



CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE

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New Utility Payment Platform

If you would like to manage your utility account online, and you haven't done so already, you will need to register for the new platform and link your utility account.

Visit the City website or scan the QR code to get started today!



[municipalonlinepayments.com/
cityofcollegeplacewa/utilities](https://municipalonlinepayments.com/cityofcollegeplacewa/utilities)

Holiday Tree Pickup: January 13 & 14, 2024



All trees should be placed as close to the curb as possible by 8:00 AM on January 13!

We try to make sure we cover all streets in the area, but given that we are operating with dozens of volunteers, some trees will be missed.

If we miss your tree, please send us an email after 3:00 PM on Sunday, January 14 with your address.

E-mail:

treepickup@troop305.net

A Message From The Mayor

Hello neighbors,

I know it's been a while since you've last heard from me. But I'm sure you will understand that sometimes there are just not enough hours in the day, and before you know it, the day is done. However, I've had great fortune to see some of you while in the community. I've also had the pleasure of having some wonderful conversations with many of you over the summer and fall months. However, as the year ends, I find myself with time forced upon me due to an injured shoulder.

Over the past months, I have had the honor of planting a tree with Davis Elementary students at Kiwanis Park, speaking at Walla Walla University's Fall Community Day, being invited to join a table at Sonbridge's Annual Luncheon, seeing thousands of you at College Place's Trunk or Treat event, and attending the grand opening of new businesses to our wonderful community, Chipotle and Enable Art. We also welcomed our newest police officer, remodeled City Council chambers, and updated the city's website to make navigating easier. We also have several infrastructure projects happening over the next few months. These include water wells, reservoirs, storm drains, safer engineering of roads, adding more sidewalks, and our wastewater treatment plant upgrade. You can learn more about these projects by visiting our website [here](#). The future of our beautiful city is well on its way.

Unfortunately, we did not see the expected ground at Lions Park. We had scheduled the groundbreaking for summertime; however, we ran into some permitting issues with the state, which significantly pushed us back. Without permits, we couldn't even put the project up for bid. But the good news is things have progressed, and we are ready to invite businesses to submit a proposal to help us build Lions Park for future generations. The result will be amazing; I can't wait to share it with you! Construction and renovations will likely go through summer and most, if not all, of fall 2024.

This means the 2024 Farmers and Artisans' Market will be at Kiwanis Park. The public works team is currently working on getting the park all set up in preparation. Many of you expressed concerns about the Farmers Market at the Municipal Campus parking lot. It took a few weeks for us to figure it out and be situated, but rest assured, we heard you and moved it back to Lions Park as quickly as possible since the expected renovations were not happening. I'd like to thank all who messaged me with your concern for our community members' and vendors' health and safety; it was heartwarming.

With winter here, it is time for us to remember to be considerate of one another. Please clean leaves from the storm drain grates to prevent flooding, keep snow and ice clear from walkways, and drive more carefully when the road conditions are unsafe. In case of ice and snow on the roads, the public works crews will clear roads in the early mornings.

As always, they begin with the most traveled roads (I.e., College Ave, Larch, Rose, C Street, Lamperti, and Meadowbrook) and then move on to high-traffic neighborhood roads. They try to clear the rest of the city-managed roads if weather conditions allow. However, sometimes, by the time they finish the high-traffic neighborhood roads, they need to go back and re-clear the high-traffic roads. Please see our website [here](#) for maps of plans and decision criteria. For those living in HOA-managed communities, I encourage you to check with your HOA board about your community's snow and ice policies for your streets.

If you do not yet follow the city's social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the Nextdoor app), I highly encourage you to do so, as the city staff regularly share videos with vital information on projects throughout the city. We do our best to communicate and prevent you from being caught off guard as much as possible.

In closing, I invite you all to join me at the College Place Winterfest and Lighted Parade on Thursday, December 7th, on College Ave. between 4th St. And 10th St. This year, we will kick off the season with a bazaar and Santa meet and greet beginning at 4:00 PM. The tree lighting will happen at 5:30 PM in front of the municipal campus, and the parade will begin at 6:00 PM. We will close the evening at 7:15 with a fireworks show (please secure your pets). Be sure to stop by and say hello to me; that is always the best part of the evening for me.

Warmest regards,

Mayor Norma L. Hernández

Community Calendar

December 4th at 5:00 PM

Economic Development, Tourism, & Events
Commission Meeting

December 5th at 5:30 PM

City Council Workshop

December 7th — Winter Fest

Starting at 4:00PM

December 12th at 7:00 PM

City Council Meeting

December 14th at 12:00 PM

Civil Service Meeting

December 19th at 7:00 PM

Planning Commission Meeting

December 21st at 4:00 PM

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

December 22nd — Holiday

City Facilities Closed at 11:30AM

December 25th & 26th — Holiday

City Facilities Closed

All meetings/workshops are hybrid, both in-person at College Place City Hall and via Zoom videoconferencing. You can watch live on the City YouTube page at youtube.com/channel/UCBx3grqzLDL_05NusReSl-g. Meeting information is available at go.boarddocs.com/wa/cocp/Board.nsf/Public. If you would like to submit a written public comment, email the City Clerk at sstclair@cpwa.us or mail to College Place City Hall at 625 S. College Ave, College Place, WA. 99324 by the deadline outlined in the meeting/workshop agenda "Public Comment" section.

The poster features a blue background with a string of warm white lights at the top and bottom. In the center is a circular logo with 'CP' and 'COLLEGE PLACE WALLA WALLA VALLEY' surrounded by colorful, stylized snowflakes. Below the logo, the text 'Winter Fest & LIGHTED PARADE!' is written in a mix of script and sans-serif fonts. The date 'THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2023' is prominently displayed. The event schedule is listed in orange and white boxes on the right side.

**Winter Fest
& LIGHTED PARADE!**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2023

4-6PM Vendors, Food, Activities, & Santa!
College Place Fire Station
629 S College Avenue

5:30PM Tree Lighting with Mayor Hernandez!
College Place City Hall
625 S College Avenue

6:00PM Lighted Parade!
College Avenue:
10th Street to Whitman Drive

7:15PM Firework Display
The old Roger's School location
SW 6th and Bade



High school seniors are invited to join hundreds of other students from across the nation to explore Walla Walla University at one of our two U-Days events. Learn more or register at wallawalla.edu/udays

December at the College Place Library!



Walla Walla County
Rural Library District

Happy Holidays to all from the College Place Library! Come in and get a Gingerbread House Craft, color and put it together and bring it back by the 21st to enter our contest!! Two winners will get a prize and participants can display their houses in the library until the New Year. Also, don't miss out on our other events this month!

Dec 10th - 9AM - 2PM:

Decoupage a Christmas Ornament

Dec 18th - 2PM - 4PM:

Christmas Movie

Dec 22nd - 3PM - 5PM:

Crafternoon - Make a Flower Suncatcher

Dec 25th - All Day:

CLOSED for Christmas

Dec 27th - 12PM - 2PM:

Watercolor Mittens Craft

Dec 28th - 4PM - 5PM:

Anime Afternoon

Dec 31st - All Day:

CLOSED for New Years Eve



PARTNERSHIP



College Place Public Schools
PARENT NIGHT CLASSES

COLLEGE PLACE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CP ESCUELA

NOCTURNA

NOV. 27-FEB. 22

5-7PM LUNES-JUEVES

¡¡GRATIS!!



509-522-3312



509-629-2601

ACERCA DEL PROGRAMA

La escuela Nocturna para Adultos es una oportunidad para que nuestras familias hispanas vengan a la escuela y tomen cursos de su interés en español. Tendremos cuidado de niños disponible y las familias podrán presentarse sin registrarse con anticipación. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con nosotros al 509-522-3312



Clases que ofrecemos

- Preparación de GED
- Educación Financiera
- Blue Zones Clase de Cocina
- Goodwill Centro de Conexión de Empleo



Obtener el calendario completo aquí: [Calendario](#)

City Well-being Corner December Spotlight "Friends at Five"



For more information, visit
wallawallavalley.bluezonesproject.com

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NEW UTILITY BILL PLATFORM

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE ACCESS



VISIT CPWA.US



Click on the "New Online Bill Pay" quick link or go to municipalonlinepayments.com/cityofcollegeplacewa/utilities

NEED IN PERSON ASSISTANCE?

The College Place Library can help!



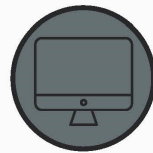
EMAIL

In order to sign up online, you must have a personal email. Come prepared with your email and password to verify your new utility account.



UTILITY BILL

Bring a copy of your most recent utility bill. **Account numbers have changed from the old system.** You will need your **new account number** and your last payment amount.



COMPUTER

The College Place Library has three computers that are **FREE** to use! They're secure and there are instructions to set up your account at the Library!



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FAQ



What if I don't have my account number or last payment amount?



Your account number is located on the top right hand corner of your new utility bill. If you don't have your current bill, call City Hall to get that information.



Where is the College Place Library?



1605 SE Meadowbrook Blvd. Suite 7 in College Place. Just across the street from Wal-Mart.



COLLEGE PLACE LIBRARY DID YOU KNOW?

- ★ Library cards are free at the College Place Library for College Place residents!
- ★ They have three computers that are free to use for library card holders.
- ★ They have much more than just books! They have audio books and movies too! They also have a fun kids section and monthly activities!
- ★ You can watch movies and listen to audio books online with a College Place Library card number! Visit the library for more information!

COLLEGE PLACE LIBRARY

1605 S Meadowbrook Blvd. Suite 7
College Place, WA 99324

Hours

Monday - Thursday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday	11:00 am - 4:00 pm

509-527-3284 and press 1
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