

MAY 2023

TOWN OF OAKESDALE

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*****Oakesdale Museum BBQ on Saturday, May 6th from 11 to 2 – Come enjoy hamburgers, Beer Brats & hotdogs. All proceeds go to the Oakesdale Historical Society. We hope to see you there!**



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! **But you can NOT burn your garbage, boxes, or any processed wood.** 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.** The smoke from your fire can be considered a nuisance to a neighbor if the smoke is drifting onto their property and causing them distress in any way. Please be considerate of neighbors when burning yard debris. Thank you!

JUNK VEHICLE/STORAGE ORDINANCE

It is declared unlawful and a nuisance for any person to keep or store any wrecked, worn-out, disassembled, junk or abandoned automobiles, trucks, tractors or machinery of any kind or the parts thereof, or any junk whatsoever on any private lot or premises, or any street, avenue, alley, or driveway. Junk is also defined to include all old appliances, old iron or metal, glass, paper, cardboard, old lumber, mattresses, concrete and all other waste discarded materials. Our Town Marshal will be talking with owners of junk vehicles for removal by the owner. We do have Junk Vehicle Affidavits at City Hall for those who wish to scrap their junk vehicles. We want to keep our community clean and we hope you do too!

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.

***WATER METER READINGS ***

Due to the water meters being full of water last month, the water meters were not read in March. You were still being billed for the minimum usage for March 2023. We read meters in April around the 25th of the month. Your bill that will be due in May will have six months of water usage and you may or may not see an increase in your

bill depending on the amount of water you used in that time period. The bill will reflect any overages that occurred in the past six months. If your bill should reflect an undetected water leak you may be able to petition the Town Council for an adjustment in the charges for the period during which the leak remained undetected.

