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City of Richland: Development, progress highlight the year ahead

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At the City of Richland, “progress” is a term that absolutely aligns with our outlook for the coming year.

Citizens will see some significant capital projects advance in 2018 after years of diligent planning and preparation. These efforts would not be possible without the commitment of our staff, the vision of our City Council, or the support of our trusted partners.

In October 2017, we broke ground on our new City Hall. The site, adjacent to our existing facility at the corner of Swift Boulevard and Jadwin Avenue, will bring together three of our aging facilities into one location, allowing for a “one-stop-shop” and added convenience for our citizens.

Much of the underground work is underway and we look forward to seeing the building come to life. The expected project completion is Spring 2019. The existing City Hall facility, built in 1958, is in disrepair.

Once vacated, the building will be demolished and the prime real estate property will be sold for commercial development. This is an exciting project and an integral new piece to Downtown. We are pleased to see continued growth and expansion along our Swift corridor.



In addition, in February 2018, we celebrated the groundbreaking on the long-anticipated Duportail Bridge. This massive effort will further connect south Richland with our waterfront, as well as assist in alleviating traffic congestion.

The bridge will allow for faster emergency response and provide a much needed water line upgrade for distribution of city water to south Richland. This area continues to develop at a steady pace, bringing new economic development opportunities and additional amenities for our citizens.

Economic Development opportunities abound and we are thrilled to see some new businesses come to Richland!

Richland's industrial sector continues to expand. In 2017, the Washington State National Guard purchased property for a future readiness center. We also saw the opening of Lamb Weston's new processing line, a \$200 million dollar investment and an increase in over 160 new jobs.

Roads and utilities also took great leaps forward, with the completion of Logan Road in the Horn Rapids Industrial Park, which opened up nearly 250 acres of land for job growth and development.



Vibrant and trend-setting franchises including Panera Bread, MOD Pizza, Orange Theory, and Party City launched their regional presence in Richland. The Lodge at Columbia Point offers unique luxury accommodations while highlighting our highly regarded wine industry. Li'l Firehouse Coffee transformed the iconic Bombers Drive Thru into a popular coffee stop.

These are just a few examples of business success. We love to see diverse industries find a home in our community.

Richland continues to be a leader in executing a variety of community events. With remarkable amenities such as the HAPO Community Stage at John Dam Plaza, and with the support of community partners, we continue to plan and carry out free, family-friendly festivals and events. In the coming year, you can continue to expect our signature community events, and anticipate exciting new entertainment and recreation opportunities.

In January 2018, we welcomed two new City Council members, Michael Alvarez and Ryan Lukson. These individuals

were sworn-in along with re-elected members, Sandra Kent and Mayor Bob Thompson. They join Brad Anderson, Phil Lemley, and Mayor Pro Tem Terry Christensen, each currently serving 4 year terms. We will continue to look to these seven individuals to guide strategic planning efforts and lead in making important decisions for Richland's future.

We encourage our citizens to stay involved and informed. Follow us on social media for up-to-date information on city news and events. Our website is also an excellent resource. Visit us at www.ci.richland.wa.us.



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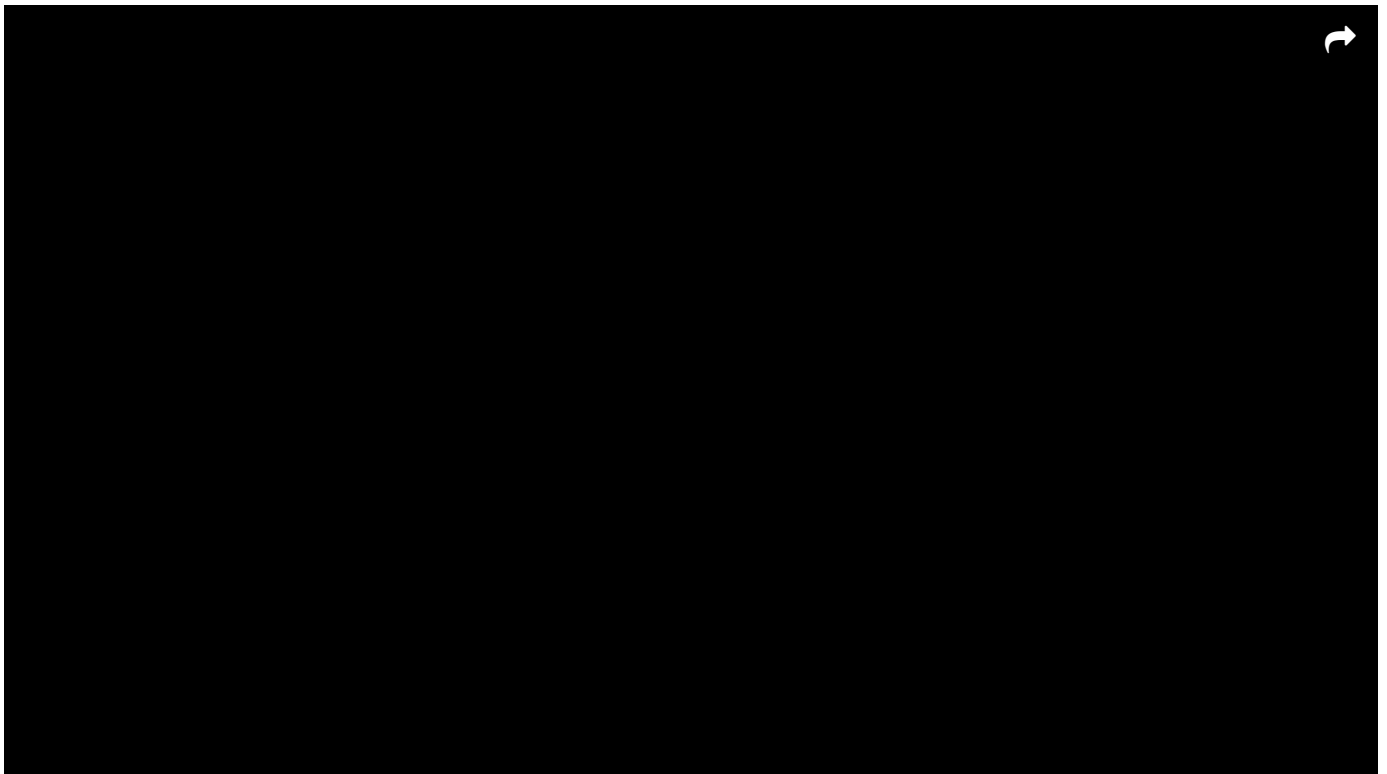
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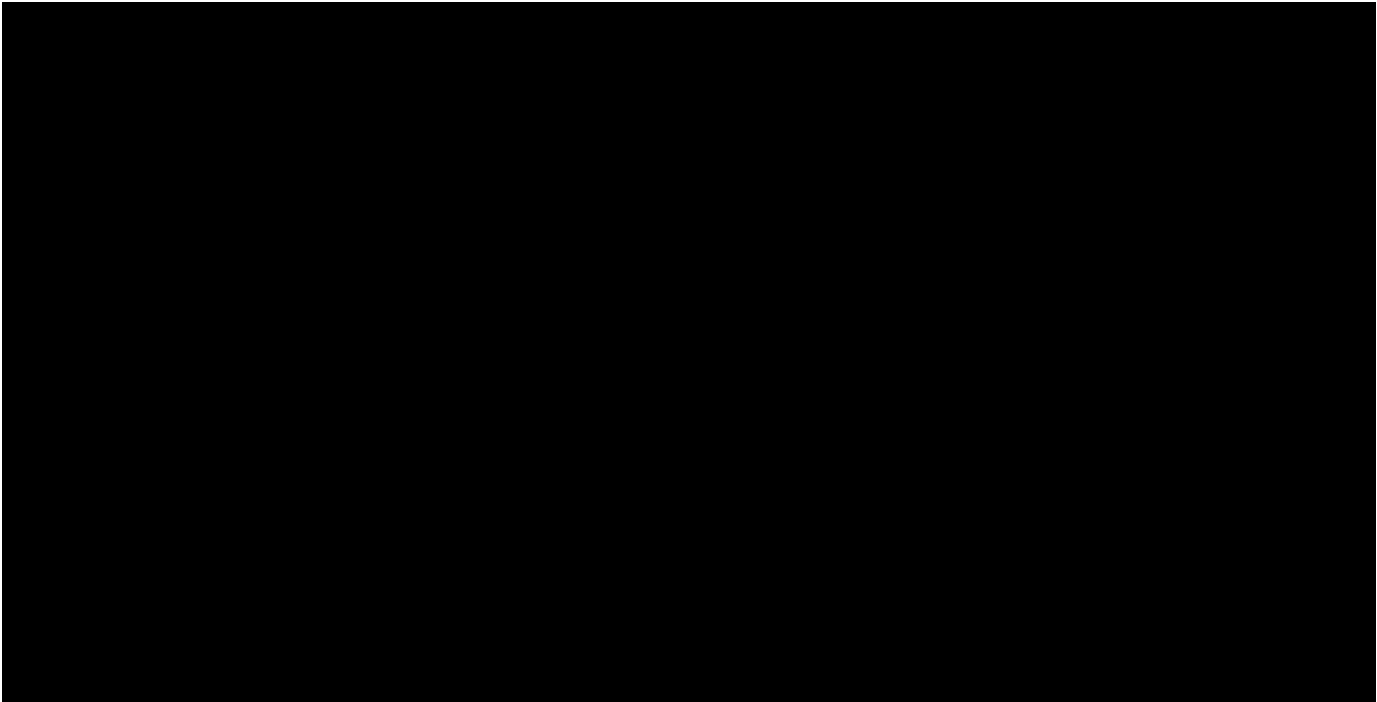
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