



## Proposed Police Facility Information

City Council will discuss a resolution and review the ballot title language asking voters to approve funding for a larger police facility during its December 4 and 18 regular meetings. It is anticipated that the City Council will vote on the resolution during the December 18th meeting. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. If approved, the ballot measure will appear for voter consideration during the April 23, 2019 Special Election.

The former police chief, Mike Noski, was on record 20 years ago as saying the current police facility was inadequate to serve the community. Population in the city has increased 115 percent since that time.

A Police Facility Assessment Committee (independent of the city and police department) delivered their findings to the City Council after almost six months of work. Their recommendations mirrored those of an architectural firm, which developed plans for a larger facility earlier this year.

The police department recently held three Town Hall meetings to take input from the community about the proposal. A video has been created to show issues with the current police station and will soon be posted to the city website.

Police departments are being closely scrutinized for compliance with best policing practices. Adequate space for daily operations will improve policing services and reduce liability for taxpayers with a secure evidence room and armory. It also will provide space for officer training, community meetings and an improved kennel for animal control.

Information about the proposed police facility is available online at [www.westrichland.org/proposed-police-facility-information](http://www.westrichland.org/proposed-police-facility-information). Additional Town Hall meetings will be scheduled if Council approves the resolution to place the measure on the ballot. Police Chief Ben Majetich is also available to answer questions at (509) 967-3425 or [bmajetich@westrichland.org](mailto:bmajetich@westrichland.org).

### Meetings

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| Dec. 4  | City Council meeting<br>3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.         |
| Dec. 5  | West Richland Chamber meeting<br>Sandberg Event Center - Noon |
| Dec. 13 | Planning Commission meeting<br>3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.  |
| Dec. 18 | City Council meeting<br>3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.         |

A meeting and events calendar is available on the city website on the home page under Quick Links.

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| Dec. 1  | Carols and Cocoa<br>Flat Top Park |
| Dec. 15 | Operation Candy Cane              |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas Day                     |
| Jan. 1  | New Year's Day                    |

*City offices will be closed on Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas, and Tuesday, January 1st for New Year's Day.*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



## Sign up for SmartPay and be entered into a drawing to win a gift certificate for \$50.00 from Coffee Town Espresso

Take the stress out of remembering to pay your utility bill every month and sign up for the City's SmartPay program. By signing up, you can have your payment auto-deducted from your checking account on either the 10th or 25th of each month. This service is free of charge and makes paying your utility bill a breeze.

Customers who sign up for SmartPay between December 1 and December 31 will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate from Coffee Town. The drawing will be held January 3 and the winner will be contacted to collect their prize. City employees, Council Members, and current SmartPay users are not eligible for the drawing.

There is a separate insert enclosed with your December utility bill that you can use to sign up for SmartPay. This is for new SmartPay customers only. Please send or bring a voided check with the application. Please do not mail forms with your payment. Drop off or mail forms directly to City Hall at 3100 Belmont Blvd, or email a copy of the voided check and SmartPay application to [utilities@westrichland.org](mailto:utilities@westrichland.org).

Thank you to Coffee Town, 4298 E Van Giesen St. West Richland for donating the gift certificate!

## New Pet Licensing System for 2019

The City of West Richland has contracted with PetData, Inc. to provide pet licensing services beginning January 2019. PetData's sole business purpose is to manage pet licenses, for which they currently serve more than 70 municipalities nationwide.



With the new pet license system, dog licenses will be effective for a full 12 months from the time of purchase rather than per calendar as was previously done. In addition to offering a 12 month license, the city will now offer a 3 year license. To qualify for a 3-year license, a dog has to have received a three year rabies vaccination within 60 days to licensing. There will also be enhanced online capabilities where citizens can apply for, renew, and update license information.

Look for renewal notices to be arriving from PetData January 2019.

## Operation Candy Cane

Benton County Fire Protection District #4 will be conducting their annual food drive to help the less fortunate this holiday season.

On Saturday, December 15th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. your local firefighters will drive decorated fire trucks through your neighborhood, passing out candy canes. In order to receive a candy cane from a firefighter, all they ask is that you donate an item of non-perishable food. All donated food is distributed with the assistance of Volunteer Services of Richland.

Donations can also be dropped off at Fire Station 420, 2604 Bombing Range Road, from December 1st through December 18th.

Please call 967-2496 if you have questions

