



Save Yourself Some Time!

With summer winding down, many activities are kicking into full gear such as school and sports activities. With all those going on, why not save yourself some time by taking advantage of our convenient payment options that help you avoid standing in line to pay your bill?

- **SmartPay:** We are proud to offer the City of West Richland SmartPay program. By signing up you can have your payment auto-deducted from your checking account either on the 10th or 25th of the month. This service is free of charge and makes paying your bill a breeze. The forms to sign up can be found at www.westrichland.org/Department/Utilities.
- **On-line payment:** You can create an account and log on to make your payment. Please see www.westrichland.org/Departments/Utilities for complete information.
- **Bank bill payment:** We accept payment from bill pay services. Please schedule your payment at least ten days in advance of the due date to ensure it is received by the City on time.
- **Night drop:** Located on the northeast side of the City Administration building is the night drop box. Simply drive through and drop your payment into the secured box. No cash please.
- **Mail:** Please allow sufficient time for mail delivery to ensure the payment is received by the City on time.
- **Lobby kiosk:** The City has recently installed a kiosk in the lobby of the City Administration building. Bring your billing statement and you can complete your payment using a credit or debit card without having to stand in line for a cashier. Convenience fees apply.

Did you know the City has many answers to questions about your utility bill and services available at www.westrichland.org/Departments/Utilities.cfm. Here you can get many of your questions answered with a few simple clicks and save yourself time spent on the phone or standing in line at the City.

Meetings

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| Oct 6 | City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m. |
| Oct 7 | West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon |
| Oct 8 | Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct 20 | City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m. |
| Oct 26 | Park Board meeting
Library - 6:30 p.m. |
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| Oct. 31 | Happy Halloween!
Please drive carefully and watch for little trick-or-treaters! |

Phone Scam Alert

Recently, City of West Richland utility customers were receiving phone calls from a person stating they were from the water department and demanding payment for past due bills.

This is a scam and not coming from the City of West Richland. The City will not contact you via telephone to demand payment. If you received such a call, do not provide any information.

City Code Enforcement

The City's Code Enforcement Department is asking citizens to become familiar with the most common nuisance code violations. If you are in violation of any of following, we appreciate your cooperation in resolving the matter.



- Grass and weeds Over 6 inches tall
- Cleaning of sidewalks or right-of-ways
- Sidewalk obstructions from trees, bushes and/or weeds
- Junk vehicles - junk vehicles must be out of public view and are defined as having at least three of the five following criteria:
 - Year of vehicle is three years old or older
 - Extensive damage
 - Apparently inoperable
 - Expired registration/license
 - Scrap value only
- RV, trailer and large vehicle parking on streets:
 - Large vehicles shall not exceed 12 hours in a 24-hour period
 - RVs shall not exceed 36 hours in a 7-day period
 - Trailers shall not exceed 24 hours in a 7-day period
- Irrigation water on City streets - No person, firm or corporation shall cause or permit any irrigation water to fall upon any maintained city street or portion thereof in the City of West Richland.
- Vegetation obstructions - shrubs, bushes, trees, and other objects shall not project into the sidewalk area up to 8 feet above the concrete, and a clear street travel area to 14 feet above asphalt for tall vehicle impact zone.
- Visibility - all intersections must have clear visibility on all corners for pedestrians and vehicles.

The violations are in WRMC 8.16, 10.12, 12.06, 12.08, 12.20, 12.50 and are available to read at: <http://www.codepublishing.com/WA/westrichland/>

If you are one of our citizens who take pride in maintaining your property & neighborhood, we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you!

Howl-o-Ween Walk for the Animals - October 24th

A costumed 5k fun run/walk hosted by Adopt Shelter Animal Pets (ASAP) will be held on Saturday, October 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at Yoke's in West Richland. Registration fee is \$20.00. Proceeds help provide essential care for the lost and abandoned animals of West Richland and the Tri-Cities

For more information or to register go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/WestRichland/HowIOWeen>

From Benton County Elections

The deadline for mail or online new registrations and voter updates is October 5th. The 18 day voting period begins on October 16th. Ballots are due back on General Election Day (Nov 3rd).

West Richland has a 24 hour secure ballot drop box located at City Hall available until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

For information on the election and the candidates that appear on your ballot, log on to www.bentonelections.com.

Free Preschool

Tapteal Elementary in West Richland offers free preschool for 3 and 4 year olds. For more information, call Tapteal at 967-6350.