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Code Red - Emergency Alerts

Emergency Management Agencies of Benton and Franklin Counties have begun using CodeRed - a high-speed mass notification system designed to keep you informed in the event of an emergency. This system allows for the delivery of emergency messages to you via phone to your landline or mobile device, as well as through text and email.

Generally, non-life threatening alerts will be sent to email only. Alerts that pose a higher threat or cause significant adverse conditions may be sent to email and text message. Emergency alerts that pose a serious or significant risk to life and/or property will be sent from all devices that you have selected.

To register, visit www.bces.wa.gov in Benton County or www.franklinem.org in Franklin County and click on the CodeRED icon.

From Benton County Elections

Voter registration can be done in person, online or through the mail. The deadline for mail-in and online registration is October 9th. The deadline for in-person registration is October 30th.

Ballots for the General Election will be mailed on October 20th and the 18 day voting period begins on that day. Ballots are due back on November 7th, which is General Election Day.

West Richland has two 24 hour secure ballot drop boxes located at City Hall, 3801 W. Van Giesen Street and the Municipal Services Facility, 3001 Belmont Blvd available until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.



For more information on the election and the candidates that appear on your ballot, log on to www.bentonelections.com.

Meetings

- Oct. 3 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 4 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Oct. 12 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 17 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

- Nov. 11 Veterans Day Parade
Van Giesen Street - 9:30 AM

If you are interested in participating, please call the West Richland Chamber at 967-0521.

October 31st

Happy Halloween!

Please drive carefully and watch for little trick-or-treaters!

Howl-A-Ween Pet Walk - Saturday, October 28th

A costumed 5k fun run/walk hosted by Adopt Shelter Animal Pets (ASAP) will be held on Saturday, October 28th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. There will also be Halloween pet pictures, face painting, pet costume contest and more!



Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at Yoke's in West Richland. The minimum donation to participate is \$20.00. All proceeds help provide essential care for the lost and abandoned animals of our community.

Be sure to bring your furry friends and join this year's Howl-O-Ween Pet Walk!

To register go to: <https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/WestRichland/HowlOWeen>

Day of Service Project - Community Garden Fencing

Over 80 volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, West Richland Stake, installed fencing around the Community Garden on the corner of Bombing Range Road and West Van Giesen Street. This fence represents the final phase of the project, and the garden is now complete.

The group joined together helping to not only install the fence, but refresh bark in the garden, and beautify the area. In a 2014 Day of Service project, when the park was first developed, the church constructed and installed the garden beds and pathways. This project is part of the Day of Service put on in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho in memory and honor of those who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.



Thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who participated in this successful project. A special thank you to Randy Clark and Bruce Robertson for overall organization and project coordination. Thank you to West Richland Rentals for generously donating the tools necessary to complete the community garden.

City Receives Successful Audit and Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

Through the efforts of our skilled and talented staff, the city received a clean audit from the WA State Auditor's Office. They found that city operations comply with applicable requirements and provide adequate safeguarding of public resources. This is the 10th year the city has not received any audit findings.

The Government Finance Officers Association established the Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality that reflect both the guidelines established by the National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting and the GFOA's best practices on budgeting, and then to recognize individual governments that succeed in achieving that goal.

Documents submitted to the budget awards program are reviewed by selected members of the GFOA professional staff and by outside reviewers with experience in public-sector budgeting.

The City of West Richland received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2017-2018 Biennial Budget.