

MAYOR'S CORNER

The fight for our tax dollars is in full Swing

Robin Hood in reverse is probably the best way to describe what we see in the state legislature. The state has built two freeways and a major road through our city and said deal with it. Over the years we have not only dealt with it but made the best of it, becoming a regional shopping hub.

Now they say because we have been so successful at it we must share what we make with those that can't or won't build their economic base. Another fable comes to mind that of the ant and the grasshopper. We have tried to be prepared for the hard times and when we did the "grasshoppers" seem to have friends to redistribute the "Wealth".

Two Major Threats

At our meeting last week they told us of a new plan to take away all sales tax (See **Larry Hansen's article on page 2**) and put it back on each of you in more property taxes. Then in another meeting I attended they said that the income tax deduction for property taxes was going to be reduced. So in my opinion it would be a double hit for all of us and none of the burden would be borne by tourists and outside businesses in our state.

Please join with me in opposing these changes. Watch for meetings in our area and come and voice your opposition.

911 Dispatch Center Vote issue

It is not often that all Mayors in a county agree on issues, but they all agree that passage of the 911

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ROUNABOUT SAFETY

Principal construction of the new roundabouts along 4400 South at Parker Drive and Cozy Dale Road is complete. With the exception of temporary closures until Nov. 15th, the roundabouts are open. Roundabouts are designed to keep traffic moving. Fewer stops mean less traffic congestion and less air pollution. When traveling through the roundabouts please follow the instructions below.

How to use Roundabouts

Approach

- ▶ Slow down, the speed limit is 15 miles per hour.
- ▶ Yield to pedestrians.
- ▶ Prepare to stop if needed.

Entry

- ▶ Enter to the right.
- ▶ *Always* yield to traffic in the roundabout and to your left.
- ▶ Do not stop if the way is clear.

Traffic flow

- ▶ Travel in a one-way direction around the center island.

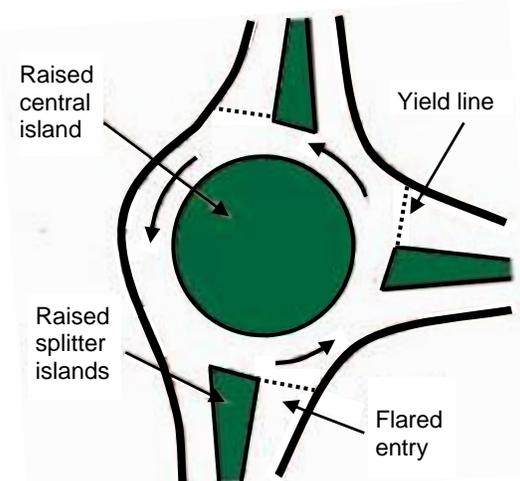
Exit

- ▶ Exit to the right.

Pedestrians

Pedestrians should always cross at the cross walks and always **be careful!**

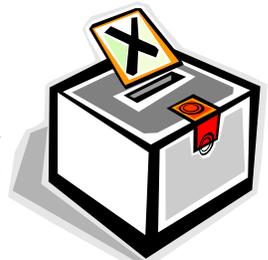
Even though you have the right of way **do not assume that vehicles will stop.** The island in the middle of the crosswalk allows you to go halfway while allowing traffic to continue to flow in the opposite lane.



The diagram above shows the basic layout of a roundabout. To view a helpful animation about roundabouts please go to our website and follow the link at: www.riverdalecity.com.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

Don't forget to exercise your right to vote during the General Election on November 8, 2005. Residents will be voting for the office of Mayor and two City Council seats. To obtain election information including the Riverdale City Election Guide please go to www.riverdalecity.com



WATCH OUT FOR STATE TAX REFORM!

By Larry Hansen, City Administrator

If you are a property owner in Riverdale, pay special attention to the legislative tax task force. Watch particularly for any legislation in the upcoming session that proposes to take away local sales tax from Riverdale City.

Two recommendations have surfaced now which pose a serious potential threat to city revenues and which would unfairly shift the burden to property tax payers from sales tax payers. At present, sales tax revenues comprise about 74% (\$4.6 million) of our general fund budget vs. about 7% (\$430 thousand) from property taxes.

The first committee recommendation, as Mayor Burrows has discussed previously in your newsletter, deals with removing a sales tax distribution provision which fairly recognizes that many costly municipal services are provided to daytime visitors and patrons of our retail businesses. This hold-harmless provision has guaranteed since 1983 that our city would receive a portion of local sales tax in addition to point-of-sale to allow for our small population. The balance of the local sales tax generated by Riverdale businesses (about \$1.5+ million per year) is passed along by the State, typically to bedroom communities.

The second committee recommendation, which has just surfaced as this task force finished its committee work, proposes to redirect all of the sales tax away from cities, including Riverdale. This new proposal is still lacking in critical information, but contemplates replacing city sales tax revenues with property tax revenues with the apparent assumption that cities deliver services to 'improved property' and not citizens, resident or patron visitors.

At the direction of the Mayor and Council, the city has retained the best legislative lobbyist available to assist in protecting the interests of our citizens as this tax reform develops. Additionally, at the Mayor's request, testimony summarizing Riverdale's views and concerns to protect the fair and equitable treatment of our citizens was the first to be presented at the tax task force public hearing held at the State Capitol on October 19, 2005.

Protection of all of our interests as taxpayers in this matter may require a very united and intensive effort as the new legislative session opens in January 2006. Stay tuned and stay informed!



MAYORS CORNER CONTINUED

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measure is critical to continue the dispatch center. This really is the best way to fund this center and we need the center.

I want to state again we have reduced the Riverdale tax levy not increased it over the past 4 years. I also want to state again it would also replace money that the city has to take from the general fund to pay anyway. It is simply a different way to collect it. In my opinion it is the best way to fund the center, which we must maintain for our safety. It is the best run center in the state and deserves our support.

I am asking you to support this issue on November 8th. Please study the issue and if you have questions please feel free to call me 621-7979.

Bruce Burrows
Mayor

2005 ANNUAL CITIZEN SURVEY UPDATE

In September the city mailed to each residence the 2005 Annual Citizen Survey. To date over 600 citizens have returned the survey to us. The process of tabulating the results is now in progress. We are also in the process of responding to those who have requested a personal contact from the city.



The city appreciates those who took the time to fill out and return the survey. The results and comments are very valuable to us in the evaluation of our operations and help shape the strategic planning of future actions and improvements. The overall results of the survey will be published in the December city newsletter.

SENIOR CENTER LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Riverdale Senior's Program has now settled into their new home at 4433 South 900 West. The program is a great asset to the city offering seniors a wide variety of activities including ceramics, silversmithing, quilting, computer classes, exercise programs, leisure activities, and daily lunch.

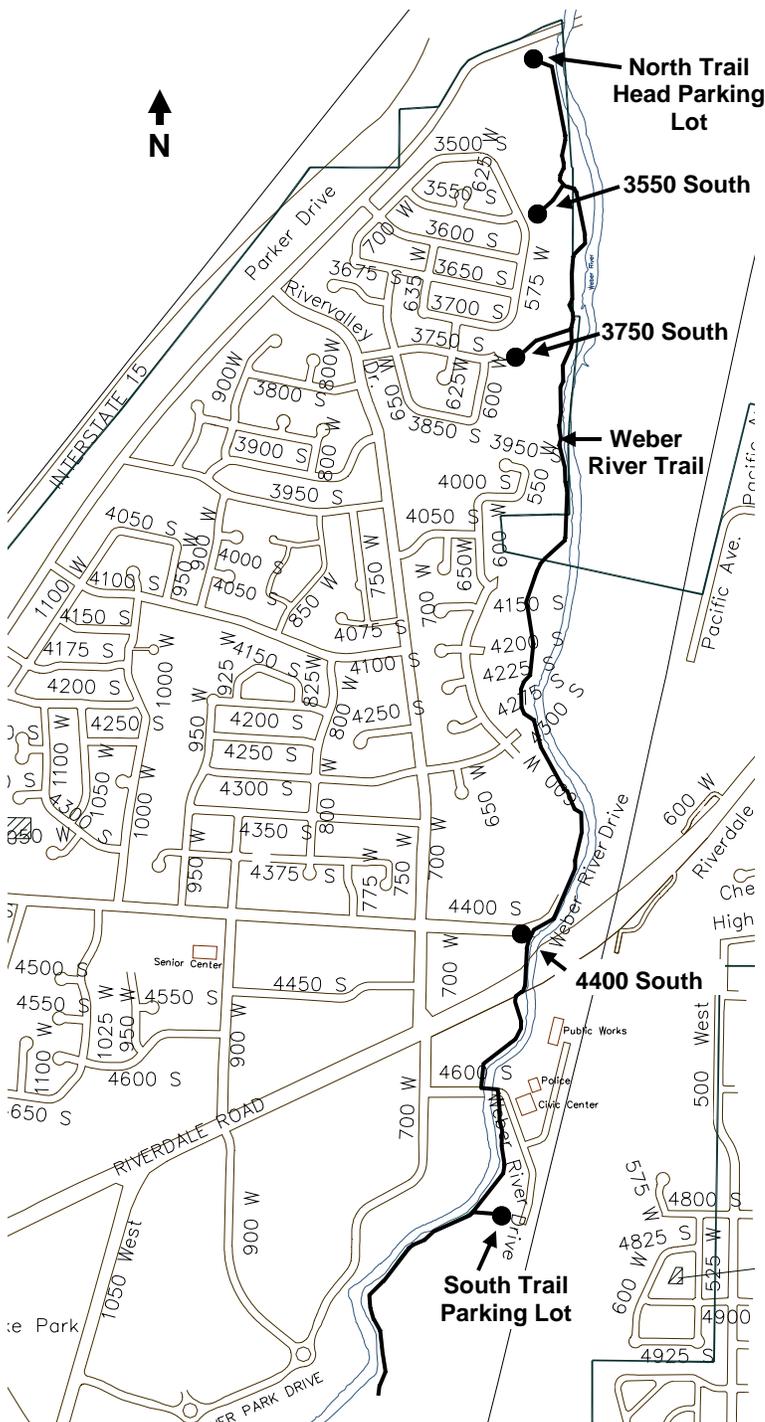
To keep the programs running volunteers are needed to assist. If you would like to volunteer with the programs or with the Senior Board, please contact Mickie Layton at the center or call 621-6086.

RIVER TRAIL ACCESS POINTS COMPLETED

Construction is now complete on three new access points to the Weber River Trail. The new access points are:

- 3750 South in the Cottonwood subdivision.
- 3550 South in the Riverglen subdivision.
- North trailhead parking lot on Parker Drive.

In addition to these access points the trail is accessible from the east end of 4400 South and the south trail parking lot located on Weber River Drive south of the city offices. Please refer to the map below for access point locations.



Access trail located at 3750 South.



Access trail located at 3550 South.

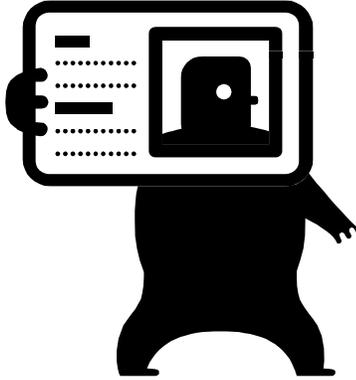


North trailhead parking lot on Parker Drive.

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT

By Lieutenant Dave Hansen

In the course of a busy day, you may write a check at the grocery store, charge tickets to a Jazz game; rent a car, mail your tax returns, change service providers for your cell phone, or apply for a credit card. Chances are you don't give these everyday transactions a second thought. But an identity thief does.



Identity theft is a serious crime. People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years and thousands of dollars cleaning up the mess the thieves have made of a good name and credit record. In the meantime, victims of identity theft may lose job opportunities, be refused loans for education, housing, or cars, and even get arrested for crimes they didn't commit. Humiliation, anger, and frustration are among the feelings victims experience as they navigate the process of rescuing their identity.

How identity thieves get your personal information:

- They get information from businesses or other institutions by: stealing records or information while they're on the job, bribing an employee who has access to these records, hacking these records, conning information out of employees
- They may steal your mail, including bank and credit card statements, credit card offer, new checks, and tax information.
- They may rummage through your trash, the trash of businesses, or public trash dumps in a practice known as "dumpster diving."
- They may get your credit reports by abusing their employer's authorized access to them, or by posing as a landlord, employer, or someone else who may have a legal right to access your report.
- They may steal your credit or debit card numbers by capturing the information in a data storage device in a practice known as "skimming." They may swipe your card for an actual purchase, or attach the device to an ATM machine where you may enter or swipe your card.
- They may steal your wallet or purse.
- They may complete a "change of address form" to divert your mail to another location.
- They may steal personal information they find in your home.
- They may steal personal information from you through email or phone by posing as legitimate companies and claiming that you have a problem with your account. This practice is known as "phishing" online, or pretexting by phone.

Now that we understand a little bit more about how identity thieves steal our information and with Christmas just around the corner. We need to be a little more cautious on how freely we expose ourselves to this fraud. We in Riverdale have such great opportunities to take advantage of shopping close to home. At the same time we do not wish to be victims of this crime when all it would take is for us to be a little more diligent in protecting our personal information.

CHRISTMAS TREE JUBILEE

The Weber School District Foundation presents the Christmas Tree Jubilee on November 23rd, 25th, and 26th from 9 am to 9 pm at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center. It is open and free to the public.



An Opening Gala Dinner and Live Auction will be held on Tuesday, November 22nd. For tickets or information please call Dave Howells at 476-7827.

RDA HOUSING PROGRAM

Is your home in need of 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 for property improvements.



If you own property on 4400 South, 700 West (South of 4350 S., west side), or 1250 West (5100 S. to 5175 S.) you may qualify for additional loan incentives. A loan information packet may be obtained at the Civic Center or at www.riverdalecity.com. For questions call 394-5541.

UTILITY PAYMENT 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.

RIVERDALE SENIOR CENTER

4433 South 900 West, Riverdale, Utah 84405 (801) 621-6086

Open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday
(Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays)

SENIORS DAILY SCHEDULE

MONDAY	9:00.....Fly Tying (1 st and 3 rd Monday)
	9:00.....Basic Computer Class
	9:30.....Quilt Piecing Class
	12:00.....Lunch
TUESDAY	8:30.....Chair Exercise
	9:00.....Theraband Strength Training
	10:00.....Scrapbooking Nov. 8 th & 22 nd
	11:00.....1 st Tuesday: Blood Pressure Check
	11:00.....Mahjong
	12:00.....Lunch (Birthday Song 1 st Tuesday)
	12:30.....Bingo
	1:00.....2 nd Tuesday: Foot Clinic \$5 per person
WEDNESDAY	8:30.....Armchair Fitness
	9:00.....Ceramics
	12:00.....Lunch
	12:30.....Bunka Class (Japanese Embroidery)
	12:30.....Lapidary Class
	12:30.....Bead Stringing & Wire Wrapping Class
	• Wendover Day: 2 nd Wednesday of every month
THURSDAY	8:00.....Magic Workout
	8:30.....Sit & Fit Training
	9:00.....Internet Class
	10:00.....Art Class (\$1 per class)
	12:00.....Lunch
	12:30.....Bridge
FRIDAY	8:30.....Tai Chi for Beginners
	9:00.....Games and Billiards
	12:00.....Lunch
	12:45.....Movie
	1:00.....Beginning Computer Class
DAILY	• Refreshments, Exercise equipment, Card games, Library, TV, Pool Table and Quilting available.

- Special Events**
- Nov. 6 - Medicare Presentation at 12:30 pm
 - Nov. 10 - Entertainment by "Old Time Fiddlers."

SENIORS NEWS BRIEFS

Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner:
Join us for oven baked turkey with all the trimmings on November 18th at noon.

Health Check: Blood sugar check will be held on October 18th at 11:00 pm.

Upcoming Trips:

- Mesquite, 3 days/2 nights, Nov. 14th, signup by Nov. 7th.
- Spanish Fork Light Festival, Dec. 13th, signup by Dec. 7th.



LUNCH MENU

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

November

- ✓ 1 - Turkey Croissant
- ✓ 2 - Baked Potato Bar
- ✓ 3 - Pot Roast with Vegetables
- ✓ 4 - Meatloaf
- ✓ 7 - Chicken Stir Fry
- ✓ 8 - Cream of Potato Soup
- ✓ 9 - Tater Tot Casserole
- ✓ 10 - Tenderloin Chicken Breast
- ✓ 11 - Closed for Veteran's Day
- ✓ 14 - Fried Chicken
- ✓ 15 - Battered Halibut
- ✓ 16 - La Choy Chicken Cow Mein
- ✓ 17 - Tilapia Fish Fillets
- ✓ 18 - Thanksgiving Lunch
- ✓ 21 - Spaghetti
- ✓ 22 - Turkey Casserole
- ✓ 23 - Ham
- ✓ 24 - Closed for Thanksgiving
- ✓ 25 - Closed
- ✓ 28 - Hot Roast Beef Sandwich
- ✓ 29 - Breaded Chicken Breast
- ✓ 30 - Salisbury Steak

COME JOIN THE FUN!!

RECREATION NEWS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Registration for Boys basketball is taking place until November 30th at the Community Center, 4360 S. Parker Drive. This is for boys grades 5th - 9th. Cost is \$15 for residents and \$25 for nonresidents. Jersey's are extra. Teams will be formed by a draft format. Games will begin in early January. For information call 621-6084.



ADULT TABLE TENNIS

Join us for our Adult Table Tennis Tournament on November 18th at 6:00 pm in the Community Center. This will be a fun activity for those 18 and over. Cost is only \$1. For more information call 621-6084.



INTRAMURALS

Badminton is our next intramural activity. Play will begin November 14th. Signups are now taking place at the Community Center. This is a great game to learn to play and have fun. For kids 8 to 18. Cost is \$5.00.



CITY CALENDAR

November 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 City Council Planning Commission	2  Garbage Day	3	4	5
6	7	8  General Election	9  Garbage Day	10	11 Veteran's Day City Offices Closed 	12
13	14	15 City Council / RDA Meeting	16  Garbage Day	17	18	19
20	21	22 Planning Commission	23  Garbage Day	24 Thanksgiving City Offices Closed 	25 City Offices Closed	26
27	28	29	30  Garbage Day	December 1	2	3

City Council meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. and Planning Commission meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. 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

<p><u>Mayor City Council</u> Mayor Burrows 621-7979 Councilor Brough 393-1008 Councilor Gibby 621-8639 Councilor Hadden 392-0724 Councilor Haws 393-2598 Councilor Jenkins 394-7993</p> <p><u>Civic Center</u> 4600 South Weber River Drive 394-5541</p> <p><u>City Administrator</u> Larry Hansen 436-1233</p>	<p><u>Department of Business Administration</u> 4600 S. Weber River Drive 394-5541</p> <p><u>Community Center</u> 4360 S. Parker Drive 621-6084</p> <p><u>Justice Court</u> 4600 S. Weber River Drive 394-9314</p> <p><u>Department of Community Development</u> 4600 S. Weber River Drive 394-5541 x1240</p> <p><u>Department of Public Works / Utilities</u> 4600 S. Weber River Drive 394-5541 x1201 After hours dispatch 629-8268</p>	<p><u>Department of Public Safety</u></p> <p><u>Police Station</u> 4580 South Weber River Drive 911 (Emergencies) 394-6616 (Business Line) 629-8221 (Weber Dispatch) Animal Control 394-6616</p> <p><u>Fire Station</u> 4334 South Parker Drive 911 (Emergencies) 394-7481 (Business Line) 629-8221 (Weber Dispatch)</p>
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