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## Mayor's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, where heartwarming family memories were created, a tasty and filling meal was shared, and where you shared all you are thankful for with family and friends.

Even though some leaves are still falling and blowing around the streets of College Place in the chilly wind, winter is not that far away. Paul Hartwig, our Public Works Director, has informed us that his team is prepared to clear and sand roads in case of snow. Please remember to use extra caution when driving conditions are icy, snow packed, and foggy. Slow down, turn on vehicle lights, and make sure you have at least a half a tank of gas at all times. Also, remember, be a good neighbor, it is your responsibility to clear the sidewalks around your property. Your safety is a priority for us, please let us know if you see any dangerous road conditions, street/traffic light outages, or consistent areas of unsafe driving.

During the month of November, I had the privilege of attending the Walla Walla Valley Hispanic-American Lions Club meeting, where I learned about the volunteer activities they are participating in throughout the area. It was wonderful to hear them share their passion for serving. They are seeking additional opportunity to volunteer and serve, where they can utilize both their English and Spanish speaking skills, so if you have any suggestions or are interested in learning about the WWV Hispanic-American Lions Club, I am sure they would love to hear from you.

I, along with Mike Rizzitiello, our City Administrator, spent some time meeting with the Walla Walla Valley Rural Library District and the Executive Team at Walla Walla University (WWU). Things are progressing quickly in regards to having a great library facility right here in our city, and I hope to be able to share some news on an interim location in the near future. As for WWU, we continue to foster a strong partnership with them, one that

will keep our city moving forward and serves the students of WWU well. I appreciate their willingness to work with the city on making College Place an attractive place for business, living, and quality higher education. Sadly, I need to share that there has been an increase of crime in our city. Car prowls and thefts; package thefts from porches, drug and gang activity were all reported to the College Place Police Department in the last few months. On the evening of Oct. 31st, not long after our very successful and fun Fall Festival ended, and while families were still out trick-or-treating, there was a drive by shooting in our city. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but sheer danger and lack of consideration for the safety of innocent lives is unacceptable. Therefore, I urge you, my neighbors, to keep a lookout and be aware of what is going on in your neighborhood; watch out for your neighbors and their properties, and always report any suspicious activity. As we tell our children about school safety, "See Something-Say Something." Let's work together to keep College Place a safe and great place to live by not ignoring illegal activity.

We have some great events coming up in December that you are sure not to want to miss! On Thursday, December 5th, from 4 pm-7 pm is College Place Winterfest 2019 with vendors and fun kid's activities at the Fire Station, Lighted Parade on College Avenue beginning at 5:30 pm (who does not love to see that gigantic lighted bike?), the City's Christmas Tree lighting at the Municipal Campus at 6:45 pm, and fireworks (sponsored by Columbia REA) at 4th and Davis at 7 pm. And of course, a visit from Santa Claus following the parade over at the Fire Station. Make it a wonderful family affair for all the young and young at heart-its tradition worthy! Also on Tuesday, December 10th, at 11 am, a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at The Express gas station for the official opening of two Electronic Vehicle Charging Stations that will be for public use. A heartfelt "gracias" to The Express and WWU for generously donating the space and electricity. It is certainly an exciting time to live and work in College Place!

Lastly, my sincerest wishes from my family to yours, for a very Merry Christmas filled with blessings of love, laughter, and a new year filled with joy!

With a thankful heart,  
Norma L. Hernández  
Mayor  
City of College Place

*Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, the Nextdoor app, and join us during City Council meetings to keep current on City events and news. Council meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month starting at 7 pm. City Council workshops, where issues that will be presented to the City Council for voting, occur every first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. Come learn about the important work the staff is doing, plans for our city, and how our city is run. I hope to see you there!*





# Winterfest 2019

Thursday, December 5th, 4:00 to 7:00 PM

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*More Powerful Together!*

*Vendors at College Place Fire Station.....4:00 to 7:00*

*Kid Activities at the Fire Station.....4:00 to 6:30*

*Christmas Music by James Dean Kindle.....4:00 to 6:30*

*Lighted Parade on College Avenue.....5:30*

*Parade Awards Announcement.....6:30*

*Tree Lighting @ Municipal Campus.....6:45*

*Fireworks @ 4th & Davis.....7:00*

*Santa visits at the Fire Station following the parade*



## HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING



Walla Walla area Boy Scouts of America, Troop 305 will be picking up your unwanted holiday tree on January 11 and 12. All neighborhoods will be covered; however, if your tree is NOT picked up by the evening of January 12, you may send an email to: [treepickup@troop305.net](mailto:treepickup@troop305.net). This e-mail will not be read before January 12, it is used only to locate missed trees. We are sorry, but due to the large number of trees we pick up, individual pick up times cannot be scheduled. Donations to the Boy Scouts are appreciated and will be used for Scouting activities.



**College Place  
Police Department**  
619 S College Avenue  
College Place, WA

### 2020 Dog Licenses

2020 dog licenses will go on sale starting Monday,  
December 9th!

Intact dogs: \$30.00  
Spayed/Neutered: \$15.00



**Blue Mountain  
Humane Society**  
7 George St.  
Walla Walla, WA

They can be purchased at either location.  
Tags are good for one year!

## Community Calendar

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM** – Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission.

**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM** – City Council Workshop.

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 – 7:00 PM** – College Place Winterfest (see pg. 3 for additional details)

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** – City Facilities Closed at Noon: Christmas Eve.

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** – City Facilities Closed: Christmas & Day After.

**Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM** – Park, Arbor & Recreation Board.

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>** – City Facilities Closed: New Year's Day Observed.

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

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