

# Consider volunteering on a City of Richland Board, Commission, or Committee!

Serving on a board, commission or committee is one way Richland citizens can volunteer and get involved with their city government. Richland's various boards, commissions, and committees serve the City in numerous ways, including rendering advice to City Council, deciding appeals or civil violations, reviewing, and making recommendations on land use and other related regulations, and taking public testimony on the City's behalf. Most appointments to the City's boards, commissions, and committees are made by the Richland City Council.

#### **Upcoming openings include:**

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Citizens Review Committee
- Economic Development Committee
- Library Board
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Utility Advisory Committee

Applications will be accepted beginning July 21, 2025 and will continue to be accepted until positions are filled. For more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 509-942-7389.

## **Apply Online at:**

WWW.CI.RICHLAND.WA.US/BCCVACANCIES

### What does each Board, Commission, or Committee do?

#### **Americans with Disabilities Act Citizens Review Committee**

Created in response to federal legislation to provide fundamental due process for persons aggrieved by the implementation and/or administration of the Americans with Disabilities Act as it applies to the policies, procedures, equipment and property of the City of Richland.

#### **Economic Development Committee**

Formulates economic goals, strategies and policies for the City in a structured framework providing both time and measurement criteria, and assesses existing economic development policies for the purpose of recommending modifications, as may be appropriate, to assure achievement of economic goals approved by City Council.

#### **Library Board**

Establishes basic policies for the operation of the Richland Public Library, which includes budgetary planning to provide library services to the community. The Library Trustees have the powers and duties provided under the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

#### **Lodging Tax Advisory Committee**

Reviews grant applications and makes recommendations to City Council regarding allocation of local lodging tax funds, and reviews and comments on any proposed imposition of lodging tax, increase in the rate of lodging tax, repeal of an exemption from lodging tax or change in the use of revenue received from lodging tax.

#### **Personnel Committee**

Monitors the administration and grading of competitive examinations and hears appeals on any disciplinary action resulting in suspension, demotion, reduction in pay or termination, any alleged violation of the established personnel plan related specifically to hiring or promotional opportunities and any challenge to the reasonableness of the appointing authority's actions related to a reduction in force.

#### **Utility Advisory Committee**

Members serve as an advisory body to the City Council relative to policy and planning for the managing, financing and operation of the utilities owned and operated by the City of Richland. Upon authorization, the UAC conducts surveys, analyses, studies, and reports relating to Cityowned utilities. The UAC also advises Council on all matters relating to utility system expansion, extension, additions and betterment, the incurring of indebtedness for or by City-owned utilities and the issuance of utility bonds; rates and charges for utility services; and policies related to utilities not owned by the City.

## **CITY OF RICHLAND**



## **MYACCOUNT**

#### THE NEW UTILITY PORTAL IS COMING FALL 2025

The City of Richland will be launching a brand new utility portal, MyAccount, which will be available to customers in fall of 2025.

#### This upgraded solution will offer:

- A more user-friendly interface and improved functionality
- Ability to manage and view multiple accounts under one customer with the same username
- Downloadable app for mobile devices with customizable push notifications available
- Option to receive SMS text alerts about your account(s)
- Additional features to make managing your utility account(s) easier

Through MyAccount, customers will be able to view their account details, compare different usage rates, and utilize its role as a payment portal for utilities.

Please visit www.ci.richland.wa.us/MyAccount to view the project timeline for MyAccount as well as stay up to date on developments.

Sign up for emails about your account or update your email address to help us make the utility portal transition easier! If you would like to switch to e-billing or receive email notifications on your account, you may register online at <a href="https://www.ci.richland.wa.us/MyUtilities">www.ci.richland.wa.us/MyUtilities</a>, contact customer service by calling 509-942-1104 option 4, or stop in to Richland City Hall during open hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at 625 Swift Boulevard.





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#### **NEWS & UPDATES FOR RICHLAND UTILITY CUSTOMERS**

**July 2025** 

#### 2025 Pavement Preservation Project is Underway

The City of Richland Public Works
Department is set to begin the annual
Pavement Preservation Program on
Tuesday, July 8.

The Pavement Preservation Program includes applications such as microsurfacing, slurry seal, overlay and other types of treatments. This year, efforts will focus on North Richland. Preparatory project work, including crack sealing, has already taken place.

Please watch for more information from project contractors, road signage and updates on the City's Facebook page. Visit **www.ci.richland.wa.us/ppp** to view a map of the 2025 projects as well as descriptions of the type of treatment planned for your neighborhood.

#### **Water Conservation**

When it comes to conserving water, small adjustments can have a noticeable impact. Follow these simple tips and you may see a decrease in your water bill this summer:

**Watering Times:** Watering your yard in the early morning or evening ensures more of the water you expend soaks into your lawn or garden.

**Fix Drips:** Leaking spigots can add a substantial amount of water loss if left unrepaired. Check washers and connections frequently, and repair any hoses, as needed.

#### **Check for Leaks in Your Toilet Tank:**

Check if your tank has a leak causing water waste. Simply put a couple of drops of food coloring in the tank. If the color makes its way to the toilet bowl, your tank is leaking.

For additional ways to conserve water, visit **www.ci.richland.wa.us/WaterTips**.

#### **Energy Conservation**

Cooling and heating uses more energy than any other system in your home. Follow these simple tips to conserve energy and save on your utility bill all while staying cool during the hotter weather:

- Set your thermostat at the highest setting while remaining comfortable.
   The Department of Energy recommends a setting of 78 degrees.
- Avoid using your oven, dryer, or dishwasher during the hottest parts of the day; grilling is a great oven alternative.
- Use ceiling and oscillating fans when possible, running ceiling fans counterclockwise.
- Close blinds and window coverings during the hottest times of the day.
- Turn off lights, television and appliances when not in use.
- Check your cooling system filter and replace if dirty.
- Have a plan in place in case power goes out and you need a cool place to stay.
- Check on your extended family and neighbors to ensure everyone's safety.

For more tips and information, visit www.ci.richland.wa.us/EnergyTips.

## National Night Out and Richland City Fair

The City of Richland invites you to attend the annual National



Night Out and City Fair on Tuesday, August 5, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Fingernail Stage in Howard Amon Park.

This free, all-ages community event focuses on crime prevention, safety, and includes the opportunity to learn more about City services through City staff!

Citizens can meet representatives from a variety of City departments like police, swat, bomb squad, fire and emergency services, solid waste, water, parks and recreation and much more. For more information, visit www.ci.richland.wa.us.

#### We Are Hiring Looking for a job opportunity?

**WE ARE RICHLAND** 

The City of Richland currently has a variety of open positions for you to check out!

Visit **www.WeAreRichland.org** for job details, salary, benefits, and training.

#### **LANDFILL HOURS**

MON - SAT 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

HOLIDAY CITY FACILITY CLOSURES

CITY OF RICHLAND FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED:

JULY 4, 2025 (INDEPENDENCE DAY)

SEPT 9, 2025

#### **NEED TO MAKE A REPORT?**

Non-Emergency Dispatch: 509-628-0333

Power Outages: 509-943-4428

Traffic Light Issues: 509-942-7429
After Hours and Weekends: 509-943-4428

Wastewater/Stormwater: 509-942-7480 After Hours and Weekends: 509-545-2763

Water: 509-942-7670
After Hours and Weekends: 509-545-2763

Animal Control: 509-547-3740

Code Enforcement: 509-942-7739

Mosquito Control: 509-967-2414

If the matter is not urgent, please fill out a service request form at www.ci.richland. wa.us/ServiceRequest.



Requests are sent to the appropriate department and are prioritized and completed as soon as possible.