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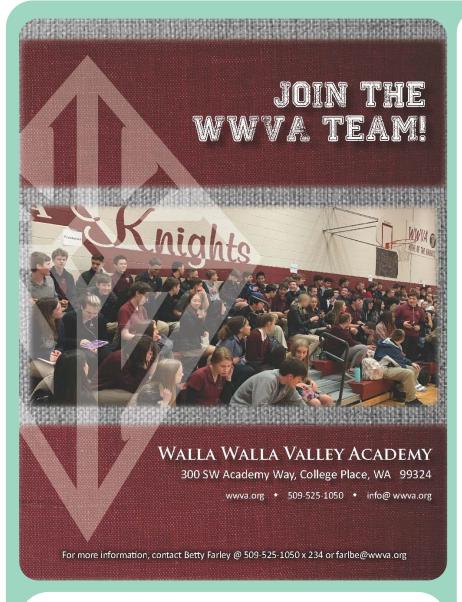
A Note From The City Administrator

Congrats to all of the 2020 graduates of Walla Walla University, College Place Public Schools, Walla Walla Valley Academy, and Rogers Adventist School. The 4th Season of the College Place Farmers Market is kicking off on Thursday, May 28th and will occur every Thursday until the end of September from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Lions Park (8th & Larch). Please come support our local vendors and #shoplocal.

A variety of City Public Works projects are still underway. Replacement Drinking Water Well #4 off of Peppers Bridge Rd at Liberty Christian School is awaiting shipment of the mechanical equipment and is expected to be fully operational toward the tail end of July. Replacement Drinking Water Well #6 off of Whitman Drive/Maple is completely dug to a depth of 800 feet. The City is awaiting delivery of a screen and then a pump test will be conducted. The City is also nearing the start of several projects in its Wastewater Utility including construction of the Southwest Sewer Trunk Line and Replacement Lift Station #7 to replace an outdated/near capacity lift station that serves all of the City south of 12th Street. Additionally, the City will be bidding out sewer lining work along the Scenic View/ Mountain View areas from Sky to Broadway. Sewer lining is a cost effective technology that allows the City to rehab deteriorating sewer pipe without conducting intrusive ground disturbing activities. The City is close to completion of an electrical vehicle charging station on the municipal campus (625 S. College Ave) thanks to a Pacific Power Grant. Short videos on a variety of city projects are available on the city's YouTube page located here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbx3qrqzLDL O5NusReSl-g

Please read the included article from the Walla Walla Rural Library on page 2 for updates on the branch at Meadowbrook Plaza in College Place. The Meadowbrook Branch does have a Wi-Fi signal available for the public to utilize in the parking lot.

City facilities will continue to be closed to public access due to Governor Inslee's order until Walla Walla County moves to Phase 3 of the Safe Start program. Staff can be reached via email and phone. Community parks are open to the public with the exception of the playground equipment and active contact sport areas like basketball courts. Playground equipment and basketball will reopen in Phase 3.





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

Walla Walla County Rural Library

Greetings College Place from your public library!

The Walla Walla County Rural Library District has been getting ready for Governor Inslee's Level 2 and Level 3 openings. We have a set of procedures in place to coordinate with the reopening levels. As soon as we are able, we'll offer books-to-go pick up service. We have our personal protective equipment and we will be wearing masks at all of our locations while working with the public. A study is being conducted in Ohio on the effects of the COVID-19 virus on library materials regarding the length of time the virus lives on surfaces such as paper, book jackets, and DVDs. Once the study is completed and recommendations are published, the District will follow those guidelines for quarantining items when they are returned.

Our summer reading program plans are in place and this summer's dates are June 15 to August 14. We will have information up soon our Summer Reading Program link on our website. This year's theme is Imagine Your Story. You'll be able to register and track your reading and activities online, and we'll include registration information along with the pickup service. Look for more information on our Facebook page as well.

If you've been to Meadowbrook Plaza you'll see that there's furniture now, as well as some library books! Staff worked the Friday before the Memorial Day weekend bringing cataloged and processed books over to branch and putting the items on the shelves. In the next few weeks we'll be adding more items, installing the computer equipment, and training staff. We don't yet have an exact opening date as some deliveries and work needed has been delayed due to closures. Your continued patience has been greatly appreciated.



College Place Public Schools

We are trying to reach the parents and guardians of incoming kindergartners and get them to register their child for the 2020-2021 school year! It is vital to have our students registered early so we can best prepare for our upcoming school year activities. We appreciate your help as we work together in preparing our new kindergartners for school. We are so excited to have our College Place kids begin their education as a Davis Dragon! We had planned to have our annual Kindergarten Registration Event on April 1, 2020; unfortunately, the onset of COVID-19 prevented us from meeting parents and students in person. So, this year we will be registering students for Kindergarten in a different way, online at cpps.org. We are extremely optimistic for the 2020-2021 school year and want to make sure we have everything ready to meet the needs of our students in August. If you have any questions please call our Kinder Hotline at 509-629-2602 or email kinder@cpps.org.

Jim Fry
Superintendent
College Place Public Schools

WWU to Hold Classes on Campus Beginning Fall 2020

Walla Walla University will welcome students back to its campuses in fall for the 2020-2021 academic school year, prioritizing safety and quality education, announced WWU President John McVay on May 21. "We believe that a strong, active community is absolutely central to the education provided here at Walla Walla University," said McVay.

University officials are working diligently on strategies to facilitate on-campus instruction, he said. Local health officials will help identify prevention measures and options for testing and treatment. Significant emphasis will be placed on illness prevention and community health.

"Meanwhile, we remain fully focused on Walla Walla University's mission, and I'm heartened by our students' strong intent to come back and continue building their lives in community with each other," said McVay. Read President McVay's full statement at wallawalla.edu/coronavirus.



A SALUTE TO THE CLASS OF 2020



Happy Graduation!

You dreamed, you believed, you survived.

Congratulations!

THE CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE WISHES YOU LUCK AS YOU SET OUT INTO THE WORLD.

Aim high and follow your path!



College Place Farmers Market

2020 Farmers Market season is scheduled to start Thursday, May 28th from 4 – 7 p.m. in Lion's Park. The limited walk-up market will include Essential Vendors and we've made changes to our operations to increase your (and our) safety. 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. 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 correct department. Thank you for your patients and understanding.

Community Calendar

June 2nd at 5:30 PM – City Council Workshop.

June 9th & 23rd 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 05NusReSI-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 lneissl@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!

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

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