

# RICHLAND ROUNDUP

NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CITY OF RICHLAND



## ANNUAL SIREN TEST • OCTOBER 19, 2023

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 19, 2023, 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](http://wearerichland.org) to learn more about our hiring process, including current job opportunities, salary and benefits information, minimum requirements, and training opportunities.

## FALL CLEANUP 2023

Fall Cleanup is a **FREE** curbside service provided to our residents. This annual curbside cleanup program will begin **November 6** and run weekly through **December 22**. Pickup will occur on your regularly scheduled service 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.**

## FREE SMART THERMOSTATS

Google NEST Smart Thermostats are available to Richland utility customers who use all electric to heat their home.



Visit [ci.richland.wa.us/energyefficiency](http://ci.richland.wa.us/energyefficiency) to request your free thermostat (while supplies last).

To qualify for the Google Nest Smart Thermostat, Richland residents must heat their home with an electric heat pump or electric forced air furnace.

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## SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Small business owners make up a significant portion of businesses in Richland, and their contribution to the local economy is vital to our continued economic growth and quality of life. The Economic Development division, through the Business License Reserve grant program, partners with several organizations to support the business community.



Richland business owners and residents qualify for full scholarships to many business education courses WSU Tri-Cities offers. The newest course, Financial Wellbeing of the Organization, begins September 11th. Several others are available on demand. Contact our Economic Development Specialist at **509-942-7725** or email [lfollett@ci.richland.wa.us](mailto:lfollett@ci.richland.wa.us) for more information. Find other business resources at [richlandbusiness.com](http://richlandbusiness.com).

## PARKS PROJECTS UPDATE

Curious about what's coming to City of Richland Parks? Visit [richlandparksandrec.com](http://richlandparksandrec.com) for more information and updates on these current long-range planning efforts and upcoming projects:

### Planning Efforts:

- **Leslie Groves Park Long-Range Planning**
  - » Additional public engagement opportunities are being scheduled now.
- **Little Badger Mountain Long-Range Plan**
  - » Plan is approved and available to view online.

### Projects:

- **Badger Mountain Community Park Parking Lot Improvement**
  - » Anticipated construction Fall 2023.
- **Columbia Point Marina Park Playground Replacement**
  - » Construction planned for Spring 2024.
- **Howard Amon Park Fitness Court**
  - » Under construction; Projected opening September 2023.
- **Howard Amon Park Playground Replacement**
  - » Construction planned for Spring 2024.
- **Leslie Groves Tennis Court Resurfacing**
  - » Awaiting permits; Construction planned for Spring 2024.
- **West Village Community Park (Badger Mountain South) Construction**
  - » Phase 1 plans under additional review; Construction planned for Winter/Spring 2024.

## RIVERFEST • OCTOBER 7



RiverFest is back again this year on Saturday, October 7th 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](http://riverfestwa.com).

## 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

how it works...



Energy Services makes it easy with a rebate or rebate and low-interest loan for insulation, heat pumps, air sealing, and windows and doors. Visit [ci.richland.wa.us/energyefficiency](http://ci.richland.wa.us/energyefficiency), or contact us at [energyservices@ci.richland.wa.us](mailto:energyservices@ci.richland.wa.us) or (509) 942-7431 to learn more.

RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF CLEAN, RENEWABLE WIND ENERGY

Through our partnership with Bonneville Environmental Foundation's Renewable Option Program, you can affordably purchase the environmental benefits of clean, zero-emissions wind power generated in the Pacific Northwest. BEF's renewable energy credits (RECs) are Green-e Energy Certified, and you can purchase as many REC's as you want for a modest fee.

Learn more about how you can support a clean energy future at [ci.richland.wa.us/energyservices](http://ci.richland.wa.us/energyservices).