



## Level Pay Recalculation Time

For those utility customers who are enrolled in the city's Level Pay Program, your monthly fixed amount will be recalculated in January. You will most likely see a change in the amount of your bill on the January 31st statement.

If you make your payment through your financial institution's bill pay system, credit card or another type of service, please update it with the new amount. Payments made through the city's Smartpay program will automatically update to the new amount.

If you are not currently enrolled in Level Pay and wish to be or would like more information on how your payment amount is calculated and recalculated, please visit the city's website at [www.westrichland.org/Departments/Utilities](http://www.westrichland.org/Departments/Utilities). There you will find the "I Would Like to Pay the Same Amount Each Month" section which will give you complete details on the Level Pay program.

Please contact the city's Utility Billing department at [utilities@westrichland.org](mailto:utilities@westrichland.org) or (509) 967-3431, if you have any questions regarding your new Level Pay amount or the Level Pay Program.

## New Irrigation Rates

New irrigation rates were included in the November City Scene newsletter. However, those rates were revised during the City Council meeting on November 1, 2016. The rates are as follows:

### Monthly Irrigation Base Rate Charge

	2016	2017
<b>Residential (less than 1 acre)</b>	17.65	20.30
<b>Residential (greater than 1 acre but less than 2 acres)</b>	33.10	38.10
<b>Residential (greater than 2 acres)</b>	44.20	50.85

### Meetings

- Dec. 6 City Council meeting  
Library - 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 7 West Richland Chamber meeting  
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Dec. 15 Planning Commission meeting  
Library - 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 20 City Council meeting canceled

### Low Income Permanently Disabled Reduced Rates

Low-income permanently disabled reduced rates are available to citizens who meet the eligibility requirements established by WRMC 1.20.010 beginning December 22, 2016.

Please contact the city's utility billing department, at (509) 967-3431, if you would like more information on how to apply for this program.

## From the West Richland Police Department

The West Richland Police Department is asking for your assistance to help reduce the risk of vehicle prowls and burglaries, which increase during the holiday season. Please be sure to lock your vehicle whether at home or away. Most vehicle prowls occur because the car was left unlocked and valuable items are left in view for anyone to see. Locking items in the trunk, or in a location the public cannot see, dramatically reduces the chance of becoming a victim.



The Police Department has a vacation house check system in place to do random checks of residences while you're away. When you request house checks, you will provide us with your contact information, how long you will be gone, and who is left behind to take care of your home. Here is a list of suggestions to reduce becoming a victim while you are away:

- Lock all doors and windows. Use deadbolts, dowels, or locking pins in sliding glass doors and windows to keep them from being pried open.
- Never announce your vacation plans on Facebook, My Space, Twitter, or other social networking sites.
- Use timers on lights, radios, TVs, etc. to make them go on and off during the day and night to make your home appear occupied.
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery, or have a neighbor pick up anything left at the home.
- Ask the neighbors to watch your home and report any suspicious activities.
- Disconnect your electric garage door opener and padlock the door, preferably on the inside.
- Set your burglar alarm and notify your alarm company that you will be away. Request the company notify the police first instead of calling you if an alarm occurs when you are away. Also provide the alarm company with an up-to-date list of persons to contact about the alarm and the need to secure your home after a burglary.

House check forms can be picked up from the front desk at the West Richland Police Department at 3805 W. Van Giesen Street during business hours. If you have any questions contact the Police department at (509) 967-3425

## Did You Know....



## Sidewalk Snow And Ice

West Richland Municipal Code 12. 20.020, "Sidewalk snow and ice removal," states, *It shall be the duty of all property owners or persons having charge or control of any premises bordered by city right-of-way to clean, maintain, and repair public sidewalks, driveways, or planting strips constructed thereon in a reasonable and safe condition.*

Residents are responsible for maintaining sidewalks and driveways adjacent to their property. When residents fail to clear sidewalks, the result can be a treacherous ice patch. Please do your part in protecting pedestrians from possible injury.

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## Carols & Cocoa December 3rd - 5:00 p.m.

Bring the family to Carols & Cocoa at Flat Top Park sponsored by Red Mountain Lions Club. The annual pavilion lighting ceremony will kick-off the event.

Get a cup of hot cocoa and great music for \$1.00 or free in exchange for donations of canned food or an unwrapped toy to benefit area families.