

### xpress BILL PAY

Get a one time \$5.00 credit on your utility bill when you sign up to receive paperless statements through Xpress Bill Pay

[xpressbillpay.com](http://xpressbillpay.com)

#### Your City Representatives

##### Mayor

Norma Hernández

##### Council Members

- Jerry Bobbitt
- Michael Cleveland
- Marge Nyhagen
- Loren Peterson
- Melodie Selby
- Heather Schermann
- Byron Trop

##### City Administrator

Mike Rizzitiello

625 S. College Ave  
509.529.1200

## A Note From The City Administrator

It's hard to believe spring is almost here! We are very happy that the South Central region finally made it to Phase II of the State Healthy Washington Plan. State rules on capacity for various businesses and activities is located here: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start/whats-open>. For updates on the local, regional, State, and Federal response to COVID-19, please visit this website: <http://www.cpwa.us/residents/covid19.php>. Vaccinations are available locally at two locations: Walla Walla County Fairgrounds (locally ran) and the Benton County Fairground site, which is ran by the State. Appointments at the Walla Walla County site can be made either at: <https://www.covidwwc.com/clinics> or via the county hotline at (509)-524-2647. For the Benton County site, please visit: <https://prepmo.doh.wa.gov> or call 1-800-525-0127.

The City is making headway on several key infrastructure projects. Apollo Inc is currently mobilizing equipment to begin construction on the SW Wastewater Trunk Line project. For additional information, please visit: [http://www.cpwa.us/residents/southwest\\_college\\_place\\_wastewater\\_trunk\\_line.php](http://www.cpwa.us/residents/southwest_college_place_wastewater_trunk_line.php). Central Washington Asphalt will start work soon on resurfacing SE Meadowbrook Blvd between State Route 125 and SE Lamperti Street. This project is funded by a State Transportation Improvement Board grant: [http://www.cpwa.us/residents/se\\_meadowbrook.php](http://www.cpwa.us/residents/se_meadowbrook.php). The City will issue request for bids to construct sidewalks at key roadways in central College Place this month with construction expected to go into the early summer. This project is funded by a State Community Development Block Grant. More information on the project is available here: [http://www.cpwa.us/residents/central\\_college\\_place\\_sidewalks.php](http://www.cpwa.us/residents/central_college_place_sidewalks.php). The College Place Fire Department is looking for volunteer firefighters. If you want to help your community, please consider joining the Department as a volunteer. Information can be found on this webpage: <http://www.cpwa.us/departments/fire/application.php>.

Thanks to a partnership with United Way of the Blue Mountains and Campfire, you can look forward to an announcement soon for a socially distant Summer Camp program at Kiwanis Park that will be offered this summer. Also, the College Place Farmers Market will be coming back again on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It will be held every Thursday at Lions Park (801 SE Larch Ave) from 4 to 7 PM until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please visit this webpage: [http://www.cpwa.us/residents/events/farmers\\_and\\_artisans\\_market.php](http://www.cpwa.us/residents/events/farmers_and_artisans_market.php). Thank you and please remember to #shoplocal.



## Greetings College Place!

Exciting news: Starting Monday March 1, the College Place Library will be able to open its doors to limited in-person visits!

Please note that **Curbside Pickup is still intended to be the mainstay of the library's service at this time**. If you have questions about how Curbside Pickup works, give us a call and we'll walk you through it. It's like restaurant take-out – but for library materials!

While we are very excited to see you, here are some things to keep in mind when considering your visit.

- 1.) **You must call to schedule an appointment** : Appointments are 20 minutes long with a set beginning and ending time. We cannot extend this time. Please give us a call at 509-540-3418 to talk to a staff person about scheduling your appointment.
- 2.) **Appointments are limited**: We are only allowing one family group of up to 5 people total to visit at one time. This is for your safety and the safety of our staff.
- 3.) **Masks and physical distancing are REQUIRED for all**: For your safety, the safety of your fellow patrons, and that of our employees, you *must* wear a mask that *fully covers your nose and mouth* and maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from other persons while at the library. If you are unable to wear a mask, our staff will make every effort to serve you via Curbside Pickup or by helping you access our online resources.
- 4.) **Computer assistance is not available**: We will have one computer available for patron use during an appointment. Because of physical distancing restraints, library staff will be unable to provide computer support for patrons who may need it.
- 5.) **Safety is our highest priority**: Staff will be disinfecting materials and surfaces between appointments. Because of this, we will not have toys, coloring sheets, or activities out for children. We will, however, have our normal take-and-make weekly crafts available, as well as Spice Up Your Reading spice kits for adults - just ask a staff member!

Please remember that the collection available in-house at the College Place Library branch is only a fraction of the materials that are available to you as a cardholder Walla Walla County Rural Library District - we have 3 other locations full of books, movies, and audiobooks, too. They are all available to you by placing holds either online in our catalog, or by calling us to request them. We are also happy to try to request materials via Interlibrary Loan for you if you would like.

College Place Library thanks you for your patience and flexibility in advance. Happy reading!

## 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 [ineissl@cpwa.us](mailto:ineissl@cpwa.us) or by phone at 509-394-8511 no later than 4:30 PM on the meeting date.

65+ years old or 50+ years old in a multigenerational home and need a COVID vaccine appointment?

¿65+ años o 50+ años en un hogar multigeneracional y necesitan una cita para la vacuna COVID?



No computer or internet access?  
¿Sin computadora o Acceso al internet?

Call Walla Walla Department of Community Health at (509)524-2647

Llame al Departamento de Servicio a la Comunidad del Condado de Walla Walla (509) 524-2647

Please leave your name, date of birth, phone, and state your lack of access.

Deje su nombre, fecha de nacimiento, número de teléfono y indique su falta de acceso.



Departamento de Servicio a la Comunidad del Condado de Walla Walla



Walla Walla County Department of Community Health

## College Place Public Works Effort Doesn't Go Unnoticed

The snow event last week was unusual in its intensity. Having up to 20" of snow in 3-4 days is not something we have seen in several years. The amount of snow so quickly made clearing roads, especially residential roads, difficult. The staffing and equipment needed to handle that kind of storm event is substantial. Currently, we have 7 people that are utilized for snow



and ice control. The equipment we have for snow removal consist of a grader, dump truck with a plow blade, a backhoe with a plow blade, a backhoe and a tractor.

The grader has a gate that can be dropped to clear intersections and driveways. The other two pieces of plowing equipment do not have that ability which makes it frustrating for vehicle traffic and getting out of one's driveway. With these pieces of equipment, we need to follow up to, at least, clear intersections with a backhoe or tractor.

The amount of snow we experienced accumulated steadily over the 3-4 days it was snowing. Our priority is to clear the arterial streets and then the hills. By the time we had cleared the arterials and hills, we needed to start back over the arterials we had already begun with, which did not enable us to plow the residential streets until a later date. Our crews worked over 130 hours of overtime throughout the storm event. We had some of our people working 12-16 hour days. Because of the size of our Public Works department and the limited amount of equipment we have, we are not able to keep up when a storm event like this occurs. Fortunately, this type of event does not occur every year. The Public Works department strives to do their best at keeping the roadways passable during winter storm events. We want to thank our staff in the Public Works Department for all their hard work.

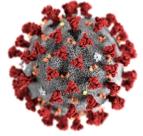


(Snowman art work unknown, but thank you for the support!)

# 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.

Bob Castoldi + 509-529-4980 + bobc@bmacww.org  
Sylvia Schaeffer + 509-529-4980 + sylvias@bmacww.org  
www.bmacww.org



## College Place Farmers Market

Get started early and plan your Thursdays!

We want you to be part of our Thursday whether you're a Vendor, Entertainer, Volunteer, or Sponsor!

Visit [www.cpwa.us/residents/events/farmers\\_and\\_artisans\\_market.php](http://www.cpwa.us/residents/events/farmers_and_artisans_market.php) for all the information about our market.

See you there!

## Community Calendar

- Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM** – Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission.
- Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM** – City Council Workshop.
- Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM** – Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Board Meeting.
- Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.
- Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM** – Civil Service Meeting.
- Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM** – Utilities & Transportation Advisory Commission.
- Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** - Planning Commission.
- Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** – Youth Advisory Commission.
- Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** – Historic Preservation Commission.
- Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM** – Special Park, Arbor & Recreation Board.
- Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM** – Park, Arbor & Recreation Board.

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 [lneissl@cpwa.us](mailto:lneissl@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!

## College Place Department Contacts

### Mayor

Norma Hernández  
[nhernandez@cpwa.us](mailto:nhernandez@cpwa.us)

### City Administrator

Mike Rizzitiello  
[mrizzitiello@cpwa.us](mailto:mrizzitiello@cpwa.us)

### Community Development Director

Jon Rickard  
[jrickard@cpwa.us](mailto:jrickard@cpwa.us)

### Finance Director

Brian Carleton  
[bcarleton@cpwa.us](mailto:bcarleton@cpwa.us)

### Fire Chief

David Winter  
[dwinter@cpwa.us](mailto:dwinter@cpwa.us)

### Police Chief

Troy Tomaras  
[ttomaras@cpwa.us](mailto:ttomaras@cpwa.us)

### Public Works Director

Paul Hartwig  
[phartwig@cpwa.us](mailto:phartwig@cpwa.us)