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## Message From The Mayor

Hello Neighbors,

Can it really be September already? How time flies faster and faster every year. It is time to start preparing the fall plantings for our gardens. My summer garden was not very successful this year, a few tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and yellow squash made it to my table, but not very many. I failed to properly prune the tomatoes and peppers early on in the season and ended up with leggy and fruitless plants. The watermelon, peas, and cilantro I planted sadly never made it out of the dirt. I am concluding it was a water issue, as in I did not give them enough. Sometimes it is difficult to balance being conscious of how precious water is here in the Valley and knowing how much to give my garden. Next year I will be wiser and better prepared and hope to share my bounty with you then.

I celebrated my one-year anniversary of being your mayor last month and what an honor it has been. I planted a tree with the students at Davis Elementary for Arbor Day in Kiwanis Park, I dedicated Veteran's Park, our city's first new park in over forty years in the Homestead neighborhood, and I shared my advice for perseverance with our students at College Place High School (go Hawks!). I have had the pleasure of hiring two new police officers and to welcoming Byron Trop to the City Council. Last month our newest advisory board for Diversity and Inclusion had its first meeting and what a great first conversation was had. I am most grateful for the seven citizens who are volunteering their time to aid us in our quest to be an equitable and welcoming city.

But not all has been enjoyable. Like many of you I was looking forward to getting out and enjoying our wonderful city events, but sadly COVID-19 changed that for us all. Canceling Freedom Festival, Fall Festival, and our Christmas Parade was not an easy decision for us to make, and we did not do it lightly. What it came down to was priorities. Our priority is your safety and health. We can always celebrate them next year, but there is only one

you, and your life is not something we are willing to risk losing.

Remember that you can watch all City Council Workshops and Meetings and all Commissions and Advisory board meetings live on the city's YouTube channel. The link is on our website. Be sure to click "Subscribe" so that you will be informed of all the other informational videos as they are posted. Additionally, 'Like' us on Facebook and you will never miss important city news. If you have not yet done so, please be sure to complete the 2020 Census, our city and schools depend on you being counted.

Lastly, please practice safe social distancing, wear your mask, and wash or sanitize your hands often. The sooner we all contribute to ending the spread of COVID-19, the sooner we can go back to normalcy.

Stay safe and healthy,  
Mayor Norma L. Hernández



## Wondering How To Submit a Public Comment During COVID-19?

When submitting public comments, they should include the following regardless of the manner you are using:

- Your Name
- Your Address

Public comments may be provided in one of three ways:

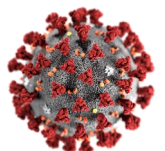
- Comments in writing of no more than 1 page (If typed, no less than 11 pt. font) may be submitted no later than 4:30 PM on the meeting date to be included in the report.
- Comments may be made by telephone during the meeting by calling a number that will be provided to you upon notification to the City Clerk no later than 4:30 PM the day of the meeting. \*
- Comments may be made by virtual meeting attendance with a link that will be provided to your email upon notification to the City Clerk no later than 4:30 PM the date of the meeting. \*

\* If you would like to make a public comment by either phone or virtual meeting, you can contact the Clerk at [Ineissl@cpwa.us](mailto:Ineissl@cpwa.us) no later than 4:30 PM on the meeting date.

## 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](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>



## College Place Branch of the Walla Walla County Rural Library District

We are so excited to be open for curbside delivery service now. Starting Tuesday September 8, we will be extending our service hours to accommodate a broader range of schedules.

Our hours will be:

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 12pm-4pm**

**Tuesdays: 12pm-6pm**

**Saturdays: 10am-2pm**

We can't WAIT until the day when we can open our doors and allow patrons to browse our shelves, but until that day there are a couple of ways for you to get your hands on library materials. One is taking advantage of our digital collection - we have thousands of ebooks, digital audiobooks, and digital movies that you can access immediately with your library card! Visit our digital branch at <https://bit.ly/2FvQRO3> to get started.

If digital resources are not your favorite, not to worry - we of course have tons of books, audiobooks on CD, and DVDs for you to check out, too! You'll want to place a hold on what you'd like on our online catalog (<https://www.rurallib.ent.sirsi.net/>) OR give us a call at (509) 540-3418 and tell us what you'd like. When your materials are ready to pick up, we'll give you a call to let you know. Then just call us from our parking lot, and we'll bring your materials right to your car!

If you need to sign up for a library card or you know you want something but you aren't sure what - call us! It is our absolute pleasure to help you find just the thing you're looking for. We hope to meet you soon!



Walla Walla County  
Rural Library District

### Prevention in College Place! *Why we need you at the table*



We are a community-centered group of individuals coming together to engage, educate, and empower, youth to make healthier decisions. We bring a wide array of perspectives to talk about what we are seeing in our community, but we are missing you.

Our goal for College Place is to understand community level challenges to create community level solutions through partnerships and evidence based programs.

**Join us September 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.**  
as we go over the 2018 Healthy Youth Survey results and the community survey!

For questions and additional information on future events, please contact: [ktimm@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:ktimm@co.walla-walla.wa.us)

Follow us on Facebook @ College Place Prevention Coalition

Remember, a healthier College Place depends on you!



## College Place Farmers Market

2020 Farmers Market season is well underway! Thursdays, from 4 – 7 PM in Lion's Park. The walk-up market will include Essential Vendors and 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 now required to wear masks also to increase everyone's safety and comply with the new regulations. 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 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

**Sept. 1 at 5:30 PM** – City Council Workshop.

**Sept. 10th, 17th & 24th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM** – College Place Farmers Market at Lions Park

**Sept. 8th & 22nd 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](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 [lnaissl@cpwa.us](mailto:lnaissl@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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