

The REXBURG ROUNDUP

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MERRILL

Happy October Everyone!

This month brings cooler weather, so I hope you are managing your water usage accordingly. I have turned my lawn sprinklers off for several days because of the rain we've received lately and the cooler weather. I encourage you to be "water-wise" now and next year and only turn the water on when necessary. Your lawn will tell you when it needs to be watered. It will turn a little bit "gray-green" in color, and when you walk on it, it won't spring back like usual. Our water supplies in all of East Idaho are quite depleted from this past winter of not much snow so even though it is more work for us in snow shoveling and plowing, we need to pray for much needed snow this winter.....in the mountains for sure!

Speaking of water, sometimes we get more than we need all at once, as we experienced recently. Thank you to all who stepped up to help. Many people came to fill sandbags, clear storm drains and worked in a bucket brigade to get rid of excess water. We appreciate our marvelous CERT team in this area and many others who volunteered. You were a tremendous help to our city crews. More about water....I was watching a team from our water department as they very carefully took water samples from City Hall. They take many samples from locations all over the city several times a week and send the samples to a lab to be tested. As with all of our city departments, there is a lot more work than most of us are aware of to keep our water clean and healthy, and keeping all of our city infrastructure running smoothly. I appreciate all of our dedicated city employees for their good work in keeping us safe and secure. I hope you'll take any opportunity you have to thank them as well.

And speaking of good work, I was privileged to attend a ceremony where Mr. John Bagley, after 61 years of successful flight, was honored with the "The Wright Brothers Master Pilot" award. Not only is John a very accomplished pilot but he and his wife Lu are the Founders and really the "jet fuel" behind the establishment of our awesome Legacy Flight Museum. John and his team of volunteers have given countless hours of their time to educate youth groups and visitors about the wonders of flight and helped establish appreciation for our military and our country in all who have come through their doors. Thank you so much to John and Lu and all the mechanics, pilots, tour guides and volunteers who have made the museum along with the Father's Day Airshows and Fly-ins, a special time to experience here in Rexburg.

We have a fun family event this month...don't miss the OktUBERfest celebration at the Rexburg Tabernacle on October 10th from 4 till dusk. This is a great way to celebrate our famous Idaho Potato harvest with music, dancing and games for the whole family. The Zombie Mania Fun Run will also take place that day at 5 pm in Nature Park. See the Rexburg.org website or RexburgArts & Rexburg Races facebook pages for more information.

Thank you for being great citizens. I feel very fortunate to serve as your mayor and love serving you.

Sincerely, Mayor Jerry Merrill

Life is Great...in Rexburg, Idaho!!!



Jerry Merrill, Mayor

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8th & 22nd



GET READY FOR A SPUD-TACULAR MONTH!

Whether you prefer your Octobers a little spooky or full of harvest treats, Rexburg has you covered!

ZOMBIE MANIA RACE

& KIDS COSTUME RUN

OCTOBER 10TH

STARTING AT 4:30 PM

@ NATURE AND EAGLE PARK



In this spooky fun-run, live zombies chase racers in an effort to steal their flags. Each flag is a life. Lose all the flags, and you're out! Can you survive the course?

Want fewer screams on the course? You bet. The Kids Costume Run offers our younger residents an opportunity to be part of the fun, with a little less scare. It runs the same course, just before Zombie Mania (minus the zombies).

Come dressed in your best costume and enjoy a 1-mile run in the crisp fall air! But don't get locked out! Make sure to sign up! This event is sure to be one you won't want to miss!



OKTUBERfest *at the Tabernacle*

October 10th | 4:00-8:00 PM

Fall in Rexburg just wouldn't be complete without OKTUBERfest! Resident-dubbed a "Hallmark-worthy" fall festival, this annual tradition returns in 2026! Head to the Rexburg Tabernacle grounds for an evening filled with potatoes, music, dancing, laughter, and plenty of hometown fun. Cheer on the potato car races, enjoy live entertainment, grab something tasty, and soak up the cozy fall atmosphere with family and friends. It's quirky, it's fun, it's uniquely Rexburg—and it's a great way to celebrate our community and Idaho's favorite spud!



REXBURG'S HOLIDAY GUIDE

The holidays are coming and Rexburg is a great place to be for the season! We line out all the opportunities for you to celebrate here at home in our holiday guide! Stay Tuned for it's release in early November!



FALL CLEAN-UP DATES

October 26 - November 16

Place yard waste at the curb and city crews will pick it up. Leaves must be bagged. Branches must be tied in bundles no longer than 3-4 feet and light enough for one person to pick up.





The Rexburg Area Chamber of Commerce Invites You to
Be an Informed Voter with the
VOTER INFORMATION FORUM

OCTOBER 5TH | 7:00-9:00 PM

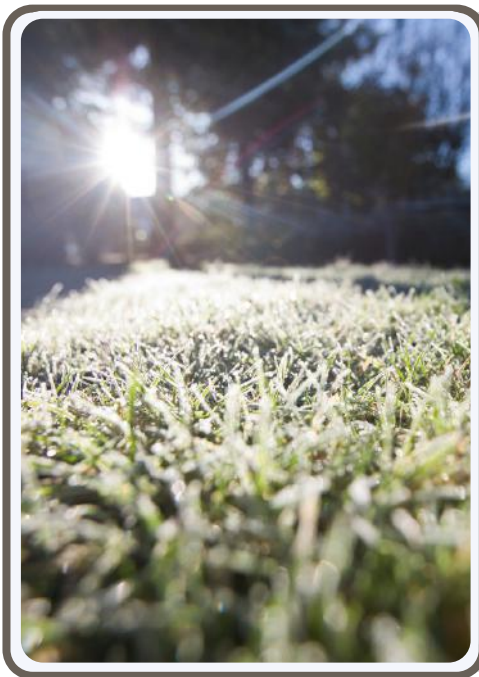
at the Romance Theater

- Hear from the candidates.
- Gain insights into the state ballot measures.
- Learn about the key issues facing our community.

New Utility Rates Begin OCTOBER 1ST!

The City of Rexburg's fiscal year runs from October 1st to September 30th each year. With the new fiscal year, new utility rates will go into effect. Rates include adjustments to sanitation, sewer, and water.

While the new rates go into effect on October 1st you won't see the adjustments on your utility bill until November. For more detailed information about the utility rates, you can visit our utility billing page on Rexburg.org.



COLD WEATHER UTILITY PREP: Important tips for avoiding overages!

Remember to turn off your sprinklers by October 15th.

This prevents water line freezes that can lead to costly repairs. *Continuing to water could affect your sewer rate used from October 16 to April 15 of the coming year, as your winter average for that rate is used to set your sewer rate.* Save the reminder on our City calendar to help you!

Before turning up your heating systems for the year, ensure you've tested your CO and smoke detectors and replaced batteries as needed!

It's a good time to review your utility bills for energy usage and concerns, and address any potential inefficiencies.

Happening this Month

Voter Forum 10/5
Romance Theater 7 pm

Madison Cares Presents:
Parent Education Series
2413 N 3000 W, Rexburg
Wednesdays 9-11am

Zombie Mania 10/10
5K Race 4:30 pm
Nature Park

OkTUBERfest 10/10
Fall Festival 4-8 pm
Tabernacle

BYU-I Spooktacular 10/30

HAPPY HALLOWEEN 10/31
TRICK OR TREAT

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FEASIBILITY STUDY GRANT

Rexburg has received a grant to conduct a study on the the possibility of bringing public transportation to Rexburg. We are still early in this process, but stay tuned for surveys and more information in the coming months!



Safety on the Streets... SHARING THE ROAD



Sharing the Road means **everyone has an equal right to use our streets lawfully**. Here are some tips to help keep everyone safe.

ALL ROAD USERS SHOULD AVOID DISTRACTIONS, INCLUDING MUSIC, ELECTRONIC DEVICES, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT TAKES FOCUS OFF THE ROAD.



FOR DRIVERS:

For drivers, understand that pedestrians and bicyclists also have rights to use the road. Pedestrians and bicyclists also face safety challenges, such as being smaller and less visible.

Drivers, PLEASE remember these helpful safety tips:

1. DON'T *drive distracted!*
2. SLOW DOWN *and be prepared to stop at crosswalks.*
3. NEVER *pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk.*
4. TAKE CARE *when backing up in pedestrian areas.*
5. ALWAYS *follow the speed limit.*



FOR PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, AND MOTORISTS



Just like vehicle drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians must obey all traffic signs and signals. Cyclists should ride defensively, assuming others cannot see you. Bicyclists should always ride with traffic, use bike lanes when available, and avoid riding on sidewalks when possible.

Pedestrians, PLEASE remember these helpful safety tips:

1. MAKE EYE CONTACT with drivers before you cross the street.
2. ALWAYS cross streets at crosswalks or intersections wherever available.
3. DON'T assume safety while crossing the street.
4. CHOOSE a well-lit place where drivers can best see you.



**Information shared from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

***Visit our Student Need to Know page for more information on Bicycle Safety, including links to local and state laws!

Save the Dates!

REXBURG'S N.O.E.L.

A NIGHT OF ENCHANTING LIGHTS!

Tree Lighting
LIVE with Classy 97
Robinson Family Light Show
North Pole Fun
Train Rides
Holiday Village
and SO Much More!



Spend Family Night with us at Riverside Park!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

WINTERFEST

A WINTER CELEBRATION!

Polar Plunge
Sled Dogs
Warming Huts
Ice Skating Games & Programs
Themed Light Shows
Community Cupboard Raffle

and a Nordic Surprise at Riverside Park!!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

🔥 FIRE PREVENTION MONTH 🔥 A FEW MINUTES COULD SAVE A LIFE

October is Fire Prevention Month, making it a great time to take a quick look around your home and make sure you're prepared before an emergency happens.

Here's a statistic worth paying attention to: **three out of five home fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms.**

Take a few minutes this month to test the smoke alarms in your home. The National Fire Protection Association recommends having alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, testing them monthly, and replacing smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

And don't stop with the alarms. Does everyone in your household know how to get out if there's a fire? Identify two ways out of every room, keep exits clear, and choose a safe meeting place outside. Once you're out, stay out and call 911.

OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

A few simple steps can make a big difference!



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America's Family Community



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David Reeser
Bryanna Johnson
Eric Erickson

July Meetings

City Council: 7th & 21st
Planning & Zoning: 8th & 22nd