



### MAYOR'S CORNER

#### The State of Riverdale City

It is very gratifying to be able to talk about the many good things that are going on in our city. In the economic times in which we live, we are fortunate to have such a healthy fiscal picture. It is a good picture, one we hope to continue to improve on each year as we plan for our future.

We are very aware of possible factors that could negatively impact our continued stability. We are working very hard to make sure that we stay viable as a city now and into the future. We are trying to find the best ways to keep our quality of life at the maximum, while keeping our taxes and disruptions to a minimum.

#### No one likes taxes

We have been able to take advantage of the commercial base we have in Riverdale to help keep the property taxes low. We try to pass the benefits along to the residents, with lower property taxes and lower costs of services.

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## NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TAKE OFFICE



Pictured from left to right: Mayor Burrows, Councilor Brough, Councilor Hadden, Councilor Gibby, Councilor Haws, Councilor Jenkins.

The Riverdale City Council welcomed three new members on January 6, 2004. Taking the oath of office during the first council meeting of the year were: David Gibby, Stacey Haws, and Shelly Jenkins. The three new Councilors were elected to a four-year term of office during the November elections. Also taking the oath of office was Stan Hadden, who was re-elected to a two-year term.

The Riverdale City Council is now represented by Mayor Bruce Burrows, Councilor Nancy Brough, Councilor Stan Hadden, Councilor David Gibby, Councilor Shelly Jenkins, and Councilor Stacey Haws.

## RDA HOUSING - A MILLION DOLLAR PROGRAM!!!



The Redevelopment Agency of Riverdale City is very pleased to announce that the Housing Rehabilitation Loan program is now a million dollar plus program. Funded by a percentage of the redevelopment tax increment received by the RDA, the fund has just surpassed the million dollar mark and now has a balance of \$1,033,906. These funds represent an endowment which will exist in perpetuity and continue to grow in future years to benefit qualifying Riverdale homeowners. It has proven very valuable to those who have already taken advantage of the program.

If your home is in need of improvements or repairs, the RDA Housing Program may be able to help. The program provides low-interest and no-interest loans of up to \$20,000 to property owners who meet certain income guidelines. Loan proceeds must be used to make property improvements. A loan information packet may be obtained at the Civic Center, at [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com) or call 394-5541.

## Mayor's Corner Continued

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City leaders have consistently focused on lower property taxes over the last twenty years and for the last six years the Riverdale City mill levy portion of the property taxes has decreased from 0.001474 to 0.001150, a 22% decrease!

We realize there are many inconveniences for living near two freeways and Riverdale road, each being controlled by Federal or State agencies. The city has very little control or influence over the traffic in any of these road situations.

### Our neighbors the commercial businesses

We have had some great things happen this year to bring the appearances and economic health of the city to a higher standard. The designs for new construction and for renovation work are paying off in wonderful new looks not seen before in the commercial sector. Not only are the buildings more attractive, but the landscaping, lighting and walkable treatment of the sites and roadways are much more conducive to patrons.

We are equally proud of all of the new businesses in our city. Perhaps the greatest single example of what can be done when business and city leaders cooperate is the renaissance of the former Wal-Mart building into the new Meier & Frank Store. It is truly beautiful inside and out, with a great atmosphere in which to shop.

### Worth the wait – Soon to be a reality

Currently, plans are in the works for a new facility for our senior citizens. This facility should not only fill the cultural and social needs of the seniors, but will also include affordable housing as well. I had asked Larry Hansen, our Business Administrator, about an idea to try using some money from the Riverdale Redevelopment Agency rather than just city general fund money for the senior's. He found a way to do it by adding the senior housing piece to the pie.

It is truly a dream come true for the seniors, who have been patiently waiting for something to call their own. He also created a plan to help it be virtually self-sufficient from the day it opens. I believe it will become a source of pride, not only for the seniors but everyone in the community. Thank you, Larry Hansen, for your sense of community and tireless efforts on behalf of the senior's, and your skills with our city's finances.

### It's winter in Utah

Now may I ask for your help and patience. Many of us have forgotten what a real winter in Utah is all about. We have been very spoiled for several years with little snow on our streets and driveways to plow and shovel. This year as the snow came in abundance the calls came into the city, as well as to my home.

We have really tried hard to address the issues and to make our street clearing efforts better as well as citizen friendly. There are still wrinkles in the system but it is vastly improved, from just a short time ago. We ask your patience and assistance in this area. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Thanks again to all citizens.

**Bruce Burrows, Mayor**

## SURVEY COMMENTS ONLINE



Are you curious what your fellow citizens have on their mind? You can find out online at [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com). Here you will find the written comments which were received from questions asked in our 2003 Citizens Survey. Just follow the link on our homepage and select a survey section to view the comments. We appreciate the wide variety of comments and suggestions received.

## UTILITY BILLING OPTIONS

Looking for an easier way to balance your monthly budget? Residents may sign up for the Utility Equal Pay option and be billed an equal amount each month based on last years billing. This is a great way to work your summer excess water usage into your budget.



Direct Pay is also available. This option allows residents to have their utility payment deducted directly from their bank account on a monthly basis. It is required for those who choose the Equal Pay option to also sign up for Direct Pay. To sign up, please call 394-5541 ext. 1201 or visit the website at [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com).



To print a signup form please visit:  
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and information, visit the  
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# RECREATION NEWS



## SOFTBALL / BASEBALL

Registration for all programs below will take place at the Community Center, 4360 Parker Dr. For more information please call 621-6084.

**Boys and girls coach pitch**, grades kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> signups will be March 15<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>. Play will begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May. Cost is \$15.

**Girls softball** grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> signups will be from March 15<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>. The season begins the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May. Cost is \$15.

**Boys WBBA baseball** grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> signups will be from March 15<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>. The season will begin the end of April. Cost is \$20.

**Boys Pony League baseball** grades 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>, signups will be from March 15<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>. Play will begin in mid May. Cost is \$15.



**START SMART PROGRAM** The City will be starting a Start Smart Program for kids ages 5-6. This program is designed to teach your child skills of baseball/softball.

Signups will begin March 1<sup>st</sup>. The program starts April 8<sup>th</sup> and will run for six weeks. The cost is \$15.00. An adult must attend with their child.

**INTRAMURALS** Our next activity is Crab Soccer starting February 17<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$5. Ages 8 & 9 will be on Tues & Wed and ages 10 & older will be on Mon & Thurs. The activity starts at 3:45 p.m. at the Community Center. For more information call 621-6084.

Intramurals is a great opportunity for your children to develop their athletic skills while having fun.



**ADULT PING PONG** Don't miss the Adult Ping Pong Tournament to be held on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Cost to enter will be \$1.00. Plan now to come.



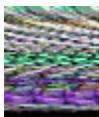
**MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL** Our next Midnight Basketball Night will be March 29<sup>th</sup> from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. This is for youth ages 15 to 21. Come play with members of our Police and Fire Departments. Cost is \$1 per person. Call 621-6084 for more information.

## RIVERDALE BAND FORMED

The Riverdale City Band is off to a good start. This is a fun, dedicated group. We are looking for additional members of all ages. There is no cost to participate and we have some babysitting available. We practice every Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. We have a few performances on the books and are getting more scheduled. If you are interested in joining or need more information call the Community Center at 621-6084 or stop by one of our practices.



## A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



Riverdale City is looking for volunteers willing and able to assist with our Community Services programs: sports, recreation, seniors, Old Glory Days, and other activities and events. If you can help please contact Jeannette Hall at 621-6084.

## RECREATION REGISTRATION SCHEDULE FOR 2004

Registrations for all of the following will take place at the Community Center, 4360 Parker Dr. For more information please call 621-6084.

### Baseball / Softball

#### March / April

Start Smart Baseball Program  
Boys & girls ages 5-6

Coach pitch - Boys and Girls  
K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Girls Softball  
3<sup>rd</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grade

Boys WBBA Baseball  
3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Boys Pony League Baseball  
7<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grade

### Flag Football

#### August

Boys & Girls  
1<sup>st</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grade

### Basketball

#### September

Co-ed Basketball  
2<sup>nd</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Girls Basketball  
5<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grades

Start Smart Basketball Program  
Boys & girls ages 5-6

#### November

Boys Basketball  
5<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> grade

## SURPLUS JERSEYS TO BE SOLD



Beginning on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the recreation program will offer new surplus basketball jerseys for sale. There will be 24 wildcat purple and white, extra large jerseys and 4 youth medium jerseys. They are offered on a first come first come basis. The price starts at \$10 each and will be decreased each day they remain unsold. The sale will take place at the Community Center, 4360 Parker Dr.

## CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POSES SILENT AND SERIOUS THREAT



Often known as a silent killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas that poses a substantial risk to those using fuel-burning heating sources. Because CO is undetectable by smell and sight, and initial symptoms such as headaches and dizziness can be mistaken for flu or other illness, CO detectors play a significant role in alerting you to this “silent killer.”

A carbon monoxide detector is critical in alerting families to CO levels that may pose a serious health threat. Research found that only 35 percent of homeowners had a carbon monoxide detector in their home.

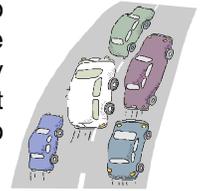
According to the Home Safety Council, CO poisoning precautions should not stop at the CO detector. They also recommend:

- Install at least one CO alarm in your home, specifically near sleeping areas.
- Ventilate the room when using a kerosene space heater.
- Have a professional inspect, repair, and tune-up your heating system each year.
- Open the flue before you build a fire in the fireplace.
- Have a professional inspect chimneys each year and have any cracks repaired before using the fireplace.
- Install and use wood-burning stoves according to manufacturers' directions and in compliance with local building and safety code requirements.
- Keep gas appliances properly vented, adjusted and serviced.
- Never use a range or oven to heat your home.
- Never use a gas barbecue grill or generator inside your home or in a garage.
- Don't leave a car running inside a garage, even with the door open.
- Should your CO detector alert you to an increased level of carbon monoxide, turn off all heat sources and gas appliances, open windows and evacuate the home. Contact the fire department.
- CO detectors are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Smoke alarms do not warn you of dangerous CO levels.

## TRAFFIC ISSUES ADDRESSED

Lieutenant Dave Hansen

Riverdale City recently sent out a survey to residents requesting their feedback on how we could better serve our citizens. We really appreciate the generally favorable feedback that we received. Our goal with this survey was to address concerns and issues.



One of the concerns of the survey is the traffic in Riverdale, especially on Riverdale Road. Riverdale Road is a State road and is regulated by the State. We meet with the Utah Department of Transportation Officials (UDOT) on a regular basis to find solutions to traffic problems. UDOT is receptive to our concerns and attempt to address them in a very timely manor.

The Riverdale Traffic Safety Committee is fully aware of the tremendous challenges that lie ahead. The Riverdale City Council is looking into commissioning an overall traffic study of the city to give us a greater sense of direction and the planning for the city. We will also continue to work with UDOT and businesses to improve traffic flow to make living and shopping in Riverdale a pleasant experience.

Two other areas of concern:

### Noise Barriers

There were a few concerns about noise along the I-15 Freeway and the possibility of installing sound walls. UDOT officials are aware of our resident's concerns, however, due to a 10-year wait for sound walls on existing freeways, because of a lack of funds, no plans have been made.

### Traffic Signals



Traffic signals are not a “cure all” for problems at intersections. Installation of a new traffic signal runs about \$200,000. An increase in traffic accidents is also common. *Unjustified traffic signals* can result in excessive delays and increased congestion, air pollution, gasoline consumption and diversion of traffic into local residential streets.

For a more detailed explanation of advantages and disadvantages of Noise Barriers and Traffic Signals, please go to the Riverdale City Website at [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com).



## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Disasters can happen at any time and in any place. You, your family, and neighbors could be cut off from each other, local and state emergency services, and other cities. Will you be ready to help yourself and your community?

Riverdale City encourages every family to have a 72 hour emergency kit available. There are six basics you should stock in your family disaster supplies kit: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools and emergency supplies and special items such as food for pets, manual can opener and utensils.

Subsequent newsletter and website ([www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com)) articles will outline the contents of the 72 hour disaster kit, explain the basics of a disaster plan, and discuss other related preparedness topics.

# RIVERDALE SENIOR CENTER

4360 S. Parker Drive, Riverdale, Utah 84405  
(801) 621-6084

Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday  
(Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays)

## SENIORS DAILY SCHEDULE

<b>MONDAY</b>	9:00.....Beginning Computer Class 10:00.....Line Dancing 11:30.....Macramé Class 12:30.....Spanish Class 1:00.....Quilting Class
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:00.....Knitting Class & Knitting Loom 9:00.....Easy Stretching Class 9:00.....Wood burning Class 10:00.....Scrapbooking 10:30.....Intermediate Computer Class 10:30.....Pinochle 11:00.....1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday: Blood Pressure 12:00.....Lunch (Birthday Song 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday) 12:45.....Panguingue, Cribbage, Hand & Foot 12:45.....Bingo, Pinochle
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	8:00.....Exercise Class 9:00.....Ceramics and Porcelain Class 12:00.....Lunch 12:30.....Mahjong, Chess, Dominos 12:30.....Guitar lessons (March) \$10 / 10 classes • Wendover Day: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month
<b>THURSDAY</b>	8:00.....Exercise Class 9:00.....Internet Class, Rug Making 11:00.....Pinochle 12:00.....Lunch 12:30.....Bridge, Pinochle. Dominos 12:30.....Hang Man or Cross Word Puzzles 1:00.....3rd Thursday: Free Foot Clinic
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:00.....Crocheting Class 9:00.....Craft Class (when scheduled) 10:00.....Brunch 10:30.....Movie
<b>DAILY</b>	• Refreshments daily 9:00-2:00. • Exercise equipment available daily for your use. • Card games, Library, TV, and Quilting available.

## SENIORS NEWS BRIEFS

**TAX HELP** AARP is offering free tax help, please sign up at the Senior Center.

**Plan ahead for Mesquite Trip** March 24-26. This is a great opportunity to get away and have fun. Sign up ASAP at the Senior Center or stop by for more information.



### LUNCH MENU

Lunch is served at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Center for seniors age 55 and older. Suggested donation is \$2.00.

### FEBRUARY

- ✓ 17 - Lasagna
- ✓ 18 - Hamburgers
- ✓ 19 - Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo
- ✓ 24 - Tater Tot Casserole
- ✓ 25 - Fried Chicken
- ✓ 26 - Meatloaf

### MARCH

- ✓ 2 - Sweet N' Sour Chicken
- ✓ 3 - Baked Potato Bar
- ✓ 4 - Pot Roast
- ✓ 9 - Tenderloin Chicken Breasts
- ✓ 10 - Roast Beef
- ✓ 11 - Chicken Pillows
- ✓ 16 - Turkey Gravy Over Noodles
- ✓ 17 - Salisbury Steak
- ✓ 18 - Chicken Cour-Don-Blu
- ✓ 23 - Taco Salad
- ✓ 24 - Spaghetti & Meatballs
- ✓ 25 - Fried Chicken
- ✓ 30 - Chicken/Broccoli Casserole
- ✓ 31 - Taco Bar

### **SPECIAL EVENTS** contact the center for more information

- February 6 - Play at Terrace Playhouse
- February 12 - Home Remedy Facial Care at 12:15 p.m.
- February 26 - Terri Taylor "Yodeler" sings
- March 4 - Bone Density Test at 12:30 p.m.
- March 11 - John Anderson & Emma Hicks entertain
- March 18 - Share your Hobbies and Interest Day
- March 23 - Crazy Hat Day, wear a crazy hat to celebrate spring (prizes awarded)

**Breakfast is served every Friday at 10:00 a.m. with a movie to follow at 10:30 a.m.**

**Stop by the Senior Center for a complete menu.**

## **RIVERDALE CITY DIRECTORY**

### **Mayor**

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bburrows@riverdale.state.ut.us

### **City Council**

Councilor Brough  
393-1008

Councilor Gibby  
621-8639

Councilor Hadden  
392-0724

Councilor Haws  
393-2598

Councilor Jenkins  
394-7993

### **Civic Center**

4600 South Weber River Drive  
394-5541

### **City Administrator**

John Geilmann  
394-5541 ext. 1210

### **Department of Business**

**Administration**  
*Business Administrator*  
Larry Hansen  
394-5541 ext. 1233

### **Community Center**

4360 South Parker Drive  
621-6084

*Community Services Coordinator*  
Jeannette Hall

### **Justice Court**

4600 South Weber River Drive  
394-9314

*Justice Court Administrator*  
Judge John Sandberg

### **Court appearances**

Mondays @ 2:00 p.m.  
Thursdays @ 2:00 p.m.

### **Department of Community Development**

4600 South Weber River Drive  
394-5541

*Community Development Administrator*  
Randy Daily  
394-5541 ext. 1215

### **Department of Public Safety**

*Public Safety Administrator*  
Wayne Hoaldrige  
394-6616 ext. 1254

### **Police Station**

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

### **Fire Station**

4334 South Parker Drive  
911 (Emergencies)  
394-7481 (Business Line)  
629-8314 (Weber Dispatch)

### **Department of Public Works**

4600 South Weber River Drive  
394-5541  
After hours dispatch 629-8268

*Public Works Director*  
Lynn Moulding  
394-5541 ext. 1219

Utilities Department  
394-5541 ext. 1201

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 3** - Council / RDA Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 10** - Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 16** - President's Day, City Offices Closed
- 17** - Council / RDA Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 24** - Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 28** - Council & Planning Commission combined Land Use Meeting, 8 a.m. at the Fire station

### **MARCH**

- 2** - Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 9** - Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 16** - Council / RDA Meetings 6:00 p.m.
- 23** - Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### **APRIL**

- 6** - Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 13** - Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 20** - Council / RDA Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 27** - Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.

*Requests to be on the agenda for City Council meetings or Planning Commission meetings should be made before 5:00 p.m. Monday, one week prior to the meeting.*

*Agendas for City Council meetings and Planning Commission meetings are posted in the Civic Center foyer prior to the meetings or at our website [www.riverdalecity.com](http://www.riverdalecity.com).*

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