



# CITY OF COLLEGE PLACE

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## Community Calendar

**March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM**  
Economic Development, Tourism, & Events  
Commission Meeting

**March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM**  
City Council Workshop

**March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
City Council Meeting

**March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM—7:00 PM**  
Blue Zones—Why and How to Declutter  
your Home - at SonBridge Center  
(1200 SE 12th Street, College Place)

**March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM**  
Civil Service Meeting

**March 19<sup>th</sup>—Cancelled**  
Planning Commission Meeting

**March 21<sup>st</sup>—Cancelled**  
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

**March TBD at 8:00 AM**  
Parks, Arbor & Recreation Board Meeting

**March TBD at 4:00 PM**  
Youth Advisory Commission

**March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
City Council 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 [www.youtube.com/channel/UCbx3grqzLDL\\_05NusReSI-g](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbx3grqzLDL_05NusReSI-g). Meeting information is available at [go.boarddocs.com/wa/cocp/Board.nsf/Public](http://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](mailto: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.

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YOUR COMMUNITY?**

**APPLY FOR A CITY COMMISSION!**

**CURRENT VACANCIES:**

**POSITION 3 – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**POSITION 2 – PLANNING COMMISSION**

**POSITION 5 – LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMISSION**



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index.php](https://www.cpwa.us/government/boards_and_commissions/index.php)



## A Note From The City Administrator

Spring is right around the corner. As such, we are starting work on very important park projects. The City finally got all the Federal and State permits to work on Lions Park and Nelson Construction will be working on the park rehabilitation project all year. Most of the park will be off limits. The park is expected to be reopened in Spring 2025, just in time for Farmers Market! Information will be posted here: [www.cpwa.us/residents/lions\\_park\\_renovation.php](http://www.cpwa.us/residents/lions_park_renovation.php)

Additionally, the City just received a State Transportation Improvement Board grant to construct a sidewalk on one side of SE 8<sup>th</sup> where gaps exist from College to Larch Avenue including curb bulb outs and a rapid flashing beacon to safely cross Larch Avenue at 8<sup>th</sup> street. This project will be in engineering throughout 2024 with a 2025 construction date.

The City is also currently working on getting electrical systems installed at Kiwanis Park around the gazebo and the central-northern section of the park. This will allow the park to support community events that are relocating to this park during the Lions Park construction such as the Farmers Market and Movies at the Park. Kiwanis Park will be home to the Spring Fling event May 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. This event is put on by Liz & Gary Pierce.

This spring, the City will have the crosswalk in front of the Post Office on College Avenue under construction. This is paid for by a State Department of Transportation Pedestrian Safety Grant. This project will include bulb outs, better lighting, and additional safety enhancements.

Additionally, expect NE Damson (Cargill to Rose) to be under construction soon. This section of roadway will match the cross section of the other portion to the south to include sidewalks and curb/gutter. This is also paid for by a State Transportation Improvement Board Grant. As part of this project lane striping on NE Rose from Lambert to Carey Ct will be adjusted to match the City of Walla Walla's new treatment that will be installed (two lanes, with center turn lane, and bike lanes).

Also, the City continues to explore bringing back the recycling program. Please fill out an online survey here so we can truly understand the desire of residents to bring back this program: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/FWJQ9TV](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FWJQ9TV)

Finally, the City is once again partnering with the United Way of the Blue Mountains to offer a Youth Recreation Camp program this summer. Look at the April City Newsletter issue to see who is awarded the contract for the program this summer.



### College Place Library

We're celebrating St. Pat's with crafts, new books and DVDs here at the College Place Library. Come do a Shamrock craft or check out a new book or video from us - if you live within the City of College Place or Walla Walla County (but NOT the City of Walla Walla) you're eligible for a free library card! We also have eBooks and streaming videos. Sign up for our newsletter and never miss a thing!