

February 2021

Town of Oakesdale

NEWSLETTER

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NEW WATER RATES ON THE JAN. 29th BILL

The new base water rate of \$44.80 per month will show on your January 29, 2021 billing statement. Council members passed an Ordinance in August 2020 increasing the basic water rates by \$15 over the next 5 months beginning on September 1, 2020. Water rates were increased by \$7.50 in September 2020 and another \$7.50 on January 1, 2021. The base rate for your water/sewer bill with taxes is now \$85.99 a month. You receive 4,125 gallons or 550 cubic feet of water for the basic rate. If you should go over the allotted gallons or cubic feet, the cost remains the same at \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons. The late fee remains at \$25 for any unpaid balance on your account of \$10.01 or greater after the due date. There is a \$15.00 fee for any returned checks.

2021 DOG TAGS

Dog tags are required on all dogs residing in our city limits each year. The annual tags must be purchased by January 31, 2021 to avoid late fees and penalties. Dog tags that are purchased after the due date will incur a \$5 late fee making the dog tag cost \$12.50 for a spayed/neutered dog or \$15 if they are not spayed/neutered during the month of February. The late fees apply each month that the tag(s) are not purchased per dog. **REMEMBER...it is a state law and a Town Code that all dogs must be vaccinated for Rabies. Before a tag can be issued, we must have the Rabies tag number, expiration and veterinary that issued the tag.** *Please do not include the cost of your dog tag on your water bill. Payment for dog tags must be separate.*

LIBRARY NEWS

Due to the new COVID guidelines, libraries go back to curb side services only effective January 25th. February is Food for Fines Month. All Whitman County Libraries are accepting donations of non-perishable foods and toiletry items in exchange for up to \$10 in fines per account. This is a fantastic way to get rid of or reduce fines while benefiting the Oakesdale food bank. Storytime packets continue to be available each week for children ages 2-5. Finally, we are still celebrating our new hours on Wednesdays. (*Thank you, Palouse Wind Farm, and Novatus Engery.*) For more info follow **Oakesdale Branch on FB** or call **509-285-4310**.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Town Council Meetings for February will be on Monday, February 1st at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. Due to the Presidents' Day Holiday on Monday, February 15th, our Council Meeting happens on the day following the holiday.

FOOD COMMODITIES

Correction from last month - Commodities are distributed on the fourth Thursday each month between 9:30 – 10:30am behind the Busch Office in the alleyway access.