



Blue Street will receive much-needed improvements soon.

Road repairs and sidewalk repairs begin in June

The following projects to improve Walla Walla roads and sidewalks begin this month:

- The Blue Street Infrastructure Repair and Replacement Plan project will replace failing water pipe, sewer pipe, and roadway. The Blue Street project has limits on Blue Street that extend from Isaacs Avenue to University Street.
- Through the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, new sidewalks and ADA-compliant curb ramps are planned on Chase Avenue between Orchard Street and Chestnut Street and Morton Street from Chase Avenue to Fourth Avenue. The project will also make stormwater collection upgrades at the Willard/Chase intersection.
- There will be a sidewalk installed on the south side of Isaacs across from Arby's.
- There will be ADA-compliant curb ramps installed at the Tietan Street and Plaza Way intersection.
- Flashing, push-button crosswalk signs will be installed on Rose Street near 13th Avenue.



Awareness and enforcement campaign targets parking

The City has launched an awareness and enforcement campaign to decrease parking violations. Many of these violations pose hazards because they limit visibility at intersections and crosswalks. It is illegal to park in the following manners:

- Within 20 feet of a crosswalk (see above photo)
- On a sidewalk
- On a street planting strip
- At any place where official signs prohibit stopping
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Within 30 feet before any stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal
- In the wrong direction
- More than 12 inches from the curb.

The penalty for each violation is \$10 for the first offense, \$30 dollars for the second offense, \$50 dollars for the third offense and \$100 for each subsequent offense.



Pavement maintenance and crack sealing season is here

The Street Division has these projects scheduled for 2016. Additional projects may be added as time allows.

2016 pavement maintenance projects

- **Whitman Street:** Roosevelt to Division Street – thin overlay/skin patch
- **Chestnut Street:** 2nd Avenue to Division Street – rut/spot repair and crack seal
- **Tietan Street:** 4th Avenue to Fern Avenue – rut/spot repair and crack seal
- **Poplar Street:** 6th Avenue to 9th Avenue – rut/spot repair and crack seal
- **Sturm Avenue:** Whitman Street to Pleasant Street– spot repair/overlay
- **Loubeck Street:** School Avenue to Dead end – spot repair/overlay
- **Chestnut Street:** 9th Avenue to 11th Avenue – grind overlay

Crack sealing project list on next page ►

2016 crack sealing projects

- **Main Street:** 6th Avenue to 9th Avenue
- **Wilbur Avenue:** Pleasant Street to Grant Street
- **Alder Street:** 5th Avenue to 9th Avenue
- **Poplar Street:** 1st Avenue to 6th Avenue
- **Palouse Street:** Poplar Street to Rose Street
- **Colville Street:** Poplar Street to Rose Street
- **Sixth Avenue:** Poplar Street to Rose Street
- **Residential streets south of Tietan Street**



Battle of the Badge raises \$20,000 for local charities

The fourth annual Battle of the Badge raised about \$20,000 for local charities. Law Enforcement beat Fire, 74-63. The charities this year were Blue Mountain Action Council's pro bono legal program and YMCA's Center for Community Youth.

The main event sponsor was LoanStar Home Lending. Other sponsors included Inland Cellular, McDonald Zaring Insurance, the Walla Walla YMCA, Columbia REA, and Stone Hut / Red Monkey.



Arrival of goats heralds new beginning for mall property

Construction on the Walla Walla Town Center mall is expected to begin in the fall. In order to make way for construction, the site temporarily became home to 300 goats.

The firm 4Site Advisers, which is in charge of project management for the mall, hired Prescriptive Livestock Services (PLS) to bring the goats to the site. With over 8,500 head, PLS maintains the largest herd of weed and brush grazing goats in North America.

The goats spent three weeks munching on vegetation. Goats are an environmentally friendly alternative to herbicide, which would have harmed the deer, turkey and other wildlife that have called the mall area home for a number of years. By grazing the area first, heavy machinery operators can avoid damaging lamp post bases and other infrastructure items that have already been constructed or installed.

Prescription Drug Take-Back Day & Shred Event the largest ever held at WWPD

Over 300 vehicles visited the Walla Walla Police Department to drop off documents to be shredded or to drop off expired or unneeded prescription drugs.



Over 7,000 pounds of documents were shredded in the parking lot during the four-hour event. Police Department officials also took in over 360 pounds of prescription drugs during the day for incineration by the Drug Enforcement Agency. A DEA official stated in an email that the amount of prescription drugs collected in the Walla Walla event equaled the combined total of prescription drugs turned in at the Richland and Kennewick Police Departments.

The shred truck event, sponsored by Walla Walla Area Crime Watch, collected over \$1,200 in donations to help cover costs for National Night Out, the Graffiti Abatement Program, Chief for a Day, and other crime prevention programs.

Ten Crime Watch volunteers and three WWPD employees assisted in the event. The accounting firm Zalaznik & Associates donated the funding for the shred truck provided by DeVries Business Services.