



Be Part of Your Local Government



The City of West Richland is seeking volunteers to serve on City boards and commissions. Citizens who serve on boards and commissions help to enhance diversity and ensure quality services to meet the needs of our growing city. Appointments to boards and commissions are made by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission reviews and makes final recommendations to the City Council on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and the land use (zoning) code.

Economic Development Board: The Economic Development Board makes recommendations to the City Council and Mayor regarding development of strategies for economic development and the ongoing monitoring, assessing, and strengthening of economic development strategies in the City of West Richland.

Park Board: The Park Board formulates and makes recommendations to the City Council and Mayor regarding the beautification, improvement, development, maintenance, management, and planning of all West Richland city parks and associated facilities.

Civil Service Commission: The Civil Service Commission is a citizen board mandated by state statute to oversee personnel procedures of civil service classified employees in the police department.

For more information on boards and commissions, meeting schedules, eligibility, and application forms, go to: <http://www.westrichland.org/BoardsandCommissions.cfm>.

The City currently has vacancies on the Planning Commission and Economic Development Board. If you are interested in applying for a position on a board or commission, please complete an application form with a cover letter and resume and submit to the West Richland City Clerk at 33100 Belmont Blvd, West Richland, WA 99353 or julie@westrichland.org.

Meetings

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| March 5 | City Council meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m. |
| March 6 | West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon |
| March 14 | Planning Commission meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m. |
| March 19 | 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. Agendas are also posted on the web pages for City Council and Boards and Commissions. On the top menu of the home page click on Governance, then click on either City Council or Boards and Commissions.

Daylight Savings Time Starts March 10!





Proposed New Police Facility

The West Richland Police Department has spent time communicating the challenges it faces with the current police facility. This article shares information about how a larger, secure police facility would improve policing services for our community.

Overall, a larger facility will provide additional space for police officers to serve a growing city. Population in the City of West Richland has increased 115% in 20 years yet the current facility has stayed the same size (plus a portable trailer).

Interview Rooms - The proposed facility would have multiple rooms in which to conduct investigative interviews and question suspects. The current facility has just one, which means suspects may be kept in patrol cars or administrative offices until the room becomes available. The interview rooms also would be soundproof and secure to prevent an individual from bolting into public areas.

Shower Facilities - Police officers are exposed to bodily fluids during routine 911 calls. Providing them with shower facilities means they can clean and decontaminate themselves at the station as opposed to taking these substances home to their families.

Armory and Evidence Rooms - The armory and evidence rooms in the police facility would meet current police accreditation standards and state security requirements. The armory would be adequately sized to securely hold and maintain weapons and other equipment needed by police officers. There also would be enough room to maintain records, store and process evidence from investigations.

Community Meeting Room and Officer Training Space - A citizen committee recommended that the new facility include training space for officers that could double as a community meeting room. Having different spaces serve multiple purposes is cost-efficient and maximizes its use.

Climate-Controlled Kennel - Community members approached City Council to express concern about the current kennel conditions for Animal Control. The proposal calls for adequate space for lost or abandoned animals in a climate-controlled environment.

A bond to finance the facility will be on the April 23, 2019 Special Election ballot. More information is available online at www.westrichland.org/proposed-police-facility-information/. Police Chief Ben Majetich also welcomes questions or comments at (509) 967-3425 or bmajetich@westrichland.org.

Did You Know...

West Richland Municipal Code 19.04.020 states:

Garage/yard sale signs allowed without permit when all conditions are met:

1. Two movable garage/yard sale signs allowed per sale event;
2. Signs shall not exceed six square feet per sign face or two signs on sticks not exceeding four square feet per sign face;
3. Sale shall not be advertised for a period exceeding three days;
4. Signs may be placed on public street right-of-way or private property with owner's permission;
5. Signs shall not be placed on public utility poles.

Earth Day Cleanup Volunteers Needed!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Earth Day Cleanup Event on April 27th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Enterprise Middle School.

Without volunteers, this event is not possible. Shifts are 7:45 a.m. to Noon, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Volunteers are provided with an Earth Day shirt, continental breakfast, and sandwich lunch.

Please call 967-5902 to sign-up to help with this fun and worthwhile event.