



COVID-19 Response Update

On May 1st, Governor Inslee announced his phased approach for re-opening Washington. This plan is a systematic approach to allow certain recreational and business activities to begin in 4 phases. The first phase began on May 5th. The phased approach to reopening Washington can be found on the governor's website.

There are a minimum of 3 weeks between phases and these are subject to change. The 3-week period is because the COVID-19 incubation period is 2 weeks in length. The third week is used to compile data. If the data reflects a continued decrease in new cases, the governor will move to the next phase. If the data reflects an increase, the governor will more than likely extend the period before moving to the next phase.

Tentatively, the projected dates for the phases are:

Phase 1-May 5, 2020, Phase 2-June 1, 2020, Phase 3-June 22, 2020, Phase 4-July 13, 2020

Phase 4 would allow for large gatherings and events. West Richland and all of the Tri-City community are monitoring this closely due to numerous large events during the summer months. We are all keeping our fingers crossed that things proceed as hoped so we can all get back to work and play. Hogs & Dogs and Cool Desert Nights have been cancelled for this year.

Water Quality Report

In the past, the City was required to mail copies of the annual water quality report to all residents. To provide cost savings to jurisdictions, the Washington State Department of Health no longer requires mailing of the report to each resident.

The report is on the City's website at: <https://www.westrichland.org/2019/05/30/current-water-quality-report-2/>

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 967-5434.

New Utility Billing Software

The City of West Richland has transitioned to a new utility billing software system. With this new system, all customer utility account numbers have changed. New account numbers are displayed on your current billing statement. 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.

If you are enrolled in our SmartPay autopayment program or our LevelPay budget billing program please know that the software changes will not disrupt these programs. SmartPay information and drafting date will transfer to the new software. Similarly, monthly LevelPay amounts will not change due to the software transition.

City staff will continue to provide information regarding changes through the City's social media and newsletter.

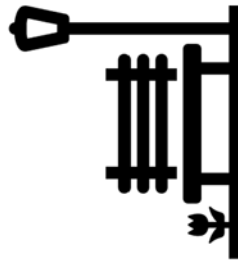
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN UPDATE



The City of West Richland is updating its Parks and Recreation Plan. Input from residents, recreation groups, property owners, community groups and other stakeholders will form a broad and public conversation about the city's parks and recreation facilities. It is important the City hears from as many interested people as possible...*that means you!*

The Parks and Recreation Plan is a document adopted by City Council used to guide planning for parks development in West Richland for the future, with a focus on next 6 years. The plan will serve as a guidebook for the city in providing services, facilities, and amenities to accommodate local needs.



The plan will address many topics, including:

- OPEN SPACE
- TRAILS
- ADA ACCESSIBILITY
- SPORTS FIELDS
- RECREATION
- PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

BE INVOLVED AND PROVIDE YOUR INPUT TODAY

- ➔ Visit the City's website at <http://www.westrichland.org> for up-to-date announcements and information
- ➔ Email your comments to parks@westrichland.org and use the subject line "Park Plan Input"
- ➔ Attend a Park Board workshop or meeting and provide your input (*note: workshops and meetings scheduling is subject to the Governor's COVID-19 orders*)
- ➔ Participate from home
- ➔ Provide your opinions via an online survey from your computer, tablet or smartphone by June 26, 2020



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