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# **Community Calendar**

WALLA WALLA VALLEY

January 1<sup>st</sup> — Holiday City Facilities Closed

January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM Economic Development, Tourism, & Events Commission Meeting

January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM City Council Workshop

January 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM Civil Service Meeting

January 15<sup>th</sup> — Holiday City Facilities Closed

January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM Planning Commission Meeting

January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM City Council Workshop

January 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM Parks, Arbor, & Recreation Meeting

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 <u>www.youtube.comchannelUCbx3qrqzLDL</u> <u>O5NusReSI-g</u>. Meeting information is available at <u>go.boarddocs.com/wa/cocp/</u> <u>Board.nsf/Public</u>. If you would like to submit a written public comment, email the City Clerk at <u>sstclair@cpwa.us</u> 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.

# Thank You 2023 City Event Sponsors!



## 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 : <u>treepickup@troop305.net</u>



Happy New Year to all our College Place residents, neighbors, family, and friends!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season! 2023 wrapped up with the City Council adopting the City's six-year plans for Capital, Equipment, and Information Technology investments. Additionally, the FY 2024 Budget was approved representing \$66.9 million in expenditures. A lot of the budget is driven by a litany of capital investments with many funded by outside grants including: Lions Park, SW Mojonnier Rd reconstruction (College Ave to Bluvue Ln), College Place Post Office Crosswalk Safety Enhancement, Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 1A improvements, and the Wastewater Lift Station 5 replacement including the reconstruction of SW 1<sup>st</sup> from Evans to Academy Way to name a few. Fiscal Year 2024 budget information can be found here: <u>https://www.cpwa.us/departments/finance/fy\_2024\_budget\_process.php</u>

The FY 2024 Community Grant program is now available. Community organizations that do projects for the community can submit for funding. The grant application is available here: <u>https://www.cpwa.us/ T30 R432.php</u> Grant proposals are due Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4 PM to me at <u>mrizzitiello@cpwa.us</u>.

Also, there is a changing of the guard underway at regional agencies the City is a part of. Mr. Steve Ruley recently retired as the Manager of the WESCOM 911 dispatch. Also, Mrs. Liz Jessee retired as County Emergency Management Director. Congrats on your service to the greater Walla Walla Valley! Mrs. Esther Click recently was appointed to the WESCOM Manager position. She previously worked at SECOMM, the 911 agency for the greater Tri-Cities. Mr. Chris Lee was recently appointed as the County Emergency Management Director. He previously worked as the Deputy Director at Franklin County Emergency Management. Join me in welcoming both to the community! January is also snow season. Our snow and ice control policy and informational video can be found here: https://www.cpwa.us/departments/public works/snow removal.php The City prioritizes roadways into three classes. Arterials and collectors near schools/critical facilities are done first. This includes College Ave, Larch, 12<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, Whitman, Rose, Meadowbrook, Academy Way, and Tamaurson. Priority two roads include SW 6<sup>th</sup>, SE Date, SW Homestead, SW Doans, NE C, SE Central, and SE Scenic View. Priority three are local roads. Please keep in mind several subdivisions have private roads in which the HOA's contract out for snow removal service and the City does not do this function. This includes Villages at Garrison Creek and Whitman PUD communities. Further questions related to snow removal can be directed to Mr. Robert McAndrews – Public Works Director at em: rmcandrews@cpwa.us or ph: 509-394-8526.

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## **Utility Payment Platform**

City of College Place is no longer using Xpress BillPay!

If you have not already, you need to register for the new platform to manage your utility account online. Visit the website or scan the QR code to get started today!



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### Happy New Year from College Place Public Schools

On behalf of the entire family in College Place Public Schools, I wish each and every one of you the happiest of New Years as we venture into 2024!

As we bid farewell to the challenges and triumphs of 2023, it is with a sense of gratitude and optimism that we approach the opportunities that lie ahead. Our school district and community, have consistently demonstrated resilience, collaboration, and a commitment to excellence. Thank you for your partnership. In the spirit of The CP Way, let us enter the new year with purpose, collaboration, and a shared commitment to excellence. May our collective efforts contribute to a community that continues to thrive and inspire. So, here's to more laughter, more learning, and more unforgettable moments in the year ahead to continue to make College Place the amazing place it is. Wishing you all a New Year filled with joy, growth, and all the good stuff. Cheers to 2024,

Superintendent Jim Fry



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- Feel healthier, happier, and better than ever.

BLUE ZONES PROJECT

#### Help Yourself and Your Community in 2024

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 you to discover your "real age" by taking the <u>Sharecare RealAge<sup>®</sup> Test.</u> Have you taken the test before? Great! Take it again and see where you have improved - it's important!

This community health survey asks questions about your health and habits. At the end, you will get a result that estimates your body's age based on more than 100 well-being factors. The test takes 10 - 15minutes to complete and is free. You will also receive actionable advice to improve or continue your good health!

Taking the <u>RealAge Test</u> also has a positive effect on your community. The data helps us track the health and well-being of the Walla Walla Valley and guides us to focus our efforts where they are most needed. This is the third annual test conducted in the Walla Walla Valley; your participation is vital to helping us understand how our work has affected residents of the Walla Walla Valley over the past three years. Please <u>take the test</u> and help us support good health for everyone in our community!

