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## OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

### 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 4ft. X 4ft. by 3ft high. 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.

### UPCOMING EVENT - RUCK FOR THE FALLEN

On Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be an event honoring our fallen lost heroes, families who have lost a first responder, an active military member or veteran in the line of duty. Mitch Kriebel will be hosting a Ruck for the Fallen event in Oakesdale. Members will be participating in a 5K or 10K run with weight in the ruck sacks. They believe carrying the burden of loss in their ruck sacks to be an honor for those we have loss sacrificing their lives for our freedom. The event will be much smaller due to COVID. If you plan on coming down to support the Ruck, please remember social distancing applies and wear your mask.

### TRICK-OR-TREAT THE BUSINESSES

On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 p.m. pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will march down the hill in costumes and trick-or-treat the businesses. Children not old enough to go to school yet are welcome to join in the parade of costumes starting at the fire station.

### COUNCILMEMBER POSITION

We will be having a councilmember position open in October as Dolores Haley has sold her house and will be leaving Oakesdale. If you are interested in serving on council please contact Mary at City by October 15<sup>th</sup>. We will hold interviews at our council meeting on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### WATER RATES

Effective September 1<sup>st</sup> water rates were increased by \$7.50 per month. The old base water rate was \$29.80 and the new rate is \$37.30 for 4,125 gallons of water. The overage remains the same at \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons. The new rate reflects the water bill due on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

### LIBRARY EVENTS

The Oakesdale Library is open again and looks forward to seeing you! Library hours are Monday 1pm to 6pm and Wednesday 10:30am to 2pm. Masks are required and book browsing/computer use is limited to 15 minutes. Curbside services are still available. Just call the Library 509-285-4310 to have items left for you outside of the Library. Activities for October; **Story-Time-To-Go** for children ages 2-5 alphabet themed packets with worksheets and activities are available for pickup. New packets available every Wednesday; **Lego The Story** – story and movie inspired LEGO creations will be on display at the library the month of October for ages 5-12 to enter their LEGO creations; **Teen Trivia** for grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – drop by the Library to answer the weekly trivia question, pick up a treat and be entered into the month drawing; **Monthly Book Club For Adults** – call Shelly at the Library for details as there is limited space. Follow the Oakesdale Library on Facebook to stay up on the latest activities. You can also learn more about all that the Whitman County Libraries have to offer on their website [www.whitco.lib.wa.us](http://www.whitco.lib.wa.us)