

COLLEGE PLACE IN REVIEW

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QUICK FACT:

City Water Usage
August 2013
67,752,000
August 2012
76,442,000
YTD 2013
278,484,000
Total 2012
396,785,000

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

BY RICK NEWBY

Fall is always a good time to stop and reflect more deeply on the things we have accomplished and the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead. With this in mind, I thought it might be interesting to summarize some of our achievements and aspirations in this month's issue:

- We will launch the College Avenue/Rose Street (CARS) reconstruction project in spring of 2014 to begin transforming our signature transportation corridor. This project will raise the visibility of existing businesses and create opportunities for new business development. We have already received inquiries from prospective new businesses and we are encouraged by the possibilities the project is generating.
- While the CARS project is significant, it is part of a much broader plan to encourage economic growth and prosperity. In spite of an anemic economy, over the past five years we have seen a number of new businesses launched in College Place, and over \$45 million in new commercial and residential development.
- We consistently review our operations, practices, and processes and make adjustments necessary to gain efficiencies and reduce costs. As a result, while our population has increased 4% since 2006, staffing has been reduced in the same time period by 18%, resulting in more than \$650,000 in annual cost savings. We remain focused on delivering quality service and keeping costs low.
- Our transportation and pedestrian improvement priorities have been to enhance access, mobility, and safety on major arterials, streets and sidewalks around our schools and the University, and opening access to commercial property to increase economic development opportunities. Significant improvements have been made to Whitman, Larch, 4th, Academy, and Davis, with chip sealing in a number of residential areas. We have also opened over 90 acres of prime commercial real estate ready for business development, while increasing contact with commercial developers to promote economic growth.
- The fire station bond will be retired this year, and next year the South End loan will be paid, returning \$72,000 a year to the general fund. This investment has helped our community to become financially secure by boosting retail sales tax revenue from \$283,000 to over \$1.1 million annually.
- The Rural Library District (RLD) is building a new flagship library in College Place that will be conveniently located and have a very affordable membership rate. Construction will begin very soon!

- We have achieved water system independence and met State requirements for water storage and fire flow with the construction of the East Side storage tanks and booster station. We also improved system security and reliability, enhanced water and power conservation, and increased operational efficiencies while lowering costs.
- We are currently working on a host of issues that will further increase efficiencies, lower costs, enhance our quality of life, and/or protect our community, such as service consolidations, road reclassifications, intertie agreements, marijuana moratorium, College Ave South project, right-of-way management act, US 12 project, strategic goals review, comprehensive plan revisions, web-based services, code reviews, and the Lions Park fish pond enhancement project, just to name a few.

As we continue working together on today's challenges, and on creating new opportunities for tomorrow, I remain committed to managing growth responsibly, promoting economic prosperity, limiting government, delivering quality services, and preserving the character and values of our community. I am very grateful for the tremendous support you have provided over the years, and I look forward to continuing our success into the future.

Thank you and may God bless you!

FALL YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION

The City of College Place will have its fall yard debris cleanup the week of October 21–25. The City will be divided into the following areas for collection:

MONDAY, October 21 – All residents south of SE 12th Street to SR 125, and between SE Larch and S College Avenue. *Sunny Drive, Sky, Central, Mt. View, Scenic View, Valley, Linda, Broadway, Sherburne Addition.*

TUESDAY, October 22 – All residents west of College Avenue, including the West Side of College Avenue. *Any NW or SW addresses will be collected on this day.*

WEDNESDAY, October 23 – All residents east of SE Larch and south of SE 4th Street.

The east side of Larch, Highland Park, Davin Drive, Garrison Creek Heights, Villages of Garrison Creek, Autumn Meadows, Harvest Meadows, Harvest Heights, Bliss, Country Estates, Knapp Addition, Dewey Drive, Vista Place and SE 12th Street east of Larch.

THURSDAY, October 24 – All residents north of SE 4th Street and east of College Avenue.

The north side of 4th Street, east side of College Avenue, Ash, Sunset Villa, Deccio Road, Maple, Flowers Lane, Hawthorne Addition, Tamarack, Elder, Damson, Cottonwood, Beechwood, Rose, Ivy Lane, Tremont, NE "A", NE "C", Birch, NE Cedar, SE 2nd, SE 3rd, Mulberry, Fernwood, Sprucewood, Kingwood, and Redwood, Bunky, Sedona, and Mulberry.

FRIDAY, October 25 – All residences between SE 4th and SE 12th and between S College and SE Larch. *The border streets, SE 5th, Hillcrest, Date, Birch, SE 6th, Elm, Villa Tuscany Estates, SE 8th, SE 9th, SE 10th, SE Cedar, Brentwood Place, SE 11th, Cotter Place, Stanford, Belmont, and Broadway.*

Guidelines for this collection are as follows:

- 1 Locate all yard debris close to the curb
- 2 All debris must be bundled, bagged, boxed, or contained.
- 3 No item should be over 65 pounds.
- 4 Yard debris only.
- 5 Five (5) items maximum.
- 6 No bundled brush in lengths over 5'.
- 7 **Anything above the allowed amount will be subject to charge.**

The City makes special arrangements to provide you with this service and is not equipped for calls regarding yard debris removal throughout the year. The homeowner is responsible for disposal of yard debris the remainder of the year.

COLLEGE PLACE LIONS PARK: A Citizen's Opportunity To Help With Garrison Creek Improvements

This past June College Place Officials, Tri-state Steelheaders leadership, College Place Lions Club members and officers, and Washington State Fish and Wildlife employees met to begin discussions regarding Garrison Creek and the fishing pond in Lions Park. This June meeting brought together these folks out of a common concern for the park's pond and the quality of water in Garrison Creek.

So it was decided at this meeting that this College Place Park is very important and that the pond and stream as they currently sit are not functioning as they should. The pond is silted in and that forces the water temperatures higher and combined with the waterfowl droppings could promote the growth of pathogens and algae. The other issue is the Kids Fishing Day at this park and the Washington State Fish and Wildlife's great concern about the silted in pond and the inability of the fish to survive this shallow pond. So the Wildlife folks have announced that this is the last year they will introduce fish into this pond due to its poor condition. I did a presentation to the officers of the College Place Lions Club and we discussed the future of the pond and Garrison Creek through the community. The Tri-state Steelheaders have budgeted \$10,000 for this creek and pond restoration project.

So this is where the citizens of College Place come in. As we get further down the road on this project we will need folks to volunteer their time and energy to assist their city in completing this great project by June 2014. Please strongly consider helping in getting the restoration of Garrison Creek and the pond underway.

Thank-you,
Mike Denny

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



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 5:00 p.m.



Sudbury Road Landfill Hours of Operation

The City of Walla Walla is currently evaluating the hours of operation of the Sudbury Road Landfill facility in order to address rising costs of operating the landfill and associated services. This evaluation may result in a reduction or other changes in the hours of operation. Customer needs will be kept in mind when making decisions that may impact the hours of operation and a survey has been developed for residents and businesses in the region to provide input on how customers currently use the landfill. People who don't currently use the landfill are also encouraged to take the survey in order to find out if a change in hours would better accommodate new customers.

The survey will be used to determine what changes in operating hours would have the least impact on customers or better serve the needs of customers. The survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. The survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/s/SudburyWW or via Walla Walla's website at www.wallawallawa.gov. The survey will be available through October 31.

The City of Walla Walla owns and operates the Sudbury Road Landfill. Services at the Landfill include disposal of municipal waste, household hazardous waste processing (free of charge for Walla Walla County residents), and operation of a compost facility where green/yard waste is processed into compost for purchase.

The landfill is currently open year-round Monday through Saturday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm and closed to the public on major holidays. For more information on our services and tip fees, please visit Walla Walla's website at www.wallawallawa.gov

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October



- 7 - VFW Post 466, 7 pm, Fire Station
- 9 - Lions Club, 5:30, Lions Park
- 14 - City Council, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 15 - Planning Commission, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 16 - Mayor Candidate Forum, 7 pm, Sager School
- 21 - VFW Post 466, 7 pm, Fire Station
- 23 - Lions Club, 5:30, Lions Park
- 28 - City Council, 7 pm, Council Chambers