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LAST WATER METER READING

The final water meter reading for 2021 was Monday, October 25th. We will not read meters for the next five months due to the weather. The next reading will not happen until March 2022, weather permitting. You will be billed the basic rate of \$44.80 for 4,125 gallons or 550 cubic feet per month depending on the type of water meter you use. Customers that use above the minimum per month will not be billed for the overage until the next reading in March 2022.

STREET & PUBLIC SAFETY LEVIES

The Town of Oakesdale has for the past several years had to depend on the generosity of our taxpayers to pass our street and public safety levies. For the 2022 tax year, we are asking for your support for the public safety levy, Proposition No. 1, at \$14,000 which is an estimated \$0.55 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. This levy allows the Town to have fire protection and emergency medical services provided by Whitman County Fire District No.10 at a yearly contracted cost of \$14,000 per year. The street levy, Proposition No. 2, is at \$41,000 which is estimated at \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This levy helps to maintain streets and snow removal, street sweeping, patching potholes, street lights, street expenses and maintenance of street equipment. The second street levy, Proposition No. 3, is at \$50,000 which is estimated at \$1.96 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This levy is for crack sealing and chip sealing a portion of our streets. We appreciate your support on these special levies.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Fall Lego Challenge continues for all Whitman County Libraries through Nov. 30th. Pick up a Challenge Packet at any WCL branch. Photos are chosen weekly to be featured on our website. Join us for a Recipe Exchange this holiday season. Contact Shelly at the Library for info on how to participate. Teens, we have an Art/Coloring contest just for you. Info is at the library. Participants are entered into a prize drawing. COVID testing kits are available at all WCL Branches; to be picked up Curbside only. More info on our website, www.whitcolib.org. Phone: 509-285-4310. A huge thank you to the Town of Oakesdale for the fresh paint and new awnings outside of the library. It looks fabulous and is greatly appreciated!!

SNOW REMOVAL

Yes...it is time for us to start worrying about that white stuff that falls from the sky! The Town's snow removal equipment is ready for winter and we are asking for your help in keeping the streets and alley ways free from obstacles for our snow plows. If you can, please park your vehicle(s) off the pavement of the street and/or alley way for snow removal. We realize that not every street can be clear of vehicles, but where possible, please move your vehicle(s) off the pavement of the street so it will allow access for our snow plows. Thank you!

WATER PROJECT UPDATE

The end is in sight! Water service lines have been connected to the new water mains that have passed the water bacteria tests on most streets. The water main from east Bartlett to west Bartlett will be jack and bored this week under the creek to connect the water mains. New fire hydrants are being installed and water sampling stations. Paving was scheduled for October 28th and November 10th. Due to bad weather, the paving is being rescheduled from October 28th to the first week in November. The new SCADA communication system between the wells and water tower will be completed in the next few weeks. The areas that need hydroseeding will be completed in the spring.