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2025 SEAL COAT PROJECT

The Transportation Improvement Board has awarded the Town of Oakesdale out of call funding of \$1,018,000.00 to repair and help maintain our streets throughout Town. TIB was contacted by our Town Clerk that we could use some help with emergency funding if available due to the flood water damages to our streets & bridges back in February 2025. Their Board met and decided to award us \$1 million dollars in funding and the project needs to be completed this year. We went out to bid and the lowest bid was \$943,000 and it was awarded to Central Washington Asphalt. Our engineers, TD&H Engineering, were given \$125,000 by TIB for their services for design and construction. The Town is using our \$50,000 street levy funds to help complete the project. TIB then added an extra \$18,000 to ensure the project was fully funded. The target start date is Monday, July 28th and finishing by Friday, August 22nd. This funding is considered "pennies from heaven" as this grant funding requires no payments back. We realize the timing of this project is during harvest, but scheduling is tight with the contractor and they assured us they have dealt with harvest traffic many times. We want to thank Chris Workman and Jonathan Heusman from TIB for taking the time to care and make a visit to Oakesdale to see the damages the flood waters caused and the condition of the pavement on other streets. Our street budget is very small and for us to do any type of asphalt work requires funds from grants or funds from our street levy. Thank you to all of you who supported our Street Levy Proposition #3 laying asphalt & patching the streets for \$50,000 to maintain our streets!

NEW SEWER RATE

Effective July 1, 2025 the base rate for sewer was increased to help pay for the sewer loan we have from Department of Ecology for our Small Systems Sewer Plan that we are required by DOE to have in place. The last increase to our sewer rates was in 2020. Residential rates will increase from \$33.00 to \$38.00 per month. Commercial rates will increase from \$38.00 to \$43.00 and Public Schools and Public Pools increase from \$198.00 to \$203.00 per month. In a nutshell, your new basic monthly bill went from \$85.99 to \$91.48 for water & sewer which includes utility taxes.

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.

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to the community of Oakesdale for attending Old Mill Days 2025. Special THANKS to the people that helped set up and take down tents, tables, chairs and more! Your hard work is appreciated! YOU made the event a success! Please continue to support the Oakesdale Historical Society so we can continue Old Mill Days in the future.

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