



## Mayor's Corner

# REMEMBERING THE FLOOD OF 1999

### Marking an important event

This month marks ten years since one of the worse events and one of the best experiences in the history of Riverdale City. Ten years ago, on July 11, 1999, the Weber-Davis Canal breached sending water, mud, and debris into 78 homes, changing many lives forever. It seemed the "Riverdale Flood," played no favorites and was everywhere very quickly.

That Sunday afternoon many watched in horror and amazement as the canal water carved a canyon in the hillside below the break. The muddy water covered the Pinebrook subdivision filling yards and basements with thick mud. The water then spread through the subdivision below until coming to rest in Golden Spike Park, turning it into a muddy reservoir.

Neighbors, friends, family and strangers soon became workmates in the battle to save lives and property. The area of the breach was directly above Carl Cook's property, the LDS Stake President serving at that time. He was an eyewitness and the first victim of the flood. He also became a great partner to the City Administration in the rescue and restoration efforts.

### A magnificent team effort I hope never has to be equaled

The Mayor at that time, Ben Jones, headed up the city team with City Council members, office staff, public works and emergency services working day and night for over two weeks. The city worked side by side with the LDS Church, Red Cross, Swanson Family Foundation, local businesses and other organizations to assure that the affected residents and volunteers received the help and support they needed. Carl Cook headed up the LDS efforts with food, water and supply distribution, along with countless volunteer crews. Many of the crews were assigned to various homes until cleanup and restoration was complete and the home owner's lives were "back to normal". The people affected by the flood, either by being a victim or by being a volunteer will never be the same again.

### No one would wish for a Disaster

While everyone would say they wish we could have avoided the canal break, most would admit they learned many valuable lessons from the experience. As a City Council member, I spent about 16 hours a day for 11 days helping and being amazed by the fantastic strength, courage, resourcefulness, love, kindness, cooperation and willingness to pull together exhibited by tens of thousands of people. The people of Riverdale, Weber County, all of Utah and many neighboring states were involved in the tremendous cleanup effort. I, for one, still look back ten years later with fond memories of the effort given by so many to help those that had been dealt such a devastating blow.

There are so many amazing facts as you think back, including no deaths, or even any serious injuries. All residents were able to return to their homes within a week. When FEMA arrived on Friday they couldn't believe it was a serious disaster because so much cleanup work had been completed and ultimately denied our request for federal assistance. I, for one, am grateful to have been an eyewitness to the greatness of our City and the overwhelming outpouring of compassion towards our residents. As we reflect upon that summer, it may truly be one of our finest times.

Thanks for all you do to make our City Great. - Bruce Burrows, Mayor



Pinebrook subdivision on the day of the flood, July 11, 1999.  
To view additional pictures, please visit the city website.



Pinebrook subdivision today, ten years after the flood.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### ELECTION INFORMATION

The filing period for the November Municipal Election is currently open. The Office of Mayor and two City Council seats are up for election. Those wishing to seek office must file a Declaration of Candidacy with the Riverdale City Recorder by July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The form and Election Guide 2009 can be viewed and printed from the city website, [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com), or picked up at the Civic Center.



### 1500 WEST EXTENSION

Work is currently underway to extend the south end of 1500 West and connect it to Ritter Drive. This extension has been on the master plan for years and will help to improve traffic flow in the city. Completion is expected to be by the end of July.

### CITY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All city buildings will be closed for the Pioneer Day Holiday on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be no change in our trash pickup service.



### LAWN & GARDEN CLINICS

Riverdale City is holding free Lawn & Garden Diagnostic Clinics throughout the summer. They will be held monthly on the first and third Tuesdays at the Riverdale Senior Center, 4433 South 900 West. Come by anytime between 2:00-5:00 p.m.



### EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

*A new feature spotlighting the employees of Riverdale City*

#### Colleen Winget

Colleen has worked as a Customer Service Clerk at the Community Center for the past five years. She begins her day early, opening the Center each weekday morning. For the past four years she has taken on the challenge of being our coordinator for Old Glory Days. She does a great job and works hard to ensure that each year is a wonderful celebration.



Colleen and her husband Rick have lived in Riverdale for nearly 30 years. They have six children and ten grandchildren. When not at work she enjoys gardening, crafts, and reading. Thanks Colleen for the great job you do!

### NEW SECTION OF TRAIL OPEN

Construction is complete on a one mile extension of the south end of the Weber River Parkway Trail. The trail now extends nearly the entire length of the city borders from north to south. The total length of the trail is three miles. Future plans include connecting the trail on the north end to the Centennial Trail. A slide show and map of the Weber River Parkway Trail, with locations of trail heads and access points, are on the city website at [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com).



### HELP NEEDED ON TRAIL SIGN

On the south section of the trail across from the Civic Center is a sign telling about Miles Goodyear. The elements have taken their toll on the sign and it is in need of refinishing. The city is looking for citizens that will be willing to donate some labor in helping refinish the sign. If you would like to help, please contact Lynn Moulding at 801-394-5541 ext. 1219.



## RECREATION NEWS

### SUMMER SWIM PARTIES

The summer swim parties are underway! Riverdale City has rented the Aquatic Center in Roy exclusively for Riverdale residents to swim for free. The dates are July 7<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. The Aquatic Center is reserved from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each evening (6-8 p.m. on August 19<sup>th</sup>). We look forward to seeing you there! The Aquatic Center is located at 2977 West 5200 South in Roy. For a map with directions, please visit the city website at [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com).



### ROY COMPLEX DISCOUNT OFFER

As a benefit to residents, the city will pay half of the cost of a discounted non-resident pass to the Roy Complex. The discounted passes are only for current Riverdale residents and can only be purchased at the Riverdale Community Center, 4360 S. Parker Drive. The Roy Complex offers an indoor swimming pool, indoor running track, basketball courts, weight room, exercise room, sauna, and racquetball courts. The complex is located at 2150 West 4700 South in Roy. For questions call the Community Center at 801-621-6084.

### FLAG FOOTBALL

Co-ed Flag Football registration will be from July 15<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> for boys and girls 1<sup>st</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grades. Cost is \$25 per child for residents. Registration will take place at the Community Center, 4360 S. Parker Drive. The registration form will also be available on the city website at [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com). For additional information call 801-621-6084.



### COMMUNITY CENTER TO BE CLOSED

The Community Center will be closed from July 20<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup> for cleaning and refinishing of the gym floor. The front office will remain open to conduct business from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday—Friday.

### SCRAPBOOKING DAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Join us on July 18<sup>th</sup> for scrapbooking day at the Community Center. Bring your supplies and drop by anytime between 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a day of fun. There is no charge to participate. Hope to see you there.

### INTRAMURALS

Our next intramural activity will be Table Tennis beginning August 17<sup>th</sup> for youth ages 8 to 18. Cost is \$5.00 for 6 weeks. Sign ups will start August 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information call the Community Center at 801-621-6084.

# RIVERDALE SENIOR NEWS

July 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!**

### PICNIC IN THE PARK A SUCCESS

It was another great success for the annual Senior Center picnic which was held on June 12<sup>th</sup>. All those who attended enjoyed good food and were entertained by the Hales Family Fiddlers Kids. Thank you to all those who participated!



### SENIOR OF THE MONTH

Charlotte Lorin is the July 'Senior of the Month.' Charlotte is our Tuesday afternoon receptionist. She just learned how to quilt, and has made some beautiful quilts. She also enjoys playing cards. She has enjoyed all the friends she has met at the senior center. Thank you Charlotte for all you do!

### SUMMER OUTINGS SCHEDULED

The Weber County Organization for the Elderly is planning a series of outings this summer. The trips include:

- July 15<sup>th</sup> - The Mikado at the Ellen Eccles Theater in Logan.
- July 30<sup>th</sup> - Carmen at the Ellen Eccles Theater in Logan.
- August 8<sup>th</sup> - Bluegrass and Barbeque at the Heber Valley Railroad.
- September 12<sup>th</sup> - The Scarlet Pimpernel at the Hale Center Theater.
- September 30<sup>th</sup> - Fall Foliage Tour.

For cost, information, or to sign up please, visit the Senior Center.



### SENIOR CENTER SCHEDULES NEW FALL CLASSES

The Center is planning for some new fall classes including:

- Basic Spanish Class
- Digital camera, scanning, DVD burning, and photo class
- Yoga

To participate in any of these classes, please sign up at the Center.

### DAILY SCHEDULE AT THE CENTER

#### Mondays

9:00 a.m. Wood carving class

#### Tuesdays

8:00 a.m. Magic workout  
9:00 a.m. Wii Fit  
9:00 a.m. Beginning computer class  
10:00 a.m. Scrapbooking (14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>)  
10:00 a.m. Mahjong  
12:30 p.m. Bingo

#### Wednesdays

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

#### Thursdays

8:00 a.m. Magic workout  
10:00 a.m. Wii bowling  
12:30 p.m. Bridge  
12:45 p.m. Texas Holdem & Dominos

#### Fridays

10:00 a.m. Stained glass class

#### Notes:

- Quilt Block of the Month Club to meet at 9:30 a.m. on July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The creative writing class will not be held during the summer, but will begin again this fall.

### LUNCH MENU

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



#### July

- ✓ 1 - Tilapia Fish Fillet
- ✓ 2 - Chicken Cordon Bleu
- ✓ 3 - Closed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- ✓ 6 - Mesquite Chicken
- ✓ 7 - Baked Ham
- ✓ 8 - Sliced Turkey
- ✓ 9 - Fried Chicken
- ✓ 10 - Sliced Pork Roast
- ✓ 13 - Chicken Stuffing Casserole
- ✓ 14 - Roast Beef
- ✓ 15 - Taco Bar
- ✓ 16 - Unbreaded Chicken Breast
- ✓ 17 - Swiss Steak
- ✓ 20 - Spaghetti & Meatballs
- ✓ 21 - Teriyaki Chicken
- ✓ 22 - Turkey Sub
- ✓ 23 - Country Fried Steak
- ✓ 24 - Closed for Pioneer Day
- ✓ 27 - Hamburgers
- ✓ 28 - Chicken Enchiladas
- ✓ 29 - Turkey Pot Roast
- ✓ 30 - Salmon Pattie
- ✓ 31 - Hot Roast Beef Sandwich

#### August

- ✓ 3 - Meatloaf
- ✓ 4 - Chicken Pillows
- ✓ 5 - Pot Roast
- ✓ 6 - Turkey Croissant Sandwich
- ✓ 7 - Sweet n' Sour Chicken

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **July 9<sup>th</sup>** - Bone Density Screening at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10.00.
- **July 14<sup>th</sup>** - Foot Clinic at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$5.00.
- **July 14<sup>th</sup>** - Bingo Prizes donated by Altius Med Advantage.
- **July 24<sup>th</sup>** - Closed for Pioneer Day.
- **July 28<sup>th</sup>** - 12:15 pm - Educational presentation.
- **July 31<sup>st</sup>** - Western Day - Entertainment by "Stampede."

### TEACHERS NEEDED

The Senior Center is looking for volunteer Ceramics, Art and China Painting teachers. If you can help please talk to Mickie at the Center.

## CITY CALENDAR

### July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Garbage Day	2	3 City Offices and Senior Center Closed	4 Old Glory Days Celebration
5	6	7 City Council Meeting* 6:00 p.m. Lawn & Garden Clinic <b>Swim Party</b>	8 Riverdale City Night at the Ogden Raptors Garbage Day	9	10	11
12	13	14 Planning Commission* 6:30 p.m.	15 Last Day to file for election Garbage Day	16	17 <b>Swim Party</b> Roy Aquatic Center 6:30-8:30 pm	18 Scrap Booking Day at the Community Center
19	20	21 City Council / RDA Meeting* 6 pm Lawn & Garden Clinic	22 Garbage Day	23	24	25
26	27	28 Planning Commission* 6:30 p.m.	29 Garbage Day	30	31	August 1

\*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 801-621-7979  
 Councilor Gibby 801-621-8639  
 Councilor Griffiths 801-393-0183  
 Councilor Hunt 801-392-0037  
 Councilor Jenkins 801-394-7993  
 Councilor Peterson 801-334-9660

### 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)  
 Animal Control 801-394-6616

### Fire Department

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

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

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