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## Mayor's Message

What a special place we live in! Fall has arrived in all its beautiful splendor, coloring our beautiful city in hues of reds, browns, yellows, and greens. I hope you are enjoying nature's art as much as I am as you travel along the Valley.

During the month of October, I had the honor of planting a fabulous maple tree with students from Davis Elementary School at Kiwanis Park for the Third Annual College Place City Arbor Day. It was so much fun sharing the importance of trees to our city and earth with some very excited children. I visited with students at Walla Walla University and Walla Walla Valley Academy, discussing my role as Mayor and how our city government works.

Additionally, we dedicated and opened Veterans Park, the City of College Place's fourth park, bringing our total public park space to 16.67 acres! The VFW Color Guard did a touching raising of the flag, so that the Stars and Strips will always wave above our park. We appreciate Hayden Homes donating the land for such a great community space.

A Thank You to our Park, Arbor, and Recreation Advisory Board and to all who joined in on the tree planting, the park dedication, and fun. We sincerely appreciate your community engagement.

We continue to work with the Walla Walla County Rural Library District on providing library service right here in our community. Since joining, there have been approximately two hundred College Place residents who have already taken advantage of the Plaza Way location. We do encourage you to share your questions and excitement directly with the Library District so that they hear directly from the voters. You can contact Rhonda Gould, the Executive Director at [rhondag@wwrurallibrary.com](mailto:rhondag@wwrurallibrary.com) or 509-527-3284.

Did you see some of our police officers wearing pink badges in October? They personally purchased them so that they can promote Breast Cancer awareness. Our state ranks among the ten states with the highest newly diagnosed invasive breast cancer rates almost every year and breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among Washington women. Lastly, please remember that transparency is important to all of us at City Hall. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, the Nextdoor app, and join us during City Council meetings; which are on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month starting at 7pm. We also have a workshop where we discuss issues that will be presented to the City Council every first

Tuesday of the month. Come learn about what great work the staff is doing, what works are in the plans, and how your city is run. I hope to see you there!

Warmly,

Mayor Norma L. Hernández

## WWU students work in community during annual Service Day

More than 700 Walla Walla University students, faculty, and staff participated in the 27th annual WWU Service Day on Oct. 16.



The event was organized by the WWU Center for Humanitarian Engagement to encourage students to connect with the community through a variety of service projects.

“It’s about more than raking leaves; it’s about sharing and discovering Christ through service,” said David Lopez, executive director of the CHE. “The Center for Humanitarian Engagement is bigger than just a day, in fact, we’re committed to coaching and mentoring students into service for the rest of the year and into a lifetime of service beyond that.”

Local businesses and organizations connected with WWU to offer service opportunities for the event. Out of the 37 projects completed, 14 were from organizations that had formed new relationships with the CHE during the past year.

Projects included apple picking in Milton-Freewater, baking apple crisp for first responders, helping with cleanup and event planning at the Blue Mountain Humane Society, horse grooming, organizing thrift store inventory at Yeehaw Aloha, and various outdoor landscaping projects. In many cases, WWU academic departments organized students by major area of study to work together on specific projects.

For one project students received \$100 in cash to spend in ways that would benefit the community, such as buying bus tickets for people or paying for their groceries.

“I thought it was a unique opportunity to do something different instead of garden-ing or manual labor,” said Savion Grazette, junior business administration major.

Susan Willard, a WWU freshman mentor, helped with the Change the Day \$100 project by providing transportation for students to find needs in the community where they could utilize their funds. “I am impressed with how quickly they all got down to business,” said Willard.

“Service Day was created 27 years ago with the idea of celebrating what God had done by blessing WWU with 100 years of blessings. It has since become a date that the community looks forward to and counts on,” said Lopez.

To learn more about the CHE and their work at WWU, visit [wallawalla.edu/che](http://wallawalla.edu/che).



**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

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



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

## Welcome to College Place Public Schools

If I have not met you yet, I hope to get the chance to do so soon. My name is Jim Fry and I am the new superintendent in College Place Public Schools. I began this new adventure of leading in the district on July 1<sup>st</sup> and have enjoyed the four months of getting to know the lay of the land in both our district and the city of College Place.

Joining me in College Place is my wife of twenty-two years Angie and my sons Devin (18), Davis (15), James (11), and Brandon (9). We made the short move from Clarkston, Washington where we spent the last seven years. I recently served as the Assistant Superintendent in the Clarkston School District and had a wonderful experience learning with the staff, students and community there.

Since coming to College Place, I have been impressed by the strong connections in the community. The partnerships between the mayor, city administrator, police, fire, and the schools is uniquely powerful. I have found that all have the same mindset to grow and improve the city of College Place. In College Place Public Schools, we want to make sure we are doing our part by providing an excellent education.

As enrollment swells to over 1500 students, we continue to push ourselves to ensure that we meet the unique needs of all of our learners. We are focused on understanding the many cultures that contribute to our great district and how they strengthen our community and create an opportunity for us to gain perspective on differences. Additionally, we are embarking on gaining a better understanding of how Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) impact our students and how we can effectively respond to that trauma. These two lenses blend powerfully together to allow us to better understand, reach and serve the students in College Place Public Schools.

The staff in College Place is an awesome team of caring adults who are working to grow and educate our number one natural resource, the leaders of tomorrow. We know that one caring adult relationship can impact the life trajectory for our students and I get to see this daily in the classrooms and hallways in our schools. It's awesome work we get to do, it's important work we get to do, and it's great to be here to share in it with a city-wide team.

## A Note From The City Administrator

This has been a busy Fall Season. The new 1.67 acre Veterans Park was officially dedicated on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. It is located within the Homestead Subdivision on the west side of Homestead Avenue, south of Fourth Street. It features play equipment, benches, and general green space. We plan to further improve the park over the coming years. If you have any suggestions for improvements, please contact Jon Rickard at [jrickard@cpwa.us](mailto:jrickard@cpwa.us).

The C Street reconstruction project is ongoing. The first lift of pavement has been applied to the roadway between College and Damson Avenues. Underground utility (water, wastewater, storm, conduit) construction is going on between Damson and Larch Avenues. The goal is to wrap up this project by the end of the year.

During the October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 Council meeting, our solid waste hauler Basin Disposal provided a State of the Garbage/Recycling system. The informational material can be found here: <http://go.boarddocs.com/wa/cocp/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BH2TB876482C>. We continue to monitor the recycling market. Once our provider assures us that the market for recycled material has come back enough where the material is truly being recycled and not deposited into a landfill we will pursue bringing back the optional recycling service.

The end of the year also means development of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. You can keep up to date on the development of the budget and associated six-year capital facility, equipment, and information technology planning documents by visiting this webpage: [http://www.cpwa.us/departments/finance/budget\\_2020.php](http://www.cpwa.us/departments/finance/budget_2020.php).

The City will once again co-sponsor the Walla Walla Valley Veterans Day Parade on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:11 AM in Downtown Walla Walla. Also, please participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual College Place Winterfest. That is coming up on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 8 PM. That will include a lighted parade, caroling, winter market, tree lighting, and fireworks. Thanks to our sponsor Columbia REA.

The Walla Walla Rural Library District will be starting their planning efforts for a permanent facility in College Place on land they own adjacent to College Place High School on College Avenue. To communicate desires for what should be in the future facility, please contact Mrs. Rhonda Gould – Executive Director at [rhondag@wwrurallibrary.com](mailto:rhondag@wwrurallibrary.com)

## City of College Place Leaf Pickup Information



- City crews have begun the annual Leaf Pickup Program by sweeping streets.
- As leaves begin to accumulate City crews will incorporate the use of a backhoe and dump truck to the cleanup effort.
- It takes City crews approximately three days to cover the entire city, crews will continue rotating through the City until all leaves are collected.
- No special accommodations for leaf pickup will be made. Crews will get to your leaves as part of the rotation.
- Leaves can be piled loose, bagged, or boxed and placed in the street.
- Leaves bagged or boxed will be picked up by Basin Disposal (unlimited garbage for residential customers) as part of the standard weekly collection route.
- Leaves piled loose in the street should be kept clear from storm drains and the curb/gutter.
- Allow space for City crews to work. Keep piles at least 10 feet away from parked cars.
- Please be patient, we will get to your leaves as soon as possible!

For questions please email Paul Hartwig, Public Works Director at [phartwig@cpwa.us](mailto:phartwig@cpwa.us)

Thank You for Your Patience!



### Community Calendar

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM** – Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission.

**Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** – City Council Workshop.

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** – City Offices Closed: Veterans Day Observed

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:11 AM** – WW Valley Veterans Day Parade—Downtown Walla Walla

**Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.

**Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM** – Utilities & Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting.

**Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** - Planning Commission.

**Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM** – Historic Preservation Commission.

**Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 AM** – Park, Arbor & Recreation Board.

**Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>** – City Facilities Closed: Thanksgiving

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

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