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## OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

### OUTDOOR BURNING

Oakesdale's "no burning ban" will be lifted on October 1<sup>st</sup> for backyard burning of organic yard waste. Our Municipal Code requires burn piles can not be larger than three feet in diameter. Burning times are Monday through Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **ALL FIRES MUST BE EXTINGUISHED BY 4:00 P.M.** No burning is allowed on Sundays or holidays. Your fire and/or smoke must not create a nuisance which directly impacts another person in such a manner as bothersome, harmful or offensive. A minimum fine of \$75 to maximum fine of \$500 will be assessed per violation of the Town Code. An outdoor burn pit in diameter of 4 ft by 2 ft is allowed for cooking purposes. Barbeques and outdoor grills are acceptable. A burn permit can be obtained for ceremonial, religious or celebratory occasions at City Hall.

### COMMUNITY YARD SALE – OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 8:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

The deadline for signing up to be placed on the map is Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> by noon. The fee is \$5.00 for new sales and \$1.00 for repeat sales. You can sign up at Crossett's Food Market where maps will be available. For more information please contact Colleen Rose at (509) 285-4281.

### OAKESDALE FIRE DEPT TRAINING EXERCISE – OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 8 A.M. TO NOON

Our Fire Department will be having a mock crash training on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The training will be here in Oakesdale on East Henry Street blocking off that street for 4 blocks. There will also be participation from Rosalia's Fire Department and Life Flight. Please avoid using Henry Street that morning as the road will be barricaded closed during the training exercise. Life Flight will be landing on our baseball field for their part of the training.

### OFD VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

The Oakesdale Fire Department - Whitman Co District #10 is looking for more volunteers to serve our community! There are monthly business meetings and trainings to attend. There are openings for firemen and EMT's. If you are interested, please contact Fire Chief, George Dewan, at (509) 285-5282 for more information.

### ATM AVAILABLE IN OAKESDALE!

The Bank of Fairfield has a 24 hour ATM now available! They have their loan production office open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is also a night drop available. They are located in the building that previously belonged to AmericanWest Bank. It's good to see another business open in Oakesdale!

### PART D AND MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS

October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7<sup>th</sup> is the NEW open enrollment time for Part D and Medicare Advantage Plans. This is the time when you can make changes to your Medicare plans. It is important to review your plan during this time to make sure you are still enrolled in the best, most cost effective, plan for you. The dates have changed so you need to be sure to get this done before December 7<sup>th</sup>. If you need help reviewing your plan, come and meet with a SHIBA representative (Statewide Health Insurance Benefit Advisors) who will sit down with you and a computer and help you find a plan that meets your specific needs. SHIBA volunteers provide **FREE**, unbiased information and assistance. Bring your list of medications, with the dosages, your current prescription drug plan card, your current Medicare Advantage card and your Medicare Card to the **Oakesdale Library on October 12<sup>th</sup> or November 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – Noon. For more information call Marie Fowler at (509) 368-1996.**