

College Place in Review

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Quick Fact:

City Water Usage

June **2015** 53,396,000

June 2014 52,787,000

YTD 2015 156,408,000

Total 2014 429,267,000

Your City Representatives <u>Mayor</u>

Julie L. Scott

Council Members

Melissa Thiessen
Adam Keatts
Marge Nyhagen
Loren Peterson
Greg Tompkins
Heather Schermann
Larry Dickerson

City Administrator

Patrick H. Reay

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Sarah Killgore, Finance Director for our city, has responsibilities which include everything money related from utility billings, debt management and investments to state audits and capital construction projects. And speaking of capital construction projects, she manages the multiple funding sources (state and federal grants as well as the multiple internal accounts and bond funds) that come together to pay for this multimillion dollar project.

Sarah comes to College Place most recently from La Grande, OR where she grew up and developed an enduring love for horses and horse shows. She completed college at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT, and then worked in public accounting in Portland, OR, where she also became a CPA. After several years in the big city, she returned to La Grande where she was controller for the Grande Ronde Hospital until she was hired to join the team in College Place.

"I was very glad to find Sarah," says City Administrator, Pat Reay, "in addition to her great work experience we are fortunate to have a CPA here at the city." Sarah and her team, Shawn Doering and Lisa Neissl, worked very hard this year on the bi-annual audit and were pleased, at the end of many months, to have the state auditors give a clean report on the city's finances. This made 21 years in a row that the city has completed audits with no findings. The City's finances have been fastidiously managed for many years, which resulted in a very positive AA- bond rating for College Place debt, and allows the bond funds we are using for projects like CARS to be financed at a very low interest rate.

Sarah got married to Kelby Killgore last summer and they both spend their free time with horses. In fact, Sarah should be congratulated on moving to the regional level of competition with the National Reining Horse Association, to be held in Nampa, ID. She hopes to be able to compete at the national level in Oklahoma City, OK.

Finally, Sarah and her husband have so enjoyed life in the Walla Walla Valley that they have influenced several family members, including both sets of parents, to relocate from Eastern Oregon to our area.

City Hall 625 S. College Ave College Place, WA 99324

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.



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HR/Administration—394-8508
Accounts Payable—394-8510
Building—394-8522
Fire Department—394-8600
Fire Chief—394-8605
Public Works—394-8526
Planning—394-8524
City Engineer—394-8525
City Shop—394-8653
Police —394-8550
Dispatch—527-1960

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