



Remodeled West Richland Library Now Open At 3803 W. Van Giesen Street



The Mid-Columbia Libraries' West Richland Branch has been newly remodeled and is now open at 3803 W. Van Giesen! The grand reopening and ribbon cutting were held on Saturday, April 27, with music, activities, prizes and refreshments.

The remodeled library has eight public computers with free internet access and a charging station lounge for wireless devices. Customers can also enjoy a new storytime

area with an improved children's collection, an expanded general collection including more books in Spanish, public art, a historic photo mural, new carpet and paint, a small conference room, and curbside pickup! A Mid-Columbia Libraries card is free for residents.

The library has lots of fun and educational events for all ages including weekly storytimes, LEGO Club, monthly preschool hour, the Summer Reading Challenge, author visits, and more!

Mid-Columbia Libraries has a robust digital collection, which offers thousands of eBooks, eMagazines, and eAudiobooks for reading and listening on the go. Talk to their friendly staff about how you can access one of the largest digital collections in the state from your phone or tablet.

Homebound, convalescing, or unable to visit the library? They offer homebound services in the West Richland area. Call 967-3191 to request delivery of library items to your home.

For more information visit their website, midcolumbialibraries.org/branches/west-richland.

Meetings

- May 7 City Council meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd. - 6:00 p.m.
- May 8 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- May 9 Planning Commission meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd. - 6:00 p.m.
- May 21 City Council meeting
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Monday, May 27th

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

Utility Billing and Rentals

City Council is discussing residential tenant utility billing processes due to the increasing number of rental properties within City of West Richland. Discussion will include ideas on how to reduce administrative time and increase efficiency in regards to billing residential rental properties. The city would like to solicit input from West Richland residents and homeowners and will be holding a public hearing on Tuesday, May 21st. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have questions, please contact the city at utilities@westrichland.org

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%.

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 at the Municipal Services Facility.

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.