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Message From The Mayor

Hello Neighbors,

I was hoping to write about the beautiful spring into summer weather we are having, however as of yesterday late afternoon we still had a sudden windy downpour. But, there is the silver lining of our landscapes receiving free water and hopefully keeping drought at bay. I will say though, College Place is filled with blooming colors, and that makes me smile.

I am excited that council chambers have re-opened for citizens to safely participate in person at all City Meetings. There are a number of meetings happening every week that you can participate in. They are all listed on the back of the newsletter under the Community Calendar. I encourage you to share your thoughts, concerns and heck-even praises with your elected representatives at the Council Workshop and Regular Council Meetings. All these meetings have discussions and recommendations that affect College Place by volunteers, who are also your neighbors, so please join in and hear what is happening in your neighborhood. If you cannot make it in person, all meetings are still streamed live on Zoom (visit our [Facebook Page](#) and on the [Nextdoor App](#), as well as the City's [YouTube Channel](#)). Of course, if you cannot join in live, you can always watch the un-redacted recorded version on [YouTube](#).

Speaking of council chambers, which was built in the 80's, this summer it will be getting a facelift so that we can implement modern technologies that will allow us to meet WA State's Open Public Meetings Act requirements for joint live and virtual meetings. We will be moving all City Council meetings over to the fire station's meeting room while council chambers is under construction. I am excited to see College Place make another step forward to truly becoming a transparent and citizen inclusive community.

In spite of what I see outside my window today, I know that summer is coming. That also means summer events in College Place are scheduled! Staff are working on a number of events to keep summer in College Place fun! Please check our [Facebook](#) page and City [website](#) weekly for new announcements and events.

Our Farmers & Artisan Market at Lions Park (801 SE Larch Ave) opened on May 26th with live

music, a cooking class by Blue Zones Project and our friends from Community Connections were there introducing some of our amazing community organizations that are doing great things in College Place. On Sunday, July 3rd the College Place Freedom Festival will happen at College Place High School from 6pm-10pm, weather permitting (last year we canceled because of record 115°F temps). There will be live music by Shanks Pony from 7pm-10pm, vendors, food trucks, and for our youngest citizens CPHS Cheer Kid Zone. To close the event, we will have our Columbia REA sponsored family favorite Fireworks Show. So, no need to waste your hard earned money on fireworks and risk dangerous situations, just join us for this free show.

Sager Middle School's Spring Carnival will be held at Lions Park on Thursday, June 2nd from 4pm-7pm. There is a \$5 entrance fee for six-years-old and up. Join them in celebrating the end of school year with carnival rides, yummy food, and games! What a great community and family event! Thank you CPPS for serving the families of College Place.

Did you see the press release (you can see it on Facebook) by our CPPD back on May 13th or see the [KAPP/KVEW story](#) on May 20th? I am so proud of our PD for working hard to combat crime in College Place! We have had criminals coming into College Place and committing crimes at Home Depot and Walmart. Our PD had enough of that! Between April 29th and May 8th, in partnership with Home Depot they conducted an emphasis patrol which resulted in twenty-one arrests! So, let it be known, College Place will not tolerate criminal activity.

I want to remind you that on Sunday, July 3rd that around 10pm we will be having a firework show. Our hope is that fewer citizens will shoot off fireworks of their own, which can lead to loss of property or injury. Last year after hearing from a few neighbors the city conducted a survey asking if we should stop or continue fireworks when celebrating community events. We had one of our highest response rates to a survey thus far and the recommendation from CP citizens was to continue the shows.

However, we do understand that our furry family members can be sensitive to the noise, I have some of my own as well. Please make sure pets are indoors and/or secured properly and that doors and gates are closed/locked. That will prevent pets from running off.

I do hope to see you during our summer events, if you see me, please feel free to stop me and introduce yourselves or to say "hi". I always enjoy that. I almost always have my City of College Place ID around my neck on a lanyard, so hopefully that will help me stand out. So, mark your calendars and please support our local businesses by coming to the CP Farmers & Artisans Market every Thursday from 4pm-7pm (weather permitting). I hope to see Lions Park alive with activity.

Until next time,

Norma L. Hernández—Mayor



Walla Walla County Rural Library District

May was definitely picking up steam at College Place Library with a new Pacific Northwest display and a Free Comic Book Day. By the time you read this, the Bookmobile will be back at the College Place Farmer's Market, which started on May 26th! Come spin the wheel and get a prize. The Summer Reading Program starts on June 20th, and you can sign up at the Meadowbrook College Place branch or on Thursdays at the Market. Come see us soon!

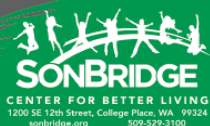
SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM

FOR YOUTH IN GRADES 6 TO 8 (2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR)

SonBridge provides youth a chance to learn new skills and gain new experiences throughout the year. We offer eight camps throughout the summer at the SonBridge Education Center at 1200 SE 12th Street in College Place. Youth may be transported to other locations depending on the activity. During the school year, after school programs will be offered.

Each camp is offered for a fee of \$50.00 per week. Financial scholarships are available to help cover fees.

SonBridge youth recreation staff are dedicated to making recreation available and fun for the youth of our community.



For more information and to register for a camp, go to sonbridge.org/youth-recreation.org

College Place Public Schools Registration Open for School Year 2022-2023



ENROLL TODAY

School begins in CPPS on Monday, August 30, 2022. (Yes, BEFORE Labor Day!)

We are now enrolling new students and registering returning students for 2022-2023 for:

- Pre-School (for qualifying 3 and 4-year-old students)
- Transitional Kindergarten (for qualifying 4 and 5-year-old students)
- Kindergarten through Grade 12+

Parents or guardians can easily get their student(s) registered by using their phone to scan below or by visiting: www.cpps.org/page/enrollment-and-registration

Returning Students

- Parent/Guardian login to Skyward "Family Access Account"
- Complete Online Registration for 2022-2023 School Year

New Students

- Complete "Skyward Family Access Form"
- You will then be contacted about next steps!



ALL CAMPS ARE
MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 1:00PM TO 5:00PM
- NO CAMP ON MONDAY, JULY 4 -

Art Camp Jun 27 - 30

Art Camp is designed to encourage youth to develop and grow their artistic abilities through exposure to different mediums, and artists. This camp is being presented in partnership with Carnegie Picture Lab.

Leadership Camp July 5 - 7

Leadership Camp is designed to encourage youth to develop and grow their leadership abilities and understand the importance of being a good leader.

Cooking Camp July 11 - 14

Cooking Camp is designed to encourage youth to develop and grow their culinary abilities. This camp is being presented in partnership with Heidi McFarley.

Sports Camp July 18 - 21

Sports Camp is designed to encourage youth to develop and grow their interest in sports by providing the opportunity to play a variety of sports.

Drama Camp July 25 - 28

Drama Camp is designed to encourage youth to develop and expand their skills in the dramatic arts.

Survival Camp August 1 - 4

Survival Camp is designed to encourage youth to develop and grow their survival skills.

Science Camp August 8 - 11

Science Camp is designed to encourage youth to develop and grow their interest in the field of science. This camp is being presented in partnership with Ben Roy from Science Zone and the Tri-State Steelheaders. Ben Roy will be presenting Monday and Tuesday on the topic of Weather. Tri-State Steelheaders will be presenting Wednesday and Thursday and will be leading a nature scavenger hunt for bugs, birds, plants, and more!

Farming Camp August 15 - 18

Farming Camp is designed to encourage youth to develop and grow their interest in farming and being able to grow their own food. This camp is being presented in partnership with Sustainable Living Center.

Statement on Creation of Utility to Support Ambulance Service

After four years of careful analysis on various options, on April 12th, 2022 the College Place City Council voted to enact an Ambulance Utility to help support the City's Basic Life Support Ambulance Service which will be effective July 1st. This is being done due to the large increases in call volumes the ambulance service has witnessed over the last couple of years. College Place Fire Department is a combination agency meaning it the workforce is primarily volunteer backed up by limited full-time personnel. The agency has witnessed a trend with stacked calls (same time) whereas with our limited full-time fire staffing getting out a second ambulance in a timely manner has been a challenge. The ambulance utility will allow the agency to hire four full-time firefighters which will enable the City to have two full-time firefighters on duty at any given time.

The rate methodology voted on by council has the rate based on demand & availability of the service as derived by square footage. Each equivalent residential unit of which the rate is based covers up to 1,985 sq ft of a structure. Also, to ease in the cost of the utility only 33% of the cost will be charged from July 1st thru December 31st of 2022, 66.67% throughout 2023, and then full charge in 2024. This means for an average single-family homeowner the cost per month in 2022 beginning July 1st is \$2.28, in 2023 is \$4.56, and in 2024 is \$6.84. Information on this utility will continued to be posted on the City webpage: https://www.cpwa.us/departments/fire/ambulance_utility.php



Walla Walla Enactus Team

Calling all gardeners! Enactus' community garden is still accepting gardeners for the upcoming season. The garden is on a beautiful plot located beside the College Place fire station. Leasing fees are \$50, but if you or someone you know of loves to garden but can't afford it we offer a discounted price of \$10, just indicate you want it in the google form. Come join our garden and become a part of your community and the earth around you. Can't wait to see you in the garden!

Contact us via:

Email: collegeplacecommunitygarden@gmail.com

Or fill out our google form to get started:

<https://forms.gle/Es4neoML62Csz9qq6>

June 2022 Events

- June 16th is the **Farmer's Market Cooking Class with Blue Zones Project** from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Lions Park
 - Healthy Homemade Fruit Popsicles—Register for the event at www.eventbrite.com/e/338384265447
- June 25th is the **Free Community Pool Party** is June 25th from 7:00pm—9:00pm at Memorial Pool
 - Free Community Pool Party with games, prizes, raffle items, snacks, & more! Register for the event at www.eventbrite.com/e/320349061667
- June 30th is the **Farmer's Market Cooking Class with Chef Gary Asmus** from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Lions Park
 - Register for the event at www.eventbrite.com/e/farmers-market-cooking-class-with-chef-gary-asmus-tickets-338400092787

Community Calendar

- June 2nd at 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM** – Farmers & Artisan Market – Lions Park
- June 6th at 5:00 PM** – Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission Meeting Joint Meeting with Planning Commission.
- June 7th at 5:30 PM** – City Council Workshop.
- June 9th at 12:00 PM** – Civil Service Meeting.
- June 9th at 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM** – Farmers & Artisan Market – Lions Park
- June 14th at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.
- June 16th at 4:00 PM** – Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.
- June 16th at 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM** – Farmers & Artisan Market – Lions Park
- June 21st - Cancelled** – Planning Commission Meeting.
- June 23rd at 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM** – Farmers & Artisan Market – Lions Park
- June 24th at 8:00 AM** – Parks, Arbor & Recreation Board.
- June 28th at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.
- June 30th at 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM** – Farmers & Artisan Market – 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/UCbx3qrqzLDL_05NusReSl-g. If you have a comment you would like to make, please contact Lisa Neissl – City Clerk at lnessl@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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