



MAYOR'S CORNER

Cats, Dogs, Chickens and Fire Engines?

By the time you read this, hopefully the City Council will have favorably considered the proposed ordinance allowing residents the flexibility to keep a limited number of chickens (hens). Much has been made of the proposed "Chicken Ordinance" in the paper recently. The Planning Commission talked about it, the Council has looked at it and the public have weighed in on it. What is the big deal? Has the City of Riverdale gotten away from its roots? Are we now an urban center that has to exclude some of the country charm that we have clung to so desperately?

We have been repeatedly told by citizens that they want us to keep the small town atmosphere of our Old Glory Days Celebration. This past Christmas, we tried to follow the suggestions from the Youth City Council to change the Santa Fire Truck Run, to a "Meet Santa in the Park." While that was quite well received by many, others said they miss the tradition started many years ago when we had only a volunteer fire department.

We love our pets, some just look different

We love our animals, and our pets are very important to us. Twenty or thirty years ago who had heard of a pet department store? Now we have two in our city that both seem to be doing very well. For many years veterinarians were mainly for large farm animals. If a dog, cat, rabbit or chicken had problems they were simply put down. We now have animal insurance because it is nearly as expensive to treat animals as humans. Dogs and cats have their charm and place in today's society as family pets, companions, and alarm systems. They were all once farm animals and had duties to keep mice and rats away or warn and protect us from wolves, coyotes and other wild animals. In Riverdale we have pets of all shapes, sizes, breeds and descriptions, most are only consumers. Chickens give back and provide companionship to those who find they make good pets.

While I don't currently have pets, I have in the past had all the varieties mentioned above. I feel that like any animal, chickens can fill a need for some families as long as they are properly cared for and don't disturb the peace of the surrounding neighbors.

Thanks for what you do to make our city great!

Bruce Burrows
Mayor

COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS

Riverdale City strives for transparency in government and has established communication methods to keep residents informed. Written comments included in the 2010 Citizen Survey have brought to light several areas of concern regarding our communication with residents. To address these concerns, an overview of communication methods are listed followed by answers to two frequently asked questions.



Meetings: City Council, Planning Commission, and RDA meetings are held on a regular basis (see schedule on page 2). The public is welcome to attend all city meetings.



Public Hearings: When changes to some city ordinances, zoning, or other regulated topic are discussed, the public is invited to share their views at a scheduled public hearing.



Open Communications: At the beginning of City Council, Planning Commission, and RDA meetings, residents can briefly address the governing body about any topic.



Phone: Phone numbers for elected officials and city departments are printed on the back page of every city newsletter.



Email: Residents can email any question, suggestion, or concern to the city. Email addresses are listed on the city website or email the city at info@riverdalecity.com.



Newsletter: Each month the city newsletter is mailed to residents. The newsletter contains information, events, contact information and community news.



Website: The city website, www.riverdalecity.com, is designed to keep residents informed with what is happening in the city. It also offers a variety of online services. The city has also created **Facebook** and **Twitter** accounts so that residents can easily keep up on events and meetings. A link for these resources can be accessed from the homepage on the city website.



Why does the newsletter come out after the first of the month?

To save money the majority of the city newsletters are included with the utility bill which is mailed out around the 8th of each month. Those not receiving a utility bill are mailed a city newsletter separately following the same timetable. To ensure the timeliness of information in the newsletter, any events taking place within the first ten days of the month are listed in the prior month's newsletter.

The city newsletters and event information are also posted on the city website by the first of each month.

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RECREATION NEWS

INTRAMURALS

Our next activity is Crab Soccer beginning February 22nd. This is a fun activity for all youth ages 8 to 18. The cost is \$5.00 for residents. To sign up online visit www.riverdalecity.com or stop by the Community Center. For more information call 801-621-6084.



BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Baseball and Softball registrations will be held from March 1st to March 31st. The following leagues will be open:

- Coach Pitch:** boys & girls K-2nd grade \$25
- Girls Softball:** 3rd to 9th grades, \$25
- Boys Baseball:** 3rd to 9th grades, \$35

START SMART BASEBALL

Our Start Smart Baseball program for children 5 and 6 years old starts in March with sign ups beginning on February 28th. We will be teaching them the basic skills of baseball. Cost will be \$25.00. You can register online or at the Community Center. Call 801-621-6084 for more information.



TABLE TENNIS

The next Adult Table Tennis Night will be February 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The cost is \$1.00.

SCRAPBOOKING DAY

The next scrapbooking day at the Community Center will be on February 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Come join us! There is no charge to participate.

ROY COMPLEX OFFER

Discount passes to the Roy Complex can be purchased at the Riverdale Community Center, 4360 Parker Drive. For questions call 801-621-6084.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

A feature spotlighting the employees of Riverdale City

Ember Herrick

Ember Herrick was recently hired as our City Recorder. What Ember enjoys about her job is working with the city staff, elected officials and local business owners. She also likes keeping up on all that is happening in the city.



Outside of work Ember enjoys living in Riverdale and working in her orchard and garden. She also enjoys tennis and running. Thanks Ember for all that you do for the city!

COMMUNICATION (Continued from page one)

When are city meetings held?

City Council: Meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission: Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

RDA: Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (time approximate after City Council Meeting).

All meetings are held at the Civic Center, 4600 South Weber River Drive. The public is invited to attend any city meeting. Agendas for each meeting are posted at the Civic Center on the Friday prior to the meeting. The agendas, along with the full packet of support information, can also be viewed on the city website.

OPERATION CARE UPDATE

The Riverdale Firefighters Association has been collecting donations now for a month and have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support of our community. We have collected and packed over 60 boxes to date and continue to receive donations each day. The Association has received several monetary donations towards postage and will continue to collect to offset the shipping costs.



Operation Care collected items.

Firefighter Jim Robinson is very grateful and appreciates all the support that he is receiving from our community and is excited to start seeing the boxes arrive. We will continue to collect through March and appreciate all the support we can get. Any questions, please feel free to contact Captain Dave Ermer at 801-791-0160.

Chick-fil-A is holding an Operation Care Night on February 10th. Simply mention Operation Care when placing your order and 25% of the proceeds from your purchase will be donated to Operation Care.

CERT TRAINING OFFERED

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is made up of adult citizen volunteer's who have received training such as fire suppression and emergency medical treatment. These skills would be used by CERT members in the event of a disaster in our community.



Interested citizens are invited to join our next CERT training class for Riverdale City which will be held March 31st to May 12th, on Thursday nights from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm., at the Riverdale Fire Station. The course manual and supplies will be provided for all Riverdale City residents. You must attend all seven sessions to become certified. For questions about the class or to register, contact Tamara Chase, Riverdale CERT Coordinator, at 801-393-6612 or taird@weber.edu.

DOG LICENSE RENEWAL

If you have not yet licensed your dog for 2011, please do so by February 28th to avoid the \$25 late fee. To license your dog please stop by the Civic Center.

CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Riverdale City Offices, Court, and Senior Center will be closed on Monday, February 21st for President's Day. The Community Center will not close. There will be no change in our garbage pickup schedule.

VETERANS MEMORIAL NEWS



To order a Veterans Memorial tile, please call or stop by the Senior Center. A Veterans Committee member will then arrange a time to meet with you. Visit the Veterans Page on the city website for additional information and to view a list of all names submitted along with a list of those who have donated to the memorial at www.riverdalecity.com.

AROUND THE TOWN

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY IN RIVERDALE CITY



Larry H. Miller is building a new car dealership on the corner of Riverdale Road and 1500 West. The building is now under construction and they plan to open this summer.



In-N-Out Burger has announced that they are coming to Riverdale! They will build in the parking lot in front of the old Toys-R-Us building. Construction will begin this spring.



Jiffy Lube has received final approval to build in the parking lot area south of McDonalds on 900 West.



7-Eleven will soon open a store in the vacant gas station on the northeast corner of Riverdale Road and 300 West. Plans include adding on to the existing building.



A new building will be built south of the Goodwood Barbeque building along Riverdale Road. It will house two restaurants: Noodles & Company and Café Zupas. Plans for the building are now in the review process.



Five Guys Famous Burgers and Fries has announced that it is currently looking for a location to open a store in Riverdale.

Aunt Nancy's Assisted Care Facility

Plans are in the works to build a new assisted living care facility called Aunt Nancy's. It will be built on the northeast corner of Freeway Park Drive and Ritter Drive.

VACANT BUILDINGS

The city continues to work with developers and owners to fill the vacant buildings around town (Macy's, Circuit City, Toys-R-Us, The Crossing, etc.) It is hoped that with the improving economy that many of these vacancies will be filled.



- **Papa Johns Pizza** 4104 S. Riverdale Road (in the Lighthouse Chevron building), 801-392-7272
- **Utah Gold Buyers** 1088 W. Riverdale Road (next to Office Max), 801-695-7070
- **Affordable Dentures** 4035 S. Riverdale Road, suite C, (near RC Willey) 801-334-0515

To view a listing of all Riverdale City businesses please visit the **Business Directory** page on the city website at www.riverdalecity.com.

SENIOR NEWS

RIVERDALE SENIOR CENTER

4433 South 900 West 801-621-6086
Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday (Closed on Holidays)

Stop by the Senior Center for a daily schedule or go to www.riverdalecity.com.

AARP free tax help for seniors at the Senior Center every Monday & Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. until April 4th. Sign up at the center.

Humanitarian Projects: Collecting items for "Operation Care." Also need help making hats and afghans. "Humanitarian Mondays" is each week at 9:00 a.m. Contact the Senior Center for details at 801-621-6086.

Senior of the Month is Millie Mapes. Read her bio at the Center!

Donations needed: items for Bingo prizes and yarn for projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 14th** - Valentines Day lunch and entertainment at noon.
- **February 18th** - Ensure pick up.
- **February 21st** - Closed for Holiday
- **March 2nd** - Blood pressure check, 11am
- **March 8th** - \$10.00 Foot Clinic at 9 a.m.
- **March 14th** - AARP Driver Safety Course taught from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LUNCH MENU

February

- 10 - Fried Chicken
- 11 - Chicken Casserole
- 14 - Turkey Pot Roast
- 15 - Pork Tenderloin Steak
- 16 - Beef Enchiladas
- 17 - Orange Chicken
- 18 - Meatloaf
- 21 - Closed for Holiday
- 22 - Country Fried Steak
- 23 - Chicken Stir Fry
- 24 - Roast Beef
- 25 - Tilapia Fish Fillets
- 28 - Goulash

March

- 1 - Ham
- 2 - Cod Fish
- 3 - Salisbury Steak
- 4 - Sliced Turkey
- 7 - Sweet 'n Sour Chicken
- 8 - Ham & Bean Soup
- 9 - Turkey Steak
- 10 - Spaghetti & Meatballs

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



CITY CALENDAR

February / March 2011

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

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

RIVERDALE CITY DIRECTORY

Mayor / City Council

Mayor Burrows 801-621-7979
 Councilor Arnold 801-721-4255
 Councilor Gibby 801-645-8639
 Councilor Hunt 801-392-0037
 Councilor Jenkins 801-394-7993
 Councilor Searle 801-392-2122

Civic Center

4600 South Weber River Drive
 801-394-5541

City Administrator

Larry Hansen 801-436-1233

Department of Business Administration

4600 S. Weber River Drive 801-394-5541

Community Center

4360 S. Parker Drive 801-621-6084

Senior Center

4433 S. 900 W. 801-621-6086

Justice Court

4600 S. Weber River Drive 801-394-9314

Department of Community Development

4600 S. Weber River Drive 801-394-5541 x1240

Department of Public Works / Utilities

4600 S. Weber River Drive 801-394-5541 x1201
 After hours dispatch 801-629-8221

Police Department

4580 South Weber River Drive
 911 Emergencies
 801-394-6616 Business Line
 801-629-8221 Weber Dispatch
 801-394-6616 Animal Control

Fire Department

4334 South Parker Drive
 911 Emergencies
 801-394-7481 Business Line
 801-629-8221 Weber Dispatch

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