



The REXBURG ROUNDUP

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MERRILL

As we enter this season of light and reflection, I invite each of us in Rexburg to embrace the spirit of kindness and peacemaking. Our community thrives when we choose compassion over conflict and understanding over division.

Nelson Mandela once said, "Courageous people do not fear forgiving for the sake of peace." Forgiveness is not weakness—it is strength. It is the foundation upon which lasting peace is built.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. reminded us, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" In this season, let us look beyond ourselves and seek opportunities to serve, uplift, and bring joy to those around us. I challenge each Rexburg family to perform some kind of service to others to celebrate Christmas and the spirit of giving.

President Russell M. Nelson taught, "The joy we feel has little to do with the circumstances of our lives and everything to do with the focus of our lives." When our focus is on kindness and reconciliation, joy naturally follows.

And in the words of the beloved teacher, Mr. Chips, "What greater lesson can there be than to teach kindness?" This simple truth resonates deeply—kindness is not just an act; it is a legacy we leave behind.

This December, let us commit to being peacemakers in our homes, neighborhoods, and workplaces. Small acts of kindness can ripple outward, creating harmony and hope in our city. Together, we can make Rexburg not only a place to live, but a place to love.

Wishing you all a season filled with peace, joy, and kindness.

Mayor Jerry Merrill

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



Jerry Merrill, Mayor

TOPICS

WATER RIGHTS



2026 BUDGET REPORT



NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES



WINTER STREET POLICIES



WHERE DO MY PROP. TAXES GO?



GIFT THE CITY



COUNCIL ELECTS

PUBLIC HEARING

RE: Utility rate changes.
12/17 @ 6:30 PM

MEETINGS

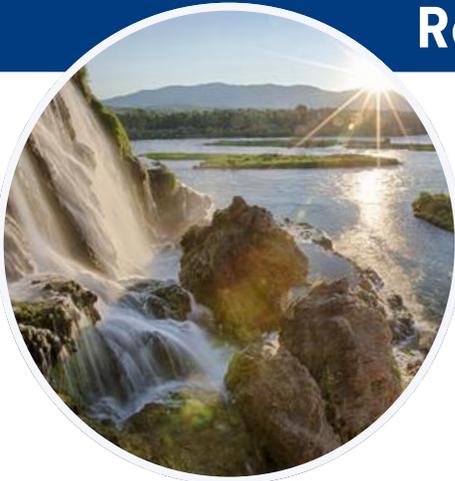
City Council

3rd & 17th

Planning & Zoning

4th & 18th





Rexburg Water Rights

NOTICE TO WATER RIGHTS USERS!

Per Idaho Code § 42-248(6), notice is hereby given that the City of Rexburg has obtained water rights [22-14630, 22-14632, 22-14612, and a portion of 22-13572] to increase the available water supply for the municipal system and a request has been submitted to the Idaho Department of Water Resources to update the ownership of these rights in the state records.

2026 Budget Report

The Budget Summary Report provides the operating expenses, capital expenses, and revenue for the City of Rexburg over a certain period, compared to the budget and with a fiscal year annual forecast.

A Budget in Brief Report provides financial and budget information regarding a respective fiscal year, which runs from October 1st through September 30 of the following year.

[View Rexburg's Budget Reports](#)
[View the 2026 Budget in Brief](#)



NIGHT OF ENCHANTING LIGHTS

December 1, 2025

Join us for our annual holiday extravaganza, this year at **Riverside Park!**

- Tree Lighting
- The Robinson Family Light Show
- Holiday Train Rides
- Ice Skating
- Meet Santa
- Talented Performances

and so much more!



The Rexburg Holiday Guide is Here!

Get ready for the season! Our **Holiday Guide** is packed with all the details you need for this year's festivities. Find everything in one place! holiday events, concerts, recreation activities, art classes, and more. It's your go-to guide for making the most of Rexburg's holiday season!



TRASH PICK-UP FOR DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

Christmas, December 25:

Th. Trash will be picked up Fri. Dec. 26th

New Year's Day, January 1:

Th. trash will be picked up Fri. Jan. 2nd



Happening this Month

- 12/1
NOEL: Night of Enchanting Lights
 Holiday Extravaganza!
Riverside Park
 5:30 pm-8:30 pm
- 7:00 pm
The Nutcracker @ the Romance Theater
Ballet Etude: 12/5-6
Teton Ballet: 12/12-13
 nightly
- 12/8
Upper Valley Women's Concert
Tabernacle Civic Center
 7:30 pm
- 12/21
Handel's Messiah
 Community Concert
Rexburg Tabernacle
 7:00 pm
- 12/24-25
Christmas Holiday -
 City offices closed half day Dec. 24 and all day Dec. 25
- 12/31-1/1
New Year's Holiday -
 City offices closed half day Dec. 31 and all day Jan. 1
- 1/1
NOEL @ the Rapids Final Light Show!
Rexburg Rapids



NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES SUMMIT

Rexburg City officials attended the National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit in Salt Lake City from November 19-22. The conference featured general sessions, mobile workshops, and an expo floor to help local leaders develop strategies for community challenges. Themes like civility, community resilience, and AI were all discussed.

Key topics and themes included:

- Creating opportunity during uncertain times
- Bridging divides and community resilience
- Artificial intelligence in local government
- Civility in public discourse
- Building leadership skills and gaining strategies

According to Mayor Merrill, “the Summit was a valuable experience for our team. It provided us with fresh insights and innovative strategies that we can implement to enhance our city’s growth and resilience. The ideas shared are ones we’re eager to explore as we strive to make Rexburg a model of efficiency and innovation.”



WINTER STREET POLICIES



Before winter storms, the city street crew monitors weather forecasts to prepare for snow. They apply a brine solution to major roads and critical areas to prevent ice from freezing.

Note that from December 15th to March 1st, parking is prohibited on Rexburg streets from 2:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. (City Ordinance #1030) to keep streets clear for efficient snow removal and safe travel.

BE PREPARED!
 Winter Parking Restrictions Begin Soon!

No Overnight Street Parking From December 15th-March 1st to Allow for Snow Plows to Operate at Night

[LEARN MORE >>](#)

SAFETY TIP

Never drive with frosty/foggy windows. Take a few minutes to fully clear your windshield, mirrors, and windows before hitting the road. Good visibility keeps you, and everyone else, safe on winter roads.

WHERE DO MY PROPERTY TAXES GO?

If you live in the City of Rexburg, do you know where your property taxes go? Do you know how much of those taxes are allocated to the City vs. the county, vs. the school district & library?

Of those property taxes, do you know what the City spends most of those property taxes on?

Do you know how Rexburg’s property tax rates compare to surrounding communities?

The Rexburg budget is an extremely complicated process. Many of the details can get lost in translation, but our Finance Department has compiled a report of how the 2024 property taxes were collected, allocated, and spent in Rexburg & Madison County, and also how they rank in comparison to our neighboring communities. [Take a look online to learn more about the process!](#)

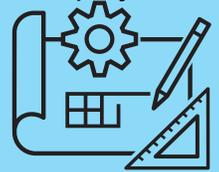


PROJECTS TO BID

During the colder months, construction lulls to required/emergency projects only. But during this time, our Public Works Department is busy planning projects for the coming season and putting them up for bid by 3rd party contractors.

Some projects currently on our radar:

- A new traffic light is planned for 7th & Center
- A new trail going into place behind the businesses on 2nd E, moving north of Riverside Park will be going to bid soon
- The Tabernacle Civic Center is planning for an HVAC system and that project is out for bidding



To view these bids or learn more about those projects, visit our bids & RFP’s page.

Stay Informed with the Rexburg App!



Gift the City for the Holidays!

Give them something to look forward to! A commodity that is invaluable as it is scarce. *Time*. How? Gifting experiences is a fantastic way to keep the fun of the season alive year-round. Consider gifting season passes to our golf courses or Rexburg Rapids, so your loved ones can unwind and enjoy the beauty of nature. Adrenaline seekers might enjoy a challenge - the Teton Dam Marathon offers a great opportunity! For the creative types, enroll them in a painting class with Rexburg Cultural Arts. These experiences not only provide joy and relaxation but also foster a sense of community and personal growth.

The gift of experience is more than just a present; it’s an opportunity to create memories and discover new passions. These gifts offer a chance to enjoy life to the fullest.

REXBURG RECREATION IS CELEBRATING 25 DAYS OF PASS DISCOUNTS!
Rexburg Rapids | Rexburg Golf | Rexburg Races!



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



PROPOSED FEE INCREASES FOR WATER AND SEWER | CITY OF REXBURG, IDAHO

A public hearing will be held for the consideration of proposed fee increases to be effective January 1, 2026, for Water and Sewer. **The hearing will be held at 35 North 1st East, Rexburg, Idaho, at 6:30 p.m., on December 17, 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.

Water	Base Fee for .75" Equivalent & SF 1" Meter	\$24.07
	(Other Meters to increase proportionately based on factor rating)	
	Usage Fee per 1,000 Gallons over 6,000	\$1.28
Wastewater	Base Fee for .75" Equivalent & SF 1" Meter	\$19.83
	(Other Meters to increase proportionately based on factor rating)	
	Usage Fee per 1,000 Gallons	\$5.53
	Other City Usage Fee per 1,000 Gallon	\$3.39
Out of City Limits	30% Surcharge for Water or Sewer	update all fees 30%

Upper Valley
Women's Choir
with
Roger Sorenson
and the
St. Anthony Community Bell Choir
presents

Ring in
Christmas
Memories

Proudly sponsored by Heise Hot Springs,
Pony Express Car Wash, and Citizens Community Bank

HANDEL'S Messiah

COMMUNITY CONCERT

Rexburg Tabernacle
7pm • December 21

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

7:30 pm @ the Tabernacle
\$5 Suggested Donation

NOVEMBER 2025 ELECTION CITY COUNCIL SEATS



COLIN ERICKSON

I am pleased to be serving our community for another four years on the City Council. I want to thank the citizens who came out to vote on November 4. I will continue to work hard to make the right decisions for our wonderful city.

I grew up on a family farm in Star Valley, Wyoming, where hard work was always expected of me and my 11 siblings. That work ethic is something that my wife, Jean, and I have also tried very hard to instill in our four children.

After working for nearly 30 years at the Rexburg Police Department, I retired and now try to fit in fishing, golfing, and traveling in between meetings, building custom cabinets, and spending time with our 8 grandchildren.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve our community.



BILL RIGGINS

I'm grateful to the citizens of Rexburg for the opportunity to serve and for their trust. My wife, Bonnie, and I met at age 14 in San Diego and later married after she returned from her mission in Mexico. After two decades in construction, I earned degrees in education—including a doctorate—and went on to work for the Church Educational System and BYU-Idaho. When we moved from San Diego to Rexburg, we committed to love everything about this community, and it has blessed our family for over twenty years. Rexburg is home. I want to build on the legacy of those who shaped this city and help Rexburg remain a place where seniors can enjoy life and where future generations—including my grandchildren—can live, learn, work, and thrive. Together, we can keep Rexburg America's family community.



ALISHA TIETJEN

I have lived in Rexburg for 23 years. I'm a small town girl from Firth, Idaho. I married local boy, Anthony Tietjen and we raised our 4 kids here. I graduated from BYU-Idaho, where I studied history, family studies, and political studies. My love for history pushed me to start volunteering at the Museum of Rexburg in 2016. I was hired as a history researcher in 2017, promoted to asst. curator in 2018, then curator in 2019.

I'm so excited and humbled to be serving the Rexburg community in this new capacity. I hope to find balance between new and old as Rexburg continues to see growth. I want the community to feel more heard by members of City Council and encourage more to attend meetings to help aid in that communication. Together, we can build America's Family Community to become a place that is strong and united.

Learn More

rexburg.org

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America's Family Community.



City Council Members

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| Bill Riggins | David Reeser |
| Mikel Walker | Bryanna Johnson |
| Colin Erickson | Eric Erickson |

December Meetings

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