



School is Back In Session - Please Slow Down!

Flashing school zone lights on South Highlands Blvd. for Wiley Elementary, North 62nd Avenue for Tapteal Elementary, and Paradise Way for Enterprise Middle School are used to draw attention to school zone signs when children are present and the 20 MPH speed limit is enforced. School zone flashing times are as follows:

<i>Flash Times: Wiley & Tapteal Elementary</i>			
<i>Mon-Thurs</i>	<i>7:50-8:50</i>	<i>11:30-12:30</i>	<i>3:10-3:45</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>7:50-8:50</i>	<i>11:05-11:55</i>	<i>2:10-2:45</i>

<i>Flash Times: Enterprise Middle School</i>		
<i>Monday-Friday</i>	<i>6:35-8:00</i>	<i>2:20-2:55</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>6:35-8:00</i>	<i>1:20-1:55</i>

City Receives AA Bond Rating

The City received a better-than-expected bond rating grade of AA from Standard & Poor's for issuing limited tax general obligation bonds for construction of the public works operations facility. This is a great accomplishment for the City. The higher the rating grade, the lower the interest cost. A rating in the AA category is considered high investment grade quality.

The AA rating was based on several factors: a demonstrated track record of strong ending balances in the General Fund; small amounts of outstanding debt; strong financial practices and policies; a diverse taxpayer base; the strength of the Tri-Cities' economy; and experienced management in efficiently operating the city.

Meetings

- Sep 2 City Council Meeting
Library - 7:00 PM
- Sep 3 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Sep 9 Special City Council Meeting
Library - 6:00 PM
- Sep 11 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 PM
- Sep 16 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 PM

Events

- Sep 20 Harvest Festival
Flat Top Park - 10 AM to 2 PM
Vendor booths, fun games for the kids and more
Bring the family down for a fun day at the park!
- Sep 27 A Time of Remembrance
Candlelight Vigil
Veterans Memorial at Columbia Park
- Sep 28 A Time of Remembrance
State Recognition Ceremony
Flat Top Park



A Time of Remembrance - September 27th and 28th

A statewide effort is being planned to honor the families and comrades of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Hawaii and Alaska's Fallen. This tribute, being held in the cities of Richland, Kennewick, and West Richland, honor those who have died for their country and the families left behind.

Saturday, September 27th the families and fellow comrades of the fallen will have the opportunity to privately meet for a time of sharing, and will attend break-out sessions which will provide information to assist in the process of coping with their loss and sacrifice. A Candlelight Vigil will take place at Columbia Park at the Veteran's Memorial in Kennewick.

The public is invited to join the families at the beautiful Candlelight Ceremony next to the Columbia River. The Vigil will start at 7:30 pm.

Sunday, September 28th, there will be an official State Recognition Ceremony hosted by the City of West Richland at Flat Top Park. Our goal is to have each of our heroes memory represented. We encourage all citizens to attend this important event as we give back to those who have given their all. Please help us welcome the Families of the Fallen from the States of Oregon, Idaho, Hawaii and Alaska for the first time. The Memorial Ceremony will begin at 11:00 am.

Special City Council Meeting - September 9th at 6:00 PM

A special City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at 6:00 pm, in City Council Chambers, 3803 W. Van Giesen Street (Library Building). The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a public hearing and take action on recreational marijuana retail sales, production, and manufacturing in the City. City Council will be considering the following three options:

Option A - No action and let the moratorium expire. Once it expires, production, processing and retail sales of recreational marijuana would be allowed within the parameters of state law. There would be no further regulations determined by the city, beyond the zoning regulations.

Option B - Amend zoning regulations. Through city ordinances, the city could establish regulations where retail recreational marijuana stores can be established through the authority granted by the state for cities to regulate land use.

Option C - Establish a ban on retail recreational production, processing, and sales in the city. This could be challenged legally if the Attorney General's opinion that cities can take such action is not upheld.

Did You Know....

ABANDONED VEHICLES AND NON-VEHICLES NOT ALLOWED ON CITY STREETS

West Richland Municipal Code 10.12.045 prohibits non-vehicles from being parked, placed, piled or stored on any city street, sidewalk, alley, or within an improved portion of the public right of way.

Some examples of these would be dumpsters, storage containers, rocks or dirt, basketball hoops, and hockey nets. The ordinance was passed not only because they create traffic hazards for vehicles and pedestrians, but they can also damage the roads.

Citizens may apply for a special permit to temporarily allow a "non-vehicle" to be placed, parked, piled or stored on a city street, sidewalk, alley, or in an improved portion of public right of way. The fee for the permit is \$75.00 and may be applied for in the Public Works building.

If you have questions, please call the Police Department at 967-3425. Information on ordinances is available at codepublishing.com/WA/westrichland.

Sprinklers and Kids Walking to School

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 the spray.