

COLLEGE PLACE IN REVIEW

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QUICK FACT:

City Water Usage
January 10
12,731,000 gallons
January 09
12,938,000 gallons
YTD 2010
12,731,000
Total 2009
410,834,000

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

BY RICK NEWBY

One important responsibility of the Mayor is to assess laws and amendments proposed by the state legislature for impacts to our city, and communicate concern or support to our state representatives accordingly. Certainly one of the biggest challenges facing all cities is the problem commonly known as "unfunded mandates". These occur when the legislature enacts laws that require municipalities to take certain actions, without providing the funds necessary to ensure compliance. While many of these laws are good ideas in principle, they are costly to implement in practice.

For example, the city recently adopted an updated Critical Area Ordinance in response to new requirements of the Growth Management Act, which stipulates, inter alia, that all such local measures be based on best available science. Most of us agree that it is important to protect our environment in a responsible manner. However, the cost to administer and defend this policy is potentially significant, and it is unlikely that we will receive the financial support from Olympia necessary to help us sustain this requirement over time.

Another challenge is the Public Records Act. Again, we fully support the principle that public records should be available to citizens at their request. However, the cost of compliance can be considerable, as an agency can quite literally be inundated with record requests to a level that service operations might be negatively affected. In these situations, communities with limited resources must simply manage the service disruptions as best they can, or find the funds to acquire additional help.

While under normal circumstances any one unfunded requirement might have a limited impact, the cumulative effects or extraordinary events associated with these types of measures could prove financially ruinous. Like many cities, College Place runs a tight ship. We simply do not have extra funds in reserve ready to be placed at the disposal of the legislature - especially during tough economic times. In this regard, we are blessed to have an excellent legislative delegation that understands the importance of protecting communities from the adverse affects of unfunded mandates.

You can help too. When you speak with Sen. Hewitt or Reps. Walsh and Nealey, let them know that you support their efforts to prevent the enactment of laws that place a financial burden on cities without providing appropriate funding. They need to know that we stand behind them regarding this issue. When you do, you will be supporting your community in an important and meaningful way.

May God bless you.

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 Court—Ext. 16
 Utilities—Ext. 11
 Building/Planning/Public
 Works/Engineering—
 525-0510
 Fire Dept.—529-6506
 Police —525-7778 or 7773
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www.ci.college-place.wa.us

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.

Police Department Hours:

Monday through Friday
 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Pacific Power Energy Resources Stewardship Program

At the February 8, 2010 City Council Meeting Bill Clemens, Pacific Power Regional Community Manager, presented Mayor Newby with a Certificate of Resource Management in recognition of the City's commitment to energy efficiency.

The City installed energy efficient pumps at the eastside booster station with the help of the Pacific Power Energy FinAnswer program, which provided energy analysis, financial incentives, and commissioning for the station's pumping system. The pumps that were installed through this program operate on a level that demand requires, instead of at a fixed level at all times. This is expected to save the City more than \$8700.00 per year in energy costs. We would like to thank Pacific Power for working with us on this worthwhile project and look forward to working with them in the future.

YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION COMING SOON

Spring will soon be here! The City of College Place will have its spring yard debris cleanup the week of April 12– 16. If you plan to get ready ahead of time here are the guidelines for collection:

- 1 – All debris must be bundled, bagged, boxed, or contained.
- 2 – No item should be over 65 pounds.
- 3 – Yard debris only.
- 4 – 5 items maximum.
- 5 – No bundled brush in lengths over 5'.

Please locate all yard debris in the street approximately 6 inches away from the curb. **Anything above the allowed amount will be subject to charge.** Remember the City will not begin pickup until April 12th.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

If you are doing any of the following items – Planting trees or hedges; installing a pond, fence, mailbox, deck or pouring concrete footings..... **call before you dig!** With spring just around the corner and new outdoor projects on your mind, contact "Call Before You Dig" by dialing "811." Remember, you can still use the current number as well. **1-800-424-5555 is still an active number** and works with **all** cellular phone companies.

Community Calendar

March

- 1 - VFW Post 466, 7 pm, Fire Station
- 8 - City Council, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 15 - VFW Post 466, 7 pm, Fire Station
- 16 - Planning Commission, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 22 - City Council, 7 pm, Council Chambers