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**NEWSLETTER**

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### **OUTDOOR RECYCLING CENTER**

Remember to use the outdoor recycling center for your lawn clippings, garden and flowerbed waste, tree limbs and brush especially during the burning ban. This is a free service to our Oakesdale residents. **NO ILLEGAL DUMPING IS ALLOWED!** Outdoor waste is the only type of disposal allowed. We want to keep this great service to our community going, so please don't be the one to spoil a good thing and illegally putting processed wood in the recycling center!

### **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 three feet in diameter. 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 if there is no County or State burn ban in place.

### **TOWN WATER PROJECT**

The water project has been challenging at times and trying some of our patience. The end result will be an upgrade of water mains, services lines, water meters and replacement of fire hydrants and some new ones added to our water system. The streets will be paved that are involved in the project probably around October. The contractor is aiming to have the project completed in the middle of October. They said paving the streets would be done towards the end of the project. There have been times that an unlocated water line that is not on our Town map has been found and damaged by the machinery the contractor is using. When there is not a known shut-off valve to stop the water leak for repair, we have had to shut off the water tank. When this happens in an emergency situation, we can not inform our users. You will notice low water pressure or even no water for up to half an hour or so. When the water tank is turned back on, it can cause discolored water from re-pressurizing the water system. Generally, after running water for a few minutes it will clear up. You can also go outside and turn on a faucet and/or hydrant to flush it through faster. If you see brownish colored water for more than a few hours, call City Hall and we will have Public Works flush some fire hydrants in your area to clean out the water lines faster. We appreciate all the extra effort our Public Works crew are giving to this project!

### **HOLIDAY**

City Hall will be closed on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for the Labor Day Holiday. Town Council meetings resume to twice a month – the first and third Mondays of each month.

