



Citizen Input Received During Town Hall Meeting on New Animal Shelter



On Tuesday, March 18th, the City held a town hall meeting at Enterprise Middle School to receive public input on a new animal control facility. There were over 100 people in attendance at the meeting. A presentation was made on the history of animal control services in West Richland, animal control service demands, dog license numbers, budget, and future considerations. Attendees then divided into focus groups to discuss what they would like to see in a future facility regarding size, location, services and amenities.

With the valuable input received from the focus groups, staff will present council with options for a facility and a level of service expected for the animals in our care. The council is committed to designating a location for the new facility no later than the end of July.

The PowerPoint presentation, transcribed comments received at the meeting, and a link to provide your input are available on the home page of the city website, www.westrichland.org, under What's Happening.

A City Council workshop on the topic will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6th in City Council Chambers, 3803 W. Van Giesen (Library building).

Benton County Fire District #4 Is Turning 60!

You are invited to help celebrate with Benton County Fire District 4 on May 10th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bombing Range Road Station, 2604 Bombing Range Road.

Meet your local Firefighters, learn fire safety tips, and enjoy refreshments.

If you have any questions please call 967-2945

Meetings

- May 6 City Council Workshop
Library - 6:00 PM
- May 6 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 PM
- May 7 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- May 8 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 PM
- May 20 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 PM



Monday, May 26th

Remember and honor our veterans and the men and women who have given their lives in service to our country

City offices will be closed



New City Council Member

The City Council appointed Byron Martin to fill City Council position #1 which became vacant when Brent Gerry was elected Mayor. Councilmember Martin previously served on the West Richland Economic Development Board and was serving on the Planning Commission when he was appointed to the City Council.

Councilmember Martin is married and has five children. He's the owner of Teknologize, a technology management company in Kennewick that contracts with businesses to supply their information technology needs.

City Employee Changes

Community and Economic Development Director Ruth Swain retired from City service. She will be returning to her consulting work in marketing, branding, project management, and grants development with Swain Communications.

Ruth came to the City in 2007 as the Economic Development Coordinator, was subsequently promoted to Economic Development Director, and then became the Community and Economic Development Director.

Russ Connole was recently hired as the new Community Development Director. Russ previously worked as project manager for engineering and roads for Spokane County. While in that position, he served as chairman of the 18-city Eastern Region Stormwater Coordinators Group and worked with the Department of Ecology on projects including trail systems improvements in the county. He was also project manager for the Eastern Washington Low Impact Development Manual, completed in 2013.

Other new faces you will see are Alisan Greene, Associate Planner in Community Development, Tina Bleiler, Administrative Assistant in Community Development, and Nick Letourneau and Ukiah Petersen, the City's newest patrol officers.

Richland School District Summer Food Service

The Richland School District will be providing summer food service at Tapteal Elementary school in West Richland from June 16- July 11 (except no service on July 4).

Lunches come with a main course, fruit, vegetables, and milk. Breakfast includes a main course, fruit, and milk. Meals are free for children ages 1 to 18.

Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and lunch from Noon to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact the Nutrition Services office at 967-6114.



Animal License Fee Changes

Some animal license fees were recently updated. Please see the new animal license fee schedule below.

Altered dog annual license	\$10.00
Unaltered dog annual license	\$20.00
Late fee	\$20.00
Guide dogs trained to the visually impaired	\$0.00
Dogs owned by low-income senior citizens: the first dog	\$0.00
Duplicate license fee	\$5.00
Dangerous dog registration fee	\$250.00
Commercial kennel	\$50.00

Great Entertainment from Richland High Schools

The Richland High School Performing Arts Department presents The Wizard of Oz on May 2, 8, 9, and 10 at 7:30 PM, and May 3 and 10 at 2 PM at the Richland High School Auditorium.

Tickets are \$12 general admission, \$10 students and seniors, and \$8 for children ages 10 and under

Hanford High Center Stage presents Robin Hood on May 9, 10, 16, 17 at 7:30 PM at Hanford High School Auditorium. Rated PG for some swashbuckling.

Tickets are \$8 general admission, and \$6 students and seniors.