

The Richmond Record

A Newsletter for the Citizens of Richmond, Utah

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New Utility Bill Amounts: On the utility bill accompanying this issue, you will see where the total cost has gone up by \$2.00. By ordinance, both the water and the sewer funds require a one dollar a year increase, effective July 1st, to help us compensate for the always increasing cost of pipe (and other plastic products – all petroleum based) and the metal fittings, valves, etc.

As you may have read in *The Herald Journal*, there is a chance that a third dollar addition may show on your “CD” line at some point, maybe this year but maybe not until 2014. It will be the result of a pass-through from the County.

About five years ago the County joined what is called the Utah Communications Agency Network (UCAN) which provided, literally, all of our emergency agencies a uniform and far-reaching radio communications network. The initial transition costs were covered by a Federal grant of \$2.5 million and an additional grant of \$500,000. Those funds are now expended with (as you all know) zero chance of any additional Federal monies, and the County (read all emergency responding groups) needs to continue paying for the maintenance of the system. As a result, the County is considering assessing a dollar per month charge per garbage pickup point throughout the County, which we will then show under the “CD” (for Central Dispatch) portion of our utilities bill. Your Council voted to approve the Resolution supporting this concept due to the seriousness of maintaining our emergency communications.

Water Meter Access: We ask everyone’s assistance in keeping your water meter clear of growth of any type, including planting flowers and “gardens” around them. We are also having occasional problems with cars or other vehicles parked on top of the meter lids. This is not just a matter of convenience for reading the meter, it is also a possibly critical safety factor in case you suffer a broken pipe in your house or yard. Rapid access is critical in such instances, and a tremendous amount of water can come out of a ¾” or 1” pipe in just a matter of minutes. Every second that it takes to access the shut-off valve in the meter box can translate into how much deeper your goods will be submerged in water should the leak or break be inside of your residence or business.

With the exception of the Hill Haven subdivision, all meters are to be located in the City right-of-way. While we appreciate very much the care most of our residents give to their respective “parking” area, we must maintain the right to do what is necessary to ensure access to the meter and meter cover. Your help will be very much appreciated.

Veterans Graves: Any Richmond residents that have Veterans in the Richmond Cemetery whose graves are not marked with the American Legion marker please contact Braydon Christensen. Braydon is doing an Eagle Scout project in conjunction with the American Legion and would like to be sure that all Veteran graves are marked. Braydon may be contacted at 258-4349.

Candidates for November Election: As announced in prior issues of *The Richmond Record*, the position of Mayor and three Council members are up for election this November. Mayor Hall is running unopposed for the Mayor slot. We have four candidates for the three Council positions: Kevin Graham, Brad Jensen, Cheryl Peck, and Tucker Thatcher. Brad and Tucker are incumbents. It is anticipated that the Lions Club will sponsor a “meet the candidates” night prior to the election.

Utah’s Water Future: Utah is the second driest state in the nation and at the same time one of the fastest growing in population. The Governor’s office is sponsoring a series of “Town Hall Meetings” seeking ideas for innovative solutions to our resultant water problems, both now and in the future. For us, the nearest Town Hall Meeting will be at Mount Logan Middle School on Thursday, August 15th from 7 until 9 p.m. You can also send your ideas online. Visit www.utahswater.org.

Water Conservation: It is certainly no secret that we are involved in a drought! On top of that, we have been having unusually hot days in July, and that combination may well continue into August. We need you to do all you can to conserve water, from repairing the “slightly leaking” toilet valve to watching for excessive water use. Another non-secret is that we have a real tendency to overwater. Please go to USU’s Extension website, <http://extension.usu.edu/drought/htm/landscape> and click on the Residential Lawn Watering Guide. It is an excellent guide for our area. On the same webpage, on the left side under “Resources” the “Home (Indoor) Water Conservation” tab has some very valuable resources. Please take the time to

check these out and help us conserve the water we have.

Water Project Up-Date: The first phase of our water project is wrapping up. The two-million gallon tank is completed and tested, the earth has been moved back into position around the tank, and we are disposing of the excess dirt in compliance with our permit from the Division of Wildlife Resources. The chlorination facility has been constructed, and we are getting the components installed so it will soon be usable. All of the associated piping has been completed, with the exception of a few connections, and the required safety and health checks have been conducted. We passed with flying colors. We expect it to be fully functional by next month. Our grateful appreciation to our contractor, ABC, Inc. out of Brigham City. They have been very diligent and adaptable, in the latter case especially so when the mountain started to slide down into the excavation area for the tank last year!

The second phase, a new well, is getting started. The State Water Engineer approved our request for what is called a “change of diversion” so that we can now drill a new well adjacent to the new Cherry Creek water tank. We are under way on the planning, etc. associated with that phase.

One last comment: In spite of what some are saying, our water project is in no way whatsoever connected with the proposed ski resort up Cherry Creek canyon. ***This project is strictly for the improvement of the Richmond City culinary water service. Period!***

Richmond City Youth Council – Movie Night In The Park: RCYC is putting on "Movies in the Park" this summer. On Friday, August 2nd at 9 p.m., we will be showing "Despicable Me." There will be popcorn, drinks and candy for sale. If you'd

like to join RCYC, our next meeting will be Thursday, August 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the City Office. The Youth Council is also looking for 3-4 more adult advisors. If you are interested, please contact Suzi Barrett at soccersuzi@yahoo.com or 435-764-5205.

National Flood Insurance Program:

Richmond City is a participating member of the National Flood Insurance Program. The number of people in the City who are actually impacted by this participation is small, but if you live in a “flood plain” it is of critical importance.

Within our City limits we have two primary flood plains – the routes of City Creek and Cherry Creek. Currently we have only a few homes in the Cherry Creek plain, but for those who were living here the end of April, 2005, will remember the flooding that took place following heavy rains combined with melting snow. The City Creek flood plain became very evident – and much wider than many thought – as a result of that event.

In 2012 the Congress passed the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act (BW-12) in which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was directed by Congress to change many of their procedures relative to the NFIP. In many cases this has, or will, result in an increase of insurance premiums as well as a different impact based upon flood plain maps. One of the more significant changes centers on the anticipated flood level within a given plain in relation to the height of the lowest floor of a residence in that plain. In other words, if your basement or first floor is below the projected water level of a given stream in flood (they usually base these levels upon the “big flood” that comes every one hundred years), your insurance rates will in all likelihood go up. Another change is the elimination of subsidized insurance rates. Should you live in the flood plain for City

Creek, you are encouraged to contact your insurance agent to see if you will be affected.

The City will also be making some changes as a result of this legislation. In the past we did not investigate the location of new homes relative to the flood plain, essentially leaving that to the judgment of the property owners. We will now be including on your building clearance application a flood plain check and, should the proposed dwelling be in such an area, the applicant will be required to sign-off on an acknowledgment that they are aware of the flood plain and of the availability of insurance through the NFIP. By the way, if Richmond did not participate in the NFIP, it would be impossible for a resident to obtain flood insurance for their home or business.

If you are living in the City or Cherry Creek plain, or if you are just interested in a much more detailed explanation of the program, we invite you to go to the following website:

<http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program/flood-insurance-reform-act-2012>.

Library News and Views: “I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.” --- Jorge Luis Borges

A Big Thanks to all those who made the Summer Reading Program such a great success! We certainly appreciate our many volunteers for the time they have spent in preparing and sharing. A Big Thanks to Cheryl Peck for being our Story Hour Lady and also to Heather Henson, Jamie Davis, Anna Marie Isaacson and Amber Blaylock for doing the activities and crafts for the younger children. A Big Thanks to Angie Hatch for doing the teen program and also to her helpers Nicole Anderson and Libby Deffinger. All of these ladies have done an amazing job and have made this summer

And a Big Thanks also to the Youth Council who put on the Family Movie Night for our closing party. We have a great community with great people. Thanks again to the volunteers who support our community services. Remember to have your children and teens bring in their completed reading contracts to receive their awards and prizes. The adult winner for the adult summer reading program (new this year) will be posted at the library! Come and check it out.

Preschool Story Hour schedule will resume Thursday, September 5th at 10:30 a.m. and will be each Thursday until next June, except on holidays and when school is out for conferences or breaks.

Please make note of our **annual closed week**, Monday, August 5th through Saturday, August 10th. We appreciate your patience during this closed time. Plan ahead and stock-up on your library materials, but if you run into a problem and we are at the library, give us a call (258-5525) and we will serve you the best we can.

New Arrivals

Children's Books:

Have You Seen My New Blue Socks? by Eve Bunting

Sleep Like a Tiger by Mary Logue

Exclamation Mark by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Abe Lincoln's Dream and *Grandpa Green* by Lane Smith

Junior Fiction Books:

1-2-3 Draw Wild Animals: A Step by Step Guide by Freddie Levin

Belly Up by Stuart Gibbs

City of Gold (Jack Sparrow#7) by Rob Kidd
#1, 2 and 3 of the *Never Girls* series by Kiki Thorpe

Teen's Books:

The Selection by Kiera Cass

Sapphire Blue by Kerstin Gier

Fractured Soul by Rachel McClellan

The Summer King and *The Light-Bearer's*

Daughter by O.R. Melling

Adult's Books:

11th Hour and *12th of Never* by James Patterson

Falling to Heaven: the Surprising Path to Happiness by James L. Ferrell

The Mark of a Giant: 7 People Who Changed the World by Ted Stewart

Motive for Murder by Marlene Bateman

Poison Me by Cami Checketts (local author)

Sword of Joseph by M. R. Durbin

DVD's:

Legend of the BoneKnapper Dragon

Megamind: The Button of Doom

Courageous

(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.

General Plan: Our thanks to the citizens who came by the City Office and gave us their comments on the new General Plan. Our next step will be to present it to the Planning & Zoning Commission, have a final public hearing, followed by the City Council holding a final discussion and voting whether or not to adopt the proposed new General Plan as it stands.

Coming Up: Before the end of this year the City Council will be discussing modifications to the Animal Control Ordinance relative to domestic chickens and other fowl. They will also be finalizing a new Land Use, Development and Management Ordinance. Check the Richmond City Home Page on the web for agenda items about five days before the Planning & Zoning or City Council meeting dates – 1st Tuesday (P&Z), 3rd Tuesday.