

## CITY OF EGEPLACE Where small-town living and learning meet.

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### Mayor's Message

Hello Neighbors,

We are well into the new decade and here at City Hall it has been a busy and productive one.

With the almost unpredictable weather that is becoming the norm, the dedicated staff at Public Works is out there working hard to keep our public spaces safe. During the recent snowfall, they were out working to clear the roads and throwing down rock at all hours. This was vital to make sure that driving the roads in College Place were as safe as possible. Then, after it was all over, once again Public Works was out there cleaning up the streets. I hope you all noticed and appreciated their hard work.

During the month of January, I had the honor of sharing my story of perseverance with the student body and staff of College Place High School during an assembly prior to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. What a great audience they were! Attentive and polite, I was extremely impressed and proud to see how the College Place Public School system is serving our future. I would like to thank them all once again for allowing me spend some time with them and I hope what I shared encouraged them to stand strong and focus forward no matter what life throws at them.

I also was the keynote speaker during the graduation event of Mercy Corps NW's Micro-Business Assistance Program (MBA Program) where twenty-three entrepreneurs received six months of business and finance education but also \$4000 in grant funds to help them get their businesses to the next level of success. The event was a special one, celebrating the hard working entrepreneurs, young and mature in age, of different backgrounds and cultures, and of twenty-three different types of businesses taking the next steps into financial resiliency. The Walla Walla Valley will be well serviced by them!

The City of College Place is proud to be a supporter of the MBA Program and support entrepreneurs of College Place. If you are interested in learning more about the MBA Program or applying, applications for the 2020 Program are open now and will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Feb. 18th. You can learn more or apply online at: https:// www.mercycorpsnw.org/business/loans/wallawalla-ida/.

We continue to work with Olympia on advocating and educating the importance of supporting projects here in College Place. We want to ensure they do not forget that we are

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Your City Representatives

<u>Mayor</u>

Norma Hernandez

### Council Members

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#### **City Administrator**

Mike Rizzitiello

625 S. College Ave 509.529.1200 equally vital to Washington State and equally deserving of attention, as those of larger urban communities. Our goal is to continue improving the quality of life here in College Place so that our families will continue to call our wonderful city home for generations to come.

I wish you all a wonderful upcoming Valentine's Day and I hope you are surrounded with love.

With a thankful heart,

Norma L. Hernández Mayor City of College Place

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, the Nextdoor app, and join us during City Council meetings to keep current on City events and news. Council meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month starting at 7 pm. City Council workshops, where issues that will be presented to the City Council for voting, occur every first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. Come learn about the important work the staff is doing, plans for our city, and how our city is run. I hope to see you there!



ROW: FRONT ROW

SEAT: GRASS

JOIN US!



# LOCAL TALENT WANTED!

The College Place Farmers and Artisan Market occurs Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. The first market of the season is May 28th. last market of the season is September 24th.

> Dates available: July 2, 9, 23, 30, August 6, 20, 27, and September 17, and 24

# **CONNECT WITH US**

You Tube



# COLLEGE PLACE FARMERS & ARTISAN ARTISAN MARKET

The College Place Farmers & Artisan Market is a community farmers market in beautiful Lions Park in the City of College Place. The goals of the Farmers Markets are to provide an outlet for Washington State's farming families to directly sell their farm products and to provide farm-fresh food for consumers. The market should also be a meeting place to celebrate the diversity of our community. Goods and services encouraged at the market include:

Artisan Foods Dairy & Eggs Fibers Flowers Fruits & Berries Grains Herbs Meat, Fish & Fowl Nuts & Seeds Specialty Products Vegetables Hand Crafted Goods

### **2020 MARKET DATES** THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

#### MAY 28TH - OPENING DAY

JUNE 4TH JUNE 11TH JUNE 18TH JUNE 25TH JULY 2ND JULY 9TH JULY 16TH JULY 23RD

JULY 30TH AUGUST 6TH AUGUST 13TH AUGUST 20TH AUGUST 27TH SEPTEMBER 10TH SEPTEMBER 17TH SEPTEMBER 24TH

LIONS PARK, 801 SE LARCH AVENUE, 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM



### **Commission Vacancies**

Have you ever thought about being a volunteer on a board or commission? The City of College Place has a few openings!

> Two openings for the Civil Service Commission & One opening for the Planning Commission

It is a great way to get involved in the community. For more information or to fill out an application please visit the website <u>http://www.cpwa.us/government/boards\_and\_commissions/index.php</u>.



College Place Police Department 619 S College Avenue College Place, WA

### 2020 Dog Licenses

2020 dog licenses are on sale now! After March, 1st a \$10 late fee will be assessed per dog on top of the license fees below.

> 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

### **Community Calendar**

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM – Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission.

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM – City Council Workshop.

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM – City Council Meeting.

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM – Utilities & Transportation Advisory Commission.

Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> – City Facilities Closed: Presidents' Day

Feb. 18th at 7:00 PM - Planning Commission.

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM – Historic Preservation Commission.

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM – Youth Advisory Commission.

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM – Park, Arbor & Recreation Board.

Check out our website and Facebook Page for updates!

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

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