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Editor's Corner

Hello Everyone... first, let me wish everyone a Happy New Year and I hope that all of you had a joyous holiday season! As we enter a new year, there are many things planned for the newsletter, both in print and also with our website. We will be launching new features throughout the year that we hope will become a great community resource.

I would like to personally thank everyone who sent me copies of their pictures of the Flood of 2004. I am in the process of sorting through the pictures, and hope to post them on the website soon.

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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OAKDALE TAXES WILL REMAIN AT 3 MILS!

The flood is behind us and we thank God for all of you who helped in any way to bring us back to where we are today. We've begun the New Year with a new hope and dedication to operate your business (Oakdale Borough) in the businesslike manner we are all accustomed.

Oakdale is the only Borough in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to cut real estate taxes TWICE in the last eight years. Most Boroughs have increased their taxes at least once during that time.

We also set up an emergency fund in the last eight years and that is the reason Borough Council could waive 2 ½ months of water-sewage-garbage billing as a result of the flood.

The Borough has been reimbursed \$143,000 dollars from FEMA thru PEMA for expenses incurred in phase 1 (debris removal). Reimbursement for flood related expenditures have been filed for phase 2 and phase 3. Whether there are adequate funds remaining for Oakdale to be fully reimbursed, remains to be seen. Borough Council is fully committed to not raise taxes, no matter the outcome of the FEMA-PEMA applications. We are all in this together. To keep Oakdale alive and vibrant we all must pay our fair share! Oakdale Borough Council maintains a strong fiscal policy and will continue our low 3 mil tax base.

Water-Sewage-Garbage bills must be paid on time. After two months arrears water will be shut off.

Real Estate Taxes must be paid on time. You are in arrears if your taxes are not paid by the end of the year that they are due. Legal action will be taken by the way of sheriff sale if taxes are not paid.

Earned Income Taxes will be subject to penalty or wage attachment if they are not paid in full by April 15, 2005.

Flood victims will be given special consideration.

Sincerely,

Borough Council

Huck Gamble
Russ Campbell
Keith Merlino
Jack Bateman
Jim Porter

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.

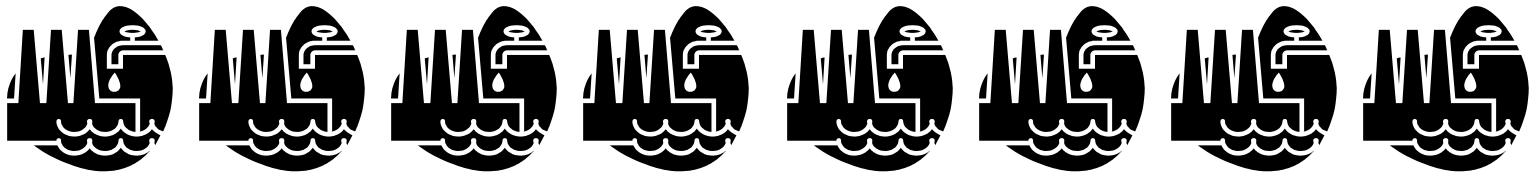


Mandatory Dye Testing Ordinance

The Borough of Oakdale has entered into a Consent Order with the Allegheny County Health Department that prohibits the discharge of surface storm water in the sanitary system. Because of that Order, the Borough has passed an ordinance that before the sale of a property, dye testing will be mandatory on that property. Below are the instructions for the dye test:

1. The form can be picked up from the Borough Office. The Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30AM until 4:30PM. The form can also be downloaded from www.oakdaleborough.com.
2. The inspection must be completed by a certified plumber at the expense of the applicant.
3. If the inspections passes, the completed form must be returned to the Borough Office with a fee of \$10.00, payable to "Borough of Oakdale". All forms found to be incomplete will be returned to the applicant for completion. Partially completed forms will not be reviewed or processed.
4. If the inspection fails and necessary corrections are not able to be made immediately, the property owner may request a "temporary certificate of compliance". More information is available through the Borough Office.
5. When dye testing can not be performed due to weather, the applicant must deliver a cash security of \$1,000 to the Borough and an executed "Statement of Acknowledgement from Purchaser" form. The Borough will issue a "temporary certificate of compliance" in accordance with the ordinance.
6. The Dye Test must take place within 45 days of the closing and the completed form must be submitted to the Borough at least 14 days prior to the closing.

For more information, please contact the Borough Office at (724) 693-9740.



Holiday Light Contest Winners

The Oakdale Volunteer Fire Department & Moore's Hardware would like to congratulate the winner of the 3rd Annual Christmas Lights Contest. The winner for this year was the Zimmer Family of First Street. They will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to Moore's Hardware.

Also recognized was the Fullum Family of Clinton Avenue for decorating although sustaining severe damage from last year's events. Congratulations to everyone!



Police & Fire News and Reminders

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

The police and fire departments would like to ask 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.

Animal Control: Please do not contact 911 for animal control. For those issues, please call the Oakdale Police Department at (724) 693-9639. If there is no answer, please leave a message and an officer will contact you ASAP.

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.



A pessimist sees the difficulty
in every opportunity; an
optimist sees the opportunity in
every difficulty.

- Sir Winston Churchill

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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 January at the Western Allegheny Community Library. For more information, contact the library at (724) 695-8150.

Tea Talk & More, 1/8 @ 12PM.
Teen Movie Night, 1/8 @ 6PM.
Teen Craft, 1/13 @ 6PM.
Fairy Tale Celebration, 1/19 @ 6:30PM.
Handwriting Analysis, 1/20 @ 7PM.
Teen Read-A-Thon, 1/29 @ 11AM.

Winter Story Times, throughout the month...call for details.

January is National "Hot Tea" Month, stop by the library every Friday in January for a cup of tea.



With all the events of the past few months, there has not been room in the newsletter to include pictures from some of the annual events in Oakdale that make our town so special. More of the pictures can be found on our website. Enjoy!

OHS Reunion



2004 Halloween Parade



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