



AGENDA -

Parks and Recreation Commission # 8-2014

Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard ~ City Council Chambers

Thursday, October 9, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Commission Members: Chair Gutierrez, Vice-Chair Doran and Commissioners Richards, Finch, Buelt, Valentino and McBurney

Liaisons: Council Liaison Kent, Alternate Council Liaison Anderson and Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of October 9, 2014, Agenda

Approval of September 11, 2014, Minutes

Council Liaison Report

Recreation Report

Parks and Public Facilities Report

Public Comments

Presentations

- 1) Greater Richland Little League

Unfinished Business

New Business

- 1) Shoreline Substantial Development Application
- 2) Surplus of 95 Amon Park Drive
- 3) \$6,000 Allocation of Undesignated Park Reserve Funds to Columbia Basin BMX

Commission Comments

Adjournment

The Next Parks and Recreation Commission Workshop is Thursday, October 23, 2014 and

The Next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting is Thursday, November 13, 2014

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MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting # 7-2014

Richland City Hall – 505 Swift Boulevard – Council Chambers

Thursday, September 11, 2014 ~ 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Gutierrez, Commissioners Finch, McBurney, Valentino. Vice Chair Doran, Commissioner Richards and Buelt excused. Also in attendance were Council Liaison Kent, Parks and Public Facilities Director Schiessl, Parks and Recreation Manager Strand and Parks and Public Facilities Manager Pinard.

APPROVAL OF THE September 11, 2014 AGENDA:

Agenda revised removing Youth Commission member Katipamula due to term expiration.

Commissioner Valentino **moved** to approve the September 11, 2014 agenda as amended. Commissioner McBurney **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE August 14, 2014 MINUTES:

Commissioner Valentino **moved** to approve the August 14, 2014 minutes.

Commissioner Finch **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL LIASION REPORT:

Council Liaison Kent was present and welcomed the public. Kent reported that Council and City staff are putting the final touches on the 2015 proposed budget. Kent encouraged the commission and the public to attend the upcoming Town Hall meeting as well as Council Meetings to provide feedback on the proposed budget. Kent informed all that Council authorized the establishment of a hearing examiner. Over the next several months there will be additional code amendments and changes to process with this transition to the new system.

RECREATION REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Manager, Laurel Strand welcomed the public and informed all of the following events:

- Basketball Registration beginning on Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- One of the two trips scheduled to learn first-hand about the Ice Age Floods from an expert in geology as you journey through Connell, Palouse Falls, Washtucna and Devils Canyon on September 27.

And second trip is scheduled on October 4th which is *Ice Age Floods and Vineyards*. Ride along with an Ice Age Floods expert and learn about the Ice Age Floods and how they impacted the growing of grapes. Meet grape growers and learn how they chose the type of grapes that best grow in their area.

- Senior Picnic scheduled for September 18th at 11:00 a.m. at Howard Amon Park.
- Sweater Weather: Fashion for the Urban Forest, stay tuned through the month of October for the Sweater Weather event. Four tree sweaters will receive awards, the following categories will be: Mayors Choice, Parks and Recreation Commissioner's Choice, People's Choice and Park Ranger's Choice.

Strand also thanked the community and staff that participated at the 3rd Annual Kids Fun Friday on September 5th at Badger Mountain Park. This event was well attended with several activities, vendors and a great movie all combined with beautiful weather.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

Parks and Public Facilities Manager Phil Pinard reported the following updates and progress. Pinard mentioned that crew is working on contracts for following improvements throughout the city:

- Contracted for the painting of the exterior of the community center, ellipsoid and Fire Station #1. Also contracted out for dock maintenance.
- Applying a chemical to treat milfoil the week of September 22nd in the Columbia Point boat basin and by the Columbia Park West.
- Sprucing up Howard Amon Park in preparation for the Senior Picnic.
- Contract going out resurface courts: the old tennis courts and basketball court at Claybell Park also the basketball court at Badger Mountain Park will be resurfaced and restriped.
- Waiting on a last bid to rebuild a portion the Shelterbelt Trail from Swift Boulevard approximately 2500 ft. south. Moving it out away from the trees.
- Received bids on Barth Park for new fencing and concrete work this year. Next year the playground equipment will be installed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

Public Comments closed 7:15 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Stevens Park Master Plan

Parks and Public Facilities Manager, Phil Pinard recommended that Parks and Recreation Commission forward a recommendation to Council to approve the Stevens Park Master Plan.

Pinard informed the commission that on forty notices were delivered to the neighbors of the park on August 5, 2014, inviting them to the August 14, 2014 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to provide comments on future amenities for Stevens Park. No written or verbal comments were received regarding desired park amenities and no one attended the August 14, 2014 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting regarding this issue.

The proposed master plan identifies three new improvements to the park:

- 1) Restroom
- 2) Drinking fountain
- 3) BBQ Grill

Pinard also mentioned that there is no fiscal impact associated with approval of the master plan.

Commissioner McBurney **moved** to recommend that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that the Council approve the Stevens Parks Master Plan. Commissioner Valentino **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Zach Finch: Informed public that he will be leading the UGT walk on September 27th which leaves the Richland Community Center at 9:00 a.m.

Kit McBurney: Thanked all who deliver all the reports and also thanked all the police and first responders in honor of 9/11.

Jackie Valentino: Thanked the Police and Fire personnel in honor of 9/11. Valentino provided information on Check Line which is a Free Community Service available to anyone in the Tri- Cities area needing reassurance and/or medication reminders. Anyone that would like to sign up or volunteer for this service is encouraged to call 492-5028. Also, the Richland Fire Department is raising money to purchase coats for *Operation Warmth* please contact the Richland Fire Department with donations or more information.

Chair, Maria Gutierrez: Reminded commissioners of the 2014 Area Parks and Recreation Commissioners Meeting hosted by Kennewick on September 25th. Maria also mentioned that there are two youth positions vacant for Parks and Recreation Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Reviewed by: Joe Schiessl, Parks and Public Facilities Director

Approved by: _____
Chair Maria Gutierrez, Richland Parks and Recreation Commission

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Phil Pinard, Parks and Public Facilities Manager

DATE: October 9, 2014

SUBJECT: SM1-2014, RIVER SHORE MANAGEMENT PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend approval to the Planning Commission of SM1-2014, River Shore Management Plan.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

I move that the Parks and Recreation Commission forward a recommendation to the Planning Commission to approve SM1-2014, River Shore Management Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of SM1-2014. Implementing the project will cost approximately \$10,000 annually for five years.

BACKGROUND

In July staff submitted a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit Application to trim and remove invasive vegetation along with the stabilization of eroding slopes along the Columbia River shoreline from the Hampton Inn south to the Marina Vista Condominiums, generally from 486 to 156 Bradley Blvd. The project is phased and will occur over a 5 year period commencing in 2015.

The scope of work has been attached.

Scope of Work

Remove trees, trim trees and perform bank stabilization along the Columbia River from the Shilo Inn to the Marina Vista Condominiums.

When trimming trees any branches falling from the top of bank toward the water will be left and remain as habitat and river bank stabilization. Tree branches falling from the top of bank landward will be removed.

All vegetation work such tree trimming, tree removal, vegetation removal, reseeding, etc. will occur in the fall and winter months.

Areas with unstable slopes will be armored with rip rap consisting of 2-4 foot diameter boulders, laid at a 1:1 slope from the bottom to top of bank. Voids will be filled with 1-4 inch rip rap.

No trees with large nests (>16") or raptor nests will be removed.

Only Russian Olive trees and sumac will be removed.

No clear cutting of vegetation shall occur. Dense areas of trees such as Russian Olive will be removed on an alternating basis, i.e. remove every second or third year.

Any ground clearing larger than 10 square feet will be followed by reseeding to prevent weed growth.

Weed removal, where necessary, will be by mechanical means.

All herbicides and chemical used to control and maintain vegetation shall be applied per the USACE Walla Walla District Pest Management Program, dated January 31, 2014.

Schedule

1st year

- Trim Russian olive trees level with top of pathway from Station 17+00 to 33+50
- Trim tree branches up to 8 feet above ground surface Station 0+00 to 7+00
- Remove every third Russian olive tree between Station 0+00 to 17+00
- Perform bank stabilization from Station 16+00 to 14+50

2st year

- Trim Russian olive trees level with top of pathway from Station 17+00 to 33+50
- Trim tree branches up to 8 feet above ground surface Station 7+00 to 14+00
- Remove every third Russian olive tree between Station 0+00 to 17+00
- Perform bank stabilization from Station 14+50 to 13+00

3st year

- Trim Russian olive trees level with top of pathway from Station 17+00 to 33+50
- Trim tree branches up to 8 feet above ground surface Station 14+00 to 21+00
- Remove every third Russian olive tree between Station 0+00 to 17+00
- Perform bank stabilization from Station 13+00 to 11+50 if necessary

4st year

- Trim Russian olive trees level with top of pathway from Station 17+00 to 33+50
- Trim branches up to 8 feet above ground surface Station 21+00 to 28+00
- Remove every third Russian olive tree between Station 0+00 to 17+00
- Perform bank stabilization from Station 11+50 to 10+00 if necessary

5st year

- Trim Russian olive trees level with top of pathway from Station 17+00 to 33+50
- Trim tree branches up to 8 feet above ground surface Station 28+00 to 33+50
- Complete removal of Russian olive Station 0+00 to 17+00
- Perform bank stabilization if necessary



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks & Recreation Commission

FROM: Brian Moore, Redevelopment Project Supervisor

DATE: October 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Surplus Action – 95 Amon Park Drive

ISSUE:

The item before the Economic Development Committee is the consideration of the surplus of 95 Amon Park Drive, also known as the former CREHST Museum.

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that City Council declare 95 Amon Park Drive surplus to the City's needs and direct staff to include the property in the negotiation and disposition of 650 George Washington Way.

BACKGROUND:

The City owns and manages a building located at 95 Amon Park Drive, commonly known as the CREHST Museum. The former museum structure was moved to the site and renovated in 1996 for use by the Columbia River Exhibition of History, Science, and Technology (CREHST). They continuously occupied the space until January of 2014, when they merged with the Hanford Reach Interpretive Center. Vacation of the space was completed in June 2014 and is currently unoccupied.

The building is approximately 8020 square feet in two stories and sits on a portion of the Howard Amon Park Parcel directly adjacent the 650 George Washington Way property. The property is approximately 0.6 acre in size and, although part of the park parcel, it has ground level access at the same grade of 650 George Washington Way and secondary access at grade with the park. The building, although constructed in the 1990s, is of primarily modular design and is not consistent with the future vision of development for 650 George Washington Way.

Including this property in the disposition of 650 George Washington Way is a two-step process. The property must first be declared surplus to the City's current and future needs. The disposition of the property will occur as a second step.

The building design and location are not consistent with the long term vision for the Richland Riverfront or Downtown. Redesign and reuse of the facility would require demolition and new construction, an overall investment of more than \$1,500,000 would be required to bring this site in-line with anticipated development. Not-for-profit organizations in the community have expressed interest in leasing the space. However, the proposed leases have been at well below

market rates. When combined with the incompatibility of future development, leasing the space is not a viable approach to the site.

The property is currently zoned Parks and Public Facilities with the Land Use Designation of Developed Open Space. A land use action is currently being processed to change those to Central Business District Zoning and Land Use. Once approved, this will make the property consistent with the adjacent 650 George Washington Way property.

It is expected that this site will be combined with the negotiated disposition of 650 George Washington Way to create a larger viable commercial development. Among other conditions of the disposition, improvements to the Urban Greenbelt Trail will be required. These improvements will include a public space that links Howard Amon Park to the Urban Portion of the UGT. At this time, this request has received a positive recommendation from the Economic Development Committee and a positive with modifications recommendation from the Planning Commission (limiting the maximum building height to 50 feet).

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will not be a fiscal impact to surplus the facility. However, successful disposition will result in increased property tax, sales tax, and new capital infusion or ground lease revenue.

FINDINGS:

The City of Richland owns approximately 0.6 acre at 95 Amon Park Drive.

The property includes a former museum structure moved to the site and remodeled in 1996.

The property is currently vacant.

The City has received only below market offers for the lease of the property.

Disposition of this property in coordination with the adjacent property owned by the City will improve the development potential of both sites.

Disposition of this surplus property will result in stimulation of the City's economic base by providing new commercial development sites on which new businesses may locate.

Disposition of this surplus property may result in additional capital for economic development purposes.

Disposition of this surplus property will result in general revenue to the City over and above the tax yields by adding the land to the taxable land base, as well as providing capital resulting from the anticipated transaction.

APPLICABLE CODE:

3.06 SALE OR LEASE OF CITY REAL PROPERTY.

3.06.010 PURPOSE – POLICY – OBJECTIVES.

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to establish policies and procedures regarding the surplusage and the sale or lease of certain real property owned or otherwise controlled by the city.
- B. Policy. It shall be the policy of the city to consider sale or lease of real property owned or controlled by the city when such property is determined to be surplus to the needs of the city, and where it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the city council that sale or lease will best serve the public interest. For purposes of this chapter, the public interest will best be served when a transaction accomplishes one or more of the objectives listed in subsection (C) of this section.
- C. Objectives. The purpose and policies of this chapter are intended to accomplish the following basic objectives, which should be achieved in a balanced manner to ensure that none are over-emphasized to the detriment of the others:
 - 1. Stimulate the development of the city's economic base to provide employment opportunities and tax revenues for the city and other local taxing entities;
 - 2. Meet the financial obligations resulting from prior property transactions of the city;
 - 3. Provide capital for economic development purposes, for parkland operations (planning, acquisition, design, construction and maintenance and operation), and such other purposes as the council determines are necessary and appropriate; and
 - 4. Provide a source of general revenue to the city over and above the tax yields from such real property. [Ord. 24-84].

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A – Legal Description of the Property
Exhibit B – Property Summary Sheet

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Phil Pinard, Parks and Public Facilities Manager

DATE: October 9, 2014

SUBJECT: COLUMBIA BASIN BMX

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend ALLOCATION OF \$6,000 OF Undesignated Park reserve Funds for improvements to the BMX facility.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

I move that the Parks and Recreation Commission forward a recommendation to Council to allocate \$6,000 of Undesignated Park reserve Funds for Improvements to the BMX facility.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is approximately \$120,000 in the Undesignated Park Reserve Fund.

BACKGROUND

In 2013 Columbia Basin BMX (CBBMX) was awarded \$100,000 of Lodging Tax Funds to construct a restroom for the BMX facility at the Horn Rapids Athletic Complex. Through the Annual Capital Improvement Program staff requested \$30,000 to assist with the cost of the restroom but the request was not funded.

CBBMX has completed the construction of the restroom and are \$4,000 short of funds. They have inquired if the City would be willing to cover the \$4,000 of expenses over the \$100,000 of Lodging Tax Funds.

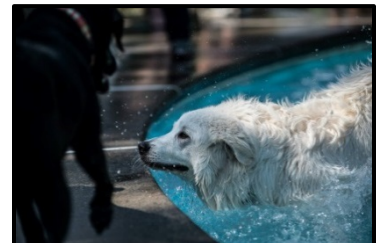
The City also contributed irrigation materials in the amount of \$2,013.53 to install irrigation in a turf area that had been expanded by CBBMX to provide additional viewing area for the state and national tournaments. Staff would like to have this amount allocated to the parks and facilities annual operating budget to offset this significant unanticipated cost

DIVISION REPORT

RECREATION

Pooch Plunge

Several dogs enjoyed splashing through the wading pool at Howard Amon Park for the two day event starting on Saturday, September 6. The Tri-City Dog Park Society's annual Pooch Plunge is an event to raise money for the society's goal to have three dog parks in the Tri-Cities, and to promote, establish and maintain off-leash dog parks in the Tri-Cities.



Lumberjack Nationals

Columbia Basin BMX was proud to host this National Event for USABMX, the well-attended event began on Friday, September 12. The Columbia Basin BMX is known as a top level BMX racing facility in the Desert Pacific Northwest.



Early Registration Day

Parks and Public Facilities offered an Early Registration Day for the Youth Basketball program on Saturday, Sept 13th from 10:00am-2:00pm. "Early Registration Day" offered participants a chance to register at the lowest possible price. This is the first time Recreation has offered an early registration day and a total of 134 kids enrolled. Last season only 58 participants registered in youth basketball by the end of September. Encouraging participants to register early makes it easier for Recreation Staff to find coaches and form teams prior to the beginning of the season as well as lessening the last minute rush at the registration deadline.



Sweater Weather Public Relations

Tri-City Herald, September 14, 2014 -

"If the tree isn't too ashamed to wear it, I will let him wear it," said Norton, president of the Richland Seniors Association. "But it may not want to."

Norton is doing her part to support the city of Richland's "Sweater Weather: Fashion for the Urban Forest" art event, where trees in Howard Amon and Leslie Groves parks will be wrapped in homemade sweaters Oct. 4. and remain bundled through the month. Hundreds of trees are available for wrapping. Maps can be found on the city of Richland's website.

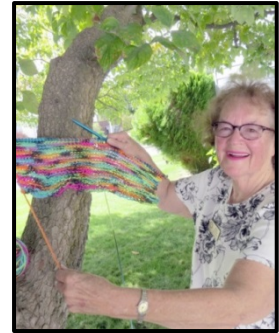
Good Morning Northwest, September 12, 2014 -

Parks and Recreation manager Laurel Strand, hopes the event mirrors a similar endeavor in Seattle's Occidental Park a few years ago when several dozen trees, lamp posts and poles were wrapped in colorful sheaths -- or "yarn bombed." Bringing a similar event to Richland was broached in late 2013 by the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, Strand said.

The goal is to mix art and activity and engage the community in both.

The event is paid for by donation and organized through volunteer efforts, Strand said.

Several awards -- mayor's choice, people's choice, Parks and Recreation Commission's choice and Park Ranger's choice -- will be bestowed upon fan favorites. Visitors can upload their photos to the city's website. Find more information at <http://bit.ly/richlandsweater>.



The Re/Max Balloon

On Friday, September 12 one of the most recognized corporate symbols was present for viewing at Columbia Point Marina Park. At seven stories tall, the RE/MAX Hot Air Balloon grabs attention wherever it flies.

First introduced at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in 1978, the balloon perfectly represented the RE/MAX network's "Above the Crowd" commitment to quality. Today, the nearly 120 RE/MAX Hot Air Balloons in operation comprise the largest fleet on the planet.



Successful Walk/Run

On Saturday, September 13 the riverfront trail was occupied with over 150 participants for the “Teal to Toe Ovarian Cancer Together” walk/run. This event was featured on KNDU news and also raised \$4000 towards local ovarian cancer awareness and support.



Kids Fun Friday

Parks and Facilities Department hosted the third annual Kids Fun Friday which took place on Friday, September 5th at Badger Mountain Park. The event featured a number of backyard games, tennis games hosted by the United States Tennis Association, Big Top the Clown making balloon animals for the kids and the Diamond Demon pitching machine. The event concluded with the showing of “The Lego Movie” on the huge outdoor movie screen. The event was very well attended this year with great activities combined with beautiful weather.



2014 Senior Picnic

On Thursday, September 18th the City of Richland was host for the 21st Annual All-Senior Picnic. Seniors were treated to a delicious lunch, great door prizes and exciting entertainment provided by *Tubaluba*, a brass band from Seattle, WA. This was well-attended event with over 750 participants, enjoying 36 vendors and over 160 volunteers. An attendee made sure staff was aware of how much she enjoyed the event. *“On a scale of 1 to 100, this event was a 200. I was treated like a queen!”* The picnic is a cooperative event supported by Kennewick, Pasco, Richland and West Richland. A special thanks to all our sponsors; Richland Senior Association, Humana, JEA Senior Living, Kadlec Regional Medical Center, Lourdes Health Network.



Chamna Chase

On Saturday, September 27th, Nomad Trail Runners of Eastern Washington, a nonprofit group, hosted the Chamna Chase at Chamna Natural Preserve. The Chamna Chase is a 5K and 10K fun run. The event had 53 finishers in the 5K and 59 finishers in the 10K race. Seven of those individuals ran both races and the overall winner of both races was the same person! A lot of the participants brought family members along to help volunteer and cheer on the runners. Most of the participants came from within an hour drive of Richland, but there were few that traveled from the west side of the state and even a couple of the participants were from Colorado and California. Participants enjoyed the local food vendors and good weather.



2014 Area Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

On Thursday, September 25th, the Richland Parks and Recreation Commission and Parks and Public Facilities staff attended the 2014 Area Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting hosted by Kennewick Parks and Recreation Commission. Each year park commission members from Richland, West Richland, Pasco, Kennewick and Benton County gather together to share accomplishments and recommendations regarding the planning, development, maintenance and advancement of park systems.

LIBRARY

Social Security Planning Workshop

Social Security Planning for Women workshops were held on September 9th and 10th. These free workshops were co-sponsored with Liebe-Thompson Financial Planners.



Project Linus

“Quilting in the Library” started back up after having the summer months off. This popular program allows people to bring their sewing machines and projects to work on once a month. This is co-sponsored with **Project Linus**, a local organization that provides quilts to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. The local chapter has donated over 16,000 handmade blankets and quilts since 2002 to local children.

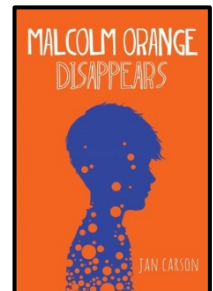


The Washington State Commission on African American Affairs held its commissioners/public meeting at the library on Friday, September 12th.



Library Hosts Author, Jan Carson

Author, Jan Carson is on a worldwide book tour from her home in Belfast Ireland and she made a stop in Richland! Local entrepreneurs from **&yet** sponsored her to speak at the library on Friday, September 12th in the evening. They also paid for catering for this event.



Toastmasters

On Saturday, September 13th the Toastmasters held an area speech contest in the Gallery.



Summer Reading Program

The final numbers for Summer Reading show that reading is still alive and well in Richland, with a total of 1,526 children, 330 teens and 62 adults registered for the summer reading programs held at the library.



Raspberry Pi

The library is creating a Raspberry Pi users group. They held their first meeting on Saturday, September 6th. Eighteen people ranging in age from ten to over sixty, showed up to help build these tiny computers that will check out from the library.



The Raspberry Pi is a credit-card sized computer that plugs into your TV and a keyboard. It is a capable little computer which can be used in electronics projects, and for many of the things that your desktop PC does, like spreadsheets, word-processing and games. It also plays high-definition video. The library is hoping to see it being used to learn how computers work, how to manipulate the electronic world around them, and how to program.

Library Conference

Library Manager, Ann Roseberry co-presented at the Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference that was held in Tacoma. Ann's session was titled ***Growing Your Own: Mentoring, Continuing Education and Leadership Opportunities.***



Sundays Are Back!

The library opened back up on Sundays 1:00-5:00 p.m., after being closed on Sunday during the summer months.



Update

Jennifer Pharr Davis, the hiking author who spoke at the library last week, was invited by one of the members of the Intermountain Alpine Club to spend another night in Richland at her residence. Jennifer, her husband and daughter were delighted to stay a little longer in Richland and spent some time visiting local wineries and hiking trails.



Identity Theft Seminar

On September 16th the Haberling Financial Group and Officer Rick Kane from the Richland Police Department presented an Identity Theft Seminar.



Soil Web Training

On September 18th the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service presented a Workshop for Soils Web Training geared to agricultural producers.



Artists' Reception

On September 18th the Library hosted an artists' reception for the children who painted canvases donated by Monkey Dooz as part of the summer reading program. Children also participated in a craft project where they could make artist trading cards with a dot theme.

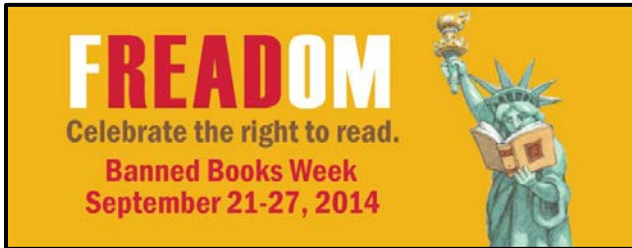
Girl Develop It

On Saturday, September 20th the library co-hosted a workshop with Girl Develop It, Tri-Cities for women of all ages who are interested in learning more about computer programming, and website development. This seminar also instructs women on how to negotiate salary and benefits for a technical professional position and to maintain professional relationships. There were approximately 90 participants and it was a huge success.



Banned Books Week

This was ***Banned Books Week***, an annual event promoted by the American Library Association to bring awareness of book titles that have been banned or challenged through history. The Richland Public Library staff set up book displays and promoted this through social media.



Many of the titles are award winning books that would surprise you. This generated a lot of dialogue between staff and library users.

Cyberbullying / Internet Safety

On Tuesday, September 23rd Officer Muai of the Richland Police Department did a cyberbullying / internet safety presentation for the students of Delta High School.



Public Meetings at the Library

On Tuesday, September 23rd, the Benton Conservation District and Mid-Columbia Fisheries held a citizens meeting to evaluate design alternatives on a proposed fish habitat project in the Yakima River.

On Wednesday, September 24th, Perma-Fix Northwest hosted a public meeting for a class 3 permit modification request to install an evaporation process for liquid mixed waste.

On Thursday, September 25th, the Department of Ecology hosted a public meeting in regards to geographical response plans for the Columbia River.

PARKS & FACILITIES

Columbia Point Golf Course

Work has begun this week to modify hole #14 of the Columbia Point Golf Course. There is a large sand, waste bunker that will be reduced in size and replaced with a rolling grass mound. The work will reduce labor expense of the sand bunker and improve playability of the hole.



PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

Stevens Park Restroom

Ryan Warrens Eagle Scout project is underway at Stevens Park. Ryan has completed the excavation and footing forms for the foundation of the restroom.

Heritage Hills Park

The Sundance Ridge HOA has completed the improvements to Heritage Hills Park.



Gala Park

Parks and Facilities crews have finished assembling the playground structure and work has begun on the concrete sidewalks. The playground safety surface installation is scheduled for October 13th.



Howard Amon Park

Southwest Washington Contractors Association from Seattle Washington have completed the mitigation portion of the irrigation project. Bids are due on October 7th for the contraction of the irrigation system.

Service/Volunteer Projects

- 1) Nate Heiden, for his Eagle Scout Project painted two picnic shelters at Badger Mt. Park.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Oct	Sweater Weather: Fashion for the Urban Forest	
Oct 4	Down Syndrome Awareness Association Central Howard Amon Park & Trail	
Oct 4	Desert Thunder Lighted MX	Horn Rapids ORV Park
Oct 11	Bethlehem Lutheran School	Central Howard Amon Park
October 4-5	TCGFSA 3-Rivers Rally Softball	Columbia Playfield
Oct 18	TC Pregnancy Network Walk for Life	South Howard Amon Park
Oct 24	Fall Carnival	Community Center
Oct 25-26	Black Widow MX Series	Horn Rapids ORV Park
Oct 26	3RRR Tri City Marathon	Riverfront Trail
Nov 8-9	Black Widow MX Series	Horn Rapids ORV Park
Dec 5-6	Winter Wonderland	John Dam Plaza, Howard Amon
Dec 31	First Night Tri-Cities	TBD