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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 closed on Wednesday, December 24th for Christmas Eve and Thursday, December 25th for Christmas & Friday, December 26th. City Hall will also be closed on January 1st for the New Year's Holiday and Friday, January 2nd.

MUSEUM EVENTS

On December 5th, the Museum will be having a Tree Lighting Ceremony next to the old gas station at the corner of Steptoe & First Street starting at 4:30 pm. There will be Christmas Carols, music from Nick Wright to follow and hot cocoa, hot cider and cookies at the museum. You can also enjoy watching the movie "Christmas Vacation" while enjoying your tasty treats! There will be a house Christmas Lighting Contest – judging to be done on December 20th. First Prize is a \$50 gift certificate to Crossett's and second prize is a \$25 gift certificate to Crossett's Food Market. Heads up – Old Mill Days and the All School Reunion will be July 11, 2015.

NEW WATER RATES FOR 2015

In the last year, the Town has had to overhaul both wells costing the Town over \$65,000. Over the past several years, we are paying out more to repair and maintain the water system than what we are collecting which is depleting our operating funds. The last water increase was in January of 2003. The Town Council passed an Ordinance increasing the basic water rate from \$22 per month to \$27 per month for 4,125 gallons effective January 1, 2015. The new rate will take effect on your water bill that will be due by February 20, 2015. The Town council also passed a 2% increase to the basic water rate over the next 5 years starting in 2016.

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 82.91% approval and Proposition #2 (Street Levy) for street lights and maintaining our streets received 76.88%. Thank you to all of you who supported our propositions!

