



The Richmond Record – October 2018

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A citizen's door to lifelong learning



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 Online Library... There
 are 53 online databases!
 Try out Overdrive and
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 books. Visit

<http://richmondlibrary.us/> for more information.
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ALL TEENS, come to the Richmond City Library to celebrate Teen Read Week!!!
 Stop in anytime between October 7th-13th, share a book that has changed your life and be entered into a drawing for a \$20 gift card to Casper's Ice Cream.

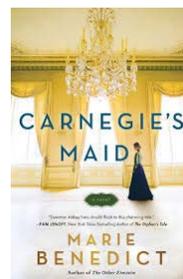
LIBRARY PRESENTATION



Thursday, October 25th
 @ 7:00 p.m. in the
 basement of the library.
 Cryptocurrency...block-
 chain...bitcoin...what is
 it? Come learn about this
 digital currency. What it

is, how it works and how to keep it secure. Basics on how to get started and some tips to help you

along the way. Learn from Paul O'Donnell, someone who is actively involved in it now and has been since its beginning.



Book Buzz

With captivating insight and heart, *Carnegie's Maid* tells the story of one brilliant woman who may have spurred Andrew Carnegie's transformation from ruthless industrialist into the world's first true philanthropist.

Story Time @ the library!!!



Preschool Story Time Each Thursday @ 10:30 a.m.

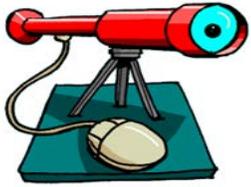
Baby Story Time Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m.
 2nd & 4th weeks only

ROBOTICS



Where: The Library Basement
 When: Every **TUESDAY**
 Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Who: All children 3rd grade and older. Younger children may attend when accompanied by a parent. We encourage parents to attend with any age child and work together.



DISCOVER THE WORLD AROUND YOU with the DISCOVERY CLUB

The Richmond Public Library and White Pine Elementary are partnering on

an afterschool club that will meet monthly to explore science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM). Discovery kits on the topics explored are available for checking out from the Richmond Public Library.

The club meets at White Pine Elementary on the second or fourth Wednesday of each month from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Registration is required and forms are available at the Richmond and White Pine Elementary library. Club meetings are limited to 15 kids for each session and are for grades 3-6.

An additional class will be taught on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Richmond Public Library from 2:00-3:00 p.m. This is for home school children and is designed for children K-6 and older. Registration for this class may be done by calling the Richmond library at 258-5525 or going to our website at <http://richmondlibrary.us/> and clicking on Question or Book Request.

Below are the topics and descriptions for the club meetings:

- October: **Space.** The universe is HUGE! We'll learn about some of our 'local' neighbors in space and learn how scientists study the moon and sun, planets, and stars as well as what we can see from our backyards.
- November: **It's A Small World.** We'll use a microscope to see what our world is made of, looking at plants, food, fur and hair, and what's in a drop of pond water.

New Arrivals:

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

The library is closed for all state and national holidays.

The library is open 2 additional hours on Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

CITY HAPPENINGS

Open House – 300 East Trail: October 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Park Community Center. The city has

received two grants to develop a trail from approximately 350 S to 300 N along 300 East. Please come to share ideas and help design the trail.

Veteran's Dinner will be held on Friday, November 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Park Community Center.

DUP 110th Celebration has been postponed. Check back for the new date in a future newsletter.

BEHIND THE UNIFORM Richmond Fire & Rescue Department



Getting to know the people behind the uniform: Richmond Fire Department would like to introduce Tyler Bell.

Tyler has been with Richmond Fire for 1 year. Tyler spent 10 years with the North Logan Fire Department. He grew up in Colorado Springs and Layton. Tyler is married to Kayleen; they have three wonderful children. They moved to Richmond just over a year ago. Tyler works as a Neuromonitor for spine surgeons. He loves the outdoors spending time with family, and anything dealing with fire. Welcome aboard; we look forward to working with you for many more years.

Upcoming October Activities:

No activities planned; CPR class has been postponed for now. We hope everyone has a fun and safe Halloween.

OCTOBER IS CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

There are many ways you can be a vigilant citizen and keep your family, your neighbors, and yourself safe.

Crime & Neighborhood Safety

The truth is, crime can make its way to any neighborhood, no matter how "safe" it is. In times of economic distress, people are even more concerned about rising crime in their communities. Luckily, there are plenty of preventative measures one can take to protect his/her home as well as the neighborhood. The steps could be as simple as keeping the doors locked or be more complex like starting a neighborhood watch program with your community. Even though no place is immune to crime, team work with neighbors and family members can really make a difference to minimize

it. This guide will define burglary, explain in detail the importance of neighborhood safety, provide tips on how you can keep your kids safe, and how you can be a proactive member in your community to promote safety.

What is Burglary?

Property crime can take many different forms but one of the most common ones is burglary. The definition of burglary is the “unlawful entry to a structure and it does not always involve theft but may sometimes.” Break-ins are never fun and may make your family and neighbors feel uneasy should one ever take place in your neighborhood. With that said, homeowners must take proper measures to reduce the likelihood of their homes being burglarized.

Tips for Keeping your Home & Surroundings Safe

Keep in mind that neighborhood safety requires team effort. The following tips are great for keeping your own home and family safe, but also for fostering a safe community. If everyone in your neighborhood practices these simple tips and works together to be vigilant by looking out for each other, it can really help to ward off thieves and criminals – making it a more enjoyable place to live.

Know the people in your neighborhood

Being able to recognize who lives in your neighborhood goes a long way in recognizing when there is a suspicious person in the area. Be aware of your neighbor’s habits, such as when they are generally at work, if they have small children or teenagers, if they are elderly and may need extra assistance from time to time. This awareness will make the neighborhood a much tighter community, and everyone will be able to better prevent crime.

Keep your vacation dates off of social media

With social media being such a large part of our lives today, it’s only natural to want to share the excitement of an upcoming vacation. However, by doing so, you are essentially setting yourself up as a target for burglars. Criminals in the past have relied on public social media profiles like Facebook and Instagram to stalk and intrude homes while residents are away.

Make use of timers

Timers are great especially on nights you won’t be home. Just because you aren’t home doesn’t mean that you should keep all the lights off all the time. Set a timer and have the lights go on and off at specific times so that it looks like your home is being occupied. Many burglars study when people exit and enter their homes to plot their next move. By setting up these timers and lights to go on and off, it’ll throw them off.

Lock all doors and windows

As simple as this sounds, it’s important to make note of. Many homes have multiple doors and windows and it can be easy to overlook one or more of them. For optimal safety, make sure to lock all doors when you are not home or home alone. Make sure that windows are securely fastened so that burglars can’t enter the home through any of them. If you have any sliding doors, place a rod in the track to prevent thieves from forcing the door open and entering.

Utilize blinds and curtains

These are especially handy at night because people can easily see the inside of your home and track activity, where you’re putting your valuables, which room you’re in and which ones are vacant. By keeping the blinds closed and curtains drawn, you prevent any stalkers from targeting your home.

Install motion-sensor lights outside of your home

Burglars are usually discouraged by these lights. When the lights go off, it gives them a chance to run away from the bright lights before you catch them trying to enter your house. This is also a great way for you to know when someone is approaching your home.

Keep your neighbors informed

It’s always smart to get to know your neighbors and get to a level where you can at least trust one of them. This is a good idea especially if you plan on being away for a few days or more. By giving a copy of your keys to a trusted neighbor, you can have them make sure everything is okay at home.

- Inform a trusted neighbor that you will be away for a few days if there’s a vacation coming up.
- Give them a copy of your keys. This way, they can make sure that everything is okay at home.

- Having mail accumulate can be a red flag and invite intruders. Ideally, you don't want your mail, packages, and newspapers stacking up in front of your door or in your mailbox. With that said, kindly request that your neighbor collect mail and hold it somewhere safe for you until you get back.
- If you have a car, you may also want to ask your neighbor to move your car around to make it appear as if you are home.
- Are you a pet owner? Your neighbors can make sure that your pets are safe and sound, and well-fed!
- Of course, it goes the other way around too. If a neighbor needs help, you can be there for them and report any suspicious behavior around their home if you see it.
- Create a neighborhood calling tree with a few trusted neighbors and place it somewhere readily accessible so that in case of an emergency, you can easily contact them.

Be conservative with your pricey possessions

Flaunting your luxuries may result in unwanted chaos and break-ins when you least expect it. Try to keep these things on the down-low. If you've just purchased a brand-new iMac computer, for example, take the time to break down the box before throwing it away. When throwing it away, make sure that it can't be easily found or seen by people passing by.

Get a guard dog

Not only do dogs make great pets, they can also be great members of the community. Thieves tend to stay away from homes with loud barking dogs. If you don't have a dog, it couldn't hurt to place a "beware of dog" sign somewhere visible on the outside of your home anyway. Don't let a dog replace your home security system but a good guard dog can intimidate intruders and make them think twice before committing any crime.

Start a Neighborhood Watch

A neighborhood watch program can go a long way in keeping your home and family safe. It does not take a large time investment and does not require any personal risks as the local police will be fully responsible for arresting criminals and questioning suspicious activity. A neighborhood

watch will just increase awareness within your neighborhood of any suspicious activity so that the police can be notified much quicker, which greatly increases the chance of preventing crime. Here are a few steps to starting a Neighborhood Watch:

- Briefly go door to door explaining how the neighborhood watch works and to see if there is enough interest in the program. Recruit those who are interested. Take note of any neighbors who show interest in the program and are eager to help out. You'll want to assign them to key roles of the neighborhood watch so that all the efforts do not fall on your shoulders. It also helps with teamwork and cooperation throughout the neighborhood. If you live in a large neighborhood, then you can assign geographical locations for certain individuals to be the main point of contact for that specific area. You'll also want to find a designated coordinator who will be the go-to person for representing the neighborhood to the local police.
- Get your local police department involved. Once you've established a neighborhood watch, you'll want to then proceed to really working with the local police. Work on getting a meeting between the police and your neighborhood watch. This is a great way to get to know your local officers and learn of crime trends in the areas and the legal requirements for creating a neighborhood watch. You'll want to schedule the meeting two weeks in advance so that there is time for others in the neighborhood to hear about the meeting and to get involved with it.
- Have an action plan in place. After you've established a neighborhood watch, you'll want to then schedule meetings on a regular basis to go over goals, progress, and review any concerns or questions about the neighborhood watch. You should also reach out to nearby civic groups to expand your network, and further be involved in the area.

Keep your yard well maintained

A yard that is kept up goes a long way in deterring criminals, especially when the whole neighborhood is well maintained. This lets would-be criminals know that people are active in your

neighborhood and helps reduce hiding spots for them. Try to keep clear lines of sight to your entryways so that if a criminal is trying to break in, then they'll be easily visible from across the street or by a neighbor driving by. Large bushes and trees that block the view of your house, makes it a more likely target for thieves as they can remain hidden while breaking in.

If there is an abandoned house or a house up for sale in your neighborhood, then see if anyone else in the neighborhood is interested in helping to keep its yard maintained. Empty houses offer an easy escape path for criminals. Abandoned houses also make it easy for someone to hide out and study the habits of the people in your neighborhood so they can figure out when is the best time to break in when you're repeatedly away at certain times. If you keep the yard of the abandoned house maintained, then criminals will feel not as safe to commit crime in your neighborhood as there are no easy ways to watch the habits of your neighbors and will feel there are eyes at every house in the neighborhood.

Never leave anything out in plain sight inside your car

Yes, even if the doors are locked! Thieves can break through the windows to take your belongings if they feel motivated enough. So, don't give anyone any reason for them to target your car. Even if it's something as simple as a blanket: by leaving this out in the open, thieves may think that the blanket exists in there to hide something valuable beneath it. By keeping your car completely clear of your possessions, it will save you the trouble of recovering your valuables and the inconvenience of having to fix broken car windows. To be extra safe, lock up your car's compartment and trunk from the inside as well. This way, if someone somehow gets in the car, they can't go through these parts of the vehicle.

Do not keep garage door openers in a car parked outside

If you have a garage but park your car outside with a garage opener in the car, then you might want to consider placing your garage door opener inside. A thief can break into your car and then use the garage door opener within your car to easily gain access to your garage and possibly your house as well. If you need to park outside but want to use the garage opener to enter the house when you get

home, then develop a habit of bringing the garage door opener inside with you. Over time, it'll become as habitual as always grabbing your keys and your purse/wallet, and this will go a long way in preventing serious break-ins.

Keep personal information hidden by using a paper shredder

In addition to possession theft, identity theft is a real thing! Conceal your personal information by shredding papers before throwing them away. Having paperwork with your address, credit card information, bank numbers, passwords, phone number, and the like lying around not only makes you look irresponsible and careless, it also can make you a new target to burglars who are always looking to gain the most without putting too much effort.

Get a reliable security system installed

When used properly, a good home security system can really help to improve neighborhood safety. In fact, a Rutgers study in 2009 found that the more homes that had a security system installed in an area, the less robberies took place in that given area.

Guarding the Children

In addition to protecting your home, it's also important to be vigilant about your children and their whereabouts. Below are some tips to encourage your and your neighbors' kid's safety!

- **Be aware of your children's location.** You'll want to have your children ask permission or at least tell you where they are going before they leave the house. Establish a time they need to be home by each time they go out. Have them leave a phone number of where they will be or be sure they have a cell phone with them if there is one available.
- **Get your kids well-acquainted with the neighborhood.** Take walks with your kids frequently and show them around the neighborhood during the day or on the weekends. This way, if they are ever lost or stumble across a neighbor's kid who may be lost, they can easily find their way home safely. Also, inform them of potential unsafe areas so that they know to avoid getting close to them. Encourage your children to frequent public areas (avoid alleyways or

areas that they can easily be kidnapped, attacked, or cornered) and to be home before dark.

- **Know your children's friends.** Get to know your children's friends and their parents. Try to meet them beforehand and get all their contact information saved to your phone. Ask what the children will be doing at their house and if they'll be supervised. If you're unable to meet the parents first, then try to at least talk to them over the phone.
- **Teach problem solving skills to your children.** It's nearly inevitable that your children will come across bullies or have confrontations with their friends. Role-play different scenarios that could occur between your children and their friends or other kids their age – teaching them to use words and work through any issues – rather than resorting to violence. Instill in them that teasing and making fun of others can be hurtful and does not lead to good friendships.
- **Set boundaries for where your children can go.** If you live in the city, then you'll want to identify how far away your children can go without you. Just around the block or two? Is it okay for them to cross busy intersections? Is there a dangerous area nearby to avoid? If you live in the country then it'd be good to let them know if there is a dangerous river nearby to not play by or farms with large livestock to stay away from in case the animal decides to charge them. Also, make sure they are wary of any questionable houses to stay away from, especially abandoned ones.

Neighborhood Safety: A Team Effort

While it's impossible to ward off crime 100%, it takes one to set a good example for the rest. By educating yourself on the measures you can take to encourage safety in your neighborhood, your neighbors will follow suit and work with you to

make the community an enjoyable place to live. Many of these measures are simple but may just require reminder of every now and then.

Richmond Fire 

Connect with Richmond City City Office

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,

Monday through Friday. The office is closed on state and federal holidays.



Utility payments can be dropped off any time at the drop box located just north of the entrance to the Park Community Center along the curb.



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

Richmond City on Facebook

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Community Response System

If you're interested in joining the city's community response system, please send an email to 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 by the 20th of each month.