

Quality of Life

Vision for Quality of Life:

A community enjoying a high quality of life for its diverse people.

10-Year Outcomes and Goals:

- Provide a variety of first-class recreational activities appealing to all ages
- Offer a health-care system promoting healthy lifestyle and providing quality medical care for everyone
- Have a prevailing sense of security in all area neighborhoods
- Offer social services focusing on positive childhood experiences, prevention of social injustice, and serving the needs of the elderly
- Provide a community education system preparing students for productive lives and supporting life-long learning
- Offer arts and entertainment providing vibrant, frequent, and appealing leisure activity for our diverse people

Key Measures of Success Over 10 Years:

1. Development of a first class indoor aquatic center for competitive recreation and local use
2. The community, health care providers, governmental and social service agencies working together to provide a comprehensive and complementary health delivery system for all area residents, young and old, rich and poor, insured and uninsured.
3. The three area hospitals (Kadlec, Kennewick, and Lourdes) share a common vision for patient care
4. Success with theatre and galleries puts the local Arts and Entertainment District “on the map”

Accomplishments During 2003:

1. Recreation:
 - The moving wall will be on exhibit from November 2-9, 2003. The exhibit is in conjunction with the West Richland Chamber of Commerce Veterans’ Day Parade.
 - Design and Planning under way for West Richland’s new 7-½ acre expansion of the Bombing Range Sports Complex.
 - City of Richland is placing interpretive kiosks in their Parkway area.
 - \$1.4 million project to replace the 50-year-old George Prout Pool is underway with an opening date of June 14th.
 - To commemorate the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial, the Tri-Cities Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Council is coordinating Lewis & Clark Heritage Day; “Down the Great Columbia” to take place at Sacajawea State Park on October 18.

- Multi-use dock located on the Columbia River at the end of Lee Boulevard. Project is currently 50% constructed.
- Opening of Children's Water Feature at Columbia Park, opening Memorial Day weekend.

2. Health Care:

- Hosting Washington Health Foundation Community Health Roundtable (May 6)
- Lourdes broke ground on Kania Clinic in West Pasco off of Road 68
- Kadlec opened new Imaging Center and opened a new Medial Building in South Richland.
- Facilitated community discussion on local mental health system
- The Benton Franklin Community Health Alliance joins the Quality of Life task force of the Community Roundtable

3. Social Services:

- Benton Franklin United Way concluded its 2002 drive raising over \$4.35 million
- The allocation process and community grant process for 2003 funding is under way

4. Arts & Entertainment:

- Richland Parkway renovation complete
- The Richland Public Facilities District has been formed and is currently examining potential projects for the enrichment of arts, entertainment, and cultural resources
- Three Rivers Carousel organization is formed with the purpose of acquiring historic carousel
- Completed 3000 ft. link of riverfront trail in Richland that includes a new parking lot, landscaping, lighting and seating
- Lighting of Pasco Softball complex allowing for increased tournament play

5. Crime & Security:

- Congressman Doc Hastings champions federal funding for the Bicounty Police Information Network (BI-PIN)
- Benton County allocates \$1.8 million for BI-PIN project
- Benton County Justice Center formally opens