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**Quick Fact:**

City Water Usage

**December 2017**

16,318,000

**December 2016**

14,303,000

**YTD 2017**

502,241,000

**Total 2016**

395,952,000



# City News

## A Note From The City Administrator

Lots of progress is happening around College Place. The City recently put up wayfinding signage in accordance with the Valley wide wayfinding plan so that visitors know where the business districts and landmarks are in College Place. The City recently replaced the City Hall sign with an electronic reader board so we can get city information out to the public quickly. City Council recently accepted a \$77,000 grant from the State Transportation Improvement Board to replace the sodium street lamps on wooden poles with LED lighting. This will save the city in maintenance and electricity costs. The State Legislature recently passed the Capital Budget that was held up for over a year. This frees up State Department of Health Drinking Water Grant and Legislative Appropriation monies to be used toward replacing Well #1 in our water system. The City is also working on replacing Well #2. As mentioned in past newsletters, the City has to replace two drinking water wells that currently are not working properly due to geologic shifts in the ground. The City also received a \$1.3 million dollar grant from the Transportation Improvement Board to rehab 4<sup>th</sup> & Academy Way between Davis and Whitman Drive. Work will take place Summer The City is also taking sign-ups for the 2018. Farmers Market season. The market will take place in the City Hall parking lot on Thursdays from 4 - 7 PM between May

31<sup>st</sup> and Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. I would like to ask everyone to please attend our Comprehensive Plan/Parks Master Plan Open House on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 over at Sonbridge (1200 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street) from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The Comprehensive Plan is very important as it sets the city goals and priorities for the next twenty years. The open house will also cover the Parks Master Plan which is needed to apply for state grants for park development and maintenance. The City needs your input on our future! Please stay involved and check out our website at [www.cpwa.us](http://www.cpwa.us) or attend our council, advisory commission, or Coffee with the Mayor meetings. The meetings are advertised on the electronic reader board in front of city hall, this newsletter, and city social media channels.

### 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

625 S. College Ave  
509.529.1200

### Community Calendar

**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2PM** - Lodging Tax Advisory Commission

**Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 5PM** - Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission

**Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM** - Civil Service Commission Meeting

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 4PM** - Historic Preservation Commission

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM** - City Council

**Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM** - Comprehensive Plan Open House: 1200 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, College Place

**Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>** - City Facilities Closed: Presidents' Day

**Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM** - Planning Commission

**Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8AM** - Park, Arbor, and Recreation Board

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup> at 5PM** - Coffee with the Mayor: The Black Cup - 615 S College Avenue, College Place  
Unless specified all events are at City Hall— 625 S. College Ave





## City of College Place

### Comprehensive Plan Public Outreach Write-Ups

The City of College Place wants your help in updating the City's Comprehensive Plan and Parks and Open Space Plan! The Comprehensive Plan will be used to guide development with a long-term vision to determine how the City approaches land use, the environment, housing, streets and transportation, utilities and parks and recreation. Your input is encouraged to ensure that the City can best accommodate the needs of citizens of College Place. You can share your thoughts with us in two ways! First, you can follow the link below to complete an online survey to answer questions that will inform the Comprehensive Plan and Parks and Open Space Plan. You are also encouraged to attend the upcoming public open house.

Your input provides an important perspective as the City determines how College Place should grow and develop over the next 20 years. Help us make the most of our beautiful location and what it has to offer those who live or visit here. Please fill out the survey by February 15th and mark your calendar for the upcoming Open House! Surveys can be completed online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSZLW8X> or paper copies are available at City Hall. For more information, please visit: <http://www.cpwa.us> or call: 509-529-1200.

Light Refreshments and interpretation to Spanish will be provided.

#### Open House:

Thursday, February 15, 2018

5:30pm-7:30pm

The SonBridge Community Center  
1200 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street College Place, WA 99324

Scan here for survey



Escanee esto para una encuesta

Habr  bocadillos y servicios de interpretaci n al espa ol.

#### Reuni n p blica:

Jueves 15 de febrero de 2018

5:30pm-7:30pm

Centro comunitario *SonBridge*  
1200 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street College Place, WA 99324



## Ciudad de College Place

### Difusi n del Plan de desarrollo integral

La ciudad de College Place requiere su ayuda para actualizar el plan de desarrollo integral de la ciudad y el plan para parques y espacio abierto. El plan se usar  para guiar el desarrollo de la ciudad, con una estrategia a largo plazo para determinar la manera en que el gobierno de la ciudad regula el uso del suelo, medio ambiente, vivienda, vialidad y transporte, servicios p blicos, parques y recreaci n de College Place. Sus comentarios y sugerencias ayudar n a garantizar que el gobierno de la ciudad pueda satisfacer de la mejor manera las necesidades de las personas que viven en College Place.  Puede compartir sus ideas de dos maneras! A trav s del internet complete la encuesta respondiendo las preguntas que informar n al plan de desarrollo integral y el plan de parques y espacio abierto. Otra manera es asistiendo a la siguiente reuni n.

Sus comentarios y sugerencias proporcionar n una perspectiva importante cuando el gobierno de la ciudad determine la manera en que College Place debe crecer y desarrollarse en los siguientes 20 a os. Ay denos a aprovechar al m ximo nuestra hermosa ubicaci n y lo que le ofrece a sus habitantes o visitantes.  Complete la encuesta antes del 15 de febrero y anote en su calendario la fecha de la reuni n p blica!

La encuesta se puede completar por internet en: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSZLW8X> o solicite una encuesta en las oficinas del *City Hall*.

Si desea m s informaci n, por favor visite la p gina de internet <http://www.cpwa.us> o llame al 509-529-1200.

## Think Local First – All year long!

The Holidays are over, but shopping isn't. We all have to buy stuff all the time, and make choices about where we acquire goods and services throughout the year.

  
THE WALLA WALLA VALLEY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

And each one of us has an important role to play in creating a vibrant community and healthy economy. Our everyday decisions have powerful impacts, especially when it comes to the businesses we support. There are many ways to be a “localist” but the simplest is to start with a commitment to always think local first. A Shop Local mentality makes it easier to find what you need locally, celebrate the place we live, and put what matters most first. Keep your dollars where your heart lives, support your community, and build an economy that works for everyone by shopping local!

The Chamber will be redoubling its efforts to promote, and practice, that “localist” mentality in 2018. We have several Shop Local programs in development that will debut later this year, and we will continue our #keepithome campaigns during special occasions and Holidays. And big kudos to the City of Walla Walla for the multi-year effort that will soon culminate with the opening of the Walla Walla Town Center (formerly known as the Blue Mountain Mall), which will not only provide more options for local shopping, but more opportunities for new local businesses. As local shoppers, now it's our turn! Several studies have shown that when you buy from a local business, significantly more of your money is used to make purchases from other local businesses, services, and farms, continuing to strengthen the community. Small businesses also donate more than twice as much per sales dollar to local non-profits, events, sports teams and youth groups compared to big businesses. Locally owned businesses make more local purchases requiring less transportation. This generally means contributing less to natural resource consumption, habitat loss, and pollution, and a “greener” supply chain.

And here is a big one: Local small businesses are the largest employers nationally, and in our community, and they provide the most jobs to residents. Local businesses often hire people with a better understanding of the products they are selling and take more time to get to know customers. Local businesses are owned by your friends and neighbors who live in this community, are less likely to leave, and are more invested in the community's future, just like you. More local businesses mean a stronger tax base. This means better public services like schools, transportation and emergency response.

A growing body of economic research shows that entrepreneurs and skilled workers are more likely to invest and settle in communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character. We all have to watch how we spend our money and what we spend it on. In 2018, I encourage all of us to add the “who, where and why” to that thought process as well, and keep our Valley business community growing and thriving.

## Two WWU Clubs Hold a ‘Toy Hack’ Workshop to Modify Toys For Children With Disabilities



Children with special needs face obstacles that most kids never will. Common toys that line the shelves are often incompatible with disabilities. When Brian Hartman, assistant professor of education at Walla Walla University, learned about toy adaptation programs that make toys more accessible for children with special needs, he decided to bring the idea to student clubs on campus. “Since special needs children don't have any of these resources in the valley, I thought it would be a great

program to start,” Hartman said. On Nov. 16, the WWU Education Club and the Society for Biological Engineering Club hosted a toy hack workshop in Kretschmar Hall on the WWU campus, where students modified a dozen toys to make them

more functional for children with disabilities. For example, they added large external buttons to an electronic alphabet toy and an air-powered ball popping toy, both of which came wired with difficult-to-access control buttons. The Education Club led fundraising efforts for the event and purchased the toys using donations from Walmart, the WWU Center for Educational Equity and Diversity (CEED), and other private donors. The Society for Biological Engineering Club prepared tools for the event and provided technical aid to the hackers. The 12 toys that were altered during the workshop were placed in a toy library, located in the CEED offices on the first floor of Smith Hall, where parents of children with special needs can check out toys free of charge. The November toy hack was the first of many to come. “We intend to continue to grow the program and hope to involve engineering students in their senior projects in the future,” Hartman said. He estimates that there are 40-50 families in the valley with preschool-aged children with special needs. His goal is to build the library to 50 toys over time so that there are plenty of options for everyone.



**COLLEGE PLACE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Focusing on Kids and Their Learning

## The Impact of School Levies

The College Place Public School District is running a replacement levy this February 13, 2018 for the students of College Place. Just a quick reminder, levies are for learning and bonds are for building. We are NOT running a bond but rather a 4-year replacement levy to support learning at College Place Public Schools.

What exactly does the levy fund? Levies fund learning and by this we mean staff above and beyond what the state funds, special programs such as the Highly Capable Program, music, art, and curriculum. They also fund all extra-curricular activities such as athletics as well as the transportation to and from those activities. They fund clubs, food services, student safety, health services, transportation and so much more.

There were sweeping changes made at the state level last legislative session that changed how schools can run levies, how much they can collect and what the money can be used for. The laws have now restricted much of the local control we used to have in using our levy dollars.

The state has now mandated that College Place Public Schools run three separate levies to garner the same amount of funding to support the existing educational needs of our College Place Students.

This February you will see on your ballot three propositions for College Place Public Schools: School Programs & Operations, Student Safety & Technology and Transportation. In the past, you had to vote once to fund all of the items listed above and with this levy you would have to vote three times to provide the same level of funding for College Place Students due to new state laws.

While the funding for these levies directly support the student body at College Place Public Schools, they also create an economic driver in College Place for businesses. Buses need to be serviced, sports teams and their families need food and supplies before and after games, clubs support many non-profit causes and give back to the community of College Place. The impact of school levies is felt not only at the school but in the community at large. To learn more about the College Place Public School Levies, visit [www.ccps.org/levy](http://www.ccps.org/levy).

And remember to register to vote!