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West Richland 2017's Best City to Raise a Family in Washington

West Richland was named Best City to Raise a Family in Washington in a recent study from WalletHub.com.

To determine the most suitable places in Washington for putting down roots, WalletHub's analysts compared 111 cities in the state across 21 key metrics. The data set ranges from median family income to school-system quality to housing affordability.



Mayor Gerry said, "We are extremely excited to be designated the number one place to raise a family in Washington State. West Richland takes pride in its close-knit, family-oriented community environment. The City Council and I are committed to continuously sustaining and improving the quality of life and economic vitality for the West Richland Community."



Mayor Brent Gerry with Captain Thomas Grego and Sergeant Drew Hendrickson

Police Department Promotions

Congratulations to West Richland Police Department's Thomas Grego and Drew Hendrickson! During a promotion ceremony held on March 28th, Sgt. Grego was promoted to Captain and Officer Hendrickson was promoted to the Sergeant position previously held by Captain Grego.

Meetings

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



Monday, May 29th

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

RV Dump Station

The existing RV dump located on South 35th Avenue has been closed and will be relocated due to the construction of the Yakima River Gateway Project.

The city is currently finishing up design and will begin construction of a new RV Dump Station behind Circle K on South 40th Avenue. The design moves the existing recycle bins further to the east and will add a new bi-directional dump station that will facilitate two vehicles at the same time. Construction is expected to begin in May and be completed this summer.



Safety Tips!

As the temperature rises, so do the number 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%.

Be a Pooper Scooper! Pick Up After Your Dog

You're strolling through the park, holding hands with your sweetie, totally absorbed in conversation and his blue eyes when you step on a fresh pile of dog poo hiding in the grass. What a mood killer!

Maybe you were lucky enough that your foot missed the doggie surprise, but your nose sure didn't miss the putrid odor. Kids and families enjoy playing, hiking, and picnicking in parks and public places. Not scooping the poo isn't just unhealthful: It's just plain rude.

Also, please don't let your dog poo in other people's yards. If it happens before you can stop it, please pick it up.

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.

Also...

West Richland Municipal Code 8.04.070, "Refuse - Points of collection," states:

The placement of refuse cans shall be on the day designated for collection by the collector and 12 hours immediately before said day of collection and the 12 hours immediately following the day designated for collection. *On all other days the refuse cans shall be removed from the street right-of-way.* The area from which the refuse can is removed shall be maintained free and clear of refuse and garbage.