



The Richmond Record – August 2021

From the City:

City Party

Mark your calendars: the City Party will be Friday, September 10th, at the city park. Bouncy rides open at 5 pm with dinner starting at 6 pm.

AND...fireworks to end the evening!!

City Utility Rates

The culinary water and wastewater (sewer) rates are set by Richmond City with the aid of Public Sector Economics, a business that analyzes rates and determines what should be charged to not only cover the cost of getting water to or from a home or business but that will meet the city's obligations to hold a financial reserve to service the debt on the systems.

The water rate includes 10,000 gallons of culinary water within that base rate with tiered charges for each 1,000 gallons used over that. In order to keep up with inflation etc., the rate increases by \$1 each July 1st. The base rate is now \$61 per month.

The sewer rate had a large increase because revenue was not meeting the maintenance costs nor the required financial reserve. For a complete discussion, visit the [wastewater webpage](#).

The city council began considering rate options in January and held a public hearing before choosing the new rate. Beginning July 1st, the base rate is now \$73/month which includes discharging 20,000 gallons of wastewater into the system.

Attention, Dog Owners

With the warmer weather, complaints regarding barking or loose dogs and other issues increase. If your dog barks, howls, or yelps frequently or continuously, you are in violation of our municipal code (13-249). Contact Animal Control at (435) 753-7555 to report problems.

In addition to the noise issue, dogs are often turned loose to roam, bothering or threatening walkers, bikers, and pets. Loose dogs have attacked livestock or damaged private property. Your dog must be confined to your property or under your direct control when off your property.

And please clean up after your dog when you walk him/her/it around town.



Water Conservation

Please continue to conserve water! We appreciate your efforts.

Visit [Slow the Flow](#) and the [Water Resources Conservation Program](#) for tips and tools on water conservation.

Help conserve water by watering outdoors in the early morning or evening. Calculate your outdoor water flow rate to ensure you aren't over-watering. More plants die from too much/too often watering than under-watering. A screwdriver is a great tool to test the soil for moisture. If it goes easily into the ground (down to 6 inches), then don't water.

Keep in mind that the Richmond Irrigation & Power Company is separate from the city and allocates water turns for those who hold shares in the company.

The lack of moisture across the landscape, in the soils and plants, is an ominous sign that we could

see a severe fire season. Fire-related restrictions have been set for public lands throughout the state. The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands provides a number of [educational materials](#) for homeowners to help you create a firewise landscape and prepare for wildfires.

Some Tips on Watering

- **PRIORITY #1** – Trees provide shade, help cool your homes and produce oxygen. They should be at the top of your list for irrigation and may need water sooner.
- **PRIORITY #2** – Shrubs filter dust and pollution from the air and help dampen traffic noise.
- **PRIORITY #3** – Perennials: over time, perennial roots help improve your landscape soil.
- **PRIORITY #4** – Annuals provide pollen for bees and other pollinators, as well as food for hummingbirds.
- **PRIORITY #5** – Turfgrass: of all the plants in your landscape, grasses are the toughest! They will enter dormancy during times of drought and recover when conditions improve. Grasses should be your lowest priority.

Fall Boys & Girls Lacrosse

Come try lacrosse FREE on Wednesday, August 11th, from 6-8 pm on the turf at Elk Ridge in North Logan. Kids can get a taste of lacrosse and you can get your questions answered!

Email any questions to jlkrubinson@gmail.com

Go to imlaxutah.org to register and for information.

The Richmond Library

A citizen's door to lifelong learning



New Library Cards

The Richmond Public Library is upgrading your library account. We are doing this to provide better security

and privacy for you. Stop by the library to receive your new library card with an updated 14-digit

barcode and updated Overdrive account information. If you have any questions about this transition, please contact us.

Summer Reading 2021



Make & Take Kits: Pick up free supplies and instructions at the library and then enjoy a craft or activity at home. They're programs-to-go! There will be two kits available each month from June-August.

Story Walk: A StoryWalk® is a fun, educational activity that places a children's story (literally a book taken apart) along a popular walking route in a community. We will have a Story Walk with a different book each month from June-September. The location will be the nature trail on 300 East 350 South. Enjoy a story and the outdoors at the Story Walk.

Bingo Reward Card: If you liked the first edition of Book Bingo that the Richmond Public Library rolled out last year, you'll be happy to know that it's back this summer. From now until August 31st, read books and do the activities that correspond with a space on the bingo board, then mark that space. **Don't forget to turn in your bingo card for a prize!** All ages included from preschoolers to adults. Pick up your bingo card from the library today. You can't win if you don't participate!

Humane Society Donation Drive: Drop by the Richmond Library anytime this summer to donate items or money to a local pet shelter (see below for more details).



What is Explorer Corps?

The Natural History Explorer Corps is a statewide science education initiative, and an epic adventure with a summerlong contest running from 12:01 am

on May 28 through 11:59 pm on Labor Day, Monday, September 6.

29 custom commemorative markers have been placed in the ground at a spot of natural or cultural history significance throughout the state – one in every Utah county.

Explorer Corps hopes to encourage Utahns and tourists to visit as many markers as they can in the spirit of education, adventure, and competition. We then hope that community members, tourists and travelers return to these sites year after year!

How do I get involved?

- Download the [Explorer Corps](#) app for iPhone or Android to track your progress and learn about the 29 sites and plan your visits
- Follow [NHMU](#) on social media
- Share your photos with the hashtag #ExplorerCorps

August Book Buzz



An instant *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *USA TODAY* bestseller. Based on the true story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris during World War II, *The Paris Library* is a moving and unforgettable “ode to the importance of libraries, books, and the human connections we find within

both.”



Humane Society Donation Drive

We’re lending a paw to our local animal shelter to help animals in need.

Drop by the Richmond Library anytime this summer to donate any items or add money to the donation box!



CACHE HUMANE SOCIETY

Wish List:

CANNED CAT & DOG FOOD
LAUNDRY DETERGENT
BLEACH
DRYER SHEETS
FLEECE BLANKETS
DOG TREATS (NO RAWHIDES)
CAT TREATS & TOYS
OFFICE PAPER
POTTY PADS

Connect with the City

City Office: The City Office is open Monday-Friday, 9 am – 3 pm

Website: City website at <https://richmondutah.org/> for information on council meetings, public safety, resident info (utilities, licenses, permits), and much more.

Meetings: Planning & Zoning meets the first Tuesday at 6:30 pm; the City Council meets the third Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

Facebook: The city has an official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/richmondcityutah.

Richmond Library Facebook: The library now has its own Facebook page: do a search for @richmondlibraryut within Facebook or click [this link](#).

Community Response System: Richmond City can send messages via text or email to let people know of road or infrastructure work, office closings (or openings), etc. 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.

Newsletter Submissions

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