

A large, stylized sunburst graphic with yellow rays of varying lengths, set against a blue sky background that transitions to white at the bottom.

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TOWN OF OAKESDALE

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WATER METERS

The water meters were not read in March due to the COVID-19 virus and the orders to stay in place from our State Governor. Meters will be read on April 23rd & 24th from our winter break. Public Works will continue to make sure our Town has continued water and sewer services during this difficult time.

CITY HALL OPERATIONS

Effective March 23rd, City Hall staff began working behind closed doors until further notice. The Clerk is present and working the normal office hours, but the door will remain locked to the public. Water and sewer payments can be made through the payment slot located to the right of City Hall's front door or you can mail your payment or make the payment through your online bill pay with your financial institute. Arrangements can be made with the Clerk if a transaction needs to be done in person. We are all trying to do our part in the fight to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect our employees. Please review the COVID-19 facts sheet that was included in your water bill for more information about the virus and for more up-to-date information go to www.cdc.gov/COVID19 or Washington State's website www.access.wa.gov. On March 24th, Governor Inslee issued a Proclamation 20-28 on Open Public Meetings Act effective immediately we are prohibited from holding in person public meetings through April 23rd. **Therefore, our Town Council Meetings scheduled for April 6th & April 20th have been cancelled.**

TOILET PAPER

By now, we all have experienced the toilet paper shortage when going to the grocery stores for supplies. City Hall took the advice from our Certified Sewer Operator, Steve Bremer, and purchased five cases of 2ply individually wrapped toilet paper from Blue Ribbon Industrial Supply. Each case has 80 rolls and will be available to our customers for the same cost it cost us which is a \$1.00 per roll. We are desperately trying to prevent our sewer grinders from getting jammed up with wipes, paper towels, etc. that people may try to use if they run out of toilet paper. Our lagoon system can **ONLY** process toilet paper! Anything thicker jams the grinders and everything comes to a halt. If you find yourself needing toilet paper, please contact City Hall and we would be glad to help provide you with some much-needed toilet paper and will add the charge to your next utility bill. We will have a voucher for you to sign confirming the toilet paper you purchased. We encourage you to support our local grocery store, Crossett's Food Market first before needing the supply from us. We must support our local businesses first during this difficult strain on our economy! Besides, who doesn't love Mike! We are very grateful and blessed to have our very own grocery store for the past 72 years!

