

RICHLAND ROUNDUP

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CITY OF RICHLAND



ANNUAL SIREN TEST • OCTOBER 17

Emergency response officials from Benton and Franklin County Emergency Management, Energy Northwest and the Department of Energy, will conduct an annual siren test Thursday, October 17, 2024, between 10 a.m. and noon. Testing will include sirens along the Columbia and Yakima rivers and in portions of both Benton and Franklin counties within about 10 miles of Columbia Generating Station.

The siren test will be heard along the Columbia River between the Vernita Bridge and Leslie Groves Park in north Richland. Sirens can also be heard at the Horn Rapids Master Planned Community, Horn Rapids Off-Road Vehicle Park, the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility, Columbia Generating Station and adjoining areas. The test is to ensure continued operability of the siren system, this will only be a test, no public response is required.

WE ARE HIRING!

Want to make a difference in your community? Consider a career in public safety:

Richland Police Department, Richland Fire and Emergency Services, and Southeast Communications Center are hiring Entry-Level and Lateral Police Officers, Entry-Level Firefighters, Paramedic/Firefighters, and Entry-Level and Lateral Emergency Communications Dispatchers. Join a dedicated team of professionals who are committed to teamwork and giving back to their community.

WE ARE RICHLAND

Visit wearerichland.org to learn more about our hiring process, including current job opportunities, salary and benefits information, minimum requirements, and training opportunities.

FALL CARNIVAL • OCTOBER 26

Fall Carnival is Back at John Dam Plaza!

Join us Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Enjoy hayrides, a costume contest, pumpkin patch (while supplies last), music and more. Family-friendly activities and food vendors will be available. This is a free event and does not require registration. For more information visit www.richlandparksandrec.com.



FALL CLEANUP 2024

Fall Cleanup is a **FREE** curbside service provided to our residents. This annual curbside cleanup program will begin **November 4** and run weekly through **December 20**. Pickup will occur on your regularly scheduled service day. No bag pick-up on Thanksgiving Day.

Items accepted at the curb:

- Extra bagged and bundled organics
- Extra bagged household waste
- Small items that fit in the gray can

The following items will not be picked up at the curb:

- Any item or bag over 40 lb
- Paints, chemicals or other hazardous waste
- Large appliances
- Tires
- Furniture or bulky items larger than 2'x4'
- Dry wall or other construction or demolition debris
- Tumbleweeds, rocks, bricks, dirt, or concrete

NOTE: Your collection cans must be out at the curb with any extra bags so drivers can reload the cans with the bags in order to dump them in the truck.

Please be sure to fill cans first before placing extra bags on the ground near the can.

HOLIDAY CITY FACILITY CLOSURES

ALL CITY OF RICHLAND FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Mon., Nov. 11, 2024: Veterans Day
Thurs., Nov. 28 and Fri. Nov. 29: Thanksgiving
Tues., Dec. 24 and Wed., Dec. 25: Christmas

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SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

The Small Business Passport program is a great way to find the best local gifts, restaurants, and services. Fall brings cooler weather and holiday celebrations. Use the digital passport to find unique Halloween, Thanksgiving and Holiday décor for your home and one-of-a-kind gifts for your friends and family. This year, the Small Business Passport will have a section just for limited-time Small Business Saturday deals, so be sure to check it out before you do your shopping on November 30th.



Small Business Saturday happens every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It is a day to celebrate and support our local small businesses. Founded by American Express in 2010, Small Business Saturday has become an important part of small businesses' busiest shopping season. Use the digital passport QR code below to find great deals for Small Business Saturday and all year long.

Contact our Economic Development Specialist at **509-942-7725** or email **follett@ci.richland.wa.us** for more information. Find other business resources at **richlandbusiness.com**.

Do You Have A Water Meter In Your Basement?

To ensure all residents benefit from the new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system, the City of Richland is continuing to collaborate with a third-party contractor, Keystone Utility Systems (KUS) to complete the meter exchange process. In August 2024, KUS began contacting residents to schedule their basement meter exchanges.

If your water meter is located in your basement, the installer will need access to your home to complete the installation. You will be contacted directly by KUS to schedule a convenient time for the meter installation. Please be sure to answer their calls or respond to their messages promptly to ensure a smooth scheduling process.

How to Schedule Your Installation:

Phone: 877-587-2279, Monday-Friday, 5:00 am – 4:00 pm

Email: office@keystoneutilities.com

Online: <https://keystoneutilities.com/schedule-appointment/>

For additional questions regarding your utility account, contact our Customer Service Office at 509-942-1104 or customerservice@ci.richland.wa.us.

RIVERFEST • OCTOBER 5



RiverFest is back again this year on Saturday, October 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Columbia Park in Kennewick. This is a fun and free family event!

Celebrate our rivers and learn why hydropower is important with educational exhibits, hands-on learning experiences, food vendors, music and entertainment! For more information visit the RiverFest website, **riverfestwa.com**.

IRONMAN TRI-CITIES



The City of Richland is proud to host Ironman Tri-Cities on September 22, 2024.

The inaugural IRONMAN 70.3 Washington Tri-Cities will take participants on a 1.2-mile downriver swim in the Columbia River, a 56-mile rolling bike through scenic wine country, and a flat, 13.1-run through parks and on paved trails, finishing at Columbia Point Park. Over 3,000 participants and their supporters will be visiting our community. To learn more, visit **<https://www.ironman.com/im703-washington-tri-cities>**.

SAVE ENERGY, SAVE MONEY: WITH A REBATE AND LOW-INTEREST LOAN

Investing in your home to improve its energy efficiency will make it more comfortable and save you money on your electric bills. Richland Energy Services makes it easy with a rebate or rebate and low-interest loan for insulation, heat pumps, and windows and doors. Visit **ci.richland.wa.us/energyefficiency**, or contact us at **energyservices@ci.richland.wa.us** or 509-942-7431 to learn more.