



## Staying Informed About West Richland Development



The City of West Richland has made it a priority to keep citizens informed of upcoming developments in the City and to provide opportunities to hear citizen feedback. You can find notices of public hearings on our City website at [www.westrichland.org](http://www.westrichland.org). You can also submit comments through the City's online action form or by contacting the City at 509-967-5902.

Per West Richland Municipal Code 14.03, notice of public hearings on development permit applications, such as conditional use permits, site-specific rezones, and subdivision plats and variances are to be sent to neighboring property owners. The City uses the Benton County Assessor's records to update property owner information. As a property owner, it is your responsibility to keep your mailing information updated with the County Assessor. Verify that your address is correct by checking the Benton County Assessor's "property max" website at [www.tinyurl.com/4benton2014](http://www.tinyurl.com/4benton2014). If it is not correct, you will need to contact the County Assessor's office to update your information.

The City posts notices of public hearings and public meetings at the City Development Services building, City Administration building, public hearings display case in front of the West Richland Library, Benton County Fire District #4 station on Bombing Range Road, and on the City website. When there are proposed land use changes, the City also posts signs on the property. In addition, some public hearing notifications are published in the legals section of the Tri-City Herald.

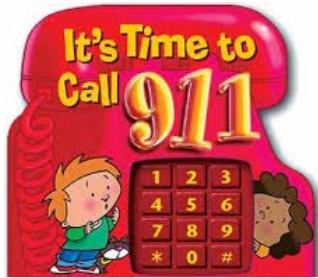
## West Richland Library Activities

The West Richland Library has fun activities to keep the kids busy this winter. Activities in February include, Baby & Me Storytime, Preschool Storytime, Monthly Preschool Hour, Paws to Read, and Lego Club. The Library is located at 3803 W. Van Giesen Street. To view their event calendar, go to <http://www.midcolumbialibraries.org/branches/west-richland>.

### Meetings

- Feb. 4 City Council meeting  
Library - 7:00 PM
  - Feb. 5 West Richland Chamber meeting  
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
  - Feb. 10 Economic Development Board mtg  
Canceled
  - Feb. 13 Planning Commission meeting  
Library - 6:00 PM
  - Feb. 18 City Council meeting  
Library - 7:00 PM
  - Feb. 24 Park Board meeting  
Library - 6:30 PM
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- Feb. 14 Happy Valentine's Day!
  - Feb. 17 Presidents Day  
City offices will be closed





## Reports to Police Department

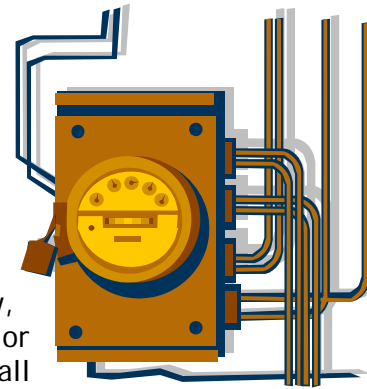
The Police Department has received information on suspicious persons or circumstances and other types of reports from citizens via the City's website online action form and voice messages on the City's general delivery mailbox after hours.

Please do not use the online action form or general delivery mailbox to report issues to the Police Department because these messages may not be seen for several days. If your issue is an emergency, please call 911. If you are reporting a non-emergency police related complaint, please call non-emergency dispatch at 509-628-0333.

## Water Meters are City Property

Water meters are the property of the City of West Richland. Please do not touch or tamper with the City's meters. If you are experiencing issues with your water service, please contact the Public Works Department at 509-967-5434.

West Richland Municipal Code 13.96.020 states, No person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is a part of a city-owned utility. No person shall commit, authorize, solicit, aid, abet, or attempt to:



- A. Divert, or cause to be diverted, utility services by any means whatsoever.
- B. Make, or cause to be made, any connection or reconnection with property owned or used by the utility to provide utility service without the authorization or consent of the Public Works Director.
- C. Prevent any utility meter or device used in determining the charge for utility services from accurately performing its measuring function by tampering or by other means.
- D. Tamper with any property owned or used by the utility to provide utility services.
- E. Use or receive the direct benefit of all or a portion of the utility service with knowledge of, or reason to believe that, the diversion, tampering, or unauthorized connection existed at the time of use or that the use or receipt was without the authorization or consent of the Public Works Director.

Any person found to be violating any provision above is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties.

## Did You Know...

West Richland Municipal Code 6.08.030 states, Animal Disturbance Noises - Prohibited. The keeper of any animal shall not keep or maintain within the city any animal which by frequent repetitive or continuous howling, yelping, barking, braying, whinnying, crying, cackling, crowing, or the making of any other noises that annoys or disturbs the peace and repose of persons of reasonable sensitivities residing, owning property, or employed within a district zoned for residential uses.

Noise from animals which during the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. may be heard 50 feet from the perceived property line shall be deemed excessive and in violation of this section. During the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. this distance shall be extended to 100 feet.

A violation of this section may still occur if the noise is heard at distances less than that stated, given the proximity of houses or structures to one another, or location of the source animal to the location of the complaint.

## Parenting With Dignity Classes

The West Richland Police Department is pleased to offer the Drew Bledsoe "Parenting With Dignity" classes. The seminars will be held on Thursday beginning on February 6, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Tapteal Elementary School. Free childcare will be provided by The Champions Program; however, space is limited so early registration is advised. Pre-registration for Parenting with Dignity is required.

For more information, contact Terry Buechler at 967-3539