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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 such as your banks online bill pay. 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

- Oct. 4 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 5 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Oct. 13 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 18 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 31 Park Board meeting
canceled

Oct. 31 Happy Halloween!
Please drive carefully and watch for little trick-or-treaters!

Mark Your Calendar

- Nov. 5 Veterans Day Parade
Van Giesen Street - 9:30 AM

If you are interested in participating, please call the West Richland Chamber at 967-0521.

Howl-o-Ween Walk for the Animals - October 15th

A costumed 5k fun run/walk hosted by Adopt Shelter Animal Pets (ASAP) will be held on Saturday, October 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at Yoke's in West Richland. The minimum donation to participate 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/HowlOWeen>

From Benton County Elections

Ballots for the General Election will be mailed on October 19th. The 18 day voting period begins on October 21st. Ballots are due back on November 8th, which is General Election Day.

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

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



The Food Bank is Expanding to West Richland!

The food bank will be operating out of space at the West Richland Senior Center, 616 North 60th Avenue, until a permanent location is established.

Operating hours will be Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The first day of operation is October 13, 2016.

If you are a West Richland resident, this will be your new pickup location, and you will no longer be permitted to pick up food from the Richland branch as October 13th.

Volunteers are needed! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Frances-Anne Hiemstra at 509-582-0411

Did You Know....

ABANDONED VEHICLES AND NON-VEHICLES NOT ALLOWED ON CITY STREETS

West Richland Municipal Code 10.12.045 prohibits non-vehicles from being parked, placed, piled or stored on any city street, sidewalk, alley, or within an improved portion of the public right of way.

Some examples of these would be dumpsters, storage containers, rocks or dirt, basketball hoops, and hockey nets. The ordinance was passed not only because they create traffic hazards for vehicles and pedestrians, but they can also damage the roads.

Citizens may apply for a special permit to temporarily allow a "non-vehicle" to be placed, parked, piled or stored on a city street, sidewalk, alley, or in an improved portion of public right of way. The fee for the permit is \$75.00 and may be applied for in the Public Works building.

If you have questions, please call the Police Department at 967-3425.

The West Richland Municipal Code is updated regularly by the passage of ordinances. Very soon after the ordinance is effective, the City's online Municipal Code is updated with the change.

You can access the online Municipal Code on the City's website at westrichland.org. There is a tab under "Quick Links" on the home page.