

# The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

November 1, 2012

**Election Day:** Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. We urge all citizens who are qualified to exercise their right and vote. The polling place for both Richmond districts, once again, is in the Community Building dance hall. Be certain to bring positive identification as this is now, by Utah law, a requirement before you will be given a “ballot.” (Electronic voting – hmmm, do we still call it a ballot?)

Remember that there are a number of “non-party” items to be voted on, so if you do a single vote for everyone of a given party, be sure to go continue further and pick up on the remaining items such as the RAPZ issue. The Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

**Richmond Veterans Dinner:** The citizens and businesses of Richmond would like to thank and honor you by giving you a dinner to celebrate Veterans’ Day. The buffet dinner will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012, from 5:30-6:30 – that’s 1730 to 1830 for you old die-hards. Richmond veterans, their spouses, and children living at home are invited to attend. Please RSVP as soon as possible with your name and the number of people attending to Ted at 258-5536.

*Please pass this announcement along to any Richmond veterans you know.*

**Voice of the City:** It has been more than a few years back when an issue appeared on the ballot allowing for a one-quarter cent sales tax to fund Cache County transportation projects. In May of this year the City applied for funds to help us with a major project that has been discussed for many years – certainly pre-dating

1999 when the writer heard the first Council discussion.

As most readers know, 600 South is the main drop-off and pick-up point for students attending the North Cache 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Center. Having done both with a number of family members over the years, it is with certainty that I can say it was a cotton-pickin’ headache from the word go, both for the school bus drivers and the mere mortals driving cars! Above the parking area, the street was as narrow as you would find if only an occasional car was traveling on a rural road. Leaving North Cache heading east, and making the turn either north or south onto State Street during “bus time” could be a real bit of excitement as a bicycle would be hard-pressed to provide enough swing room for one of those “giant” school buses at the corner!

The Cache County Council of Governments took our proposed project under consideration, and granted us a substantial amount of money. We contributed 10% of the total to the project. Because the contractors bid was so favorable, we were actually able to extend the project well beyond the block and a half west from State Street that we originally planned.

The timing certainly could have been better as school was back in session by the time the money was available. North Cache and the bus drivers were very cooperative and our contractor managed to keep the road open enough that students still made it to school on time. (Won’t go into some of the comments overheard from students on that particular issue!) Now the dust has settled, literally, traffic is much safer and smoother along 600 South thanks to the transportation funds.

**Building Rental Policy:** After four months of very serious and detailed discussion, your City Council has made a few changes to the building and park rental policy. **Park rental** will remain \$20 per day, with a rental day being from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m.

The Community Building and Black and White Building room will rent for a day beginning at 6 a.m. and lasting until 11 p.m. The major changes center on the rental rates and eligibility for both of these facilities.

**Current** residents of Richmond will be charged \$100 per rental day and may be asked for proof of residency. If you receive a utility bill from Richmond, we can use that as the required residency verification. If you live in an apartment or a trailer court where you are not directly billed by the City, you will be asked to present a current bill from another utility, such as Rocky Mountain Power, Questar, Century Link, etc., bearing your physical Richmond address – a post office box will not be accepted.

Renters of the facilities who **are not current residents** will be charged \$200 per rental day. In both instances provisions have been made where, through the use of a lot of your elbow grease, you can recover a portion of the rental rate. No matter whether resident or non-resident, overnight use of the facilities will not be allowed unless first cleared by the City Council.

**Commercial users** of the building will be charged on an hourly rate of \$7.50 per hour. Regular, repeat commercial renters will also be required to put down an annual deposit and can be called upon to provide proof of appropriate insurance for the event(s).

All users of the buildings will be required to fill out and sign a contract with the City. If you plan on using either the Community Building or the Black & White building room (remember, it is just the one room at the B&W facility that is available) you should contact the

City Office soon. We already have a great deal of November and December filled.

**Roll-on, Roll-off Gone:** The large bins should leave after November 10<sup>th</sup>. We'll put a notice in *The Richmond Record* when we know what month they will return next spring. There will be an area designated by the Cache Service Area for the disposal of "natural" Christmas trees, usually close to the front of the Black & White pavilion. That sign should go up mid-December.

**Winter Parking Regulations:** Just a reminder that our winter parking regulations go into effect on **November 1<sup>st</sup>**. This prohibits the parking of any type of vehicle on the street between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. We also ask that you be sure that the "parking area" (City right-of-way) is clear of any type of obstacle for safety reasons. The snow plow drivers are partially blinded by the spray of snow coming over the plow blade, and we don't want an accident caused by the blade striking a vehicle or other object in the right-of-way area. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

**More Safety:** The days are considerably shorter so the morning and evening "walkers and joggers" are often doing so in the dark. PLEASE carry a light of some type, preferably something that shines both front and back, when walking/jogging along the streets. Our deputies have called this to our attention as have members of the City Council. Much of the clothing worn is dark, but even styles with the "reflection" panels or stripes on clothing and shoes are ineffective until the vehicle is close to the wearer. Lights are far safer for all.

**Christmas is for kids..Help Cache County Sub for Santa - make it happen!**

Please help Cache County Sub for Santa continue to help families in need this Christmas. We are in serious need of cash donations to cover our costs of running the

program. Our sponsors are great each year to provide gifts for families and children and we appreciate them so very much. However, with the stressed economy our cash donations have been very low the past two years. Printing costs, stamps, office staff and supplies and utilities, are necessary for the program to run, although we do all we can to keep them low. Please help by sending your donations to Cache County Sub for Santa, PO Box 4603, Logan, UT 84323. The address can also be found on [subforsantaloganut.org](http://subforsantaloganut.org). Please include contact information for a donation receipt. If you have questions, please contact the chairman at 435-760-6126. Your help is needed as soon as possible! We really appreciate your support! Thank you - Sub for Santa Board Members. We are pleading with the community for cash donations to allow us to proceed with the up-coming and hopefully future Christmas'.

Our volunteers bring office supplies from home, travel to meetings and functions every month of the year with no reimbursements, donate literally hundreds of hours, purchase their own Santa T-shirts and even sponsor children every year so that our valley children will be able to experience the "Magic of Christmas". Please help us make it happen!

**Richmond Lions Club:** As you know the principal funding source for the Lions Club is revenue from sales from the Lions Club calendar. The Lions Club will have additional calendars for sale in December 2012 for the 2013 calendar year. The cost is \$8.00.

If you have already ordered your calendar, we thank you for your support.

Please consider purchasing a Lions Club calendar. This is a simple means by which you can financially support the activities of the Lions Club in our local community. It is a pleasure to serve the community and your support allows for this service to continue.

If you would like to purchase a calendar, please contact a member of the Lions club or contact the Lions Club at this email address: [richmondcitylions@gmail.com](mailto:richmondcitylions@gmail.com).

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):** Richmond City has been working to establish a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to help our community in the advent of a disaster. We have a small group of people who are professionally trained as first responders in the advent of an emergency, our fire department and police services. When disasters strike these organizations easily become overwhelmed and unable to meet the needs of our communities. This is why it is important to have the help of trained citizens who are organized to help the needs of our community when disasters strike. The Richmond City CERT Team needs to recruit citizens from our community who are currently CERT trained or want to be trained as emergency responders in case of a disaster. Cache County offers CERT training classes on a periodic basis for a minimal fee that includes a backpack and some gear for disaster situations. If we can get enough people registered for the classes in Logan we can set up a car pool. The Richmond CERT Team needs your help to insure the safety of our community. We will be setting up a schedule for monthly CERT Training meetings at the Community building for those citizens who are currently certified in the CERT program. Please contact Nancy LaMunyon by e-mail at; [n\\_lamunyon@yahoo.com](mailto:n_lamunyon@yahoo.com) if you are currently certified with CERT or are interested in becoming certified as a CERT Team member. We need all the help we can get.

**Library News and Views:** "Spend some time reading for pleasure: it's free, fun and can be done anywhere! Research shows that teens who read for fun have better test scores and are more likely to succeed in the workforce." -- National Teen Read Week advertisement.

Thanks to all the teens who participated in our Teen Read Week activities. Come in and see the display of book art- work and teen bookmarks. Congratulations to the contests winners. Our hats are off to the great teens in our community, they are so amazing and fun to have around.

A Big Thanks to all the presenters at the Put Your Garden to Sleep Symposium held at Richmond's Harvest Market last month. Not only do we have a lot of excellent gardeners in our area, but we have a lot of top notch experts on how to harvest. Thanks for sharing and thanks for supporting our community activities.

**November's Library Presentation:** Diana Parker will present a **Beginner's Scrapbooking Class**, Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM, in the library basement. All ages are invited. Diana will have some supplies for use, so bring between 2 to 5 pictures to do your page - you're welcome to bring your own supplies. Please RSVP at [dparker95@comcast.net](mailto:dparker95@comcast.net) so she will know how many to plan for.

Good news about a great service offered by the Richmond Public Library through the Utah State Library: Richmond was **number 5** of the top 10 libraries who had the greatest OverDrive circulation per capita in the state of Utah over the last 12 months. Thanks to all of our patrons who use this service! And to those who don't yet know about this free downloadable Audiobook, eBook, and eVideo service, please come in and ask us – there are over 13,000 titles to choose from.

**Preschool Story Hour Schedule:  
(Thursdays at 10:30 AM)**

Nov. 1 How Are You Feeling?  
Nov. 8 Tales  
Nov. 15 Helping  
Nov. 22 No Story Hour – Thanksgiving break  
Nov. 29 1, 2, 3

**New Arrivals**

For a **complete list**, go to our website [richmondlibrary.us](http://richmondlibrary.us), click on Search Our Catalog, select Richmond Public Library, select the Catalog tab and then Destiny Quest – on the left. Right in the center you will see New Materials added in the last 4 months.

**Children's Books:**

*Over the River: a Turkey's Tale* by Derek Anderson  
*There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Some Books!* By Lucille Colandro  
*Cat Tale* by Michael Hall (not our local mayor?)

**Junior Books:**

*Shatterproof (39 Clues)* by Roland Smith  
*A Hero for Wondla* by Tony DiTerlizzi

**Teen's Books:**

*The Bar Code Prophecy* by Suzanne Weyn  
*The Mark of Athena* by Rick Riordan  
*The Void of Mist & Thunder (13<sup>th</sup> Reality #4)* by James Dashner

**Adult's Books:**

5 new audio titles by Dale Brown, Clive Cussler, James Patterson, Stuart Woods, and Gregg Luke

**The Library will be closed for Veterans Day on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and also Thursday through Saturday, November 22-24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.**