

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

Jerry Merrill, Mayor

TOPICS

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

REXBURG POLICE
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EXPERIENCE
REXBURG

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS

A NEW SPACE FOR
THE ARTS!

UTILITY FEE CHANGE PUBLIC HEARING

AND MUCH MORE!

MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL
3rd & 17th

PLANNING & ZONING

LABOR DAY: 9/1/25 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED





CALLING ALL REXBURG TEENAGERS!

The **Mayor's Youth Advisory Board** is accepting applications for 2025-2026. Join us for community service, fun events, and a chance to make a difference.

The board is a team of local teens who get together twice a month with the Mayor and community leaders to share information, provide insight on relevant topics, and oversee community projects. Together they participate in:

Celebrate Youth | Rexburg Days | Shop with a Cop | Halloween Safety | Mock City Council | Valentines to the Homestead

Kick-off Party: September 4, 4–5 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
Bring your friends and get involved!



Scan the QR code to submit an application.

SAVE THE DATE!

10 / 11 / 2025

Zombie Mania Costume 5K & OktUBERfest are coming!

Join Rexburg Cultural Arts and Rexburg Races on October 11th for a day filled with fun fall activities for everyone! Be sure to follow us on social media for more information and download the Rexburg App for the most up-to-date, Need to Know facts about what's happening in our community.



POLICE STATION BOND

The City of Rexburg is seeking a bond to pay for the construction of a new police station facility, together with related improvements and costs.

The bond ordinance has recently passed Rexburg's **City Council**. This means the City of Rexburg has submitted the bond to the November Ballot. Find more Information online at rexburg.org/page/rpd-station-bond

UPCOMING BOND EVENTS:

Sept.: Property Owner Direct Mailer

Oct.: Town Hall Q&A

Nov. 4th: Election Day!

STAY INFORMED

rexburg.org/page/rpd-station-bond

We invite residents to stay engaged throughout this process. Input helps ensure the project reflects our shared priorities of safety, efficiency, and community values.

2025 ELECTION INFO

rexburg.org/page/2025-elections-candidate-information



THE G.O.A.T.

Greatest Of All Time

In September, we've hired a team of professional weed eaters to help us clear the weeds and brush from Eagle Park. We know this team to be the best in the business at their job, because taking care of weeds is their favorite thing to do.

Who is the G.O.A.T. at weed clearing? Actual goats. Yes, these goats will munch and chomp until the cows come home, or the goats in this case.

We expect the goats to be on-site, moving from campsite to campsite, for about 2 weeks. They will be kept in livestock fenced areas to ensure they don't wander too far. We don't advise getting to close to the fences - it could be shocking. Trails through the park will remain open for foot and bicycle traffic, but please no vehicles.



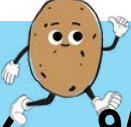
The 23rd annual Experience Rexburg is coming! This is the ultimate welcome-back celebration for BYU-Idaho students and the Rexburg community! Whether you're new in town or a long-time local, this event is your chance to explore all that Rexburg has to offer. It's fun for all ages — and it's **FREE to attend!** Bring your friends and family for a full day of:

- Delicious food!
- Live entertainment!
- Games, raffles, and giveaways!
- Local businesses, organizations & shops

Sept. 20 | 10:00am - 3:00pm

@ PORTER PARK



Speedy Spud 5K  **9/27, 9am**

This new Rexburg 5k fun run takes races through Nature and Eagle Parks twice! Kids will be able to participate in the "Mashed Potato Mile." **Register by September 10th for a T-shirt!**

[Learn more from Rexburg Races!](#)



Welcome Back BYU-Idaho Students!

Welcome back, BYU-Idaho! Whether you're diving into your first semester or returning for another year, we're thrilled to have you as part of our vibrant community. We hope you find yourself at home here in Rexburg. As you settle in, take time to explore our unique charm - there's something here for everyone! Here's to a fantastic year ahead filled with learning, growth, and unforgettable memories.

BYU
IDAHO

If needed, parking permits can be obtained from the Rexburg Police Department: limited availability



THE MORE YOU KNOW

It's best practice to chip seal roads a year after they've been newly paved.

"Why? Isn't this a waste?"

No, because this process helps protect the fresh asphalt from weathering, UV damage, and surface wear caused by traffic.

Chip sealing involves applying a thin layer of asphaltic binder followed by small aggregate chips, which create a durable, water-resistant surface that extends the lifespan of the pavement. Without this additional treatment, the pavement can develop cracks and potholes more quickly, leading to costly repairs down the line. So, while it might seem like extra maintenance, chip sealing is a smart way to keep our roads smoother, safer, and longer-lasting.

Nobody wants more potholes, right?

#TheMoreYouKnow!



FOCUSING ON PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The City of Rexburg and BYU-Idaho, are asking you to "Share the Road!" With schools back in session this month, it's important to remember that drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians all have rights AND responsibilities to use public roadways safely.

For the safety of our community, let's invest in attention and action. Join us: commit to safety, spread the word, and help make our roads a place where every journey ends safely.

Drivers & Pedestrians:

- Use extra caution at intersections and crosswalks
- Make eye contact with drivers/pedestrians - acknowledge each other
- Avoid distractions. Put devices down.
- Be in-the-know about flashing red and yellow lights
 - Flashing red light: treat it like a 4-way stop
 - Flashing yellow light: treat it like a yield sign



Infrastructure Projects this Month

Downtown S 1st W / W 1st S: August 11 into the Fall.
Full Road Closure. Local Traffic Only during construction

5th W from S Yellowstone Hwy to 7th S: June 2025 into fall.
Road & Sidewalk Closure for Reconstruction

12th W & Highway 33/Main St: TBD
Road Widening with Intermittent Lane Shifts

W Park St to E Church St: Mid to late September
Road & Sidewalk Closure for Reconstruction



A NEW SPACE FOR THE ARTS



Changes are happening at City Hall this month! The Rexburg Business & Development Center and entrepreneurial space, The Hatchery, have significantly reduced their footprint in the south wing of City Hall, which left a lot of room for a City Department to move in! **Rexburg Cultural Arts** is very excited for the opportunity to occupy this space. The large room formerly used as the Hatchery will lend itself to **a new exhibit to honor and serve the memory of the Teton Dam Flood**. This interactive space promises to be an immersive and impactful experience for all ages.

"We look forward to new possibilities to nurture creativity and community together!"

Their **weekly painting classes** are also moving downstairs, with improved access and natural light! In addition to office spaces for our Arts team, a new Historic Preservation Committee space will also be making a home in the wing, including a library and archives from our museum.

Meanwhile, you can still use **entrepreneurial space** in this wing, just on a smaller scale. A conference room, maker space, social media lab, and co-working space are all available through our Economic Development Department.



Be Our Guest! 9/27, 7pm

Join Rexburg Arts for a community concert themed to all things "started by a mouse!"

SEPT. 27, 7 PM @ THE ROMANCE THEATER

AUDITIONS HELD SEPT 5 & 6

Variety, creativity, and excellence. Live music is preferred. Piano on stage if you need it. Singing, dancing, instrumentals, small or big groups, solos--show us what you've got!

[Learn more from Rexburg Arts!](#)



Find out more about this season's..

...MUSIC PROGRAMS!

September is National Preparedness Month

From the EPA: "Homeowners, families, communities, and businesses can use this opportunity to find ways or help others understand more about preparing for disasters and reducing risks to health and the environment. There are many ways to reduce risks from contamination, leaks, spills, hazardous materials, and other dangers."

In light and remembrance of the Teton Dam Flood, this month lends itself as an excellent time to prepare for an emergency.



Whether it's a flood, fire, weather disaster, or any other emergency, take the time to get prepared and be ready in any event.

[Sign up for Alerts](#) | [Plan Ahead](#) | [Gather the Necessities](#) | [Identify Local Resources](#)

Looking to help others in need?

[Join the Eastern Idaho Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\): easternidahocert.org](#)

Learn More:

[TetonFlood50.org](#)

YOU CAN HELP BRING A FREE CONCERT SERIES TO REXBURG!

All you have to do is vote!

The Levitt Music Series Grant is highly competitive, requiring votes from our community. If selected, Rexburg will receive funding to provide **7-10 FREE CONCERTS PER YEAR FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS** at Porter Park.

"The Levitt Foundation exists to strengthen the social fabric of America. We partner with communities to activate underused outdoor spaces, creating welcoming, inclusive destinations where the power of free, live music brings people together and invigorates community life."

Please help us make this dream a reality and VOTE FOR **REXBURG!**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

PUBLIC VOTING PERIOD:

Public voting begins 9/5 at 11 am locally, and ends 9/15 at 6 pm.

There are two ways to vote and support our Levitt Music Series proposal: **online** at <https://levitt.org/vote>

or via **text to 877-409-5525** with our keyword . . . **REXBURG**



This is the first round of public voting and will determine the 50 finalists! Each voter may only vote for each proposal once! From there, the Levitt Foundation will then select the Levitt Music Series grant recipients. Proposals that have strong community support (displayed by the number of votes, both online and text) will be more compelling to the foundation during the final selection process.

Vote for **REXBURG** - Use the texting keyword: **REXBURG**

Double-check your vote: be sure to use this keyword exactly as noted, in all caps with no added spaces or punctuation. Successful votes will receive confirmation messages - no confirmation means No Vote!

ANY VOTES CAST PRIOR to September 5 at 11 am or following September 15 at 6 pm will NOT BE COUNTED!!!

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 5-15: Public voting period

September 16-November 17, 2025: Levitt application review period

November 18, 2025: Grant recipients announced



MADISON HOMECOMING PARADE

September 12
Main Street at
12:00



Madison School District #321

HEADS UP REXBURG! *BYUI Orientation is the same day!*

CALLING ALL ENTREPRENEURS!

EAST IDAHO BUSINESS BUILDER...

is returning this fall!
Join the Madison Ec.
Partners Inc. (MEPI)
OCT. 17-19, 2025!

City of Rexburg Economic Development Assistant Aaron Denney explained the East Idaho Business Builder is a two-and-a-half-day entrepreneurial event where entrepreneurs will create a business with a team. "It's awesome for people who are interested in business because you learn what it takes to start a business and learn the process. Or if you're a more seasoned individual, you can get back to the roots of where you came from," Denney said.

America's Family Community.

GOT BOBCAT SPIRIT?

Come show it off and celebrate our local youth on **Friday, September 12th**

@ noon with the annual Homecoming parade!

See the map to find the best viewing location.



GAME TIME!

The Homecoming game is the same evening, **September 12th @ 7 pm!**

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

How can you give back?

ON 9/11 DAY



Help us clean the Veterans' Memorial!
9/11-12 <https://tinyurl.com/2uw7hye3>

UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENT!

The proposed rate changes will be included in the public hearing on September 3rd, 2025. If the rate changes are approved for water, sewer, garbage, and safety lighting, they would be effective Oct. 1, 2025. The new rates, if adopted, would be reflected on the bill you receive in November.

PROPOSED FEE INCREASES/DECREASES FOR WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE CITY OF REXBURG, IDAHO

A public hearing will be held for the consideration of proposed fee increases/decreases to be effective October 1, 2025, for Water, Wastewater, Garbage, and Safety Lighting. The hearing will be held at 35 North 1st East, Rexburg, Idaho, at 6:30 p.m., on September 3rd 2025. All interested persons are invited to appear and show cause, if any, why such fee increases should or should not be adopted. The fee increases are due to the additional costs of operations, maintenance, and administration of the various utilities. Additional information is available at City Hall during the regular office hours (M-Th 7:30 am to 5:30 pm & F 7:30 am to 12:30 pm). City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone desiring accommodations for disabilities related to documents or the hearing, please contact City Hall, 359-3020 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing. This Notice can be provided in a format accessible to persons with disabilities and/or persons with limited English proficiency upon request.

Se le puede proveer esta notificación en un formato accesible para las personas discapacidades y/o personas con conocimientos limitados del inglés a pedido.

Proposed New Monthly Cost

GARBAGE

90 Gallon Bin Weekly Pickup \$ 28.03
90 Gallon Bin Every 2nd week Pickup \$ 19.86
1.5 Yard Bin Weekly Pickup \$ 49.08
2.0 Yard Bin Weekly Pickup \$ 59.93
3.0 Yard Bin Weekly Pickup \$ 81.67

WATER

Base Fee for .75" Equivalent & SF 1" Meter No Change (Other Meters to increase proportionately based on factor rating)
Usage Fee per 1,000 Gallons over 6,000 No Change

WASTEWATER

Base Fee for .75" Equivalent & SF 1" Meter No Change
(Other Meters to increase proportionately based on factor rating)
Usage Fee per 1,000 Gallons No Change
Other City Usage Fee per 1,000 Gallon No Change

Out of City Limits 30% Surcharge for Water or Sewer update all fees 30%.....**No Change**
Stop Billing Residential and Non-Residential Safety Lighting Fees as set forth in ordinance 1025 and resolutions 2009-08 and 2018-08
Safety Lighting Fees Residential and Non-Residential:**Remove Fees**

Stay Informed with the Rexburg App!



Learn More

rexburg.org

Contact Us

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customerservices@rexburg.org

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America's Family Community



City Council Members

Robert Chambers David Reeser
Mikel Walker Bryanna Johnson
Colin Erickson Eric Erickson

August Meetings

City Council: 3rd & 17th
Planning & Zoning: 4th & 18th

ABOVE & BEYOND

During a recent traffic stop, I encountered a highly challenging situation. The driver I stopped was clearly intoxicated and spoke only Spanish—a language I do not speak beyond a few basic phrases. Conducting a DUI investigation without a translator would have been nearly impossible, and without that step, the driver could have gone free.

We attempted to contact every available Spanish-speaking officer, but none were able to respond. **Officer Kaleb Nordfelt** had just returned from over a week of intensive DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) training—time spent away from his family—and was scheduled to begin a shift at 5 a.m. It was already around 1 a.m. when I called him. Despite having every reason to decline, Officer Nordfelt immediately got out of bed and came to assist me.



Officer Kaleb Nordfelt

Because of his willingness to step in—without extra pay and at personal sacrifice—we were able to conduct the field sobriety tests, gather the necessary evidence, and ensure this individual, who was ultimately charged with his second DUI and additional offenses, was taken off the road.

I am grateful for Officer Nordfelt's willingness to help me in a difficult situation, even at personal inconvenience. His support made all the difference that night.

-Submitted by Officer Ally Greenhalgh



FIRE



P&Z

Celebrating all your wins & losses at the City Employee Golf Scramble

Congratulations to the Winners

Jason Schauers
Troyce Miskin
Luke Stone
Marc Fletcher

We hope the golden buddha brings P&Z better luck next year!



DID YOU KNOW?

REXBURG PIONEERS

CHARLES H. WOODMANSEE
[1867-1911]

He moved to Rexburg in 1892 and became a successful farmer and businessman in the Moody area and had a partnership with J.W. Webster. Charles helped build one of the first dams in the Moody Creek area. He also served on the Tabernacle Building Committee.



Training Tidbit



Lift with your legs, not your back, and don't be afraid to ask for help!
Your job description likely mentions lifting a certain amount of weight. To lift properly, protect your spine and start in a squat: feet shoulder-width apart, knees and hips bent, then push through your heels and straighten your knees and hips at the same time.

Let's Have Some Fun!



September Mystery Employee

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Not knowing what each day will bring

What is your least favorite part of your job?

Stinky coworkers

How long have you worked for the City?

Since 2019

What do you like to do in your free time?

Xbox, traveling, and eating

Where would you go on your dream vacation?

Japan

What is your biggest accomplishment?

Learning how to bake

What is something unique about you that nobody knows?

I have never broken a bone.

How would you describe your job with the City in just one or two words?

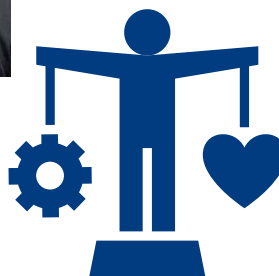
Fulfilling



*Last
month's
mystery
employee
was...*



Carston Chidester, WW Treatment Operator. Terri Hill was the first one to guess correctly.



**Word
of the
Month**

Can you guess the word of the month?

Send your guesses to Mary or pr@rexburg.org!

Clue:

Welcome to Team Rexburg!



Brandon Butikofer is the new full-time Sanitation Driver. He has two sons, ages 23 and 16. He grew up in Rigby and attended Rigby High School. He has previously worked as a Ranch Hand and he worked for Davis Plastering for 17 years. Brandon enjoys spending time with his boys, fishing and hunting.

September Birthdays!

Jeffrey Leavitt	2nd	Fire
Lydia Morrison	2nd	Fire
Luke Stone	3rd	Fire
Natalie Benson	4th	Rec.
James Mattos	4th	W.W.
Nate Robinson	4th	Fire
Ethan Gilbert	5th	Water
Gordon Richards	9th	Fire
Bailey Cole	9th	Fire
Robert Tietjen	9th	Fire
Emma Yorgason	12th	Fire
Lucas Allen	13th	Rec.
Rebekah Carroll	14th	Rec.
Jordan Frei	16th	Police
Jake Goss	16th	Golf
Jacob Littlefield	16th	Rec.
Ray Hermosillo	17th	Police
Emma Taylor	17th	Rec.
Brandy Davis	19th	P.W.
Samuel Jaeckel	20th	Police
James Heap	20th	Rec.
Jared Newell	20th	Police
Cole Ririe	20th	Parks
Austin Pace	21st	Rec.
Miles Hartwig	22nd	Rec.
Daniel Neese	22nd	Parks
Jacob Rasmussen	24th	Parks
Kenny Wheeler	26th	Water
Jordan Jensen	26th	Police
Emma Jones	26th	Police
Parker Perrenoud	27th	Golf
Nicholas Deal	27th	Fire
Kesler Jeppesen	27th	Rec.
Tate Peterson	27th	Parks
Sarah Cromwell	28th	CS
Noah Lewis	28th	Police
Andrew Walker	29th	Golf
Brian Raty	29th	Water
Holly Wolfley	30th	Police
Talia Cherrington	30th	Rec.
Sydney Butler	30th	Fire
Mayson Jones	30th	Cul. Arts

Let's Have Some Fun!



September Safety Focus

A well-organized workspace isn't just tidy—it's your first line of defense against accidents or injuries for you and your coworkers.

- Stay alert, keep it clean, and report any hazards!
- If you spot a spill, take time to stop it!
- Tidy up messy cords or out-of-place items.
- Keep your workspace clear of clutter.
- Keep tools stored in the right place and walkways open.

Work together to know where things go and be there for each other!

"Safety isn't boring, it's what keeps us going!"

Monthly Challenge

As summer slowly gives way to fall, take time to enjoy the changing of the season in your own unique way! Take a nature walk, go "leaf peeping", try a new fall recipe, create art inspired by autumn colors, write a short poem about September, or snap a photo of your favorite seasonal moment. Big or small, indoors or outdoors, find a way to celebrate what makes this time of year special to you. We'd love to see what you come up with! Share your photos, artwork, or words with us at Mary.Flanary@rexburg.org



hello  fall

Full-Time Work Anniversaries

Joseph Timmel	1 year	Water	Judd Riley	9 years	Fire
Aaron Denney	3 years	Econ. Dev.	Kristy Rawson	12 years	Finance
Katie Saurey	3 years	P&Z	Shawn Scott	14 years	Police
Jacob Mager	3 years	Streets	Corey Child	17 years	Fire
Walter Lecheminant	3 years	Streets	Ellis Johnston	17 years	Fire
Scott Chapman	5 years	Police	Whitney Robison	18 years	Police
Brian Raty	7 years	Water	Bret Stoddard	19 years	Com. Dev.
Jacob Kuta	7 years	Water	Doug Boivie	22 years	Police
Derek Detavis	8 years	Fire	Deborah Lovejoy	23 years	Cust. Serv.
Robert Ricks	9 years	Fire			

You may notice a different anniversary date from what we have shown previously because we are now showing the anniversary of your FULL-TIME hire date, not your part-time hire date. Please let me know if you see a mistake.