

MAY 2020

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***** old mill days & class reunion – cancelled for 2020 *****

OUTDOOR BURNING

As we start seeing signs of spring, we have had several inquiries into the Town's Code for outdoor burning of yard debris. YES, you can burn your yard waste! Burning must be done on Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No burning on Sundays or legal holidays. **All fires must be totally extinguished by 4 p.m. NO SMOLDERING!** Fires for grilling, cooking or smoking food which are contained within an appliance or device using charcoal, wood or combustible gas are permissible. A small campfire not larger than four feet in diameter and two feet tall intended for recreation or cooking purposes is allowed. A permit is available for ceremonial, religious or celebratory fires that use virgin wood for fuel. **It is unlawful to leave any outdoor or open fire unattended.**



***WATER METER READINGS ***

Due to the stay in place order by our Governor for COVID-19, the water meters were not read in March. You were still being billed for the minimum usage for March 2020. We will be reading meters in April around the 23rd of the month. Your bill that will be due in May will have six months of water usage and you may or may not see an increase in your bill depending on the amount of water you used in that time period. The bill will reflect any overages that occurred in the past six months. If your bill should reflect an undetected water leak you may be able to petition the Town Council for an adjustment in the charges for the period during which the leak remained undetected.

COVID-19

Gov. Jay Inslee said it is unlikely many restrictions under the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order will be modified before May 4. Rather, this plan is intended to be a framework for the loosening of restrictions contingent on a steady decrease of the spread of COVID-19. People over 60 years old, and people with underlying health conditions, are at higher risk of complications from COVID-19. The most important step you can take is to protect yourself. Wearing a cloth face mask can protect other people from getting COVID-19 from us, in case we have it and don't know. Cloth face masks work best if they have several layers of woven fabric, we have clean hands, and we stay at least six feet away from other people. As of April 23, 2020 Whitman, County has had 15 positive COVID-19 cases with no deaths. For the latest COVID-19 information visit coronavirus.wa.gov

YARD WASTE RECYCLING

The yard waste recycling center is open for citizens to take their yard debris. You can bring grass clipping, shrub trimmings, tree branches and flowerbed & garden waste. Each area in the recycling center is marked for your disposals. This is a **free service** to our residents and we hope you continue to use it. **NO DUMPING** is allowed in alleyways, along the creek or empty lots in town. There is also some compost available for you to take, however, we do not recommend using the compost where a garden or flowers may grow. We do not know what chemicals have been used on the grass clippings that make the compost. The compost is considered "hot" and may kill any flowers or garden vegetables.