

# TOWN OF OAKESDALE

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## OAKESDALE COMMUNITY HEART & SOUL

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Community Heart & Soul is a resident driven process that engages the entire population of a town and identifies what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it. We recognize that the needs for our community are bigger than any one building or single project. That's why we're excited to announce the kick-off of a new initiative for Oakesdale! Through the encouragement of the Innovia Foundation, local organizations, businesses, and community members have been tasked with identifying all the areas where Oakesdale has needs to support our community. We need your participation in a core visioning group and/or committees that will be needed to support different projects. Please join us on August 7<sup>th</sup> in the Oakesdale Park from 7-9am or 11am-1pm or 6-8pm. We'll be answering questions and gathering your feedback during these three different times. We need input from everyone to make sure we truly understand what our community needs!

## CUSTOMER WATER LINE SERVICE SURVEY

We need your help! The Town of Oakesdale needs to comply with our Water Quality Monito comply with federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, public water systems are required to complete an inventory of customer service lines (the water line from your house to the water meter). This survey plays a vital role in helping your public water system fulfill its obligation effectively. A bright yellow paper has been included with your water/sewer bill that contains the survey form we need completed by you and returned with your water bill payment to City Hall. Please feel free to contact the City Clerk, Mary DeGon, should you have any questions about the survey at 509-285-4020 or [townofokesdale@msn.com](mailto:townofokesdale@msn.com)

## GRASS & WEEDS

A reminder to our citizens, that we do have an Ordinance for accumulation of weeds, grass, or dead vegetation to grow excessively without being regularly mowed or cut. Code Section 3.44.030 states all growing grass and weeds must be mowed or cut at least once each month during the months of April through August so that no such grass or growing weeds shall at any time exceed 12 inches in height. Council has taken note of a few properties in Town that are not being maintained to code and has notified the property owner(s) to clean it up. This is becoming a very dry summer and we do not need any more fire hazards if we can prevent it. You can take your yard debris such as grass clippings, weeds, garden and flower bed waste and tree and shrub trimmings to the recycling center **FREE** of charge.

## STATE WIDE BURN BAN

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources has issued a statewide ban on outdoor burning, campfires, the use of charcoal briquettes and prescribed burns on its lands. The ban started at 1 p.m. yesterday (Wednesday, July 24, 2024) and will go until at least Sept. 30, 2024. The burn ban could be extended if conditions warrant. The restrictions follow several days of hot, dry weather statewide, including record-breaking temperatures in several areas. Nearly all of Washington is still in a drought emergency, following a drought declaration in April. State officials urge people spending time outside to stay prepared during fire season by being aware of rapid environmental changes, checking restrictions and conditions before heading out, properly securing tow chains to prevent sparks and staying on marked trails. Anyone that sees smoke is urged to call 9 1 1 to report the fire.

## OLD MILL DAYS

Thank you, Oakesdale Community, for all the volunteers and supporters of Old Mill Days 2024. All proceeds benefit the Oakesdale Historical Society. We hope to have your continued support and look forward to more changes for 2025. Remember 2025 is an All-Class Reunion year!

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