



A Community Partner,
Helping People to Help Themselves

People to People

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Are YOU Registered to VOTE!?!

Is there something you would like to change in your community? Voting is one of the ways you can make changes on issues you believe in. Elections affect who represents us in the government, how public money gets spent, and what laws are passed.

As citizens of the United States of America we are given the opportunity to cast our votes and thereby adding our voice to the democratic process. The alternative to the democratic process is a totalitarian system where by government is chose by a group of influential persons. The original founding fathers of America did not award this freedom to vote to all citizens, even in their day. Mostly wealthy land owners, white, and of the male gender, were considered to be wise and informed enough for the responsibility of the vote. Only through struggle and adversity did other minorities and women win the coveted right to vote.

Today we take it for granted. Today, many simply do not vote for a multitude of reasons, but taken as a whole they squander what others have died to protect -- individual freedom and democracy -- that guarantees us the right to be ourselves.

Registering to vote is quick, easy, and FREE!. In the State of Washington, you must be:

- ⇒ a citizen of the Unite States;
- ⇒ a legal resident of Washington state
- ⇒ at least 18 years old by election day

You do not have to register by political party or declare political party membership to vote in the state's regular primaries or general elections.

If you meet the above criteria you can register by completing the Voter Registration Form. Registration forms are available at the Walla Walla County Courthouse, 315 W Main St, 2nd Floor, Room 201. Forms can be downloaded from Washington's Secretary of State website at www.secstate.wa.gov/elections. WWHA also has voter registration forms available in our office.



On the voter registration form, you may choose to mark the box to request an ongoing absentee ballot. This means you are requesting to receive a ballot by mail for each election in which you are eligible to vote. If you choose not to receive absentee ballot automatically, you may either vote at the polls or request an absentee ballot for any given election. If you decide later you would like to receive a ballot by mail, simply make written request to the Walla Walla County Auditor.

In general, you must register at least 30 days in advance of an election to be eligible to vote in that election. It is especially important to remember this deadline if you are registering by mail. Your application must be post-marked by the 30-day cutoff or it will not become effective until after the election. If you must miss the 30-day deadline, you can still sign up in time, but you must register in person at the Walla Walla County Auditor's office no later than 15 days before the election.

Make your voice heard...VOTE!!

Keep your Neighborhood Play Area Safe By:

- Reporting vandalism to the Walla Walla Police Department, 527-1960, non-emergency
- Supervise children while at play; report problems with on-site playground equipment immediately to the WWHA office, 527-4542, extension 100
- Dispose of litter and debris properly



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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Residents of WWHA owned or managed neighborhoods are reminded that fireworks, of any kind, are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** on the premises.

We encourage you to visit family and friends or take part in community celebrations.



- 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

Woodland Village
275 Woodland Ave
July 13th, 3:30 pm

Alder Way
903 1/2 W Alder St
July 20th, 3:30 pm

Tausick Way
Playground
July 27th, 3:30 pm

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

Tim Greeson
Belmont Apartments
Resident Manager

James Blake
Galbraith Gardens
Resident Manager

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 WWHA Maintenance Technician



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.

What's Happening at the YWCA?

FUN FACTORY - June 12-August 4

FREE games, crafts, and fun activities for children ages 5-9. Look for the Fun Factory van in your neighborhood this summer!

MONDAY's:

- 1-2:15 pm - Washington Park

WEDNESDAY's:

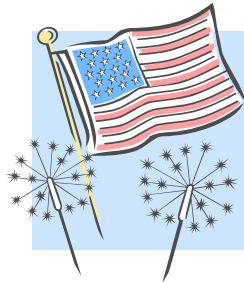
- 9-10:15 am - Woodland Village (275 Woodland Ave)
- 1-2:15 pm - Pioneer Park
- 3-4:15 pm - Gateway Court (320 N 7th Ave)

THURSDAY's:

- 9-10:15 am - corner of Berney Drive & Trimble Road



WWHA Office Closed



Tuesday, July 4th

Serving Families in the Cities of Walla Walla and College Place

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For more information or questions about this newsletter, contact us at 509-527-4542 or waha@wallawallaha.org

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