

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

May 1, 2013

Annual Clean-up Day: A last minute reminder that this coming Saturday, May 4th is our annual “Clean-Up Day.” 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.**

Important Election Change: The 2013 Legislature made a significant change to the election laws. The days when you can file as a candidate **have been reduced in number.** You must file as a candidate between June 1st and June 7th so this year **you will only have five working days to file, Monday June 3rd through 5 p.m. on Friday, June 7th.** The positions open for this election are one candidate to serve a four-year term as Mayor, one candidate to fill a two-year term on the City Council, and two candidates to fill two four-year terms on the City Council. If interested, file a declaration of candidacy form or nomination petition at the Richmond City Office (Attn: Recorder) located at 6 West Main, Richmond, UT. The office is normally open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday with holidays excepted. Candidates must meet the following qualifications: 1. Be a Citizen of the United States; 2. Be a registered voter of the City; 3. Be a resident

of the City (actually living within the City limits) for at least 365 consecutive days immediately preceding the date of the election; 4. Not be a convicted felon, unless the right to hold elective office has been restored by the Court. The primary election, if necessary, will be held Tuesday, August 6, 2013. The municipal election will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

General Plan Examination: We invite all Richmond citizens to take advantage of the opportunity to examine the proposed new General Plan. As explained in the April issue of *The Richmond Record*, the plan is the result of nearly two years of work by a committee comprised of citizens with various insights. There will be an exhibit set up on the soccer field on Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th, in conjunction with our Black & White Days celebration. We will set the display up with examples of the plan, and there will be representatives present to answer your inquiries. This will be an ideal time to interact without the pressure of time limits. Our next steps will be to present the plan to the Planning & Zoning Commission for comment, then to the City Council for discussion and possible adoption. There will be public hearings involved with both the Commission and the Council meetings.

Prohibited Items in Roll-on, Roll-off Bins: Just a quick reminder that the following items are not to be placed into the roll-on, roll-off bins: 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.

Head Start Program: The Bear River Head Start is taking applications for their preschool and home-based early program for 2013-2014. The child needs to be four (4) years old by September 1, 2013 for the center-based preschool program in Richmond. For more information please call 258-5613 (Richmond) or (toll-free) 1-877-755-0081. You can also refer to www.brheadstart.org.

Youth Council: Welcome to Richmond City Youth Council! RCYC is a great leadership, volunteer, community involvement opportunity that will help you get a jump start on governmental process and looks great on a resume.

RCYC is open to all students in grades 9-12. If you have questions or would like to get involved, come to one of our meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Richmond City offices, join our Facebook group "RCYC", or contact the RCYC director: Suzi Barrett at soccersuzi@yahoo.com or call or text 435-764-5205.

Little Miss Pageant: Calling all 2nd grade girls! The Richmond City Youth Council is putting on the "Little Miss Pageant" on Friday May 10th at 6:00 pm at the

Richmond City Office building. Pick up an application at Park Elementary School or at the Richmond City Office and turn it in by May 6th. If you would like to help in planning or putting on this event, contact Suzi Barrett at soccersuzi@yahoo.com or 435-764-5205.

NAMI Information: Cache Valley NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is sponsoring a series of 8 presentations titled Friend-to-Friend. The classes are free and will be taught in Richmond (location to be determined) on Wednesdays, beginning May 8, from 8:30 to 9:30 pm. The course is for adults desiring to learn how to support individuals and families dealing with mental illness. Topics include: symptoms & diagnosis, basic brain biology, medications & treatments, empathy, communication skills, social costs & issues, and advocacy. Class size is limited. Anyone interested call Christy or Doug White (435-764-7693) for more information and/or to reserve a seat.

Library News and Views: "The worth of a book is to be measured by what you can carry away from it." --- James Bryce

All Park School Students and Parents – Exciting News! Lexile search is now available at the Richmond Public Library! Lexile levels have been added to our collection, making the search for your level super easy. We are so thrilled to offer this service. Any questions, give us a call – 258-5525 – or better yet, come in and find a new book to read in your level.

National Children's Book Week – "The longest running national literacy initiative in the country." **May 13-18** will be the 94th annual celebration. Come to the library for all kinds of fun during the week. If you are 12 and under, **write and illustrate** a short story, bring it to the library during this week and you could be our contest winner. We will end the week of fun with a Popcorn

Read-A-Thon on Friday May 17th from 4:00-6:00 PM. Bring a friend or the whole family.

Black & White Days Billboard Contest continues – any community member may submit a Black & White Days Billboard entry. The dates to be included on your sketch for next year are May 12th -17th 2014. Your art work needs to be something that can be easily painted on a billboard. Be creative – have fun! Entries are due at the library by June 1, 2013.

Registration for the **Summer Reading Program** is now happening at the library. Be sure to include all your children and teens in this great program that encourages continued success and motivates all ages to READ. Children's theme is "Dig Into Reading", teen's theme is "Beneath the Surface", and new this year is our adult program, "Groundbreaking READS". Great prizes and awards for all involved.

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

May 2 Opposites
May 9 Planting & Growing
May 16 Parades
May 23 Mix It Up
May 30 Favorites

New Arrivals

Children's Books:

The Berenstain Bears Come Clean for School by Jan Berenstain
It's Moving Day by Pamela Hickman
The Gold Miner's Daughter: A Melodramatic Fairytale by Jackie Hopkins
Chopsticks by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Teen's Books:

Oblivion (Gatekeepers #5) by Anthony Horowitz
Dark Passage (Kingdom Keepers #6) by Ridley Pearson
Air Keep (Farworld #3) by J. Scott Savage

Adult's Books:

American Sniper by Chris Kyle
The Scarlett Thread by Francine Rivers

Facing the Giants by Eric Wilson
Sworn Enemy by A.L. Sowards
Framed by Clair Poulson
Miss Grimsley's Oxford Career by Carla Kelly

Audios:

Chasing the Prophecy by Brandon Mull
Garden Princess by Kristin Kladstrup
Hazardous Universe by Julie Wright
Snakehead by Anthony Horowitz
The Pharaoh's Daughters 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.

The Library will be closed Saturday, May 18th for Black & White Days.

Another Drought Year: There is no getting around the fact - we will be "enjoying" another water drought summer this year. While we had a good amount of snowfall in the City, our watershed (up in them thar mountains, as they used to say) wasn't so fortunate. Randy Julander, who is the Supervisor of the Utah Snow Survey, noted at the Northern Utah Mini-Water Conference at USU on April 4th that the snowpack that provides our water was 64% of normal when he physically checked it two days earlier. Just to make us feel really good, he noted that when they went into the measuring site not only could they follow the snowshoe tracks of their previous visit, the hole where the gage was inserted to measure the depth was still there and readily visible...and that was after some moisture came through the area.

We can't change what nature has (or in this case, has not) provided, but there are some

positive steps that we can undertake. Obviously, the first and foremost is to conserve in our use of water. As you plant your gardens, keep in mind that there is already an amazing amount of water in your soil as a result of the winter thaw which was slow, allowing the water to soak into the ground instead of running off on the surface. The same applies to your lawn...we've already noticed (and commented) on the yards that have their sprinkler systems turned on in spite of the fact that, as this is being written, we've had sub-freezing temperatures during the night and early morning hours. Very little water is required for your lawn at this time of year...in fact to put water on it now is actually counterproductive. If your lawn depends upon "normal" precipitation, the roots will grow down instead of out. Deep roots will get to the subsurface water and your lawn will stay a much healthier green considerably longer instead of rapidly drying out with the shallow roots system. The June issue of *The Richmond Record* will contain both a chart and an on-line reference for you to consult for the balance of the summer insofar as determining the preferred irrigation for OUR location. This information comes compliments of many years of research by Utah State University.

A second major factor in water waste comes in the form of leaks. It is amazing how much water you can go through in just one month with even a tiny, seemingly insignificant leak. And it doesn't have to be water squirting on the floor, or dripping from a faucet. As an example, if you have one faucet that leaks thirty (30) drops in one minute you will waste 1,576.8 gallons in one

year. One of the great water wasters is your toilet...not the flush but the valve that doesn't close all of the way or the valve that periodically turns on because of a slow leak in the "flapper" controlling the flow of water into the toilet bowl. Even the new, modern low-use high pressure systems (you know, where you have to hit the flush lever sending one gallon of water into your toilet five or six times to complete the job) can suffer from similar leaks. Be alert to that slow drip in the sink(s) or hose bib, the quiet whine in the toilet tank, and that annoying drip under the sink. Stop them and you'll stop wasting water and you may even help lower your monthly water bill.

Be aware, be alert, constantly think water conservation and then put into practice your thoughts. We'll have some follow-up hints over the next few months.

Let's Squash a Persistent Rumor: As we finish up on the two million gallon water tank project, a false rumor that has floated about since the beginning is being heard again. Please, contrary to what you may hear others say, the water tank project **has absolutely no ties whatsoever** to the proposed ski resort! This water project is the result of a State mandate commonly referred to as the "Fire Flow Rule" that requires all culinary water providers to have a given amount of water in their storage units after discharging a given number of gallons for a given number of minutes – like when you are fighting a fire! Period!!

Harvest Market: The Richmond Harvest Market at Rockhill (563 South State) opens on June 1. Please refer to www.richmond-utah.com/harvest We'll have a brochure included in our June issue.