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## National Night Out August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Flat Top Park

On Tuesday, August 4th, neighborhoods throughout West Richland are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 31st Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event.

Join your neighbors and officers from the West Richland Police Department for an evening of community fun! Visit with police officers, play games, and enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs as you learn more about crime prevention. Child identification kits will be available at no charge.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, and co-sponsored locally by the West Richland Police Department, will involve more than 15,704 communities from all 50 States, US Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases around the world. More than 37.5 million people are expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime."

Sponsors are needed for this event. Sponsorship and donations, in the form of money, food, supplies, and prizes for the children's events will help offset costs to the Police Department. For more information, call the West Richland Area Chamber of Commerce at 967-0521.

### Meetings

July 1	West Richland Chamber meeting Sandberg Event Center - Noon
July 7	City Council meeting Library - 7:00 PM
July 9	Planning Commission meeting Library - 6:00 PM
July 21	City Council meeting Library - 7:00 PM
July 27	Park Board meeting Library - 6:30 PM

### Concerts at Flat Top Park

July 10th	3rd Date
July 17th	Carrie Cunningham
July 24th	Foolish Fortune

### Richland School District Summer Food Service

Food Service will be provided at Tapteal Elementary School from **July 20th to August 14th**. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and lunch from Noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Sign up for utility payment autopay and be entered into a drawing for a \$100.00 gift certificate to Yokes Fresh Market

Customers who sign up for Smartpay between July 1st and August 1st will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$100.00 gift certificate from the West Richland Yokes Fresh Market. The drawing will be held on August 4th, and the winner will be contacted to claim their prize. City employees and Council Members are not eligible for the drawing.

There is a separate insert with the July utility bills that you can use to sign up for Smartpay. *Please do not mail forms with your payment. Drop off or mail forms directly to City Hall at 3801 W. Van Giesen Street.*

Thank you to Yokes Fresh Market for donating the gift certificate.



### Please show me your license, Fido!

**Attention West Richland Citizens:** West Richland Animal Control will be conducting a statistical survey that addresses the number of dog(s) vs the number of dog license(s) in a household. This survey team will be made up of West Richland volunteers and the Adopt Shelter Animal Pets rescue organization. Each individual involved will have an identification card and a distinct volunteer vest. The survey will start on July 18<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:00 a.m. This is purely an information only survey. Below is information regarding dog licensing.

**Did you know:** Per WRMC 6.32.040, License Required-Exceptions, no owner shall keep or permit any dog over seven months of age within the city unless such dog is licensed.

**What do I need before obtaining a license for my animal?** You are required to have documentation of a rabies vaccination and proof of alteration for the discount.

**How much does it cost?** Altered animal: \$10.00  
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**What if I refuse to license my animal?** A sufficient time will be provided to obtain a city license. After that, you may be subject to a monetary fine per WRMC 6.32.040, License Required-Exceptions.

### Bicycle, Scooter, and Skateboard Safety

With school out for the summer, young people will be spending a lot of time riding bikes, scooters, and skateboards around town. Residents who are driving in West Richland should keep a watchful eye for these kids who might be more interested in getting to a friend's house or a city park than they are about paying attention to traffic.

At the same time, it's important to understand that these bikes, scooters, and skateboards are especially dangerous if the person riding them isn't doing so safely. According to the [safekids.org](http://safekids.org) website, 112 children 19 years of age and under died while riding a bicycle in 2010 and more than 271,000 children were seen in emergency rooms for bike riding injuries just two years ago. 80,000 other children had skateboard related injuries in 2012 and amazingly, [safekids.org](http://safekids.org) reports that non-motorized scooters cause more injuries to kids than any other toy.

Wearing a helmet is one of the best ways to be safe while riding a bike, scooter, or skateboard. That's true for parents as well as young people. [Safekids.org](http://Safekids.org) shows studies that indicate wearing a helmet while riding reduces the risk of head injury by 45%, while another study shows helmet usage may cut down on head injury by as much as 85%. It's also proven that a child who rides with companions wearing helmets or adults in general are more likely to wear helmets themselves.

*Have a safe and fun summer!*