



The Richmond Record – April 2020

March 27th - Stay Safe, Stay Home

Governor Herbert issued a new directive for Utah's response to COVID-19. While not a shelter in place order, it does request that Utahns stay home as much as possible to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The full text of the order may be found [here](#). In addition to previous guidelines on social distancing and self-quarantine, the new directive requests people not visit friends or family members without urgent need nor attend any gathering of any number of people.

Richmond City & COVID-19

The Richmond City mayor, council, and staff have had (and are continuing to have) numerous discussions on how we as a city can help slow the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019).

The safety of our residents and staff is our top priority and our most important responsibility as a city. None of us are experts in this field, and we are relying on Bear River Health Department, the State of Utah, CDC (Centers for Disease Control), and the federal government for guidance.

Following are the actions we began taking on March 17th that will continue for 60 days from then. Keep in mind that this is a constantly evolving situation and guidance will likely change. Visit the city website, city Facebook, and sign up with our community response program.

Richmond City Website

City website at <https://richmondutah.org/> 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.

Community Response System

If you're interested in joining the city's community response system, please send an email to communityresponse@richmondutah.org. If you'd like information on the system, send your request to the above email address.

1. The **Community Building, Park Community Center, Library, and Black & White Building** are closed to public access until further notice.
2. All **Playgrounds** are closed although the city parks are still open.
3. The **Library** has suspended all programs until further notice. The staff are available to respond to [emails](#) and phone calls at (435) 258-5525.
 - a. Please do NOT return any library materials that were checked out before March 17th; no overdue fines will be accumulating during this time.
 - b. Visit the [library website](#) for links to online learning portals. Many companies have opened access to their programs while schools are closed.
4. The **City Office** is closed to public access. Call to make an appointment if you absolutely must meet in person; otherwise, use email, phone, or other digital means to submit applications, etc.
5. **Monthly utility bills** can be paid [online](#) or by utilizing the drop box at the Park Community Center. ****Please do not put cash in the drop box.**** To sign up for, transfer, or disconnect

city services, contact the city office at (435) 258-2092.

6. **Cemetery:** to schedule a burial or make a grave plot purchase, call (435) 258-2092 to make an appointment.
7. **Zoning or Building Related Questions:** Call (435) 258-2092 to schedule an appointment for subdivision reviews, drop off building plans, or pay impact fees.
8. **Justice Court:** The only cases being handled in the Justice Court will be domestic violence or incarceration. No other hearings will be held until further notice. Please pay citations via the [online portal](#), over the phone at (435) 258-2092, or by mail (PO Box 9, Richmond, UT 84333).

We appreciate your patience as we all work through this disruption to our normal routines. We hope you will assist us and those in the area from spreading the COVID-19 virus.

Questions can be directed to (435) 258-2092 or by emailing communityresponse@richmondutah.org

County-wide Information

Due to the restrictions in place, many businesses and public offices are either closed, operating under reduced hours, or have additional requirements. Please call ahead.

When possible, support our local stores either by ordering meals for take-out or delivery or placing orders with other businesses for delivery or an appointment to shop, etc.

It takes everyone in the community to reduce the spread and impact of the virus, and it takes the community to support each other through this challenging time.

Law Enforcement

For emergencies, continue to dial 911.

For non-emergency issues or when needing to speak with a law enforcement officer, call dispatch at (435) 753-7555.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Richmond Lions Club will not be held this year.

Black & White Days

The city has made the difficult decision to cancel Black & White Days in light of the health concerns presented by COVID-19. No activities (breakfast,

race, booths, parade, horse pull) will be held on Saturday, May 16th.

The Western Spring National Holstein will hopefully be rescheduled later this year. The cattle show committee is working on this.

Sewer Reminder

Please do NOT flush wipes or paper towels even if the manufacturer says they are flushable. Numerous wastewater treatment plants around the country are dealing with some massive plugs in their systems due to this.

Youth Sports

Check the [Northern Utah United](#) website for information as to when soccer might start up.

Baseball isn't scheduled to start until mid-May for Minors and Majors and June for all other leagues.

Bear River Health Department

Older adults, 65 years and older, and those who are immunocompromised are at higher risk for severe illness. As such, we PLEAD with this group to STAY AT HOME.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported in the US that 8 out of 10 coronavirus deaths have been in adults 65 years old and older.

This is the group that are also having higher rates of hospitalization and admission to an intensive care unit.

PLEASE let's protect those we care about.

We realize this may lead to fear, anxiety and loneliness so stay connected through phone, email, or social media. If we all do our part, we will slow the spread of COVID-19.

Disaster Distress Hotline

SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories. Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster.

The helpline is staffed by trained counselors that can help provide crisis counseling for people in emotional distress related to ANY natural or

human-caused disaster (both COVID-19 & the Magna earthquake). They can provide information on how to recognize distress and its effects, tips for healthy coping, and referrals to local crisis centers for additional follow-up and care.

Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor. <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline>

Deaf/Hard of Hearing

- Text TalkWithUs to 66746
- Use your preferred relay service to call 1-800-985-5990
- TTY 1-800-846-8517

Spanish Speakers

- Call 1-800-985-5990 and press "2"
- From the 50 States, text Hablanos to 66746
- En Español <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline/espanol>

The Disaster Distress Helpline puts people in need of counseling on the path to recovery. Our staff members provide counseling and support before, during, and after disasters and refer people to local disaster-related resources for follow-up care and support.

From the City:

Dogs and Kennel Permits

Many dog owners are not aware that the city has required anyone owning 3 or more dogs to obtain a kennel permit as well as a license for each dog. This has been in our city code since 2003. The city council recently approved a change in the space requirements for a kennel.

A conditional use permit for the kennel needs to be obtained through the Planning Commission. A minimum of 15,000 square feet, including buildings, is required for a kennel of three (3) dogs. For 4-6 dogs, the minimum area is 20,000 square feet.

Full details of this section of the code can be found online at [Part 13-260 Kennels](#).

Dumpsters

For many years, Logan City Environmental Services has provided a green waste dumpster for Richmond residents to use free of charge. That service is no longer being offered to cities in Cache County.

The city council and staff have looked at the costs associated with the new fee schedule for the green waste as well as the garbage dumpsters and have made changes because of the unanticipated charge.

We will contract with Logan City to provide the green waste dumpster and the garbage dumpster ONLY in April and October. They will be located at the Black & White Days Pavilion and available Wednesday night and Saturday as in previous years. City employees will continue to monitor the dumpsters to prevent mixed wastes from being added.

Green waste can be taken to the Logan City Landfill for free while garbage will be charged a [fee](#) depending on the type of garbage.

Logan City does offer a program where individuals can sign up for a green waste can. In order to provide this service in Richmond, though, a minimum of 250 utility account holders would need to sign up. Due to the current crisis, the city will not pursue this option.

City Office

Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office is currently closed to the public. Call (435) 258-2092 to schedule an appointment if absolutely necessary.

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.

Census 2020

The Census self-response period is now live and residents are able to complete their census form at my2020census.gov. However, due to the coronavirus outbreak, field operations have been delayed and many rural counties may not receive their invitation and pin numbers until after April 1st.

Please use the online portal, call, or mail the form. The information gathered by the census is used to determine the number of seats our state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and also to distribute hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities.

Newsletter Submissions

Send to terlou38@gmail.com by the 25th of each month.

...and now for some good news:

Thanks to a significant donation to the city by Spartan Companies there are now new basketball standards in the Park Community Center. The old standards were decades old and parts were no longer available.

Thank you, Spartan Companies, for helping out the community on this project would not have been possible! The youth who utilize this gym on a regular basis are super excited to use the new hoops.

