

COLLEGE PLACE IN REVIEW

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QUICK FACT:
City Water Usage
April 2012
15,909,000
April 2011
14,814,000
YTD 2012
55,664,000
Total 2011
380,907,000

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Rick Newby

Did you know that many of the most vital services upon which we depend are provided by local government? Every day, we all make use of infrastructure and services that are provided and maintained by our city, such as water, waste water, police, fire, parks, sidewalks, and streets. Even though we might not give much thought to these types of things as we go about our busy day, we certainly become aware of their importance if they are not available when they are needed.

Of course providing any service comes with a price tag, and while we might not always appreciate the cost, we do generally agree that the value we receive in return is high. If you're uncertain of this, try going a day without access to fresh, clean water! When we purchase merchandise, own property, or pay our utility bills within the city, we contribute to the operations and maintenance of the basic services we all need to sustain our high quality of life.

I believe it is very important for all of us to recognize that these essential services are accessible because of the effort made each day by the men and women who deliver them to us, or otherwise ensure they are readily available when we need them. Whether it's having safe neighborhoods, clean drinking water, taking our kids to the park, or even just draining our bath tub – these everyday experiences are brought to us by our friendly College Place municipal employees.

Many of you inherently understand this, because I have had the pleasure of receiving your messages of encouragement and support. Whether it's a phone call, letter, email, or stopping to chat at the grocery store, I am often told how much you appreciate the city staff. And while there are sometimes less positive comments, they are few in comparison to the number of compliments I receive.

As Mayor, I have the distinct blessing of working with the professional men and women who make our community a great place to live, and I am thankful for each one of them. I am also grateful to each of you for taking the time to express your appreciation for them. On behalf of all city employees, thank you. Our goal is to be trustworthy stewards of your public resources every day. We might be few in number, but we are big on serving you.

May God bless you.

Water Conservation Tips for June

- Water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.

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625 S. College Ave.
College Place, WA 99324

Phone Numbers:

City Hall— 529-1200
 Court— Ext. 16
 Utilities— Ext. 11
 Building/Planning/Public
 Works/Engineering—
 525-0510
 Fire Dept.— 529-6506
 Police — 525-7778 or 7773
 Dispatch— 527-1960

We're on the web!
www.ci.college-place.wa.us

Municipal Building Hours:

Monday through Thursday
 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday
 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Police Department Hours:

Monday through Friday
 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



- Spreading a layer of organic mulch around plants retains moisture and saves water, time and money.
- Use a grease pencil to mark the water level of your pool at the skimmer. Check the mark 24 hours later to see if you have a leak.
- Men, turn off the water when you shave and save up to 300 gallons a month.
- When you have ice left in your cup from a take-out restaurant, don't throw it in the trash, dump it on a plant.

You and Your Unlicensed Contractor

If you take out a permit stating that you are doing your own work when in fact you are hiring an unlicensed contractor to do work for you, take time to read what your responsibilities are.

You must obtain all necessary permits and meet any requirements. You are responsible for knowing and meeting all code requirements. You are responsible for calling for inspections. You may be liable if a worker is hurt on your property. You will be responsible for upgrading any part of the project which does not meet code if your unlicensed contractor defaults or is removed from the job for being unlicensed. You risk losing your advance payments if the unlicensed contractor defaults or is removed from the job for being unlicensed.

The unlicensed contractor is using you to avoid many hidden but expensive costs of doing business, including; Workmen's injury compensation, personal and property liability insurance, job performance bonding, and permit and license fees. If you have any questions regarding whether the person you have hired is licensed, please call 1-800-547-9411 or go to <https://fortress.wa.gov/lni/bbip/Search.aspx>.

4th & Larch Repaving Project.

In a continuing effort to rehabilitate our road system, the City requested and has received funding from the Transportation Improvement Board for grinding and repaving Larch Street from 4th Street to Lamperti Street. The project is also planned to include grinding and repaving 4th Street from Larch Avenue to Davis Avenue. The City will also be contributing towards the project. The total cost for the project is expected to range between \$665,000 and \$911,000. The exact amount will depend upon actual bid award and the options exercised by the City. Depending on the bid, some parts may be completely reconstructed while others may also receive reinforcing fabric or a layer of finer-grain asphalt to extend the life of the road. Work is expected to commence in mid-June with completion in early August.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - JUNE

- 7 - VFW Post 466, 7 pm, Fire Station
- 11 - City Council, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 21 - VFW Post 466, 7 pm, Fire Station
- 19 - Planning Commission, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 25 - City Council, 7 pm, Council Chambers