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## A Message From The Mayor

Hello neighbors,

Summer has arrived with a vengeance. Please protect yourselves by staying hydrated, wearing sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher, and avoid strenuous activities. Also, please check on family members and neighbors regularly, especially those who need a helping hand. Lastly, never leave people or pets in a closed car.

I hope you have all had an opportunity to visit our Farmer's and Artesian Market at Lions Park every Thursday, if you have not, you are missing out. Freshly baked breads and sweets, hot tamales, cold lemonade, fresh produce, BBQ skewers, fresh locally made cheese, and so much more. There has also been some great musical entertainment to enjoy, so come on down between the hours of 4pm until 7pm; I hope to see you there.

Speaking of Lions Park, we are moving along with our fundraising efforts towards the big renovation project. In June, the City was granted \$500,000 from Sherwood Trust in support of transforming Lions Park into a community and family gathering place for the Walla Walla Valley region! Needless to say, we, at the city, are grateful for all the dedication and hard work by our citizen volunteers on the Parks, Arbor, and Recreation board. Who better to influence change and building towards the future than those who call College Place home? If you have not ever considered volunteering for one of vital boards or committees, I urge you to consider doing so.

I would also like to thank all of you who came out for the Blue Zones Project-Walla Walla's Movies in the Park event. We had a great crowd and listening to all those children laughing and playing while building healthy habits and bodies was heartwarming. I enjoyed meeting many of you and learning about why you choose to call College Place home. As your Mayor, I could not have been prouder.

Finally, I had the upmost honor of being invited to speak at the Memorial Sign Dedication and Ride of Silence for former College Place resident Madison Baird, who was tragically

killed in a bicycle accident in 2015. Madison's family unveiled a beautiful metal memorial panel using artwork that she herself created. Additionally, two road signs were erected asking drivers to please drive carefully and to watch out for bicyclist on the roadway. You can see Madison's memorial on Whitman Drive, there is also a bench there so that you can rest and reflect. And if you are so inclined, hang a rose on the panel in memory of the life our community lost.

I wish you all a happy Independence Day, please be safe and considerate of your neighbors, humans, and furry ones when celebrating with fireworks. Stay away from homes, dried vegetation, and please stop by 11pm so that all our citizens can remain safe.

Warmest Regards,

Mayor Norma L Hernández



## **AmeriCorps VISTA 2021 Announcement!**



AmeriCorps VISTA - Small Business Outreach Coordinator role is OPEN!

MCNW Walla Walla is recruiting for a full-time AmeriCorps VISTA position! AmeriCorps VISTA members serve their communities as volunteers for a full year, leveraging their passion for community service and economic development to build the capacity of the organization they work with. Key aspects of VISTA service with MCNW Walla Walla include:

- Support the Micro-Business Assistance Program, which assists underserved entrepreneurs by empowering them through financial and educational resources.
- Lead outreach efforts to local small businesses and potential entrepreneurs, mostly members of the Latino community.
- Build a network of partners and volunteers to sustainably support the Walla Walla Office.
- Service year of August 2021 - August 2022.
- Volunteers receive a living stipend and supplemental benefits from MCNW.
- Aplicantes con fluidez en español son altamente preferidos.

To learn more about this amazing opportunity and to apply, you can visit the AmeriCorps website <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=104155>

A little bit more about MCNW...

Mercy Corps Northwest is the domestic arm of Mercy Corps, a global humanitarian organization. MCNW Walla Walla serves communities throughout the Walla Walla Valley by providing low-income entrepreneurs access to business education, micro-loans, and matched-savings grants. We focus our efforts on women, people of color, non-English speakers, and all others who have been historically excluded from mainstream financial resources. Our mission is to plant the seeds for thriving communities based on equitable opportunities—with the vision of breaking intergenerational cycles of poverty for good.

# 6 SIMPLE WAYS TO THANK LOCAL VETERANS

Chose a meaningful way to thank to those who served.

## LEARN

Read about different Veterans' military experiences. When you get the chance to hear a Veteran's story, take the time to listen and ask thoughtful questions about their experience.

## VOLUNTEER

Set aside some time to share your talents. Volunteer opportunities offer you the chance to improve the lives of local Veterans.

## REFER

Making sure Veterans have what they need means knowing where to go. When you hear about resources for Veterans, find out who to call so you can share it.

## ADVOCATE

Get involved with local organizations that serve Veterans. It's an opportunity to discuss local issues and find creative solutions

## RENT

Landlords can make a tremendous impact for Veterans who are seeking housing. Widespread housing shortages make your willingness to provide housing particularly important.

## HIRE

When you hire a Veteran, you're not only helping a former service member, but bringing on a team member who has been trained to work efficiently and communicate effectively.

**LET'S TALK.**  
CALL TODAY TO GET INVOLVED.

**BMAC:** 509.529.4980  
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## SonBridge Extended Store Hours



SonBridge is happy to announce our

extended hours. Every Thursday, the store

will be open from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. This gives more people a chance to shop, who otherwise would not be able to during our regular hours.

## Veteran Services



### Services

Outreach to veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness

Support through case management

Referral services

Help finding housing

Help with eviction prevention

Rent and other support services

Veteran advocacy

*Funding provided by the Veterans Administration*

*Office Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM*

### Ending Veteran Homelessness



Our Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (SSVF) seeks to prevent veterans and their families from becoming homeless and seeks rapid rehousing for those who are homeless. We serve over 300 Veteran families per year by providing support at a community level.

We can end Veteran homelessness through outreach, case-management services, and assistance in obtaining benefits and emergency financial resources.

We serve those who are currently homeless or at risk of homelessness throughout parts of Washington, Oregon and Idaho represented in the Johnathan M. Wainwright VA Medical Center service area.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Served at least 1 day in the active military, naval, or air service or was activated in the National Guard/Reserves
- Other than a dishonorable discharge
- Is homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Is low income

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## Servicios para Veteranos



### Servicios

Alcancé a veteranos que no tienen vivienda o están a riesgo de quedarse sin vivienda

Apoyo en el manejo de caso

Referir a servicios

Ayuda a buscar vivienda

Ayudar a prevenir el desalojo

Renta y otros servicios de apoyo

Abogacía para Veteranos

*Financiamiento proporcionado por la Administración de Veteranos*

*Horarios de Oficina:  
Lunes a Viernes  
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM*

### Poner Fin a la falta de vivienda de los Veteranos



Nuestro programa de Servicios de Apoyo para Familias Veteranas (SSVF) busca prevenir la pérdida de vivienda para veteranos y sus familias y buscar una reubicación rápida para los que no tienen hogar. Servimos a más de 300 familias Veteranas anualmente dándoles apoyo al nivel comunitario.

Podemos poner fin a la falta de vivienda de veteranos por medio de alcance, servicios de manejo de caso, y asistencia en obtener beneficios y recursos financieros de emergencia.

Servimos a los que actualmente están sin vivienda o están en peligro de perder su vivienda en las partes de los estados de Washington, Oregon, y Idaho cuales representa el área de servicio del Centro Medico de Veteranos Johnathan M. Wainwright.

### Requisitos de Elegibilidad

- Haber servido por lo menos un día activamente en el militar, naval, o servicio aéreo o ver sido activado en la reserva nacional
- No tener una descarga deshonrosa
- Esta sin vivienda o a riesgo de perder su vivienda
- Ser de bajo ingreso

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## "Make For Joy" Summer Art Camps for Kids

Registration is now OPEN! Ages 6-14. Sign up for **Painting, Drawing, Fiber Arts, Mixed Making, Clay, & Ceramics!** Practice fine art, try all kinds of professional art materials, learn about history and cultural art styles, and explore new ways to apply your creativity! Camps will be held at Lions Park in College Place. Every camper gets a free "Make For Joy" t-shirt with their registration. Multi-Camp, Sibling, and Early Bird Discounts available. Learn more at: [wheatartco.com/makeforjoy](https://www.wheatartco.com/makeforjoy).

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Sign-up at: <https://www.wheatartco.com/makeforjoy>



**COLLEGE PLACE**  
*Farmers + Artisans Market*



**EVERY THURSDAY!**  
**4:00-7:00 PM!**  
**LIONS PARK**

**LOCAL FARMERS!**

**LOCAL ARTISANS!**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!**

*Hope to see you there!*

### Community Calendar

**July 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM** – College Place Farmers Market at Lions Park

**July 5<sup>th</sup>** – City Facilities Closed: Independence Day

**July 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** – City Council Workshop.

**July 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM** – Civil Service Meeting.

**July 10<sup>th</sup> at Dusk** – City of College Place Movie in The Park at Lions Park – Moana

**July 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.

**July 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** – Historic Preservation Commission.

**July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** - Planning Commission.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 AM** – Park, Arbor & Recreation Board.

**July 24<sup>th</sup> at Dusk** – City of College Place Movie in The Park at Lions Park – Onward

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). If you have a comment you would like to make, please contact Lisa Neissl – City Clerk at [ineissl@cpwa.us](mailto: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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