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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 Thursday, December 24th for Christmas Eve and Friday, December 25th for Christmas. City Hall will also be closed on December 31st for the New Year's Eve and Friday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

MUSEUM EVENTS

On December 6th, 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 "Home Alone" 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 9, 2016.

NEW WATER RATES FOR 2016

The Town council passed an Ordinance in November 2014 increasing the basic water rate from \$22 per month to \$27 per month effective January 2015. The same ordinance also shows a 2% increase to the basic water rate over the next 5 years starting in 2016. Effective January 1, 2016 the basic water rate will increase from \$27 per month to \$27.54. This increase will affect you January billing statement that is due by February 20, 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 84.81% approval and Proposition #2 (Street Levy) for street lights and maintaining our streets received 79.75%. Thank you to all of you who supported our propositions!

