



MAYOR'S CORNER

Legislative Update

I thought in every way that the third time would be the charm on our sales tax issue with the State Legislature. It was not. We had asked simply that the base year for our minimum sales tax distribution be adjusted from fiscal year 2005 to fiscal year 2006. On July 1, 2006, the Legislature took away our hold harmless provision that had protected and preserved Riverdale City's sales tax distribution at \$0.75 per sales tax dollar since 1983. Again, in this 2008 Session, they refused to make that simple adjustment as a way to restore about \$400,000 per year to offset the nearly \$2 million in lost revenues that we have suffered thus far.

I again want to thank our northern Utah delegation, Representative Brad Dee especially. He worked long and hard along with Senator Scott Jenkins to get both sales tax relief as well as the required additional road funds for the Riverdale Road widening project. The vote on the House Bill 172 that Rep. Dee sponsored and ran as a priority bill for sales tax passed the House 70-0. In the Senate, a Utah County Senator vowed to never let it pass and said he would kill the bill first.

Alternate Funding

Many maneuvers were used to try to keep it alive but in the end the only thing that was given as an alternative funding source is the authorization for Riverdale City to pass up to a 0.20% local option sales tax increase. Mr. Hansen and Mr. Fortie are now crunching the numbers to see what the short and long term effects will be on our city if we were to implement this tax.

A major upside that we can see at first glance is that the non-resident shopping population will likely pay the majority of these taxes as opposed to residents of our city. This could also help us avoid having to raise property taxes again. We will give you more information as we look at this during the budget process. Any such tax could not be effective until January of 2009 but for budget purposes we will have to decide as the budget for fiscal year 2009 is adopted. We certainly feel the 2008 Legislature has again dealt unfairly with us and the other three cities in the same circumstance as ours. Moving forward we will try to find a way to make lemonade with the lemons we have been given.

Thanks for all you do to make our City Great.

Bruce Burrows
Mayor

SPRING CLEANUP



Our Spring Cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, April 19th. Roll off dumpsters will be placed at locations around the City for residents to bring refuse items for disposal. Locations are as follows:

Locations and Times:

- Riverdale Park 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Golden Spike Park 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 525 West 4800 South 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

At each location there will be two roll off dumpsters: one for green waste (tree limbs, weeds, etc.) and one for other items. Please follow these steps when bringing items to unload:

- **Warning: Tree limbs not tied in bundles will be rejected.**

Important: Tree limbs must be tied into bundles 6 feet long or less. Bundles unload 10 times faster than loose limbs. This keeps things moving for everyone.

Tip: When pruning, lay twine or heavy string down in strips. Stack trimmings on top of twine and then simply tie together tightly. It really makes it faster to load and unload; and you will get more on your load.

- Please bring enough help to unload quickly.
- The attendant will not be able to help you unload.
- Children must remain in vehicles for safety reasons.
- Items that will not be accepted include: tires, chemicals, paint, dirt, concrete, rocks, batteries, pesticides, drums, and hazardous waste.

The City appreciates your cooperation. It is hoped that as one of the City provided services, this cleanup will be beneficial to you. If you have any questions please call 394-5541 ext. 1201.

RIVERDALE ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Construction on Riverdale Road from I-84 to the Weber River viaduct is well underway. Motorists are urged to exercise caution and patience when traveling through the construction zone. UDOT is making every effort to minimize the impact to motorists.



Please take a moment to read the insert in this newsletter from UDOT about Riverdale Road construction.

For a full project overview visit www.udot.utah.gov/riverdale. Updates on the progress and impacts of the construction are also posted on the homepage of the city website, www.riverdalecity.com.

CRIME REPORTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

By Police Chief David Hansen

The Riverdale Police Department has partnered with the Utah Attorney General's Office and Public Engines, a software development company, to provide the ability to share neighborhood crime incident information through the Internet. The service is currently available online at the website www.crimereports.com. There is also a link from the Police Department page on the city website, www.riverdalecity.com.



This service allows our department to report local crime incident data in a near real-time stream through the CrimeReports.com website. The program converts raw crime data into easily accessible information, using a Google Maps interface, for anyone to view for free via the Internet.

A second benefit of this service is the ability to receive email alerts containing the type, date, and block address location of crime incidents in your neighborhood. Located in the upper right hand side of the CrimeReports.com website is "Join and receive free crime alerts." This is a page that allows users to sign-up for e-mail alerts by specifying the address, crime types, and distance from a chosen address.

It is important to understand that due to the timeliness of the reporting, investigations will not yet have been completed, and the information will be preliminary and subject to change during the course of the investigation. Crime incident data will be updated nightly by the police department.

The Riverdale Police Department has for many years set a high priority on community policing. CrimeReports.com gives us another tool to keep our community informed and to strengthen the department's partnership with the people we serve. When community members know what crime is occurring in their neighborhoods, they can better prevent themselves from becoming victims, and may be more apt to report to police any suspicious persons and activities that may be related to those crimes. This is the first stage of an evolving program with additional information and features to be added.

OPEN BURN SEASON

The Weber County Fire Marshall has designated the month of April as 'Open Burn Season' allowing citizens to burn leaves, small branches, grass clippings, and other vegetation. This is the only time of the year that open burning is allowed for non-agriculture residents. Homeowners wishing to burn must receive a burn permit from the Riverdale Fire Department and abide by the following:



1. Inspection by the fire department before the burn.
2. Permits are only good for the day issued.
3. A water source must be available at each fire.
4. All fires must be monitored at all times and must be out by dusk.
5. If a fire gets out of control call 911 for assistance.

Farmers with more than 5 acres of land in the green belt can burn any time of the year with a permit from the Fire Department. To obtain a permit or for questions, please call the Riverdale Fire Department at 394-7481. A printable version of the permit is also available at our website, www.riverdalecity.com.

RECREATION NEWS

ADULT PING PONG Our next Adult Ping Pong night will be on Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. This is for everyone 18 and older. Cost is \$1. Come play and meet some new people. Call 621-6084 for more information.



INTRAMURALS Two-Man-Carry is now taking place. It is a fun and exciting game of kickball and dodgeball. You can still sign up until April 10th. Cost is \$5.00. Come join us for lots of fun. For information call 621-6084.

NEWS BRIEFS

SENIOR CITIZENS TAX REBATE

Senior citizens may qualify for a tax rebate. To receive the rebate you must file a 2007 tax return with the IRS. The IRS should have mailed an information packet to Social Security recipients, however, if you have not received a packet you can find out more information from www.irs.gov, or visit the city website www.riverdalecity.com and follow the links to the IRS website. The AARP will offer free tax filing help at the Senior Center on April 10th. Senior citizens may sign up for help by calling the center at 621-6086.

SENIOR CENTER YARD SALE

The Riverdale Senior Center will be having a yard sale on April 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 4433 South 900 West. Everyone is welcome. Proceeds go to support Senior Center programs.



BLOCK PARTY HELP NEEDED

The Riverdale Police Department is looking for persons willing to help with a block party in their neighborhood. To help please contact the PD at 394-6616.

RDA HOUSING PROGRAM

The RDA Housing Program provides low or no interest loans for property improvements to owners who meet income guidelines. Information is available at the Civic Center or at www.riverdalecity.com.

EQUAL PAY OPTION

City utility customers may sign up for Equal Pay and be billed an equal amount each month based on last years billing. Direct Pay is required for those who choose Equal Pay. For more information, please call 394-5541 ext. 1201.

LIONS CLUB DINNER

The Riverdale Lions Club will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, April 18th at Riverdale Elementary School from 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$20/family or \$5/person and \$3/children (under 8). Proceeds go to the Campaign SightFirst II. For more information call Mike Madsen at 621-1213.



HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

Bonneville High School Presents "Peter Pan" on April 11th, 12th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 21st. Curtain 7:00 p.m. Special Matinee's on April 12th & 19th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00. Call 452-4081 for information.

RIVERDALE SENIOR NEWS

April 2008

RIVERDALE SENIOR CENTER

4433 South 900 West, Riverdale, Utah 84405 (801) 621-6086

Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

(Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays)

STOP BY THE SENIOR CENTER FOR A COMPLETE PROGRAM SCHEDULE AND LUNCH MENU!

MEDICAL INFORMATION DEVICE OFFERED



The Senior Center is offering an emergency personal medical information device for senior citizens and Riverdale residents. The device is a flash drive that contains a medical information template for you to record the information you want to share with medical professionals in an emergency. The 1 GB Hi Speed USB ID'S can be attached to an adults keychain or a child's backpack. The cost of each device is \$10.00. Call 621-6086 to place your order.

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

The seniors are accepting donations of good, clean, usable items and clothing to be donated for their yard sale on April 26th.

SENIOR OF THE MONTH

Judy Corbridge as been selected "Senior of the Month" for April. Judy is a strong supporter of the Center. She loves the people and friends she has made there. She also shares her talent in teaching others how to quilt, crochet and do various crafts. Thanks and congratulations Judy! We appreciate all the time you spend at the Center.

FREE TAX HELP FOR SENIORS

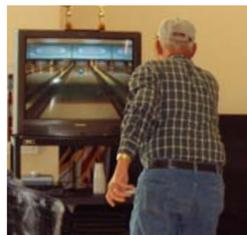
The last session of the AARP free tax help for seniors will be on April 10th at the Senior Center. To participate, please sign up at the Center.

NEW CLASSES

- **Scrapbooking** held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in April & May at 10:00 am.
- **Quilt-a-thon** is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10:00 am. Please come and help put quilts together that will be donated to charity.

NINTENDO Wii OFFERED AT CENTER

The Senior Center has purchased an Nintendo Wii game system for the seniors to use. There is a sign up sheet at the Center. We have bowling, tennis, golf, baseball and boxing available. We will be purchasing more software in the near future. We held our first 'Bowling Tournament' (pictured) on Friday, March 14th. It was great fun for those who participated!



LUNCH MENU

Lunch is served at noon weekdays for seniors age 55 and older for only \$2.50.



April

- ✓ 1 - Orange Chicken
- ✓ 2 - Roast Beef
- ✓ 3 - Baked Potato Bar
- ✓ 4 - Halibut
- ✓ 7 - Pork Tenderloin Steak
- ✓ 8 - Unbreaded Chicken Breast
- ✓ 9 - Tater Tot Casserole
- ✓ 10 - Chicken Enchiladas
- ✓ 11 - Lasagna
- ✓ 14 - Country Fried Steak
- ✓ 15 - Glazed Ham
- ✓ 16 - Meat Loaf
- ✓ 17 - Chicken Salad Sandwich
- ✓ 18 - Shepard's Pie
- ✓ 21 - Spaghetti
- ✓ 22 - Fried Chicken
- ✓ 23 - Tamale Pie
- ✓ 24 - Turkey Steak
- ✓ 25 - Roast Pork
- ✓ 28 - Swiss Steak
- ✓ 29 - Malibu Chicken
- ✓ 30 - Bar-B-Que Beef Sandwich

May

- ✓ 1 - Halibut
- ✓ 2 - Meat Loaf
- ✓ 5 - Swiss Steak
- ✓ 6 - Lasagna
- ✓ 7 - Turkey Sub
- ✓ 8 - Country Fried Steak
- ✓ 9 - Ham

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 11th** - Quilt Block of the Month Club.
- **April 18th** - Ensure pick up.
- **April 22nd** - Visual and Glaucoma Screening.
- **April 26th** - Senior Center Yard Sale 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

HEALTH FAIR SUCCESSFUL

The Health Fair was a great success. The door prize winner was Mildred Mapes. She won a beautiful flower arrangement donated by Community Nursing Services. Thank you to all those who participated.

With Sympathy - We would like to express our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Rose Thompson who passed away on February 23, 2008. Rose was a long time resident of Riverdale. She was a faithful member of the Riverdale Pearl Child Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She was an amazing person who handled her extended illness with grace and dignity. She was loved and will be missed by all.

CITY CALENDAR

April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 City Council Meeting* 6:00 pm	2 Garbage Day	3	4	5
6	7	8 Planning Commission* 6:30 pm	9 Garbage Day	10	11	12
13	14	15 City Council / RDA Meeting* 6:00 pm	16 Garbage Day Ping Pong 6 pm, Comm. Center	17	18	19 Spring Cleanup
20	21	22 Planning Commission* 6:30 pm	23 Garbage Day	24	25	26 Senior Center Yard Sale, 8 am - 3 pm
27	28	29	30 Garbage Day	1 May	2	3

**Agendas for the meetings are posted in the Civic Center, Community Center, and Senior Center foyers prior to the meetings and at our website, www.riverdalecity.com.*

RIVERDALE CITY DIRECTORY

Mayor City Council

Mayor Burrows 621-7979
 Councilor Gibby 621-8639
 Councilor Griffiths 393-0183
 Councilor Hunt 392-0037
 Councilor Jenkins 394-7993
 Councilor Peterson 334-9660

Civic Center

4600 South Weber River Drive
 394-5541

City Administrator

Larry Hansen 436-1233

Department of Business Administration

4600 S. Weber River Drive 394-5541

Community Center

4360 S. Parker Drive 621-6084

Senior Center

4433 S. 900 W. 621-6086

Justice Court

4600 S. Weber River Drive 394-9314

Department of Community Development

4600 S. Weber River Drive 394-5541 x1240

Department of Public Works / Utilities

4600 S. Weber River Drive 394-5541 x1201

After hours dispatch 629-8221

Police Department

4580 South Weber River Drive
 911 (Emergencies)
 394-6616 (Business Line)
 629-8221 (Weber Dispatch)
 Animal Control 394-6616

Fire Department

4334 South Parker Drive
 911 (Emergencies)
 394-7481 (Business Line)
 629-8221 (Weber Dispatch)

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