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Message From The Mayor

Hello Dear Neighbors,

We are now deep into summer and the heat has come to the Valley. I hope you all are finding ways to stay cool and healthy. Did you catch our 4th of July fireworks show? It was quite fun and beautiful. I hope your family enjoyed them. I would like to once again thank Columbia REA for their generous sponsorship. Unfortunately, we did have some fires from uncontrolled fireworks that caused property damage to a few of our neighbors. Additionally, many of our neighbors reported loud fireworks going on far past midnight, disturbing their peace. This saddens me. College Place is a wonderful place to live and we need to keep it that way. Therefore, we at City Hall will be discussing what measures need to be enacted in order to protect property and peace in the future.

COVID-19 cases in our beautiful Valley continues to increase in spite of statewide health mandates. I ask you all to please continue following the recommendations of the CDC in order to bring the spread of this illness to a rapid end. Facemask when in public places, washing your hands often, and limiting social interactions in large groups. The end goal is to go back to enjoying life, growing a vibrant business district, and getting our children back into our wonderful schools. If you are in need of a mask or hand sanitizer, please contact us at City Hall, we will provide you with some. Let us work together, as one community, and show all of Washington that College Place knows how to get the job done.

Our fabulous Farmer's Market continues to grow in both merchants and shoppers. You can purchase fresh cheeses, bread, fruits and vegetables, sweets, chocolates, and nuts. You can also pick up dinner of hot pizza or beef kabobs and rice. Don't forget about our artisans and vendors that supply essentials! If you have not yet visited, you must be before the end of season on September 24th. The Market is open every Thursday from 4pm-7pm at beautiful Lions Park. Join us! Bring your mask and your appetite.

During the last council meeting the members of council unanimously approved the formation of a new seven-member Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board. The members of the board will advise us on strategies to increase public engagement, remove barriers, and increase inclusion and access to city services. If you would like to serve on this board please complete a Board and Commission Application, which can be found on our website at www.cpwa.us.

Lastly, if you are not already following us Facebook or Instagram, I encourage you to so. It is another way to make sure you are always up to date on what is going on in College Place. You can also watch discussions happening and decisions being made at every City Council Meeting, Workshop, Advisory Committee, and Commission meetings live on the City's YouTube Channel.

I close this message with my sincerest wishes for your safety, health, and a summer filled with joy.

Norma L. Hernández

Mayor



Wondering How To Submit a Public Comment During COVID-19?

When submitting public comments, they should include the following regardless of the manner you are using:

- Your Name
- Your Address

Public comments may be provided in one of three ways:

- Comments in writing of no more than 1 page (If typed, no less than 11 pt. font) may be submitted no later than 4:30 PM on the meeting date to be included in the report.
- Comments may be made by telephone during the meeting by calling a number that will be provided to you upon notification to the City Clerk no later than 4:30 PM the day of the meeting. *
- Comments may be made by virtual meeting attendance with a link that will be provided to your email upon notification to the City Clerk no later than 4:30 PM the date of the meeting. *

* If you would like to make a public comment by either phone or virtual meeting, you can contact the Clerk at

Ineissl@cpwa.us **no later than 4:30 PM on the meeting date.**

Prevention Coalition SAVE THE DATE

WE NEED YOU AT THE TABLE!

Join a community-centered coalition focused on engaging, educating, and empowering youth to make healthier decisions in College Place.

Wednesday, August 5th 2020 From 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Join us as we host experts from all across Washington State to discuss building a healthier College Place through community coalitions. We look forward to seeing you!

For questions and additional information on future events, please contact: krista.timm@hca.wa.gov

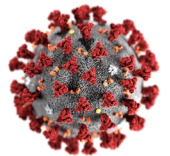
Follow us on Facebook @ College Place Prevention Coalition

Remember, a healthier College Place depends on you!

COVID-19 Information

For the most up to date information on the local response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit the following websites:

- State of Washington Coronavirus Website: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>
- Walla Walla County Department of Community Health: https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/health_department/index.php
- Walla Walla County Department of Community Health Hotline: 509-524-2647
- City COVID website: <http://www.cpwa.us/residents/covid19.php>



Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board

The purpose of the Diversity Advisory Board is to advise the City on diversity and equity strategies and strengthen connections among diverse groups and with City government. The Board consists of seven members of the community. For more information or to apply, please visit

http://www.cpwa.us/government/boards_and_commissions/diversity_and_inclusion_advisory_board.php



College Place Farmers Market

2020 Farmers Market season is here! Every Thursday, from 4 – 7 PM in Lion's Park. The limited walk-up market will include Essential Vendors and some Artisan Vendors. We've made changes to our operations to increase your safety and ours. Our Market Staff/Vendors will be wearing masks; customers are now required to wear masks also to increase everyone's safety and comply with the new regulations. The Market will have Hand Washing and Hand Sanitizing stations.

Thank you for your support! See you there!



City of College Place During COVID-19

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, City facilities are closed to the public. We plan to reopen in Phase 3 to stay within the guidelines set by the Safe Start plan. Staff is still in the office and able to answer questions over the phone. You are able to pay your utility bills via phone, online through Xpress Bill Pay or your bank, in the mail, or you can drop it off at one of the drop boxes located at City Hall or Lion's Park. If you have any questions please call 509-529-1200 and we will direct you to the appropriate department. Thank you for your patients and understanding.

Community Calendar

Aug. 4th at 5:30 PM – City Council Workshop.

Aug. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM – College Place Farmers Market at Lions Park

Aug. 11th & 25th at 7:00 PM – City Council Meeting.

All meetings are being held virtually. You can watch a livestream on the City YouTube page at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbx3qrqzLDL_05NusReSl-g.

Live public comments will not be taken during Council meetings. If you have a comment you would like to make, please submit written comments to Lisa Neissl – City Clerk at lnessl@cpwa.us or mail to 625 S College Avenue, College Place, WA 99324. Comments received by the Clerk no later than 4:30 PM on the meeting date will be added to the public comment section of the meeting for Council and the public to review. Comments will not be read aloud.

Check out our website and Facebook Page for updates!

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

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