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National Night Out

August 3rd, 2021

5-8pm- Flat Top Park

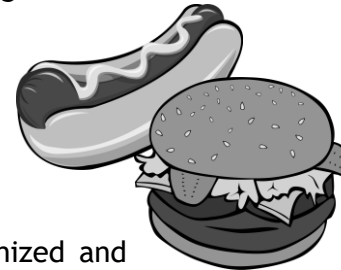
On Tuesday, August 3rd, neighborhoods throughout West Richland are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the Annual National Night Out (NNO) crime and drug prevention event.

The event will be held at Flat Top Park from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Join your neighbors and officers from the West Richland Police Department for an evening of community fun! Visit with police officers, play games, win prizes and enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs as you learn more about crime prevention. Child identification kits will be available at no charge.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back



National Night Out, sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, and co-sponsored locally by the West Richland Police Department, will involve more than 15,704 communities from all 50 States, US Territories, Canadian cities, and military bases around the world. More than 37.5 million people are expected to participate in “America’s Night Out Against Crime.”

Sponsors are needed for this event. Sponsorship and donations, in the form of money, food, supplies, and prizes for the children’s events will help offset costs to the Police Department.

For more information, call the West Richland Area Chamber of Commerce at 967-0521.

Meetings

July 6 City Council Meeting
Cancelled

July 8 Planning Commission Meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd
6:00 p.m.

July 20 City Council Meeting
3100 Belmont Blvd
6:00 p.m.

**Meetings are held virtually via Zoom until the Governor rescinds the statewide emergency order due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

More information can be found at:
www.westrichland.org.

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Pet Safety in Hot Weather

Never leave your pet alone in a parked vehicle!

Even if it's just for a moment, and even if the windows are cracked—it is never safe to leave an animal in a parked vehicle alone. Don't let an excuse cost an animal their life. Not only can leaving an animal in a hot car lead to fatal heat stroke, it is illegal in Washington State.

RCW 16.52.340 states that:

(1) It is a class 2 civil infraction under RCW 7.80.120 to leave or confine any animal unattended in a motor vehicle or enclosed space if the animal could be harmed or killed by exposure to excessive heat, cold, lack of ventilation, or lack of necessary water.

(2) To protect the health and safety of an animal, an animal control officer or law enforcement officer who reasonably believes that an animal is suffering or is likely to suffer harm from exposure to excessive heat, cold, lack of ventilation, or lack of necessary water is authorized to enter a vehicle or enclosed space to remove an animal by any means reasonable under the circumstances if no other person is present in the immediate area who has access to the vehicle or enclosed space and who will immediately remove the animal. An animal control officer, law enforcement officer, or the department or agency employing such an officer is not liable for any damage to property resulting from actions taken under this section.

(3) Nothing in this section prevents the person who has confined the animal in the vehicle or enclosed space from being convicted of separate offenses for animal cruelty under RCW 16.52.205 or 16.52.207.

Stay safe as temperatures rise.

We all love spending the long, sunny days of summer outdoors with our furry companions, but being overeager in hot weather can spell danger.

Symptoms of overheating in pets can include:

- Excessive panting or difficulty breathing
- Increased heart and respiratory rate
- Drooling
- Mild weakness
- Stupor
- Collapse
- Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees.



You'll want to keep an eye out for these signs of distress, but you'll also want to ensure that your pet is properly hydrated at all times. Make sure you give your pets plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid outdoors. Ensure that your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them and use your best judgment to keep them indoors when it's extremely hot. Never let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during peak daytime hours to a minimum.

Also keep in mind that animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively as others. These pets, along with elderly and overweight animals, as well as those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible. Feel free to trim longer hair on your pets, but never shave them down to the skin. The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn. Brushing cats more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat. Be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals. *****Information contained in this article provided by the ASCPA.***



Bike Safely and Enjoy Your Ride!

Bicycling is one of the best ways to get exercise, see the sights and reduce your carbon footprint. However, bicyclists face a host of hazards. They often must share the road with vehicles, and injuries can happen even on a designated path.

The number of deaths from bicycle incidents increased 6% in 2019 and 37% in the last 10 years, from 793 in 2010 to 1,089 in 2019, according to *Injury Facts*®.

Of the 1,089 bicyclist deaths in 2019, 712 involved motor vehicles.

With about 80 million bicyclists sharing the road with motorized vehicles, it is vital bicyclists - and drivers - take some safety precautions.

Visit the National Safety Council's Bike Safety page for safety tips!

<https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/summer-safety/bicycles>