

RICHLAND ROUNDUP

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CITY OF RICHLAND



IRONMAN 70.3 WASHINGTON TRI-CITIES

The second annual IRONMAN 70.3 Washington Tri-Cities is happening on September 21, 2025. For more information, including volunteer opportunities, course maps and traffic impacts, visit www.ci.richland.wa.us/IRONMAN.



2025 FALL CARNIVAL

Join us Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the John Dam Plaza in Richland. Enjoy hayrides, a costume contest, pumpkin patch (while supplies last), music, and more! Family friendly activities and food vendors will be available. Plus, Richland Parks and Recreation will also have a surprise guest appearance. This is a free event and does not require any registration. For more information, please visit www.richlandparksandrec.com.



CATERPILLAR CAFE IN THE RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Did you know that the Richland Public Library has a Caterpillar Cafe in the lobby? Stop into the Library to show the Caterpillar Cafe some love by checking out their handcrafted drinks and delicious select food items! You can even browse the library while your at it, sounds like the perfect Fall activity. Visit the Caterpillar Cafe's website at www.advunderground.com/cafe. This amazing local cafe is open Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and is closed each Sunday and Monday.



ANNUAL SIREN TEST

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 16, 2025, 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.

FALL CLEANUP 2025

Fall Cleanup is a FREE curbside service provided to our residents. This annual curbside cleanup program will begin November 10 and run weekly through December 19. Pickup will occur on your regularly scheduled service day. No bag pick-up on Thanksgiving Day.

One free roll of compostable bags per household will be available starting October 6 at City Hall or the Horn Rapids Landfill while supplies last.

Items accepted at the curb:

- Extra bagged compostable bags or bundled organics (green can)
- Extra bagged household waste (grey can)
- Small items that fit in the grey can

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

- Any item or bag over 40 lbs
- 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:

NOV 11, 2025

VETERANS DAY

NOV 27 & 28, 2025

THANKSGIVING AND DAY AFTER

DEC 24 & 25, 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

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NEW BENTON COUNTY MODERATE RISK WASTE FACILITY HAS OPENED

Benton County recently opened their new Moderate Risk Waste (MRW) Facility at 1709 S Ely Street in Kennewick! The facility provides Tri-Cities residents with a safe, convenient way to dispose of moderate risk waste, with public drop-off available Wednesday through Saturday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For a complete list of accepted items, non-accepted items, and allowable quantities, visit the County's Public Works Solid Waste website or call 509-786-5611.



CITY OF RICHLAND KICKS OFF CONSTRUCTION ON SOUTH GEORGE WASHINGTON WAY IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Richland is moving forward with construction on long-awaited improvements to the intersection of George Washington Way and Aaron Drive/ Columbia Point Drive, one of the busiest and most congested intersections in the Tri-Cities. Effective Tuesday, September 2, 2025, contractor Ellison Earthworks will begin construction efforts. The first phase will begin on the west side of George Washington Way with the closure of the parking lane to Benham Street.

During construction, the intersection will remain open to traffic, however lane closures will be required to complete the road work. On street parking will be limited between Comstock Street and Benham Street during construction. Parking will be permanently removed south of Benham Street.

The project is anticipated to be completed in late November 2025.

For more information and ongoing updates about the South George Washington Way Street Improvements, visit www.ci.richland.wa.us/SouthGWay.

FALL 2025 RECREATION AND ACTIVITY GUIDE

The Fall 2025 Recreation and Activity Guide, "Learn Play Live" is out now! "Learn Play Live" is a City of Richland Parks and Recreation program that offers community-wide activities to promote learning, recreation, and healthy living. To view the guide and discover events in Richland, go to www.richlandparksandrec.com.



THE CITY OF RICHLAND IS HIRING

Richland has multiple open jobs, including some in public safety! The Richland Police Department, Richland Fire and Emergency Services, and Southeast Communications Center are hiring for entry-level and lateral positions. Join a dedicated team of professionals who are committed to teamwork and giving back to their community. Visit www.wearerichland.org to learn more about our hiring process, including current job opportunities, salary and benefits information, minimum requirements, and training opportunities.

WE ARE RICHLAND

UPDATE ON THE LIBRARY'S OUTDOOR SPACE

Construction is well underway, with features like a small amphitheater, new sidewalks, seating, and fencing taking shape. This project will create a vibrant outdoor gathering space for events, patrons, and community connection. Stay tuned as "The Lawn" continues to grow! Phase one is anticipated to be completed in October 2025. To stay updated about the project, please visit www.myrichlandlibrary.org/TheLawn.



SMALL BUSINESS PASSPORT

The Richland Small Business Passport Program is a digital passport offering year-round savings at some of the best local businesses in Richland! You can check the passport out at www.richlandbusiness.com/Passport. In November, the Small Business Passport will have a section just for limited-time Small Business Saturday deals! Small Business Saturday happens every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It is a day to celebrate and support our local small businesses. Find other business resources at www.richlandbusiness.com.



MYACCOUNT

THE NEW UTILITY PORTAL IS COMING OCTOBER 2025

The City of Richland (City) is proud to announce the launch of our new utility portal, MyAccount, coming in late **October 2025**. This new utility portal will replace our existing on-line customer service portal, E-care.

In the upcoming weeks, the City will be sending additional digital notices as well as instructions on how to sign-in to your MyAccount. To ensure a smooth transition and prompt receipt of these important notices, **please provide your most recent email address**. To update your email address, please log-in to your current E-Care account or contact our Customer Service team at (509) 942-1104, option 4 to make changes.

Here are some of the upgraded features included in the new portal:

- User-friendly interface and improved functionality
- Ability to manage and view multiple accounts with one customer login
- Downloadable app for mobile devices with customizable push notifications available
- Option to receive SMS text alerts about your account(s)
- Ability to view account details, compare usage rates, and utilize its role as a payment portal for utilities
- Additional features to make managing your utility account(s) more convenient

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

Stay up-to-date through reading your utility bill inserts, the email associated with your account, the City of Richland Facebook and the project website.





2026

FUNDING APPLICATIONS OPEN SOON!

TOTAL AVAILABLE: \$1.6 MILLION

LODGING TAX FUNDING

- Available to: entities for the purpose of tourism in Richland
- Application Period: September 29 - October 10, 2025
- Median Award \$17,500

BUSINESS LICENSE RESERVE FUND

- Available to: Richland businesses offering support services to businesses
- Application Period: November 3 - 14, 2025
- Average Award \$10,000

COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT

- Available to: Richland businesses with a brick-and-mortar storefront on a public right of way
- Application Period: October 20 - 31, 2025
- Max Award \$20,000 match

HOME-ARP SUPPORTIVE SERVICE FUNDING

- Available to: private and non-profit organizations
- Application Period: September 15 - October 17, 2025



To view eligibility, scan QR code or visit www.richlandbusiness.com/programs.