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**NEWSLETTER**

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### **WATER MAIN LEAK**

On August 17<sup>th</sup> we had a water main spring a leak on Steptoe Ave. We were not able to shut the water off on that block due to the shut-off valves being covered in asphalt many, many years ago. We had no choice but to shut down the whole system. Between Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> we tried “patching” the leak with 3 different attempts using bands and/or sleeves. With each attempt, we had to shut down the water system. Our water system was flushed 5 times by Friday afternoon. Water samples were taken and there was no E. coli present in our water, only a higher level of coliform which is sediment in our water. Dept of Health contacted City Hall on Monday, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup> asking the Town to consider posting a voluntary notice to not drink the water until the main was repaired and more water samples could be submitted. We agreed to issue the precautionary notice. We had to wait a week for a special size sleeve to be made to fit over the 12 in. main where it was leaking. Due to the Public Works staff trying to find and dig up the water shut-off valves, water meters were not read this month. Everyone was charged for the minimum usage and will not be charged for any overages resulting in the extra water used for helping us flush the system. A water sample was submitted on Friday, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> and was satisfactory. The main was repaired on Monday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> morning and we were able to shut the water off on Steptoe so the system was not disrupted during the repairs. **More water samples were submitted on Tuesday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> and all is satisfactory with the water system. We lifted the voluntary notice to not drink the water on Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>.** This community has shown our staff incredible support and understanding through this water event. We appreciate the extra effort from our Public Works staff...Bob, George and Jeffrey worked countless hours to keep the system going. Special thanks to Randy Robinson, Keith Cooper and Bill Lanus for assisting our PW staff with patching the leak. Thank you to The McGregor Co and Wilbur-Ellis Co for use of their pumps and RMK Farms for allowing us use of their air compressor.

### **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 a 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.

### **TOWN FALL YARD SALE – SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

It’s that time of year again! Clean out your garage and/or closets for our Town’s Annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Maps will be available at Crossett’s Food Market. You can sign up for the yard sale for \$5.00 at Crossett’s. If you were part of the yard sale in July then the fee is only \$1.00 for being a repeat customer. If you have any questions please contact Colleen Rose at (509) 285-4281.

