

Quick Fact:

City Water Usage

June 2018

53,496,000

June 2017

51,548,000

YTD 2018

134,601,000

Total 2017

502,241,000

Your City Representatives

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City News



Coming Soon...City of College Place Stormwater Utility

There's a change coming to the City of College Place. In a letter dated October 25, 2017, the city received a notification from the Department of Ecology requiring the city to apply for a permit under the July 2019 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit cycle. What does that mean? That means we will be required to comply with the Clean Water Act (Act), a storm water permit program, established by Congress in 1972. "Storm water" is surface run-off generated by rain storms that can carry pollutants (like oils, sediments, etc.) into creeks and water bodies. The Act regulates point sources (like outfalls from streets) that discharge storm water pollutants into the "waters of the United States". "Waters of the United States" is broadly defined, so that means that our stormwater discharges to Garrison Village Way, Stone Creek, Military Springs... etc., trigger the requirements of the Act...and that means being on the hook to establish a stormwater program to comply with the Act.

The permit requires compliance in six different areas: Public Education and Outreach, Public Involvement and Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control, Post-Construction Stormwater Management for New Development and Redevelopment, Municipal Operations and Maintenance, and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) levels established for our streams.

Without going into detail on each of those requirements, suffice it to say that we have our work cut out for us. For cities our size, annual program costs typically run about \$1,000,000 a year. That's a lot and would translate into having to charge residents, on average, about \$23 each month. Instead, the city is looking at trimming costs by charging rates for only the operational activities (educational outreach, illicit discharge and elimination enforcement, construction site monitoring, testing, compliance tracking, etc.)

and relying on grants to finance the construction of facilities. There are some risks to this approach. Aggressive compliance with the permit is what provides cover from third-party lawsuits by special interest groups seeking to preserve stream habitat and water quality. Still, we think this will cover our operational costs while mapping out a strategy for installing long-term stormwater infrastructure that should satisfy third-party concerns. Taking this approach, we are looking at a flat monthly rate of \$9.20 for each of our residential customers with other customers paying based on how much stormwater they produce relative to an average residential lot. Some non-residential property owners have installed stormwater facilities and the rate structure we are exploring would provide a partial credit (up to \$2.30 per month) to reflect their reduced contribution to the public system.

So when does this all happen? That's still a bit up in the air, but right now the plan is to adopt a final rate structure by the end of September with an open credit application period between October to mid-November for those property owners who have installed storm water facilities on their property.

Stay tuned...when it rains, it pours.



National Night Out at Pioneer Park—Come Join Us!

National Night Out is a FREE crime prevention/drug prevention, family fun event. Kick off starts at 5:00pm on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 with an Emergency Services Parade that will wind into Pioneer Park from Alder Street. There will be 9 Emergency Services Agencies represented at National Night Out (NNO) and about 32 organizations will be offering games and prizes to the kids. Walla Walla Area Crime Watch will be raffling off several backpacks filled with school supplies. There will be FREE hot dogs, DQ Dilly bars and gun locks.

NNO is also when the Chief for a Day participants will be introduced. Chief for a Day honors 9 kids, who will represent 9 Emergency Services Agencies by dressing in full Agency uniform! These are kids who have a life-long disability or life-threatening health condition. Come out to Pioneer Park on August 7th and join in the festivities, while honoring the Chief for a Day participants!



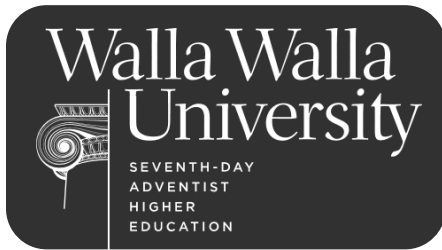
Chief Adrian
College Place Fire Department's "Chief for a Day"



Chief Emery!
College Place Police's
"Chief for a Day"



Social Work Student Counsels At-Risk Youth In The Valley



As a military veteran and a father, Andrew Riley has built a reputation for serving his country, family, and community. Riley graduated from Walla Walla University in June with a bachelor of social work degree and will start work on a master of social work degree at WWU this fall.

For eight years, Riley served in the infantry in the U.S. Marine Corps, including time spent in Ramadi, Iraq. After returning home, he struggled to apply his combat skills to the civilian workforce. “Nobody cares how fast you can load machine guns and how good you are with explosives,” he said. “I realized that I was kind of pigeonholed in my career.”

Riley decided to enroll in college and “remake” himself. He knew he needed to choose a major that would prepare him to serve others. “I felt like I needed to give after taking for a while,” he said. He joined the WWU social work program because of its versatility and focus on others.

When the time came to think about completing his senior social work practicum, Riley knew he didn’t want to sit in a cubicle and that he wanted a placement where he could work with youth. He feels strongly that if disadvantaged people can get the help they need during their teenage years that they will be better equipped to handle future challenges. The Children’s Home Society of Washington turned out to be the perfect match.

During this past school year, Riley interned for the CHS at the Walla Walla County Juvenile Justice Center where the CHS offers counseling and intervention services to youth. Riley’s day-to-day work included shadowing his supervisor and building relationships with youth.

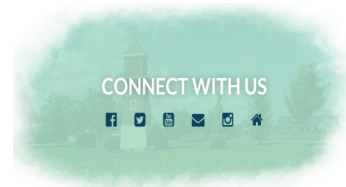
Through his research and practicum experience, Riley realized that “juvenile justice seems to be a blind spot in the American public’s vision.” Incarcerated youth face a host of challenges that the general population doesn’t see. Organizations like the CHS offer detained juveniles a chance to have productive conversations, but Riley says there is a deficit of social workers willing to work with this population. He hopes that will change.

Riley hopes to one day work at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Walla Walla. His experience with juvenile justice, homeless populations, and military veterans may help him achieve that goal. The desire to help people is the force that has guided Riley for the past 33 years, and it’s the force that will continue to guide him through his professional career.

You can learn more about the WWU School of Social Work and Sociology at wallawalla.edu/socialwork.



Stay connected for more information on upcoming events!



Thursdays 4-7 PM
City of College Place

Farmers MARKET

At Lions Park

SE Larch Ave & 8th St

Community Calendar



Aug 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM – College Place Farmer's Market @ Lions Park (SE Larch & 8th)

Aug 6th at 5:00 PM – Economic Development, Tourism, & Events Commission

Aug 7th at 5:00 PM-7:30 PM– National Night Out @ Pioneer Park

Aug 7th at 5:30 PM – City Council Workshop

Aug 9th at 8:00 AM-3:00 PM – CPPS Back to School Registration Fair at College Place High School (1755 College Ave)

Aug 9th at 8:00 PM – Movies in the Park! Sponsored by *College Place Lions Club* @ Lions Park (SE Larch & 8th)

Aug 14th & 28th at 7:00 PM – City Council Meeting

Aug 16th at 4:00 PM - Historic Preservation Commission

Aug 16th at 8:00 PM – Movies in the Park! Sponsored by *Walla Walla Noon Rotary Club & Pocketinet* @ Lions Park

Aug 21st at 7:00 PM - Planning Commission

Aug 24th at 7:30 AM – Park, Arbor & Recreation Board

Aug 27th at 4:30 PM – Youth Advisory Board

Unless specified all events are at
City Hall— 625 S. College Ave

Community Meetup Spot



The College Place Police Department realizes the issues or possible concerns when making an internet purchase and then product exchange. If a purchase is made on the internet and a safe place is needed, the College Place Police Department has designated parking spots at the front of the Police Building to conduct the exchange. This location has video surveillance.



The College Place Police Department located at 619 S. College Avenue in College Place.