



AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCY LINE FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY!

The City has an after-hours emergency line for reporting water, sewer, and other Public Works emergencies. An answering service answers the call and immediately sends a message to the on-call maintenance employee.

There have been several instances of citizens calling the City phone line, 967-3431, and the Public Works line, 967-5434, after-hours and choosing the option to report an emergency merely to ask a question about a utility bill, leave a message for an employee, and other non-emergency communications. This results in the on-call maintenance employee receiving these non-emergency messages at all hours of the night.

If you call the City after-hours and choose the prompt to report an emergency, please only use it for actual emergencies, such as sewer backups, waterline breaks, road obstructions, etc.

Call 9-1-1 when there is a medical emergency, fire, or immediate threat to person or property.



ADOPT A PET!

Are you interested in adopting a dog or cat? At the time this article is being written, we have four dogs and five young cats and kittens in the City's animal shelter that need homes. Photos and information on adoptable pets are posted on our Craig's List page. For information and photos, please use the following link: <https://post.craigslist.org/manage/3222062208/3aji6>

The City is also looking for donations of insulated dog houses. If you have one that you are no longer using, please consider donating it for our animal shelter.

If you have questions, or are interested in adopting, please contact the West Richland Police Department business office at 967-3425 on Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meetings

- Oct. 2 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 PM
 - Oct. 3 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
 - Oct. 8 Economic Development Board mtg.
Library - 5:30 PM
 - Oct. 11 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 7:00 PM
 - Oct. 16 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 PM
 - Oct. 29 Park Board meeting
Library - 6:30 PM
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- Oct. 31 Happy Halloween!
Please drive carefully and watch for little trick-or-treaters!

Mark Your Calendar

- Nov. 10 Veterans Day Parade
Van Giesen Street - 9:30 AM

If you are interested in participating, please call the West Richland Chamber at 967-0521.



From Benton County Elections

General Election ballots are due back November 6th. In West Richland, voters now have a 24 hour secure ballot drop box located at City Hall available until 8:00 pm on Election Day.

The Benton County Auditor's Office would like to remind voters that the 2012 General Election includes offices of President/Vice President, U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative, State Legislators, County, Judicial and Precinct Committee Officers. For more information on the election and the candidates that appear on your ballot log on to www.bentonelections.com

Budget Process Underway

The City Council is making every effort to keep the public informed about the budget process and seeks input from community members. The City budget process determines the types and levels of services that the City can provide.



Residents and businesses are encouraged to attend City Council meetings and public hearings which are held at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 3803 W. Van Giesen (Library Building) on the dates below. You can also submit questions, priorities and concerns via email to cityhall@westrichland.org.

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| October 2nd | Mayor's proposed budget and budget message prepared and made available to the public. |
| October 16th | Public hearing on revenue sources for 2012. Public hearing on the 2013/2014 biennial budget. |
| November 6 th | Public hearing on the 2013/2014 biennial budget. |
| November 20 th | Final hearing on the 2013/2014 biennial budget. |

The Finance Director recently gave a 2013-14 Budget Introduction and Financial Forecast Presentation to City Council. This informative presentation is available on the Finance page of the City website, <http://www.westrichland.org/Finance.cfm>.

Did You Know?

The West Richland Municipal Code is updated regularly by the passage of ordinances. Very soon 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 westrichland.org. There is a tab under "Quick Links" on the home page.

Things You May Not Know You Need a Permit for:

- Reroofing
- Windows
- Siding
- Pools and hot tubs
- Hot water heaters
- Water softeners

Also, you are required to obtain site approval from the City before constructing a fence.

For more information or questions regarding permits or fences, please contact the Community Development Department at 967-5902. Information is also available on the City website at: www.westrichland.org/Building.cfm.