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## Yakima River Gateway Project Impacts on River Access

Phase 1 Construction activities on a multi-phased \$2 million Yakima River Gateway Project will commence the beginning of June 2015. During construction, access to the river from Butte Court will be limited. Public parking on Butte Court will not be available. The Yakima River Gateway Project will create a community riverfront park by improving access to the Yakima River near the Van

Giesen Bridge (between South 35th Avenue and South 39th Avenue), create a bicycle and pedestrian friendly riverfront trail, construct a restroom facility, and construct a parking lot on South 35th Avenue. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016.

The first phase of the project will include replacement of a water line along Butte Court and South 38th Avenue, construction of an alleyway between South 38th Avenue and Butte Court, and removal of the asphalt pavement and public parking area on Butte Court in preparation for construction of a riverfront park and trail. With the loss of public parking on Butte Court, river users are welcome to use the City's gravel parking lot located behind the West Richland Public Library, 3803 W. Van Giesen Street.

Due to the limited parking and construction activities, the City is recommending river users utilize alternative river access points such as the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) primitive boat launch on Hyde Road in Richland. This river access point is located at the west end of Hyde Road found by heading north on Kingston Road from Van Giesen Street and turning left onto Hyde Road. Note that a Discover Pass or Vehicle Access Pass is required on all WDFW lands including this location. For more information please visit [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/water\\_access/30911/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/water_access/30911/).

The City has tried to mitigate parking and river access impacts during construction of this project, but some simply can't be avoided. Your patience and understanding is appreciated. If you have questions about the project, please contact the West Richland Community Development Department at (509) 967-5902.

### Meetings

- May 5 City Council meeting  
Library - 7:00 PM
- May 6 West Richland Chamber meeting  
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- May 12 Town Hall meeting  
Enterprise Middle School - 6:00 PM
- May 14 Planning Commission meeting  
Library - 6:00 PM
- May 21 City Council meeting  
Library - 7:00 PM
- May 25 Park Board meeting  
Library - 6:30 PM



Monday, May 25th

*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

## Town Hall Meeting on Garbage Service and Recycling Options Tuesday, May 25th at Enterprise Middle School

Throughout 2015, staff members from the City and Ed's Disposal will be working collaboratively to update our franchise agreement. As part of the process, the Mayor, City Council and staff are interested in receiving input from our citizens on the current level of garbage service and possible expansion of services to include curbside recycling and green waste collection.

Please join Mayor Brent Gerry, City Council, staff, and representatives from Ed's Disposal for a town hall meeting at Enterprise Middle School on Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. to present public comments on the current level of garbage service and possible expansion of services to include curbside recycling and green waste collection.

If you are unable to attend the Town Hall Meeting, comments may also be submitted via email to [cityhall@westrichland.org](mailto:cityhall@westrichland.org).

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### West Richland Police Hosting Crime Prevention Training

The West Richland Police Department is sponsoring crime prevention training in May for police and community development personnel. The training will include local field trips to conduct risk assessment and planning. The students will be out in the community viewing and photographing issues observed and then developing plans to address the perceived threat.

We wanted to let citizens know so you do not become alarmed if you see groups of people in the community looking around and taking photographs.



### Safety Tips!

As the temperature rises, so do the numbers of walkers, runners, cyclists, and skateboarders. Please be alert and watchful while driving.

If you are on a bicycle, please obey all traffic signs, ride with traffic and not against it, wear bright colors, and use a light on the front and back of your bicycle at night.

### Did You Know...

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 pedestrian, but they can also damage 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](http://codepublishing.com/WA/westrichland).

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### Got Tumbleweeds?!

The City has a mobile tumbleweed burner that is available for West Richland residents to use on a daily or weekend basis for a nominal fee. This is a quick, safe, and efficient way to rid your neighborhood of tumbleweeds. The rental fee is \$20 per day, or \$40 for a weekend rental, which begins at 10:00 a.m. on Friday and ends at 8:00 a.m. on Monday. A \$500 damage deposit is required, but will be returned when the burner is returned on-time, undamaged, cleaned, and with the propane tank full.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 967-5434.