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#### Quick Fact:

City Water Usage

**September 2017**

68,291,000

**September 2016**

68,079,000

**YTD 2017**

366,880,000

**Total 2016**

395,952,000

#### Your City Representatives

##### Mayor

Harvey Crowder

##### Council Members

Jerry Bobbitt

Michael Cleveland

Marge Nyhagen

Loren Peterson

Melodie Selby

Heather Schermann

Larry Dickerson

##### City Administrator

Mike Rizzitiello



# City News



## A Message From The Mayor

Changes are coming in trash pickup! Earlier this month the City Council signed a new contract with Basin Disposal for trash collection in the City. The contract, which takes effect January 2018, has several new features. The most notable is unlimited trash pickup. What does that mean...no more extra charges for properly boxed, bagged, or bundled trash outside of the bin. Along with that, the current 32 and 64-gallon trash bins are being replaced with 96-gallon bins. Individuals wanting to continue to use their current 32-gallon bins will be allowed to do so as long as they do not continue to place trash outside of their bins. This will be done without an increase in trash collection fees, other than the annual cost of inflation fees from Basin Disposal. Please look carefully at your BDI bill for more information.

October was a busy month for City staff. Kiwanis Park had a tree planting along with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Davis School on October 20<sup>th</sup> and on October 22<sup>nd</sup> there was the reopening of the Kiwanis Park court area featuring a new handicap accessible restroom, four pickle ball courts, a basketball court, and a new children's play structure. All that was made possible with grants from the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office, Pacific Power Foundation, the Walla Walla Kiwanis Club, and an individual contribution from a Kiwanis member. Refreshments were provided through the generous support of Pepsi Cola Bottling Group, Andy's Market, and Wal-Mart. If you've not seen the new park, stop by on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Date to look at the latest improvements. As always, look for Coffee with the Mayor and Administrator that Mike Rizzitiello and I have every month at various locations around the City. Finally, you've got your ballots, please be sure and cast your votes by November 7<sup>th</sup>.



There's a lot going on here at the Chamber! On one particularly educational and enlightening day recently, I was granted the opportunity to tour one of the Valley's largest and most successful businesses that, frankly, I knew too little about. Key Technology. Wow... from its humble beginnings as a family startup by two Milton-Freewater pea farmers 65 years ago, to the worldwide leader in food processing and sorting technology, with offices around the globe. Very impressive and inspiring. Our entire community should be proud of its role in making food safer and tastier, for people all over the world.

That evening, I visited College Place High School for an equally inspiring introduction to their B57 program, a year-long innovation collaboration between local businesses with challenges to solve, and CP High School seniors who will take on those business challenges with an impressive array of tools, not the least of which being the unencumbered creativity of youthful minds given free rein to do what they do best...imagine. If you would like to learn more about this program, or have a business challenge that you would like these bright young minds to take a shot at solving for you, please give us a call at the Chamber, or contact Trista Rogers, Program Director ([trogers@cpps.org](mailto:trogers@cpps.org)) at College Place High School.

Brian Duvall, Chamber President, also met recently with officials at Walla Walla University to explore ways that the Chamber and the University can partner together to help the Chamber assist with the issues most important to College Place, and to help the University expand its reach and resources throughout the Walla Walla Valley. Speaking of issues most important, the Chamber would love to hear from the citizens of College Place on what those issues are exactly. So, we are going to be setting up some workshops and other opportunities for you to let us know what we can be doing to foster a successful and vibrant College Place business community. Please stay tuned for more information, as we plan to get these workshops up and running in early 2018.

From million-dollar machines to million-dollar ideas...and back again...there is indeed a lot going on around here, much of which can easily go unnoticed, and that is just in the business world. We talk a lot about business here at the Chamber, for obvious reasons, and we like to recognize great accomplishments. Our business partners, large and small, are a very important part of this community, but there are others who contribute daily, who ask for and receive very little recognition...ever, that we would like to honor as well.

Police, firefighters, teachers, volunteers...the list could go on and on. There are hundreds of people...

## Walla Walla Valley Chamber Continued

...who make it possible for the rest of us to pursue the activities and occupations that we love, safely and effectively. That is why the Chamber is introducing our new Hometown Hero Awards as part of our Annual Christmas Banquet celebration. The Chamber will recognize one law enforcement officer, one firefighter, and one educator, chosen by his or her peers, at this year's banquet. Aside from being a well-deserved honor for each recipient, it should make for an unforgettable evening. We will also have a Gingerbread House contest featuring 17 works of art from local students, and many other fun activities to get your jingle bells ringing.

Don't miss out on this special night! Sponsorship opportunities, as well as tables and individual seats, are still available if you or your business would like to help us recognize these amazing public servants from the Walla Walla Valley.

Please call the Chamber at 525-0850, or go online at [wwwchamber.com](http://wwwchamber.com) for more information.



**COLLEGE PLACE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Focusing on Kids and Their Learning

## How Our Levies Impact Student Outcomes

*By Pam Deccio*

Good citizens, like good parents, understand that an investment in education is an investment in the future. In February of 2018, the College Place School District is asking voters to approve a replacement levy to continue local support for school programs. Levy approval is critical to keep College Place schools strong. We are committed to educational excellence for every student.

The money authorized in this levy benefits our community, our infrastructure and our young people. Levies form an essential proportion of school income. The district is committed to continuing to examine our ongoing operations for efficiencies while providing our students the best educational opportunities possible. What is funded by this levy? Day to day expenses, special education, programs, nursing services, music, physical education, Hi Cap Program, extra-curricular and sports programs, staffing above state funded levels, and curriculum and instructional materials. These are some of the programs and services that would be greatly impacted or lost if voters do not support the levy.

Our kids are the greatest resource in this community and are worth the commitment. Please embrace this opportunity to continue the support for our schools. Our students of our future and community are worth it.



## Community Calendar

**Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM** – Economic Development, Tourism, & Events Commission

**Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** – City Facilities Closed: Veterans Day

**Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** – City Council

**Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM** – Historic Preservation Commission

**Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM** – Planning Commission

**Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** – City Facilities Closed: Thanksgiving & Day After

**November 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM** – Coffee with the Mayor @ The Black Cup 615 S College Ave, College Place

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>** – Park, Arbor, and Recreation Board Meeting at 8 AM

Unless specified all events are at City Hall— 625 S. College Ave

## Note from the City Administrator

I hope everyone is having a great Fall. The City had a great turnout at its first local Arbor Day event and the Kiwanis Park ribbon cutting. I wish to highlight two important projects that City staff are working on. We are in the early stages of updating our Comprehensive Plan and Parks System Master Plan. This work is required by the State to obtain grants and satisfy the Growth Management Act. Both documents will provide the blueprint for the future of the City for the next twenty years. It is important we get your input. Please check the website [www.cpwa.us](http://www.cpwa.us) for new information pertaining to the plan and attend our next Planning Commission meeting to learn more, which will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM at City Hall. The City is also deep in development of the Fiscal Year 2018 budget. The budget is one of the single most important things the council does each year as it allocates resources for city programs and projects. You can keep tabs on the budget development by visiting the FY 2018 city budget website portal at: [http://www.cpwa.us/departments/finance/budget\\_2018.php](http://www.cpwa.us/departments/finance/budget_2018.php) Please like our social media presences on Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, and Instagram to keep up to date on city activities.

I wish to thank everyone for supporting our inaugural season of the Farmer's Market. We plan to bring it back again for 2018 on Thursdays between 4 and 7 PM between May 31<sup>st</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>. The holiday season is right around the corner. We are collaborating with Hayden Homes and Walla Walla University to have a Winter Festival on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7:30 PM. Please attend!