



# CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE

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**OPENING DAY  
MAY 25TH!**

**Thursdays  
4-7pm**

**College Place  
Municipal  
Complex**  
625 S College Avenue

**May 25th to  
September 28th**

## Free Dental and Resource Fair in College Place

SonBridge Center for Better Living will be holding a free dental and resource fair for those who are uninsured or are experiencing financial hardship.

This event will take place at SonBridge (1200 SE 12th St., College Place, WA) on **May 19** and **May 21** from **8am to 4pm**. Services offered are by appointment only— **extractions, fillings and denture adjustments** for those 18 and older. There will also be resource organizations from the Walla Walla Valley present to speak about other needs, such as housing, power assistance, health care and veteran services. Free vaccines will be available. We are also seeking volunteers for this event.

To find out more, to make an appointment, or to volunteer, call 509-593-5342, email [freeclinic@sonbridge.org](mailto:freeclinic@sonbridge.org), or visit [sonbridge.org/freeclinic](http://sonbridge.org/freeclinic).



**SONBRIDGE**

# TOGETHER WE CAN STOP SUICIDE IN WALLA WALLA

REACH OUT!

## 2023 SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK

HOPE  
MUSIC  
STRENGTH  
CONNECTION

- 📅 Weds. May 24
- 🕒 4:30 - 7:30 pm
- 📍 Macy's Parking Lot  
119 E. Alder St.
- 🏠 35+ organizations
- 👥 All are welcome



Join us in Downtown Walla Walla for music, activities and a community walk to build connection and break down the stigma around mental illness and addiction. Presented by:



Register here!



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

For more information contact

David Winter  
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509-529-6506



## Join us for the 2023 Suicide Prevention Walk!

Register online ahead of time here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/suicide-prevention-walk-tickets-621069986047>

¡Únete a nosotras para la caminata de prevención del suicidio!

Regístrese en línea aquí: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/suicide-prevention-walk-tickets-621069986047>

**Dial 988—Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**

Call or Text - Help is available

Speak with someone today

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## SUICIDE PREVENTION WALK

Weds. May 24, 2023 | 4:30 pm | Macy's Parking Lot  
119 E. Alder St.

- 🎵 4:30 - Live Music and Resource Fair Starts
- 🗣️ 5:00 - Welcome  
Wa-Hi JROTC Color Guard  
National Anthem  
Community Partners - Why Are We Here?
- 🚶 5:30 - Walk Begins  
Singalong; Resource Fair
- 📍 6:00/6:15 - Meet back at ; "Stand by Me"
- 📍 7:00 - Closing Statement



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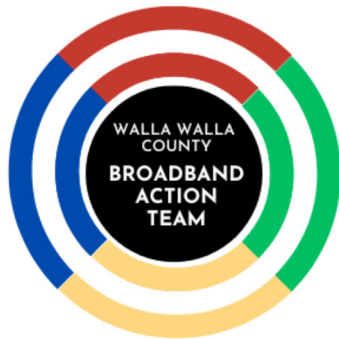
## CAMINATA DE PREVENCIÓN DEL SUICIDIO

miércoles 24 de mayo, 2023 | 4:30 pm | Estacionamiento de Macy's  
119 E. Alder St.

- 🎵 4:30 - Comienza la Feria de Recursos y Música en Vivo
- 🗣️ 5:00 - Bienvenida  
Wa-Hi JROTC Color Guard  
Himno Nacional  
Socios Comunitarios - ¿Por Qué Estamos Aquí?
- 🚶 5:30 - Comienza la Caminata
- 📍 6:00/6:15 - Reunimos en la Plaza; Cantar Juntos: "Stand by Me"; Feria de Recursos
- 📍 7:00 - Observaciones Finales



The City of College Place is a partner in the Walla Walla County Broadband Action Team. We need your help to understand better where we have good internet connectivity in our city and where there are slow speeds or no access. Please complete a speed test at your home using the link accessible through this QR code to provide this data to us so we know where to seek investments in our city. Please send in your information by May 31, 2023 to help us complete our request for funding on time. If you would like more information on the Walla Walla County Broadband Action Team's work, please visit: <https://www.portwallawalla.com/community/projects-studies/broadband>.



Walla Walla County  
Rural Library District

Happy Spring! Finally! (looks around)  
Well, gosh darn it, I'm GONNA GARDEN, regardless! Join us at College Place Library in imagining spring and check out our gardening and landscaping display! On Friday May 5th, we'll have a craft and FREE comics as part of Free Comic Book Day! If you're not a comic book type, maybe you'll want to come on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm to our Movie Afternoon? We'll be showing "Moana", and snacks are included! Finally, you can make your own magnet at our DIY magnets Craft Day on Thursday, May 25th, from 11am to 5pm. This is one you'll have to sign up for, so give us a call at 509-527-3284, and press 1. See you soon at College Place Library!



**Sunday May 21st**

**1:00 - 6:00PM**

**South College Avenue**

**Between 4th St. and Whitman Dr.**

**Food! Music! Family Fun!**  
Accepting Vendors until 5/14!



Love to garden but don't have the space?  
SonBridge is exploring an opportunity for a community garden this spring. Community members can sign a lease agreement and pay garden dues to have their own plot. If you are interested in more information, contact SonBridge by sending a message to [alex.engels@sonbridge.org](mailto:alex.engels@sonbridge.org). You can also sponsor plots for others to take care of. We hope to see you in the garden!



**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](mailto:kwolpert@cpwa.us)  
509-394-8658

**Irrigation System Owners**

# Community Calendar

**May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM**

Economic Development, Tourism, & Events  
Commission Meeting

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM**

City Council Workshop

**May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

City Council Meeting

**May 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM**

Civil Service Meeting

**May 16<sup>h</sup> at 7:00 PM**

Planning Commission Meeting

**May 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM**

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

**May 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00—6:00 PM**

**Spring Block Party!**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM**

City Council Meeting

**May 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00—7:00 PM**

**Farmers and Artisans Market!**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM**

Parks, Arbor, & Recreation Meeting

**May 29<sup>th</sup>—Memorial Day**

City Facilities Closed

"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](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](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!"

## Do you receive a City Utility Bill?

Since 2001 the City has been using the BIAS/Springbrook utility billing program.

**Starting in August 2023 the City will now be using**

**Tyler Technologies.** Tyler Payments will offer an automatic payment option that is similar to the currently used Xpress, but **will require a onetime set up.** In August we will be sending out information on how to set up your automatic payment for your utility bill through Tyler Payments. If you have any questions contact Utility billing at 509-394-8509.

## Calling the Class of 2036

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**Davis Elementary  
Kindergarten Registration**

It's great that we are getting into the Summer season; we will have a lot of capital projects being constructed and community events. The City is awaiting the State of Washington Department of Ecology/Army Corps of Engineers to issue us a 401 Permit to bid out construction of Lions Park. The 401 Permit is expected to be issued sometime in May. Then we will bid out the project for construction. Updates will be posted on this webpage:

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

It is expected construction of this project will kick off mid Summer and go through next Spring. The plan is to have the park dedication/ribbon cutting at the start of the 2024 season of the College Place Farmers Market.

Due to this impending construction, the 2023 season of the College Place Farmers Market will be held in the parking lot of City Hall (625 S. College Avenue). The City will set up misting equipment to make it more comfortable during the hot summer evenings. Please bear with us as the important Lions Park renovation is under way and support our local vendors. If you want to vend at the Farmers Market, 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)

Other Public Works projects going on this year include new CDBG grant funded sidewalks on SW 6<sup>th</sup> (College to Davis) and SW 8<sup>th</sup> (College to Bade) construction. Phase 1A of Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements will also be underway. The Whitman & Academy Way intersection will be converted to a four-way stop. The City also has funding from the State Department of Ecology/Public Works Board to replace the aging/failing wastewater lift station #5 on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The City is also expecting the delivery of mechanical equipment to finally make drinking water well #6 go live at Whitman/Maple by early this Summer.

This year our Summer Camp program looks different. College Place Public Schools is providing a Summer Groove Program that will go the morning hours from June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>. Sign ups are at [cpsps.org/page/summer-groove](https://cpsps.org/page/summer-groove). The YMCA is then running a Summer in the Park program the afternoons between June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup> and then full day July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 24<sup>th</sup>. Sign ups for this program are at [wymca.org/camps](https://wymca.org/camps). Programming is centered at Kiwanis Park adjacent to Davis School.

**Mike Rizzitiello, City Administrator**