



Hunting and Firearms Discharge Illegal in the City

The West Richland Police Department has received complaints about people hunting squirrels in town and an incident of discharge of a firearm. The squirrels we have in the City are Fox squirrels and are not a game animal. A small game license is required to hunt them. However, the West Richland Municipal Code prohibits any hunting within the City without Council Resolution. All approvals prior to 2012 are void and there have not been any approvals since the 2012 update to the West Richland Municipal Code. Please see the following code sections.

WRMC 9.20.090 - Hunting: It is unlawful for any person to hunt any bird or animal within the city limits of the city of West Richland, except in areas of the city that may be designated by resolution of the city council, and during such times as may be so designated. Every person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

WRMC 9.36.020 - Discharging Firearms: It is unlawful for any person willfully and without lawful authority to fire, set off, or discharge any bomb, gun, pistol or firearm of any kind in the city. (Exceptions: police officers while discharge of lawful duties, & target shooting in licensed gallery or shooting range).

WRMC 9.36.030 - Discharging air guns or bows & arrows: It is unlawful for any person to shoot or discharge any air pistol, air rifle or other air gun or bow and arrow or crossbow recklessly or with intent to do bodily injury to another or to destroy or damage property. For the purpose of this section, a person shall be presumed to have acted recklessly or with intent to do bodily injury to another or to destroy or damage property when it is shown that any pellet, arrow, or like projectile has struck, lodged, or otherwise been carried onto public property or private property owned by any person other than the person discharging the air pistol, air rifle or other air gun or bow and arrow or crossbow.

WRMC 9.36.040 - Minors discharging air guns: It is unlawful for any person under the age of 14 years to shoot or discharge any air pistol, air rifle, or other air gun within the city limits of the city of West Richland unless such person is accompanied and supervised by a parent, guardian, or other adult over the age of 21 years.

Meetings

- Nov 4 City Council Meeting
Library - 7:00 PM
- Nov 5 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Nov 13 Planning Commission meeting
Library - 6:00 PM
- Nov 18 City Council meeting
Library - 7:00 PM
- Nov 24 Park Board Meeting
Library - 6:30 PM

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- Nov. 8 Veterans Day Parade
Van Giesen Street - 9:30 AM
 - Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Thank a Veteran!
 - Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Day

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day, and Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mark Your Calendar

- Dec 6 Carols & Cocoa- Flat Top Park- 5:00 PM



Veterans Day Parade Saturday, November 8th

The West Richland Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to continue to honor our Veterans with the annual Regional Veterans Day Parade held on Saturday, November 8th. This parade is a great opportunity for our region to honor those who have served and those currently serving our country. Bleachers will be available at the main viewing area in Flat Top Park.

The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of West Van Giesen and Grosscup, traveling through downtown and finishing at West Van Giesen and 38th Avenue.

The Grand Marshals this year are Bill Shane, Marvin Calkins, and the West Richland Senior Center.

Don't miss the awards ceremony and annual chili feed at the pavilion at Flat Top Park following the parade.

Van Giesen Street Closures - November 8th

Van Giesen Street will be closed for a few hours on November 9th during the Veterans Day Parade. Road closures are as follows:

- 62nd to Grosscup 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- 38th to Grosscup from 9:30 AM to approximately 11:00 AM

Budget Hearings Scheduled

The Mayor's proposed 2015-2016 Biennial Budget was presented to the City Council during the October 21st meeting.

City Council will conduct public hearings on the preliminary budget on Tuesday, November 4th, and on the final budget on Tuesday, November 18th. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, 3803 W. Van Giesen Street, West Richland, WA.

The preliminary budget will be published at www.westrichland.org on the Home Page under "What's Happening," and under Departments/Finance.

Did You Know...

Holiday Garbage Pickup

Ed's Disposal works on all holidays, including Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day. If your collection day falls on a holiday please set out your garbage the night before, or no later than 6:00 a.m. on your collection day.

West Richland Area Senior Center

The West Richland Senior Center is a hub of activity for area seniors. Located at the edge of Glen Memorial Park at 616 N. 60th, the center hosts classes, lectures and a terrific opportunity to network with area residents. The Senior Center is home to the West Richland Senior Association, a growing organization actively building a vibrant community for area seniors and their families. Drop by and visit - all are welcome! For more information call the Senior Center at 967-2867.

Election Day is November 4th

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