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Message From The Mayor



Hello Neighbors, I have been contemplating on what to say during these emotionally charged times. Like many of you, I am

sure, I am not sure what to say anymore. So, I thought I would simply write what is in my heart for my city and neighbors as we all maneuver through life as we currently know it.

I did not become Mayor out of any type of political interest or aspirations. I became Mayor because I see this role as a service to my community and to those who spend their days working to keep our city running. I want my time as your Mayor to be beneficial, to move the needle of influence in our region, and to know that College Place is prepared to be a city of the future so not to be left behind.

During these days everything has become politicized, and I want to caution you not to be sucked into losing focus on what is real. Truth is relative; therefore, I will not profess truths. However, I hope that you, my neighbors, will consider if what you do or say truly benefits mankind.

As a City, State, and Nation we are being asked to consider the consequences of all that is going on around us. We are being asked to consider our all neighbors' safety and their health. This is not about politics, religion, or a "wing," it is about what do we need to do to achieve our mutual goals.

Americans have always been proud of the fact that no matter what, when an attack on our nation occurs, we manage to unite and do what needs to be done to survive. Now is one of those times, yet too many of us are focused on making it about politics rather than humanity.

As a city, we have chosen to love our neighbors by taking precautions not to put you in danger. We do not want to see our city ravaged by disease or hate. Therefore, we will continue to adhere to the health safety standards recommended by the Center of

Disease Control, as they have been the long-trusted resource on prevention. We have canceled some of our community events this year to protect you and your families. We are focused on reducing the time needed to slow the spread of diseases and end the anger that is dividing us. But rest assured, we are already diligently working to ensure that we will be able to march into 2021 strong and united.

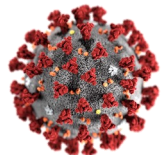
We hope the citizens of College Place will put aside any political thoughts and encourage those of you who have no medical restrictions to wear a mask when out in public, for the safety of everyone. If it helps then wonderful, if not, what harm will there be? I do not believe that a single one of you would not care if somehow you were responsible for hurting another human being. Let us not stand stubborn, instead let us stand as one nation under God.

As America celebrates our 244th year, Aaron and I send you wishes for a safe and healthy Independence Day.

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>



During this time SonBridge continues to stay busy strategizing new ways to be most effective in the current situation. During shut down, our store was required to close its doors to the public. This meant SonBridge's main financial engine was at risk of struggling to continue to support our family unit assistance programs. This is when our team put our heads together to launch our first-ever online shopping experience. We created an online store through [//Depop.com/SonBridgeTAG](http://Depop.com/SonBridgeTAG) and used one of our currently vacant education center rooms to be the basecamp for this new operation. As of this week, we have over 140 unique clothing items posted available for you to shop anytime and anyplace. If you need assistance during this hard time please call (509) 529-3100.

Much to Celebrate This Independence Day in College Place Public Schools

I am not going to lie; this has been a tough spring for all of us. Especially for our over 1500 students, their parents, guardians and families, who worked through virtual learning during the COVID-19 closure. Additionally, staff had to shift gears and move into an online learning environment that they had never done before and succeeded; which was no surprise to me. It wasn't easy and it wasn't perfect, but we succeeded.

We celebrate our staff, our students, our students' parents, and our community. We rose to the challenge and did things that I have not seen in my twenty-plus years of education as we completely shifted away from onsite learning to remote education. All involved had to learn new tools, new techniques, new technology, and new ways to communicate. How incredibly awesome is that accomplishment?

We celebrate our return to school in the fall of 2020 whatever that looks like. We know that it will be different and we know that it will bring new challenges, but we will continue to find new solutions. We will have options to meet the needs of all of our children and families in College Place. We understand that each home and family is different and want to provide options that will allow everyone to continue to learn and grow in whatever environment you choose.

We celebrate that schools are the very best at creating routines and working around logistics. Have you ever tried to move 700 children ages 5-11 out of a building during a fire drill in under two minutes? We have. Have you ever quieted a crowd of 350 energetic high school students with the raise of your hand? We have. This is what we do...and do well. We will be able to find a means to implement hand washing, face covering, and social distancing all while teaching the A,B,C's and 1,2,3's (and Common Core, Social Emotional Learning and everything else).

Finally, we celebrate you, our families, parents, guardians, caretakers, and partners. We know this is hard work and very different work, but your commitment to ensuring that your child and every child gains the valuable skills they need to be quality, contributing members of our society is incredible. You are making a difference in partnership with us. We can't wait to face this new challenge with you in the fall.

Jim Fry, Superintendent

College Place Public Schools: www.cpps.org Register for Fall 2020-2021 Today!





College Place Farmers Market

2020 Farmers Market season is here! Every Thursday, from 4 – 7 p.m. 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 encouraged to wear masks also to increase everyone's safety. 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 still 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

July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM –
College Place Farmers Market at Lions Park

July 7th at 5:30 PM – City Council Workshop.

July 14th & 28th 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 4:00 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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