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A Message From The Mayor

Hello Neighbors,

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and that you made wonderful memories with family and great friends. I would like to thank all of you who came out and joined us for our 3rd Annual Light up The Avenue event. The city's Christmas tree was exceptionally beautiful this year, I hope you had a chance to see it. Our Public Works team did a great job in preparing the Municipal Campus and College Avenue. Each year, we are hoping to continue adding to our displays until driving to College Place to enjoy the splendor of the season becomes a family holiday tradition. I also thank all those who created amazing parade displays and traveled down The Avenue for all to enjoy. We had a number of new entries this year, it was fantastic!

Is there anything as beautiful as the Walla Walla Valley in winter? With snow covered Blues and white rolling hills, it is quite a sight to behold. But let's not let the beauty distract us from the dangers that extreme freezing temperatures bring. We are experiencing record low temperatures made even worse with wind chill factors, so please be careful. Stay indoors when possible, layer up with warm clothing when you must be outside. Remember to keep your pets indoors, this is no temperature for even them to be outdoors for long. Check on your neighbors, especially those who live alone or are senior in age. Keep pipes from freezing by opening up cabinet doors and allow hot water to drip from faucets. Lastly, please-please drive carefully. Remember to drive for the conditions, slow down and keep safe distances between yourself and the vehicle in front of you.

I am both honored and excited to share with you that College Place is home to Walla Walla County's new Korean War Memorial. It has been in the works for some time, having hit a snag with supply chain issues as a result of the pandemic we were unable to unveil as we had hoped to last Veteran's Day. However, it a work of love and thanks to College Place residents, Neil and Sherilyn Jacobson, it has finally been completed.

The monument honors the servicemen from Walla Walla County who were killed during the war. Designed and installed by Tony Pugliese, owner of Heritage Memorials and Restorations, the gray American granite structure stands at the entrance to Veterans Park in College Place. Solemn and simplistic, it speaks in respect for those lost amid turmoil half a world away. 36,500 American soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen lost their lives, including the 15 local men listed on the monument: 1LT James Arnold, CPT Jack Beeson, SGT Donald Cameron, PFC Billie Dutton, PFC William Erdman, PFC Ervin Gebhardt, CPT Charles Hastings, SSG Robert Hatley, 1LT Robert Hunt, SFC Edward Kennedy, PVT Alfred Meek, 2LT Morris Reisinger, PFC Arthur Ross, and 1LT David Taylor. A manuscript is in the works by two local Legionnaires as a tribute to the servicemen. Additional information about the men will be welcomed at bookend@charter.net. An official dedication will be announced at a later time.

I wish you all a happy New Year! Norma L. Hernandez, Mayor

A Message From The City Administrator

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! Before the holidays the City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget and the associated six-year Capital Facility (infrastructure), Equipment Replacement (vehicles), and Information Technology (Computers and Software) plans.

The capital projects which will wrap up in Fiscal Year 2023 is the Lions Park reconstruction, Council Chambers renovation, replacement Drinking Water Well #6 on Whitman/Maple, and Phase 1A of the state-mandated Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade. A webpage which showcases the whole process and the end result is located here: https://www.cpwa.us/departments/finance/budget_2023.php A flier detailing the key points of the budget will come with the February 2023 billing.

Community organizations that conduct activities for the greater residents of College Place can submit a grant application for the City's competitive Community Grants Program.

The information is located here: https://www.cpwa.us/news detail T30 R392.php Applications are due January 20th at 4 PM PST.

Happy New Year everyone! Mike Rizzitiello, City Administrator



Auditions for Walla Walla University drama's winter play, *The Misanthrope*, are open to the community and will be held on <u>January 3 & 4 from 7–9 p.m. in the Black Box.</u>

The Misanthrope by Moliere is one of the most popular comedies of all time. Cold readings will be available at the auditions. Those interested are encouraged to read the script ahead of time. It is available for free in various places online. The Black Box is located in room 119 of the Canaday Technology Center at 306 S.W. Fourth Street. Performances will run near the end of February. Find more information at //wallawalla.edu/wwwudrama.

SonBridge is ready and here to serve the community!

Our hours are:

Thrift Shop

Sunday-Tuesday 10am-4pm

Thursday 10am-7pm

Donations hours are Sunday-Thursday 10am-4pm.

Office

Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm

<u>Dental Clinic</u>

By appointment only.

Monday & Tuesday 8:30am-4:30pm

Friday 9am-2pm

We assist with household and clothing items, food, rent, utilities and gas, job training and employment, dental health care, and support programs.

1200 SE 12th St College Place, WA 99324





Are you and your body in sync?

Are you as young (or as old) as you feel? Blue Zones Project—Walla Walla Valley, in partnership with digital health company Sharecare and Boston University School of Public Health (BUSPH), invite residents of Walla Walla and College Place to discover their "RealAge" by taking the Sharecare RealAge® Test.

Taken by more than 45 million people to date, the scientifically based assessment shows you the true age of the body you're living in - the first step toward improving your well-being. Conceived in 1993, RealAge has been externally validated to be more predictive of mortality than the Framingham Heart Study and chronological age.

This community health survey asks you about your eating, exercise, and sleep habits, along with family health history, behaviors, and existing conditions. At the end, you will get a result that estimates your body's age based on more than 100 well-being factors.

Join us starting January 2, 2023, to discover your RealAge. The test is free and will give you actionable insights for your own personal health journey as well as having a positive influence on the entire community. These numbers will be used to help the Blue Zones Project-Walla Walla Valley track the health and well-being in our community over the next three years.

To take the RealAge® Test go to https://bzpwallawalley.sharecare.com/rewards-program/active.

BUSPH will be mailing out postcard reminders to Walla Walla Valley residents starting early January.

Data collected from the survey will be used to determine how well we've addressed wellness needs in the Valley over the past year and what to target during the second year of our project. Insights will also be benchmarked against results from Sharecare's Community Well-Being Index to understand how Walla Walla Valley's well-being compares with communities around the country.







Winter Hours
Monday-Thursday 10AM-6PM
Friday 11AM-5PM
Saturday & Sunday 11AM-4PM

Happy New Year from College Place Library! Did everyone get what they wanted? Well, if what you want is a bit of quiet to curl up with a good book and a hot cup of tea, we've got you covered! CP Library has tea bags on the counter for you to take home with your library book, while supplies last. You can get friendly library help anytime of the year, though! Here's wishes for a smooth 2023!

College Place Branch Library: 1605 SE Meadowbrook Blvd. Suite 7 College Place, WA 99324

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 artist 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

WEB: www.Enable-Art.com EMAIL: Chloe@Enable-Art.com

Community Calendar

Jan. 2nd – New Years Day observed—City Facilities Closed.

Jan. 9th at 5:00 PM – Economic Development, Tourism, & Events

Commission Meeting.

Jan. 10th at 7:00 PM — City Council Meeting.

Jan. 12th at 12:00 PM – Civil Service Meeting.

Jan. 16th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day —City Facilities Closed.

Jan. 17th at 7:00 PM – Planning Commission Meeting.

Jan. 19th at 4:00 PM – Historic Prevention Commission Meeting.

Jan. 24th at 7:00 PM – City Council Meeting.

Jan. 27th at 8:00 AM – Parks, Arbor, & Recreation Meeting.

"All meetings are being held virtually. You can watch a livestream on the City YouTube page at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbx3qrqzLDL_05NusReSl-g. If you have a comment you would like to make, please contact the City Clerk at 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!"





2023 Dog Licenses

College Place Police Department

\$15.00— altered dog \$30.00—unaltered dog



Proof of current rabies vaccination is required.

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