



Town Hall Meeting on West Richland Library

The city would like to invite the public to attend a town hall meeting on the West Richland Library to hear about and offer input following the Library Blue Ribbon Committee’s recommendation to find a long term sustainable funding source for the library. The town hall is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14 at Enterprise Middle School. Over the past several months the city, in

partnership with Mid-Columbia Libraries, has been working with a Library Blue Ribbon Committee made up of seven West Richland citizens tasked with evaluating the library funding challenges, making a recommendation to the Mayor on how library services should be funded and assist communicating with our citizenry.

The city contracts with Mid-Columbia Libraries (MCL) to provide library services. The contract only includes library service costs and does not include maintenance and capital costs for the city-owned library facility. These costs are paid by the city in addition to the contract costs for library services.

The revenue collected from a voter approved 2.5% telephone utility tax, which helps fund library services, has been significantly declining since 2011 by over 25% as more telephone customers eliminate their land line and the expansion of non-taxable data services by cellular phone service providers. The city anticipates this decline in telephone utility tax revenue to continue. The library contract rate paid by the city to MCL has increased on average 5% per year due to the continued growth of the city. To balance the library fund budget, the city has had to make cuts to maintenance and capital expenses at the library facility and utilize reserves.

Come to the town hall meeting to hear funding options for the library. Once a funding option is approved, the Library District has agreed to pay for a remodel of the West Richland branch.

The city would like to thank the Library Blue Ribbon Committee Members for all of the time and effort they have put into studying this issue. For questions regarding the library contract with MCL, please contact Jessica Platt, Finance Director by email at jplatt@westrichland.org or by phone 967-7134. The Library Blue Ribbon Committee materials can be found on the city’s website at www.westrichland.org.

Meetings

June 7	City Council meeting Library - 6:00 p.m.
June 8	West Richland Chamber meeting Sandberg Event Center - Noon
June 9	Planning Commission meeting Library - 6:00 p.m.
June 14	Town Hall meeting - Library Services Enterprise Middle School - 6:00 p.m.
June 21	City Council meeting Library - 7:00 p.m.
June 27	Park Board meeting Library - 6:30 p.m.

A meeting and events calendar is available on the city website on the home page under Quick Links. Agendas are also posted on the web pages for City Council and Boards and Commissions. On the top menu of the home page click on Governance, then click on either City Council or Boards and Commissions.



Dates and Times Fireworks Allowed

The July 4th holiday is an opportunity for each of us to show spirit and pride in our nation as well as socialize with friends, neighbors, and family. Many of our residents demonstrate their spirit through a show of fireworks. Following are allowable dates and times:

- ❖ July 2nd & 3rd Between 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- ❖ July 4th Between 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight
- ❖ December 31st Between 6:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. January 1st

Fireworks are banned in all city parks and school property, including parking lots.

For more information see WRMC Chapter 8.22 at www.codepublishing.com/WA/westrichland

Mysteries of the Mid-Columbia - Tri-Cities Geocoin 2016 June 24-26 at Sacajawea State Park

For information and scheduling go to www.tricitiesgeocoin.com and/or
https://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC60EZ6_tri-cities-2016-geocoin-challenge



Hogs & Dogs Family Festival - June 16th

For more than 15 years, the West Richland Chamber's Hogs & Dogs event has been bringing thousands of motorcycle lovers to West Richland. Beginning in 2015, the name was changed and a lot of new family friendly additions were added to the event.

The famous stunt bike rider Craig Latimer will perform four shows in the front parking lot along Bombing Range Road and will also be available for pictures and autographs. Bikes aren't the only motorized attractions that will be raising eyebrows with the return of the All Star Classic Car Show. Microbrew & wine lovers will enjoy the new beer & wine area, which will include more than 10 microbrewers from our area. The youngsters will be excited to see the new expanded kids zone. And the entire family will be able to dance to live music as the stage is being relocated to the general area. Music will be provided by the band 3rd Date.

A flyer containing more information including impacts to traffic is available on the home page of the city website, www.westrichland.org under "Quick Links."

Did You Know...

All public parks within the City of West Richland, including the vehicle parking areas, are closed to the general public between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

No person except an authorized employee of the City of West Richland, and any on-duty, commissioned police officer, shall be in any city park during the hours of closure.

The hours of operation of a public park may be extended by issuance of a special permit from the city.

Please call 967-5902 if you have questions.

2015 Water Quality Report

In the past, the City was required to mail copies of the annual water quality report to all residents. To provide cost savings to jurisdictions, the Washington State Department of Health no longer requires mailing of the report to each resident.

The report is on the City's website at: <http://www.westrichland.org/uploads/Public%20Works/2015%20Consumer%20Confidence%20Report.pdf>. Or you can go to <http://www.westrichland.org/depts/pw/> and click on the water quality report under Hot Topics.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 967-5434.