



Notification in Support of Quality Neighborhoods

City Council Strategic Focus Area: A HEALTHY AND SAFE CITY

The Mayor and City Council have set forth six Strategic Focus Areas to ensure the preservation of neighborhoods, quality of life, open communication, infrastructure, accountability, and planned growth. As part of this commitment to the residents of West Richland, this notice is intended to inform you of a specific precaution you may want to take to protect your home.

Water System Pressure > 80 pounds per square inch (psi)

The City is providing this notice as a courtesy to provide general information about the water system pressure in the southern areas of the City which typically exceeds 80 psi. (For a detailed map showing the area with water pressure in excess of 80 psi, go to www.westrichland.org.)

Please note that while the City's water system pressure may be greater than 80 psi, the water pressure in your home may be substantially lower, depending on the size of the plumbing pipe used during construction of your home.

The plumbing in residential homes is typically designed to handle 80 psi or less. With water pressures greater than 80 psi, there is the potential risk of a fixture or plumbing pipe leaking or rupturing (i.e. hose to washing machine, dish washer, etc). Many homes within the identified area already have a pressure reducing valve installed, but some may not. The City is recommending that residents first check the water pressure at their home. If you need assistance with checking your water pressure, please call the building department at 967-5902.

Planned water system improvements will increase the existing water pressure in this area an additional 5 to 10 psi. If it is determined that your water pressure is 70 psi or more, the City is recommending that homeowners install a pressure reducing valve. This plumbing modification does require the homeowner to obtain a no-cost plumbing permit from the City's building department.

If you have any questions or concerns about this notice or how to obtain a City plumbing permit to install a pressure reducing valve, please contact the City of West Richland's Building Department at (509) 967-5902.

Meetings

- Apr. 2 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 PM
- Apr. 3 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Apr. 8 Economic Development Board mtg
Library - 5:30 PM
- Apr. 11 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 PM
- Apr. 16 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 PM
- Apr. 29 Park Board meeting
Library - 6:30 PM

A meeting and events calendar is available on the city website on the home page under Quick Links. Agendas are also posted on the web pages for City Council and Boards and Commissions. On the top menu of the home page click on Government, then Council or Boards and Commissions.

- Apr. 20 Earth Day Cleanup
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Enterprise Middle School



Annual Earth Day Cleanup Event - April 20th

West Richland's Annual Cleanup Day will be on April 20th. Residents may dispose of household garbage and yard debris free of charge from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Enterprise Middle School. Commercial garbage will not be accepted. This event would not be possible without the more than 60 community volunteers. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact the Public Works Department at 967-5434.

There will be no household hazardous waste collection at the City's event.

Traffic Control Changes

The City engineering staff monitors residential growth and its effects on the level of service for existing intersections. Utilizing the Washington State adopted Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the engineering staff reviews and makes traffic control modifications to various intersections to improve overall efficiency and safety.

On April 17th, the City will be making changes to traffic control at the Jamison Street and N. 60th Ave intersection. Due to sight distance constraints at the intersection, the City concluded that this intersection should be changed to a four-way stop condition. New stop signs will be placed on Jamison Street and warning flags will be temporarily installed on the stop signs to draw attention to the change.



Please contact City Engineer Drew Woodruff at 967-5434 if you have questions or concerns.

City Set to Install New Accounting Software in May

The City is in the process of upgrading its accounting software. The new Springbrook software replaces a version that is over a decade old. Springbrook Version 7 is much more efficient and will provide greater flexibility in financial reporting. The new software modules include utility billing, accounts payable/receivable, general ledger accounting, payroll, building permits and licensing, project management, special assessments, and fixed assets.

Springbrook needs three business days to get the new system setup and operational. We appreciate your patience during this conversion.

Please be advised that, beginning on Thursday, May 9th through Monday, May 13th, the City will be unable to process payments, including utility payments processed over the counter and online.

Did You Know....

West Richland Municipal Code 12.20.010, Keeping Sidewalks Clean and Maintained, states,

"It shall be the duty of all property owners or persons having charge or control of any premises bordered by city right-of-way to clean, maintain, and repair public sidewalks, driveways, or planting strips constructed thereon in a reasonable and safe condition."

Irrigation Systems

Irrigation systems operated by the City of West Richland (Brotherhood, LuAnne Estates, and Flat Top Park) will be turned on Monday, April 8th. However, during the first week, it will be intermittently turned off due to area sewer repairs.

Economic Development Board Vacancies

Applications are being accepted for vacant positions on the City's Economic Development Board.

The Economic Development Board makes recommendations to the City Council and Mayor relative to the development of strategies for economic development and the ongoing monitoring, assessing, and strengthening of economic development strategies in the City.

More information and applications are available at www.westrichland.org, or by calling the Community & Economic Development Department at 967-5902.