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Winter Public Works Projects

Historically during winter months the sight of construction signs, orange barrels, and construction equipment is limited. That will not be the case in West Richland this winter. The City has two projects that will begin construction at the start of the new year.

Bombing Range Outfall Elimination Project:

This project will retrofit the existing stormwater collection and conveyance system along the Bombing Range Road corridor between Van Giesen and Norma Street. The purpose is to eliminate a stormwater outfall that discharges to the Columbia Irrigation District (CID) canal. The City of West Richland, in conjunction with the Washington State Department of Ecology, will be installing underground stormwater detention and retention systems along Bombing Range. This will allow future stormwater runoff to be collected, treated and maintained on-site. This will allow future stormwater runoff to be collected, treated and maintained on-site and no longer discharge to the CID canal. Construction sites will be located east of Bombing Range Road between South 47th Avenue and South 48th Avenue, and along Austin Drive near the intersection of Austin Drive and Bombing Range Road. Stormwater grant funding will be used for this project.

Belmont Water and Sewer Extension Project:

This project will extend water and sewer mains across Van Giesen at Ruppert Road. The water main will run down the shoulder of Ruppert Road and in the shoulder on the south side of Van Giesen in the east direction. The water and sewer will also extend south of the intersection along the proposed future Belmont Blvd alignment. A pressure reducing station will be installed allowing the City to connect the Zone 4 pressure zone to the Zone 2 pressure zone and create increased system redundancy between pressure zones.

Both projects will be constructed between January and April 2014. There will be periods of work that will impact traffic and cause possible short delays. The City is working with the contractors to limit the impacts to the traveling public. For your safety as well as the contractors, we ask that you please use extreme caution when in construction zones and abide by all construction signage and traffic control personnel. We thank you for your patience. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Public Works Department at 967-5434. You will also find weekly project updates on the City website at www.westrichland.org.

Meetings

- Jan. 7 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 PM
- Jan. 8 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Jan. 9 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 PM
- Jan. 13 Economic Development Board mtg
Library - 5:30 PM
- Jan. 21 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 PM
- Jan. 27 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.

City Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed on January 20th in observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.



West Richland Has A New Mayor!

Effective January 1st, Brent Gerry is the new Mayor for the City of West Richland. He previously served as a City Council Member for four years from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2013.

Council Members Richard Bloom, Gail Brown, and Rich Buel were all reelected to four year terms. Council position #1 is currently vacant.



New Basketball Hoop at Coyote Park

Thank you to Boy Scout Fletcher Smith for installing a basketball hoop at Coyote Park as his Eagle Scout Project. He was able to reach out and get

all of the materials and labor donated. He did a wonderful job staying in contact with City Staff, Park Board and the adjacent neighbors throughout the process. His vision and leadership are very impressive.



Happy New Year! Time to Renew Licenses and Discounts

Dog Licenses: The City requires dog owners to license dogs over 7 months old and within 30 days of acquiring the dog. Dog license renewals are due by February 28, 2014. If you have a current dog license, you will receive a reminder notice early in January. When renewing, you may need to provide a valid rabies certification and if applicable, proof of spay or neuter.

Senior Discount: To apply for 2013, the account holder must provide proof of all sources of taxable and nontaxable revenue coming into the household for all members of the household. To qualify: 1) applicant must be over the age of 61; 2) account must be in the name of the applicant; and 3) total of all household revenue needs to be below \$24,750. This amount could change as it is set forth by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and we haven't received the amount for 2014 at the time this newsletter is being written.

Discounts for first time applicants will be effective the first full billing cycle after their application is approved. For renewals, the application must be completed and approved by April 15th to avoid losing the discounted status. Accounts with an existing discount will continue in that status until the end of the March billing cycle, and then revert to regular rates if a new application is not on file.

The City is Accepting Applications for Vacant City Council Position

City Council position #1 is now vacant and the City is seeking a temporary replacement to fill the seat until the general election in November 2015.

RCW 42.12.070 (1) and (6) State:

Filling nonpartisan vacancies.

(1) Where one position is vacant, the remaining members of the governing body shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacant position.

(6) As provided in chapter 29A.24 RCW, each person who is appointed shall serve until a qualified person is elected at the next election at which a member of the governing body normally would be elected.

The person elected shall take office immediately and serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Applicants must be a resident of the City of West Richland for at least one (1) year and be a registered voter.

Applications are available at City of West Richland, 3801 W. Van Giesen Street, West Richland, WA or download an application from www.westrichland.org.

Submit application, Resume and cover letter to Julie Richardson, 3801 W. Van Giesen Street, West Richland, WA. The application deadline is January 21st.