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### **Your City Representatives**

#### **Mayor**

Norma Hernández

#### **Council Members**

Jerry Bobbitt  
Michael Cleveland  
Marge Nyhagen  
Loren Peterson  
Melodie Selby  
Heather Schermann  
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#### **City Administrator**

Mike Rizzitiello

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## **A Message From The Mayor**



Hello Neighbors,

The end of the year will be upon us before we know it, so that means it is time for College Place to prepare for the winter. Please be sure to prepare at home as well. Cover your outdoor pipes to protect from freezing and breaking, changing out the filter for your heater, having plenty of snow melt on hand, and when allowed, putting on your snow tires.

At City Hall, that means our team in Public Works are busy dusting off the snowplow and making sure that there is plenty of sand and salt on hand to ensure our roads are as safe as possible. Did you know that on snow days our team is up at out clearing the streets by 4 am? They start by clearing the most traveled roads first, such as College Ave., Larch, C Street, 12<sup>th</sup> St, Meadowbrook, and Rose. Then they move on to the side roads. Clearing all the city streets can take up to five hours, but on heavy snow days it can be a full day's work. So, when you see them passing your house, please give them a wave and let them know they are appreciated.

In October, while the sun was still out, I had some opportunities to spend some great times celebrating life with Kindergarten and Pre-1<sup>st</sup> grade students of Rogers Adventist Elementary, students at Walla Walla University who participated in community service day, and Walla Walla University's business students. There is nothing like having conversations about how to be part of bettering the world, starting right here in College Place. I hope I left them with something special, an encouragement for life, that will stay with them as they grow to be the people they are destined to be.

November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Election Day and I hope you all have completed and dropped off your ballots, if you haven't, please do so today. It is a busy ballot for College Place, with positions on the School Board, City Council, and the mayor slated for vote. Three of the council races and the mayor have an incumbent and an opponent. One council race has two newcomers running for an open seat. This is your opportunity to be part of the world's greatest

democracy in action, right here in our community. Your vote is your way of supporting the candidates you believe will serve College Place best as we continue to move forward into our future.

Speaking of that open Council seat, please join me in thanking longtime City Councilwoman, Marge Nyhagen, for the over twenty-four years of service she unselfishly gave to College Place! Councilwoman Nyhagen has been such an integral part of the wonderful community that College Place has grown into over those past two decades. Her servant heart and her unfettering faith will be sincerely missed. I will greatly miss her wisdom, her friendship, and the love she gave me from the time I first became a member of the City Council. Her support and belief in me as I became mayor gave me great strength and saw me through the early days of self-doubt. Marge leaves a mark on my heart as she does on the heart of College Place.

Finally, depending on your wishes for College Place, as communicated through your votes, it is possible that this may be my final Mayor's Message. I could not let even the possibility of that happen without thanking you all for the immense honor of allowing me to serve you as your mayor; I hope that I served you well. These past two years have been an amazing experience that have forever changed my life, and I am so very grateful for all the memories. I mentioned earlier my visit with the cuties at Rogers Adventist School, well the following day I had a father send a message telling me how excited his son was and thanked me for sparking an interest in his son on the important work we do at the city. I could not help but wonder if perhaps one day, I will have the pleasure of casting my vote for him for mayor. That thought warmed my heart, knowing that I may have positively influenced this child and this community, for many years to come.

My deepest gratitude and wishes for a life filled with love and laughter to you all. Stay safe and healthy,  
Norma L. Hernández—Mayor

#### SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES

## Worried about housing?



- ✓ **MILITARY SERVICE:** Someone in your household served in military (certain requirements apply)
- ✓ **LOW INCOME:** Your income is below the limit (based on federal guidelines)
- ✓ **HOUSING CRISIS:** You are at-risk of losing housing OR You already lost housing.  
\*Due to COVID, this temporarily includes being behind in rent.

### How Can We Help?

#### Housing Support

Help with finding housing or keeping housing

#### Case Management

Support to reach your goals

#### Referrals

Get access to the benefits you earned



## Let's Talk.

Call today to find out what is available.

**BMAC:** 509.529.4980 | [BMACWW.ORG](http://BMACWW.ORG)  
BLUE MOUNTAIN ACTION COUNCIL

#### SERVICIOS DE APOYO PARA LAS FAMILIAS DE VETERANOS

## ¿Preocupado/a por su vivienda?



- ✓ **SERVICIOS MILITARES:** Alguien en su hogar sirvió en el servicio militar (ciertos requisitos aplican)
- ✓ **BAJOS INGRESOS:** Sus ingresos están por debajo del límite (según las pautas federales)
- ✓ **CRISIS DE VIVIENDA:** Corre el riesgo de perder su vivienda o ya perdió su vivienda.  
\*Debido a COVID, esto incluye estar atrasado en el alquiler (excepción temporal)

### ¿CÓMO PODEMOS AYUDARLO/A?

#### Con apoyo de vivienda

Ayuda para encontrar vivienda o mantener su vivienda

#### Gestión de su caso

Apoyo para alcanzar sus metas

#### Referencias

Obtenga acceso a los beneficios que usted se ha ganado



## Conversemos.

Llama hoy para saber qué servicios hay disponible para usted.

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## College Place Prevention Coalition was awarded \$220,000 through March 2023!

The coalition is now funded through the Washington State Health Care Authority to provide the city with Prevention Services.

### A little bit about us-

- We started the community coalition in June 2020 and since then have been looking at data from different agencies in the city to assess substance use and mental health needs in the community.
- We have representation from College Place Public Schools, College Place Police Department, YWCA, SonBridge, City of College Place, Lions Club, Providence Health, Trilogy, and Walla Walla County Department of Community Health.
- We are working on a 5-year Strategic plan due February 2022.

### We want your input!

- **We are having a town hall on November 17th at College Place High School.** At this meeting, we will introduce ourselves, share what prevention is and why it matters as well as hear your concerns for the community and how we could help.
- **We invite you to participate in our community survey.** The survey should take 10-15 minutes and asks adults their perception of youth substance use and mental health in the community. Please feel free to share the survey with friends and family, we are aiming to get 200.

For more information contact Krista Timm  
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English



Spanish



## Blue Zones Project

### Purpose Workshop

Blue Zones Project is hosting a Purpose Workshop at SonBridge for anyone interested on November 10. You'll have the opportunity to discover or rediscover your gifts and talents, learn how to navigate through life's transitions, and improve your well-being by living your purpose. For a time call (509) 529-3100 or email

[betty.farley@sonbridge.org](mailto:betty.farley@sonbridge.org).



## 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!**

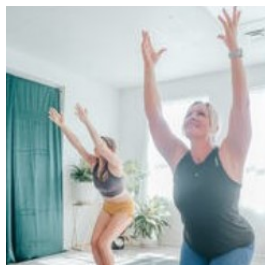
**Llamar a BMAC  
509-529-4980**



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.



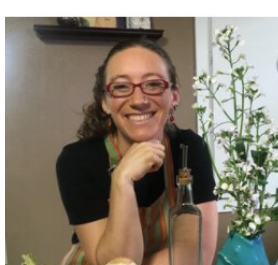
## Events with Walla Walla Valley Blue Zones



Interactive Yoga/  
Purpose Workshop  
with Rebecca. Nov.  
6th from 1-4pm,  
Kaleidoscope Stu-  
dios on the corner  
of 4th and Rose.



Cocina sana y las  
festividades, 16 de  
noviembre, 6pm a  
7:30 pm. SonBridge,  
1200 SE 12th St.  
College Place



Beans, beans the  
magical fruit—if you  
cook them right  
they won't make  
you toot! Online,  
Nov. 10th, 6-7 pm.



Online Purpose  
Workshop, Veterans  
Day, Nov 11, 6-8 pm



VOLUNTEER—Holiday  
food distribution at  
BMAC Food Bank, Nov.  
23rd, 4:45-7:00 pm,  
921 Cherry St.

More information and registration for these events can be found on our web page at  
<https://wwwvalley.bluezonesproject.com/events>.

### Community Calendar

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM** – Economic Development, Tourism, and  
Events Commission.

**Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM** – Lodging Tax Advisory Commission.

**Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.

**Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> City Facilities Closed** – Veterans Day.

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM** – Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Board.

**Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** – Youth Advisory Commission.

**Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** – Historic Preservation Commission.

**Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM** – Parks, Arbor & Recreation Board.

**Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.

**Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – City Facilities Closed** – Thanksgiving.

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. 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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