

## 2023 Chamber Events

### Chamber Monthly Luncheons

The first Wednesday\* of each month we have a Chamber Membership Networking Luncheon. Chamber Luncheons are a great way to network with other businesses and build a rapport. Each month there is a different guest speaker, so a variety of topics are offered to our members throughout the year. Each luncheon, lunch is catered by one of our Chamber Members.

#### Save these dates:

January 11<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
February 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
April 5<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
June 7<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
August 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
September 13<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
October 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm  
November 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

### West Richland Easter Egg Hunt

#### Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

Since 1999, The West Richland Community Easter Egg Hunt has been a great family event. The Easter Egg Hunt is hosted by Benton County Fire District #4. BCFD#4 partners for this event include West Richland Police, Red Mountain Lions Club, Benton REA, and WR Chamber. Volunteers gather on April 1<sup>st</sup> to help fill over 20,000 eggs for the event on April 8<sup>st</sup>. Over 2,000 children attended the day of the event!

### National Night Out

#### Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

It is our privilege to support the West Richland Police Department on their Crime Prevention Event the first Tuesday of every August!

National Night Out is about strengthening partnerships between the community and the police. The West Richland Chamber helps to keep our local community safe by supporting this yearly event. We believe in honoring and acknowledging our local heroes in Law Enforcement. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your local Police Officers and thank them for a job well done!

### Department of Veterans Affairs

#### Regional Site Veterans Day Parade

#### Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Over the past 18 years, the West Richland Chamber has been able to secure the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Site designation from Washington DC. West Richland is *one of only three cities* in Washington state and the only one put on by a Chamber of Commerce with this Regional Site distinction. In fact, we host the only designated Regional Site Veterans Days Parade east of the mountains!

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs selects the regional sites each year for the Veterans Day Commemoration. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs notifies the governor of our selection to encourage support of our Veterans Day activities.

Since 1999, this event has grown over the years to have 100+ entries, with over 1,200 people in the parade. More than 3,000+ people attend the parade each November. Please join us to celebrate our Veterans.

Support our local Veterans and their families by sponsoring and/or entering our regional celebration. Following the parade, there is a Chili Feed hosted by CVI. Profits from the Chili Feed help provide new flags for the monuments around this region.

## **West Richland Chamber and Combat Veterans International Motorcycle Raffle**

The West Richland Chamber and Combat Veterans International have partnered together to put on the raffle fundraiser to support both entities over these past 18 years. It's been our privilege to purchase the motorcycle from Bruce Hines with Tri-City Cycle Works in West Richland for the past 3 years. CVI and the Grand Marshal of the parade will be drawing the winning ticket for the Motorcycle Raffle after the parade November 11, 2023

## **Operation We Care Tri-Cities Holiday Family Outreach Program – December**

Since 1999 we have worked with the Richland School District and the local Veterans Coalition to help local families in need by providing Christmas gifts, clothing, and food.

With support and in collaboration with our partners from the West Richland Chamber; City of West Richland; WR Police Department; Benton REA; and the Benton County Fire District #4, Operation We Care Tri-Cities helps to make the holiday season a little brighter within our community.

Through Chamber Members, generous volunteers, and the West Richland Community as a whole, we work together to make this possible. Together we can change the lives of those in need within our community. Our main goal is to put joy and happiness in our local families' lives.

## **Chamber Bucks Ball Awards Banquet Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Chamber Bucks Ball Awards Banquet is a great way for our Chamber Members to Shine! Chamber Members are nominated based on their community involvement. The West Richland Chamber recognizes community leaders for their outstanding service within the community.

Award categories include Outstanding Business; Outstanding Chamber Member; Outstanding Volunteer; and Community Spirit.

The Chamber Bucks Ball Awards Banquet is a great time to be had! Join your friends for an evening of fun! There will be a live Chamber Bucks auction, music, and an amazing dinner!