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Public Hearing Notice

The City of College Place City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the establishment of an Ambulance Utility and adoption of supporting rates. This hearing will be held at the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Testimony may be given during the meeting by joining the Zoom meeting at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87697130420> or you may call 1-669-900-9128 ID# 876 9713 0420
Phone controls: *6 - toggle mute/un-mute and *9 - raise hand. Written testimony may be provided by email to clerk@cpwa.us or mail to City Clerk at 625 S College Avenue, College Place WA 99324. Written testimony must be received no later than 4:00 PM on Monday, April 11th, 2022.

A Message From The Mayor

Hello Neighbors,

We made it through a very strange winter and are standing within spring's front door; how glorious! I love springtime in College Place, with our crisp morning and outdoor weather afternoons and evenings. There is early blooming going on around the city and I keep hoping that hummingbirds will visit me this year as all our flower gardens color our neighborhoods. It certainly is a good time to be in College Place.

Speaking of spring and flowers, the 2022 opening of the CP Farmers & Artesian Market is just around the corner. Opening day is Thursday, May 26th from 4pm to 7pm. We are currently accepting application for booths, so if you have a small business selling goods or goodies, please look at our wonderful market. You can get more information at www.cpwa.us/residents/events/farmers_and_artisans_market.php

March was a busy month for the city as we prepare for summer and fall projects that are scheduled. But one project that is already up and running is that College Place now has a drop box located on the north side of City Hall (alley way) where we can respectfully retire our flags according to U.S. Flag Code! This is in thanks to College Place High School student, Joshua Courtney, who chose this as his Eagle Scout's community service project. Joshua and his scout troop will also be periodically retrieving flags that are dropped off and will work with the American Legion for a formal destruction.

City Council has been busy planning for our future and preparing for growth. They approved plans to build a new clean water well that will put College Place back to where we should have been years back ago. Clean water access is such a vital part of a vibrant city, for both residents and businesses. If you recall, when I first became mayor in 2019, the city was running on 1.5 wells, which was unbelievably frightening. We were a disaster waiting to happen. Thankfully, we were able to move quickly to get three wells going in less than three years.

The 4Bikes Project on 4th and College is moving along quickly. I know the closed roads and detours can be an annoyance, but I think you all will agree that the finished results and increased safety around WWU will be worth it. We are also increasing safety in other neighborhoods by adding new street lighting (sorry neighbors who live off Larch, I am working with Pacific Power on getting deflectors installed so that light

will not shine right into your windows-yikes!). We will continue to add in more sidewalks and handicap access points throughout the city through fall.

Being engaged in what is going on in the city is so important for community success. Remember that all public meetings, City Council and all committees and boards, are live streamed and stored for later viewings on the city's YouTube [Channel](#). This is the best way to hear what city leadership and staff are deciding to do with your city and tax dollars. We also post important informational updates on what is going on around the city, so please subscribe and don't miss out! Do not forget about our Facebook, Instagram and Nextdoor social media accounts as well.

We are still unable to permit in person public meetings for several reasons, but they all come down to needing to meet the new requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). Some incorrectly thought that it would be a simple endeavor by just allowing it, but that was far from correct. We have been working on it for almost a year now. City Hall was not designed to accommodate all the new technology that is needed for us to hold in person meetings and continue virtual meeting access. Regulations require that online viewers must be able to see all officials or committee members, along with their names at all times on screen. That requires a new visual and sound system, one that voices can be picked up clearly enough. We have been raising funds (grants) to offset most of the cost, getting engineering designs, bids on equipment, and request for proposals from companies to do the work. We are at the tail end of the planning part and are getting ready to start the work on City Hall soon. When we do have our first in person council meeting, I hope to see you there!

I again want to thank all of you who are emailing, calling, and sending me letters. Letting me know that you believe I am doing a pretty good job, or allowing me the chance to address an issue is always welcomed. Please continue to do so. My email address is nhernandez@cpwa.us and my number is 509-386-6634. Letters can be sent to City Hall at 625 S. College Ave, College Place, WA 99324.

I leave you all with my wishes for a wonderful and safe spring.

Norma L. Hernández—Mayor

Update From The City Administrator

Spring has sprung. A lot of Capital Projects and Programs are underway. The City was awarded a \$216,000 grant from the State to augment Summer Youth Programs with our partners College Place Public Schools, Campfire, and SonBridge Center for Better Living. In order to figure out what sorts of programs to tailor for the youth this summer, an online survey is available. Please fill it out today to help guide programming this summer: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeh4oXqO5lsf2kknWZyCAsvAJ432eJT_NuiGjSzfr8bkTEd4Q/viewform

Contractor Culbert Construction is wrapping up the 4Bikes Project. This project is paid for via a State Transportation Improvement Board Complete Street grant and includes extending the cycle track from Davis to College Avenue and pedestrian street lamps on the south side of the roadway from College Avenue to Academy Way. This project will be complete by early April. More information can be found here: [www.cpwa.us/residents/4bikes_\(fourth_street\).php](http://www.cpwa.us/residents/4bikes_(fourth_street).php)

Water utility work is in full gear. Nelson Corp is constructing the replacement Well #2 well house on the southwest corner of Whitman Drive & Maple. It should be complete and operational by the end of the summer. Completion of this project will get the City Water Utility back up to the number of wells it had five years ago before two of our old wells failed. Information on this project can be found here: www.cpwa.us/residents/water_system_well_2_replacement.php. Across the Street from Replacement Well #2, within the fenced in area of the East Side Booster Station the City has obtained grants from the State, Transalta, and Pacific Power Blue Sky to construct a solar array which essentially will make the power consumption of the booster tanks revenue neutral. Additional information on this project can be found here: www.cpwa.us/residents/east_side_booster_solar_array.php. The City also received State Public Works Board funding to replace steel water mains around the Sky & Mountainview neighborhood. This project has been awarded to POW Contracting and it will be constructed throughout the summer. Information can be found here: www.cpwa.us/residents/sky_12th_water_main.php

The City continues to conduct final engineering pertaining to the Lions Park Renovation funded by State Recreation Conservation Office, Sherwood Trust, State Department of Ecology, and the City. The plan is to get this project out to bid later this year and have construction go through next summer. Project updates will be posted here: www.cpwa.us/residents/lions_park_renovation.php



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Being connected to our community, work, families, and ourselves is important to our overall health and well-being. Connection is one of the nine principles of Blue Zones Project.

All discussions are presented by experts in their fields including Nick Buettner from the original Blue Zones!

Everything is free and open to the public.



The Power of Understanding People with Dave Mitchell

Monday, April 25
4 - 5:30pm

Marcus Whitman Hotel



Blue Zones Project in Walla Walla Valley with Nick Buettner

Tuesday, April 26
7 - 8pm

Gesa Power House Theatre



Benefits of Worksite Wellness Programs with Yolanda Harper

Wednesday, April 27
9 - 10am

Marcus Whitman Hotel



ROI of Community Well-Being Planning with Nick Buettner

Wednesday, April 27
Luncheon, noon - 1pm

Marcus Whitman Hotel



Purpose Workshop with Yolanda Harper

Wednesday, April 27
1:30 - 3:30pm

Marcus Whitman Hotel



Social Connectedness and Mental Health

Wednesday, April 27
4 - 5pm

Marcus Whitman Hotel

Register Today: wwvalley.bluezonesproject.com/events



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Youth Recreation in College Place

Do you need summer activities for your 6th to 8th grade children? SonBridge Center for Better Living, in partnership with the College Place School District and Camp Fire of Walla Walla, are planning a summer youth program.

SonBridge Center for Better Living's new Youth Recreation Director, Alexander Engels, would like to hear from you to know how to meet the needs of your family.

For more information, call 509-529-3100 or email alex.engels@sonbridge.org.



Walla Walla Valley Academy



Walla Walla Valley Academy has opened their registration for next school year. We have some new staff and new programs that we will be offering. We invite you to visit us in person or check us out online at www.wwva.org.

We have a work program and financial aid for those that qualify. Give us a call today at 509-525-1050.

Community Calendar

- Apr. 5th at 5:30 PM** – City Council Workshop.
- Apr. 11th at 5:00 PM** – Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission Meeting.
- Apr. 12th at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.
- Apr. 14th at 12:00 PM** – Civil Service Meeting.
- Apr. 19th at 7:00 PM** – Planning Commission Meeting.
- Apr. 20th at 4:00 PM** – Youth Advisory Commission Meeting.
- Apr. 21st at 4:00 PM** – Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.
- Apr. 22nd at 8:00 AM** – Parks, Arbor & Recreation Board.
- Apr. 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/UCbx3grqzLDL_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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