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Operation Candy Cane - December 12th



Benton County Fire Protection District #4 will be conducting their 19th annual food drive to help the less fortunate this holiday season. This year's event will be different than prior years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Operation Candy Cane will occur on December 12th at Flat Top Park from 4-8pm as a drive-thru event.

The Fire District is still working out the details, but citizens can stay up to date with information for this event by visiting: <https://www.facebook.com/BCFD4/>

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



Feeding the Community

West Richland Cares Act Community Support Grant

The City of West Richland is pleased to announce the distribution of more than \$430,000 to local West Richland businesses to assist with rent and mortgage, PPE Supplies, insurance costs, utility bills, and other expenses our businesses incurred since the COVID-19 pandemic closed many of their doors. We hope this assistance will provide some much needed economic support to our businesses. Please continue to support our local businesses through these difficult times!



Meetings

- Dec. 1 City Council meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 15 City Council meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd - 6:00 p.m.

**Meetings are held virtually via Zoom until Benton County enters Phase 3. More information can be found at: www.westrichland.org.

A meeting and events calendar is available on the city website on the home page.

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 12 - Operation Candy Cane
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

City offices will be closed:









- December 24th & 25th
(In observance of Christmas)

- December 31st & January 1st
(New Year's Eve & New Year's Day)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter, be fire smart!

 <p>Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February.</p>	 <p>Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 7 home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths.</p>	 <p>Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.</p>
 <p>Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.</p>	 <p>Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.</p>	 <p>Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.</p>
 <p>Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.</p>	 <p>Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.</p>	

West Richland Police Facility Update

City staff continue to work with the design build team on the new West Richland Police Facility to be built at 7920 W Van Giesen.

- City Staff and the Design/Build team are working towards a GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price).
 - Development of the GMP entails finalizing the building design, material and construction costs.
 - Once the GMP is established, the Phase 2 contract will be brought before City Council on December 15, 2020.
- Construction is scheduled to begin January 2021.
- Completion date is projected for December 2021.



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.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter and www.nfpa.org/winter.