



## Meet Your City Council

The City of West Richland’s form of government is Mayor-Council (or strong mayor), which consists of an elected mayor, who serves as the city’s chief administrative officer, and a council, which serves as the municipality’s legislative body. The council has the authority to formulate and adopt city policies and the mayor is responsible for carrying them out. The mayor attends and presides over council meetings but does not vote, except in the case of a tie.

The West Richland City Council is comprised of seven at large members. Council Members are part-time, nonpartisan elected officials who are elected to four-year terms. Like other legislative bodies, the City Council’s main tasks are the adoption and oversight of the City’s annual budget, introducing legislation, setting city policy and giving advice and consent on appointments made by the mayor to city boards and commissions.

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at 7:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers located inside the Library building. Meetings are televised live on Public Access Channel 191.

Brent Gerry is the West Richland Mayor. His current term is 1-1-14 to 12-31-17. He previously served as a City Council Member from 1-1-10 to 12-31-13.

Your City Council Members are:

- Position #1: John Smart Current term: 1-1-16 to 12-31-19
- Position #2: Rich Buel Current term: 1-1-14 to 12-31-17 (1st term began 1-1-2002)
- Position #3: Gail Brown Current term: 1-1-14 to 12-31-17 (1st term began 1-1-1998)
- Position #4: Richard Bloom Current term: 1-1-14 to 12-31-17 (1st term began 1-1-2010)
- Position #5: Don Engelman Current term: 1-1-16 to 12-31-19
- Position #6: Scott Whalen Current term: 1-1-16 to 12-31-19
- Position #7: Ken Stoker Current term: 1-1-16 to 12-31-19

Other City boards and commissions include the West Richland Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Board, Economic Development Board and Board of Adjustment. For more information on boards and commissions, go to: [www.westrichland.org/governance/boards-and-commissions/](http://www.westrichland.org/governance/boards-and-commissions/).

### Meetings

- Mar 1 City Council meeting  
Library - 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 2 West Richland Chamber meeting  
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Mar 10 Planning Commission meeting  
Library - 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 15 City Council meeting  
Library - 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 28 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.

### Mark Your Calendar!

The annual Earth Day Cleanup Event will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Enterprise Middle School. Volunteers are needed. Please call 967-5434 if you are interested in volunteering.

## Optimum Drive Access to Bombing Range Closing

The City has been notified that during the week of March 7th, the owner of the vacant lot next to the 76 Gas Station on Bombing Range Road will be removing and closing off the connection between the west end of Optimum Drive and Bombing Range Road. This section of road is not a city road right-of-way or a public access easement, but simply a private driveway that was installed by the previous property owner as part of the 76 Gas Station development. The property owner is removing this connection across his private property due to liability concerns, safety concerns with cut-thru traffic, and the fact that legal public access was never granted to the city. With the closure of this road, residents will need to utilize Everett via South 45th Avenue and Paradise Street to access Bombing Range Road. If you have any questions, please contact Public Works at 967-5434.

### Tri-Cities Food Bank

#### FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup> – 11 a.m. to 1:00 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 **2 pieces of ID**: a photo ID (driver's license etc.) to establish identity, a current piece of mail to establish residency (*current* utility bill, mail, 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.

## West Richland Police Department Citizens Academy

The Citizen's Academy is a program designed to provide participants with a working knowledge of the West Richland Police Department. This 10 week academy, which is free of charge, provides first-hand knowledge and front line experiences. Classes include, but are not limited to, police operations, domestic violence, special investigations, gang information, firearms and use of force.

The 10 week academy begins on April 13 and ends on June 15. Attendees must be at least 18 years of age, and live or work in the City of West Richland. Registration forms are available at [www.westrichland.org](http://www.westrichland.org), under Department/Police/Citizens Academy. If you have questions, please call Sgt. Ryan Boyce at 967-3425, or email [rboyce@westrichland.org](mailto:rboyce@westrichland.org).

## Community Garden Plots Available

The City of West Richland's Community Garden program is currently accepting applications. The Community Garden is located at Yellowstone Trail Park on Austin Drive near the intersection of Bombing Range Road and Van Giesen Street. The City is partnering with WSU Extension Master Gardeners, who are excited to provide community gardeners with expert advice, and mentor assistance throughout the 2016 growing season.

The fee to reserve a garden plot is \$10 for the 2016 season. A Garden Committee will oversee and help manage the garden. The \$10 fee will be waived for those who serve on the Garden Committee. Contact Aaron Lambert at 509-967-5902 for more information.

Registration forms and garden policies are available online at [www.westrichland.org](http://www.westrichland.org), by phone 509-967-5902, or in person at the Community Development Office, 3801 W. Van Giesen Street.

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### Volunteers Needed! Earth Day Cleanup

Mark your calendars for the Annual Earth Day Cleanup Event on April 23rd, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Enterprise Middle School.

Without volunteers, this event is not possible. Shifts are 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., or 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are provided with an Earth Day shirt, continental breakfast, and sandwich lunch.

Please call 967-5434 to sign-up to help with this fun and worthwhile event.