



MAYOR'S CORNER

Tax reform update

The past month and particularly the last two weeks have been a flurry of activity towards trying to achieve a solution on the tax reform legislation that is being proposed. I feel it important to update all of you because of the incredibly crucial long term financial ramifications to the city and our ability to provide quality services to each of you. As I have stated previously the state legislature is proposing to change the local sales tax distribution formula that we have been working under since 1983.

A History lesson may be valuable

A brief explanation of the history of the problem we are faced with is in order. In 1983 the formula was changed on tax distribution from 75% point of sale to 50% point of sale and 50% population. That meant that because we were a small city that we could no longer keep all of the sales taxes we collected in our city. It then meant that we would give up another 25% of the taxes to the state to redistribute to other communities that did not have a solid tax base.

Under a fairness compromise at that time a hold harmless provision was put in place for the purpose of helping smaller cities maintain their economic stability. It guaranteed Riverdale 75% of the local sales tax (50% point of sale distribution and 25% for the population distribution).

Current events

The Utah League of Cities and Towns have had a tax team working for 18 months to work out the best plan for everyone. The League's plan still does not satisfy all of our needs. In the past two weeks I have met with the league to try modify the proposed changes. Larry Hansen, and our lobbyist and I have worked on an amendment to the proposed

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SENIOR CITIZEN OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday, September 22, 2005, a special ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house was held at the new Senior Center, 4433 S. 900 W. Mayor Burrows, City Council members and Senior's Board members participated in officially christening the center to the long-term benefit of our community.

The beautiful new facility was designed specifically with the program needs of our senior residents age 55 and older in mind. Twenty residential apartments were attached to the Senior Center to make the project financially feasible without adversely impacting tax rates.

The facility is now fully operational with programs and activities. Please come and join with them! All apartments are leased (with a growing waiting list for future vacancies). Tasty and nutritious meals are served each weekday at noon for a nominal donation of \$2.50.

Don Cummins chairs the Senior's Board. The Board recently received approval as a charitable organization from the IRS, which qualifies donations or contributions as tax-deductible. This Senior's Board serves to identify and promote desirable program activities and to reach out to community seniors to encourage participation and volunteer service at the center.

Mickie Layton, of our city's Community Services staff, serves as Senior's Program Coordinator to support the day-to-day activities. Pat and Devon Hurst serve as resident managers of the facility to assist with tenant's needs and care of the center.

Please refer to the Senior's page in this newsletter for the calendar of their activities, as well as a menu of their weekday lunches.



Mayor Burrows, City Council members and Senior Board members cut the ribbon to the new Senior Center.

FALL CLEANUP RESCHEDULED

Our Fall Cleanup has been rescheduled from October 22nd to October 29th in an effort to better accommodate our residents. As with the spring cleanup, roll off dumpsters will be placed at locations around the city for residents to bring refuse items for disposal. Date and locations are as follows:



Saturday: October 29th 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Locations: Golden Spike Park, Riverdale Park, and 525 West 4800 South.

At each location there will be two roll off dumpsters: one for green waste (tree trimmings, grass, leaves, etc.) and one for other items. Please bring enough help to unload quickly. Children must remain in vehicles for safety reasons. Items that will not be accepted include: batteries, tires, paint, chemicals, pesticides, drums, dirt, rocks, concrete, and hazardous waste.

The city appreciates your cooperation. It is hoped that as one of the city provided services, this cleanup will be beneficial to you. If you have any questions please call 394-5541 ext. 1201.

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

Residents are invited to attend a Meet the Candidates Night to be held at the Senior Center, 4433 South 900 West, at 7:00 pm on November 2nd. The candidates for Mayor and City Council will be available to express their views and answer questions from the audience.



The General Election will take place on November 8, 2005.

SENIOR CRAFT FAIR

Plan now to stop by the Senior Craft Fair on October 28th - 29th at the Senior Center, 4433 South 900 West. Come and enjoy a variety of crafts, homemade items and food. This is a great chance to get a jump start on your Christmas shopping.



4400 SOUTH NEARS COMPLETION

Construction of the two roundabouts on 4400 South is nearing completion. The project is on schedule and the road is expected to reopen on October 15th. Your patience in dealing with the road closure is greatly appreciated.



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

The Weber Family Resource Center, located at Club Heights Elementary, 100 East 4150 South, has changed its hours to Mon-Tue 7:30 am to 8:00 pm and Wed-Thurs 7:30 am to 5:00 pm when school is in session. The center offers a variety of resources to the public including books, CD's, videos and toys for checkout as well as classes. Upcoming classes include Love and Logic starting Oct. 27th and ongoing GED and ESL classes. For more information visit the website at www.myschoolonline.com, select Utah under "find a site" and then select the center.



HOME IN NEED OF REPAIR?

The RDA Housing Program provides low-interest and no-interest property improvement loans to property owners who meet certain income guidelines. A loan packet may be obtained at the Civic Center or at www.riverdalecity.com.

UTILITY PAYMENTS OPTIONS

Riverdale City offers Equal Payment and Direct Payment options for utility bills. For more information call 394-5541 ext. 1201 or visit our website at www.riverdalecity.com.

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legislation that may hopefully result in a beneficial compromise.

I have also met with Senator Greg Bell, one of the proponents of the legislative change, and addressed our concerns with him. I have proposed to the League that we have a workshop in October or November to work out a compromise. I believe we have their ear for now and cross my fingers that we can truly work together for the common good of all. I will let you know when to call our representatives for support.

Thank you again to each of you for all you do to make this a great city,

Bruce Burrows, Mayor

KIDS SAFETY FAIR TO BE HELD

Please join the Riverdale Fire and Police Departments for the annual Kids Safety Fair. The event will take place on October 15th in the Wal-Mart Super Center parking lot from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. A variety of different agencies from the area will be on hand to educate your kids about safety. Bring the whole family for a day of demonstrations, displays, and safety information.



Other activities to be held in conjunction with the Kids Safety Fair include:

- **October 14th** - Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in the Wal-Mart parking lot from 1:00 - 6:00 pm. Stop in and give the gift of life.
- **October 15th** - Speaking of Women's Health Fair will be held inside the Wal-Mart from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

By Lieutenant Dave Hansen

October is one of my favorite months of the year. It is for any kid. The end of this month brings out ghosts and goblins, for trick or treats. Actually I'm not sure what a goblin is. But as the time draws nearer to Halloween here are a few safety tips for kids out trick or treating.



- Never go alone
- Cross the streets only at intersections
- At least one in your party should have a flashlight
- Make sure your costume fits properly so you won't trip
- Make sure an adult goes with you
- Have moms and dads check all treats before you eat them
- Do not go inside a home of someone you don't know
- Save your biggest candy bar for your mom or dad

We would also like to remind parents to please call on any suspicious people or circumstances, and please turn on all outside lighting where possible. Our police Officers will be in the subdivisions helping to insure a safe and happy night for everybody. And yes our officers will be in full costume (police uniforms).

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 (2 nd and 4 th Monday)
	9:00.....Basic Computer Class
	9:30.....Piecing Quilt Class
	10:00.....Line Dancing Class
	12:00.....Lunch
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TUESDAY	8:30.....Chair Exercise
	9:00.....Theraband Strength Training
	10:00.....Scrapbooking Oct. 11 th & 25 th
	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
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WEDNESDAY	8:30.....Armchair Fitness
	9:00.....Ceramics
	9:00.....Senior Outreach Worker 1 st Wednesday
	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
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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
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FRIDAY	8:30.....Tai Chi for Beginners
	9:00.....Games and Billiards
	12:00.....Lunch
	12:45.....Movie
	1:00.....Beginning Computer Class
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DAILY	• Refreshments, Exercise equipment, Card games, Library, TV, Pool Table and Quilting available.

- Special Events**
- Oct. 6 - Entertainment by Elwood & Glen
 - Oct. 19 - Education Presentation "Utah Legal Services"
 - Oct. 31 - Goblin Day, dress up as a goblin

SENIORS NEWS BRIEFS

Annual Craft Fair: To be held Oct. 28th and 29th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Senior Center. Come and enjoy the variety of crafts, homemade items and food. If you would like to reserve a table call 621-6086.

New Classes:

- Lapidary / Silversmithing
- Bead Stringing and Wire Wrapping Class

Both classes are held on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm.

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



LUNCH MENU

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

October

- ✓ 3 - Beef Stroganoff
- ✓ 4 - Malibu Chicken
- ✓ 5 - Tater Tot Casserole
- ✓ 6 - Tenderloin Chicken Breast
- ✓ 7 - Roast Beef
- ✓ 10 - Shepherd Pie
- ✓ 11 - Fried Chicken
- ✓ 12 - Tilapia Fish
- ✓ 13 - Chicken and Dumplings
- ✓ 14 - Spaghetti and Meatballs
- ✓ 17 - Meatloaf
- ✓ 18 - Chicken Salad Sandwich
- ✓ 19 - Baked Ham
- ✓ 20 - Chicken and Rice
- ✓ 21 - Chicken Enchiladas
- ✓ 24 - Country Fried Steak
- ✓ 25 - Mesquite Chicken
- ✓ 26 - Barbeque Ribs
- ✓ 27 - Chicken Pillows
- ✓ 28 - Salisbury Steak
- ✓ 31 - Inside-out Chicken Pot Pie

COME JOIN THE FUN!!

RECREATION NEWS

YOUTH BASKETBALL Registration for youth basketball is taking place until October 8th at the Community Center. This is for boys and girls grades 2nd-4th and girls grades 5th-9th. Cost is \$15. Games will begin in mid-October. For information call 621-6084.



INTRAMURALS Ping Pong has just started. Have your kids, ages 8 to 18, come out to have fun and learn the skills of the game. Cost is \$5. Register at the Community Center. Call 621-6084 for more information. Badminton will be our next activity starting in November.

MIDNIGHT BASKETBALL

Youth ages 15 to 21 can join with our Police and Fire Departments for Midnight Basketball on October 14th from 11:00 pm to 2:00 am at the Community Center. Cost is \$1.00. Call 621-6084 for more information.



