



Veterans Day Parade Saturday, November 5th

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 5th. 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 Marshals this year are VFW Post 1208 Nelson-Schmunk, VFW Post 5785 James E. Rosselot, and VFW Post 7928, Cook-Erickson.

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.

The West Richland Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of West Richland, has been officially designated by the Department of Veterans Affairs as a regional site for the observance of Veterans Day 2016

Van Giesen Street Closures - November 5th

Van Giesen Street will be closed for a few hours on November 9th during the Veterans Day Parade. Road closures are as follows:

- 62nd to Grosscup 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- 38th to Grosscup from 9:30 AM to approximately 11:00 AM

Meetings

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| Nov. 1 | City Council meeting Library - 7:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 2 | West Richland Chamber meeting Sandberg Event Center - Noon |
| Nov. 10 | Planning Commission meeting Library - 6:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 14 | Special City Council meeting Library - 6:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 15 | City Council meeting canceled |
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| Nov. 5 | Veterans Day Parade 9:30 a.m., Van Giesen Street |
| Nov. 8 | Election Day |
| Nov. 11 | Veterans Day Thank a Veteran! |
| Nov. 24 | Thanksgiving Day |

City offices will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.



West Richland Library Levy LID Lift

In July, the West Richland City Council passed a resolution to place a library levy lid lift proposition on the ballot for the November 8, 2016 general election. If approved by voters, the proposition eliminates and replaces the 2.5% increase in city electric, telephone, and gas utility taxes approved by voters in 2003 specifically dedicated to the Library, with a property tax levy lid lift of 45¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value.

The revenue from the utility tax increase has been declining and is no longer sufficient to sustain current library service levels. Since 2011, the voter approved 2.5% telephone utility tax has been significantly declining 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 recent decline in electric utility tax revenues due to warmer winters and increasing number of energy efficient homes has further complicated this matter.

If approved by voters the 2.5% utility tax would be eliminated and replaced with a property tax levy lid lift of 45¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value. That means the owner of a \$200,000 home would pay \$7.50 a month (\$90.00 per year) for library services. Currently, a home with a combined monthly electric and phone bills of \$250 pays \$6.25 a month (or \$75.00 per year). The property tax levy increase would be dedicated to library operations and allow for the continuation of current library service levels in West Richland. If passed, the levy lid lift would take effect on January 1, 2017.

The city has contracted with Mid-Columbia Libraries (MCL) to provide library services for 48 years. If the levy lid lift fails, the city will not have the revenue to maintain the current contract with MCL and will result in a reduction of library services in West Richland. Additional information can be found on the city's website at www.westrichland.org, including an online calculator to assist West Richland residents in comparing the current utility tax rate of 2.5% versus a 45¢ per \$1,000 assessed valuation property tax levy lid lift.

New City Irrigation Rates Effective December 22, 2016

Monthly Irrigation Base Rate Charge

| | 2016 | 2017 |
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| Residential (less than 1 acre) | 17.65 | 18.15 |
| Residential (greater than 1 acre but less than 2 acres) | 33.10 | 34.10 |
| Residential (greater than 2 acres) | 44.20 | 45.50 |

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 5:00 a.m. on your collection day.

Tri-Cities Food Bank

Due to unforeseen electrical and other mechanical repair and upgrade needs at the Tri-Cities Food Bank's new location in West Richland, the opening of that Food Bank outlet will have to be delayed from Wednesday, October 13th to a date after Thanksgiving.

The West Richland outlet will be in the West Richland Senior Center at 616 N. 60th Avenue and will operate Thursday nights and Saturday mornings. The Food Bank is excited about opening a new location to help our neighbors in need and looks forward to serving our clients in West Richland. For more information, please visit the TCFB website at:

<http://www.tricitiefoodbank.org/>

Election Day is November 8th

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