



# THE GATEWAY

Wilkeson, Washington

Town Newsletter

Summer 2016

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**Help save a life...**

**Give Blood!**

**Wilkeson Community**

**Blood Drive**

**Monday August 15, 2016**

**12:00pm-6:00pm**

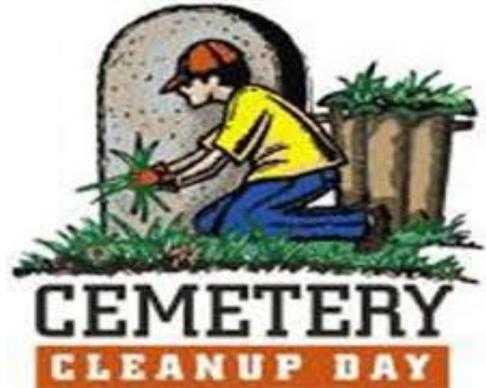
**Closed 2:00-3:00pm**

**Bus parked at Town Hall**

*To sign up or for more  
information contact:*

*Trisha Summers (360) 829-0790*

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**Wilkeson Cemetery Clean Up  
Sunday, July 10th at 10 AM**

Grab your favorite gardening tools and gloves and come on down to the Wilkeson Cemetery! We will be working on cleaning up the grounds and preparing for the new urn garden.



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

**Wilkeson Town Hall  
Tuesday, August 2nd**

**6:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**We are proud to be bringing this event back to Wilkeson this year! Please join us for a fun night with your community. We will have games, cake walk, barbecue and other treats.**

National Night Out is an event that has been held annually since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada.

The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts.

This year we are concentrating on *safety in our community* and having a sense of *community unity*.

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**LETS BUILD SOME UNITY IN OUR COMMUNITY!**

*This event is free to attend for Wilkeson residents of all ages. If you are willing to donate a baked good for the cake walk or if you have any questions please contact Kelly Harter at Town Hall: (360) 829-0790 or [office@townofwilkeson.com](mailto:office@townofwilkeson.com)*



## Burning Questions About Outdoor Burning

With spring and summer nearly here it is a good time to review the regulations that pertain to outdoor burning within the boundaries of the incorporated limits of the Town of Wilkeson.

A few things for all of us to know about outdoor burning:

The outdoor burning regulations are no different within the boundaries of the incorporated limits of the Town of Wilkeson than they are in any other incorporated town or city limits located in Pierce, King and Snohomish counties; *with the exception* being that some towns and cities require a permit for an outdoor recreational fire and the Town of Wilkeson does not require a permit for a legal outdoor recreational fire.

A *recreational fire* is defined by the Washington Administrative Code (WAC 173-425-030) as “cooking fires, campfires, and bonfires using charcoal or firewood that occur in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure, or ceremonial purposes. Fires used for debris disposal *are not* considered recreational fires.”

Simplified, what this means is:

- A. You cannot legally burn tree trimmings, construction debris, garbage or other prohibited materials.
- B. You can have a campfire on your private property, regardless of whether it is for cooking, ceremonial, or just for pleasure ... so long as you comply with the following requirements:
  - 1) The fire cannot be located within 25-feet of a structure or combustible material;
  - 2) Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25-feet of a structure have been eliminated prior to igniting the fire;
  - 3) The fire can be no larger than 3-feet in diameter and no more than 2-feet in height;
  - 4) The fire must be contained by a pit, fire-ring of non-combustible materials such as bricks or rocks, fireplace, or other means of containing the fire;
  - 5) The only material being burned is dry and seasoned firewood, charcoal, or manufactured fire wood (such as Pres-to-Logs®);
  - 6) The fire shall be constantly attended until the fire is completely extinguished;
  - 7) A means for extinguishing the fire is immediately available on site, such as a garden hose with a reliable water source or other means of providing a continuous flow of water such as a rain barrel and bucket.
- C. A commercially manufactured outdoor fire place or chiminea is allowed, so long as it used in accordance with the manufacturer’s written instructions; and it is not being operated within 15-feet of a structure or combustible material.

Violations of the outdoor burning regulations are enforced by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency; and violators are subject to a \$14,000 fine. If you have questions about outdoor burning in the Town of Wilkeson please call the fire department at 360-829-1441.