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Quick Fact:

City Water Usage

July 2017
65,754,000

July 2016
68,527,000

YTD 2017
211,788,000

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

Summer of 2017 is almost ending and good things are happening in the City. Days are becoming shorter and cooler. If you haven't been to our Thursday evening Farmers Market in the City Hall parking lot, you're missing out on a great event. Fresh produce, food, art and decorative items are all available from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The market will run until the end of October and start again next June.

Starting in January 2018 our water and sewer rates are regrettably going to increase. We have two wells to replace and will have to make significant modifications to our sewage treatment plant to meet more stringent environmental regulations. I know this will impact a number of our citizens. We do offer discounted water and sewer rates for individuals with a disability and for low-income senior citizens other assistance is available through the Blue Mountain Action Council. If you have questions on these programs please call our Finance Department at 509.394.8509.

Public Comment

Beginning at the August 10th College Place Farmers and Artisans Market the City Planning Department will have a booth to have public information and take comments on the sign code, College Ave corridor design regulations, and other projects.

Website & Social Media

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Walla Walla Valley Chamber Of Commerce Updates

Much like the city of College Place, the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce is going through some big changes...some natural, some necessary; all motivated by a need to stay relevant and a desire to provide our entire community with the best opportunities for success in whatever is most important in your life, whether that's running a business, raising a family, or riding a bike (i.e., recreational pursuits)!

And since College Place is certainly part of the Walla Walla Valley, the Chamber is serious about its commitment to include and collaborate with College Place just as we do with Walla Walla and our other area townships. In talking with business owners across our entire region, here are some common themes that keep coming up:

Collaboration – Because there are many organizations that serve the community, it's imperative that the Chamber collaborate effectively to get the best results for you. Chamber leadership has met recently with the leaders at The Wine Alliance, The Port of Walla Walla, The SBDC, Walla Walla and College Place city officials and others with whom we'll be working closely with to accomplish our common goals. We now can share our plans and support each other in ways that leverage our strengths and expertise without duplicating efforts.

Relevance – For years chambers of commerce served as the economic development and tourism office in smaller communities across America. Then as taxes were raised and more and more of your tax dollars were dedicated to these important efforts, local governments brought economic and tourism development in-house, hiring their own staff to do the work. In an effort to strengthen our ability to deliver on our mission as an economic development engine and business-focused organization, we will start developing strategic alliances with some members to offer small business consulting services to help you be more successful.

Workforce Development & Retention – One of the most common challenges faced by local business owners trying to grow a business is finding employees with the requisite skills needed. Young people feel like they need to move away to find a good career. Recruitable employees from outside the area are hesitant to make the move for any number of reasons. Workforce development and retention is particularly tough because it involves so many variables outside our control, but the Chamber can still play an important role. One way we can have an immediate impact is to partner with our public schools and local colleges on the issue. For example, the Chamber will be partnering with College Place High School to help them introduce their STUDIO 57 program to the business community this October. The idea is to let businesses see that your students have real, valuable and useful skills ready for hiring. Also, students get the chance to see first-hand that there are good jobs waiting for them upon graduation.

Public Policy – We will continue the Chamber's role in monitoring public policy and its impact on you with a focus on being "your voice for business" on these issues. We are currently in the process of meeting with our elected officials to hear what their positions are on key business issues. I'm asking questions right now and will bring my findings back to our board for discussion so we can set a pro-business direction and message. I'm also meeting with other chamber execs around the region so we can have a stronger, more unified business voice when the tough, state-wide issues come up.

Access to Money – Small businesses and start-ups have traditionally had a tough time getting the money they need to start or expand. We are working on forming the necessary banking and government relationships so we can bring a new micro-loan program to the Walla Walla Valley. This is a program we hope to launch in 2018.

Finally, the Chamber is looking forward to being a regular part of this newsletter. It has been a pleasure to get to know city administrator Mike Rizzitiello, and we look forward to working more closely with Mike, the City and the rest of the College Place business community moving forward! And we would love to hear from College Place residents and business leaders on what key business issues you feel the Chamber should be working on over the coming year and beyond (I can't believe we are already talking about 2018).

Our email is info@wvchamber.com Our phone number is 509-525-0850.

College Place Resident to Compete in Taekwondo Nationals in Dublin, Ireland

College Place resident Marti Phillips will compete with Team USA at the 2017 Taekwondo (TKD) World Cup in Dublin, Ireland, in October. Phillips is a 2017 Walla Walla University graduate with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a bachelor's degree in music.

In December 2016, Phillips earned a black belt and from there she had four months to learn new patterns and routines to compete for a spot on the USA team. At competitions held in Hood River, Oregon, and San Jose, California, she placed first in the patterns competition for 1 Dan Females and earned a spot on the USA team.

TKD is a martial art that focuses on physics and the application of scientific methods to create the most effective power in patterns. TKD schools teach not only how to defend oneself, but also how to ultimately avoid confrontations.

Phillips was inspired to take up TKD four years ago after noticing positive changes when her mother enrolled in classes. Initially, she signed up to learn self-defense but eventually began to enjoy doing patterns and formed an appreciation for the community of students and mentors.

Phillips' training consists of attending classes four nights a week and personal practice outside the studio. Since qualifying for the World Cup, she has trained with professionals from across the United States. She said she wanted to compete in the World Cup because, "I'm a competitive person to begin with, and TKD gives me the chance to show what I've worked on and what I've accomplished. It's a little like the martial arts version of a recital."

Phillips teaches TKD at the Centerline Martial Arts Studio in Walla Walla. After the World Cup she hopes to earn her second, third, and fourth degree black belts and continue helping others learn useful skills in self-defense.

COLLEGE PLACE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS

CPPS Students to Eat Free

We are pleased to announce that College Place Public Schools will be participating in the federal program called Provision 2 Special Assistance Program that is available to select schools as part of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program.

In a Provision 2 school district, all students who are enrolled and attend College Place Public Schools receive a nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost, regardless of family income. Our District is committed to providing students with the necessary resources that will enable them to be the best they can be. Research has shown that there is a critical link between daily nutrition and academic performance.

Swipe and Raise Money for CPPS!

In conjunction with Gesa in the High School Program, CPPS and Gesa Credit Union have a special Visa debit card for existing and new Gesa members. This program is exciting because with every transaction you make, Gesa will pay five cents back to College Place Public Schools! All payments will directly benefit the students and educational programs of CPPS. Visit your local Gesa branch to sign up. This year, Gesa donated \$8,000 to CPPS to directly benefit our students.

Community Calendar

Sept 4th

Labor Day Observed: City Facilities

Closed

Sept 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th 4 PM -7 PM

College Place Farmers Market

Sept 12th, 26th 7 PM

City Council

Sept 14th, 12 PM

Civil Service Commission

Sept 19th, 7 PM

Planning Commission (Public Hearing:

Sign Code)

Sept 20th, 5 to 6 PM

Coffee with the Mayor & City Administrator @ Rogers Bakery

(116 N. College Ave, CP)

Sept 21st, 4 PM

Historic Preservation Commission

Sept 27th, 5 PM

Economic Development, Tourism, &

Events Commission

Sept 29th, 8 AM

Park, Arbor, & Recreation Board

Meeting Dates (unless specified all events are at City Hall at (625 S. College Ave, CP)

College Place School News Continued

Safety @ CPPS

As part of a continued focus on safety at College Place Public Schools, we wanted to update our community on some new safety measures we have employed over the summer. This year, the team has been busy conducting building assessments, updating technology, procedures and protocols, and leading trainings for school and district level staff. The overall goal remains: ensuring the safety of our students and staff.

We are pleased and excited to have hired Joey Langlois as our Security Resource Officer. In partnership with the College Place Police Department Office Mr. Langlois has joined our team and will be a regular face at Davis, Sager and College Place High School. Joey grew up in College Place where he and his wife Ashlee have three children.

All new teachers to our District, attended GAP training by Force Dynamics on Friday, August 25th. Gap training - is based on the “gap” of time when an incident is first initiated on a school campus and when the police arrive, enter the facility and contact the suspect(s). The national average of this Gap time is 10-14 minutes. The staff are the only ones in this “Gap period” that will be protecting the students until help arrives. This is why all CPPS staff members have learned to properly fortify and to defend a classroom through this valuable training.

Community Tours

If you are interested in a tour of the CPPS schools, please contact the District Office at 509-525-4827. We will be hosting 4 community tours this year. The next tour is scheduled for September 29th from 9:00 am – 10:30 am. The tour will begin at the District Office.

Comments or questions, please email info@cpps.org

Fall Yard Debris Collection

It's almost that time of year again! Fall yard debris collection is scheduled for the week of October 23rd through the 27th. City crews will be doing a different area of the community each day. Residents are allowed up to five bundled, bagged, boxed, or contained debris. Keep in mind that no item should be over 65 pounds. More information will be available in your October newsletter. Do not confuse yard debris collection with leaf pickup. Crews will begin collecting leaves throughout autumn until the first snowfall.