



### MAYOR'S CORNER

#### STATE OF THE CITY 2009

##### Riverdale Road Project

In our December newsletter, I mentioned that the Weber Area Council of Governments had allocated right-of-way acquisition funds for the viaduct to Chimes View Drive phase of the Riverdale Road project. We are now pleased to learn that the State Transportation Commission has made the commitment to match this funding. This is an important step in moving the project forward.

In this difficult budget year, we are working closely with our State Representative Brad Dee and others in the legislature to find ways of funding the completion of the project in this year. Overall budget shortfalls remain the question mark for most highway projects statewide. The state as a whole is applying for a portion of the proposed Federal stimulus money for road and bridge projects. We will apply for those if other funds are not forthcoming.

##### Our Administrative Strategy Team

We have met administratively to look at other ways that we can maintain and improve services to you without borrowing or raising taxes in any way. One additional area our city is looking at is the before mentioned Obama Administration stimulus proposal. This proposed money is meant to help states as well as cities complete vital projects. We have identified many projects of infrastructure and other special needs in our city that we believe are prime candidates for this funding. We are preparing plans now in anticipation of the official word should the funding become available.

##### Budget in Balance

We cannot control any of the outside circumstances of the national or worldwide economy. Nor can we control the business climate that puts the stores in our community at risk. But we can continue to support our local economy first and buy locally whenever possible.

We have taken many hits against our budget over the last 3 years. In response, our leadership team (Mayor, City Council, City Administrator and our department heads) have taken many cost cutting and cost saving measures to stay in balance. We are already down several employees from the level previously authorized, resulting in other employees who have responded very positively to fill in and step up to continue the excellent service you deserve.

We work to ensure that our funds are used for projects that are vital to the core services that we are obligated to provide to make this a safe and strong service oriented community. We will look to provide more amenities when we can do so without cutting into the core service areas. We have not given up on projects such as more play fields, skateboard park, splash pad and the like, but these projects cannot be completed at the expense of needed road improvements or indebtedness.

As we move forward this year, we will be sharing these issues with you in our public hearings. As always, we desire to receive your input as we strive to make this another great year in Riverdale City.

**Thanks to all of you, for what you do to make our City Great.**

**Bruce Burrows, Mayor**



### CITY IMPLEMENTS AMBULANCE SERVICE

On February 2<sup>nd</sup> our Riverdale City Fire Department began providing ambulance service to the majority of the city. The department purchased two used ambulances which were refurbished and prepared for service. The ambulances are staffed by experienced EMT's 24 hours a day. This new service will provide for a quicker response time when residents are in need of medical attention.

### SEWER RATE INCREASE

Riverdale City operates and maintains our own sewer collection system, but the processing of sewage is done at the wastewater treatment plant operated by the Central Weber Sewer Improvement District. The majority of the sewer fee included in your city utility bill is for the operation of the treatment plant which is charged to the city by the District.

The District is currently undergoing a \$140 million upgrade and expansion of the treatment plant. A letter from the District explaining the project can be found on the city website at [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com). To finance the project the District has now doubled the rates charged to the city and will increase rates 20% each year for the next three years.

Our city officials and administration have strived to keep sewer rates as low as possible. But faced with a 100% increase in rates charged

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## THE BIG FIX ON TOUR COMING TO RIVERDALE

On Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, The Big Fix on Tour will be making a stop at the Riverdale Fire Station (4334 S. Parker Drive). The Big Fix on Tour is a mobile spay/neuter clinic for dogs and cats at discounted prices.



As of this writing there are only a few open spots for cats left. However, walk up vaccinations and microchipping will be available to anyone for a discounted fee while the veterinarian is on the premises. Vaccinations available include: dog or cat rabies, cat leukemia, and dog and cat distemper combo. If you have any questions please call 394-6616.

## DOG LICENSE RENEWAL

If you have not yet licensed your dog for 2009, please do so at the Civic Center, 4600 S. Weber River Drive. Registrations taking place after March 1<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a \$25 late fee. A registration form can be printed from the city website at [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com).



## RECREATION NEWS

### INTRAMURALS

Our next activity is Crab Soccer beginning February 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun activity for all kids ages 8 to 18. The cost is \$5.00 for residents and \$10 for non-residents. A registration form can be printed from our website at [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com). For more information call 621-6084.



### TABLE TENNIS

Our next adult table tennis tournament will be held at the Community Center on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$1.00. For more information please call 621-6084.



### START SMART BASEBALL

Coming in March we will have our Start Smart Baseball program for children 5 and 6 year olds. We will be teaching them the basic skills of baseball. Cost will be \$25.00. Sign ups will take place at the Community Center or call 621-6084 for more information.



## SEWER RATE INCREASE *(Continued from page one)*

by the District, it is necessary for the city to implement a sewer rate increase effective with this month's utility bill. The rate increase will result in residential customers paying \$11.02 for sewer service, an increase of \$2.53.

The city also has a number of sewer line projects that will require attention in the near future. The necessity of these projects will also likely impact the sewer rate. However, any change in the rates will only be implemented after careful consideration and only when it is absolutely necessary.

If you have any questions or comments, you may submit them on the city website under the Citizen's Help Desk area or call 394-5541.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Riverdale City Offices, Court, and Senior Center will be closed for Presidents' Day on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. The Community Center will not close. It will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### UTILITY BILL EQUAL PAY

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.

### RDA HOUSING PROGRAM

The RDA Housing Program offers a variety of options aimed at improving the residential areas of the city. The programs offered include:



- **Improvement Loans:** This program provides no-interest or low-interest loans of up to \$30,000 to homeowners who meet certain income guidelines. Loan proceeds must be used to make property improvements to owner occupied Riverdale residences.
- **Targeted Area Property Improvement Purchase Assistance Program "R-2":** For the Improvement and/or purchase of owner occupied residential real properties located in an R-2 Zone that are converted from existing two-family to single-family dwellings.
- **Purchase Assistance Loan Program:** This program will provide purchase assistance for those buying a home located in specific target areas of the city.
- **Residential Relocation Program:** This program provides relocation assistance for homeowners residing in the 550 West RDA Project Area.

Details of the RDA Housing Program can be found at [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com), or at the Civic Center.

Suggestions      Questions      Complaints

**CITIZENS HELP DESK**

Visit [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com) and click on the Citizens Help Desk button. There you will find a variety of simple forms that can be filled out and submitted online. We want to hear from you!

Problems            Comments

# RIVERDALE SENIOR NEWS

February 2009

## 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!**

### FREE TAX HELP OFFERED FOR SENIORS

The AARP is offering free tax help for seniors at the Senior Center every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m. beginning February 10<sup>th</sup> until April 15<sup>th</sup>. To participate, please sign up at the Center.



### CRAFTS FOR SALE

The Senior Center has homemade crafts for sale daily. Please stop by the Senior Center to purchase your gift for that special someone.

### SENIOR OF THE MONTH

Lewis P. Stephens has been selected February 'Senior of the Month.' Lewis is very active and supportive of the Center. He is a Secretary of the Board of Directors and helps out in the lunchroom or wherever needed. He loves public speaking, riding his bike and playing racquetball. His goal for the Center is to make it an enjoyable refuge for all seniors to attend.

### AARP DRIVERS TRAINING COURSE

The new 4 hour AARP Driver Safety Course will be held at the Center on March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sign up by calling 621-6086.

### MEDICARE PRESENTATION

A special educational presentation about Medicare entitled "What is Open Enrollment?" will be held at the Center on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:15 p.m. It will address questions on Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, and insurance.

### DAILY CLASSES OFFERED AT THE CENTER

#### Monday

9:00 a.m. Wood carving class  
9:00 a.m. Family history class

#### Tuesday

8:00 a.m. Magic workout  
9:00 a.m. Wii Bowling  
10:00 a.m. Scrapbooking (13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>)  
10:00 a.m. Mahjong  
10:30 a.m. Intermediate computers  
12:30 p.m. Bingo

#### Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Ceramics  
12:30 p.m. Bunka  
12:30 p.m. Lapidary

#### Thursday

8:00 a.m. Magic workout  
8:30 a.m. Beginning computer class  
9:30 a.m. Internet class  
10:00 a.m. Creative writing class  
12:30 p.m. Bridge  
1:00 p.m. Texas Hold'em

#### Friday

10:00 a.m. Stained glass class

#### Notes:

- Quilt Block of the Month Club begins Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign up today!
- Join our Wii Bowling league on Tuesdays at 9 a.m.

### LUNCH MENU

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



#### February

- ✓ 2 - Turkey Casserole
- ✓ 3 - Spaghetti
- ✓ 4 - Ham
- ✓ 5 - Salmon
- ✓ 6 - Bar-B-Que Meatballs
- ✓ 9 - Inside-Out Chicken Pot Pie
- ✓ 10 - Lasagna
- ✓ 11 - Beef Enchiladas
- ✓ 12 - Goulash
- ✓ 13 - \*Turkey Pot Roast
- ✓ 16 - Closed for Holiday
- ✓ 17 - Country Fried Steak
- ✓ 18 - Salmon Pattie
- ✓ 19 - Orange Chicken
- ✓ 20 - Meat Loaf
- ✓ 23 - Pasta Italian Casserole
- ✓ 24 - Pork Tenderloin Steak
- ✓ 25 - Chicken Stir Fry
- ✓ 26 - Roast Beef
- ✓ 27 - Unbreaded Tilapia Fillets

#### March

- ✓ 2 - Tenderloin Chicken Breast
- ✓ 3 - Pork Tenderloin Steak
- ✓ 4 - Cod Fish
- ✓ 5 - Salisbury Steak
- ✓ 6 - Sliced Turkey

\*Note: February 13<sup>th</sup> will be our Valentines Lunch with entertainment by Monic.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 10<sup>th</sup> - Foot Clinic held at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$5.00.
- February 16<sup>th</sup> - Closed for Presidents' Day.
- February 20<sup>th</sup> - Ensure pick up.
- March 11<sup>th</sup> - Senior Health Fair.

### Wii Play

Come play the Nintendo Wii at the Center. You can play tennis, golf, bowling, baseball, and boxing. We also have the Wii Fit!

### DONATIONS FOR YARD SALE

The Senior Center is now accepting good, usable items for their yard sale to be held May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**With Sympathy** – Our deepest condolences go to the family and friends of Dorine D. Allen at her passing. Dorine along with her husband Jim, were strong supporters of the Center. She was loved and will be missed.

## CITY CALENDAR

### February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 City Council Meeting* 6:00 p.m.	4 Garbage Day	5	6	7
8	9	10 Planning Commission* 6:30 p.m.	11 Garbage Day	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Presidents' Day City Offices Closed	17 City Council / RDA Meeting* 6:00 p.m.	18 Garbage Day	19	20	21 Strategic planning meeting
22	23	24 Planning Commission* 6:30 p.m.	25 Garbage Day	26	27 Last day to license dogs without a late fee	28
1 <small>March</small>	2	3 City Council Meeting* 6:00 p.m.	4 Garbage Day	5	6	7

*\*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](http://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)

**Riverdale City Offices**  
**4600 S. Weber River Dr.**  
**Riverdale, UT 84405**

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