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A Message From The Mayor



Hello Neighbors,

How can it be Autumn already? Is it just me, or do you feel that time passes faster and faster each year? I hope you all were able to get out and enjoy the beautiful Walla Walla Valley, even if it was simply watching some of our amazing summer sunsets. In the evening time, one of my favorite things to do is to just sit and listen to the crickets' chirp and the frogs croak while looking up towards the limitless night sky. I have no doubt a few of you have joined me a time or two.

Along with the cooler weather, this time of year brings us darker days just as our children are returning to school. Please remember to drive safely, slow down, and watch out for school buses and parents dropping off students, along with your neighbors who are out doing life. There is nothing more important than a life, nothing. Let's follow the motto of 'College Place Cares' and be considerate neighbors.

I am excited to share that College Place has once again been awarded a grant for some much-needed infrastructure improvements. In September, we were awarded \$341,184 from WA State Department of Commerce for our SafeWalk College Place Project, which allow us to construct sidewalks between SW 6th (College to Davis) and SW 8th (College to Bade). So far in 2021, we have saved College Place taxpayers over \$1 million dollars while still getting vital safety and beautification improvement projects done. Getting these grants is not easy, they are extremely competitive, and require compelling assurance that funds will be properly used. They come with restrictions and requirements and can be very time consuming. I am grateful to our amazing City Administrator, Mike Rizzitiello, Finance Director, Brian Carleton, and

Community Development Director, Jon Rickard for their ability to take an idea (sometimes I can come up with doozies) and make them into realities, all while finding money to pay for them all. There is no better team than our city staff!

I would like to briefly address the topic of elections. This year is an election year here in College Place, which I imagine you already know by the appearance of campaign signs. I want to remind the good people of College Place that a vital part of our country's democracy is a free and fair election process. That includes respecting the efforts of candidates to bring awareness to their campaign. I am disappointed that there have been several reports of vandalism to signs and banners in our city. There are laws that protect our rights to campaign, that includes placing signs on public right of ways and private properties (with the owner's consent, of course). Removing or damaging campaign signs is a misdemeanor offense, so please, let us respect our election processes. Instead, show your support on the ballot.

Speaking of our elections, on Thursday, October 7th the WW Chamber of Commerce and AAUW are hosting a College Place Candidate Forum live on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/watch/wwwvchamber/>. Please join in and hear what all candidates running for City Council and Mayor will share about their qualifications to serve you. The Walla Walla Union Bulletin Board will be conducting candidate interviews, so please keep a look out towards the end of October to see who they endorse and why.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that local City & School Board elections are non-partisan races, and by statute are not affiliated with a political party, or at least they should not be. The reason for this is that these roles are designed to focus only on the people they serve and their community. They are not designed to focus on outside influences which may expect allegiance or favors in return. The people of College Place must be an elected official's only priority and they must be prepared to both collaborate and fight for what is right for College Place first. So please, do your research on who is running to serve College Place.

Ballots will be mailed out around October 15th and Election Day is November 2nd, so please remember to return your ballots; the future of our community depends on your voice!

With my wishes for health and safety,

Norma L. Hernández

Mayor

CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE PRESENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT



OCT 29, 2021

City Hall Municipal Building
625 S College Avenue

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Visit cpwa.com

3-6 PM

Utility Billing Winter Averages

Did you know that the City takes your average water usage in the winter months to determine your sewer flow cap for the remainder of the year? We do this to help make sure your utility bill doesn't sky rocket in the summer due to sewer usage. We take that average in the winter as the amount of water you use inside the house (when you aren't watering your lawn or garden). This helps us determine the amount of extra water you use in the summer isn't going into the sewer, so you don't get charged for it. We begin that winter average calculation in December with the final read in February. You will see that new winter average cap take effect in March. If you have any questions or you find out that you have a leak, please contact the Utility Clerk at 509-529-1200.



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.



Walla Walla County
Rural Library District

Walla Walla County Rural Library District

Wow, we're loving this Fall weather at the library! The trees across from the College Place Branch at Meadowbrook Plaza are turning colors, and we're turning our thoughts from the very successful Summer Reading Program to how we can support Back To School, and we're having cozy thoughts of curling up with a cup of tea and a good book! If you need suggestions for tea or for a good book, come see us soon. We have computers to use, a brand new book collection, and helpful people to show you how to use Libby, our e-book app.

Community Calendar

- Oct. 5th at 5:30 PM** – City Council Workshop.
- Oct. 11th at 5:00 PM** – Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission.
- Oct. 12th & 26th at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.
- Oct. 14th at 12:00 PM** – Civil Service Meeting.
- Oct. 19th at 7:00 PM** - Planning Commission.
- Oct. 20th at 4:00 PM** – Youth Advisory Commission.
- Oct. 21st at 4:00 PM** – Historic Preservation Commission.
- Oct. 22nd at 8:00 AM** – Park, Arbor & Recreation Board.
- Oct. 29th from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM** – City of College Place Trunk Or Treat.

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 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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