



## Veteran's Memorial Eagle Scout Project

Thank you to Caden Slade, from Boy Scout Troop 237, for constructing a wrought iron fence and ADA accessible sidewalk at the Veteran's Memorial at Flat Top Park as his Eagle Scout Project. Nine fellow scouts and other volunteers helped with the project, along with several donors.

The memorial was vandalized in March and two times in 2014. Caden chose this project because he wanted to protect the memorial from being damaged again, and as a thank you to all those who have served and are currently serving.

## Illegal Dumping in City Park Dumpsters

The city has received reports of illegal dumping in the dumpsters in city parks. Refuse cans at city parks are for use by park patrons only and are not to be used for dumping of trash, litter or garbage.

West Richland Municipal Code 12.12.030 states:

*" There shall be no unauthorized dumping of trash, litter or garbage brought onto the public park. All waste material and garbage from park activities must be deposited in refuse cans where provided by the city or it must be removed from the park. The dumpsters and trash receptacles provided at the park are for use by park patrons only.*

*Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a civil infraction and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of up to \$250.00.*

## Meetings

- Aug. 2 City Council meeting canceled for National Night Out
- Aug. 3 West Richland Chamber meeting Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Aug. 11 Planning Commission meeting Library - 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 16 City Council meeting Library - 7:00 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.

## National Night Out

Don't miss National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 at Flat Top Park!

## Keep Your Pets Safe in the Heat

Summer months can be uncomfortable, even dangerous for pets. The following are tips for keeping them healthy and comfortable.

**Never leave pets in a parked car:** Not even for a minute. On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes.

After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your pet may suffer irreversible organ damage or die.



**Limit exercise on hot days:** Take care when exercising your pet. Adjust intensity and duration of exercise in accordance with the temperature. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours, and be especially careful with pets with white-colored ears, who are more susceptible to skin cancer, and short-nosed pets, who typically have difficulty breathing. Asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws, so walk your dog on the grass if possible. Always carry water with you to keep your dog from dehydrating.

**Don't rely on a fan:** Pets respond differently to heat than humans do. (Dogs, for instance, sweat primarily through their feet.) Fans don't cool off pets as effectively as people.

**Provide ample shade and water:** Any time your pet is outside, make sure he or she has protection from heat and sun and plenty of fresh, cold water. In heat waves, add ice to the water when possible. Tree shade and tarps are ideal because they don't obstruct air flow. A doghouse does not provide relief from heat—in fact, it makes it worse.

**Watch for signs of heatstroke:** Signs of heatstroke are heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness. If you see any of these signs, move your pet into shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to the head, neck, and chest or run cool (not cold) water over your pet. Let your pet drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes. Take them directly to a veterinarian for treatment.

## Be In-The-Know!

Did you know the following information is at your fingertips?

- Up-to-date utility rate information
- The many different utility payment options available to you, including on-line bill pay and smart pay.
- What to do if you think your water consumption is too high
- What kind of garbage can be picked up at the curb along with your trash cans
- How to request an additional garbage can
- Cross connection testing information
- Low income senior discounts
- Temporary water disconnections
- Level payment program
- What happens if you are late on your utility payment
- Forms to be filled out for the various utility service changes

All of this and more can be found at [westrichland.org/Departments/Utilities](http://westrichland.org/Departments/Utilities)

## Seeking Applications for Salary Commission

The City is accepting applications for a newly created salary commission. The independent salary commission was created for the purpose of setting the salaries of the Mayor and City Council. For more information and application go to [www.westrichland.org/west-richland-salary-commission/](http://www.westrichland.org/west-richland-salary-commission/)

## Why Wait in Line?

There is a computer kiosk in the lobby at City Hall. Customers who come in to pay their bill with a credit or debit card can now use the payment kiosk instead of waiting in line for a cashier.