



Comprehensive Plan Amendment Applications Due January 31st

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, 2015, to be considered in the 2015 set of amendments. Application forms are available at City Hall and on the city website (www.westrichland.org).

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



Carols and Cocoa and Pavilion Lighting Saturday, December 6th, 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 6th 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 pavilion lighting ceremony will kick-off the event. Bundle up and bring the entire family to Flat Top Park for this lovely seasonal celebration!

The West Richland Chamber of Commerce collects toys, clothing and food items for families in need during the holidays. If anyone is interested in helping our local families, please drop off your donations to the West Richland Chamber at 6102 W. Van Giesen or Benton REA at 6095 W. Van Giesen by December 15th. Thank you for sharing and caring for others during this Christmas season!

Meetings

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| Dec 2 | City Council Meeting
Library - 7:00 PM |
| Dec 3 | West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon |
| Dec 11 | Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 PM |
| Dec 16 | City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 PM |
| Dec 29 | Park Board Meeting
Library - 6:30 PM |
| Dec 6 | Carols & Cocoa
Flat Top Park- 5:00 PM |
| Dec 25 | Merry Christmas! |
| Jan 1 | Happy New Year! |

City offices will be closed at Noon on Wednesday, December 24th, and all day on Thursday, December 25th, Friday, December 26th and and Thursday, January 1st.

Garbage pickup service operates normally on all holidays.

From the West Richland Police Department

The West Richland Police Department is asking for your assistance to help reduce the risk of vehicle prowls and burglaries, which increase during the holiday season. Please be sure to lock your vehicle whether at home or away. Most vehicle prowls occur because the car was left unlocked and valuable items are left in view for anyone to see. Locking items in the trunk, or in a location the public cannot see, dramatically reduces the chance of becoming a victim.



The Police Department has a vacation house check system in place to do random checks of residences while you're away. When you request house checks, you will provide us with your contact information, how long you will be gone, and who is left behind to take care of your home. Here is a list of suggestions to reduce becoming a victim while you are away:

- Lock all doors and windows. Use deadbolts, dowels, or locking pins in sliding glass doors and windows to keep them from being pried open.
- Never announce your vacation plans on Facebook, My Space, Twitter, or other social networking sites.
- Use timers on lights, radios, TVs, etc. to make them go on and off during the day and night to make your home appear occupied.
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery, or have a neighbor pick up anything left at the home.
- Ask the neighbors to watch your home and report any suspicious activities.
- Disconnect your electric garage door opener and padlock the door, preferably on the inside.
- Set your burglar alarm and notify your alarm company that you will be away. Request the company notify the police first instead of calling you if an alarm occurs when you are away. Also provide the alarm company with an up-to-date list of persons to contact about the alarm and the need to secure your home after a burglary.

House check forms can be picked up from the front desk at the West Richland Police Department at 3805 W. Van Giesen Street during business hours. If you have any questions contact the Police department at (509) 967-3425.

Did You Know....



Sidewalk Snow And Ice

The 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.

Tapteal Elementary Preschool

Tapteal Elementary School offers a low to no cost preschool program for qualifying families.

They are accepting applications for preschool age children who were 4 years old on or before August 31st, 2014. Applications are available at Tapteal Elementary School, 705 N. 62nd, or call 967-6068 for more information.