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Note From The City Administrator

Happy holiday season everyone! While we cannot host our annual Winterfest in its traditional format due to COVID-19, we have some alternatives. We were able to acquire various decorations to liven up the College Avenue corridor thanks to our sponsors: Columbia REA, Walla Walla Valley Honda, Baker Boyer Bank, Pacific Power, and Community Bank. We will also be participating in the Parade of Lights competition and driving tour that was created by the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation, Nelson Construction, and others. College Place residents can participate in this competition as well by decorating! To sign up your house to compete in prizes and/or get the driving tour map, please visit: <https://www.downtownww.com/parade-of-lights-driving-tour>. We look forward to seeing all the decorations from a distance and the continued community support.

December 24th also marks the 75th anniversary of the City's incorporation. Mike Denny, with the support of the Historic Preservation Commission, is writing a book to commemorate this occasion. We will let the community know when this work is available. Also in December, the budget and associated six-year plans (capital facilities, equipment replacement, and information technology) are passed by City Council. While the 2021 Fiscal Year budget proposal is definitely tight due to the economic uncertainties we all face, the City is still able to provide core services and move forward with capital projects thanks to aggressively pursuing grants and partnerships. The 2021 FY budget portal is available here: http://www.cpwa.us/departments/finance/budget_2021.php. A flier will be included with the January 2021 newsletter that will illustrate all of the key takeaways of the final adopted budget.

Several innovative projects are underway thanks to great partnerships. Through a generous sponsorship from P1FCU the City will unveil traffic box art wraps at eight utility boxes throughout the College Avenue corridor by the end of the first quarter next year. Another exciting partnership to take place is with Adventist Health. The Walla Walla Valley region was chosen as the community for the Blue Zone work to take place in and Adventist Health purchased the Blue Zone project. This project helps regions transform into vibrant places where people live longer and with a higher quality of life. More information can be found here: <https://info.bluezonesproject.com/walla-walla>

Unfortunately, COVID-19 cases across the Walla Walla Valley are raging. As of November 23rd, 2020, active cases across Walla Walla County were at 503 with 11 hospitalized and 18 deaths.

maintain the six feet of social distancing, and wash your hands. For more information on the responses to COVID-19 see the resources below.

- The State of Washington
 - Website: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>
 - COVID-19 Assistance Hotline: 1-800-525-0127
 - Stress due to COVID-19 – Washington Listens: 1-833-681-0211
 - Program information on another round of small business grants: <http://startup.choosewashingtonstate.com/links/crisis/covid-19-resources/>
- Walla Walla County
 - Website: https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/health_department/index.php
 - Contact by phone: 509-524-2647
- Blue Mountain Action Council
 - Utility and rental assistance: 509-529-4980

WALLA WALLA COUNTY

Need Someone to Talk To? YOU ARE NOT ALONE.



College Place Police Department

509-525-7773

Open 8:00AM to 5:00PM

Don't know where to go? Call for a point in the right direction



Washington Recovery Hotline

1-866-789-1511

24 hr hotline for substance abuse, gambling or mental health help

We are all in this Together
#ReachOut



Download the OWWL app (One Walla Walla List)

A full list of resource from food assistance to legal help



National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

Text Line: 741 741

24 hr hotline for anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress



Washington Listens:

1-833-681-0211

Open 9:00AM to 9:00PM

Non-clinical support for those feeling sad or anxious



HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING



Walla Walla area Boy Scouts of America, Troop 305 will be picking up your unwanted holiday tree on January 9th and 10th. 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. This e-mail will not be read before January 10th. 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.

Greetings College Place Patrons!

First, an update: All branches of the Walla Walla County Rural Library District are currently operating Curbside Pickup only at this point, and will continue to do so until at least December 14. We await an update from the governor (and/or improving county COVID numbers) before we will be making any changes to our services. Staff and patron safety are our highest priority, so we thank you for taking all the steps you do to keep our COVID numbers down and our community safe.

Second, something fun: did you know that we host twice-weekly Virtual Storytimes? It's true! Ms. Jessica hosts Wednesdays at 10:30 am on the Burbank Library Facebook page and Mr. Chris hosts Fridays at 1pm right on the College Place Library Facebook page. Tune in for fun stories and craft ideas! We will also be adding Music Mondays starting in December! Join Ms. Caitlin and Ms. Chessa for some good old-fashioned sing-along times! These will be held the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 11 am.

The best way to keep track of what is going on at the library is on our Facebook and Instagram pages! We post important updates to our services (last minute closures, etc.), links to resources and tips on how to access them, offers for take and make crafts, and all kinds of cool links. Follow us to be the first in the know! @collegeplacelibrary

Wishing you a safe and warm holiday season,
Chessa Grasso Hickox
Branch Supervisor
College Place Library



Rogers Adventist School "COVID Can't Cancel Christmas Drive-Through"

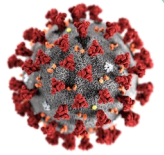
Thursday, December 10th

6:00-7:00 PM.

Families from the community are invited to experience the beauty of Christmas from the safety of their cars as they drive through our rendition of the Christmas Story. Concert Band, Hand Bells, Steel Drums, and Con Brio Orchestra will perform along with readings and scenes from the story of Christ's birth. Enter the RAS parking lot (200 SW Academy Way in College Place) off of 1st street and follow the signs, slowly driving through each station. Exit from the WWVA parking lot.



BMAC: COVID ASSISTANCE



The City of College Place has donated additional funding to Blue Mountain Action Council in wake of the COVID-19 crisis. Special funding is available to new and past clients. If you've already received assistance from BMAC this year, you may be eligible for additional funds. Please call Bob or Sylvia at 509-529-4980. Spanish speaking assistance provided. Emergency assistance is also sometimes available through Helpline or the Salvation Army.

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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 patience and understanding.

Community Calendar

- Dec. 1st at 5:30 PM** – City Council Workshop.
- Dec. 3rd starting at 6:00 PM** – Parade of Lights.
- Dec. 7th at 5:00 PM** – Economic Dev., Tourism, & Events Commission.
- Dec. 8th at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.
- Dec. 15th at 7:00 PM** - Planning Commission.
- Dec. 17th at 4:00 PM** – Historic Preservation Commission.
- Dec. 18th at 8:00 AM** – Park, Arbor & Recreation Board.
- Dec. 24th at 12:00 PM** – City Facilities Closed: Christmas Eve.
- Dec. 25th – 28th** – City Facilities Closed: Christmas.
- Jan. 1st** – City Facilities Closed: New Year's Day.

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 lnaissl@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 our website and Facebook Page for updates!

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