



A Community Partner,  
Helping People to Help Themselves

# SPRING

*is just around the corner*

Spring time is a great time to get yourself, your home and vehicles ready for the warmer weather to come. In preparation, keep these helpful tips in mind...

the oil and engine fluids checked; have tire air pressure tested. Major vehicle maintenance is prohibited on WWHA properties.

## **FLOWERBEDS**

- Residents are responsible for keeping flowerbeds neat, clean and free from weeds and debris.
- Planting restrictions may apply in your neighborhood, so contact your Property Manager, Colleen Myers (527-4610), before planting anything.

## **ENERGY CONSERVATION POLICY**

- Residents are encouraged to wash vehicles at an area car wash. Residents are not allowed to wash cars on WWHA properties.

## **VEHICLE MAINTENANCE**

- Don't forget about getting your vehicle; now is a good time for a tune-up. Have

## **SPRING CLEANING**

- When cleaning out closets and storage spaces, items are not to be left in common areas that would pose a tripping or other hazard to you, your family and/or neighbors.

## **YOU**

- Make time for yourself. The warmer weather tends to bring a much busier time for everyone; take care of yourself by planning time for yourself each day, even if it's just 15 minutes of "you-time".

Spring officially arrives March 20th -- remember these helpful tips when spring-fever strikes you.

# People to People

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Visit Us On-Line: [www.wallawallaha.org](http://www.wallawallaha.org)

- Are you concerned about:**
- Neighborhood safety?
  - Vehicle prowlers?
  - Burglars?
  - Personal safety?
  - When to call law enforcement?



Be a part of Area Block-Watch by attending the upcoming meeting in your neighborhood to discuss concerns and create solutions.

**Light Refreshments will be served**

**Belmont Apartments  
Lobby  
March 9th, 3:30 pm**

**Marjorie Terrace  
Community Room  
March 23rd, 3:30 pm**

### **Walla Walla Housing Authority**

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Neighborhood Block Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Block Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and feeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.

For more information or if you have any questions, about Neighborhood Block Watch contact the local Area Crime Watch office at 527-9290 or Colleen Myers, WWHA Property Manager, 527-4610.

Together, residents can make their neighborhoods safe and enjoyable places where families choose to live, work, and play.

## Managing Money, budget Help

An excerpt from the book "Personal Money Management"

For many families, the whole idea of managing money seems bothersome and almost hopeless. They believe that money management means living by a rigid set of do's and don'ts, pinching pennies and keeping lots of records.

Actually, managing your money has three simple concepts: 1) Deciding what you want your money to do for you; 2) Creating a workable spending plan; and 3) Following your plan with determination.

The first step means making choices -- deciding which of the things money can buy are more important to you than others. Most of the money we make has to be spent on essentials such as housing, food, and clothing. Nevertheless, there are many choices we can make. Every family is different; remember, the idea is to make your money do what you want it to.

Creating a workable spending plan means translating your goals into a budget. How much for housing, food, and other expenses each month. How much do you need to put into a reserve fund for infrequent expenses such as car repairs or insurance. How much goes into savings. You don't need to compute these amounts down to the last penny, but you need some kind of spending plan.

The last step is obvious, but important. You must follow the plan you've created and avoid financial detours. You shouldn't be completely inflexible because unexpected money needs -- or changes in your overall plan -- may arise. You should be consistent and reasonably faithful to your budget plan.

While some pencil and paperwork will be required in any money management plan, the bookkeeping needn't be complicated at all. It can be simple or as detailed as you wish to make. You can start with rough estimates and refine your figures later on. The important thing is to have some records that show you're following your plan.

You can get more money managing tips by visiting the Personal Money Management website at [www.personalmoneymgmt.com](http://www.personalmoneymgmt.com) or by contacting Consumer Credit Counseling at 525-2132.

## Office Hours

**Monday - Friday**  
**9:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
**we are OPEN during**  
**the noon hour**

### **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**Colleen Myers**  
Property Manager  
527-4610

Belmont Apartments  
Resident Manager

**James Blake**  
Galbraith Gardens  
Resident Manager

**Matthew Rockwell**  
Marjorie Terrace  
Resident Manager

**David Story**  
Housing Inspector  
526-6277

**Eve Ortiz**  
Eligibility Coordinator  
Waiting List  
527-4608

**Gaby Aguilar Medina**  
Information Coordinator  
527-4542 extension 100

**AFTER-HOURS  
Maintenance Emergency**  
**527-4542 extension 115**  
**beginning at 5:00 pm**

Please be patient, as your call is routed through our telephone system to connect you directly with the on-call WWAH Maintenance Technician

## Tax Help Available - FREE - at Four Local Sites

### **FREE Tax Help!**

**Tax Return Preparation and E-Filing**  
**February 1st - April 17th**

For those wanting assistance in preparing your 2005 Income Tax Return, FREE help is available. All you need is a copy of your 2004 return (or most recent return filed) along with all your 2005 information, regarding income and possible deductions.

Call to schedule an appointment with:

**Blue Mountain Action Council**  
342 Catherine St - 529-4980  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 - 4:00 pm



### **Walla Walla Senior Center**

720 Sprague Ave - 527-3775  
Monday-Thursday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 1:00 - 4:00 pm

### **Walla Walla VA Medical Center**

77 Wainwright Dr - 529-5914  
Wednesdays  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 - 4:00 pm

### **DROP-INS ONLY**

### **Blue Mountain Mall**

1631 W Rose St - drop-ins only  
Mondays - 4:30 - 7:30 pm  
Saturdays - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

## **Serving Families in the Cities of Walla Walla and College Place**

**The People to People newsletter is written, edited, and published by the staff of WWAH**

**For more information or questions about this newsletter, contact us at 509-527-4542 or [wwha@wallawallaha.org](mailto:wwha@wallawallaha.org)**

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