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## Note From The City Administrator

Walla Walla County is still under Phase II of Governor Inslee's Safe Start Plan. In October, some guidance changed on activities including libraries being allowed to reopen at 25% capacity in Phase II. The College Place Branch of the Walla Walla Rural Library is working on reopening. The College Place Library Branch can be reached at (509)-540-3418 or at [chessa@wwrurallibrary.com](mailto:chessa@wwrurallibrary.com). City facilities are still closed to the public due to the Phase II guidance. City staff can be reached via the main phone number: 509-529-1200 or via the email directory here: [http://www.cpwa.us/staff\\_directory/index.php](http://www.cpwa.us/staff_directory/index.php). The City maintains a webpage which outlines the response to the COVID-19 situation as well as biweekly YouTube videos that provide up to date information on the pandemic at the local level. That webpage is: <http://www.cpwa.us/residents/covid19.php>. The City is partnering with Walla Walla County to allocate additional State Pass-through Community Development Block Grant dollars to the Blue Mountain Action Council Utility Assistance and Rent/Mortgage Assistance Programs for College Place residents in need. The following are key resources during this time:

Utility Bill & Rental/Mortgage Assistance – Blue Mountain Action Council:

**Website:** <https://www.bmacww.org/> **Phone:** 509-529-4980 **Email:** [kathyc@bmacww.org](mailto:kathyc@bmacww.org)

Community Health Related Questions – Walla Walla County Department of Community Health: **Website:** [https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/health\\_department/index.php](https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/health_department/index.php) **Phone:** 509-524-2647 **Email:** [health@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:health@co.walla-walla.wa.us)

Library Services – Walla Walla County Rural Library District:

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/collegeplacelibrary> **Phone:** 509-540-3418

**Email:** [collegeplace@wwrurallibrary.com](mailto:collegeplace@wwrurallibrary.com)

Fall means many things in College Place. Wrapping up construction projects and positioning the City for new ones in FY 2021. The City substantially completed reconstruction of Southeast 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Birch to College Avenues. The roadway consists of new pavement, curb and gutter, and stormwater infrastructure. The new *Robert Gordon Well #4* Peppers Bridge Rd well is now fully complete and hooked up to the city's water system. The Well was recently dedicated in honor of City Engineer Robert Gordon who unexpectedly passed away in late August. The City is going to wrap up a wastewater sewer lining project in the alleys of the Scenic View and Mountain View by late November. The Sherwood Trust Leadership Group Class of 2020 is shortly going to construct a Parklet with donated labor, fundraised dollars, and such on a piece of property located just west of SE

12<sup>th</sup>/Newgate on land formerly owned by Cascade Natural Gas that is now owned by the City. The leaves are starting to fall. If you bag or box leaves, leave them 2" away from your garbage can and Basin Disposal will collect them when they collect garbage at no charge. If you rake leaves to the street, city crews will be going around town with the sweeper and loader and dump truck to collect them. Leave pickup will not be scheduled. The City will collect leaves as they see the need and have the time. For more information, please contact Public Works Director Paul Hartwig.

The City is also starting the process of getting ready to bid out construction projects for early next year. This includes resurfacing Meadowbrook Blvd (grant-funded), constructing sidewalks along Bade, Davis, and SW 12<sup>th</sup> (grant-funded), the Southwest Sewer Wastewater Trunk Line (partially-grant funded), Well house at Drinking Water Well #6 (Whitman/Maple) (partially-grant funded). Informational videos about many of our capital projects are available on the City's YouTube Channel at: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbx3grqzLDL\\_05NusReSI-g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbx3grqzLDL_05NusReSI-g). The City is also well into our Fiscal Year 2021 Budgeting process. To keep tabs on the development of the budget over the coming weeks please visit this webpage: [http://www.cpwa.us/departments/finance/budget\\_2021.php](http://www.cpwa.us/departments/finance/budget_2021.php)

## Greetings College Place!



Walla Walla County  
Rural Library District

Exciting news: in the next few weeks the College Place Library will be able to open its doors to limited in-person visits! We are busy getting the branch ready for you, getting our permits and safety checks in order, so please be patient with us!

Please note that **Curbside Pickup is still intended to be the mainstay of the library's service at this time.** If you have questions about how Curbside Pickup works, give us a call and we'll walk you through it. It's like restaurant take-out – but for library materials!

While we are very excited to see you, here are some things to keep in mind when considering your visit.

- **You must call to schedule an appointment:** Appointments are 20 minutes long with a set beginning and ending time. We cannot extend this time. Please give us a call at 509-540-3418 to talk to a staff person about scheduling your appointment.
- **Appointments are limited:** We are only allowing one family group of up to 5 people total to visit at one time. This is for your safety and the safety of our staff.
- **Masks and physical distancing are REQUIRED for all:** For your safety, the safety of your fellow patrons, and that of our employees, you *must* wear a mask that *fully covers your nose and mouth* and maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from other persons while at the library. If you are unable to wear a mask, our staff will make every effort to serve you via Curbside Pickup or by helping you access our online resources.
- **Computer assistance is not available:** Because of physical distancing restraints, library staff will be unable to provide computer support for patrons who may need it.
- **Safety is our highest priority:** Staff will be disinfecting materials and surfaces between appointments. Because of this, we will not have toys, coloring sheets, or activities out for children.

College Place Library thanks you for your patience and flexibility in advance. Happy reading!

# Full of Thanks

Jim Fry, Superintendent College Place Public Schools



In the month of Thanksgiving, College Place Public Schools has nothing greater to be thankful for than the outstanding community we serve. The outpouring of support for our staff and schools has been incredible as they work to ebb and flow with the ever-changing information and state and federal guidance. We are thankful that we are able to serve the children in our community each day.

As I look back on the last eight months, I want to express my many thanks for the efforts and work of our staff who have endured challenge after challenge to get us to where we are in the school year. Our leadership team members in the buildings, district offices, and the Board of Directors have worked tirelessly to ensure the behind the scenes work is done to move from one step to the next. This team has not rested in making sure that our kids have the very best of opportunities in College Place Public Schools. I know they do not hear it often enough; thank you for your outstanding leadership!

Additionally, tremendous thanks goes to our staff in the buildings: teachers, custodians, cooks, para educators, secretaries, nurses, specialists, and counselors. If you have ever planned for a major event (wedding, birthday, etc.), you have a glimpse into how hard our staff work to plan for the major event of helping kids learn every day. The difference in planning this year was that our staff had to plan the major event with many new rules and "what-ifs" that changed as quickly as the weather. I am humbled, proud and full of thanks for the incredible work of our staff through these trying times.

## WALLA WALLA COUNTY

# Need Someone to Talk Too? 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



### 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

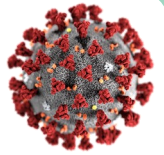
Open 9:00AM to 9:00PM

Non-clinical support for those feeling sad or anxious

**We are all in this Together**  
**#ReachOut**



# 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 patients and understanding.

## Community Calendar

**Nov. 10th Time TBD**— City Council Meeting.  
(Please check on our website for time)

**Nov. 27th 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](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 [lnessl@cpwa.us](mailto: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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