



## West Richland Police Department Accepting Reserve Officer Applications



The Reserve Officer Program offers those who are interested in law enforcement an opportunity to serve as a law enforcement officer, while still working in their current employment. The program was established to provide volunteer police personnel to supplement the regular police force, benefiting both the City and the reserve personnel.

Requirements include: 21 years of age or older, US citizen, valid Washington State driver's license with good driving record, high school diploma or GED, no felony or domestic violence arrests. Applicants will also be required to pass a written, oral and physical agility test, pass a background investigation, pass a physical, psychological, and polygraph examination, and successfully complete an approved Police Reserve Officer Academy. The Academy is a minimum of 249 hours in length. Upon completion graduates must pass a state certification examination to receive the basic reserve officer certificate.

Following graduation from the Academy, candidates are sworn in as reserve officers for the West Richland Police Department. While on duty, reserve officers have the same enforcement authority as full-time police officers. Reserve officers continue their training with an assigned field training officer in the same manner as full-time career personnel. Reserve officers are non-compensated members of the department who assist in various law enforcement capacities including patrol, special events, traffic enforcement and other duties as assigned.

More information and the application and requirements are available on the City of West Richland website Employment Information tab. If you have questions, please contact Sgt. Thomas Grego at (509) 967-3425 or by email [thomas@westrichland.org](mailto:thomas@westrichland.org).

## Boards and Commissions Vacancies

The City is accepting applications for vacancies on the Planning Commission, Park Board and Board of Adjustment. Please go to <http://www.westrichland.org/BoardsandCommissionsVacancies.cfm> for more information and application requirements.

### Meetings

- Oct 1 West Richland Chamber meeting  
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
  - Oct 7 City Council Meeting  
Library - 7:00 PM
  - Oct 9 Planning Commission meeting  
Library - 6:00 PM
  - Oct 21 City Council meeting  
Library - 7:00 PM
  - Oct 27 Park Board Meeting  
Library - 6:30 PM
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- Oct. 31 Happy Halloween!  
Please drive carefully and watch for little trick-or-treaters!

### Mark Your Calendar

- Nov. 8 Veterans Day Parade  
Van Giesen Street - 9:30 AM

If you are interested in participating, please call the West Richland Chamber at 967-0521.



## Community Garden Project

Shortly after becoming Mayor, Brent Gerry proposed the idea of providing a community garden for West Richland residents to enjoy.

On Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, approximately 250 volunteers from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints arrived at the corner of Van Giesen and Bombing Range Road and constructed 42 garden beds. The project was one of many Day of Service projects across the Tri-Cities to Commemorate September 11<sup>th</sup>.

West Richland residents will have the opportunity to reserve boxes for gardening in the spring. Watch for more information and policies on the City's website at [www.westrichland.org](http://www.westrichland.org).

Thank you to all the volunteers and those who donated materials and equipment to the project.



## From Benton County Elections

Ballots for the General Election will be mailed on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The 18 day voting period begins on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Ballots are due back on November 4<sup>th</sup>, which is General Election Day.

West Richland has a 24 hour secure ballot drop box located at City Hall available until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

For more information on the election and the candidates that appear on your ballot, log on to [www.bentonelections.com](http://www.bentonelections.com)



## Did You Know....

The West Richland Municipal Code is updated regularly by the passage of ordinances. Very soon after the ordinance is effective, the City's online Municipal Code is updated with the change.

You can access the online Municipal Code on the City's website at [westrichland.org](http://westrichland.org). There is a tab under "Quick Links" on the home page.

## Public Works Project Updates

The City planned to start the Paradise Way/Belmont Blvd Widening and Keene Road Pathway projects this fall. However, in order to reduce the impacts to the public and the integrity of the projects, the City has decided to delay construction of both projects until spring 2015.

The reason for the decision was that the City has a paving deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. City Staff was not confident that the projects would have been paved by the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, and both projects may have sat idle through the winter months. Federally funded projects require several extra steps that lengthen the duration of the design.

The Paradise Way/Belmont Blvd project will now begin construction in March 2015. The Keene Road Pathway project will begin construction in April 2015.

If you have questions, contact the Public Works Department at 509-967-5434.