

River Heights City News

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Mayor's Message

It's almost October and I know what's on your mind--VOTING! Ok, that's probably not what's on your mind. You are probably thinking about football, cooler weather, maybe even Christmas. May I share a few thoughts about the thing that will probably get the least of your attention?

Theodore Hesburgh, priest and former president of Notre Dame once said "voting is a civic sacrament." There is something sacred and special about our right to vote. When we stand with others to cast our principals, we stand as one. We stand as a congregation and sing praises for our voice. Even when our vote seems to lack pole or weight, are we not all free to cast our position? To tell the nation how we feel without fear of reprisal or persecution, is this not divine?

Hilary Clinton once said that "voting is the most precious right of every citizen." I certainly agree that the right and privilege to vote should be admired and practiced by everyone. I, for one, have taken my rights, my freedoms and my comforts for granted. Stand with me in a new resolve and commitment to get involved, to learn about issues, to have an opinion, to share it, to vote it!

American writer and musician Henry Rollins has said, "voting is completely important. People in America think democracy is a given....and what gets in the way of it is [apathy]."

I hope you will spend some time in the next month to learn about the issues. Help educate your family, talk with neighbors, form good opinions, petition the Almighty, and make your voice heard! We are a free people because we choose to be--and voting is how we permanently record that choice.

May your families be blessed as we embark on another change of the seasons--a sleep and a forgetting, as William Osler wrote.

Sincerely, Mayor Rasmussen



Tree Lighting

The City Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place the evening of Monday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m. in Heber Olson Park. Bundle up and bring the family to enjoy this kick-off to the holiday season, complete with hot chocolate, donuts, singing around the tree, and visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus!

Cache County Library

Are you aware that River Heights residents can get a library card at the Cache County Library (located in Providence, at 15 North Main)?

The library may be small but it has many available services. They have the ability to order books at little or no cost. They also have audio and online books to check out.

Stop in to sign up and take advantage of all the services they have to offer.



Business Licenses

If you are running a business out of your home, you need to apply for a license, which can be done anytime.

The timeframe for renewals on previously registered businesses is Nov 1 through Dec 31. After the deadline, there is a \$30 late fee. The application can be found at riverheights.org under 'Forms/Business License.'

Snow Shoveling



Remember it is UN-LAWFUL to throw your snow into the road. When snow freezes in the road it can cause safety issues and it deters the degree to which the city equipment can clear your road.

Parks

Thank you Clayten, Steve and Cam for keeping the park looking so beautiful this summer. Their hard work is appreciated by everyone.

The tennis nets will be left up as long as the weather is good and there is no snow or consistent freezing. The restrooms will be closed as soon as there is consistent freezing. The facilities will be left open as long as possible. This is a beautiful time of year so get out and enjoy the park.

Please remember to leave your pets at home when you walk or play in the parks. River Heights City Parks are no pet zones. And, when walking your dog, please be responsible to clean up after them. All citizens will thank you!

Apple Days Awards

A big thank you to all who helped make Apple Days a success this year! The city awards were given at Apple Days as follows:

Citizen of the Year: Rodger Pond

Service to the Community: Milt Anderson

Beautification: Tom and Debbie Rees

Parking Restrictions

Ready or not, the snow will be flying soon. Don't forget, it is unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street from November 15 - March 15 between the hours of 4:00 am and 12:00 noon.

You can also be ticketed anytime for parking on the sidewalks.