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A Message From The Mayor

On August 6th 2019 you're going to get an opportunity to vote to include the City of College Place in the Walla Walla County Rural Library District. You may ask... "why?" In 2017 the City commissioned a survey to determine what the citizens of the City would like to have added to our complement of City services. The two top requests were youth activities and access to library services. We now provide summer youth activities and are trying to provide more youth activities in the spring and fall. After looking at the options available to provide library services we determined that being a part of the Rural Library District was the best option for the City. So what does that mean? It means that the Rural Library District has committed to providing a library structure in the City in the next three years; they own property on College Avenue next to the High/Middle School complex. They are also looking for an interim facility to provide a library facility until their new library/service center is constructed. They have an extensive collection for their patron's use, including: 65,000 books, DVDs, audiobooks, and periodicals; access to 42 databases; and over a million digital items. Those digital items include music, movies, and on-line documents. The Rural Library District provides free on-line computer access, programs for all ages from babies to seniors, and a helpful friendly staff to assist you in your search for information or activities. I encourage you to engage with the library's staff when they are scheduled to be a vendor at our weekly Farmer's Market to discuss their activities, programs, and materials. If a majority of our voters elect to join the Rural Library District there will be an assessment based on property value to support the District, currently that assessment in \$0.47/per thousand assessed value.

Make your wishes known, vote on August 6th to determine if the City will become part of the Rural Library District.

The City of College Place is "well" underway and on the move!

Spring and summer is a busy time for the City of College Place! This month, we'd like to highlight a couple of our current infrastructure projects that are underway. Here they are:

"C" Street Reconstruction Project

Culbert Construction started reconstruction of "C" Street from College Avenue to Larch Avenue on Monday, June 3, 2019. This is a major project that first started design in 2015. After several unsuccessful attempts at funding the project, the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) came to the table and is contributing over half of the total estimated project or 72% of the road-related (non-utility) components.

The project is being constructed in two phases, with detours in place during this first phase between College Avenue through the Damson Avenue intersection. This is a full corridor reconstruction project. That means, besides replacing the roads and constructing continuous sidewalks on both sides of the road, we are replacing, water and sewer mains, stormwater lines and relocating utilities. We are also installing fiber conduit for future telecommunications rentals. We expect this part of the phase to wrap up roughly half way through the full project which is expected to be complete by the end of the year. Of course, you'll see the detour routes modified once the second phase starts. Thus far, the project is progressing and on schedule.

When the project is complete, we are looking forward to what amounts to a total transformation of a major city street that has been long overdue for replacement. Thank you for your patience during construction...especially if you live within or close to the project area.

Water System Consolidation Project (Well No. 1 Relocation)

Back in 2016, the Department of Health (DOH) approached the City with a request to absorb a small, private Class A water system (Christ Community Fellowship/Liberty Christian School) that was under a health order for high nitrates. At the same time, the City was beginning to experience concerns with two of the City's three municipal wells (fast forward a couple of years and one of those wells is now completely out of service with the second operationally unreliable...currently leaving only a single, reliable municipal well on line). To make a long story short, DOH offered to loan the City the necessary construction funds with 50% forgiveness to drill a new well and construct a looped water main if the City would assume the private water system. The City agreed.

On February 6, 2019, Schneider Water Services, was issued a notice to proceed and shortly thereafter began drilling a 24" replacement well just north of the Peppers Bridge/McMinn Road intersection. Though the total well drilling depth was originally estimated at 700 feet, water production through the various strata was monitored and the drilling was stopped on Tuesday, June 18 at a depth of ---828 feet below the ground surface. Once a well test is completed to confirm the amount of sustained yield, final design on the well house and facilities will be completed.

At the same time, Tapani, Inc. will be constructing a 12" water main that will loop from the City's existing system on Taumarson Road, down Peppers Bridge, west on McMinn Road and under SR125 to connect to the City's system on south College Avenue.

Altogether, the cost for this project, to include the well house was initially estimated to cost \$4.2 million, though that is expected to increase due to a variety of factors, including the increased well depth and unstable rock formations within the bore hole.

The drill rig is now being moved and remobilized to a site just west of the City's two water tanks on Maple Avenue (just south of Whitman Drive). Drilling will be commencing soon on a second well to replace the City's other functionally unreliable well...*but that is an article for another newsletter.*

So the long and short of it, as we approach the summer months, is that, though we have a couple of new wells under construction, water conservation will be high priority for our community this summer as we rely primarily on our third well. **Stay tuned for water conservation** alerts and as the weather begins to turn warm, please do what you can to conserve water.

Thanks again...it is a pleasure to serve you...our residents, our friends, our community.

Programs offered within the city limits of College Place

<u>Campfire</u>

Super Summer in the Park

Day Camp Monday—Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Kiwanis Park / Davis School Register at www.wwcampfire.org / Ph 509-525-3180 *College Place Residents Weekly Costs: \$85 / household , up to 3 kids \$170 / household w/ 4 to 6 kids (Week July 1-3 \$51 / \$102) *Non CP City Residents check w/Campfire for pricing

July Schedule

Week 4—July 8-12—Playground Games Week 5—July 15-19—Outdoor Cooking & Living Skills Week 6—July 22-26—Vacation Destinations Week 7—July 29—Aug 2—Zoology

YWCA

Fun Factory Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Kiwanis Park - No Registration Needed Free of charge for children ages 5—10

For more information: www.ywcaww.org/fun-factory Ph 509-525-2570

Enable-Art Summer Art Camps

2 hour sessions - All supplies included Kids Crafting Camp—July 22-25th, Age 5-9 * 10:00 am to 12:00, 15 students max \$130 Youth Portfolio Camp—July 22-25th, Age 10-15 * 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 10 student max \$130 Kids Acrylic Painting Camp—July 29-Aug 1, Age 5-9 * 10:00 am to 12:00, 15 student max, \$120 Youth Watercolor Camp - July 19-Aug 1, Age 10-15 * 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, 15 student max, \$120

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Community Calendar

July 1^{st} at 5:00 PM – Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission.

July 2nd at 5:30 PM – City Council Workshop.

July 4th – City Facilities Closed: Independence Day

July 9th & 23rd at 7:00 PM – City Council Meeting.

July 11th at 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM – CP Farmers Market @ Lions Park (Feat. David Garza)

July 16th at 7:00 PM - Planning Commission.

July 18th at 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM – CP Farmers Market @ Lions Park (Feat. Kaelee McCauley)

July 18th at 4:00 PM – Historic Preservation Commission.

July 25th at 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM – CP Farmers Market @ Lions Park (Feat. James Dean Kindle) 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM – Blue Mountain Humane Society Fundraiser/ Available Pets 8:00 PM – Movies at the Park @ Lions Park – Firehouse Dog (Sponsor -Cascade Natural Gas)

July 26th at 8:00 AM – Park, Arbor & Recreation Board.

Aug 1st at 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM – CP Farmers Market @ Lions Park (Feat. Mari Gisele)

<u>Unless specified all events are at</u> <u>City Hall— 625 S. College Ave</u>

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