



## Welcome New Elementary School!

The City of West Richland is very excited for the opening of the new elementary school on Sunshine Avenue! The Tapteal Elementary School building, located at 705 N. 62nd Avenue, is being demolished this summer before construction of the new Tapteal begins on top of its former site. Tapteal students and staff will be moved temporarily to the new elementary school.

With the new school opening for the 2019-2020 school year, the City and the Richland School District are taking measures to ensure the safety of the students attending the school.

### Intersection Control Modifications

In preparation for pedestrian movements and traffic flows to the new school, the intersection of Paradise Way/Belmont Blvd and Kilawea Drive/Sunshine Avenue will be changed to 4 way stops. This change not only allows a safer control of traffic but greatly increases pedestrian safety when crossing intersections.

### Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Controlled Crossings

The existing RRFB at Paradise Way/Belmont will be removed after changing the intersection to 4-way stop control. New RRFBs will be installed on Paradise Way/Jade Avenue/Kilawea Drive intersection and on Belmont Blvd at the new mid-block crossing.

### School Zone Flashing Lights

The City will be installing two designated School Zones associated with the new elementary school. One will be located on Belmont Blvd just north of Kilawea Drive to Kona Drive and the second zone will be on Sunshine Avenue from just north of Galena across the frontage of the school. The lights will flash during allocated times when pedestrian activities are high related to school schedules. When flashing, the speed limit within the school zones will be 20 MPH.

Days	Wiley & New Elementary School		Enterprise & Libby Middle Schools	
	Monday-Thursday	7:50-8:50	3:10-3:45	6:35-8:00
Friday	7:50-8:50	2:10-2:45	6:35-8:00	1:20-1:55

### Meetings

- Aug. 6 City Council meeting cancelled
- Aug. 8 Planning Commission meeting  
3100 Belmont - 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 20 City Council meeting  
3100 Belmont - 6:00 p.m.

### National Night Out August 6th, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Flat Top Park

On Tuesday, August 6th, neighborhoods throughout West Richland are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 34th annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event.

Join your neighbors and officers from the West Richland Police Department for an evening of community fun! Visit with police officers, play games, and enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs as you learn about crime prevention.



## Keep Your Pets Safe in the Heat

Summer months can be uncomfortable, even dangerous for pets. The following are tips for keeping them healthy and comfortable.

**Never leave pets in a parked car:** Not even for a minute. On a warm day, temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a car with the windows opened slightly can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature will reach 120 degrees. Your pet may suffer irreversible organ damage or die.

**Limit exercise on hot days:** Take care when exercising your pet. Adjust intensity and duration of exercise in accordance with the temperature. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours, and be especially careful with pets with white-colored ears, who are more susceptible to skin cancer, and short-nosed pets, who typically have difficulty breathing. Asphalt gets very hot and can burn your pet's paws, so walk your dog on the grass if possible. Always carry water with you to keep your dog from dehydrating.

**Don't rely on a fan:** Pets respond differently to heat than humans do. (Dogs, for instance, sweat primarily through their feet.) And fans don't cool off pets as effectively as people.

**Provide ample shade and water:** Any time your pet is outside, make sure he or she has protection from heat and sun and plenty of fresh, cold water. In heat waves, add ice to the water when possible. Tree shade and tarps are ideal because they don't obstruct air flow. A doghouse does not provide relief from heat—in fact, it makes it worse.

**Watch for signs of heatstroke:** Signs of heatstroke are heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness. If you see any of these signs, move your pet into shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to the head, neck, and chest or run cool (not cold) water over your pet. Let your pet drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes. Take them directly to a veterinarian for treatment.

## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for Time of Remembrance September 27th through September 29th and Harvest Festival on September 14th

## Be In-The-Know!

Did you know the following information is at your fingertips?

- Up-to-date utility information
- The many different utility payment options available to you, including on-line bill pay and smart pay
- What to do if you think your water consumption is too high
- What kind of garbage can be picked up at the curb along with your trash cans
- How to request an additional garbage can
- Cross connection testing information
- Low income senior discounts
- Temporary water disconnections
- Level payment program
- What happens if you are late on your utility payment
- Forms to be filled out for the various utility service changes

All of this and more can be found at [westrichland.org/Departments/Utilities](http://westrichland.org/Departments/Utilities)



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