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Mayor's Message

This monthly newsletter provides an opportunity for College Place citizens to get updates on city and regional activities and issues. We are tweaking the layout to make it easier to get news at a glance, and I will always include my email address so you can respond, share, and ask questions about what is happening in our city. As we are working on the early stages of the CARS (College Avenue/Rose Street) construction project, we will include a CARS update in each newsletter throughout the process.

I am still learning details about many of the elements of city government and will share some of that information in this newsletter as well – our facilities and ser-

vices are diverse and interesting, in my opinion. It is a changing time in our little city, but I think the changes – new roads, new schools, and a new library – are all wonderful news. So please be patient as we endure some inconvenience on the way to improvement.

Julie Scott, Mayor

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Coming next month: Road Classification (Really more exciting than you might think!) Let us know if you want a subject matter covered within an upcoming City Newsletter. Please contact Mrs. Amy Strang to make your suggestion. astrang@ci.college-place.wa.us

Welcome to Walla Walla Valley Honda

College Place extends a very warm welcome to Mr. Blake Underrinner, general manager, and his staff who are re-opening the Honda Dealership here in town. The lot is full of beautiful new vehicles and the new owners, headquartered in Billings, MT, have a long and very successful track record of helping customers find and afford the right car for them. The Underrinner family (Blake's father runs the Billings-based operation) have already gotten involved in local ac-

tivities and civic causes and Underrinner describes being very happy to be in the Walla Walla Valley.

"I have visited with the owners here in College Place several times and am very excited to have a beautiful facility staffed by people with extensive experience and a great reputation. They are a wonderful addition to the Walla Walla Valley," says Pat Reay, city manager.

Blue Mountain Humane Society Teams with the City

In an effort to provide optimal services to stray animals, pets, and pet owners in College Place, a contract was recently signed to have Animal Control Services provided

in concert with the Blue Mountain Humane Society (BMHS). On Monday evening, July 14 the City Council reviewed and approved the details of an agreement to

provide services for animals picked up and needing assistance within the city.

Ms. Sara Archer is the executive director of the BMHS who has led the organization to building a beautiful new facility to house and care for “pets in transition” back to loving new or original owners. “We are de-

lighted to be in partnership with the City of College Place and feel uniquely qualified to care for these animals. We encourage city residents to visit our facility and see how committed we are to our mission to prevent cruelty and promote kindness to animals,” says Archer.



City of College Place College Avenue / Rose Street (CARS) Reconstruction



The College Avenue/Rose Street Reconstruction (CARS) Project is currently wrapping up the property acquisition phase of the project. This is the final step necessary before advertising the project for bids. Originally, the city had been planning on a split construction season with Rose Street reconstruction to begin later this year with the rest of the project to be completed by the end of 2015. The project will now be advertised later this year for construction in 2015.

A quick review of project elements completed:

The \$12.5 million project is fully funded through a variety of Federal, state and local funds, including the \$7 million local bond passed in August 2012. Plans, specifications and engineers’ estimates are complete, with minor adjustments associated with right-of-way/property acquisition to be made before advertising the project for bids.

The city has acquired nearly all necessary property and easements necessary to construct the project this next year. And the environmental permitting process is complete.

Project Timeline. The next step after property acquisition is completed will be to submit the project right-of-way plans to WSDOT for certification and release of Federal funding. This process is expected to take three months. Taking this into account, the city is planning to advertise in November with a bid opening in January. Construction is expected to com-

mence in earnest as soon as weather allows. The entire project is to be constructed by the end of 2015.

Project Elements. The CARS Project will reconstruct Rose Street from Myra Road to the intersection of College Avenue and from there reconstruct College Avenue south to the Mojonier Road/Lamperti Street intersection. The project will reconstruct 11,300 feet of streets. The south side of Rose Street will receive 2,750 feet of multiuse path with a separated parking strip and street. College Avenue will receive 14,200 feet of 10 foot sidewalks along both sides of College Avenue with street lights and street trees to improve lighting and downtown aesthetics. The College Avenue/Rose Street intersection will be reconfigured to allow for full turning movements. Whitman Drive intersection will be improved with signal and lane improvements. SE 12th Street and Lamperti Street intersections will also be improved under the project and may receive signals depending upon available funding. Likewise, aging water and sewer lines will be replaced and stormwater improvements made.

We are excited to be able to bring this project to our city. 2015 will be an exciting year. We want to thank you, our community, in advance for your patience and support. It will not be easy. Throughout construction, it will be dusty, sometimes loud and often inconvenient. Reconstructing the central core of our community will certainly bring more than its share of challenges. Again, we want to thank you for standing behind us as we orchestrate the reconstruction of our infrastructure for our future.

Quick Fact:

City Water Usage for June 2014 - 52,787,000	June 2013 - 53,325,000
YTD 2014 - 145,321,000	Total 2013—411,766,000