



MAYOR'S CORNER

Tax Increase

The final vote was taken last week at our truth in taxation meeting. We have committed to not raise the taxes any more than necessary. True to that commitment, we lowered the amount that you all saw in the paper and on the notices from the County Assessor. The Assessor had raised the property valuations and that increased the amount above what we had intended to raise our taxes. We therefore lowered them back down to the budget amount previously determined to be needed.

The summary is this: we originally decided that 30% was needed to fulfill our budget requirements, the County raised the valuation resulting in our amount jumping to 42% and then the recommendation was made and voted to lower the amount back down to 30%. This tax rate is approximately the same as the 1998 tax rate in Riverdale. We are sorry to have to raise them at all and hope this will solve the problem for a long time to come.

A problem for everyone to take care of themselves

This is a reminder for everyone, especially pet owners. In Riverdale we have both a leash law and a pooper-scooper law. We have had a significant number of complaints lately of violations of one or both of these laws. We try not to intrude too much into the lives of our residents, and try very hard to provide the best of amenities for everyone to enjoy. We provide pet bags and receptacles to clean up after your pets on the trails, so that everyone can enjoy them equally.

Please have consideration and respect for others and the facilities that have been provided by cleaning up after your pet. It really is a simple solution to a very annoying problem that can ruin any outing. It should be obvious that the same goes for any litter that you bring and even better, pick up after some other uncaring person that may have littered. Leave it cleaner than you found it.

Thanks for all you do to make our City Great.

**Bruce Burrows
Mayor**

PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION

Riverdale City is holding a Primary Election on September 11, 2007. All precincts will vote at the Senior Center, 4433 South 900 West. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Primary Election will reduce the field of candidates to six for the General Election.



The following candidates are running City Council (3 seats available, four-year term, 2008-2012):

Alan Arnold	Don Hunt
Norman Baker	Shelly Jenkins
David D. Gibby	Dave Vaughn
Stacey E. Haws	

To learn about the candidates running for City Council, visit the city website at www.riverdalecity.com.

FALL CLEANUP SCHEDULED

Our Fall Cleanup has been scheduled for Saturday, October 13th. This will be the same type of cleanup as in the spring with dumpsters located at various locations around the city. Look for more details in our October newsletter.



DOES RIVERDALE HAVE A GANG PROBLEM?

By Police Chief Dave Hansen

Day after day we read in the paper or see on the news stories of gang related violence. Neighboring cities has been in the headlines for the last few years and particularly in the last few weeks for gang problems ranging from *Drive-By-Shootings* to extensive graffiti. And "**No**" we do not have a "**gang problem**" here in Riverdale. And that is not by accident. We in the Police Department take a very proactive stance in the following ways.

Gang Task Force: We have an officer assigned to the gang task force who shares with fellow officers all the gang intelligence from task force dealings in Ogden.

No Welcome Mat: When dealing with gang bangers our officers **do not** instill a positive feeling of welcome to Riverdale City.

Grffiti Control: Whenever graffiti rears its ugly head it is immediately removed or covered.

Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program: Did you know that 40% of all inmates released from prison in Utah come to the Ogden area? Because of this and other problems, Riverdale has adopted a program called the Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program. Riverdale has entered into agreements with multi-housing units to ensure that criminal behavior is not tolerated. These apartment complexes are required to do background checks and credit

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FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

In conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week, our Riverdale City Fire Department will be holding a Fire Station Open House on Monday, October 8th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Riverdale City Fire Station, 4334 S. Parker Drive. Come visit with the firefighters, view educational displays and enjoy the fun.



The theme for this year is 'Practice Your Escape Plan.' Being alerted to a fire and knowing what to do to escape from one are extremely important. All residents are encouraged to develop a fire escape plan that identifies two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside and practice using the plan at least twice a year. For more information visit www.riverdalecity.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

ANNUAL CITIZENS SURVEY

A change is coming to our Annual Citizens Survey this year. Instead of mailing a survey to all residents, the survey will be available online through our city website at www.riverdalecity.com with paper copies available by request. Look for more information about the survey in upcoming city newsletters.



RECREATION NEWS

YOUTH BASKETBALL Registration for youth basketball is now taking place until September 28th at the Community Center, 4360 Parker Dr. This is for 2nd grade boys and girls, 3rd grade boys, and girls grades 3rd-9th. Cost is \$15 for residents (does not include jerseys). For information please call 621-6084. Registration for boys grades 4th-9th will take place in November.



INTRAMURALS Parents, the intramural program is a great opportunity for your child ages 8 to 18 to gain confidence in playing sports. The cost is \$5.00 for each six week activity. Our next activity will be basketball in October, with signups beginning on September 17th. The registration form can be printed from the city website, www.riverdalecity.com. For more information please call 621-6084.

MEN'S COMPETITIVE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registrations are taking place until September 22nd at the Community Center for our Fall Men's Competitive Basketball League. The league is limited to eight teams. Participants must be 19 years of age or older. The cost is \$300 per team. Games will be played on Friday evenings beginning September 28th. The registration form can be printed from the city website, www.riverdalecity.com. For questions please call 621-6084.



CITY WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Development on the new design of the city website is ongoing. The new look and navigation is complete. Permits and forms are available on the site. Online payments will be coming within a few months (watch for details). Information on meetings and events are continually updated on the site. New to the site is the Elected Officials blog. Please stop by and take a look! The website address is www.riverdalecity.com.

FIRE BAN CONTINUES

The fire ban in the eastern area of Riverdale continues to be in effect until October 1st. This means that all outside fires including agriculture, yard debris, and cooking (except contained barbecue grills) are prohibited. For more information visit our website at www.riverdalecity.com.



FIRE SAFETY TIPS

As fall approaches, here are a few safety tips from the Fire Department:

- Get your furnace checked early.
- Replace all smoke detector batteries.
- All residents need to have carbon monoxide detectors in the living areas of your home. However, don't place them in the furnace room.
- Fire safety inspections of your home are offered at your request.

If you would like to schedule an inspection or have any fire safety questions please call 394-7481. Thank you for your support of your Riverdale Fire and Emergency Services Department.

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checks of prospective tenants, and upon receiving a third police complaint, the tenants in these complexes are asked to move or are evicted. We in Riverdale City may have to tolerate traffic, but we need not tolerate criminal behavior of any kind. Criminals are **not a protected class of people** and we can and must discriminate against them in order to remain a safe place to live in. We once received a complaint from a citizen upset because his son, being released from prison after doing time for a child molestation crime, could not live with him because he lived in a Crime-Free Multi-Housing complex. The program works!

Officer Assigned Precincts: A few years ago we divided the city into precincts and assigned a uniformed police officer to each precinct. Officers more heavily patrol their assigned precinct and understand the problems associated within that precinct. Officers are also responsible for conducting block parties. During this last summer we have had numerous Block Parties involving the police and fire departments. They have been fun and informative.

We love our association with the citizens and love receiving calls when gang members may be hanging around. We in the Police Department work very hard to make Riverdale a safe place to live. We are grateful for the commitment the Mayor and City Council have towards public safety. By all of us working together we can keep Riverdale the great community that it is and we can sleep at night not having to experience bullets whizzing overhead.

LAWN & GARDEN CLINICS

September 18th will be our last free Lawn & Garden Diagnostic Clinic of the season. It will be held at the Senior Center, 4433 South 900 West, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm.



RIVERDALE SENIOR NEWS

September 2007

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!

LUNCH MENU

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



September

- ✓ 4 - Lasagna
- ✓ 5 - Ham Croissant Sandwich
- ✓ 6 - Turkey Steak
- ✓ 7 - Sloppy Joe's
- ✓ 10 - Meat Loaf
- ✓ 11 - Turkey Sub
- ✓ 12 - Spaghetti & Meatballs
- ✓ 13 - Swiss Steak
- ✓ 14 - Battered Halibut
- ✓ 17 - Unbreaded Tilapia Fillets
- ✓ 18 - Chicken Enchiladas
- ✓ 19 - Unbreaded Chicken Breast
- ✓ 20 - Country Fried Steak
- ✓ 21 - Chicken Stir Fry
- ✓ 24 - Beef Stroganoff
- ✓ 25 - Mesquite Chicken Breast
- ✓ 26 - Pork Tenderloin Steak
- ✓ 27 - Chicken & Broccoli Cass.
- ✓ 28 - Teriyaki Chicken

October

- ✓ 1 - Spaghetti & Meatballs
- ✓ 2 - Malibu Chicken
- ✓ 3 - Hot Roast Beef Sandwich
- ✓ 4 - Tenderloin Chicken Breast
- ✓ 5 - Battered Cod
- ✓ 8 - Shepherd Pie
- ✓ 9 - Fried Chicken
- ✓ 10 - Tilapia Fish Fillet

SENIOR CRAFT FAIR SCHEDULED

The Senior Center Annual Craft Fair has been scheduled for November 2nd and 3rd. We are now accepting donated hand made items to sell during the fair to help support the Seniors' programs. We are also taking reservations for tables at the Craft Fair. If you have any questions please stop by the Center or call 621-6086.



SENIOR OF THE MONTH

Marian Subic as been selected September "Senior of the Month" at the Center. Marian is a Master Bridge card player and has won many tournaments. She volunteers many hours a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays teaching seniors to play Bridge. On Tuesday she also teaches Mahjong. We appreciate Marian for her strong support of the Center. Congratulations!!

NEW CLASSES OFFERED

The senior center offers a great variety of classes. Here are our new classes beginning in September:

- **Beading Class** held Thursdays at 1:00 pm.
- **Creative Writing Class** held Thursdays at 10:00 am.
- **Microsoft Word Class** held Tuesdays at 10:30 am.
- **Beginning Computers Class** held Tuesdays at 1:00 pm.

Come by the Center for a full schedule of all the classes offered.

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS NEEDED

The senior center is in need of volunteer teachers for our Lapidary and Internet Instruction classes. To volunteer, please contact Mickie at the Center.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 13th** - Leather craft demo. New class may start if there is enough interest.
- **September 21st** - Ensure health supplement pickup. Orders and money must be prepaid.
- **September 25th** - Wellness Massage offered, \$7.00 for 15 minute massage.

With Sympathy

Our deepest condolences go out to the family and friends of Clara Larsen on her passing. Clara was a resident of the Senior Center Housing and was a shining light to all those who knew her. She volunteered at the Center and was very generous to all those she knew that were in need. She loved her family deeply and was always concerned for their well being. She will be missed by all!

We would also like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Gloria P. Tripp on her passing. She and her mother Anna, loved to come to the Center to play pinochle. She was a great mother to her five children and will missed by all those who knew her.

NEWS BRIEFS

The Senior Center is in need of good usable Bingo prizes. Bring donations to the Center from 8 am - 4 pm, Monday thru Friday.

CITY CALENDAR

September 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Labor Day, City Offices Closed	4 City Council Meeting* 6 pm Lawn & garden clinic	5 Garbage Day	6	7	8 / 1
Early Primary Voting Open 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Civic Center						
9	10	11 Primary Election Planning Commis- sion* 6:30 pm	12 Garbage Day	13	14	15
16	17	18 City Council / RDA Meeting* 6 pm Lawn & garden clinic	19 Garbage Day	20	21	22
23	24	25 Planning Commission* 6:30 pm	26 Garbage Day	27	28 Last day to register for Youth Basketball	29
30	1 October	2 City Council Meeting* 6 pm	3 Garbage Day	4	5	6

**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 Haws 393-2598
 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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