



## Comprehensive Plan Amendment Applications Due January 31<sup>st</sup>

Amendments to the West Richland Comprehensive Plan are considered on an annual basis. Applications to amend the text or maps of the Comprehensive Plan must be submitted by January 31, 2014, to be considered in the 2014 set of amendments. Application forms are available at City Hall and on the city website ([www.westrichland.org](http://www.westrichland.org)).

If you are considering submitting an application, or have questions regarding the Plan, please contact Mike Stevens, Associate Planner, with the Community and Economic Development Department at (509) 967-5902 for assistance.

## Allow Extra Time When Mailing Payments or When Using Your Bank On-line Bill System

As you probably already know, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has consolidated several of its mail processing centers. Locally, this means that mail once processed at the Pasco mail handling facility is now sent to Spokane for processing. These changes have impacted mail delivery time significantly and have caused many customers to be late with their payment. Local officials at the post office have recommended that customers allow 6 to 10 days for mail to be processed and received.



Although your bank may indicate a specific date that payment has been received by the City we have found that this isn't always the case. Payments must be received by the City or its agent by the due date to avoid late fees. If you are using the 25<sup>th</sup> as your payment date we suggest you use the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> as your payment date to insure timely receipt of your payment.

If you have questions, please contact the utilities department at 967-3431.

## Meetings

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| Dec. 3  | City Council meeting<br>Library - 7:00 PM                     |
| Dec. 4  | West Richland Chamber meeting<br>Sandberg Event Center - Noon |
| Dec. 9  | Economic Development Board mtg.<br>Canceled                   |
| Dec. 12 | Planning Commission meeting<br>Library - 6:00 PM              |
| Dec. 17 | City Council meeting<br>Library - 7:00 PM                     |
| Dec. 30 | Park Board meeting<br>Library - 6:30 PM                       |
| Dec. 7  | Carols and Cocoa<br>5:00 p.m., Flat Top Park                  |
| Dec. 14 | Operation Candy Cane  |

*City offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday, and on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year Holiday.*

*Have a very Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!*



## Carols & Cocoa and Annual Tree Lighting Saturday, December 7th Flat Top Park

Join West Richland's annual holiday celebration for the entire family! The Red Mountain Lions Club will be sponsoring the annual Carols and Cocoa at Flat Top Park on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Get a cup of hot cocoa and great music for \$1.00 or free in exchange for donations of canned food or an unwrapped toy to benefit area families.

The annual tree lighting ceremony will kick-off the event. Bundle up and bring the entire family to Flat Top Park for this lovely seasonal celebration!

## Community Pride

The Community of Riverwood Estates worked together to collect funds to improve the entrance into their neighborhood and improve the appearance along Keene Road. The Riverwood Homeowners Association created an entrance sign design, collected funds, obtained permits, and scheduled a work party. With volunteer neighborhood labor and Bedrock Specialty Stone Products or Kennewick, they were able to establish a low maintenance and attractive entrance. The City thanks you for your part of improving the community.



## Santa Paws Comes to West Richland!

On Saturday, December 7th Adopt Shelter Animals Pets (ASAP) West Richland is hosting SANTA PAWS! at 3 Rivers Feed & Irrigation located at 4390 W. Van Giesen Blvd. from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bring your dog, cat, or favorite pet (or pets) down and have their picture taken with Santa!

ASAP Elves will be serving up hot cocoa, cookies, and a few surprises, with proceeds benefiting the lost and abandoned animals of the West Richland shelter. A suggested donation of \$15 gives you one professional photo emailed to within 1-2 days. With a suggested donation of \$25 you will receive either (2) 5 x7 printed photos or (1) 8 x 10 mailed to you within one week. Puppy Hut Mobile Pet Grooming will also be onsite offering \$5 nail trims and a free brush out prior to your picture being taken!

## Did You Know...

That West Richland Municipal Code 12.20.020, "Sidewalk snow and ice removal," 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.*

Residents are responsible for maintaining sidewalks and driveways adjacent to their property. When residents fail to clear sidewalks, the result can be a treacherous ice patch. Please do your part in protecting pedestrians from possible injury.



## Operation Candy Cane Saturday December 14th

Beginning at 7:00 p.m. on December 14th firefighters from Benton County Fire District #4 Volunteer Firefighters and Professional Firefighters Local 1052 will drive decorated fire trucks through city neighborhoods passing out candy canes in exchange for a non-perishable food items. Firefighters will also be at Fire Station 420 on Bombing Range Road daily from December 1st through December 19th for those who wish to drop off non-perishable food to help those less fortunate.