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Note From The City Administrator

Happy New Year! I hope everyone has had a great holiday season. The City Council adopted the FY 2021 budget and associated six-year planning documents (Capital Facility, Equipment Replacement, and Information Technology) back in December. Detailed information about what is within each can be found in the FY 2021 budget portal website:

http://www.cpwa.us/departments/finance/budget_2021.php. Some key projects I wish to highlight are as follows:

- Meadowbrook Blvd Resurfacing: The City received a grant from the State Transportation Improvement Board to resurface Meadowbrook from Lamperti to State Route 125. This project will occur in the Spring. A YouTube video touching on the highlights of this project is located here: <https://youtu.be/cHpl38P2Eok>.
- Southwest Wastewater Trunk Line & Lift Station Replacement: The City received USDA -Rural Development, State Department of Ecology, State Community Economic Revitalization Board, and Port .09 Grant and Loan Funds to construct a wastewater trunk line and lift station to convey wastewater from all areas of the community south of 12th Street to the Wastewater Treatment Plant out on Owens Rd. Construction is expected to begin in late January/early February. This project will solve capacity issues. A YouTube video on this project is located here: <https://youtu.be/jxhEZLmTvUM>.
- NW Destito Ct Stormwater: The City will soon construct some stormwater system

improvements around the NW Destito Ct area to eliminate some pervasive flooding issues. More information can be found on the YouTube video here: <https://youtu.be/okfHLoSxu5I>.

- Replacement Drinking Water Well #6: The City received State Legislative Appropriation and State Department of Health DWSRF Funds to construct a replacement drinking water well on city-owned land at Whitman Drive & Maple Avenue. The well shaft has been drilled to a depth of 850 feet. The City and its consulting engineer, RH2, are in the process of engineering the well house and associated mechanical equipment and will then put the project out to bid for construction.
- Central College Place Sidewalks: This spring the City will construct sidewalks on the east side of SW Davis from 3rd to Whitman, west side of SW Bade from 5th to 6th, west side of SW Bade from 7th to 10th, and SW 12th from College to Bade. This is funded by State Community Development Block Grant.
- Body Cameras for Police Officers: The City's Information Technology Plan has funds budgeted to acquire body cameras for our Police Officers. The story in the Walla Walla Union Bulletin explains this project: https://www.union-bulletin.com/news/college-place-police-department-to-get-body-cameras-for-patrol-officers/article_dd53dc97-94ee-5f7c-80b1-5e36d1aa447d.html.

As you can see the City is undertaking a multitude of projects even while we all deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. I wish to thank city staff for managing, pursuing, and successfully obtaining the number of State and Federal grants.



HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING



Walla Walla area Boy Scouts of America, Troop 305 will be picking up your unwanted holiday tree on January 9th and 10th. All neighborhoods will be covered; however, if your tree is NOT picked up by the evening of January 12, you may send an email to: treepickup@troop305.net. This e-mail will not be read before January 10th. It is used only to locate missed trees. We are sorry, but due to the large number of trees we pick up, individual pick up times cannot be scheduled. Donations to the Boy Scouts are appreciated and will be used for Scouting activities.

Happy New Year from College Place Library!

With the new year, we welcome in some fresh new energy into 2021 - with extended Curbside Pickup hours! At the writing of this newsletter, we are still unsure what the state guidance will be regarding opening for patron browsing/computer appointments - so keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

Our new **Curbside Pickup hours beginning January 4, 2021** will be:

Monday-Thursday: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

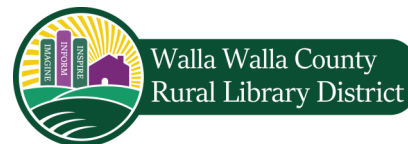
We have some fun programs in store for 2021. One that we are particularly excited about is Spice Up Your Reading! Each month we're giving away a spice blend packet paired with some recipes to try and relevant book recommendations (cookbooks and fiction). Travel virtually through the world of food and books! Also keep your eye out for our Winter Book Bingo!

We are very pleased to now offer Wi-Fi hotspots for patrons to check out. Please call us for details about this exciting new program. For our younger patrons, we'll be continuing to offer twice weekly Story time Live events on Facebook. These have a different theme every week, and we always have a Take & Make craft to go with them to keep those little hands busy. Music Mondays also continue on the first and third Mondays (January 4th and January 18th) - come sing along with us!

Wishing you all a safe and joyful 2021 filled with hope and excellent books!

Chessa Hickox

College Place Library Branch Supervisor



COVID-19 Virtual Meeting Protocol for Public Comment

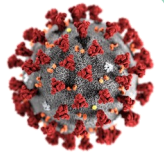
When submitting public comments, include both your name and address regardless of the manner you are using. There are three ways to submit a public comment.

- 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 record.
- 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 day of the meeting.** *

*If you would like to make a public comment by either phone or virtual attendance, you can contact the City

Clerk at lineissl@cpwa.us or by phone at 509-394-8511 no later than 4:30 PM on the meeting date.

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 patience and understanding.

Community Calendar

- Jan. 1st** – City Facilities Closed: New Year's Day.
- Jan. 4th at 5:00 PM** – Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission.
- Jan. 5th at 5:30 PM** – City Council Workshop.
- Jan. 12th at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.
- Jan. 14th at 12:00 PM** – Civil Service Meeting.
- Jan. 18th** – City Facilities Closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Jan. 19th at 7:00 PM** – Planning Commission.
- Jan. 20th at 4:00 PM** – Youth Advisory Commission.
- Jan. 21st at 4:00 PM** – Historic Preservation Commission.
- Jan. 22nd at 8:00 AM** – Park, Arbor & Recreation Board.
- Jan. 26th 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. If you have a comment you would like to make, please contact Lisa Neissl – City Clerk at lnaissl@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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