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***** old mill days – cancelled for 2021 DUE TO COVID *****

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.**



LIBRARY UPDATE

If you have not already noticed, the front of the Library is getting a bit of a face lift. The Town received \$15,000 from Whitman County's .09 Funding to make the Library's entrance more ADA accessible. The current sidewalk above the ADA yellow warning bumps is being removed and a new sidewalk will be poured that will have a gentle slope up to the door eliminating the step up into the Library. The front door will be re-hung to swing in instead of out. There is some wiring inside the Library that will be cleaned up and a possible cooling system added. The Library will be closed on the days of construction. Thanks for your patience during the upgrade! If you need to contact the Librarian, please contact Shelly at 509-285-4310 or follow the Oakesdale Library on Facebook or check out the website at www.whitco.lib.wa.us.

*****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.

*****AWC RMSA SAFETY GRANT *****

The Town of Oakesdale received a \$5,000 Safety Grant from our liability insurance company for two more solar operated speed radar signs that will be placed at the south end of Town on Highway 27. Our goal is to make passing through traffic aware of their speed. Our speed limit is 25 MPH through City limits. By having two radar speed signs at entering and leaving both ends of Town, traffic will be more aware of the posted speed limit. The new radar signs will be installed in the early part of May. Officer Cooper has a newer patrol vehicle the Town purchased from Whitman County last month. It's a 2013 Ford Explorer that used to be a Whitman County Sheriff's patrol car. We were able to purchase the car fully loaded with all the necessary equipment. You will now see Officer Cooper patrolling in an SUV rather than the old Crown Vic police car.