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Note From The City Administrator

It's hard to believe that Fall is already here. Thank you to everyone for supporting the College Place Farmers Market. It was once again successful and actually surpassed the profits of the 2019 market season despite the pandemic. We look forward to next year!

Walla Walla County, including the City of College Place, is still in Phase II of Governor Inslee's Safe Start Plan. As such, City facilities are still closed to the public. 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. The City maintains a webpage which outlines the response to the COVID-19 situation. That webpage is: <http://www.cpwa.us/residents/covid19.php>. The following are key resources during this time:

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

Website: <https://www.bmacww.org/services/energy-assistance>

Phone: 509-529-4980

Email: info@bmacww.org

Community Health Related Questions – Walla Walla County Dept of Community Health:

Website: https://www.co.walla-walla.wa.us/government/health_department/index.php

Phone: 509-524-2647

Email: health@co.walla-walla.wa.us

Business Assistance – Port of Walla Walla:

Website: <https://www.portwallawalla.com/news/latest-news/244-working-washington-small-business-grants-2-0>

Phone: 509-525-3100

Library Services (Curbside) – Walla Walla County Rural Library District:

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/collegeplacelibrary>

Phone: 509-540-3418

Email: collegeplace@wwrurallibrary.com

Public Works has a number of projects underway. The Stormwater Utility is currently re-constructing SE 10th Street between SE Birch and SE College to include appropriate curb & gutter, stormwater inlets, and a new street surface. The Wastewater Utility is undertaking sewer lining projects to improve the integrity of the mains around the Scenic View/ Mountain View Hill areas. The Water Utility recently finished the Well-house construction

at the new Well #4/Peppers Bridge Well near Liberty Christian School. Projects on the near horizon is construction of the Southwest Wastewater/Lift Station Trunk Line which will add needed capacity to the wastewater system south of 12th Street. Also, the City will be requesting contractor bids shortly for the Community Development Block Grant funded sidewalk construction project along the following roadway segments: SW 12th Street (College to Bade), SW Bade (10th to 7th), SW Bade (5th to 6th), and SW Davis (Whitman to 3rd). The City is also 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.

I also wish to thank our volunteer firefighters for assisting the State on the Chief Timothy, Colfax-Manning-Babb Rd (Malden), Evans Canyon, and Cold Creek/White Pass fires. Thank you for lending a hand to our neighbors and always protecting the College Place community.

Mike Rizzitiello

“Our Community is Counting on Us”



This has definitely been an unprecedented to the 2020 school year in College Place Public Schools. I know that the challenges of this pandemic have had impacts that are far reaching in each of our homes and our community; it has been no different in our schools. As we began to plan, strategize and try to figure out how to tackle this task, the CPPS Board of Directors and leadership had five guiding principles with one of them being “Our community is counting on us.”

We do not take our lightly the role that we play in our community and in each of the homes of our students. We realize that each decision that we make affects the lives of those in our community and we are working to ensure to act with caution, with empathy, and compassion. We value our partnership with the College Place community and know we will come out on the other side of this stronger than ever before.

It is with a sense of true amazement that I brag about the great work of our staff to transition our traditional in-person brick and mortar schools into the world of virtual learning. In a period of six months, our staff have astounded with their ability to find ways to teach students ages 5-21 over the internet. We have distributed nearly 1500 devices so that all of our students can connect and have added community hot spots at Davis Elementary (upper parking lot), CPHS (stadium parking lot), and Valle Lindo to support access for families. The transformation to remote, virtual and the quality of teaching and learning that goes on daily is incredible.

Even as we continue to work in a remote setting, we are working towards our return to in-person, onsite learning in a hybrid model very soon. The CPPS Board of Directors voted to move towards this return on or after October 18 depending on local health conditions and other factors needing consideration. College Place Public Schools has selected an AM/PM model where students will learn in-person for half of the day and will work on directed instruction online at home for the other half of the day. This type of model allows us to maintain our social distancing, mask wearing, hand washing, and health screening requirements. While we cannot wait to be back 100% in-person for full day instruction, this will have to do until then.

We know that College Place is counting on us and we will continue to do unprecedented work in these unprecedented times. Thank you again to the many who are collaborating with us to make the best of these difficult circumstances. We appreciate the patience and understanding, and the support you give to College Place Public Schools.

Jim Fry, Superintendent

College Place Branch of the Walla Walla County Rural Library District

Greetings from the College Place Library!

We've got a challenge for you this month, College Place residents - and there are prizes to be won!

Every resident that signs up for a new library card via our branch from September 21-October 31 will be entered into a drawing for a new Kindle Paperwhite (plus leather cover and charger). Signing up is easy - just give us a call at 509-540-3418 or email us at collegeplace@wwrurallibrary.com. We'll ask you some simple questions (name, address, birthdate, phone number and email address) and get you all set up. Kids can sign up for library cards, too! Just a note that we require a guardian-signed library card application for anyone under the age of 18. Those can be emailed to you or picked up at the branch and returned in our book drop. Easy peasy!

Do you already have a library card? We're not leaving you out of the fun! For the whole month of October, every time you pick up holds curbside at our branch, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$20 Walmart Gift Card (conveniently located right across the street). If you're wondering how to place holds, you can sign into our library catalog with your library card number (aka "username") and your PIN (aka "password" - typically the last four digits of your library card number) and search for anything you'd like - then click "Place hold." Make sure the pick up location is set to College Place. Of course, we are always happy to help folks find materials and place holds over the phone, so don't hesitate to give us a call.

We hope to hear from you soon!

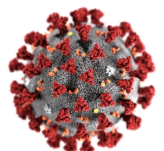
Happy reading and may the odds be ever in your favor!



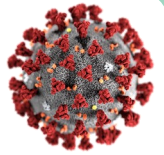
COVID-19 Information

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>



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

Oct. 6 at 5:30 PM – City Council Workshop.

Oct. 13th & 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/UCbx3grqzLDL_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 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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