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Ben Franklin Transit Comprehensive Plan Study Open Houses



Ben Franklin Transit invites you to attend one of their upcoming transit workshops being held May 18 - 21. This is your opportunity to see and hear exactly what is being considered by Ben Franklin Transit for improving its public transit program. Be among the first to see the future of public transit in Benton and Franklin counties. You do not want to miss this experience! Attend one of the following seven open houses and give them your feedback on ideas for improving public transportation in Franklin and Benton counties:

Wednesday, May 18

Richland Library, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 955 Northgate Dr., Richland
Benton City Community Center, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 806 Dale Ave., Benton City

Thursday, May 19

Benton PUD (Prosser), 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 250 N. Gap Rd., Prosser
Mid-Columbia Library (Pasco), 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm, 1320 W. Hopkins St., Pasco

Friday, May 20

Mid-Columbia Library (West Richland), 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 3803 W. Van Giesen St, West Richland
Benton PUD (Kennewick), 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 2721 W. 10th Ave., Kennewick

Saturday, May 21

Three Rivers Transit Center (Kennewick), 10:00 am - 1:00 pm, 7109 W. Okanogan Pl., Kennewick

For more information contact Ben Franklin Transit at 509-735-5100 or learn more by visiting the CSPS website at <https://bftplan.org/>

Meetings

- May 3 City Council meeting
Library - 6:00 p.m.
- May 2 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- May 12 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 p.m.
- May 16 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.
- May 30 Park Board meeting canceled



Monday, May 30th

Remember and honor our veterans and the men and women who have given their lives in service to our country

City offices will be closed

Comprehensive Plan Land Use Strategies Workshop

The City of West Richland is in the process of updating our comprehensive plan, per the state-required periodic update. A periodic update of the comprehensive plan is due no later than June 30, 2017. As part of the update, a workshop on comprehensive plan land use strategies will be held on May 12th immediately following the regular Planning Commission meeting, which begins at 6:00 p.m.



Input from our citizens is an essential part of the update process. Please join us for this important workshop!

For more information, go to www.westrichland.org/comprehensive-plan-periodic-update/.

New City Employees

We have several new faces around the city. In Finance and Utilities, you will see new Utility Billing Specialist Jodi Hogan and Administrative Assistant Jessica Dean.

Public Works welcomes Sewer Maintenance Worker Derik Weixel and Maintenance Technician Anthony Underwood.

Andrea Vaage is the new Planner in Community Development.



Safety Tips!

As the temperature rises, so do the numbers of walkers, runners, cyclists, and skateboarders. Please be alert and watchful while driving.

If you are on a bicycle, please obey all traffic signs, ride with traffic and not against it, wear bright colors, and use a

light on the front and back of your bicycle at night.

Wearing a helmet is one of the best ways to be safe while riding a bike, scooter, or skateboard. Safekids.org shows studies that indicate wearing a helmet while riding reduces the risk of head injury by 45%.

Did You Know...

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 pedestrian, but they can also damage 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.

Information on ordinances is available at codepublishing.com/WA/westrichland.

Got Tumbleweeds?!

The City has a mobile tumbleweed burner that is available for West Richland residents to use on a daily or weekend basis for a nominal fee. This is a quick, safe, and efficient way to rid your neighborhood of tumbleweeds. The rental fee is \$20 per day, or \$40 for a weekend rental, which begins at 10:00 a.m. on Friday and ends at 8:00 a.m. on Monday. A \$500 damage deposit is required, but will be returned when the burner is returned on-time, undamaged, cleaned, and with the propane tank full.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 967-5434.