

TOWN OF OAKESDALE NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2009

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 23rd, 24th and 25th for the Christmas holiday and Thursday and Friday, December 31st and January 1st for the New Year holiday.

ELECTION RESULTS

Dennis Palmer has been elected to the position of Mayor effective January 1st, 2010. Tom Johnson has been elected to fill Position No. 5 which will run through 2013. Congratulations to both gentlemen.

Position No. 3 which runs through 2011 and which will be vacated when Dennis moves to the Mayor position will be vacant until a successor can be appointed to that position. If you are interested in filling that position please contact Mary at City Hall and be prepared to be interviewed by the present council at our regular council meeting on December 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to the good people of Oakesdale both of the Town's levies passed again this year. We wish there could be a better way to provide the services you have come to expect from your elected officials; however, this is the only way we can do it without using reserve funds year after year.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

We will be holding a public hearing on our final 2010 budget and a hearing on our proposal to increase our property tax by 1% as allowed under Initiative I-747. Prior to I-747 taxing bodies were allowed to increase property taxes enough to keep up with inflation. Since then, we are only able to increase property taxes by no more than 1% a year. This leaves us with the choice of having to cut back on services or take the 1% a year and supplement the revenue gap through voter approved levies.

DISPOSAL BAN

This is a reprint from last month's newsletter as a reminder in case you have some electronics you want to get rid of before the ban takes effect.

"Effective January 1st, 2010 Whitman County will no longer be accepting electronic devices through the regular garbage pickup or at their transfer station. This will apply to all televisions, computers, monitors and laptops. Currently there are two places that accept these items for recycling and/or reuse. **Goodwill Industries collection trailer, 1505 SE King Dr., Pullman and Pullman Disposal at 135 NW Harold."**

DOG LICENSE

New dog licenses are required for all dogs within the Town effective January 1st, 2010. Fees for spayed or neutered dogs are \$7.50 each and \$10.00 each for non-spayed or non-neutered dogs. These fees increase by \$5.00 for dogs that are not licensed by February 1st.

In addition to the increased fees above, following is a quote from our Oakesdale Municipal Code.

" Any dog not licensed within three months after the date a license is required for the dog shall be assessed a late fee equal to \$10.00 for each month thereafter until the annual license fee and all accrued late fees have been paid; no license shall be issued until such fees have been paid in full."

ORGANIC YARD WASTE RECYCLING

Our organic recycling facility is ready to receive tree limbs and shrubbery trimmings. These will be chipped and become a part of our composting process. We will not be accepting any composting material until next spring. Please contact Mary at City Hall for instructions and a map of the facility.

Mayor/ Council Contacts

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