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NEWSLETTER

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LAST WATER METER READING

The final water meter reading for 2016 was Monday, October 24th. We will not read meters for the next five months due to the weather. The next reading will not happen until March 2017, weather permitting. You will be billed the basic rate of \$27.54 for 4,125 gallons or 550 cubic feet per month depending on the type of water meter you use. Customers that use above the minimum per month will not be billed for the overage until the next reading in March 2017. In January 2017, the minimum water rate will increase 2% to \$28.09.

LIBRARY NEWS

Open enrollment for health insurance and Medicare supplement is now through December 7. The Oakesdale Library is partnering again this year with SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors) to offer free, unbiased, confidential help in making this important decision. Volunteers Daniel and Joyce Leonard are coming to the Oakesdale Library on Monday, November 14 from 1 to 5 p.m. Drop in anytime during the scheduled hours for assistance. Bingo & Pie continues Saturday, November 19 at 5 p.m. Families and friends are invited to a fun evening out at the library. Eat pie, play Bingo and WIN! This is sponsored by the Oakesdale Friends of the Library. Early Learning Story-time continues Wednesday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. for toddler and preschoolers. Families are encouraged to join in the fun with music, stories and crafts. Story-time helps children develop the skills every child needs to be successful in kindergarten. Youths in grades 1-5 are invited to Early Release Wednesday on November 23 at 12:30 p.m. in the library. Join in the fun with crafts, energetic games, and much more. No need to sign up or pre-register for this free monthly after school event.

STREET & PUBLIC SAFETY LEVIES

The Town of Oakesdale has for the past several years had to depend on the generosity of our taxpayers to pass our street and public safety levies. For 2017, we are asking for your support for the public safety levy, Proposition No. 1, is at \$14,000 which is an estimated \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. This levy allows the Town to have fire protection and emergency medical services provided by Whitman County Fire District No.10 at a cost of \$14,000 per year. The street levy, Proposition No. 2, is at \$36,000 which is estimated at \$2.05 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This levy helps to keep all the street lights on in Town which costs over \$20,000 per year and to maintain the streets. We appreciate your support on these special levies.

TREE OF SHARING

Anyone needing assistance with a Christmas food basket and/or clothing item gifts for children can pick up a Tree of Sharing form at Crossett's Food Market or contact Angy Dewan at (509) 999-0951. Please return all completed forms by November 16th.

SNOW REMOVAL

Yes...it is time for us to think about that white stuff that falls from the sky! We are getting the Town's snow removal equipment ready for winter and we ask for your help in keeping the streets free from obstacles for our snow plows. If you can, please park your vehicle(s) off the pavement of the street for snow removal. We realize that not every street can be clear of vehicles, but where possible, please move your vehicle(s) off the pavement of the street so it will allow access for our snow plows. Thank you!

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed Friday, Nov 11th for Veteran Day. On the Thanksgiving Holiday, City Hall will be open ½ a day on Nov. 23rd from 8 to noon and closed Nov. 24th and Nov. 25th.