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# Mayor's Message



I have had the honor for a full month now of being your Mayor, a title and responsibility I do not take lightly. I come to the role with my commitment to uphold the office in the highest of integrity and with the sole focus of ensuring that every decision made, and every action taken is done so that our wonderful city continues its forward momentum that we have benefited from over the past years. A welcoming city where all citizens are proud to call home, where our children are educated and can safely play and explore the outdoors, and where businesses of all sizes thrive.

I have heard from people about the improvements they have seen and how impressed they are with the dedication to make College Place a city of the future. How proud that makes me to be your neighbor! I assure you, as your Mayor, I will continue to support and encourage improvements that make our city resilient and effective.

One of the slated improvements we are working on is our city sidewalks. So, beginning on October 4<sup>th</sup>, TD&H Engineering will be in town taking inventory of our sidewalks so that we can have a better understanding of priorities and needs. Safety of our citizens and guest is our number one priority and necessary sidewalk updates will increase that. Please do not be alarmed if you see a TD&H employee, with orange vest or neon yellow/ green shirts walking around your property. They will be using phone GPS devices and if necessary, taking pictures of the sidewalk situation. If you see them, give them a welcoming College Place smile and wave, I am sure that would make their task so much more enjoyable.

With summer coming to a close and fall not too far away, I would like to thank all who

participated in our wonderful Farmers Market at Lions Park, vendors, visitors, musicians and shoppers. A special thank you to the city staff who ensured that everything was organized, clean, and safe. Please encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to visit our Farmers Market next summer.

But just because the summer is ending does not mean the fun is! Join us for fun, games, and sweet goodies at the 2019 College Place Fall Festival on Thursday, October 31st from 3pm-6pm at the City Municipal Campus. Kids can also Trick or Treat at participating businesses along College Avenue. I'm looking forward to seeing our community come together in one place to admire fun costumes and beautiful smiles.

In all humbleness, I look forward to serving you as your Mayor and greatly appreciate your support and trust.

To be kept up to date on what is happening in College Place be sure to 'Like' us on Facebook.

Norma L. Hernández

Mayor

City of College Place

# **College Place Public Schools Are Growing!**

College Place Public Schools welcomed back our biggest enrollment of students to date this August. Currently the school district is serving 1587 students P-K -21.

Davis Elementary is sitting at just over 700 students, Sager welcomed 387 kids and College Place High School's enrollment is at 500 students.

While this is a great problem to have, we are working with staff and on short and long-term facility planning to make room for all of our kids. "We want to be the public school of choice for all College Place kids." Stated Jim Fry Superintendent.

In addition, the District had a very great start to the school year with events such as the Back to School Progressive Dinner, CPHS Community Service Day and staff professional development training. The 2019-2020 school year is shaping up to be the best yet!

Come by and see us at the Fall Festival on October 31st at City Hall!



## **Note from the City Administrator**

Thanks to everyone for supporting our Farmers Market. We look forward to bringing it back in late May 2020. A number of capital projects for the year are still ongoing.

The Well #1 replacement at Christ Community Fellowship is dug and a pump test has been conducted. The pump test was needed to determine the size of pump equipment to order for the well house. Now that we know this information, the equipment will be ordered and the well house and equipment will be constructed in Spring 2020 with the well to be online for the Summer. Replacement Well #2 near Whitman Drive and Maple Avenue is in the process of being drilled. This well will likely not be online until late 2020. New utilities (water, wastewater, and stormwater) have been installed from College to Damson Ave. Gravel will be put down shortly with new curb and gutter/road surface coming thereafter. The contractor will be mobilizing an additional crew to start work on Phase II of C Street from Damson to Larch Ave. The City recently received word that we were awarded a \$464,530 Community Development Block Grant from the State to construct sidewalk segments along Davis from 3<sup>rd</sup> to Whitman, Bade from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, Bade from 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> from College to Bade. This project will be constructed in 2020. The City is in the middle of the Fiscal Year 2020 budgeting process. This also includes the development of the six-year Capital Facility (Infrastructure), Equipment Replacement (Vehicles and Machinery), and Information Technology Plans. As the Budget comes together, documents will be posted here: http://www.cpwa.us/departments/finance/budget 2020.php Any suggestions on the 2020 Budget can be forwarded to Mr. Mike Rizzitiello via email at mrizzitiello@cpwa.us.

The City and College Avenue Business Community is once again holding the Fall Festival on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 from 3 to 6 PM. The Fire Department will have kid's activities including a bouncy house, maze, and other activities. Businesses along College Avenue will also be participating in Trick-or-Treat activities.



## CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE SAFEWALK PROJECT

The City of College Place applied for the 2019 School Walk Route Improvement Project Grant through the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and was awarded funds for preliminary engineering studies and designs of student walking facilities. The City awarded TD&H Engineering as the consultant to collected curb, gutter, and sidewalk data as well as adjacent utility locations for the city pedestrian facilities.

TD&H Engineering will have employees collecting data in town throughout the month of October, starting as early as October 4<sup>th</sup> with work will primary be on the weekends. TD&H Engineering authorized agents will be wearing bright safety gear and will be utilizing phones to collect both GPS coordinates and pictures. They will do their best to stay in City right-of-way, but there are no physical indicators in the field, so they may accidently step onto your property.

We ask for your patience and understanding throughout this process, as this data collection will benefit the City sidewalk system as a whole in the future. This data will be used to go out to construction in the future to fill in sidewalk gaps and replace failing sidewalks. All questions, concerns, and all other contact can be directed to City Engineer Technician, Robert Endsley at (509) 629-0737 or at <a href="mailto:rendsley@cpwa.us">rendsley@cpwa.us</a>.

# **Community Calendar**



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

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM – Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission.

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM - City Council Meeting.

Oct. 15th at 7:00 PM - Planning Commission.

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM – Historic Preservation Commission.

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM – Park, Arbor & Recreation Board.

Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM – Youth Advisory Commission.

Oct. 31st at 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM - College Place Fall Festival.

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

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

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