

MAY 2024

TOWN OF OAKESDALE

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Oakesdale Museum BBQ on Friday, May 3rd from 5:30 to 8pm & Saturday, May 4th from 8:15 am to 7pm – Come enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, ice cream cones and slushies. Food fun at the Tiki Hut @ corner of Steptoe & First @ the little old gas station. Saturday will include glazed Krispy Kreme Donuts and coffee for sale. All proceeds go to benefit Old Mill Days.

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.

***DROUGHT DECLARED ***

Statewide drought declared as of April 16, 2024, with winter's snowstorms largely behind us and summer just weeks away, our state's low snowpack and forecasts for a dry and warm spring and summer have

spurred the Washington State Department of Ecology to declare a drought emergency for most of Washington State. Those excluded from the new drought declaration are the water system service areas of Seattle, Tacoma, and Everett. Forecasted runoff continues to be below the state's statutory threshold for drought conditions. That threshold is met when an area is expected to receive less than 75 percent of normal water supply and there is a risk of undue hardship for water users and the environment. We rely on streamflow forecasts provided by the National Weather Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, who consider data for precipitation, soil moisture, and other factors.

