

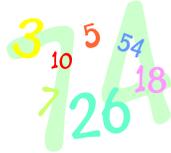


# THE GATEWAY

Wilkeson, Washington  
Town Newsletter  
August 2014

Town Hall is open Monday through Thursday — 8:AM to 5:PM ~ Telephone 360-829-0790 ~ FAX: 360-829-4292  
Emails to know: mayor@townofwilkeson.com, clerk@townofwilkeson.com, utilities@townofwilkeson.com

## NEW UTILITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS



You will all notice that, effective this month, you have a new utility account number. This is due to the fact that we have updated our utility billing software to a different system. We hope this will make our utility billing system better and more efficient. You will find that it is a shorter number than before. It would also be a GREAT help if, when paying your bill, you write this new account number on your check or money order. This helps to make sure it gets put into the correct account.

## BIG CHANGES HAVE HAPPENED ON WILKESON WEBSITE

We have been working diligently on getting our web site updated and surfer friendly. When you log onto our web-site now you will see a new look. Hopefully the new site will have you easily finding what you need. We will strive to keep this continually updated so we can keep you informed of all up to the minute happenings in and around Wilkeson.

Give it a shot ... log onto  
[www.townofwilkeson.com](http://www.townofwilkeson.com),  
and tell us what you think!

## Turn in your Cross Connection Survey Form!

These surveys went out in the April 1st billing. This survey is VERY IMPORTANT to our town and the safety of our water system.

We would like them returned as soon as possible. The deadline has come and gone and we still are missing quite a few of these surveys. If this isn't returned in a timely manner you might be required to install a backflow prevention device to your plumbing or your water service could be disconnected.

*If you have lost your survey you can obtain a new one from Town Hall; print one out from the Wilkeson Web Site. [[www.townofwilkeson.com](http://www.townofwilkeson.com)]; or contact Milda Hadaway, Utility Clerk  
email: [utilities@townofwilkeson.com](mailto:utilities@townofwilkeson.com)  
Phone: 360-829-0790*

## FIRE HYDRANT FLOW TESTING



Fire Department personnel will be going to each fire hydrant in town to conduct a water flow test of the fire hydrant. This involves connected several gauges and hoses to the fire hydrant and flowing water to collect data used to calculate how much water is available from each fire hydrant in the event of a fire.

Once the flow testing of each fire hydrant is completed the fire hydrants will be colored-coded by painting the top of the fire hydrant to indicate the volume of water available from the fire hydrant. This information helps firefighters in the event water is needed from a fire hydrant, and having a regular fire hydrant flow testing program in place is a benefit to the citizen's property insurance rates as the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau considers fire hydrant flow testing to be a best practice.

You can also help by keeping the area around fire hydrants clear of obstructions such as landscaping, fences, parked vehicles, etc. A clear radius of 36-inches should be maintained around every fire hydrant. If you have questions about the fire hydrant flow testing program please call the fire department business office at 360-829-1441. The personnel from the City of Buckley and Town of Carbonado Fire Departments are always happy to answer any questions or assist you in any way we can.

# TOWN OF WILKESON

## Motorized Recreational Vehical Survey

540 Church Street  
PO Box 89  
Wilkeson, WA 98396  
360-829-0790  
fax ~ 360-829-4292



The Town of Wilkeson solicits, through this survey, opinions of residents regarding **Motorized Recreational Vehicles** on town streets. Please take a moment to answer the following questions and return the survey by **August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**.

Are you familiar with the regulations around MRVs on public streets? (Please see the end of the survey for a summary).  Yes  No

2. Do you feel MRVs should be allowed on town streets?  
 Yes  No

3. Please give a brief explanation of your answer above.

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4. Do you feel MRVs should be restricted to specific streets?  
 Yes  No

5. Would you like to see this law limited to a specific time period as a trial run?  
 Yes  No

6. Do you live within the incorporated town limits?  
 Yes  No

7. Final Comments:

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*Optional:* Name

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May the mayor or a councilmember contact you for further information?  
 Yes  No

Phone number or email:

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**Thank you for taking the time to complete and return this survey.**

Information:

**MRV – Motorized Recreational Vehicle:** A general term that includes Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles (WATVs), All - Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Utility Type Vehicle (UTVs, side-by-sides, golf carts, etc.)

MRVs are not dirt bikes or dune buggies. They must be street legal to be allowed on town streets. The noise level of a MRV is similar to the noise level of an unmodified motorcycle or regular automobile. Drivers of MRVs must be insured and have a driver's license. MRVs cannot be used to transport children to school. Drivers cannot go off-road within town limits except on their private property, which they can currently do.

The following opinions have been given to the Town Council as of the date of this survey:

*Arguments in favor:* the ability to go to businesses without using as much gas; the ability to go to off-road sites without having to trailer the MRV; trailers on roadways cause more damage than MRVs; and potential revenue to the town and local businesses.

*Arguments against:* abuse of the privilege; modifying MRVs to make them louder; going off-road within town limits; racing up and down the streets; increased traffic; a change in the culture of the town.