

# Your water meter will be upgraded in the coming year

The City of Walla Walla will be replacing your mechanical water meter with an electronic “smart” water meter system

## Benefits of “smart” water meters

- Eliminates the need for a meter reader to visit your premise on a monthly basis.
- Eliminates the need for estimated bills due to inclement winter weather.
- May be able to provide an early warning for potential leaks.
- Advances the city’s commitment to reducing water loss.



City water meters will be replaced with “smart” water meters, as shown in the cutaway illustration above.

## Installation details

- Ferguson is the City’s installation contractor. Their vehicles have the following logo on them.



- You will receive a postcard in the mail approximately one month in advance of installation.
- Work will be performed Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- No one will need to enter your home. If your water needs to be briefly shut off, they will knock on your door to let you know.

Visit [wallawalla.gov/ami](http://wallawalla.gov/ami) for more information or call 509-527-4380.



Chief Scott Bieber poses with Chief Hayden Bayne, the son of Sgt. Kevin Bayne of the Walla Walla Police Department.

## Nine children sworn in at Chief for a Day event

Walla Walla Crime Watch welcomed nine children into this year's Chief for a Day program. The annual Chief for a Day program celebrates children in our community who have disabilities or chronic health conditions. Each child is outfitted in a tailored uniform from the sponsoring agency and spends the day with a Chief. The children were sworn in by retired Judge Don Schacht in a ceremony held at the Police Department. On Aug. 2, the children had the honor of riding in a parade during National Night Out in Pioneer Park. They each received plaques and enjoy the festivities with their adult counterparts.

## Quick action by vacationing paramedics saves a man's life

Two members of the Walla Walla Fire Department, Lt. Eric Wood and Engineer Bryan McIntire, were off duty and visiting the Conconully area, which is 20 miles outside of Omak. While they were at a restaurant, a 73 year old man suffered cardiac arrest.



Eric and Bryan put their professional skills to work without hesitation. Due to their rapid response, the patient regained a pulse within 13 minutes from the time of collapse. LifeLine Ambulance, Inc., a for-profit ambulance provider located in Okanogan, Washington, responded to the scene 21 minutes after the call.

Wayne Walker, the general manager of LifeLine Ambulance, Inc., credited the firefighters with saving the man's life.

In an email to Chief Bob Yancey, Wayne wrote, "Eric and Bryan assisted our team seamlessly after it arrived. Both of these paramedics are responsible for saving this person's life and are role models of professionalism by which others should be measured."



## Sign up to receive emergency alerts

Walla Walla County Emergency Management has a system that is able to alert residents about severe weather, fire, floods, hazardous materials, radiological events and other emergencies.

Messages can be sent to cell phones, home phones, email addresses, pagers and other devices. On the Internet, please go to <http://bit.ly/wwalerts> to register.

**SAVE A STAMP**

**Pay utility bills online**

<http://bit.ly/wwbillpay>

## City of Walla Walla names Troy Bell as Deputy City Manager

The City of Walla Walla welcomes Troy Bell, its new Deputy City Manager. Troy arrived in Walla Walla recently and has been busy getting to know the city. He replaces Tim McCarty, who retired in April after a 15-year tenure.

Troy comes to Walla Walla from Florida and has 15 years of local government experience.



"My kids are of the age now where it's important that I be more stationary," Troy said. "I was looking for a leadership role in local government in a community where I would feel proud raising my kids."

Troy is working to familiarize himself with Walla Walla, City employees, local agencies and organizations, and citizens.

"My goals are to learn as quickly as I can and as well as I can so I can contribute to the progress City Manager Nabel Shawwa, Mayor Allen Pomraning, and the City Council have made – to continue to make sure that every day is a great day in Walla Walla."