



# College Place in Review

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## Quick Fact:

City Water Usage

**November 2015**  
22,438,000

**November 2014**  
15,397,000

**YTD 2015**  
437,671,000

**Total 2014**  
429,267,000

## Your City Representatives Mayor

Julie L. Scott

## Council Members

Jerry Bobbitt  
Marge Nyhagen  
Loren Peterson  
Greg Tompkins  
Heather Schermann  
Larry Dickerson

## City Administrator

Patrick H. Reay

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### CARS Project Over Winter

Warmest thanks to all of the Scout Lake employees and subcontractors working through the winter to keep the CARS construction project rolling. We are wishing for a brown and dry January so work can continue on schedule.

One thing citizens need to know is that the work schedule, decisions about how to complete the work, and the order of tackling the parts of the project are all up to Scout Lake. The contractors must work within the specified number of days for the contract, with accommodation being made for bad weather. But I have heard from various citizens that suggest they think the city should have approached things differently – they may have a better approach, but since they didn't win the contract for the project, they don't get to decide, and neither does the city.

The city council receives regular updates with financial reports and details of work completed on the project. Thanks to the oversight and reporting of Pat Reay (city administrator), Robert Gordon (city engineer), Sarah Killgore

(finance director), and Paul Hartwig (director of public works) we have regular reports at city council meetings. As of the most recent report, the project was 44 percent complete, which means that 44 percent of the working days had been used.

Though it is true that there is a lot of work to go, the areas that are almost complete, from Rose Street to Fourth Street, have been some of the most complex parts of the project – in part because of the infrastructure for utilities that is housed under that section of road. The contractor is also making sure that the infrastructure for new street lights and trees are placed appropriately – hang in there, it is going to be beautiful.

The financial reports provide updates on the use of the \$2.28 million in federal funds, the \$2.88 million in state funds and the \$9.1 million in local funds that are coming together to cover the budget of \$14.3 million for the total project.

Finally, thank you to all the citizens and retailers that have had inconvenient changes in road access. We are doing

**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.

**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



our best to make sure those are minimized, but thank you for your patience. Now we are hoping for a brown January and February with many workable days.

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## **HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING**

Walla Walla area Boy Scouts of America, Troop 305 will be picking up your unwanted holiday tree on January 9 and 10. All neighborhoods will be covered; however, if your tree is NOT picked up by the evening of January 10, you may send an email to: [treepickup@troop305.net](mailto:treepickup@troop305.net). Donations to the Boy Scouts are appreciated and will be used for scouting activities.

