



New Fireworks Laws for 2013 - Dates and Times Changed



The dates and times when fireworks are allowed to be discharged have changed from 2012. Please see the allowable days and times below.

- July 2nd & 3rd Between 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- July 4th Between 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight
- July 5th Between 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- December 31st Between 6:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. on January 1st

The City of West Richland allows the purchase and discharge of fireworks authorized under state law. With the privilege comes the responsibility of using fireworks in a safe and responsible manner. Following are a few simple rules that will enable you to use fireworks safely and responsibly.

- ❖ Never allow unsupervised minors to use fireworks
- ❖ Be alert and prepared for potential fires by having a water source immediately accessible
- ❖ Don't mix alcohol and fireworks
- ❖ Only fireworks which are legally purchased through a licensed dealer may be discharged
- ❖ Clean up your mess
- ❖ Consider the welfare of your pets and those of your neighbors when selecting and discharging fireworks
- ❖ Discharge fireworks only during the lawful days and hours.

Fireworks are banned in all city parks and school property, including parking lots.

Violations of local and state laws will result in your being arrested or issued fines and penalties. For more information please refer to WRMC Chapter 8.22 at:

www.codepublishing.com/WA/westrichland

Meetings

Jun. 4	City Council meeting Library - 7:00 PM
Jun. 5	West Richland Chamber meeting Sandberg Event Center - Noon
Jun. 10	Economic Development Board mtg Library - 5:30 PM
Jun. 13	Planning Commission meeting Library - 6:00 PM
Jun. 18	City Council meeting Library - 7:00 PM
Jun. 24	Park Board meeting Library - 6:30 PM

Flat Top Park Restrooms Now Open

The restrooms at Flat Top Park have been repaired and are now open. To prevent them from being vandalized again, new security features have been added including security cameras.

Check out the fun summer activities for kids at the West Richland Library. Information can be found on their website:

www.midcolumbialibraries.org/branches/west-richland



Credit Card Convenience Fee Coming Soon

The City has contracted with an outside vendor to accept credit card payments. Customers electing this payment method will pay a convenience fee or surcharge fee to the vendor. A convenience fee is a fee that is paid to a credit card vendor for processing credit card payments on-line or on the phone, while a surcharge fee is associated with over the counter payments. Due to the high cost of transaction fees for American Express, it will no longer be accepted. Only MasterCard or Visa will be accepted.

The convenience fee does not apply to those customers using direct debit or using their bank's bill pay system. Utility customers can save money and time by signing up for direct debit auto pay, and never have to worry about late fees.

A more detailed article on credit card fees and e-check was included in the May City Scene Newsletter, which is available on the city website at www.westrichland.org.

2012 Annual Water Quality Report

In the past, the City was required to mail copies of the annual water quality report to all residents of the city. In order to provide cost savings to jurisdictions the Washington State Department of Health no longer requires mailing of the report to each resident. We will now have a link on the home page of the city website that takes you directly to the report. Please use the link below to access the report. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 967-5434.



<http://www.westrichland.org/uploads/Public%20Works/2012%20CCR.pdf>

Summer Concert Series



The Red Mountain Lions Club will be sponsoring the summer concert series again this year. Kick back on the lawn at Flat Top Park for an evening of award winning music. Bring the entire family and enjoy a relaxed evening of music, food and friends. Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. and concessions are available.

June 28th - Bram Brata & OK 2 Botay
July 19th - Carrie Cunningham

July 12th - John Dunnigan
July 26th - The Machine

Mark your calendars: **National Night Out at Flat Top Park on August 6, 2013.** More information will be included in the next City News.

Did You Know...

All public parks within the City of West Richland, including the vehicle parking areas, are closed to the general public between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., and no person except for an authorized employee of the City of West Richland, and any on-duty, commissioned police officer, shall be in any city park during the hours of closure. The hours of operation of a public park may be extended by issuance of a special permit from the city.

Hogs & Dogs 2013

June 20th

4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Bombing Range Sports Complex

Motorcycles, cool cars and hot dogs sizzle at the annual Hogs & Dogs in West Richland. Stroll past fine vintage and new motorcycles, swoon over classic cars, and listen to live music. There will also be live entertainment in the beer garden.

Parking is limited so a shuttle will be provided from Enterprise Middle School and Wiley Elementary School starting at 4:00 pm and ending at 10:00 pm.

A flyer containing more information including impacts to traffic is available on the home page of the city website, www.westrichland.org under "What's Happening."