



Daytime Burglaries

There have been several daytime burglaries in the city recently. The mode of entry has been primarily kicking in a door and/or using a rock to break a window.

These are common methods Burglars use to enter residences. These can be deterred with some concepts from Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED). The idea is to create a physical environment that reduces opportunity and achieves clear boundaries through five categories: defensible space; lighting; surveillance; landscaping; and physical security.

Defensible Space generally refers to clear fencing boundaries. A fence can establish a clear line to what is public or private, and creates a barrier for an unwelcomed individual to navigate. Burglars are looking for an easy target.

Lighting can be the most important aspect of maintaining a safe home. Strategically placed motion lights are a great tool to drive away individuals intending to break into a home. Burglars are generally not willing to risk being seen and tend to choose houses without good lighting to break into.

Landscaping can create barriers to navigate around, and create clear pathways for public and private use. Landscaping can also create areas of concealment during night or daytime. As a general rule make sure shrubs near doorways and windows are kept to no more than three feet tall. The plants and trees you choose can also play a role in whether a person wants to attempt to conceal themselves in them. For instance a prickly set of rose bushes may be all it takes to deter someone from hiding under a window ledge.

Physical Security refers to alarm systems and reinforced doors or points of entry. A good audible security system is a great item to have in a residence, but can be expensive. Securing entry points with three inch screws, metal doors and using reinforcement tools such as a StrikeMaster Hinge are great methods to make kicking in a door a very difficult thing to do.

These are a few things to consider when thinking about making your home safer. If you have questions or would like to talk to an officer about CPTED principles please contact the West Richland Police Department at 967-3425.

Meetings

- Nov 3 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 4 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Nov 12 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 17 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 30 Park Board meeting
Library - 6:30 p.m.

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- Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Thank a Veteran!
 - Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mark Your Calendar

- Dec 5 Carols & Cocoa- Flat Top Park- 5:00 PM

The City News insert in the Ruralite magazine for November listed the date of Carols and Cocoa as December 6th. The correct date is December 5th.

Updating Your City Utility Account Information

Did you know that on occasion our water department will notice a water meter that is reading an unusual amount of consumption? When this happens it is usually indicative of a leak in the water system. Leaks can be very costly, and timely investigation and resolution of these are crucial. We do attempt to notify the customer, but more often than not, the phone numbers and/or email addresses we have on file are not accurate. It is important that we have the ability to notify customers immediately if we notice something that indicates a problem with utility services, billing and/or payments. Please email the city at utilities@westrichland.org to update the phone number or email address we have on file for your account.



It is important to know that the city will never call demanding immediate payment and/or personal information over the phone. We may contact you to let you know if there is a service, billing or payment issue, but we will never demand payment and/or personal information over the phone. If you receive a phone call demanding or requesting payment and/or personal information, please do not provide it. Call the city at 509-967-3431 if you are contacted about an issue with your utility account.



Veterans Day Parade Saturday, November 7th

The West Richland Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to continue to honor our Veterans with the annual Regional Veterans Day Parade held on Saturday, November 7th. This parade is a great opportunity for our region to honor those who have served and those currently serving our country. Bleachers will be available at the main viewing area in Flat Top Park.

The Grand Marshal this year is Shirley Schmunk. Shirley founded Time of Remembrance in 2006, after losing her son in Iraq two years earlier.

The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of West Van Giesen and Grosscup, traveling through downtown and finishing at West Van Giesen and 38th Avenue.

Don't miss the awards ceremony and annual chili feed at the pavilion at Flat Top Park following the parade.

Van Giesen Street will be closed for a few hours during the parade as follows: 62nd to Grosscup from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 38th to Grosscup from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Garbage Pickup

Ed's Disposal works on all holidays, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day. If your collection day falls on a holiday please set out your garbage the night before, or no later than 6:00 a.m. on your collection day.

Try-Out West Richland's Newest Businesses!

Coffee Town Expresso
Coffee Shop
4298 W. Van Giesen Street

Natties Little Red Caboose
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Grilled
Cheese, Fries
4083 W. Van Giesen Street

Old Towne Meats
Butcher and Meat Shop
4201 Kennedy Road, Suite 9

Wook's Craft and Cork
Craft Beer and Wine
4033 W. Van Giesen Street, Suite E