



# College Place in Review

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## Quick Fact:

City Water Usage

**April 2016**  
14,497,000

**April 2015**  
21,875,000

**YTD 2016**  
53,028,000

**Total 2015**  
449,354,000

## Your City Representatives

### Mayor

Julie L. Scott

### Council Members

Jerry Bobbitt  
Michael Cleveland  
Marge Nyhagen  
Loren Peterson  
Heather Schermann  
Larry Dickerson

### City Administrator

Patrick H. Reay

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### It Isn't Easy Being Green

Whatever your personal values and activities around issues related to the environment, it is a complex issue from a public policy standpoint. Your elected officials and city employees ponder the question: how should local governments make decisions in light of the values/costs/benefits of various choices?

For example, BDI offers a recycling service to its College Place customers. About 20 percent of our citizens choose to pay an additional fee each month for bi-weekly recycling pick-up. What BDI has offered for several years for the convenience of those who want curbside recycling is a single bin designed for paper/cardboard/plastic/aluminum to be commingled; it is then picked up and sorted by BDI. The advantages of this include less volume heading to the landfill, and the potential reuse of the material for new products. Which sounds like a good idea...

And it is a good idea. The problem is that markets decide how well the reuse/resale of recycled material works from a financial standpoint (which must be taken seriously for BDI to remain in business). In a recent presentation to the College Place

City Council, the CFO of BDI, Gene Hill, shared that over the last year their return on recycling had moved from paying for itself (the money made on selling recyclable material paid for the cost of collection and sorting), to needing to be significantly subsidized by regular garbage pickup profits because the market for recyclable materials had signifi-

cantly shrunk in North America.

Later in 2016 your



city council will have to decide if the 20 percent of citizens using recycling should pay for the increased cost, if the city should pay for the increased cost (which means recycling would be subsidized by all citizens), or if we should consider some other option. This and other similar issues are important to the city and citizens; and thoughtfully considered by your city staff and elected officials. You are welcome to offer your suggestions at the College Place website through an email to anyone at this link:

<http://www.ci.college-place.wa.us/index.aspx?nid=85>

**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



**PLAY BALL!**

Students from College Place High School are teaming up with the Walla Walla Sweets baseball team to plan, market, and promote the Monday, July 11, 2016, 7:05pm game with the West Coast Guns at Borleske Stadium. The students have been actively working with the Sweets executive staff in planning a promotion which will highlight College Place High School and the College Place community during this event. Superintendent Tim Payne will throw out the ceremonial "First Onion", and students from the high school will sing the National Anthem and run the in-game promotional activities.

Customers can purchase tickets for \$5.50 either directly from a CPHS Entrepreneurship student (send email to sreardon@cpps.org), or online at wallawallasweets.com, select Tickets, Single Game Tickets, and order using Promotional Code CPPS to get the \$5.50 group rate. A \$1.50 online handling fee per ticket will be charged, which is offset by a free soft drink voucher for every ticket printed.



With the road construction, access to City Hall continues to be a challenge. Remember, you can drop your check payment off in the drop box at Lions Park. You can also make payments through [xpressbillpay.com](http://xpressbillpay.com) or call our office at 509-394-8509, and we can process your check, debit, or credit card payment over the telephone.