

# Oakdale Borough Times

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## Editor's Corner

Hello Everyone...as we get over our first true "blast" of winter, I hope this issue finds all of you well and warm. Two things I would like to point out in this issue...first, look to page 3 to see that Bingo returns to Oakdale in March!

Second, I would like to personally congratulate Bob Kolesky for winning the Fireman of the Year award that is described at the bottom of this page. What a positive story for our town of Oakdale.

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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## Council Rejects Tax Increase

The Oakdale Borough Council has rejected Act 222, House Bill 197. The Council rejected an increase in the Occupational Privilege Tax from \$10.00 to \$52.00. They unanimously agreed that this would only penalize the few people that work in Oakdale even though the title was changed to Emergency Services Tax.

## Oakdale Is In Line For \$100,000 Flood Feasibility Study

As a result of the Council's formal request for assistance from the Army Corps of Engineers, a field meeting was held on December 15, 2004 to discuss recent and past flooding in Oakdale Borough. The latest correspondence from the Army Corps (January 7, 2005) advised that Oakdale appears to be eligible for assistance through a Section 205 Program.

There are three phases to a 205 Program:

1. Feasibility Phase
2. Plans and Specifications Phase
3. Construction Phase

Their letter states that the Feasibility Phase will be paid by the Federal Government up to \$100,000. Oakdale must submit a letter of intent to the Army Corps to accept this project and a final determination will be made as to our eligibility. Borough Council has done that.

Our chances look good. We will keep you up to date as soon as we hear from the Army Corps.

## A Special Thank You

The Oakdale Borough Council would like to thank all of the residents for being patient with the new computer billing system. Your cooperation has been greatly appreciated.

## Youth Baseball/Softball Registration

The spring sports season is right around the corner! The Oakdale Youth League is having registration for the spring/summer softball/baseball season on February 12th, 13th and 19th at the Oakdale Community Center from 12PM-3PM. We hope to see everyone that is interested there!



## Local Fireman Honored

Congratulations to Bob Kolesky for winning the Fireman of the Year Award from the American Legion. Tom Monari, Commander of the American Legion Post 171 in Oakdale, nominated Bob and recently was notified that he had won. This statewide award will be given to Bob at their annual convention held in Philadelphia this coming July. Congratulations Bob...another example of putting Oakdale "on the map" and making it the special town that we all know it is!



# 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.

Once renovations are complete, the Oakdale Community Center will be available for weddings, banquets, etc. Please contact Connie Hoffman at (724) 693-9740 for hall rental information.

**Oakdale Youth League:** The Oakdale Youth League regular meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM. They will be held at PTI until the Community Center is finished. For more information, please call (724) 693-9494.

**Borough Fax Number:** The Borough has a new fax number. The number is (724) 693-0100.

**Garbage Restrictions:** Please keep the following points in mind when placing your garbage for pickup:

1. No tires or batteries in garbage.
2. Bundle all tree branches and bushes in four foot sections or they will not be taken.
3. Keep bags 40 pounds or under when putting grass or other materials inside. Thank you.
4. Bag all food and paper products.



# Upcoming Census Information

The United States Census Bureau has expanded the American Community Survey (ACS) throughout the nation beginning this past December. This survey will allow the Census Bureau to conduct a short form-only census in 2010 and provide socio-economic information every year, rather than just once a decade. Each month a sample of different households in each jurisdiction will receive the ACS questionnaire to complete and return by mail. Please be on the lookout and respond to this survey if you are chosen to participate.

Also, the Census Bureau is looking to recruit permanent part time workers to conduct interviews with households that do not complete the form. Interested persons can call the Census Bureau at 1-800-262-4236, extension 1 to learn more and to obtain an application.



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## 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 Returns:** Bingo will resume **March 5th!** 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.



Sometimes a man hits upon a place to which he mysteriously feels that he belongs.

W. Somerset Maugham

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

## Community Library Activities

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

**Teen Movie, 2/5 @ 4PM.**  
**Teen Advisory Board, 2/7 @ 6PM.**  
**Make A Valentine, 2/8 @ 6:30PM.**  
**Queen Of Hearts Storyteller, 2/9 @ 6:30PM.**  
**Tea Time & More, 2/12 @ 12PM.**  
**Karaoke Night, 2/17 @ 6PM.**  
**Teen Craft, 2/21 @ 6PM.**  
**Bordermania Scrapbooking, 2/25 @ 7PM.**  
**Chess Tournament, 2/26 @ 10:30AM.**

**Computer Classes:** The library will be offering computer classes for adults in conjunction with PTI starting the week of 2/14. The classes will be held in the afternoon and will last for five weeks. The exact day of the week and time will be announced soon. Call the library for more information.

**VITA:** The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers will be at the library to assist senior citizens and low income residents prepare their federal and state income taxes for 2004. They will be at the library every Wednesday until 4/13 and on two Tuesdays (2/15 & 3/1). Residents must make an appointment by calling the library. Federal and State Tax forms are available at the library.

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OAKDALE COUNCIL, AND ALL THE VOLUNTEERS  
WHO HAVE HELPED US THROUGH OUR TIME OF  
NEED. WE THANK YOU!**