



AGENDA

Parks and Recreation Commission #2-2013

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard ~

Council Chambers

New Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 7:00 PM

Commission Members: Chair Gutierrez, Vice Chair Jones

Doran, Valentino, Maya, Katipamula, Bern, Beck, Richards

Liaisons: Council Liaison Kent, Alternate Council Liaison Anderson

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of February 13, 2013, Agenda

Approval of January 10, 2013, Minutes

Council Liaison

Public Comments

Recreation Report

Presentations:

1. Richland Arts Commission, Pam Bykonen

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

1. Keene Road Trail Master Plan Amendment for Queensgate Village
2. Barth Park Community Gardens

Commission Comments

Adjournment

The Next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting is Thursday, March 14, 2013

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MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting #1-2013

Richland City Hall – 505 Swift Boulevard – Council Chambers

Thursday, January 10, 2013, ~ 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Gutierrez, Vice Chair Jones, Commissioners Doran, Katipamula, Beck and Richards were present. Commissioners Bern and Valentino were excused. Commissioner Maya was absent. Also in attendance were Council Liaison Kent, Parks and Recreation Director Schiessl, and Parks and Recreation Managers Pinard and Strand.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 10, 2013, AGENDA:

Chair Gutierrez amended the agenda to include a presentation from the Arts Commission. Vice Chair Jones **moved** to approve the amended January 10, 2013, agenda. Nancy Doran **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2012, MINUTES:

Nancy Doran **moved** to approve the December 13, 2012, minutes as presented. Shanta Katipamula **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Council member Kent welcomed the public. She noted that she was looking forward to the report on the wind storm damage and that she and Mayor Fox had discussed that perhaps the Parks and Recreation Commission may need to revisit the Parks Master Plans accordingly. Ms. Kent also reported that the Regional Public Facilities District continued the discussion of an aquatic center project to possibly be presented to voters in the fall. There is a special meeting on January 23 for further input.

RECREATION REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Manager Laurel Strand reported that the Middle School Night Out will be Friday, February 8, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm at the Community Center. Also, youth baseball registration is underway thru March 12.

PRESENTATIONS:

Pam Bykonen, clerk to the Arts Commission, invited the Commissioners to an open house on the Shoreline Master Plan update on Wednesday, January 23, 4:00 pm. Ms. Bykonen also proudly announced that the art piece titled “Jump” had been installed at John Dam

Plaza and reminded them of the dedication ceremony. She introduced artist CJ Rensch who gave a brief background on the artwork. Vice Chair Jones asked if a plaque would be installed to describe the artwork and Ms. Bykonen indicated yes.

Ray Coffman, Horn Rapids Motorsports Complex, presented a five year report on the ORV parks growth thru 2012. Mr. Coffman described the number of improvements and purchases made to enhance the park that include a tower, heavy equipment and upgrades to the recreational vehicle sites. He also added that the park plays host to 40+ events per year, is an American Motorcyclist Association sanctioned track, and employs five full-time and 18 part-time employees. Mr. Coffman reported that all of the dates of the competitions can be found on the website. He indicated that he hopes to purchase more equipment, construct a new office, and cleanup the front entrance area.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

COMMENTS:

1. Public Comments:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. 2012 Annual Report

Vice Chair Jones indicated that the draft 2012 Annual Report would be presented at the Parks and Recreation Commission workshop on January 24.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Acquisition of One Acre Property on Little Badger Mountain (Phil Pinard)

Mr. Phil Pinard explained that five acres of land were available for purchase in order to provide trail connection at Little Badger Mountain between the Falconcrest trail and City property to the west. It was determined that the purchase of one acre for \$21,500 plus closing costs would be funded as follows: \$5,000 donation from the Friends of Badger Mountain, \$500 from Willowbrook Community Association, and the balance of an estimated \$16,000 from 2013 Trail Maintenance funding from within the Parks and Recreation Department's operating budget.

Discussion ensued on the possibility of future benches and/or restrooms, trail maintenance and an organized group adopting the trail. Commissioner Doran inquired about the access to the trail and Mr. Pinard indicated that there is an informal public access at Falconcrest.

Vice Chair Jones **moved** to approve the acquisition of one acre property on Little Badger Mountain. Nancy Doran **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

2. Wind Storm Damage (Joe Schiessl)

Mr. Joe Schiessl described the high wind on December 17 that was reported gusting over 100 mph on Rattlesnake Mountain and 70 mph in town. He added that the winds appeared to be stronger in central Richland noting the damage not only to the trees, but also park land, concrete sidewalks, fences, and signs. Mr. Schiessl described the cleanup plan that addressed public safety issues and where electrical crews worked around the clock in order to restore power. It was also noted that all costs were being tracked for insurance reimbursement. Mr. Schiessl presented damage figures to-date and the possible replacement of 100 trees.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS:

- Barry Richards – Looking forward to orientation.
- Samantha Beck – Attending artwork dedication.
- Nancy Doran – Suggested hearing reports from other Park Partnership recipients.
- Maria Gutierrez – Reminded all of art dedication and workshop.
- Greg Jones – Would like to receive comments on Annual Report by January 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Reviewed by: Joe Schiessl, Parks and Recreation Director

Approved by: _____
Chair Gutierrez, Richland Parks and Recreation

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Phil Pinard, Parks and Recreation Manager

DATE: February 13, 2013

SUBJECT: Keene Road Trail Corridor Landscape Master Plan Revision

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend Council approve the revision to the Keene Road Trail Corridor Landscaping Master Plan to allow additional parking adjacent to Queensgate Village, per Attachment 1 (to be distributed at meeting).

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

I move that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend Council approve the Keene Road Trail Corridor Landscaping Master Plan revision as identified in Attachment 1.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City will not be responsible for any costs associated with the construction of the parking lot.

BACKGROUND

Two additional lots have been created in Queensgate Village which requires additional parking stalls. In addition, the use of the Keene Road trail use continues to increase including the need for additional parking. Currently, the only City provided parking for trail use is at Badger Mountain park and two lots adjacent to Queensgate Village. To meet the parking demands for both trail use and the expansion of Queensgate Village the property owner and City are negotiating a joint parking agreement which will provide reciprocal use of all City and private parking stalls.

There are currently 143 private parking stalls for Queensgate Village and 25 stalls on City park land. Approximately 20 stalls will be added to the City land bringing the total number of stalls to 163.

The additional parking stalls and reciprocal parking agreement will benefit both parties.

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Phil Pinard, Parks and Recreation Manager

DATE: February 13, 2013

SUBJECT: Barth Park Community Gardens

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Discussion item only.

BACKGROUND

In September of 2009, staff presented to the Commission suggestions on repurposing parks in south central Richland (Attachment 1) to increase use of the parks. In October of 2009, a public meeting was held to gather residents input on park repurposing ideas. Approximately 25 people attended the meeting and their comments are contained in Attachment 2.

Since 2009, the nature playground has been created at Goethals Park and the lineal arboretum has begun in Gillespie Parkway with the planting a variety of tree species.

In January of 2013, the City was contacted by Isaac Hall the store manager of the Richland Home Depot. They expressed an interest in becoming involved in a community project. From a list of several projects they are very interested in creating a community garden at Barth Park.

Staff's goal has been to establish community gardens in north, central, south central and south Richland. Currently gardens are provided in central (McMurray Park) and south Richland (Venus Dr.). A draft plan for community gardens at Barth Park is Attachment 3.

This item will be discussed at the February workshop, a neighborhood meeting will be held in late February or early March, then presented to the Commission for a recommendation.

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Phil Pinard, Planning and Capital Projects Manager

DATE: September 10, 2009

SUBJECT: UPCYCLING* / RE-PURPOSING PARKS

As a result of the 2007 Park Use Survey, staff recommended Westwood, Greater Years and Barth parks be surplused due to lack of use. After numerous public meetings, the PRC recommended the parks not be surplused. In support of the PRC's decision, two workshop sessions have encompassed discussion on how to increase park use and maintenance efficiencies.

Staff met throughout August discussing ways to increase park use, agreeing neighborhood parks generally provide the same type of play experience and creating diversity may increase use. Specific park improvements discussed: Arboretums, a reading park, animal theme, small water spray features in various parks, adventure themed playgrounds, graffiti art park.

In reviewing the park system, staff has chosen the area bounded by George Washington Way, Wellsian Way, Aaron Drive and Lee Boulevard as an initial park service area to upcycle/re-purpose parks. This area was chosen as it contained 2 of the 3 parks originally recommended, and would improve parks in Richland's core as it contains 7 designated park areas: Barth, Craighill, Goethals and Greater Years Parks, Abbott and Goethals Shelterbelts and the Gillespie Parkway.

Staffs preliminary upcycling/re-purposing plan includes:

- Goethals Park: Create a hands-on nature park.
- Goethals Shelterbelt: Construct the urban greenbelt trail and linear arboretum.
- Greater Years Park: Construct trailhead amenities for urban greenbelt trail, i.e., parking, signage, and restroom.
- Abbott Shelterbelt: Construct urban greenbelt trail and linear arboretum.
- Gillespie Parkway: Linear arboretum.
- Barth Park: 2-5 year old tot lot, community garden or dog park for small dogs.
- Craighill Park: Add basketball court and small water spray feature.

Staff proposes holding neighborhood meetings later in the year to receive public input to eventually include in the parks master plans for PRC review and recommendation to Council.

* *"Upcycling is the practice of taking something that is disposable and transforming it into something of greater use and value."*



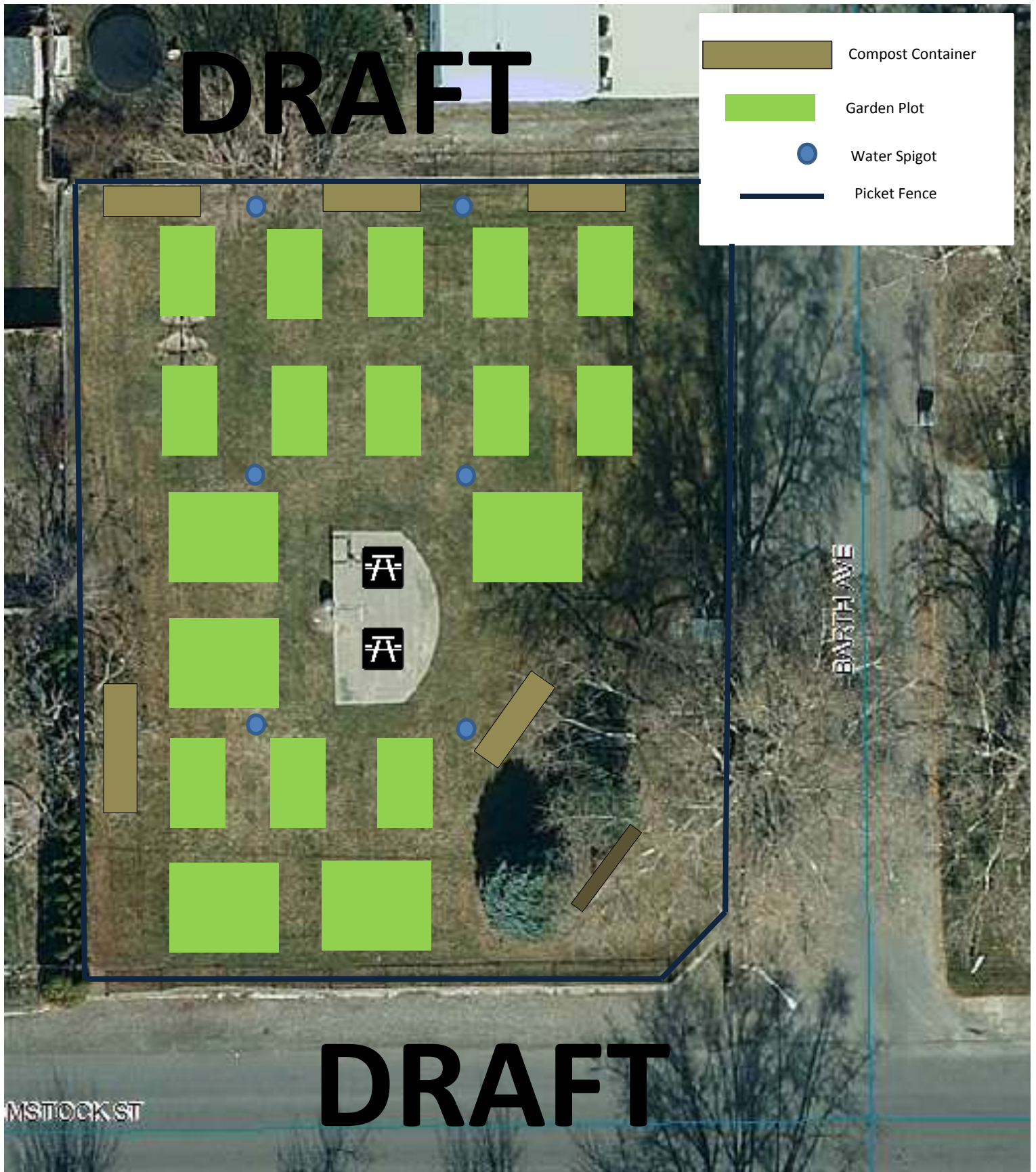
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Attachment 2

PARK REPURPOSING/UPSCALING
PUBLIC COMMENTS
OCTOBER 29, 2009

- Most earned of the meeting through utility billing.
- Shelterbelt – concern with shrubs being removed and lack of water.
- Trail surface hard pack that will make it possible for wheelchairs.
- Need trees for dust control and to reduce noise.
- Question regarding adopt a park – Abbott Shelterbelt.
- Clean-up downed trees in Abbott Shelterbelt.
- Method to notify staff when areas aren't getting water
- Donate flowers, shrubs, etc.
- Off-leash dog park – include water.
- Add gazebos - can be small (umbrella type) - could be purchased like memorial benches
- Tot lots – 2-5 year old accessible
- Community gardens at Greater Years.
- Gillespie – reading or dinner park (concrete table pads)
- Barth – toddler playlot – keep basketball hoop or move to Craighill – keep the tree.
- Fence along Goethals, security lighting, face tunnels so they can be seen from street, fence on backside of park, create pedestrian access, put lights in tunnel
- Add parking at trailheads.
- Replace shrubs along Goethals.
- Fencing for Craighill Park playground.
- Concerns regarding skateboarders – add some features at Craighill.
- Interested in a wild park.
- Add dog pot stations in parks.

Barth Community Garden





- Locations for a few compost containers





- Remove tree (makes too much shade for gardens)



- Replace current chain link fencing with picket fence



- Edge the picket fence with flowers to give some curb appeal



- Place water hydrants/spigot throughout garden

Parks and Recreation Department February 2013

Planning and Construction Division

Claybell Park

Bids will be opened on February 11, 2013. An update will be given to the Commission at their February 13 meeting.

Columbia Playfield TCGFSA Storage Building

The TCGFSA has begun construction on the 24' x 24' storage building. Construction is expected to take two months.



Neighborhood Park on the Corner of Westcliffe Boulevard & Gala Way

A second neighborhood meeting will be held on February 13, 2013, to discuss park amenities.

Service Projects

Brian Standard, a Young Marine and his grandfather picked up litter around the City Shops.

Recreation Division

Slowbreak Basketball League

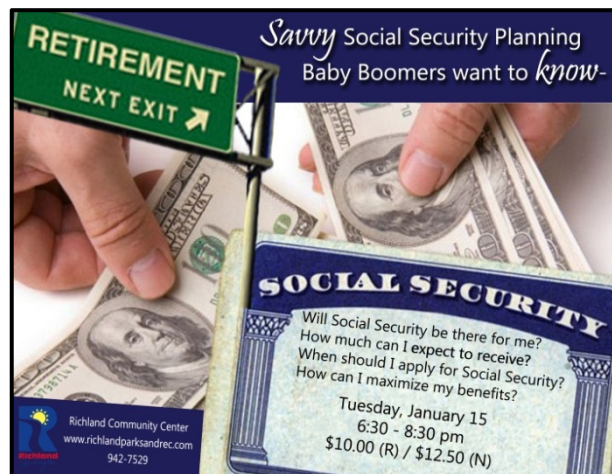
The 2013 Adult Slowbreak Basketball League experienced record team registration this season. Fourteen teams have registered, up 50% from last year and the highest number of teams in 15 years.

The Slowbreak League is for adults 30 years and older. The league incorporates special rules designed to slow down the game. Games are held at Richland High School on Sunday afternoons from January 12 through the end of March.



Savvy Social Security Planning

The *Savvy Social Security Planning* class offered Tuesday, January 15 was very well received. Many people have important questions when it comes to this sometimes confusing subject. The volunteer instructor has the knowledge and education to enable her to provide that important information. One attendee said she feels much more comfortable moving forward with decisions regarding her social security after taking this class. Attendees were glad to hear that the class would be offered again during the spring quarter.



Sports Council Recognition

Recreation Coordinator Stan Johnson received an award from the Tri-Cities Visitor and Convention Bureau in recognition of his service to the Tri-Cities Sports Council. Stan served as the Chairman of the Sports Council for two years, 2011 and 2012. During his term, he led the general membership meetings, reviewed agendas, attended the Travel, Events and Management in Sports (TEAMS) Conference in partnership with the Convention Bureau and met with the Convention Bureau staff regarding sports issues.



Mystery Trip for January

The January 30 Mystery Trip found the group headed to the Tree Top Juice Company in Selah for a tour and tasting. Each participant received a goody bag when the tour ended. Next stop was the Yakama Nation Cultural Center and Museum, where lunch was also waiting. The most popular lunch choices were the salmon, followed closely by the buffalo stew. The waitress sported a "Wing Dress," which was a beautiful be-jeweled costume worn for special occasions. "The museum is a must see for anyone interested in this fascinating culture," remarked one of the enthusiastic visitors. The third and final stop was Chukkar Cherries in Prosser. The hostess shared the processing methods and many, many samples. Most participants couldn't wait to get back to Richland so they could get registered for the February Mystery Trip.



KONA Radio for Middle School Night Out

Thursday, January 31, Recreation Coordinator Doug Hagedorn was the guest on the morning show at KONA Radio. Doug was featured promoting the upcoming Middle School Night Out hosted by Richland Parks and Recreation.



Parks and Facilities

On-going Windstorm Clean-up

The City of Richland Parks and Recreation Department staff removed large pieces of a maple tree from a city truck. The tree was blown over during the wind storm that tore through the area in December. Gusts from 60-80mph knocked down roughly 100 trees in Richland, including several at John Dam Plaza off George Washington Way.



Current Remodels and Repairs

Some of the current repairs and remodels include:

- HVAC repair at Building 200
- Utility Billing remodel, which includes demolition of walls and adding workstations that have a better flow for the public.



Upcoming Events/Activities

Annual Mardi Gras Ball

The Richland Seniors Association will hold the Annual Mardi Gras Ball Friday, March 1 from 6:30 – 9:30pm at the Richland Community Center. The Easy Swing Band will play music from the Big Band era, as well as more recent hits. Many local retirement communities provide delicious snacks to be enjoyed during the musical break. Costumes are encouraged so the participants may compete for the Bourbon Street Award.

Pre-Season Softball Tournament

The annual NWAACC Community College Pre-Season Softball Tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3 at Columbia Playfield. The weekend will be action packed, with 21 teams expected to participate. The tournament is sponsored by the Tri-City Tournament Committee.

2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February – May

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>START TIME</u>
Feb 8	Middle School Night Out	Community Center	7:00pm
Feb 23	USRA ½ Marathon	John Dam Plaza	8:00am
Feb 25	High School Softball practice begins	Columbia Playfield	3:00pm
March 2	Find Your Greatness Fun Run	Columbia Point Marina Park	9:00am
March 2	High School Softball Game	Horn Rapids Athletic Complex	11:00am
March 2-3	NWACC Softball Tournament	Columbia Playfield	morning
March 2-3	Walleye Fishing Tournament	Columbia Point Marina Park	6:00am
March 9	High School Softball Jamboree	Columbia Playfield	12:00am
March 16	St Patty's Day Run/Leprechaun Dash	Columbia Park West	9:30am
March 16	High School Softball Tourney	Columbia Playfield	11:00am
March 16-17	NSA Adult Softball Tournament	Horn Rapids Athletic Complex	
March 23	March for Respect	John Dam Plaza	12:00am
March 23	Heart Chase	Community Center, Various Parks	10:00am
March 23	Pooch and Pal Fun Run	Columbia Point Marina Park	9:00am
March 30	Badger Mountain Challenge Run	Trailhead Park	7:00am
March 30	Morning with Mr. Bunny	Community Center	9:30am
March 30	TCGFSA Softball Skills Clinic	Columbia Playfield	
April 1	RHSA Adult League Practice Begins	Horn Rapids Athletic Complex	5:30pm
April 6	NSA One Day Softball Tourney	Horn Rapids Complex	
April 6	Walkathon – Cherry Creed Radio	Howard Amon Park	8:00am
April 6-7	Umpire Blue Softball Tournament	Columbia Playfield	
April 7	Kite Festival	Columbia Point Marina Park	11:00am
April 12-14	NSA Icebreaker Softball Tournament	CP and HR	9:00am
April 13-14	Table Tennis Tournament	Community Center	10:00am Sat. 12:00am Sun
April 14	Spring Fever Fun Run	North Howard Amon	9:00am
April 18-21	Mid Columbia Boat Show	Columbia Point Marina Park	10:00am
April 18	City of Richland Volunteer Appreciation	Community Center	6:30pm
April 20-21	TCGFSA 3-Rivers Rally Softball Tourney	Columbia Playfield	
April 22	TCGFSA 8U/10U Games Begin	Columbia Playfield	5:30pm
April 27	Tri-Cities Cancer Center Fun Run	Howard Amon Park	8:30am
April 27-28	NSA Adult Softball Tournament	Horn Rapids Athletic Complex	
May 6	RHSA Men's League Begins	Horn Rapids Complex	6:00pm
May 11	Inland Empire Century Ride	Howard Amon Park	8:00am
May 18-19	NSA Adult Softball Tournament	Horn Rapids Athletic Complex	
May 24-25	1A State Softball Tournament	Columbia Playfield	10:00am Fri 9:00am Sat
May 25	Teal Toes for Ovarian Cancer Walk	Howard Amon Park	10:00am
May 26	Pacific Northwest Mustang Club Car Show	Howard Amon Park	11:30am