



Park at the Lakes Eagle Scout Project

Thank you to Chase Freeman, Boy Scout Troop 237, for choosing to mitigate the algae problem in the middle lake at Park at the Lakes as his Eagle Scout Project.

Chase's year-long project included planning short-term and long-term solutions for the algae issue. Chase worked with the City of West Richland's Public Works Department and the Benton County Noxious Weed Board to apply aquatic safe chemicals to

the lake while a long-term solution was planned.

The long-term solution included the fundraising and installation of an aeration system for the pond. Construction was completed at the end of July 2018.

Special thanks to Remcoe Electric, Benton REA, Boy Scout Troop 237, Benton County Noxious Weed Board, West Richland Public Works and the countless volunteers that donated their time (more than 350 volunteer hours) and nearly \$6,500 in funds raised for this project. While the project is complete, it will take a number of weeks before the algae problem is totally under control.



Harvest Festival

The annual Harvest Festival, sponsored by Red Mountain Lions Club, is being held on Saturday, September 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Flat Top Park.

There will be vendor booths, fun games for the kids and more. Benton County Fire District #4 will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs as a fundraiser.

Meetings

- Sept. 4 City Council meeting
3100 Belmont - 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 5 West Richland Chamber meeting
Sandberg Event Center - Noon
- Sept. 13 Planning Commission meeting
3100 Belmont - 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 18 City Council meeting
3100 Belmont - 6:00 p.m.

A meeting and events calendar is available on the city website on the home page under Quick Links. Agendas are also posted on the web pages for City Council and Boards and Commissions. On the top menu of the home page click on Governance, then click on either City Council or Boards and Commissions.

City Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed on September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

Town Hall Meetings Scheduled



The City of West Richland and West Richland Police Department will be holding a series of Town Hall Informational meetings regarding the proposed new police facility bond. These will allow voters to learn details pertaining to the proposed size, cost and need for the proposed facility.

Chief Ben Majetich and Finance Director Jessica Platt will present the audience with information on the proposed bond as well as make themselves available to answer any questions. All meetings are scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The locations and dates are:

September 26, 2018 - Mid-Columbia Library, 3803 W. Van Giesen Street

October 17, 2018 - Enterprise Middle School, 5200 Paradise Drive

November 7, 2018 - West Richland Municipal Services Facility - 3100 Belmont Blvd

If you have any questions please contact Chief Ben Majetich at bmajetich@westrichland.org or 967-3425

Thank you from Police Chief Ben Majetich

A big thank you to everyone who responded to the Police Department's Community Survey. The response was overwhelmingly successful. The results will be tabulated and published on September 30th. The results will be published on the city website as well as the Police Department's Facebook page. There were some concerns regarding those without computers and their ability to access the results. Printed copies of the survey results will be made available at the Police Department, 3805 W. Van Giesen Street and the Municipal Services Building located at 3100 Belmont Blvd.

There were also several concerns about return postage not being available. The survey was compiled by the volunteer Community Advisory Board and no return postage was included to save on cost. The total cost for the survey was less than \$400.00 which saved tax payers more than \$10,000.00! Again, thank you for your input and rest assured that all the comments received will be reviewed and addressed where feasible.

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.