



## New Web Payments System for Utility Bills

In September 2009, the City of West Richland installed a new online Web Payments system. We are excited to bring this new product to our citizens and encourage each of you to take advantage of this streamlined bill payment process.

Customers will now have the ability to make payments online by going to the City's website, [www.westrichland.org](http://www.westrichland.org), and following the link in the left margin. By utilizing this new online payment system, customers can expect the following benefits:

- Option to receive convenient, paperless statements via email
- Ability to view bills and other account information online
- 24/7 account access
- Reduced bill paying time and money on stamps

For additional information, please contact the Utility Department at 509-967-3431.

## Join Mid-Columbia Libraries for "The Big Read"

The Big Read is designed to restore reading to the center of American culture, and it gives communities the opportunity to come together to read, discuss and celebrate one of 30 selections from U.S. and world literature. Mid-Columbia Libraries' Big Read will take place during October and will focus on *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett.

Join Mid-Columbia Libraries for The Big Read kickoff at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 1, at the Kennewick Library, 1620 S. Union. Enjoy live music with the Jive at Five Combo, refreshments from O'Callahan's, and get your free copy of *The Maltese Falcon*.

For more information on upcoming events, including film showings of *The Maltese Falcon* at Fairchild Cinemas, go to [midcolumbiareads.com](http://midcolumbiareads.com).

### Meetings

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| Oct. 5  | City Council meeting<br>Library - 7:00 PM                    |
| Oct. 7  | West Richland Chamber mtg.<br>Sandberg Event Center - noon   |
| Oct. 8  | Planning Commission meeting<br>Library - 7:00 PM             |
| Oct. 12 | City Council Town Hall meeting<br>Library - 7:00 PM          |
| Oct. 13 | Economic Development Board mtg<br>PW Conference Rm - 6:00 PM |
| Oct. 19 | City Council meeting<br>Library - 7:00 PM                    |
| Oct. 22 | Planning Commission meeting<br>Library - 7:00 PM             |
| Oct. 27 | Park Board meeting<br>Library - 6:30 PM                      |

### Mark Your Calendars

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| Nov. 1 | Daylight Savings Time Ends  |
| Nov. 3 | General Election Day  |
| Nov. 7 | West Richland Veterans Day Parade<br>9:30 AM on Van Giesen Street |



## Coming to West Richland!

Black Heron Spirits Distillery and Port Works is slated to open in 2010. The new Distillery will be located in the Port of Kennewick's Wine Estates Park located in West Richland.

Joel Tefft and Becky Runyan share that "The essence of Black Heron Distillery and Port Works is to create and present fine handcrafted spirits in an elegant manner reminiscent of a bygone era. Our location will pull elements of the 'Roaring Twenties' and Prohibition together to create an atmosphere of mystery, elegance and nostalgia for our customers to witness the process of craft distillation."

Black Heron Spirits expects to feature barrel aged whisky, brandies and other spirits. Customers will be allowed to taste and purchase their products on site, and will be served "in a manner that will encourage and allow patrons to linger and take in the atmosphere...." Black Heron Distillery will use locally grown products and work with local businesses to create and support their operations.



## Drew Bledsoe Parenting with Dignity Seminars

The West Richland Police Department is pleased to offer Parenting with Dignity classes. All parents, prospective parents, and grandparents are invited to attend this FREE eight week seminar that focuses on parenting. The seminars will be held on Thursday evenings beginning October 1, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Tapteal Elementary School Library, 705 N. 62nd Avenue. Free childcare will be provided; however, space is limited.

Parenting with Dignity classes are structured to give parents insight into raising their children effectively. Using a workbook, parents will be presented with possible solutions to a variety of parenting issues.

If you want to learn more about ever-changing parenting roles or need to learn more about specific areas of parenting, including those challenging teenage years, do not miss this opportunity to receive free training and ideas that will help you raise your children.

For more information or to register, please contact Terry Buechler at 967-3539



## Preventable Property Crimes on the Rise

During the past several months, the citizens of West Richland have been victimized by numerous property crimes. Many of these crimes have been crimes of opportunity where vehicles or residences have been victimized because owners failed to take steps to deter the criminals like locking the door, or removing purses, money and other valuables at night.

You can view a chronological listing of these crimes on the City website under the Police Department page, then Crime Statistics. The police department is requesting that residents step up personal security of their property and take precautions by locking doors and being more aware of activity in their neighborhoods. Call 9-1-1 if you observe a suspicious person or circumstance.

## Benton County Fire District #4 Seeking Firefighters for West Richland Veterans Day Parade

Benton County Fire District #4 officials are making plans for the West Richland Veterans Day Parade. All current and former members of the Department are invited to ride in the parade being held on November 7.

All former members who are interested in participating in the parade should contact the Department at 967-2496 or by going to their website at [bcfd4.org](http://bcfd4.org) and clicking on the "contact us" button.