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NEWSLETTER

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STATE WIDE BURN BAN

Fire danger is high because of hot, dry weather. Burn bans are in place across Washington State which includes Whitman County. When a burn restriction is in place, it **prohibits outdoor fires on all state, county, city, and private land under** DNR fire protection.

OUTDOOR BURNING

Oakesdale's "no burning ban" will be lifted on **October 1st** for backyard burning of organic yard waste. Our Municipal Code requires burn piles cannot 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.

VOTER'S BALLOT BOX

Whitman County's Auditor, Sandy Jamison, has chosen Oakesdale to be the first town in the County to have a voter's ballot drop-off box per RCW29A.40.170. The Oakesdale Library Branch has been the chosen site for the new box located on the edge of the sidewalk facing Steptoe Avenue. The placement of the ballot box will be easily accessible by car to drop off your ballot. This ballot box will be in use by the November 7, 2023 General Elections.

HOLIDAY

City Hall will be closed on Friday, September 1st and Monday, September 4th for the Labor Day Holiday. Town Council meetings resume to twice a month – the first and third Mondays of each month. The first council meeting in September will be on Tuesday, September 5th due to the holiday.

TOWN FALL YARD SALE – SAVE THE DATE – SEPTEMBER 23RD

It is that time of year again! Clean out your garage and/or closets for our Town's Annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 23rd from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Maps will be available at Crossett's Food Market. You can sign up for the yard sale at a cost of \$5.00 at Crossett's. If you were part of the yard sale in July then the fee is only \$1.00 for being a repeat customer. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Rose at (509) 397-8500.

