

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

April 1, 2013

Annual Clean-up Day: Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 4th and give a hand with our annual clean-up. We had genuinely great response and success with last year's "Clean-up Day" and know we'll get support again this year. 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.**

Voice of the City: Thanks to all who have supported our City maintenance crew this winter as they've cleared snow by remembering the ordinance to keep vehicles off City streets and right-of-way during snow season, and to also keep the City right-of-way open for this purpose, as well as for fire, safety, and appearance. In most cases, the City's right-of-way is the area from the sidewalk out or in an area where sidewalk doesn't exist, the approximate 10-15 foot stretch from the edge of the road on both sides toward homes. There are areas in our

community where City property is deeper or narrower than this distance.

Residents may park in the City's right-of-way (aka "parking strip") temporarily, so long as the vehicle is registered, operable, used regularly, and is not a safety hazard. Personal property (trailers, equipment, sporting goods or anything else) should always reside on the homeowner's property. If personal property is in the City's right-of-way or in a public utility easement, and it is damaged by a City crew during normal operations, or by a utility company performing service, in most cases the damage won't be covered by the City or by the utility company. We encourage all property owners to bear this in mind, and to keep parking strips clear.

Recently we've had an incident or two where personal property has been damaged by a snowplow during routine City operations. This can be an unhappy consequence for the City and for homeowners when it happens. Although the City will cover the cost of a damaged mail box if struck by a City crew, since the U.S. Postal Service dictates where the mail box must be located, as I've explained above, in most cases the City has no liability for damage to personal property if the damage occurs because the personal property was located in the City's right-of-way when the incident occurred.

Please contact the City Manager or any member of the City Council if you have questions about City parking strips. **Paul Erickson, City Council member**

Black and White Days Are Coming: A very cold winter is becoming a thing of the past, flowers are trying to push above the ground and bloom but most important of all, 'tis Black and White Days breathing upon us! The 98th annual event (did lose out on a couple of consecutive years due to disease way back in the 1900's) literally draws people to Richmond from all over the continent and even from some foreign countries.

Again this year we are going to try and put as much of the City's participation with Black & Whites Days on our homepage, richmond-utah.com. Once the homepage comes up, go down the right-hand column and click on "Black & White Days" and you'll be presented with all of the current information.

Council member Jeff Young is going full-steam (ancient term from when steam engines were the most modern – maybe we should say “working like an electron chasing a proton”) getting various aspects arranged. He could sure use some volunteer help in formulating the various committees and other organizational issues. If you'd like to actively help, or have questions, please contact him at his e-mail address of jeffyoung.y@gmail.com. Black & White Days this year begin Tuesday, May 14th and end with the horse show, parade, etc., on Saturday, May 18th.

Apologies: Been so focused on the Water Project that a wastewater issue slid by without letting you know. We've had some questions about what is happening at the MBR plant west of town, based upon a bid advertising notice that appeared in *The Herald Journal*. We have about \$160,000 in escrow that remained from the bonds for the building of the plant. Like buying a new car and then discovering that you need a thingamajig for the doohicky to the best miles per gallon, we found that there were a

few improvements needed for the MBR plant to run more efficiently. After a lot of engineering and paperwork, the Division of Water Quality has allowed us to utilize the remaining escrow funds for this work. This will not cause any increase in your sewer bill. Again, apologies for not thinking to put this in the March issue.

Roll on – Roll Off Bins Return: The green waste and trash bins will be open for business starting Wednesday, April 3rd at 3 p.m. Hours will be Wednesday 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. or when full; Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or when full. There is no cost to use the “green” bin but what you bring CANNOT be tied, wrapped or bagged using plastics. The trash bin cost is amounts less than the equivalent of ½ a pickup truck load \$5.00 per load, up to a full pickup truck load \$10.00 per load, and up to the equivalent of two pickup truck load \$20.00 per load. A pickup truck load is defined as being the volume carried without spillage in the bed of a ¾ ton pickup. These charges help us defray the cost charged by the Cache Service Area for transportation and dumping based upon weight. There are some prohibited items which the Cache Service Area will financially penalize us if included in our bins when taken to the landfill. Last year we paid an extra \$693 just for tires that someone added when the area was closed! We don't want to have to increase what everyone pays because of the action of a few, so please be aware of the following prohibited items: Liquid paint; Oil or oil products (petroleum); Antifreeze; Pesticides or Herbicides; Cleaning products; Vehicle tires of any size or type; Batteries (vehicle-type); Refrigerators; Freezers; Contractor debris; any other type of hazardous materials; wet garbage. If you see anyone putting these materials in the bin(s) after hours, please contact a member of the City Council or Staff immediately, or the Cache

County Sheriff's Office (716-9400) if you cannot contact anyone at the City. Note the license number of any vehicle involved if you can, but please DO NOT attempt to intervene personally. We want to have the Deputies take care of this in a careful, legal manner so that we can prosecute to the maximum.

General Plan: For the past year and a half plus, a committee made up of citizens, engineers, members of the City Council, members of the Planning & Zoning Commission, and City Staff have been working on the up-dating our General Plan.

The General Plan is designed to be a guideline to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the City Council for the maintenance and development of Richmond City. While it is not a law, the General Plan is designed to give consistent guidance for such issues as transportation, zoning, and development. For instance, what streets do we want as main corridors vs those we want as collectors to the corridors? Where do we want agriculture to remain vs where would be the best location for new housing? How do we allow for natural growth while still seeking to maintain a semi-rural atmosphere? These are typical of the questions that come up, and the General Plan should provide guidance that allows for unanticipated situations and changing conditions.

One thing that the Committee has been very conscious of are the desires expressed by those of you who chose to participate in the survey we sent out last year. About 9% of the citizens responded and their opinions have been carefully considered as the plan was developed. (Incidentally, we are currently working with a General Plan developed in 2000, and such plans should be reviewed every five to ten years.)

The intent right now is to have a booth or perhaps a location at the Community

Building where citizens can come and examine the proposed General Plan, ask questions, and provide additional opinions/input during Black & White Days. We'll have the exact location in the May issue of the *Richmond Record* and on our homepage – richmond-utah.com. Following that opportunity for final citizen comment, the City Council will take formal action to implement the finalized version through a resolution.

Library News and Views: "The Bookshop (library) has a thousand books – all colors, hues and tinges – and every cover is a door that turns on magic hinges." -Nancy Byrd Turner

Community Event: Wednesday, April 10th at the City Office Building, at 7:30 PM the Lion's Club and the Richmond Public Library are hosting a Community Event to discuss the school bond issue and future plans for the Cache County School District. The public is invited to attend. The guest speaker is Superintendent Steve Norton. This is an opportune time to ask questions of the Superintendent and get a feel for what is being proposed. If you have questions about this event, please contact the Lions Club at richmondcitylions@gmail.com.

International Children's Book Day is April 2nd and everyone is encouraged to D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read). Come to the library, get some good reads, and possibly see some demonstrations on just how to D.E.A.R.

National Library Week: Communities Matter @ Your Library The week of April 14-20 the library will be the place to go during such a big occasion. There will be drawings, prizes, riddles, rhymes and jokes – something great for all ages. There will also be a library sign contest. If interested, come see what the sign is for and use your talent to win.

Black & White Days Billboard Contest

winner for 2013 are **Chantrill Davis** and **Rebecca Reese**. Watch for their art work to be posted on Richmond's south and north billboards in the near future. Amy West was also a winner as her excellent entry was selected to be used on this year's fliers. Congratulations to these contestants and thanks to all who entered. What a great and fun way for the community to be a part of the famous "Largest Holstein Show West of the Mississippi!"

The contest continues – any community member may submit a Black & White Days Billboard entry. The dates to be included on your sketch are May 13th -17th 2014. Your art work needs to be something that can be easily painted on a billboard. Be creative – have fun! Entries are due by the end of the school year (or June 1st).

The Utah State Library (USL) is hosting another live online book group discussion: "Where'd You Go Bernadette" by Maria Semple on April 9 at 1:30. Register at this link: uslbclub.eventbrite.com This book group discussion is open to all patrons in Utah.

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

Apr. 4 NO STORY HOUR (Spring Break)
Apr. 11 Let's Sing
Apr. 18 Let's Move
Apr. 25 Fast & Slow

New Arrivals

Children's Books:

Potato: A Tale from the Great Depression
by Kate Lied
No Two Alike by Keith Baker
The Queen of France by Tim Wadham
This is Not My Hat (2013 Caldecott Winner)
by Jon Klassen
Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin (2013 Caldecott Honor) by Lloyd Moss

Junior Books:

Chasing the Prophecy (Beyonders #3) by Brandon Mull
The Day of Doom (39 Clues # 6) by David Baldacci

Teen's Books:

Divide and Conquer (Infinity Ring #2) by Carrie Ryan
Ruby Red by Kerstin Gier
Bomb: the Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon (Newbery Honor) by Steve Sheinkin

Adult's Books:

The Wedding Letters by Jason F. Wright
Notorious Nineteen by Janet Evanovich

Audios:

Vengeance and by *Accidental Private Eye* Clair Poulson
The Grecian Princess by N.C. Allen
(For a **complete list of "New Arrivals"**, go to our website: richmondlibrary.us, Search Our Catalog, Richmond Public Library, Catalog tab, Destiny Quest (on left). In the center, "Resource Lists" shows New Materials added in each of the last 4 months.

Current Elected Richmond Officials

Mayor Mike Hall

Councilmember:

Brad Jensen
Terrie Wierenga
Jeff Young
Paul Erickson
Tucker Thatcher

Appointed

City Recorder Justin Lewis
Judge Matthew Funk

Treasurer: Chris Purser

Chris' email: richmondtreas@richmond-utah.com

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RICHMOND YOUTH COUNCIL

Youth council is a very fun way to learn about the grassroots of government. It is a great resume builder and a tool you can use the rest of your life. If you are in 9-12 grade and are interested in joining youth council or just want to learn more about it, come to our youth council meeting Thursday, April 11th, at 7:30 pm at the Richmond City building gymnasium. There will be pizza and soda! We will discuss what YC is, upcoming events, and meet the new YC director: Suzi Barrett.