

TOWN OF OAKESDALE

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COVID-19 UPDATES

As of July 22, 2020 Whitman, County has 73 positive cases with no fatalities and WA state has reached 19,381 positive cases. The state is averaging 629 positive cases per day in a seven-day rolling average from June 26 – July 2. Governor Inslee and Secretary of Health announced a new limit on social gatherings and a ban on live entertainment across the state. Effective July 20th under the new Safe Start phase limits, the number of individuals allowed in social gatherings during Phase 3 will be reduced from 50 people to 10 people. Additionally, the governor and secretary announced a prohibition on all live entertainment, indoor or outdoor, statewide. This includes drive-in concerts, comedy clubs and music in restaurants. Funerals, weddings and religious activities are exempt from the new restrictions. The governor noted that if Washington continues to fail to adhere to mask-wearing and social distancing, an announcement may be a for forthcoming for more rollbacks.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The Town received a TIB grant in the amount of \$207,273 for the rehabilitation of Steptoe Avenue from the bridge by 6th Street to the City limits and on First Street where it ends in front of the fire station. The method that TIB approved was full depth reclamation (FDR). Thanks to our voters supporting the \$50,000 street levy, Steptoe Avenue from 2nd Street to 5th Street was cracked sealed by Whitman County Public Works and then the street will be chip sealed by the county as well.

GRASS & WEEDS

A reminder to our citizens, that we do have an Ordinance for accumulation of weeds, grass or dead vegetation to grow excessively without being regularly mowed or cut. Code Section 3.44.030 states all growing grass and weeds must be mowed or cut at least once each month during the months of April through August so that no such grass or growing weeds shall at any time exceed 12 inches in height. Council has taken note of a few properties in Town that are not being maintained to code and has notified the property owner(s) to clean it up. This is becoming a very dry summer and we do not need any more fire hazards if we can prevent it. You can take your yard debris such as grass clippings, weeds, garden and flower bed waste and tree and shrub trimmings to the recycling center **FREE** of charge.

BURNING BAN

*There is a town wide burning ban for the months of July, August and September. You **can not** burn your yard waste for the next two months. However, recreational fires for cooking are permitted in a diameter of 4 ft. X 2 ft. burn-pit. Barbeques and outdoor grills are okay. A burn permit can be obtained for a ceremonial, religious or celebratory occasion at City Hall unless there is a state or county wide burn band mandated. Minimum fines of \$75 to maximum fines of \$500 per violation will be assessed to those individuals violating Town Codes.*

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