



Operation Candy Cane - December 18th



Benton County Fire Protection District #4 will be conducting their 18th annual food drive to help the less fortunate this holiday season.

On Saturday, December 14th, 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

Catholic Charities Serving Central Washington.

Firefighters will also be at Fire Station 420, located at 2604 Bombing Range Road, every day from December 1st through December 18th so those who wish can drop off non-perishable food.

If you have questions, please call 509-967-2496.

Carols and Cocoa - December 7th

Bring the family to Carols & Cocoa at Flat Top Park sponsored by Red Mountain Lions Club. The annual pavilion lighting ceremony will kick-off the event at 5:00 p.m. Bundle up and join in for caroling and hot cocoa. Don't forget your blanket and chair.

Get a cup of hot cocoa and great music for \$1.00 or free in exchange for donations of canned food or an unwrapped toy to benefit area families. Donated items are given to families in need during the holidays.

Join in for an old fashioned celebration of the season!

Meetings

- Dec. 3 City Council meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 4 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Dec. 12 Planning Commission meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17 City Council meeting
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.

- Dec. 7 Carols and Cocoa
Flat Top Park
- Dec. 18 Operation Candy Cane
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Jan. 1 New Year's Day

City offices will be closed on December 24, 25, & 26, in observance of Christmas, and January 1st for New Year's Day.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

From The West Richland Police Department

The West Richland Police Department is asking for your assistance to help reduce the risk of vehicle prowls and burglaries, which increase during the holiday season. Please be sure to lock your vehicle whether at home or away. Most vehicle prowls occur because the car was left unlocked and valuable items are left in view for anyone to see. Locking items in the trunk, or in a location the public cannot see, dramatically reduces the chance of becoming a victim.



The Police Department has a vacation house check system in place to do random checks of residences while you're away. When you request house checks, you will provide us with your contact information, how long you will be gone, and who is left behind to take care of your home. Here is a list of suggestions to reduce becoming a victim while you are away:

- Lock all doors and windows. Use deadbolts, dowels, or locking pins in sliding glass doors and windows to keep them from being pried open.
- Never announce your vacation plans on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or other social networking sites.
- Use timers on lights, radios, TVs, etc. to make them go on and off during the day and night to make your home appear occupied.
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery, or have a neighbor pick up anything left at the home.
- Ask the neighbors to watch your home and report any suspicious activities.
- Disconnect your electric garage door opener and padlock the door, preferably on the inside.
- Set your burglar alarm and notify your alarm company that you will be away. Request the company notify the police first instead of calling you if an alarm occurs when you are away. Also provide the alarm company with an up-to-date list of persons to contact about the alarm and the need to secure your home after a burglary.

House check forms can be picked up from the front desk at the West Richland Police Department at 3805 W. Van Giesen Street during business hours. If you have any questions contact the Police department at (509) 967-3425

Did You Know....



Sidewalk Snow And Ice

West Richland Municipal Code 12. 20.020, "Sidewalk snow and ice removal," states, *It shall be the duty of all property owners or persons having charge or control of any premises bordered by city right-of-way to clean, maintain, and repair public sidewalks, driveways, or planting strips constructed thereon in a reasonable and safe condition.*

Residents are responsible for maintaining sidewalks and driveways adjacent to their property. When residents fail to clear sidewalks, the result can be a treacherous ice patch. Please do your part in protecting pedestrians from possible injury.



Regular garbage pick-up remains the same on holidays. Please set your garbage cans out for pick-up on your collection day, even if your regular pick-up day falls on a holiday.

For garbage questions or concerns, please contact Basin Disposal Customer Service at 547-2476.