



A Time of Remembrance - September 23rd and 24th



On September 23rd and 24th the 10th annual Time of Remembrance will be held to honor the families and comrades of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho's Fallen. This tribute is being held to honor those who have died for their country and the families left behind.

A Candlelight Vigil will take place at Columbia Park at the Veteran's Memorial in Kennewick. The public is invited to join the families at the beautiful Candlelight Ceremony next to the Columbia River on September 23rd. The Vigil will start at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, September 24th, at 11:00 a.m., there will be an official State Recognition Ceremony at Flat Top Park. We encourage all citizens to attend this important event as we give back to those who have given their all. Please help us welcome the Families of the Fallen from the States of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

School is Back in Session - Please Slow Down!

Flashing school zone lights on South Highlands Blvd. for Wiley Elementary, North 62nd Avenue for Tapteal Elementary, Paradise Way for Enterprise Middle School, and Belmont Blvd. for Leona Libby Middle School are used to draw attention to school zone signs when children are present and the 20 MPH speed limit is enforced. School zone flashing times are as follows:

Days	Wiley & Tapteal Elem.		Enterprise & Libby MS	
Monday-Thursday	7:50-8:50	3:10-3:45	6:35-8:00	2:20-2:55
Friday	7:50-8:50	2:10-2:45	6:35-8:00	1:20-1:55

Meetings

- Sep. 5 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.
- Sep. 6 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Sep. 14 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 p.m.
- Sep. 19 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.

Harvest Festival

The annual Harvest Festival, sponsored by Red Mountain Lions Club, is being held on Saturday, September 16th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Flat Top Park.

There will be vendor booths, fun games for the kids and more. Benton County Fire District #4 will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs as a fundraiser.

Bring the family down for a fun day at the park!

September is Attendance Awareness Month

United Way of Benton & Franklin Counties leads a community-wide awareness campaign with the goal of improving school attendance and decreasing absenteeism among K-12 students in Benton and Franklin Counties.



The Case:

1. Regular attendance affects a student's success in school and in life.
2. When students do well in school and graduate, they are more likely to be gainfully employed, pursue healthier lifestyles, live in a safe environment, and contribute to the well-being of a community.

The Challenge:

1. Chronic absenteeism is a key factor in poor academic achievement, high school dropout rates, adult unemployment, and crime rates.
2. Analyzed data from our local schools showed students who missed fewer than 5 days of general math or science class were more likely to earn an "A", while students who missed 7 or more days of the same class were more likely to earn a "D" or "F."
3. Students' grades decline overall as absences increase. Students with 5 or fewer absences earned more "A's." Students with 12 or more absences typically receive failing grades.



United Way is partnering with 15 area middle schools throughout Benton and Franklin Counties to provide support in conveying the Attendance Matters message to their students. The Attendance Matters Planning Committee has brought together over 50 health and human service organizations and businesses, and many community members to create positive activities, community messaging, and rewards to support schools as they strive to achieve the goals of Attendance Matters.

After the first two years of implementing Attendance Matters, student absences decreased by an average of one day per student--from 12 days to 11 days per year, per student. The number of students with perfect attendance increased from 304 to 366 this past year.

For more information and resources go to: <http://www.unitedway-bfco.com/toolkit-schools>.

Did You Know....

ABANDONED VEHICLES AND NON-VEHICLES NOT ALLOWED ON CITY STREETS

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 pedestrians, but they can also damage the 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.

If you have questions, please call the Police Department at 967-3425. Information on ordinances is available at codepublishing.com/WA/westrichland.

Sprinklers and Kids Walking to School

Kids don't want to get wet on their way to school. When you are setting your timer for lawn irrigation, please keep in mind the times of day that children are walking to and from school or bus stop locations in your neighborhood. Please avoid watering during those times so children aren't prompted to walk in the street to avoid the spray.