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MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

### WATER METER READINGS

It has been five months since we have read water meters. If the snow is still around by the end of March, we will have to postpone reading meters until April. But, weather permitting, meters will be read on March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> and your water bill may or may not reflect water use overages. During each of those five months you were billed for the minimum use of 4,125 gallons/550 cubic ft. of water. If your household used above the minimum amount then the overage will reflect on the billing you will receive at the end of March due by April 20th. Any water customer whose monthly water charges have suddenly and unexpectedly increased as the result of a water leak may petition the Town Council for an adjustment in the charges for the period during which the leak remained undetected, provided, as a condition of any such adjustment, the Town Council must:

- *Find that the customer did not know about the water leak and could not have reasonably known about the water leak during the period for which the adjustment is sought;*
- *When the leak was finally discovered, the customer took reasonable action to promptly repair the leak;*
- *The Town Council must find that the increased water charge resulting from the leak during the period for which the adjustment is sought will impose an undue hardship upon the water customer.*

### WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

The water system project will presume in March or April of this year depending on the weather. The contractor will be installing all the water meter boxes and meters, activate 3 new mains, bring all new fire hydrants on line and finish installing the new SCADA system for the wells to communicate to the water tower.

### FRIENDLY REMINDER

This is a friendly reminder to not dispose of baby wipes or sanitary products down the toilet. These products cause havoc on our equipment at our lagoons. We realize some baby wipes and hygiene wipes say they are biodegradable, but in fact they are not dissolving or breaking up when they reach the lagoons and get wrapped around the grinders. Thank you!

### LIBRARY CORNER

I am pleased to introduce our new Library Manager, Marianne Morkve. Marianne has been a sub for many of our WCL libraries and will look familiar to many of you because of time she spent working for PNW and as a substitute mail carrier. She enjoys helping people and is looking forward to this new chapter for the Oakesdale Library. I have very much enjoyed this last year and a half at Oakesdale and appreciate all the flexibility that people showed during the craziness of Covid procedures and shut downs. One thing that stands out to me is the kind, supportive people in this community. I'll still be managing the Tekoa Library, so am sure I will see many of you in passing. Finally, a huge thank you to Rachel Hovde for stepping in as a regular sub when my schedule changed. You will still see her smiling face from time to time as she continues to sub. Cheers to all, and a happy welcome to Marianne! Best regards, Shelly

**Remember...your dog tags were due in January. The cost of a dog tag in March is now \$17.50 for spayed/neutered and \$20.00 if the dog is not spayed/neutered. You must have current rabies vaccination records to license your dog(s). Your dog licenses fees cannot be included on the same check as your water/sewer payment. Please provide a separate payment for the dog licenses fees. Thank you!**