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Message From The Mayor

Happy Summer Neighbors!

Summer took its time getting here, but there is no doubt that we are well on our way for some sunny and hot weather. I finally had a hummingbird visit one of my feeders, I think the cooler, wet weather was keeping them away. Please remember to stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and protect your children and pets. Oh, and keep those bird baths filled with clean water, our feathered friends will be needing them as we all heat up.

I know this next topic can be controversial, but it is important that I not just acknowledge concerns, but also that I write about it. The City will be having our Freedom Festival event on Sunday, July 3rd (see the announcement in this newsletter for location and times). Food, fun, and fireworks are on the agenda. Our hope is that neighbors will forego buying and lighting their own fireworks (boy, are those expensive and with inflation being what it is, you likely have better things to spend your hard-earned money on) and instead come together as a community and enjoy one fantastic show together.

College Place's ordinance on fireworks is that they can be used only on July 3rd and 4th from 11am to 11pm. No mortar type bombing fireworks are allowed. If you insist on doing your own fireworks, please keep a firehose ready and clean up afterwards. Please be sure to bring your pets indoors and make sure they are secured on July 3rd and 4th. Keep your doors and windows closed, I've heard tales of dogs running out of them when frightened by the loud noises. It is also a good idea to reach out to your veterinarian for advice on how to keep them calm and safe.

Have you visited our Farmers and Artisans Market at Lions Park yet? If not, you are missing out! Stop by and support our small businesses while getting some really great buys. Remember, EBT Cards are accepted for food items. The Market is every Thursday from 4pm to 7pm. Hope to see you there!

The inevitable happened at the Hernández house, we got COVID-19. I do feel bad because I was the one who brought it home because I let my guard down and got too lax on wearing my N95 mask and social distancing. Thankfully all is good now, but I'll never get those three weeks of what could have been productive back. County numbers are on the rise again so please take care out there.

How about that new 4-way stop at Whitman and Larch? It is crazy how exciting those types of improvements in our city are to me. To those of you who have reached out to me about Larch, the

obnoxious car noises (what's with not having proper mufflers these days?), the speeding and careless drivers, and those who fail to actually stop at stop signs, know that we are taking your concerns seriously. I have requested a study be done on what would be appropriate road design measures that can be done to help make our city safer. We continue to work on road safety measures around town, but of course nothing can be as simple as just wanting to do something. There are protocols that must be followed, for better or worse, and our Public Works crew are doing their best to ensure that mistakes are not made. Although, it is dismaying that drivers are not as considerate as they should be, if only we all would live by the Golden Rule. As a reminder, the City has returned to in person meetings at City Hall. City Council meetings are on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7pm, and the workshop is on the first Tuesday of each month if you would like to come join us in person, we would love to see you. Of course, you can still watch and participate virtually by joining in via Zoom or watching live on our [YouTube Channel](#). You can also attend meetings of the various committees and boards as well, just visit our website at www.cpwa.us for meeting information.

Please be sure to read the rest of this newsletter as there is important information on the new (and vital) Ambulance Utility Fee that will be on city utility bills beginning in July. Also, there are a number of great summer events happening including the always fun Movies in the Park which will be starting soon, so put on mosquito repellent, bring your blankets, chairs, and popcorn!

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

With gratitude,

Norma L. Hernández—Mayor

Art Programs by Enable Art®

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EVENING ART CLASSES

These classes happen weekly and were created to teach people of all ages, at any artistic level, how to be creative in a fun and relaxed environment. These classes are open to the wider community and are for people who are looking to stretch their creativity.

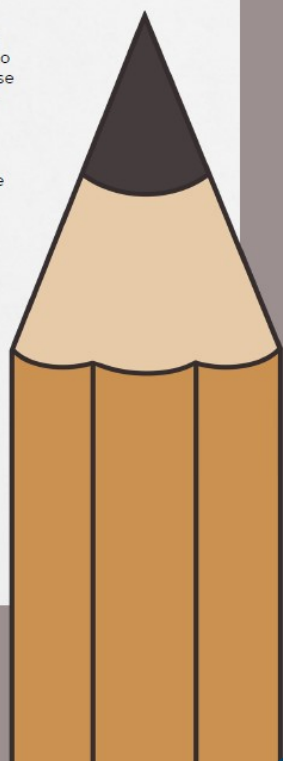
These classes are adult classes but children 12+ are allowed to come as long as parents or guardians attend class WITH them.

Classes are \$40 per person
(Ask about our Gold Brush Membership)

SUMMER ART CAMPS

Summer Art Camps happen each week and begin in June and go through August.

We offer different classes for kids (ages 5-10) and for youth (ages 10-16) and are covering a wide range of art mediums!



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Walla Walla County Rural Library District



Walla Walla County
Rural Library District

Happy Summer from the
College Place branch of

Walla Walla County Rural Library District! Are you drying out from all the rain yet? We are!

Have you signed up for Summer Reading Program 2022 yet? Even if it's still raining by the time you read this, put on the Gore-Tex and get outside! That's the theme of this year's Summer Reading. We've got a "Get Outdoors" display and the chance to read your way to some cool prizes, so come in and sign up soon to Read Beyond Your Beaten Path!

We also have some great gardening books and cookbooks for those outdoor get-togethers.

See you soon at the library!

A Note From The City Administrator

I hope everyone's Summer is going well. A lot is going on at the City. We are in the heart of community event season. The weekly Farmers Market is held every Thursday from 4 to 7 PM at Lions Park (801 SE Larch). For more information, please visit our website. The City is also once again holding the Freedom Festival on Sunday, July 3rd from 6 PM to 10 PM at College Place High School. It will consist of vendors, kids fair, concert by Shanks Pony, and a firework show. For more information, please visit this website: www.cpwa.us/residents/events/freedom_festival.php

In other news, College Avenue will be closed from Cedar Bend to Lamperti throughout July as contractor Apollo is fixing some settlement issues within the project area. Nelson Corp continues to work on building the well-house and associated mechanical equipment at the replacement drinking water well located at the southwest corner of Whitman Drive and Maple. It should be operational by early Fall.

Starting in July the City will start to charge for the Ambulance Utility at 1/3 of the adopted rate. This item has been evaluated by the City Council over a period of four years. This utility was created as basic life support ambulance services has seen 20% call volume increases over the last two years. This is an issue since the majority of the Fire Department staffing is volunteer. The existing staffing of the Fire Department has one full time firefighter per shift with volunteers. We have had several cases where dual calls have occurred at the same time which the city had difficulty responding to with the existing manpower. The ambulance utility will allow the City to hire four firefighter/EMT's which will permit the Fire Department to respond to dual calls in an expedient fashion. A webpage about the Ambulance Utility is here: www.cpwa.us/departments/fire/ambulance_utility.php

Also, many have read the press release issued by College Place Public Schools regarding the pause on the School Resource Officer program. This has been caused due to current staffing levels at the College Place Police Department. The Department is aggressively recruiting for Police Officers. To apply, please visit this website: www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cpwa. A news article which provides a more detailed background on this matter is located here: www.nbcrightnow.com/news/college-place-pd-staff-shortages-putting-a-pause-on-public-school-sros/article_d531490a-f355-11ec-8bf0-03042dd72c1d.html. Once we have new officers hired, gone through the state mandated Basic Law Enforcement Training, and field training where they can be on their own, this program will resume.

SonBridge Youth Recreation Summer Camps



SonBridge Center for Better Living camps for children entering the 6th to 8th grade next school year are filling up. Camps are planned for each week starting June 27 through August 18 on Mondays to Thursdays from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Camps still available include Leadership, Cooking, Sports, Drama, Survival, Science and Farming and are limited to 20 children each. Sign up today! For more information and to register, go to sonbridge.org/youth-recreation or call 509-529-3100.

Rogers Adventist School



Rogers Adventist School is accepting students in grades K-2 and 7-8 for the 22-23 school year. 3rd-6th grade classes are full. For more information or a school tour, contact Cindy McCrery at cindy.mccrery@rogersschool.org or (509)529-1850. Visit our website at rschool.org



JAZZERCISE

Free Jazzercise Classes in
Washington Park! 700 West
Cherry St., T/Th, 7/5 - 7/28, 6 - 7
p.m.



BLUE ZONES PROJECT

July 2022 Blue Zones Events



Free Outdoor Movie Night,
Sonic the Hedgehog, July 9,
7:30, Lions Park, College Place



Farmer's Market Cooking Class
with Chef Heidi McFarley, July
14, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Lion's Park,
College Place



Farmer's Market Cooking Class
with Wholistic Nutrition
Practitioner, Bert Day, July 28,
5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Lion's Park,
College Place



VOLUNTEER, Distribute Food
Boxes to Seniors, July 21, 1 - 4
p.m., BMAC Food Bank, 921 W.
Cherry St.



Free Outdoor Movie Night,
Sing 2, July 30, 7:30, Lions Park,
College Place

To register for events or for more information, visit www.valley.bluezonesproject.com/events

Community Calendar

July 3rd at 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM – College Place Freedom Festival – CP High
School Campus at 1755 S. College Ave

July 4th City Facilities Closed – Independence Day

July 7th at 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Farmers & Artisan Market – Lions Park

July 9th at sundown – Movies In The Park: Sonic the Hedgehog at Lions Park

July 12th at 7:00 PM – City Council Meeting.

July 14th at 12:00 PM – Civil Service Meeting.

July 14th at 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Farmers & Artisan Market – Lions Park

July 21st at 4:00 PM – Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

July 21st at 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Farmers & Artisan Market – Lions Park

July 22nd at 8:00 AM – Parks, Arbor & Recreation Board.

July 26th at 7:00 PM – City Council Meeting.

July 28th at 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – Farmers & Artisan Market – Lions Park

July 30th at sundown – Movies In The Park: Sing 2 at Lions Park

All meetings are hybrid. Public may attend in-person at 625 S College Avenue, College
Place Washington (City Hall Council Chambers) or meetings may be viewed at: Live
Stream on City of College Place, Washington YouTube 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 lineissl@cpwa.us. Comment requests must be
received by the Clerk no later than 4:30 PM on the meeting date. Check our website
and Facebook Page for updates!

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