

The REXBURG ROUNDUP

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MERRILL

April Showers bring May Flowers, so please, let's all pray for more April showers. Thank you for being aware of our water supply issues this year. As of this writing, we have not received word of any limitations on our city water supply, but just using common sense, please be very "water-use aware". You don't need to let your lawn dry out and burn up, but please use some best practices. Water only when necessary...most lawns, this time of year, just need a good soaking every other week, not every other day. When you do water, do so at night if possible. Watering during the daytime creates a lot of heat and wind evaporation which wastes water. I heard in church yesterday that unity produces spiritual power. If we all band together in unity and pray for the moisture we need, and then do our part by conserving the best we can, we will get through this low water year. Thank you so much for your efforts.

We have many interesting and family fun events coming up with the Flood50 events, the Teton Dam Marathon and our Independence Day activities. Don't miss out on some great opportunities for service and just flat-out good times with family and friends. Tickets for our Russell Dickerson LIVE concert (RUSSELLMANIA) are now available at Rexburg.org/America250 for the Friday July 3rd concert. This party will also feature a drone show and fireworks finale that will be awesome! I've heard from several sources that Russell puts on an awesome concert suitable for the whole family to enjoy. Brought to you by the City of Rexburg and Madison County. Our aim is to celebrate the semi-quincentennial (try saying that ten times fast) of our great country and raise some extra funds for the continuing remodeling of our historic Tabernacle and help with raising funds to build new fairgrounds.

The Rexburg Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a great family community celebration in conjunction with The Farmer's Market earlier that day on July 3rd as well. Check out all these great activities and more (rodeo, golf tournament, etc.) at Rexburg.org, RexburgArts and RexburgRaces Facebook pages and on the Rexburg Chamber of Commerce website or Facebook page. We are hoping to celebrate America 250 in a big way. A few other simpler neighborhood ideas we have thought of are: 1) Consider coordinating with your neighbors to plant red, white and blue flowers this year just for fun 2) Encourage neighbors to fly our colors on the appropriate days any way you can. 3) Go on the America's Potluck website and consider organizing a neighborhood potluck on Sunday July 5th. Let's use this great opportunity to create "Unity in our Community".

Sincerely, Mayor Jerry Merrill

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



Jerry Merrill, Mayor

TOPICS

AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION TICKETS

FLOOD 50 SCHEDULED OF EVENTS

FLOW-BOR DAY

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

AND MORE FROM AROUND THE CITY

MEETINGS

City Council 6th & 20th

Planning & Zoning 7th & 21st



Russell Dickerson



July 3, 2026

Rexburg, ID
at the Madison Bobcat Stadium

Celebrate America's Semiquincentennial in a BIG Way!

RUSSELLMANIA CONCERT

Drone Show & Fireworks to follow!

[Get Tickets!](#)

America 250 **JULY 3RD**



TOYOTA



Rexburg's Annual Carousel Kickoff!

KICKING OFF SUMMER FUN!

Bounce Houses, Farmers Market, Petting Zoo, Games, and More!

May 29th 4-8 pm

Porter Park



REXBURG 2026

PROGRAM GUIDE



REXBURG'S 2026 PROGRAM GUIDE IS LIVE!

A lot is happening this year in Rexburg.

Check it out and start planning your year here!

[View the Guide!](#)

Have a Safe and Happy Memorial Day!

Memorial Day is a time to pause and honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. As we gather with family and friends, let's take a moment to remember their sacrifice and reflect on the freedoms we enjoy because of them.

Trash pickup for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday.

City Hall will be closed.



THE REXBURG POLICE STATION BOND

The Rexburg City Council voted on March 4th to move forward with a revised police facility bond and to place the measure on the May 19, 2026, ballot.

- Proposed general obligation bond to fund a new police facility.
- Proposed principal amount: \$14,995,000 (15-year bond term).



WHAT CHANGED

Drawing on community feedback and survey results, the May 19, 2026, bond is a revised proposal. To reduce the project's cost, the City scaled back the design by removing the unfinished interior space. This adjustment lowers construction costs by about \$1.9 million and decreases the borrowing and interest needed to fund the project, resulting in total **savings of around \$3.29 million.**

BOND PURPOSE:

To pay the cost of construction of a police station facility, together with related improvements and costs.

BOND DISCLOSURE:

The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bond issue, based upon current market rates, is three and twenty-two hundredths percent (3.22%) per annum. The **total amount estimated** to be repaid over the life of the bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is **\$19,304,500**, consisting of **\$14,995,000 in principal and \$4,309,500 of interest.**

The term of the bonds will not exceed fifteen (15) years from the date of issuance. The estimated average annual cost to the taxpayer under the proposed bond levy is a tax of **\$53.48 per \$100,000** of taxable assessed value, based on current conditions.

As of November 4, 2025, the water system will have debt in the amount of \$6,746,137 that is paid solely by water utility revenues and not by property taxes. The City currently has no other general obligation debt.

MAY 19TH
Is Election Day
YOUR VOTE MATTERS

[More Bond Information](#)

FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

[with the Madison County Voter Precinct Map](#)

[More Voter Information](#)





Bringing the Community Together Through Service

Following the Teton Dam Flood, the community came together in an incredible way to lend a hand, help neighbors, and recover together. This year, as we remember the flood, we commemorate not just the memories of disaster but also honor the service of our citizens and neighbors whose response helped shape the community into what it is today.

A large part of Flood 50 is to bring service to Rexburg’s community in a similar fashion. Looking for your opportunity to serve? We have a few this month:

THE ANNUAL FLOW-BOR DAY COMMUNITY PLANTING EVENT

Thursday, May 21st, from 4:00 to 5:00 pm - Meet @ City Hall

This fun, community-wide service project invites residents of all ages to help plant flowers along Main Street and make our city bloom. Volunteers will meet in front of City Hall for instructions.

BE AN EVENT VOLUNTEER

Rexburg’s many events this year require dedicated service members to help make them happen. Check our events on our “See My Legacy” platform and **Sign Up to Volunteer!**

SPRING INTO SOBRIETY FESTIVAL

May 16th 3:00 - 6:00 pm @ Porter Park | Family-friendly festival with booths for local service groups in Rexburg & SE Idaho.

🎭🌟 FOURTH GRADE SHOWCASE! 🎭🌟

Join us at the Romance Theater!
THURSDAY, MAY 7TH AT 10:00 AM
FOR THE 4TH GRADE SHOWCASE!

Discover the exciting world of art, theater, ballet, choir, and orchestra, and see what inspires you. Don’t miss this fun opportunity to explore your creativity!
 Contact Arts for more information: arts@rexburg.org

FL50D

Remembering the Teton Dam Flood

EXHIBIT OPENS MAY 30TH!

Cultural Arts Wing of City Hall

June 1-6

How to Participate

Remember

New Documentary and Book:

"Flood of Memories"

Share Your Stories

Teton Dam Flood Exhibit

Exhibits and Displays

Downtown Walking Tours

Hosted Bus Tours

Discussion Panel

Connect

Teton Dam Marathon

Motorcycle Rally

Guided River Float

Golf Scramble

Flashback to the 70s: Fashion Show,

Tribute Band, and Car Show

Summer Safety Series

Serve

#flood50serve

Volunteer Appreciation Picnic

CERT Training

Celebration of Service

America 250 Gives

JustServe.org

IdahoKindness.com

Learn More & Get Tickets:

www.tetonflood50.org

Happening this Month

Art Stroll	5/1
<i>Romance Theater</i>	5-8 pm
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HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO!	5/5
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HAPPY Mother's Day	5/10
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RPD Bond Town Hall	5/11
<i>Council Chambers</i>	4-5 pm
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Upper Valley Women's Choir Spring Concert	5/14
<i>Romance Theater</i>	7:30 pm
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Family Festival: Clean Spring Fun!	5/16
<i>Porter Park</i>	
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ELECTION DAY YOUR VOTE MATTERS	5/19
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Flow-bor Day	5/21
<i>City Hall</i>	4 pm
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Memorial Day	5/22-23
Pickle Ball Tournament	
<i>Smith Park & Nature Park</i>	
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MEMORIAL DAY	5/25
<i>City offices closed</i>	
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Flood 50 Exhibit	5/28
Ribbon Cutting	11:30 am
<i>City Hall</i>	
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Carousel Kick-off	5/29
<i>Centennial Carousel @ Porter Park</i>	4-8 pm



REXBURG PLANS INFRASTRUCTURE...

May is a significant month for construction and a busy time of year for our Public Works teams. Be aware of these planned infrastructure projects this season:

- Construction continues on the Riverside Lift Station and N Yellowstone Sewer Line. Expect impacts to continue in Riverside Park, including the addition of a new restroom for the north end of the park.
- Construction has begun on a new sewer line between Moody and Moran View Road with minimal impacts within city limits.
- Construction is expected early in the summer for LID 55, impacting 7th South by Burton Elementary, 4th West, Ash, and Birch.
- Rexburg's water tower is getting a fresh coat of paint this summer.
- Construction continues at the treatment plant with a headworks expansion that will increase capacity, reliability, and efficiency.
- Demolition in the basement of the Tabernacle continues in May to allow for the installation of a new HVAC system.
- The new Teton River Park on Barney Dairy Road is seeing active construction, and a new traffic signal will be installed at 7th South and Center St this summer.
- Find more projects on our map (see info below)

Stay tuned for more information about the "Safe Streets for All" study and look for more opportunities for additional public input!

With construction in full swing, stay informed about road closures and project delays using our Construction Project Update Map, which outlines current and upcoming infrastructure projects. *Timelines are estimates, with many variables.* We'll share updates throughout the season as more information becomes available.

[View THE MAP](#)



May 18th-22nd

National Public Works Week is celebrated each year during the **third week of May** and recognizes the essential services that keep our communities running smoothly every day. From maintaining streets and utilities to ensuring safe drinking water, sanitation, and infrastructure, public works employees play a vital role in supporting the health, safety, and quality of life for our residents.

This week is a great opportunity to recognize and thank the dedicated teams who work behind the scenes—often in all weather conditions—to keep Rexburg operating efficiently. Their hard work and commitment help make our community a great place to live, work, and play.



MAY IS NATIONAL BUILDING SAFETY MONTH TOGETHER, WE'RE BUILDING A SAFER REXBURG!

May is **National Building Safety Month**, a time to recognize the importance of safe, resilient buildings in our growing community. In Rexburg—one of the youngest and fastest-growing cities in the nation—building safety plays a key role in protecting families, supporting economic growth, and ensuring long-term sustainability.

From new housing developments to simple remodels and other community improvements, every structure depends on modern building codes designed to protect against fire, severe weather, and structural risks. Behind the scenes, Rexburg's building officials, inspectors, and construction professionals work every day to make sure these standards are met.

This year's themes highlight what building safety means for all of us:

- **Safe Homes, Strong Communities**
- **Voices of the Built Environment**
- **Prepared to Protect**
- **Communities Without Limits**

Building safety isn't just for professionals—it's something everyone benefits from and can support.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

If you're planning a project, make sure to **obtain the proper permits**, **schedule inspections**, and **follow current building codes**. These steps help protect your investment and keep our community safe.



MAY UTILITY REMINDER!

This month, each customer's water account will be reviewed and the sewer billing adjusted for the year based on your winter water usage, Nov.-April. On your next bill, your sewer rate may go up or down depending on how much water you used during the winter.



CITY PLANNER, ALAN PARKINSON, ATTENDS NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE IN MICHIGAN

City Planner **Alan Parkinson** attended the American Planning Association’s National Planning Conference (NPC) in Detroit in April. This annual event brings together more than 5,000 planning professionals from across the country to share ideas, explore innovations, and collaborate on solutions shaping the future of communities across the United States.

During the conference, Alan participated in a variety of educational sessions and workshops covering topics such as zoning, transportation, ethics, and planning practices. These sessions provide practical insights that can be applied directly to projects and initiatives here in Rexburg.

Alan noted that the experience offered valuable ideas and perspectives for our community, with the goal of implementing these new approaches in the near future. The conference also supports ongoing professional development by contributing to the required continuing education for those in the planning and zoning fields.

Alan found it to be a meaningful opportunity to learn, connect with peers in the industry, and drive innovative decisions that can help guide Rexburg’s continued growth and development.



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January Meetings
City Council: 6th & 20th
Planning & Zoning: 7th & 21st