



## ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HELP CLEAN IT UP!

*Citizens and Business Owners: Please Help Keep our Neighborhoods and Business Districts Free of Weeds, Garbage, Debris, Junk and Abandoned Vehicles*

City-wide surveys report that taxpayers take pride in their neighborhoods and feel that our city has excellent public safety and other services. If you observe a violation with abandoned vehicles, junk, weeds, or other issues, report them to our Code Compliance or Police Department by visiting our web site and submitting an "Action/Comment Form" at [www.westrichland.org](http://www.westrichland.org).



### GET RID OF WEEDS

*Practice weed control - mow, cut, or pull weeds on your property.*

### 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. Information on ordinances is available at [codepublishing.com/WA/westrichland](http://codepublishing.com/WA/westrichland).

### Meetings

- Sept. 4 City Council meeting  
Library - 7:00 PM
  - Sept. 5 West Richland Chamber meeting  
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
  - Sept. 10 Economic Development Board mtg.  
Library - 5:30 PM
  - Sept. 13 Planning Commission meeting  
Library - 7:00 PM
  - Sept. 18 City Council meeting  
Library - 7:00 PM
  - Sept. 24 Park Board meeting  
Library - 6:30 PM
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- Sept. 3 Labor Day  
City offices will be closed

### New Farmer's Market in Town!

The Lucky Turtle Market will be held at the Sandberg Event Center, 331 S. 41<sup>st</sup>, on Wednesdays, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., until October 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a variety of vendors, and the Lucky Turtle Restaurant will feature a nightly food special. Discounts for all Veterans!

## School is Back In Session - Please Slow Down!

Flashing school zone lights on South Highlands Blvd. for Wiley Elementary School, N. 62nd Ave. for Tapteal Elementary School and Paradise Way for Enterprise Middle School are used to draw attention to school zone signs during times when school children are present and the 20 MPH speed limit is enforced. School zone flashing times are as follows:



| <i>Flash Times: Wiley &amp; Tapteal Elementary</i> |                  |                    |                  |
|--|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <i>Mon-Thurs</i>                                   | <i>7:50-8:50</i> | <i>11:30-12:30</i> | <i>3:10-3:45</i> |
| <i>Friday</i>                                      | <i>7:50-8:50</i> | <i>11:05-11:55</i> | <i>2:10-2:45</i> |

  

| <i>Flash Times: Enterprise Middle School</i> |                  |                  |
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| <i>Monday-Friday</i>                         | <i>7:05-8:00</i> | <i>2:20-2:55</i> |
| <i>Friday</i>                                | <i>7:05-8:00</i> | <i>1:20-1:55</i> |

## Harvest Festival and Unboat Parade September 15<sup>th</sup>

The annual Harvest Festival, sponsored by Red Mountain Lions Club, is being held on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Flat Top Park. Benton County Fire District #4 will have a pancake feed from 9:00 to 10:30, and hamburgers and hot dogs from 11:00 to 2:00 as a fundraiser.

Can you create an unboat?! Don't miss the unboat parade, starting at 2:00 p.m. Call the West Richland Chamber at 967-0521 for more information.



## A Time of Remembrance - September 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>

A Time of Remembrance is a tribute to honor those who have died for their country and the families left behind.

A Candlelight Vigil will take place at Columbia Park on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Veteran's Memorial in Kennewick. The public is invited to join the families at the Candlelight Ceremony. The Vigil will start at 7:30 pm.

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., is the official State Recognition Ceremony hosted by the City of West Richland at Flat Top Park. Please help welcome the Families of the Fallen.

## Did You Know?

WRMC 10.12.015 states, "Parking for certain purposes unlawful"

A. No person shall stop, stand or park any vehicle upon any city right-of-way, city or public property for the principal purpose of

1. Displaying advertising;
2. Displaying such vehicle for sale; or
3. Selling merchandise from such vehicle, except when expressly authorized through the issuance of an appropriate permit by the city.

The City of West Richland operates a storm water utility fund in compliance with provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Clean Water Act, and Washington State Water Pollution Control Law to establish methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the City's storm drainage system in an effort to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

West Richland uses a formal utility rate model to determine the funds needed to operate the utility and pay for necessary capital improvements. Storm water utility rates have remained at current levels since 2010. To ensure the storm water fund is financially secure and able to meet the requirements of Ecology's NPDES Phase 2 Storm Water Permit, the storm water utility rates have been amended effective July 22, 2012 and will first be seen on the September utility bill. The residential storm water monthly rate increased 40¢ from \$4.10 to \$4.50. The monthly base rates for water, sewer, garbage, and irrigation continue to remain unchanged.

The rate schedule can be seen in Title 13 of the West Richland Municipal Code.