



# River Heights City News July 2021



Mon-Thu, 9:30am-2:30pm

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## Mayor's Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope your summer has been enjoyable and you are beating the heat. I have a couple of items for your consideration.

With water shortages across the state, please use wisdom and restraint when watering your lawns and plants. If you need to wash patios, homes, or walkways, consider postponing or using a pressure washer to minimize water usage. There are no water restrictions at this time and we hope that by extending our irrigation cycles and using this valuable resource wisely, we can avoid any additional penalties for water usage. The city parks may look dry, due to reduction in water usage.

River Heights does not currently have fireworks restrictions within our city limits. However, please use caution for the safety of yourselves and others. Use extreme caution near fire hazards. Aerial fireworks may not be appropriate if you live near homes with cedar shake roofs or neighboring fields with any dry material that may catch fire. Please be safe and enjoy your holiday and the remainder of your summer.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rasmussen

## Request for Proposals

River Heights City is now accepting proposals at the City Office Building until 5:00 p.m. on July 29, 2021 for removal and development, renovation and/or rehabilitation of a former church building structure (located at 443 E 500 S) that would include either a transfer or lease of the building and real property to the successful applicant.

To request a copy of the full RFP, email Sheila Lind at [office@riverheights.org](mailto:office@riverheights.org), or call the City Office.

## Election Update

On May 4, 2021 the City Council voted to participate in the pilot **Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)** method of running an election this year.

### What is RCV?

RCV is a way of voting that allows the voter to rank the candidates according to their preference (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.).

### How does RCV work?

Vote counting is done in rounds until a candidate has an absolute majority (50%). In each round, the candidate with the lowest number of votes is eliminated. When a voter's number one choice is eliminated, their second choice is included in the count for the second round. This process continues until there is a majority winner.

The RCV method does NOT hold a primary, only a general election on November 2, 2021. Because there is not a primary, candidate filing is postponed to August 10-17. (See accompanying flyer.)



## Upcoming Youth Ambassadors Activities

**July 9** at 8:30pm, Teen Movie in the Park

**July 12** at 7:30pm, Concert in the Park, Community Jazz Band

**July 15** at 10am, Craft Day

**July 30** at 8:30pm, Teen Movie in the Park

**Aug 25** Family Bike Night

**Aug 27** Family Movie Night

**Sept 17** at 8:00pm, Astronomy Night



## Apple Days 2021

We are planning a normal Apple Days this year, with a tribute to the Lions Club of River Heights!! Save the date of **August 28** and plan on the fun run, parade, tennis tournament, food trucks, kids and youth games, military band, additional activities during the week provided by the RHC Ambassadors and hanging with your neighbors and friends! Watch for more information.

## Emergency Preparedness

Friends and Neighbors, last time we asked you to get a bag and throw some non-perishable food in it 'just in case'. Congratulations! You've started preparing. This time we are asking you to do two things:

In your shiny new Preparedness Bag, please add a medkit (small and personalized to your family) and a water bottle and/or shelf stable water purification/filter.

Make a Fire Escape plan with your family (or just yourself). Write it down and post it up. Also, teach the Stop, Drop, and Roll! Then, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE. These conversations will make all the difference in preparing!

## Library

The Cache County Library is available for free to all River Heights residents. It is located in Providence at 15 North Main.

Hours are Mon-Fri from 10am—6:45pm and Sat from 10am—2. Story time is on T, W & Th at 10:30.



## Backflow Prevention

We all need to do our part to keep our water safe. Next time you are filling your hot tub or spraying weeds, keep in mind that it's the law to use property backflow prevention.

- ◆ Does your irrigation system have a backflow preventer device (RP, PVB)?
- ◆ Do your hose bibs have vacuum breakers (HVB)?
- ◆ Do you have proper air gaps on all your faucets?

If you answered 'No' to any of these, contact River Heights City for information on how to correct the problem. 752-2646 ext 2.

## News From Parks

**Baseball Fields:** If you're planning a family gathering and want to be sure the ball field is available, call River Heights at 752-2646, ext. 2 to reserve. It is taken for team practices most Tue, Thu and Fri evenings. All organized teams must schedule at the number above.

**Pickleball Courts:** There are boundary lines drawn on the east tennis court. There is also a court north of the tennis courts between the basketball hoops. There have been complaints about pickleball noise, so please use "Quiet Pickleballs," which are designed to reduce ping-pong.

## Help Keep our Water Clean

### Pesticides

- ◆ Use pesticides responsibly.
- ◆ Follow manufacturer's instructions.
- ◆ Don't over apply.
- ◆ Don't spray on windy days.
- ◆ Do not spray directly onto streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, or close to any water bodies.
- ◆ Pesticides don't only kill weeds and harmful insects, they can also kill aquatic life.

### Fertilizer

Fertilizers and yard waste, such as grass clippings or leaves, which are swept down storm drains contribute to the amount of nutrients in our rivers and lakes. The increased nutrient levels can harm fish and other wildlife.

- ◆ We can improve water quality by sweeping up fertilizers and clippings off sidewalks and driveways to prevent them from running into storm drains.
- ◆ Do not blow yard waste into the street.
- ◆ Green waste, such as leaves, lawn clippings, and branches, can be disposed of at the city's green waste container, free of charge.