



West Richland Animal Control

West Richland Animal Control (WRAC) impounded 50 more animals (dogs/cats) in 2015 than in 2014. The total number of animals impounded was 177. Of those, 101 were reunited with their owners, 65 were adopted or transferred, 5 were originally found dead on roadway, 4 escaped, and 2 were euthanized. One of these was euthanized due to health considerations the other was a dangerous dog. As the city grows, so does the number of animals. In fact, a dog license survey conducted in 2015 estimates each household in the city has one dog.

Due to the growing number of dogs and cats in the city, there was a greater need for veterinary care and adoption/foster homes. WRAC pairs with Adopt Shelter Animal Pets (ASAP) in aiding these homeless animals. ASAP places the dogs/cats in temporary foster homes until either reunited with owners or a new adoptive home is located. A foster home benefits the animal by keeping him/her out of the extreme weather and also keeping it socialized and stress-free. ASAP also provides aid with veterinary care for impounded animals in need. You may contact ASAP at 509-416-6637 for donations or questions regarding foster care and available, adoptable animals.

The city requires every canine over 7 months old to be licensed for the following reasons: To ensure every dog has a rabies vaccination; to track the number of dogs living within the city; and to ensure the quickest reunification with the owner if the animal were to become lost. A fine of \$75.00 may be charged to the owner of an animal that does not have a current license.

Free Food Bank Distribution

SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2016, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
LIFEPOINT ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
1800 BOMBING RANGE RD, WEST RICHLAND

Open to West Richland Residents Only

To qualify as a food bank recipient you will need to show the following: Photo ID (driver's license etc.) to establish identity; a current piece of mail to establish residency (current utility bill, letter, must have your name and address); and the names and birthdates of all who reside in your household you wish to claim for food service. Proof of income is not required.

Meetings

- Feb 2 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 3 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Feb 11 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 16 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 29 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.

City Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th in recognition of Presidents Day.

We Want to Hear from You!

Renew... CITY OF WEST RICHLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The City of West Richland is updating its **Comprehensive Plan**. The revised plan will be finalized in 2017. Input from residents, business owners, property owners, community groups and students will **form a broad and public conversation about the city's future**. It is important the city hears from as many interested people as possible...*that means you!*

Imagine...

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

The Comprehensive Plan is a document adopted by City Council used to guide development in West Richland for the next 20 years. It serves as a guidebook for the city for providing services, facilities and amenities to accommodate residential and business growth. The updated document will contain a vision describing how the community will look, feel and function in the year 2037. Goals and policies will provide strategies for achieving the vision. Topics will include: housing, land use, parks, economic development, transportation and more.



Engage...

BECOME INVOLVED AND PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

Visit the website at

<http://www.westrichland.org/comprehensive-plan-periodic-update> for announcements and information

- ✓ View the project schedule
- ✓ Access draft documents and maps
- ✓ See meeting notices and materials
- ✓ Read comments and submit your own
- **Request** to be added to the comprehensive plan update emailing list by writing to compplan2017@westrichland.org
- **Attend** a workshop or meeting and provide your input
- **Participate** from home if you can't make it to a meeting: simply view a video recording of the event on the website (*posted a few days after the meeting*) and provide your comments and feedback by email within 2 weeks
- **Provide** your opinions via an online survey by the project website by February 29, 2016 from your computer, tablet or smartphone

UPCOMING DATES

The following meetings will take place at 6:00pm at the West Richland City Hall Council Chambers (Library Building) at 3803 W Van Giesen:

Visioning Workshop

February 11, 2016

Policy Workshop

March 10, 2016

Land Use Strategies Workshops

April 14 & May 12, 2016

Additional future dates are listed on the project website.