



College Place in Review

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Quick Fact:

City Water Usage

May 2015
45,000,000

May 2014
30,665,000

YTD 2015
103,012,000

Total 2014
429,267,000

Your City Representatives Mayor

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

Paul Hartwig has been involved with the infrastructure of College Place for almost 40 years. Now serving as the Director of Public Works, his work for the city began in 1977 shortly after he completed his education at Eastern Washington University. He didn't start then in the director role, but his long and valued tenure working with the City's road, water, and sewer systems make him a font of history and perspective.

But his roots in the valley go back much further – to the early 1900s family homestead on Stateline Road where his great-grandparents lived and raised their family. Paul grew up in a house across from Andy's Market (at that time a pickle factory that later burned down), and his father served as a city councilman and mayor of College Place for over 20 years ending in 1977, and influenced Paul to take his first part time job for the city.

Hartwig and his crew have been very busy as the College Avenue/Rose Street project moved into full operation this spring, not only with providing oversight for the project, but also coordinating the chip sealing on multiple roads in town, working on details for improvements in sidewalks and curbs on Ash St., and planning for much needed changes for 4th St. between Davis and Academy. Hartwig is proud to note that all the major roadways around Walla Walla University should be improved by sometime

in 2016. He especially thanks the citizens of College Place for their patience through this process. "I know that the crew from Scout Lake has regularly eaten at Rogers Bakery, and they love it," says Hartwig, "So I want to remind all of us to patronize the businesses along the CARS project route."

Hartwig also is responsible for the water and sewer systems for our city including the Wastewater Treatment Plant. "The complexity of federal requirements is making the plant ever more challenging to staff and run," he mentions, "so we are considering various management options to keep up that challenge." Water considerations matter across the state, and also in our city. Paul has an ongoing interest in ensuring a safe and secure source of water for the city, "Growth is somewhat dependent on being able to have water rights that provide what we need, and to do that best we need to cooperate across the entire valley," says Hartwig, who hopes for more coordination as the water resource becomes more precious and more in demand.

Paul and his wife, Tracy, raised their two children in the valley, and continue to enjoy their many friends and wide number of family members who join them in this beautiful corner of the world. Thank you, Paul Hartwig, for your decades of dedicated work for the citizens and city of College Place.

PLAN FOR A SAFE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Summer is almost here, school will soon be out, and Independence Day is just around the corner! Let's make July 4th as SAFE as it is FUN. Fourth of July means Food, Family and Fireworks. It is legal to sell and purchase consumer fireworks within the city of College Place from 9am to 11pm on each day from the first of July through the fourth of July and from 5pm to 11pm on the thirty-first of December of each year. The minimum age to purchase fireworks is 16 years old.

Consumer fireworks may be used or discharged each day between the hours of 9 am and 11 pm on the first of July to the third of July, and on July fourth between the hours of 9 am and midnight, and between the hours of 9 am and 11pm on July fifth and from 6 pm on December 31st until 1am on January 1st of the new year.

- It is unlawful to discharge fireworks on the property of another without the permission of the property owner.
- It is unlawful to discharge fireworks in a public park without permission from the Fire Chief.
- It is unlawful to discharge fireworks on city property that is not a park, including Public Streets, without permission of the city council.

A few Safety Guidelines to remember about Fireworks.

Before You Light Fireworks - Be Prepared. Purchase only legal fireworks, available at approved stands. Place Pets indoors, they may become frightened. Keep a bucket of water nearby in which to place all used fireworks. Have a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out stray sparks. Know your address, location, basic first aid, and remember to call 911 if you need emergency assistance.

When Lighting Fireworks - Be Safe. Have a designated adult supervise the lighting of all fireworks. Use eye protection, wear safety goggles. Light one at a time, move away quickly, and keep at a safe distance until the display is finished. Use only outdoors, away from anything that can burn. To prevent injuries, never throw fireworks and never hold fireworks in your hand.

After You Finish – Be Responsible. Clean up all debris when finished. Duds can be dangerous. If a device does not light or fire, an adult should wait at least five minutes and approach it carefully and place it in a bucket of water to soak.

More information on The City of College Place's Fireworks Code can be found in the *College Place Municipal Code* Section 8.08. http://library.municode.com/HTML/14763/level2/TIT8HESA_CH8.08FI.html Have a Fun and Safe July 4th!

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