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# TOWN OF OAKESDALE Newsletter

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## SNOW REMOVAL

As we begin to see winter's presence, your Public Works Department is doing all they can to keep the streets plowed and sanded. We have one truck setup for plowing snow and sanding streets and we use a snow bucket on the front of the backhoe. When we get hit by a big snow storm, it can take most of a day to plow all the streets in town. Some of our streets are narrower than others and it does help if vehicles can be removed from the side of the streets or from city right-of-ways to allow our plows to clear a better path.

## HOLIDAY HOURS & CLOSURES

City Hall will be open ½ days on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to Noon. City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> for Christmas Eve and Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas. The office will be open from 8 am to Noon on December 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. City Hall will be closed on January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year's Holiday.

## MOOSE ON THE LOOSE

As most of you have become aware, we have a Mama Moose and baby that have decided to become residents of Oakesdale. The WA State Wildlife Fish & Game officer has tried getting the pair out of Town many times but she always returns. Unfortunately, the State Department has asked for a kill permit to be issued out of Olympia for the moose since they will not move on. We encourage everyone to be careful around the moose until the State Department takes care of the situation.

## PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> before the regular Council Meeting at 7 p.m. there will be a Public Hearing for the increase in water rates for 2014. The Town Council is considering raising the monthly water rate from \$22 to \$27. The water rate has not been increased since January 2003.

## TOWN LEVIES

We appreciate all the support our Town levies received during the General Elections! Proposition #1 (Public Safety Levy) for fire protection and emergency medical services received 79.19% approval and Proposition #2 (Street Levy) for street lights and maintaining our streets received 73.99%. Thank you to all of you who supported our propositions!

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