



Annual Earth Day Cleanup Event - April 19th

West Richland's Annual Cleanup Day will be on April 19th. Residents may dispose of household garbage and yard debris free of charge, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Enterprise Middle School. Commercial garbage will not be accepted. This event would not be possible without the more than 60 community volunteers. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact the Public Works Department at 967-5434.

There will be no household hazardous waste collection at the City's event. However, West Richland residents will be able to dispose of Household Hazardous Waste on April 19th at the City of Richland's Shops on Duportail.

Residents will also be able to dispose of old tires (must be removed from rim) FREE of charge at Benton County Mosquito Control, 4951 W. Van Giesen, on April 19th. Please contact Mosquito Control directly at 967-2414 with questions about tire disposal.



Spring Means Yard Cleanup Time!

Spring is here and with it comes the opportunity to clean up weeds, junk and debris. Property maintenance requires extra time and effort to make your property look nice, but it is quite rewarding. There are some things that are often overlooked or paid little attention to. One is the easement attached to your property, (i.e., next to streets, sidewalks, alleyways, or just on the other side of your fence.) These areas are to be maintained by the respective property owner to keep them free of trash, debris, unsightly nuisances, and weeds (or trimmed to six inches or less) per West Richland Municipal Code 8.16.030.

Another common issue is irrigation sprinklers going over sidewalks or roadways. Sprinkler heads need to be adjusted or blocked to keep the water on the intended property per West Richland Municipal Code 8.016.030.

If you have a comment or complaint, please use the Action/Comment Form link under Quick Links on the home page of the City website at www.westrichland.org.

Meetings

- Apr. 1 City Council meeting
Canceled
- Apr. 2 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Apr. 10 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 PM
- Apr. 15 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 PM

Meeting Broadcast Channel Change

City Council meetings are now broadcast on Charter Cable Channel 191.

Meetings Temporarily Postponed

Regular Park Board and Economic Board meetings have been temporarily postponed until September 2014. In the event that a special meeting is called, the agenda and meeting date will be posted on the City's website.

During this time, City Staff will be formulating concepts on how to modify or restructure boards and commissions to attain efficiencies and improvements.



Irrigation Water

Columbia Irrigation District (CID) will begin filling their canal system on Thursday, March 20th. CID estimates that this process will take approximately two to three weeks. Once the entire canal is filled and fully operational, CID employees will begin turning on each of the irrigation systems located throughout the district.

The City owns and operates three irrigation systems, LuAnne Estates, Brotherhood, and Flat Top Park, that pump irrigation water from CID's canal system. Assuming that CID's canal is full and the majority of the debris has been flushed down the canal, City employees will begin turning on City operated irrigation systems on Monday, April 7th. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 967-5434.

Planning Commission Vacancies

The City is accepting applications for vacancies on the West Richland Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is responsible for reviewing and proposing amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, and makes the final recommendations to the City Council on any amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use (zoning) Code.

More information and applications are available on the city website at www.westrichland.org or call the Community Development Department at 509-967-5902.

New Fee Structure for Water Disconnection and Reconnection

In an effort to assist with resource planning and staff efficiency, the City is asking residents to schedule water disconnection and reconnection 2 days in advance. As an incentive, the City has reduced fees for this service. Customers can save 33% by planning ahead.



In the past, customers paid \$45.00 for this service, which included both disconnection and reconnection during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays), and \$120.00 for after-hours service. Now customers will pay \$15.00 for disconnection and \$15.00 for reconnection as long as the request is made 2 days in advance and is processed between normal business hours. Requests without a 2 day notice will cost \$40.00 during normal business hours and \$70.00 if made after 3:00 p.m., on weekends, or holidays. Customers who are disconnected for non-payment will be billed \$15.00 for the disconnection and either \$40.00 or \$70.00 for reconnection depending on when service is restored.

Forms are available on-line at www.westrichland.org to schedule disconnection or reconnection and fees must be paid at time of request.

Did You Know...

Kids don't want to get wet on their way to school. When you are setting your timer for lawn irrigation, please keep in mind the times of day that children are walking to and from school or bus stop locations in your neighborhood. Please avoid watering during those times so children aren't prompted to walk in the street to avoid spray.

Accepting Applications for Seasonal Maintenance Workers

The City is accepting applications for Seasonal Maintenance Workers in the Public Works Department. Job duties may include trimming and mowing lawns, replacing, repairing, and installing water and sewer mains, routine repair and maintenance of facilities, patching streets, painting crosswalks, cleaning and burning debris in rights-of-way, routine maintenance of storm drainage facilities, and litter patrol.

Position is 40 hours per week, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a term up to 6 months. Starting wage is \$10.55 per hour.

Requirements: High School Diploma or GED Equivalent and 18 years of age. Must possess a valid Washington State driver's license and maintain an insurable driving record. Must be able to lift up to 50 pounds repetitively and perform manual activities for sustained periods of time under adverse weather conditions. Pre-employment drug test and criminal background check are required.

Applications are available at on the city's website, www.westrichland.org or at 3801 W. Van Giesen Street.