



# College Place in Review

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## Quick Fact:

### City Water Usage

#### August 2015

78,557,000

#### August 2014

81,443,000

#### YTD 2015

371,687,000

#### 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

Pat Reay has served as College Place's City Administrator for the past 11 years. As a city-councilperson and now mayor, I have come to very much appreciate the role of a full-time city manager and, more specifically, all that Pat does to run the city of College Place. I will give a more thorough introduction to Pat in a minute, but first want to answer the question of what a mayor does in our small city if we have a full-time city administrator. The quick answer is that the mayor role for College Place is a part-time elected executive position that pays about \$850/month. Thus, the city administrator is the person who manages the city's 36 employees on a day-to-day basis, coordinates all planning and budgeting efforts each year, and deals with the many issues that come with the running of a small, yet still multi-million dollar, enterprise. The best analogy may be that the mayor is chairman of the board (the elected city council members, or legislature, would be the board in this analogy), the city administrator is the CEO.

Pat Reay grew up and spent his early career within a 250-mile radius of our city. He graduated from Hermiston High School, Blue Mountain Community College and Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande, Oregon with Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration and Liberal Studies with an emphasis in small city and rural county management. He began his career as a planner in Baker County, Oregon. He then became a community and economic development specialist and was working for ten counties in southwestern Idaho and two in southeastern Oregon for a non-profit council of government headquartered in Boise, Idaho. He found that he really liked the diversity of the job -- working with lots of different people and

organizations on regulations, strategic planning, grant-writing, developing community and economic development projects and making connections between people and improving the quality of life of communities he served.

Pat worked as a road warrior across twelve counties for the council of government, and while he loved the job, he wasn't sure he wanted to spend his whole life driving from meeting to meeting over a large geographic area. In his travels he became acquainted with Burns, Oregon, City Manager Jim Aho, who influenced him to consider that career path into city management. He became the city administrator in Irrigon, Oregon, where he learned much more about the challenges and joys of working with political dynamics, special interests, personnel, citizen groups, budgets, contracts and public works contracts. But he knew he had found his niche in a role where the work is always changing, never done, and filled with its own kind of excitement.

When Pat moved to College Place to become city administrator in 2004, the second in the city's history and longest serving administrator, he found a rather quiet residential community where limited investment had been made in infrastructure. In a recent interview he described, "I am proud of the voter support over the last 10+ years for supporting the much needed improvements in roadways, parks, water, sewer systems within our community. Our progress culminates in the CARS project, but has been seen in multiple independent and joint projects in our community like the Taumarson Road and the various Myra Road improvement projects." All of these projects have

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**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.



**NEW Phone Numbers:**

Utilities/Finance—394-8509  
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

kept the different members of the city staff extremely busy, and Pat very busy finding funding, staffing, and persistence to keep working to make our community more beautiful and attractive to business interests.

In reflecting on the city he has come to know and love over the last decade, Pat can picture a community with a much more energetic and beautiful downtown core with sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, business access, and ultimately mixed-use residential and retail outlets on our main corridors. Thanks, Pat, for your steady work and vision in making our community a better place to call home.

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### **FALL YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION**

The City of College Place will have its fall yard debris cleanup the week of October 19–23. The City will be divided into the following areas for collection:

**MONDAY, October 19** – All residents south of SE 12<sup>th</sup> 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 20** – 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 21** – All residents east of SE Larch and south of SE 4<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Street east of Larch.*

**THURSDAY, October 22** – All residents north of SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street and east of College Avenue. *The north side of 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, SE 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mulberry, Fernwood, Sprucewood, Kingwood, and Redwood, Bunky, Sedona, and Mulberry.*

**FRIDAY, October 23** – All residences between SE 4<sup>th</sup> and SE 12<sup>th</sup> and between S College and SE Larch. *The border streets, SE 5<sup>th</sup>, Hillcrest, Date, Birch, SE 6<sup>th</sup>, Elm, Villa Tuscany Estates, SE 8<sup>th</sup>, SE 9<sup>th</sup>, SE 10<sup>th</sup>, SE Cedar, Brentwood Place, SE 11<sup>th</sup>, Cotter Place, Stanford, Belmont, and Broadway.*

Guidelines for this collection are as follows: Locate all yard debris close to the curb. All debris must be bundled, bagged, boxed, or contained. No item should be over 65 pounds. Yard debris only. Five (5) items maximum. No bundled brush in lengths over 5'. **Anything beyond the allowed amount will be subject to charge.**