## **TOWN OF OAKESDALE**

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### **OAKESDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & McCOY VALLEY MUSEUM**

The McCoy Valley Museum represents the dedicated effort of concerned citizens to preserve and interpret our rich agricultural history. The museum is located at 107 N First St by City Hall. The Oakesdale Historical Society wants to remind you the McCoy Valley Museum is open every Saturday thru Labor Day from 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m.

#### LIBRARY CORNER

Each year, Whitman County Library District closes all branches for the first full week of August to perform computer upgrades and other maintenance tasks that can't be completed while the library is open. The library will be closed from Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> through Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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 <u>can not</u> 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.

#### WATERING TIP

Did you know that your yard will lose between thirty to fifty percent of the moisture while watering your yard between noon and 6 p.m. during the summer months? The water evaporates and does not make it down to the roots. You could be wasting water by watering during the heat of the day.

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