creatures (Teen's topic: Creatures of the Night)  
July 5th ----- Night Adventures (Teen's topic: Night Shivers)  
July 12th ----- Light in the Dark (Both groups)  
July 19th -----When I Grow Up (Both groups)  
July 26th -----Grand Finale - P.J. Party

**2012 Utah State Fair “Read and Win”**

**Program** forms are available at the library. You could be a winner in both reading programs at the same time. Read for our Summer Reading Program contract and use the same books to fill

out the Utah State Fair reading program. That's a win-win!

**Book Groups/Clubs:** The library can order sets of books (on the average of 10-15 books per set) from the State Library through the Interlibrary Loan system. This is in collaboration with the Utah Humanities Council and a very valuable resource. This program lends books to groups, libraries, organizations, schools, community centers, and/or book clubs. Their newest titles include: *The Help*, *Unbroken*, *Hunger Games*, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, and *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*. And the list will be growing! Check out this website for the list of titles:  
<http://library.utah.gov/programs/ill/bookbuzz.html>

Remember the Library has a Free **Utah State Parks Day Pass** available. Check it out and enjoy one or more of the 43 parks in our state for free.

**New Arrivals**

**Children's Books:** 9 Titles of the *Oliver Moon* series by Sue Mongredien  
*Tuesdays at the Castle* by Jessica Day George  
*Just a Little Luck* by Mercer Mayer  
The *Goddess Girls* series by Joan Holub  
*Seekers* # 4 & 5 by Erin Hunter

**Teen's Books:** *The Last Apprentice* #8 by Joseph Delaney  
6 titles in *The Kingdom* series by Chuck Black  
*Journey to the Fringe* by Kelli Swofford Nielsen (plus audio)  
*The False Princess* by Eilis O'Neal

**Adult's Books:** *Switchback* by Clair M. Poulson (plus audio)  
3 titles of *The Homeward Trilogy* by Lisa Tawn Bergren  
*The Fiddler* by Beverly Lewis  
*Perfect Match* by Jodi Picoult  
*Daisy (Newport Ladies' Book Club book 2)* by Josi S. Kilpack