



### Irrigation Water Turn-Off Date

The City's Brotherhood, Luanne Estates and Flat Top Irrigation Systems will be turned off for the season the week of October 11<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned to the City's Facebook page and website for updated information.

### Remember to Vote! Ballots due November 2<sup>nd</sup>

West Richland has two 24-hour secure ballot drop boxes within City Limits, one located next to the West Richland Library at 3803 W. Van Giesen Street and one at the Municipal Services Facility, 3100 Belmont Blvd, available until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Both of these boxes are drive-up boxes, meaning you shouldn't have to get out of your car to deposit your ballot. For more information on the election and the candidates that appear on your ballot, log on to [www.bentonelections.com](http://www.bentonelections.com).



### Utility Moratorium ends September 30th

The COVID-19 Utility Moratorium ends September 30th, 2021. The City will resume issuing late fees and disconnecting water service due to non-payment.

Past Due statements sent out on October 26th, 2021 will include the \$20 late fee. Accounts with unpaid past due balances will be disconnected for non-payment in November.

If you are behind on your account and are unable to pay the past due balance by November 10th, please contact the City to discuss payment arrangements prior to this date.

Payment arrangements cannot be entered into after a property has been disconnected for non-payment.

### Meetings

**October 5**  
**City Council Meeting**  
3100 Belmont Blvd  
6:00 p.m.

**October 14**  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
3100 Belmont Blvd  
6:00 p.m.

**October 19**  
**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](http://www.westrichland.org).*

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# Simple Steps for an Extra Safe Halloween

*from the National Safety Council(NSC)*

Kids love the magic of Halloween, but the COVID-19 pandemic means Halloween may be a bit different this year. You can still have fun! First and foremost, follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines to ensure your celebrations are safe.



## **Costume Safety**

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a list of Halloween safety tips. Before Halloween arrives, be sure to choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

- ☛ All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- ☛ If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- ☛ When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- ☛ Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

## **When they're on the Prowl**

Here's a scary statistic: Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Lack of visibility because of low lighting at night also plays a factor in these incidents.

Keep these tips in mind when your children are out on Halloween night:

- ☛ A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- ☛ If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- ☛ Agree on a specific time children should return home
- ☛ Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- ☛ Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- ☛ Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- ☛ Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

## **Safety Tips for Motorists**

NSC offers these additional safety tips for parents - and anyone who plans to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:

- ☛ Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- ☛ Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- ☛ At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- ☛ Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween

## **Did You Know.....**

### **ABANDONED VEHICLES AND NON-VEHICLES NOT ALLOWED ON CITY STREETS**

West Richland Municipal Code 10.12.045 prohibits non-vehicles from being parked, placed, piled or stored on any city street, sidewalk, alley, or within an improved portion of the public right of way.

Some examples of these would be dumpsters, storage containers, rocks or dirt, basketball hoops, and hockey nets. The ordinance was passed not only because they create traffic hazards for vehicles and pedestrians, but they can also damage the roads.

Citizens may apply for a special permit to temporarily allow a "non-vehicle" to be placed, parked, piled or stored on a city street, sidewalk, alley, or in an improved portion of public right of way. The fee for the permit is \$75.00 and may be applied for in the Public Works building.

If you have questions, please call the Police Department at 967-3425.



The West Richland Municipal Code is updated regularly by the passage of ordinances. Shortly after the ordinance is effective, the City's online Municipal Code is updated with the change.

You can access the online Municipal Code on the City's website at: [www.westrichland.org](http://www.westrichland.org).