



# CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE

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625 S. College Ave  
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It's great that Spring is here, lots is going on in the City! First mid this Summer once the State approves our permits we will begin construction on Lions Park. Once complete the park will have several new amenities such as a Splash pad, walking path, playground, and multiuse field. Thank you to the multitude of grant funders assisting the City in paying for this project. More information can be found here:

[https://www.cpwa.us/residents/lions\\_park\\_renovation.php](https://www.cpwa.us/residents/lions_park_renovation.php)

Next, thanks to a State Transportation Improvement Board Grant, we will be reconstructing NE Damson Avenue from Cargill to Rose Street. This will include new pavement, utilities underground, and sidewalks. Engineering will wrap up this Summer and likely construction will begin in Spring of 2024.

Then, thanks to a Wildhorse Casino Foundation Grant the City is in the process of installing security cameras throughout the Meadowbrook Blvd and C & Myra Rd Business Districts. This will help with public safety efforts in each respective area. Also, staffing in the Police Department has stabilized where we are working with the College Place School District to restart our School Resource Officer program. Thank you for the partnership!

In addition, with Summer around the corner we are getting into community event season. Thanks to a State CLEP grant we are bringing back Block Party! Block Party will be held on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 6 PM on College Avenue between Whitman Drive and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information or to sign up as a vendor please go to this webpage:

[https://www.cpwa.us/residents/events/block\\_party.php](https://www.cpwa.us/residents/events/block_party.php)

Also don't forget the College Place Farmers Market will start on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Due to the start of the Lions Park renovation the market will be held at the Municipal Campus (625 S. College Ave) this year. To sign up as a vendor, please visit this webpage:

[https://www.cpwa.us/residents/events/farmers\\_and\\_artisans\\_market.php](https://www.cpwa.us/residents/events/farmers_and_artisans_market.php)

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City Administrator

We are currently recruiting volunteer Resident Firefighters! Members gain valuable benefits such as free housing, on the job training and guidance to becoming a career firefighter! If you want to join an outstanding team and learn about a career in the fire service, or are simply looking for an exciting way to make a difference in our community, you can apply online below.

<http://www.cpwa.us/departments/fire/application.php>

Contact Fire Chief Winter at 509-529-6506 or email [dwinter@cpwa.us](mailto:dwinter@cpwa.us)



APRIL 16, 2023

# TRI-COLLEGE COMMUNITY DAY

Whitman College  
Walla Walla University  
Walla Walla Community College

- ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS are welcome to join and make a difference through volunteer service!
- Students from all three Walla Walla Valley colleges and community members will be serving together.
- Projects from over 20 community organizations are available
- Sign up online and pick your desired service project!

## Free Lunch Provided

Scan the QR Code to Sign up  
or email: [rebecca.thorpe@sharecare.com](mailto:rebecca.thorpe@sharecare.com)



Fort Walla Walla Park

April 16, 2023

12PM - 4PM



BLUE ZONES PROJECT

## Art Programs by Enable Art®

Located in College Place, WA

### 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)

### AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

These After School Art Classes start the beginning of September and go through May! Classes for kids and youth run Tuesday-Thursday 3:15-5:00pm. Students are welcome to come once a week or all week.

These classes teach students how to create beautiful projects while using high quality art supplies. These classes are a blast for young artists since they are in a creative space learning about art with other students that are just as excited to learn! Kid's classes average out to about \$16 an hour per kid, while youth programs average out to \$17.5 an hour per kid (before tax). In these classes, all supplies and snacks are included in the final price.

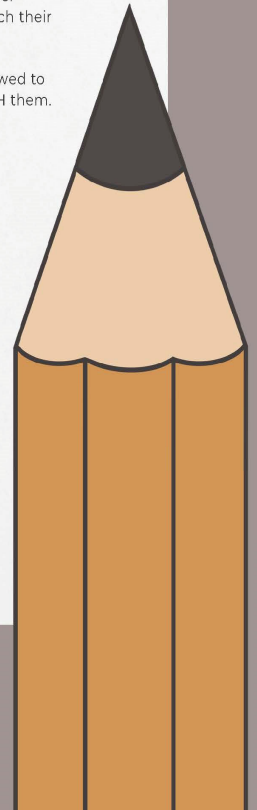


### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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CONTACT THE CPFM  
MARKET MANAGER  
AT [CPFM@CPWA.US](mailto:CPFM@CPWA.US) &  
509-394-8511

Thursdays  
4-7pm  
College Place  
Municipal Complex  
May 25 to Sept 28

Spring  
**BLOCK**  
**PARTY**  
COLLEGE PLACE, WA  
Sunday, May 21st  
1:00PM—6:00PM  
South College Avenue  
(4th Street to Whitman Drive)



## DRUGS

Drop off your unused/expired drugs.



## COMPUTERS

Drop off computers and electronics for safe and secure disposal.



## CELL PHONES

Discard your cell phones to be repurposed for victims of abuse.



## DROGAS

Deje sus medicamentos no utilizados o vencidos.



## COMPUTADORAS

Deje las computadoras y los dispositivos electrónicos para su eliminación segura



## CELULARES

Deseche sus teléfonos celulares para ser reutilizados para víctimas de abuso.



# Take Back Weekend!

**Saturday, April 22nd, 10am-2pm**  
@ WWPd - 54 E Moore St in Walla Walla

**Sunday, April 23rd, 10am-2pm**  
@ South East Corner WALMART Parking Lot



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For more information please call 509-956-5353

## SHRED

Drop off your documents for on-site shredding.



Donations benefit WW Area Crime Watch

## SHARPS

Safely dispose of your needles and sharps.



## FREE LOCK BOXES

Pick up a free medication lock box while supplies last.



## Irrigation System Owners

### Backflow Device Information:

This is a reminder that State Law and City Code require that all backflow devices be tested by an approved assembly tester.

The City will be mailing out reminder notices with a list of approved backflow testers this spring to those who have a device that needs to be tested. The City appreciates your cooperation in completing the testing of your backflow device. The backflow device is an integral part of protecting the City's water supply.

For more information contact Kevin Wolpert  
Water Quality Operator  
kwolpert@cpwa.us  
509-394-8658

## DESPEDAZAR

Deje sus documentos para despedazar en el sitio.



Beneficio de donaciones WW Area Crime Watch

## AGUJAS

Deseche de forma segura sus agujas y objetos afilados.



## CAJAS DE SEGURIDAD GRATIS

Recoja una caja de seguridad para medicamentos gratis hasta que se agoten.



Walla Walla County  
Rural Library District

Spring is finally here! Woohoo! Come celebrate spring at the College Place Library. We have some pretty nifty gardening books, seed packets to take home (while supplies last), and a "easiest ever" egg hunt for the littles.

We're conveniently located in Meadowbrook Shopping Center, across from WalMart, between Subway and Gamestop. We're on the bus line!



**16th Annual SoupPort Luncheon at St. Patrick's Church in Blanchet Hall, from 11am-1pm on April 12.**

Drop in anytime between these hours, pick out a bowl of your choice and enjoy a soup and bread luncheon. Afterwards, take your specially-painted bowl home!

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$30 or at the door for \$35.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit [sonbridge.org/soupport](http://sonbridge.org/soupport).



WALLA WALLA  
VALLEY ACADEMY

# CURRICULUM CARNIVAL

A PLACE WHERE STUDENTS CAN  
LEARN & GROW TOGETHER

*Empowering Students for Christ*

📅 April 6, 2023  
🕒 6 - 7:30 pm  
✉ [academy@wwva.org](mailto:academy@wwva.org)  
🌐 [www.wwva.org](http://www.wwva.org)  
📍 300 SW Academy Way,  
College Place, WA 99324

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## Community Calendar

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM** – Economic Development, Tourism, & Events  
Commission Meeting.

**April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM** – City Council Workshop.

**April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** – City Council Meeting.

**April 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM** – Civil Service Meeting.

**April 18<sup>h</sup> at 7:00 PM** – Planning Commission Meeting.

**April 19<sup>h</sup> at 4:00 PM** – Youth Advisory Commission.

**April 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM** – Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

**April 25<sup>th</sup> 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/UCbx3qrqzLDL\\_05NusReSI-g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbx3qrqzLDL_05NusReSI-g). If you have a comment you would like to make, please contact the City Clerk at [sstclair@cpwa.us](mailto:sstclair@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!"

## Child Swim Lessons

Do you have a child you'd like to enroll in after-school swim lessons hosted by the WWU Health and Physical Education department? Classes begin April 4. Visit [wallawalla.edu/hpe](http://wallawalla.edu/hpe) for a description of classes, times, and fees. Drop by the Winter Educational Complex at 418 S.W. Davis Ave. to register your child beginning March 13, 2023.



## Violin and Piano Concert

Join us for a free concert featuring guest artist Lyndon Johnston Taylor on the violin and professor Jinhyang Park on piano. April 18 at 7 p.m. in the Melvin K. West Fine Arts Center, 200 S. College Ave.

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