

# The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

August 1, 2012

**Voice of the City:** A quick up-date on your water improvement project. The pipe laying portion is complete except for a small segment in the area of 825 South. The water tank is progressing with the base and part of the walls poured. We did have an adrenalin attack when the Trenton 'shake occurred. As you can imagine, a very quick, anxious trip to the site was followed by a huge sigh of relief when all walls were found to be "upstanding" and secure!

Relative to the water project, additional Pressure Relief Valves (PRV's) are being installed in three critical locations. The purpose of these valves is to equalize the water pressure in pounds per square inch coming out of your tap no matter what portion of the City you live in. (Higher elevations have had less water pressure, lower elevations in some areas had almost too high of water pressure.) You probably won't notice much, if any, difference until the new tank is completed. One thing that you should check, however, is on your hot water heater. Following the 1993 water project, everyone was encouraged to install a pressure tank on your water heater. Because we use back-flow valves at the water meter (to prevent water from backing into the main), expanding water in your home has no place to go – except out through the pressure relief valve on your hot water heater. The addition of a pressure tank (simply an overflow device that has a flexible internal wall that allows for the expanded water) will save a lot of wear and tear within your home water system to say nothing of "leaking" pressure valves on your water heater. If you don't have one

installed, it is highly recommended that you contact a plumber and get one.

## **WANTED--Your Earthquake Stories!**

Richmond City will host a commemoration of the 1962 earthquake this August 30th at 7:00 pm. If you have a specific memory of the earthquake (what you were doing, how you or your family reacted, what the animals did), please write it down and send it via email to Marvin Traveller at [matraveller224@msn.com](mailto:matraveller224@msn.com) or mail them to Richmond Quake, PO Box 9, Richmond, UT 84333 (you can also drop them off at the city office, M-F, 9-5). And let us know if you have photos or other items to share. We'll start the commemoration in the city theater, then move to the displays in the city hall and the Relic Hall. Refreshments will be served. Plans are to put together a CD with photos, video clips, newspaper reports, and oral histories of the 1962 earthquake that will be available for ordering at the event. If you have other questions, please contact Terrie Wierenga at (435) 258-3777.

**Dog Owner Alert:** An increasing number of citizen complaints relative to dogs obligates the City to make renewed efforts at enforcing the Animal Control ordinance. We are printing this notice at this time, with reminders for the next two months, to dog owners on two basic provisions. First, **dogs outside of the owner property must be under positive control.** We do allow non-leash accompanied walking of animals as long as the dog will instantly respond to owner commands. If there is any chance that the dog will "take off" the dog owner

should have the animal on a leash for safety's sake. Second, **three or more dogs require a kennel license, and to receive a kennel license you must own twice the number of square feet of land as the minimum required for a residence in the respective zone.** An example – you live in a residential area zoned Residential Medium Density (RMD) which means your lot should be at least 10,000 square feet. To qualify for a dog kennel, you need to have 20,000 square feet of land. If you have that, you can contact the City Office to come before the Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council for a kennel license. If you do not have that much land, you must remove from your residence dogs in excess of the allowed two.

We contract with the Cache County Sheriff's Office for animal control, and for any complaints lodged on excess dogs at an unlicensed location on or after November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will turn the matter over to the CCSO as a violation of our Animal Control ordinance.

**Why you should join the PTA?** Help us promote the welfare of children in your home, school, and community.

We as a PTA Presidency are asking our many dad's, mom's, grandparents and neighbors to join in our efforts to make our PTA the best. There is no commitment to volunteer unless you choose to. The PTA is committed to helping our children, parents and teachers have a open line of communication in every child's educational plan. Becoming a PTA member insures that as involved members we have a voice in our child's education.

For a meager \$6, you can make a difference at our school. Every member is also a National PTA and Utah PTA member which entitles you to many member benefits, with discounts through Hertz Car Rental, T-Mobile, Sharp Electronics and many more.

Please help us by becoming a PTA member today! Look for our table at back-to-school night to become a voice in your child's education.

Questions? Call Jamielyn Davis, Park Elementary PTA President 2012-2013

**Scholarship Opportunity:** Stevens-Henager College is providing the opportunity for a "Mayors' Scholarship" of either \$10,000 towards a S-H bachelor degree or \$5,000 towards a S-H associate degree. Applications will be accepted until August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please go to the City web-site ([www.richmond-utah.com](http://www.richmond-utah.com)) to read the details and print a copy of the application. Submit the application to the Richmond City Office before the deadline date.

**Library News and Views:** "In books, I am free to soar and to explore. There are no limits to my being." --Linda Weltner

A BIG Thanks to those who made the Summer Reading Program such a great success! We certainly thank our many volunteers for the time they have spent in preparing and sharing. Thanks to Cheryl Peck for being our Story Hour Lady and thanks to Heather Henson and Anna Marie Isaacson for the crafts and activities. We appreciate these ladies and are so grateful for the time they have donated to our community. A special thanks to Chloe Harvel for bringing her trainee guide dog and sharing her knowledge and experiences with the children; and to Elli Price who read a Braille picture book to the children and talked about being blind. Twenty one community businesses donated either prizes, shirts, jackets, aprons, or hats for the career relay race; and Rebound Unlimited donated a very large part of the expense for the rental of their equipment used on the grand finale PJ Party. A BIG Thank-you to them all. What an amazing community support system we have here. Remember to

encourage your children to complete their reading contracts and bring them in for their prize.

Preschool Story Hour will begin in September – the schedule will be posted in the September newsletter and on the Library's entry window.

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

Please make note of our **annual closed week**, August 6<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> and plan ahead. We appreciate your patience during this closed time, but if you need something and we are at the Library, call and we will serve you the best we can.

### **New Arrivals**

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

*Baby Face: a book of love for baby* by Cynthia Rylant

*Wumbers: It's A Word Cr8ed With A Number!* writ0 by Amy Krouse Rosenthal; illustr8ed by Tom Lichtenheld

*Duck! Rabbit!* and *The OK Book* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

*What Will I Be?* by Nicola Davies  
*Starry Night, Sleep Tight* a bedtime book of lullabies

*Modern Fables* by S. Michael Wilcox & Ted L. Gibbons

#### **Junior Fiction Books:**

*Middle of Somewhere* by J.B. Cheaney

*Museum of Thieves* by Lian Tanner

*Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos

*Jack Adrift* by Jack Gantos

First 2 books of *The Fairy Godmother Academy* series by Jan Bozarth

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

*The Big Burn* and *Mountain Solo* by Jeanette Ingold

*Small Acts of Amazing Courage* by Gloria Whelan

*Fractured Light* by Rachel McClellan

Three titles in the *River of Time series* by Lisa T. Bergren

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

*The Winds And The Waves* by Dean Hughes  
*Cold Justice* by Kathi Oram Peterson

*Evading Babylon* by Chad Daybell

*Table for Two* by Sheryl C.S. Johnson

*Murder By the Way* (plus the audio) by Betsy Brannon Green

*Heaven Help Us! A humorous look at womanhood* by Kari J. Rich

**Our Thanks:** We have no idea who the person or persons may be, but our most sincere thanks to the good people who have been placing potted flowers at the Veteran's Memorial on holidays. That kindness and consideration is certainly appreciated by those of us who served, and by our families!

**Veteran's Day Dinner:** Last November's Veteran's Day dinner was a great success. Citizens of Richmond honored their veterans by hosting a free dinner for them. We would like to do the same thing this year, but we need your help. Please consider volunteering to help organize or serve at the dinner. Contact Ted at 258-5536 or send an e-mail to [richmondveterans@gmail.com](mailto:richmondveterans@gmail.com) if you'd like to help. Donations for the dinner are welcome and may be made at the City Office. Thank-you and let's show them our appreciation again this year.

**Only in a Community Like Ours:** On a fine Saturday in July, if you happened to be driving on U. S. 91 about 400 South or so, that was Mayor Hall and Council member Brad Jensen working in the mud alongside our senior Maintenance man Rob Bair and Maintenance Supervisor Scott Ball. A cable laying company broke one of our major water mains and they spent about five hours getting service restored. Thank-you!