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A Message From The Mayor



Hello Neighbors,

I am most grateful that I am still able to greet you this month, which is most appropriate as I am writing this the day before Thanksgiving. On Tuesday, November 23rd, I was officially sworn in as the elected Mayor of College Place prior to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. It was truly an amazing moment in my and my family's life and I thank all who voted for your participation in choosing who you wanted to be mayor for the next four years. I commit to you all that I will be faithful and do what I always believe is the right thing to do for College Place and the people who live, work, or worship within our city borders.

The Mayor was not the only position on the ballot, the voters also elected two new Councilmembers, one having been appointed to fill a seat until the election after Councilman Trop moved to Colorado. Together, with city staff, we will all work diligently as we take College Place into the future, focusing on development, safety, and community building.

Winter will not officially start until December 21st, but the Walla Walla Valley winter chill is not waiting—it is cold! Now is the time to start thinking about snow tires, ice melt, window scrapers, warm shoes and clothing, winterizing your home, and what I believe is the most important of all, having plenty of hot chocolate and marshmallows on hand. Please also give your pets some loving and keep them indoors when temperatures fall.

The College Place City Council is working on the final Fiscal Year 2022 budget including ways to enhance our EMS service given the larger call volumes we have been receiving as of late. Information on the budget process can be found here: https://www.cpwa.us/departments/finance/budget_2022.php Information on the Ambulance Utility concept can be found here: https://www.cpwa.us/departments/fire/ambulance_utility.php

Last year, in response to COVID-19 limiting community gathering in close or closed spaces, we at the city decided that COVID was not stopping us from celebrating as a

community and so was the reason behind our first annual Light Up the Avenue event. This year's event will be on December 2nd, beginning at 5:30pm. We will be lighting up the City's beautiful Christmas Tree in front of City Hall and having a parade of lights down the beautifully and festively decorated College Avenue (thanks to our great team in Public Works). We had a fabulous time last year and expect this year's to be even greater! If you missed last year's, you could watch it on the city's YouTube Channel at <https://youtu.be/Y4-tpInRWuo>. While you are there, please stop by and say 'Hello' to me, I would love to see you.

I will close this message with wishes from Aaron and I to all of you for a very Merry Christmas filled with the blessings of love, laughter, and the creating of wonderful memories. Remember, the best gift to give someone is love, kindness, and compassion. Let us all be generous with those gifts.

With much gratitude,
Norma L. Hernández
Mayor



BLUE ZONES PROJECT

Join BZP for a Mill Creek Trail Clean Up

Dec. 7th , 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch, gloves and tools provided.

Please register using the QR code.



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Join BZP for an online cooking class

Dec. 1st, 6:00 PM—7:00 PM

Cooking Class with Lindsey Thompson.

Learn how to make delicious oatmeal 5 different ways. This powerhouse, whole grain breakfast will keep you going all morning.

Join the fun!

Learn more and register:

www.valley.bluezonesproject.com/events





Blue Mountain Action Council
FOOD BANK
Gathering Hope for the Hungry In Need

The City of College Place is partnering with Blue Mountain Action Council to host a Food Drive! There will be a donation container at City Hall for employees as well as residents to donate to those in need in our Valley. Please consider dropping off non-perishable food starting December 1st through the 17th. For more information on what is an acceptable donation, view the Healthy Food Donation List from Feeding America here

https://hungerandhealth.feedingamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/legacy/mp/files/tool_and_resources/files/healthy-food-donation-list.pdf



SonBridge Thrift & Gift Store is decked out for the holidays! Come to peruse the amazing selection of items or to purchase a gift card for that "difficult to buy for" person. Thank you for your generosity to SonBridge and we ask for your patience as we work on expanding our space for donation drop off. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve with you in our community.



**Utility Bill
Past Due?**

**Assistance Is Available!
Apply NOW!**

**Call BMAC
509-529-4980**



The City of College Place has partnered with Blue Mountain Action Council to provide assistance to those College Place residents who are behind on their utility bills due to impact from the pandemic. The moratorium is currently set to end on September 30th. Please do not wait to reach out for assistance. Contact the Energy Assistance Department at BMAC at 509-529-4980 now.



**¿Factura de
servicios públicos
vencida?**

**¡La asistencia está disponible!
¡Aplica ya!**

**Llamar a BMAC
509-529-4980**



La ciudad de College Place se ha asociado con Blue Mountain Action Council para brindar asistencia a los residentes de College Place que están atrasados en sus facturas de servicios públicos debido al impacto de la pandemia. Actualmente, la moratoria finalizará el 30 de septiembre. No espere para pedir ayuda. Comuníquese ahora con el Departamento de Asistencia de Energía de BMAC al 509-529-4980.



“After completing the MBA Program I feel even more committed to my work, to my business.”

JOSÉ AGUSTÍN VERA RICO
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Are you ready to grow your business? Mercy Corps Northwest offers a small business assistance program that offers a \$4,500 grant entrepreneurial education to resi-

dents of College Place. Learn more about the program before our January 2022 enrollment here: [//bit.ly/mcnw-mba-ww](https://bit.ly/mcnw-mba-ww) or by contacting us via email at wallawalla@mercy Corps.org



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¿Esta listo para hacer crecer su negocio? Mercy Corps Northwest ofrece un programa que apoya a pequeños negocios, proporcionando educación empresarial y apoyo de beca de \$4,500 para

ayudarlo a iniciar o hacer crecer su propio negocio para residentes de College Place. Aprenda más sobre el programa antes de nuestras inscripciones en Enero 2022, aquí: [//bit.ly/mcnw-espanol](https://bit.ly/mcnw-espanol) o enviando un correo electrónico a wallawalla@mercy Corps.org

Community Calendar

Dec. 2nd at 5:30 PM – Light Up The Avenue Parade, Tree Lighting, and Fireworks.

Dec. 6th at 5:00 PM – Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission.

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

Dec. 9th at 12:00 PM – Civil Service Meeting.

Dec. 14th at 7:00 PM – City Council Meeting.

Dec. 23rd City Facilities Closed at 12:00 PM – Christmas Eve.

Dec. 24th – 27th City Facilities Closed – Christmas.

Dec. 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_05NusReSI-g. If you have a comment you would like to make, please contact Lisa Neissl – City Clerk at Ineissl@cpwa.us. Comment requests received by the Clerk no later than 4:30 PM on the meeting date will be accepted. Check our website and Facebook Page for updates!

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