



Meet Your City Council

The City of West Richland’s form of government is Mayor-Council (or strong mayor), which consists of an elected mayor, who serves as the city’s chief administrative officer, and a council, which serves as the municipality’s legislative body. The council has the authority to formulate and adopt city policies and the mayor is responsible for carrying them out. The mayor attends and presides over council meetings but does not vote, except in the case of a tie.

The West Richland City Council is comprised of seven at large members. Council Members are part-time, nonpartisan elected officials who are elected to four-year terms. Like other legislative bodies, the City Council’s main tasks are the adoption and oversight of the city’s annual budget, introducing legislation, setting city policy and giving advice and consent on appointments made by the mayor to city boards and commissions.

City Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at 6:00 p.m., in City Council Chambers, 3100 Belmont Blvd. Meetings are televised on Charter Public Access Channel 191.

Brent Gerry is the West Richland Mayor. His current term is 1-1-18 to 12-31-21. His first term as Mayor was from 1-1-14 to 12-31-17. He also served as a City Council Member for four years.

Your City Council Members are:

Position #1	John Smart	Current term: 1-1-18 to 12-31-21 (1 st term began 1-1-2016)
Position #2:	Rich Buel	Current term: 1-1-18 to 12-31-21 (1 st term began 1-1-2002)
Position #3:	Gail Brown	Current term: 1-1-18 to 12-31-21 (1 st term began 1-1-1998)
Position #4:	Richard Bloom	Current term: 1-1-18 to 12-31-21 (1 st term began 1-1-2010)
Position #5:	David Fetto	Current term: 1-1-20 to 12-31-23 (Began serving 10-2-2018)
Position #6:	Fred Brink	Current term: 1-1-20 to 12-31-23 (Began serving 1-1-2019)
Position #7:	Kate Moran	Current term: 1-1-20 to 12-31-23

Meetings

- Mar. 3 City Council meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 4 West Richland Chamber meeting
Mayfield Gathering Place - Noon
- Mar. 12 Planning Commission meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 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. 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 8!



Upcoming Software Changes for West Richland Utility Billing



The City of West Richland is currently in the process of implementing new financial software, which includes utility billing. The financial software is being implemented in stages beginning March 2020. Utility billing and cashing will be changing over at the end of April, beginning of May 2020. The software update is exciting and should provide customers with an improved online experience, along with new features such as text or email alerts for those who opt in.

With this implementation, all customer utility account numbers will change. New account numbers will be displayed on your 1st monthly billing statement anticipated beginning with the May 2020 utility bill. We will continue to be able to process your payments utilizing your old account number, however, payments made through a bank's online bill pay will need to be updated with the new utility account number.

City staff will continue to provide information regarding the roll out of the new software and impacts to utility customers over the next couple of months through the City's social media and newsletter.



Attention gardeners of West Richland! We have plots available at Yellowstone Trail Community Garden. Applications for the 2020 growing season are being accepted right now! Plots are on a first come, first serve basis. Plot assignments will be announced on March 2, 2020.

The fee to reserve a garden plot is \$10 for the 2020 season. Handicap accessible plots are also available. The City will provide water and garden hoses, but gardeners are responsible for all tools.

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 18th, 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.