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LAST WATER METER READING

The final water meter reading for 2023 was Wednesday, October 25th. We will not read meters for the next five months due to the weather. The next reading will not happen until March 2024, 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 or April 2024.

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 2024 tax year, we are asking for your support for the public safety levy, Proposition No. 1, at \$14,000 which is an estimated \$0.54 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 \$60,000 which is estimated at \$2.30 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. We have omitted the second street levy at \$50,000 due to the availability of Whitman County Public Works. Due to the County being short staffed and having projects of their own to complete during the summer, they have had to scale back how much they can help with Town street projects. Since they have helped our Town over the past few years, they will be choosing to help another Town within their District. It will be several years until it will be our turn again. So, the Town is back to two levies only on the ballot and we appreciate your continued support!

DELIVERIES

This is an FYI....in case you have not heard yet, UPS (the brown truck) has cut their delivery days to Oakesdale effective Monday, October 16th. Deliveries to Oakesdale are now on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Their new program, "Rural Deferred Program" is to help their drivers more efficiently serve their customers. Rural UPS customers could call 1-800-pickups (1-800-742-5877) to open up a "concern case" to lodge a complaint about the cut in delivery service.

SNOW REMOVAL

Yes...it is time for us to start worrying about that white stuff that falls from the sky since we already had our first snowfall! 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. This includes all RV's, trailers, and basketball hoops too. Thank you!

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed on Friday, November 10th to observe Veterans' Day. City Hall will be closing early on Wednesday, November 22nd at noon, closed Thursday & Friday the 23rd & 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.