

# The REXBURG ROUNDUP

March, 2026

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MERRILL

### Happy March Everyone!

As I look out my window at the snowstorm we just received, I guess Punxsutawney Phil was right...six more weeks of winter, and we do need it. Keep praying for snow, at least for a few more weeks!

This is going to be a busy and exciting spring and summer. We have many events coming up for your family to enjoy. March 10th is Rexburg's birthday, so we are celebrating with a "**Lighting the Way**" event featuring patriotic numbers by the Madison High School band and choir, along with a ceremony honoring some of our community's civic leaders. It will be a great family event, and you are all invited. It will be held at the Romance Theater at 7 pm. March 10th is a Tuesday night, so if you are involved with Youth activities, I would invite you to bring your group so they can learn more about Rexburg and how the community works together.

The following Saturday, March 14th, will be a Founder's Fair at the MSD #321 Admin Building. You'll be able to learn all about Rexburg's history and future. Thank you to the Rexburg Historical Society for planning this event.

Also coming up is the **Easter Egg Hunt** sponsored by the Rexburg Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce, then the **primary elections in May**. The bond for a new Police Department facility will appear on that ballot. If you aren't already registered to vote, now is a great time to do that to ensure your voice can be heard. You can check the City's website and social media for information about the bond.

Then, in June, the Teton Dam Marathon, along with what I think will be the biggest event ever: "**Flood 50**". This commemoration event honors the Teton Dam Flood and how our community worked together to recover and thrive. We will invite volunteers from all over who came to help or had stories to share for a "Volunteer Reunion" appreciation event. This will be a wonderful and very memorable event that we can all enjoy and learn from.

Then in July, we'll have a very fun America 250 community celebration. We have booked an "**A**" list country music artist for an outdoor concert at Bobcat Stadium on Friday, July 3rd! We are also planning a drone and fireworks show after the concert. Then we'll have our usual fireworks in two locations on the 4th. Watch for announcements and tickets to the concert to be available soon. **I want to extend my thanks** to the businesses that have stepped up to help us with the expense of doing this. We can't do it without you. If you would like to sponsor any of these activities, please contact Scott Johnson here at City Hall. It's a great opportunity to build community spirit and awareness of your business.

I'm all excited just thinking about all these things coming up. I hope you are too!

Sincerely, Jerry Merrill

Life is Great in Rexburg, Idaho!



Jerry Merrill, Mayor

## TOPICS

POLICE STATION  
BOND - MAY BALLOT

REXBURG  
FOUNDER'S DAY

SAFETY INITIATIVES  
FROM RPD

HOLES  
LIVE ON STAGE

AND MORE FROM  
AROUND THE CITY

## MEETINGS

City Council  
4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

Planning & Zoning  
5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>





# POLICE STATION BOND

A revised proposal will appear on the next ballot for citizens to vote for once again in May.

*What have we learned? What changed? What's Next?*

In the November election, the Police Station Bond received majority support at nearly 64%, but did not meet the 66.67% required for the measure to pass. The City and the Police Department conducted a survey to gather feedback on voter preferences and concerns.

In the survey, 85% of residents noted support and recognized the need for a new police station. The largest concerns included property taxes, the City budget, existing debt, and the scope of the new proposed facility. With this information, the Rexburg City Council unanimously voted to proceed with a revised ballot measure to appear in the May election.

**To reduce the cost of the project, 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. If the bond is approved, the City will wait until the 2028 tax year to place the bond levy on property taxes, to allow existing voter-approved bonds to either expire or nearly pay off before the new levy begins.**

Over the next few months, the City will be sharing educational content to provide clear, transparent information with our voters. Follow us on social media or our website for the most up-to-date information. [rexburg.org/o/cor/page/rpd-station-bond](http://rexburg.org/o/cor/page/rpd-station-bond)

## 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 May 19, 2026, the water system will have debt in the amount of \$6,645,044 that is paid solely by water utility revenues and not by property taxes. The City currently has no other general obligation debt.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### ANNUAL EGG HUNT AT PORTER PARK

The Rexburg Kiwanis Club is proud to bring back their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Porter Park this year! The hunt begins at 9 am sharp! Don't be late - those eggs go FAST!

**April 4th @ 9:00 am**





## LIGHTING THE WAY PROGRAM

Mayor Jerry Merrill is excited to invite our community to a new annual program called “Lighting the Way”. The program aims to honor past council members and welcome new leaders while we reaffirm our community’s commitment to public service & civic engagement.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Romance Theater, we’ll have light refreshments in the lobby, followed by a ceremony with performances by local choir and youth groups, as well as opportunities to interact with many distinguished members of our community.

In addition, we’re honoring our citizens of the year for their time and dedication while serving the Rexburg community. We have honorees from three different categories who have championed our community’s cultural arts, community involvement, and parks and recreation initiatives. Their stories inspire us, showcasing the incredible impact that dedicated individuals can have in shaping the heart of our city. As we gather to celebrate these achievements, we also look forward to strengthening the bonds that unite us as a community.

We encourage you to join us for an evening of celebration, reflection, and inspiration. Let’s come together to support and celebrate the spirit of Rexburg, fostering a future filled with promise and opportunity. Whether you’re a longtime resident or new to the area, this event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbors and embrace the vibrant community spirit that defines Rexburg.

**MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 7 PM**

The Romance Theater | 2 E Main St, Rexburg, ID

*America’s Family Community.*

## FOUNDERS DAY 3/14



On March 14th, the Rexburg Historical Society will hold a Founder’s Day Festival at the MSD #321 Admin Building. The event will allow former students and employees to say goodbye to the building and will include booths, expos, and celebrations that aim to recognize notable contributions. Join to discover the city’s history and future!

**REXBURG  
TABERNACLE  
ORCHESTRA**

**3/12  
7:30 PM  
FREE!**

MOZART • BORODIN • VERDI



## EAST IDAHO BUSINESS COMPETITION



The City of Rexburg, as a member of the Madison Economic Partners Inc. (MEPI), will be hosting its spring business competition on March 7<sup>th</sup>! This competition invites entrepreneurs at all stages of their business to submit a business model and plan to the professional pool of judges. The top contenders will be able to present their business plan at this event for a chance to win \$10,000!

MEPI is a partnership of economic development organizations, businesses, and private individuals who have come together with a shared goal of economic growth in Madison County. They are focused on entrepreneurship, economic gardening, and creating economic opportunities from the talent that is formed from BYU Idaho.

## Happening this Month

**Blood Drive** 3/3  
 American Red Cross 10:30 am  
 Council Chambers  
 @ City Hall

**East ID Business Comp.** 3/7  
 Entrepreneur Event! 10 am  
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**Lighting the Way** 3/10  
 Leadership Ceremony 7 pm  
 Romance Theater

**Tabernacle Orchestra** 3/12  
 Classical Concert 7:30 pm  
 Tabernacle Civic Center

**Rexburg Founders Day** 3/14  
 Rexburg's Birthday 11 am  
 MSD #321 Admin

**RPD Bond Town Hall** 3/18  
 Public Station Bond Q&A 5 pm  
 Council Chambers

**HOLES: Live on Stage!** 3/21  
 Theater Performance 3/27  
 The Romance Theater 3/28

**Farmers Merchant Banquet** 3/26  
 6-8 pm  
 Get tickets & info from the  
 Rexburg Chamber of Commerce

**OneRepublic** 3/27  
 Concert @ the i-Center 7:30 pm  
 Get Tickets from BYU-I

**RPD Station Tours** 3/30  
 Visit & tour the Station 4-6 pm  
 25 E Main St.



## WINDSHIELD SAFETY FROM REXBURG POLICE

Before you start your journey, our officers want to remind drivers to clear any obstructions from their vehicle's windshields and windows. It's important to ensure maximum visibility on the road and reduce blind spots for your safety and the safety of others. Common obstructions include snow, ice, dirt, mud, frost, and even fog can all disrupt your view. Make it a habit to thoroughly remove snow and ice from all windows, mirrors, and lights before driving, run the defroster if needed, and wipe away dirt or grime that may have accumulated.

During colder months, use a scraper to eliminate frost and ice. Consider using windshield washer fluid suitable for low temperatures. Clearing these obstructions not only helps you see potential road hazards more clearly, but also ensures you're complying with traffic laws, which require unobstructed views for safe driving. Taking just a few extra moments to do this can prevent accidents, save lives, and keep you and others safe on the roads. Road safety is everyone's responsibility, and safe driving begins with clear vision.

## IDAHO ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTS

Did you know about the Idaho Energy Loan Program?

If you're looking for a way to finance energy efficiency projects in your home, the Idaho Energy & Mineral Resources Department offers low-interest rate loans for insulation, appliances, HVAC, lighting retrofits, weatherization, doors & windows, and other renewable energy projects (solar, wind, geothermal).



Find more information on their website here: [oemr.idaho.gov/loan-program](http://oemr.idaho.gov/loan-program)



**Rexburg Cultural Arts presents  
HOLES! LIVE ON STAGE!**

Don't miss **Holes Live on Stage!** "If you can walk, you can dig." Bring the whole family to see Louis Sachar's beloved Newbery Medal-winning story come to life! Follow Stanley on a wild journey of friendship, yellow-spotted lizards, and "no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing" history. It's a hilarious, fast-paced show that works on every level, and our talented cast of locals is sure to captivate you throughout their journey.

Remember, *"When you spend your whole life living in a hole, the only way you can go is up."*

Shows begin on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Romance Theater (2 E Main St, Rexburg), with the last show on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>. There are 3pm and 7pm showtimes available on different dates. Check the schedule and

**Get your tickets today!**

**TABERNACLE BENEFIT THANKS**

Last month, in coordination with BYU-Idaho, Beehive Federal Credit Union, and the campaign volunteer board, Rexburg hosted two large events centered around raising funds to help restore the Tabernacle Civic Center.

Between the Jon Schmidt concert at BYUI's Center Stage and a gala fundraiser event,

**--- \$148,800+ ---**

was raised for the Tabernacle!

Thank you for your support!



**LOOKING TO MAKE AN IMPACT?**

The Tabernacle Legacy Campaign is a multi-year fundraising effort to renovate and restore the Tabernacle to secure its function for our community's needs of today and tomorrow.



**MAKE A DONATION**

**UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

While the weather may be nice outside, our utility department would like to remind you not to begin watering your lawn again until April 15<sup>th</sup>. Doing so can directly impact your sewer usage rates, which are tied to your water use from Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup>.



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**Contact Us**

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**America's Family Community**



**City Council Members**

Bill Riggins

Alisha Tietjen

Colin Erickson

David Reeser

Bryanna Johnson

Eric Erickson

**January Meetings**

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