

Oakdale Borough Times

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Editor's Corner

Hello Everyone...I hope this issue finds everyone well as spring is upon us. Another reminder from last month: Reverend Ekas of the Oakdale U.P. Church has contacted me and is petitioning personal stories from the flood of 2004. He is in the process of writing a book of the events and would like stories of those involved. You can submit your story directly to him at the Oakdale U.P. church or by e-mailing the paper, which I will then forward to him.

Please contact the paper by phone at (724) 693-8691 or e-mail at editor@oakdaleborough.com. You can also visit our website at www.oakdaleborough.com.

Until next time...

Jonathan DeBor
Editor



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Mark Your Calendar!

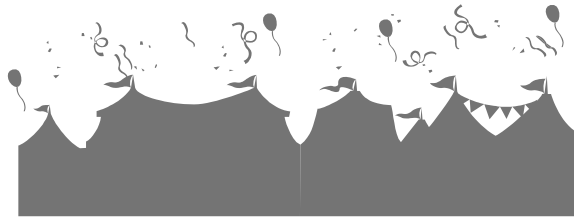
The Summer of 2005 in Oakdale is shaping up to be a great one! Mark your calendar for the upcoming dates:

June 25th—**Summer Concert In The Square**

July 16th through July 23th—**The Oakdale Hose Company Fireman's Carnival**

August 27th—**An Afternoon & Evening Hawaiian Luau**

September 17th—**1st Anniversary Celebration
of the recovery from Oakdale's worst flood in history**



Pennsylvania American Water Raises Rate

As you may know, Oakdale Borough buys water wholesale from Pennsylvania American Water and distributes it to our residents. Over the past 5 years, we have been able to maintain the same water rate because of the contract that the Borough Council negotiated. However, we must now increase your rate to adjust for the increase in wholesale cost from Pennsylvania American Water. Our current base rate is \$8.00 for the first 1000 gallons used. The new rate would be \$9.00. Currently you pay \$3.00 for each additional 1000 gallons. The new rate would be \$4.00. This rate will be effective with the April 29th, 2005 billing.

Police Schedule For April

The police department has two officers off duty due to injuries. One full time position has been eliminated due to budget constraints and that officer now works part time. Our injured officer in charge is scheduled to return on May 1, 2005 and the injured part time officer perhaps sooner.

Our remaining 6 part time officers can give us only limited time due to other jobs. To fill the void in our 24 hour police coverage, the State Police will cover a number of shifts and the Allegheny County Sheriffs office will cover others.

New part time applicants have been interviewed and will be trained in the next two weeks. May 1st is our target date to return to round the clock police coverage by our Oakdale Police Department.

Borough & Local News and Reminders

The Borough Council meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Community Center at 7:30PM.

If you are remodeling or putting in a new driveway, you must notify the Building Inspector, Steve Rosso, at (724) 693-0514. Note that no building permit is required for replacing sidewalks in front of your house.

The Oakdale Community Center is available for weddings, banquets, etc. Please contact Connie Hoffman at (724) 693-9740 for hall rental information. Note that there is **No Smoking** at the Community Center.

Oakdale Youth League: The Oakdale Youth League regular meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM. For more information, please call (724) 693-9494.

CERT Meeting: On Monday, April 18 at 7PM the Oakdale CERT team and the American Red Cross will be sponsoring a program on dealing with the handicapped, elderly and other special situation persons in times of stress, emergencies and/or disasters. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. For more information please call Bob Kolesky (724) 693-9776 or Lea Lester at (412) 780-1403.

Local Business Aids Flood Repair

Oakdale Borough received a helping hand from the Wal-Mart Good Works Department at last month's Borough Council meeting. Wal-Mart employee Chris Owens presented the Borough with a check for \$3,000. She cited how Wal-Mart aided local flood clean-up efforts with bleach and cleaning equipment, and went on to talk about how Wal-Mart's Good Works Department is still attempting to help Hurricane Ivan's victims nationwide. Council plans to put the money specially toward renovating Borough offices, according to Council president Huck Gamble. Gamble was quoted as saying that "Council is very grateful for the help it is receiving from its neighbors at the Pointe at North Fayette. They were very unselfish. We're grateful we have neighbors like that."

Source: West Allegheny Record

Downtown Clock & Chimes Operational

Oakdale is proud to announce that the Downtown Clock & Chimes are once again fully operational. Just another small item that brings us all back to where we were before the flood and also reminds us of the special place that Oakdale is.



Robinson Run Watershed Update

As a result of Oakdale's involvement with the Army Corps of Engineers to evaluate flood control in Oakdale, Senator John Pippy has initiated an effort to organize a watershed association for Robinson Run. Oakdale Borough is working closely with Senator Pippy's office to organize this effort with the surrounding municipalities and other associations to formalize this association.

A Robinson Run Watershed Association will consist of a group of representatives from the Municipalities within the watershed that will manage studies and repairs to the streams within the Robinson Run watershed. The two major streams in the watershed are Robinson Run and North Branch, both streams that pass directly through our Town.

The watershed association will focus on flood control/reduction, improving the quality of the streams, reduction/repair of stream bank erosion, storm water outreach and education and organizing community events/groups to assist in the improvement of our streams.

We are encouraged by the benefits that Oakdale and the surrounding Municipalities will receive because of forming a watershed association. We will keep you informed on the progress of this effort.

Police & Fire News and Reminders

For all emergencies: police, fire, or ambulance, please dial 911. For non emergencies, please call (412) 279-6911.

Attention: Due to a recent incident, the police and fire departments **strongly urge** that all residents have their house numbers clearly marked and visible from the road. They would also ask that you turn an outside light on when you call 911. Emergency response time will be faster if they are able to locate your house.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors: The Oakdale Volunteer Fire Department has smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to pass out. The detectors will be given to flood victims first, then senior citizens. Those who have called are on the list. If you have not contacted the OVFD to be placed on the list, call (724) 693-0791.



Bingo: The Oakdale Hose Company will sponsor monthly bingo on the 1st Saturday of every month. It will be held at the Oakdale Community Center with a \$1,000 guaranteed Jackpot that must go. The doors will open at 5PM with earlybirds at 6:30PM and regular games starting at 7PM.



If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.

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1/4 Page Ad — \$30.00
1/2 Page Ad — \$55.00
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Reaching approximately 700 homes with an
additional 300 copies placed in local businesses.

Copy ready ads must be received by the 15th of the month. Contact the newspaper at (724) 693-8691 or editor@oakdaleborough.com for more information.

Community Library Activities

Below are some of the events planned for April at the Western Allegheny Community Library. For more information, contact the library at (724) 695-8150.

AARP Driving Class, 4/8 & 4/15, 12PM-4PM.

Mosaic Craft, 4/9 @ 1:30PM.

Financial Security During The Retirement Years, 4/13 @ 10:30AM.

Clay Craft, 4/13 @ 6:30PM.

Book Nook, 4/20 @ 6:30PM.

Because Of Winn Dixie Day, 4/23 @ 11AM.

Mother/Daughter Book Club, 4/25 @ 6PM.

Poetry Coffee Shop, 4/28 @ 6PM.

National Library Week, 4/10 until 4/16.

Spring Story Time, begins 4/11.

Knifty Knitters, every Monday @ 6:30PM.

One Book, One Community Program, The book for this month is Fried Green Tomatoes. The Iron Chef of WACL will discuss tomatoes and on April 23rd, there will be a Southern Pot Luck Lunch. Call the library for more information.





Flood survivors and volunteers are invited to a **free** picnic with food, fun and friends presented by St. Philip's Church and Garden Gate Ministries.



Picnic in the Park

Sat. May 14th, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
 Oakdale Park
 Please call Deb Carr @ 724-693-9880 with questions or to let us know how many will attend



Looking Back and Moving Ahead



Guess where you're really putting your lawn fertilizer this spring.

Every spring the snow melts, the rain falls, and the water that runs off your yard carries fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides into our creeks and streams. And finally into our rivers. Depositing pollutants that can harm fish, wildlife, and vegetation. Even compromise our major source of drinking water. But we can all do something about it and still keep our yards looking beautiful. Plant more trees and shrubs so you'll have less bare lawn surface that allows water runoff. Check into eco-friendly lawn fertilizers. And you may not need as much pesticide and herbicide as you think, so read the manufacturer's recommendations. You'll be helping to protect our most valuable liquid asset. Our water.

