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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

Greetings Neighbors, I write this on a sunny, but oh so chilly, morning here in College Place, as winter displays its last hurrah for this season. That means springtime in the beautiful Walla Walla Valley is not far away!

Speaking of spring, College Place's 2022 Farmers & Artisan Market is now accepting applications from licensed small business vendors to sell their delicious goodies and crafting goods beginning in late May. I am secretly hoping for a bird house and feeder builder to help me add to my collection (I refuse to call it an addiction). If you have any questions on requirements, cost, or the application process, please refer to the city's website at www.cpwa.us. For the rest of us, please be sure to visit the market beginning on May 26th at Lions Park to support our neighbors by purchasing your fresh fruits and veggies, some tasty treats, beautiful floral arrangements, and of course locally handmade products.

At the city, we do our best to communicate what is going on or what is coming up that might either effect you or we think you might be interested in. We utilize this monthly newsletter, our website, the reader board in front of City Hall, and various social media platforms-Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, and the Nextdoor app. Additionally, all City public meetings are streamed live on the city's [YouTube Channel](#) and left there for viewing to keep you updated on projects and events. We do our best not to surprise anyone and to be completely transparent, however there is no way to ensure that everyone pays attention to information we send out. I hear comments or read statements on social media about how "It would have been helpful if the city informed us" or "Why did they not make that public?" when in truth, we did; and more often than not, numerous times and ways. So, I invite you to connect with us via all our communication platforms and to check in daily for news and information. We believe an informed community is a

strong community.

I also welcome you to reach out to me with questions, concerns, comments, information, ideas, complaints, and praises. I do my best to respond to every email, letter, and phone call. I am even happy to sit down with you and chat (my favorite spots are Rogers Bakery & Café and The Fresh Lime, and I would love to treat you to a coffee, tea, or smoothie). I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss issues and address them before they become a sore subject or become social media fodder. We are in this together, let us work together to foster a community of peace, health, and friendship. You can always reach me via email at nandez@cpwa.us or by leaving me a voicemail message at 509-386-6634 and I will return your call as soon as possible.

I also wanted to thank all of you who voted on the school levy, no matter how you voted your involvement in shaping our community matters. Please continue to read this newsletter, the City Administrator's message includes some very important projects and information about the city's fire and ambulance services.

I thank you sincerely for your time in reading my monthly message, time is a great gift and I do not take it lightly.

With gratitude,

Mayor Norma L. Hernández

A Note From The City Administrator

The City is executing a number of grant funding projects as Spring is upon on. Here is a sampling:

- 4Bikes – Culbert Construction is currently performing construction work on SW 4th St between College Ave & SW Davis. The end result will be a continuation of the cycle track, sidewalk panel replacement, and pedestrian street lamps on the south side of the roadway. The project will wrap up by the end of March. This project is funded by a State Transportation Improvement Board Complete Street Grant. More information can be found here: www.cpwa.us/residents/4bikes_fourth_street.php
- SW Wastewater Trunk Line/Lift Station #7 Replacement – Apollo Construction has finished up the Lift Station construction on SW Teal Rd and tested it. It is fully functional. Apollo will next decommission the old Lift Station below College Ave & Mojonnie Rd. This project was funded via a combination of USDA-Rural Development, St Dept. of Ecology, Port of Walla Walla .09, and City Wastewater Utility Funds. More information can be found here: www.cpwa.us/residents/southwest_college_place_wastewater_trunk_line.php
- Replacement Drinking Water Well #6 – Nelson Construction has mobilized to the City owned site on the SW corner of Whitman Dr. & Maple Ave. Nelson will construct a well-house with mechanical equipment. The well shaft is to a depth of 850 ft. It is expected this project will be operational by the end of the summer. This project replaced Drinking Water Well #2, which completely failed. This project is funded through a combination of State Dept. of Health Drinking Water, Legislative Appropriation, and City Water Utility Funds. More information can be found here: www.cpwa.us/residents/water_system_well_2_replacement.php

The City also has a contract with POW Contractor to replace decayed water main around the SE Sky & Mountainview neighborhood. This project will go through the summer. Additionally, the City has contracted with Iron Horse to perform wastewater lining activities around SE 12th & Birch, SW 10th & Puff, and SW 1st St neighborhoods. Wastewater lining extends the life of wastewater mains by decades and is a trenchless method of construction.

The City successfully obtained a \$216,375 SEEK grant from the State to augment Summer Youth Recreation activities. \$134,000 will go to College Place Public Schools to offer intramural summer sports programs. \$50,000 will go to Walla Walla Campfire to expand the day camp and offer more scholarships for the Kiwanis Park Day Camp adjacent to Davis Elementary School. SonBridge will

Lastly, the City is examining the creation of an Ambulance Utility to fund the addition of four full time Firefighter/EMT's. Over the last year the call volumes for our ambulance service have increased over 20%. The College Place Fire Department is a combination agency, which means, the agency has one full-time employee on per shift with the rest of the manpower coming from the volunteers. The City is trying to get a place where two full-time employees are on per shift, which would allow the agency to better respond to stacked calls, which we are getting more and more of. To follow progress on this, please follow this webpage:

www.cpwa.us/departments/fire/ambulance_utility.php



Walla Walla County Rural Library District

Happy Spring from the College Place branch of the Walla Walla County Rural Library District! I noticed this morning that my tulip bulbs are poking up already! Spring Break for you Walla Walla U students and staff is not that far away, so if you need gardening books or a good read to go along with this fine weather, be sure to come visit us soon!

We've re-started LIVE Story time here, though masks are still required. Come bring the littles for a story and possibly a craft by Mr. Chris. Tuesdays at 11:15am here in the College Place branch on Meadowbrook Blvd. is where it's at!

We're also a new member of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library organization. You can sign up for FREE through the United Way of the Blue Mountains and get an age-appropriate book for your little ones sent to your home EVERY MONTH until they're 5! Sound good? Sign up at the library!

Rogers Adventist School Registration



Registration opened on March 1 for the '22 - '23 school year. Current students who finish registration are guaranteed a seat in classrooms until March 31st. New students may start the application process by going to rschool.org. If you have any questions or would like a tour of the school, please contact us at 529-1850 or email Cindy McCrery at cindy.mccrery@rogersschool.org



Thank You College Place Voters for Your Support of College Place Public Schools Superintendent Jim Fry

College Place Public Schools' success on our Educational Programs & Operations Levy replacement during the February 8th special election is because of your strong support. The 4-year levy takes the place of three expiring levies (2020 Maintenance & Operations, 2020 Technology & Safety, 2022 Transportation) providing the needed funds to bridge the gap between state funds and what is needed to deliver the excellent services our students deserve and our community expects. Thank you for your strong show of support for our schools and the work we do here each and every day.

The levy, which will support our schools from 2023-2026, will enable us to continue programs and services such as the arts, athletics, STEM, lower class sizes and provide one-to-one technology for every one of our students. Additionally, these funds will allow our district to handle our continued growth, the impacts of the pandemic, and the ever-evolving needs of our students and community. Our goal is not just to continue, but also to improve what we offer to the children of College Place, and these funds will support us in this endeavor.

Strong communities are dependent on strong schools. Strong schools are dependent on strong communities. The visible support of our community on this levy speaks to the strength of the College Place community. We will continue our work to have strong schools that build an even stronger tomorrow for our community. Thank you!

Community Garden

The Walla Walla University Enactus team is excited to announce another fine year for the Community Garden in College Place. The garden is located on a beautiful piece of property right beside the fire station and the \$50 lease fee covers the use of the plot and water for the gardening season. The purpose of this garden is to bring the community together and give people an opportunity to foster a garden without having to worry about finding space on their own property. If you're interested in leasing a garden bed this season, contact us via:

Email: collegeplacecommunitygarden@gmail.com

Instagram: college_place_garden

Facebook: College Place Community Garden



Blue Zones Walla Walla

During March, we will continue our Eating Wisely journey. The Market by Andy's is featuring Blue Zones Project inspired Longevity Smoothies *all month*. And, we will present a Kitchen Makeover from Nutrition and Health Coach, Leslie Snyder and a cooking class with Nutritionist and Acupuncturist, Lindsey Thompson. You will also get a sneak peek of next month's theme - Moving Naturally! Several Walking Moais (groups) will be launched this March! We've partnered with the Walla Walla YMCA to get moving this spring! We'd love to hear how you are eating healthy to build wellness from the inside out this month! Share your ideas and recipes with us today by emailing Rebecca.Thorpe@sharecare.com or you can tag us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)!

Community Calendar

Mar. 1st at 5:30 PM – City Council Workshop.

Mar. 7th at 5:00 PM – Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission Meeting.

Mar. 8th at 7:00 PM – City Council Meeting.

Mar. 9th at 4:00 PM – Youth Advisory Commission Meeting.

Mar. 10th at 12:00 PM – Civil Service Meeting.

Mar. 15th at 7:00 PM – Planning Commission Meeting.

Mar. 17th at 4:00 PM – Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

Mar. 22nd at 7:00 PM – City Council Meeting.

Mar. 25th at 8:00 AM – Parks, Arbor & Recreation Board.

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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