

# The Richmond Record

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## City Manager

Marlowe Adkins retires December 31<sup>st</sup> after serving as city manager for 18 years. We wish him well and thank him for all he's done.

Jeremy Kimpton will serve as the interim city manager beginning December 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30, 2018. He'll still be the operator of our treatment plant.

## HEAT Financial Assistance Program

The HEAT Program is a federally funded assistance program designed to help low-income, elderly and disabled households with home energy costs.

The HEAT program is open Nov 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> or until federal funds are exhausted.

Eligibility and benefit amounts are determined by number of U.S. residents or permanent residents in the household, household income, household size and energy costs (fuel and electric bills). Household must be under 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.

HEAT benefits are a one-time payment and will not cover your entire winter heating costs.

The HEAT Program is located in the BRAG Offices at 170 N Main in Logan.

To schedule an appointment please call (435) 713-1444.

## Behind the Uniform

Richmond Fire & Rescue Department



Getting to know the people behind the uniform. Richmond Fire Department would like to present Derk Gilbert.

Derk grew up in Fairview, Idaho. He has lived in Richmond for 16 years. He is employed by

Valley Implement as a service technician, mechanic/electrician. He is married to Sara and together they have four wonderful children. One of Derk's interests is tinkering with things; he has a knack of making things work. He also loves spending time with family, being outdoors, and always willing to help people out. And of course, serving the community of Richmond as a Firefighter and EMT. We look forward to serving with you for many more years.

## December Activities:

We would like to thank Dr. Grover for coming out and presenting our carbon monoxide seminar. We walked away with a lot of great information. Thanks to our sponsors for their donations: Janilyn's Service (Tara Larsen) and LD's Café.

Richmond Fire has no upcoming events planned for the rest of the year. We are going to have a little down time to spend with our families and get ready to start a new year. The Richmond Fire Department would like to say thank you to everyone that has helped to make our activities this year successful. Please watch our Facebook Page for more pictures and videos of our training and events from the past year. We look forward to serving the community of Richmond. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our families to yours.

## Safety Tip of The Month:

Putting up decorations is one of the best ways to get in a holiday mood but about 15,000 injuries involving holiday decorating were seen in emergency rooms during the 2012 season.

- "Angel Hair," made from spun glass, can irritate your eyes and skin; always wear gloves or substitute non-flammable cotton

- Spraying artificial snow can irritate your lungs if inhaled; follow directions carefully
- Decorate the tree with your kids in mind; move ornaments that are breakable or have metal hooks toward the top
- Always use the proper step ladder; don't stand on chairs or other furniture
- Lights are among the best parts of holiday decorating; make sure there are no exposed or frayed wires, loose connections or broken sockets
- Plants can spruce up your holiday decorating but keep those that may be poisonous (including some Poinsettias) out of the reach of children or pets; the National Poison Control Center can be reached at (800) 222-1212
- Make sure paths are clear so no one trips on wrapping paper, decorations, toys, etc.

### It's Better to Give ... Safely

We've all heard it's important when choosing toys for infants or small children to avoid small parts that might prove to be a choking hazard. Here are some additional gift-related safety tips:

- Select gifts for older adults that are not heavy or awkward to handle
- Be aware of dangers associated with coin lithium batteries; of particular concern is the ingestion of button batteries
- For answers to more of your holiday toy safety questions, check out the Consumer Product Safety Commission [blog](#)
- See which toys have been recalled

### Watch Out for those Fire-starters

Candles and Fireplaces: Thousands of deaths are caused by fires, burns and other fire-related injuries every year, and 12% of home candle fires occur in December, the National Fire Protection Association reports. Increased use of candles and fireplaces, combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations present in many homes means more risk for fire.

- Never leave burning candles unattended or sleep in a room with a lit candle
- Keep candles out of reach of children

- Make sure candles are on stable surfaces
- Don't burn candles that are on unstable surfaces
- Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in the fire place
- Check and clean the chimney and fireplace area at least once a year

### Help Us Help You

Visible house numbers are important for emergencies! Because emergency response crews need to find addresses as quickly as possible when called, they often rely on house numbers for quick reference. If the numbers on your home are not easy to find or read, it will take longer for crews to reach you. Minutes can mean the difference between life and death.

Here are a few recommendations to think about when choosing what numbers to use and where to place them.

- Choose a simple font like Arial. Fancy numbers or numbers that are spelled out may be aesthetically pleasing but are very difficult to read from the street.
- 4 inches high and in a contrasting color to their immediate background. Brass and bronze are difficult to see in the day or nighttime.
- If displayed on the front of the dwelling, it should be visible from the street.
- If the dwelling is located more than 45 feet from the front lot line, display the number on a gate post, fence, mailbox, or other appropriate place that will make it visible from the street from all directions when approaching from the street.
- Make sure that it is not obstructed by shrubs, trees, or decorations etc.

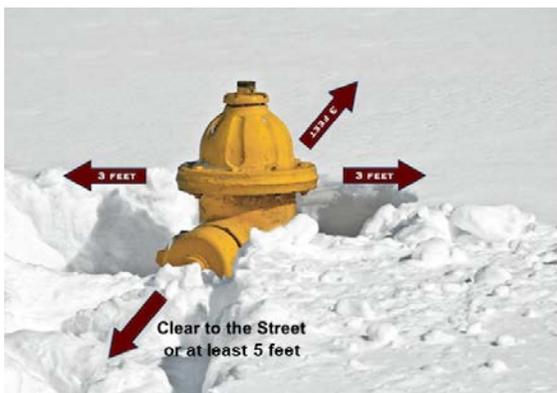
Take a moment to look at your house number. Make sure your numbers follow the above recommendations. It will help emergency crews find you easier and faster.

### Clearance around Fire Hydrants

With the upcoming winter weather knocking on our door, please remember to keep the areas around the fire hydrants clear. Snow accumulation can quickly obstruct fire hydrants and block access from fire department vehicles.

We all think about our driveways, stairs, and sidewalks and making sure there is a clear means of escape during and after a snow storm! However, we can't neglect our responsibility to ensure the fire department has the necessary access to water supply should they need to respond to a fire. Yes, fires can and do happen in the snow, too.

Snow certainly isn't the only potential obstruction to fire hydrant access. Parked cars, overgrown landscaping, construction work are just a few things that can block access.



Recommended clearance around fire hydrants is 36 inches around the circumference of the fire hydrants. A clear space of not less than 60 inches in front of each hydrant connection. This will help ensure that if the need arises that the fire department apparatus can park adjacent to a fire hydrant and have adequate room to connect the necessary hoses.

Richmond Fire 

## The Richmond Library

*A citizen's door to lifelong learning*

*"It's dark times like these that present us the canvas where we paint our own greatness."*  
— Richard Paul Evans, The Final Spark

Thanks to everyone who attended our Meet the Candidates Night. We thank Jeff Young and Terrie Wierenga for their service to our community.



Courtesy of Julie Johnson

### Did You Know...

We can email a reminder to you if you have overdue books? Every Monday an email is sent to everyone who has a book overdue **if we have a current email for you**. Contact the library by email ([library@richmond-utah.com](mailto:library@richmond-utah.com)) or phone (258-5525) to update your email address and take advantage of this service.

### Preschool Story Time is Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.

Check our website at <http://richmondlibrary.us/> for the theme each week. There will be no Preschool Story Time on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Baby Story Time is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday @ 9:30

There will be no Baby Story Time on December 26th

### REMINDER

**Book Sale and Cans for Fines** goes until Saturday, December 2nd

Books are from donations or discarded library books no longer circulating and are only 25¢ each.

Bring in a can or box of food and we will delete \$1.00 off your fines for each item. (Overdue fines only, not lost or damaged items)

We will also take any food donation.

Donations will be taken to our local food pantry.

### New Arrivals

To view a list of our new materials, check the resource lists on our catalog at <http://richmondlibrary.us/>

The library is closed for all state and national holidays. We will be closed Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

## You Can Make a Difference!

Two Eagle Scout projects for your consideration:

My name is Bradley Fischer. I am a 13-year-old resident in Richmond. I am working on my Eagle Scout project and need the community's help. I am putting together hygiene and newborn kits for refugees in Lebanon. I am accepting the following items to put in the kits. These items need to be new, and full size (no travel sizes):

- baby bottles
- pacifiers
- infant socks
- new born hats
- onesies
- sleepers
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- deodorant
- wash cloths
- combs
- tooth brushes
- bars of soap

I will be collecting these items now through November. You can drop these items off at 337 S. 100 W. Richmond UT. You may also call or text (801) 834-1967 and I can pick them up. If you don't have these items or can't purchase them, I will accept money donations. Thousands of Syrian Refugees living in Lebanon desperately need our help. You can help aid them. Thank you so much!

Davis White is building a Buddy Bench to be installed at the new playground at White Pine elementary school for his Eagle Scout project. A Buddy Bench is a place a kid can go sit to make a new friend.

Davis needs to raise about \$400 to cover the cost of the materials. If you would like to make a financial contribution to this wonderful project, please contact Davis directly at (435) 757-8228 (call or text). Any and every donation helps!! Thank you!

## Four Seasons Theatre Company

Four Seasons Theatre Company proudly presents a holiday favorite: White Christmas! In conjunction with the veteran theme in this musical, we are offering a 20% discount to all veterans. Please contact Jennifer Bohman at [jennifer.bohman@fourseasons.org](mailto:jennifer.bohman@fourseasons.org) or text/call (435)-881-8815 to receive the discount code. Performances are December 1-2, 4, and 7-9 at 7:30 pm with 1:30 matinees both Saturdays. All shows are performed at Sky View High School auditorium. Ticket information can be found at [www.fourseasonstheatre.org](http://www.fourseasonstheatre.org). Group rates are available. Bring your whole family to enjoy this festive show packed with Irving Berlin favorites brilliantly performed by your own community members that will remind us all to "count your blessings instead of sheep".

## Attention Business Owners

The city would like the opportunity to spotlight businesses located in the city. We want the residents of the city to know the services their fellow residents offer.

What can you do? What will the city do?

The city will post the name of your business, contact information, a couple of pictures and a one or two paragraph summary about the business on the City's [Facebook](#) page.

If you want this information to be provided to the residents, simply send an email to [communityresponse@richmond-utah.com](mailto:communityresponse@richmond-utah.com) and we will be glad to post it.

This is not a place to post information on costs, promotions, or sales. The city simply wants to let the residents know about what is offered by local people.

## Winter Weather Wisdom

The city is asking for your help in these areas:

The Winter Parking Ordinance is in effect from November 1st through March 31st.

**Vehicles CANNOT be parked on city streets from 10:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M. daily or a citation can be written.** Please help us keep your vehicles safe from damage and our snowplow drivers safe as well.

Please remove your garbage can(s) from the roadside on Friday as soon as possible. The

snowplow truck drivers try to avoid hitting any of the cans at any time but sometimes it happens and we want to keep your cans undamaged and our drivers safe.

Please DO NOT push or snow blow the snow from your driveway and sidewalk into or across the city street. Also, please do not push snow from your driveway across the road into your neighbor's yard. When snow is pushed or blown into a city road, it can freeze and create a hazard for motorists as well as it causes damage to the city's snowplow trucks.

Please clear the sidewalk in front of your home and if you can, assist your neighbors in clearing theirs. The council is always concerned about the safety of people walking. When sidewalks are not clear, people will walk in the road which can be dangerous for both motorists and those walking to their destination.

We also recommend you park your vehicles and keep other personal items off the street as far as possible. The snowplow trucks can throw snow, ice, and debris 12 to 15 feet on average from the city road and we want to avoid damage if possible.

## Girls State

2018 Junior Girls! Girls State is calling your name.

If you are a junior in high school this year and would like to learn more about our country's political and legal system as well as earning 3 college credits in one week at Weber State University, this is the opportunity you have been looking for.

The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) will be sponsoring ALA Girls State. This is a week-long program to educate Utah's youth about their duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of citizenship. You will learn about the inner workings of our government, run for offices, and gain a deeper understanding of our nation, flag, and those who serve our country. Weber State will be hosting the 2018 week-long program this coming summer.

Richmond City will be providing scholarships to juniors who qualify. There will be an interview and luncheon in the middle of February. Make the most of your government class this year to be prepared for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Richmond City American Legion Auxiliary is currently taking names of all girls who are residents Richmond and currently in their junior year of high school. Please contact Holly Christensen at (435) 258-8375 or Janet Funk at (435) 232-6958.

Deadline for those interested is February 1, 2018.

## Connect with Richmond City



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## Richmond City Website

Visit the website at [www.richmond-utah.com](http://www.richmond-utah.com) for information on council meetings, public safety, resident info (utilities, licenses, permits), and much more.

## Richmond City on Facebook

The city has an official Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/richmondcityutah](http://www.facebook.com/richmondcityutah).

## Community Response System

If you're interested in joining the city's community response system, please send an email to [communityresponse@richmond-utah.com](mailto:communityresponse@richmond-utah.com). If you'd like information on the system, send your request to the above email address.

## Newsletter Submissions

Send to [terlou38@gmail.com](mailto:terlou38@gmail.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.



Merry  
Christmas

and

Happy

New Year