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FALL BACK—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024 AT 2:00 AM.

VETERANS DAY PARADE—11:00 AM— MONDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2023

The VFW will hold their annual Veteran's Day Parade on Monday November 11, 2024 at 11:00 am. They are also sponsoring a taco bar at 6:00 pm at the VFW Hall—317 Center—open to the public - Veterans eat free.

LIGHT PARADE—NOVEMBER 29TH The annual light parade will be on Friday, November 29th, at 7:00 pm going from Front Street up Center Avenue. Check the discoveroakley.com website for more details.

INFORMATION FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT— PREPARE FOR WINTER

Fall is here and that means winter is on its way. Here are a few tips to get prepared for winter.

While you are trimming and edging your lawn, take a few extra seconds to trim around your water meter lid. This will allow the meter reader to close and secure the lid properly. This eliminates the chance of someone stepping on the lid and falling into the pit, and also helps prevent meter freeze ups.

Now would be a good time to get everything ready for winter. Wrap exposed pipe with pipe insulators, or use electrical heat tape if an electric outlet is available. You can plug all holes or places where the outside air can get to the water lines. For faucets that do not self drain you can purchase insulated covers for them. As the nights get colder, it is a good idea to remove the hoses from any outside faucet or hydrant so they will not freeze back into the house. If you have a sprinkler system and use air to drain the lines, make sure the main valve on the system is completely turned off beforehand. If not, you could possibly force air into the water main.

If you plan on being away for an extended period of time you can have the water shut off at the meter. Just call City Hall and the water department will shut off your water. You should drain as many of your water lines as possible after the meter is shut off. This is important if you are going to shut off heat to the building. You will need to fill out a form at City

WATER: USE IT WISELY - QUICK TIPS:

1. Fix leaks in all plumbing fixtures.
2. Upgrade to high-efficiency models—and install aerators to cut down on water volume but not pressure.
3. Dishwashers typically use less water than washing dishes by hand. Energy Star dishwashers save even more.
4. Run your dishwasher only when it is full.
5. Take short showers instead of baths. A full bathtub requires up to 70 gallons of water.
6. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth.
7. Also check outdoor faucets, pipe, and hoses for leaks.
8. Use a hose nozzle or turn off your water while you wash your car. You'll save up to 100 gallons every time.

LITTLE LEAKS ADD UP

A continuous leak from a hole this size would waste this many cubic feet of water per month.
1/4"	52,626
3/16"	29,053
1/8"	13,190
1/16"	3,297

* Note a Cubic Foot of water equals 7.48 gallons

LEAD AND COPPER RULE UPDATE

Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory has been submitted to KDHE. The City of Oakley will be sending out a trifold pamphlet prepared by KDHE to customers having a potential service line containing lead. Annual notification will be required until the entire service connection is no longer lead, galvanized requiring replacement or unknown. Notices will also be given to new customers when they apply for service.



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PARKING OF VEHICLES AND TRAILERS

Per Ordinance 1088 of the City of Oakley, Kansas:

It shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, or utility trailer upon the portion of the premises commonly referred to as the front yard of any residence of the City of Oakley within zone R1 or R2. This shall not apply to any parking area, driveway, or loading area, which is graded and designed with a permanent hard surface. The parking area and use of recreational vehicle or trailer must comply with zoning regulations and other applicable City Codes.

It shall be unlawful to park or store any trailer or recreational vehicle, on any City street from November 1 to April 1 or when emergency conditions have been duly declared.

It shall be unlawful to park or store utility or boat trailers on any street for a period to exceed 48 hours, except when a utility trailer is engaged in construction, landscaping, loading or unloading, or it may be allowed by permit of the Oakley Police Department. The entire Ordinance can be seen at City Hall or viewed on the discoveroakley.com website.

EMERGENCY SNOW ROUTES will be implemented on November 1st into the City's Winter Storm Procedures. Priority routes can be viewed on discoveroakley.com/City of Oakley/Winter Storm Routes

South Freeman Project

The KDOT Cost Share Project on South Freeman Avenue continues to make great progress. Please avoid this area if possible, but if you need to get to one of the businesses in this area follow the directional signs on South SmokyHill Avenue. Please make sure you follow all traffic control and use extra caution when you are in this area.

Waterline Replacement Project

The City of Oakley has contracted with J Corp of Hays, Kansas to replace several old galvanized 2" water mains at several locations around town. The old water mains were starting to fail resulting in leaks and costly repairs. The new water main will be 6" PVC, providing greater volume and better fire flow in these areas. Please use caution around the work areas.

November Disconnects

Due to City Hall being closed on Thanksgiving and Friday November 29th, disconnects will be done for delinquent accounts after 8:00 am on Monday December 2, 2024. Disconnects will continue to be the last working day of the month after this one time exception.

LANDFILL/TRASH

Landfill hours are 8:15 to 11:45 and 1:15 to 4:00, Monday through Friday. The Landfill is also open on the first and third Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm (November—March) - 8:15 am—12:00 pm. (April—October) The Landfill will not be open on holiday weekends. The Landfill is also closed when there are high wind conditions and when sufficient moisture has been received to close it. Make sure you stop at the scale house both entering and exiting the landfill. Please follow the directions of the landfill personnel. Some items have charges associated with disposal at the landfill. Payment is due at time of disposal.

DO NOT PUT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN THE DUMPSTERS

LARGE ITEMS: Doors, Furniture, Large Appliances, Anything with Freon—Refrigerators, Air Conditioners, Freezers of any size.

Mattresses, Bed Frames, TV's, Carpet Rolls—Carpet can be put in if cut into smaller pieces. Large pieces of wood, Large Tree Branches, Construction Material—Wood, Concrete, Bricks, Cement Blocks, Flooring, Dry Wall, Roofing Materials, Linoleum and Tile.

HAZARDOUS WASTE: Take to HHW Site at Landfill with No Charge.

City Offices will be closed on the following days:

Veterans Day—November 11, 2024

Thanksgiving—November 28, 2024

Day after Thanksgiving—November 29, 2024

Christmas Eve—December 24, 2024

Christmas—December 25, 2024

New Years Day - January 1, 2025

