

# CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING

## The City of Richland Wants You to Volunteer! Recruiting Members Now For its Board, Commissions and Committees.

Serving on a board, commission or committee is one way Richland citizens can volunteer and get involved with their city government. Richland's various boards, commissions and committees serve the City in numerous different ways, to include rendering advice to City Council, deciding appeals or civil violations, reviewing and making recommendations on land use and other related regulations, and taking public testimony on the City's behalf. Most appointments to the City's boards, commissions and committees are made by the Richland City Council.

Upcoming openings for adults include the Arts Commission, Board of Adjustment, Code Enforcement Board, Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission. In addition, there are youth positions open on the Arts Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The positions will be posted for a two-week period between January 27 and February 10. For more information call the City Clerk's Office at 509-942-7389 or apply online at [www.ci.richland.wa.us/bccvacancies](http://www.ci.richland.wa.us/bccvacancies).

### WHAT DOES EACH BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE DO?

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#### Arts Commission

Supports City Council by encouraging and supporting the arts in Richland to improve the quality of life, strengthen economic development and revitalize the community. The Arts Commission serves as an advisory body to City Council and staff to provide expertise on visual, performing and literary arts to enrich the cultural life of the community.

#### Board of Adjustment

Hears and decides requests for reduction in the number of parking spaces required when parking is jointly shared between two or more uses; hears and decides applications for special use permits for special uses as specifically authorized under RMC 23.46.025(B); grants or denies variances to the regulations or restrictions in Title 23 of the Richland Municipal Code upon a finding that the variance is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of Title 23 RMC.

#### Code Enforcement Board

Conducts hearings on civil violations of the Richland Municipal Code (RMC); determines whether a civil violation of the RMC has occurred; assesses monetary penalties in instances where the Board determines that civil violations of the RMC have occurred; adopts rules of procedure for hearings concerning civil violations of the RMC; conducts hearings on appeal of any notice of civil trespass issued under Chapter 2.34 RMC; performs such other duties and provides such additional information, assistance and advice to the City Council as the City Council may request or direct.

#### Parks and Recreation Commission

Serves as an advisor to City Council in order to promote parks, trails, open space and recreation for the City; provides recommendations on matters related to the provision of parks and recreation facilities and services that promote healthy lifestyles and contribute to the quality of life for all citizens; regularly reviews and provides recommendations on updating the parks, trails and open space master plan and the individual venue master plans based on needs assessments, utilization data, staff proposals, and public input; and reviews and recommends rules and regulations for the use of public grounds, facilities and equipment.

#### Planning Commission

Prepares a comprehensive plan for the orderly physical and social development of the City; recommend regulations, amendments, extensions or additions to regulations or plans for the physical development of the City in the interest of health, safety or general welfare; reviews federal requirements for the administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs and makes recommendations on program procedures; reviews CDBG grant applications and makes recommendations to City Council; serves as an advisory body to the City Council as directed.

