

# Oakdale Borough Times

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## Editor's Corner

Hello Everyone...I hope this issue finds everyone well. 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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## Progress and Good News Report

Below is a community update from the Oakdale Borough Council:

- Thank you to the Oakdale Youth League, the volunteers, and donors who are working to make sure that **Greck Field at the Oakdale Borough Park** is ready for picnics, baseball, and softball.
- The **gasoline odor** in the center of town has subsided but we will continue to monitor this issue.
- The change in the **traffic pattern** in the center of town has greatly reduced traffic congestion during the evening rush hour. This has made it much easier for Oakdale residents to move about the town. The Council and Police will continue to monitor our traffic patterns.
- The owners of **properties** that are unsafe or otherwise unsuitable have been contacted by the Borough's solicitor. These owners are being asked if they intend to repair, sell, or demolish their properties. If the Borough does not receive a satisfactory response, further legal action will be taken.
- A goal for the past year was to reduce the turnover of our **Police Officers**. This goal has been accomplished and we are proud of the results. With lower turnover, our Police Officers are now better known to the residents and business owners and are better prepared to protect and serve. Make it a point to meet our Police Officers. They are here to help you.
- Council is once again researching renovations to the **Honor Roll** so that we can show the respect that is due to our veterans. Council was in the process of awarding a bid for upgrades when the flood came and we must now start the process again.

It's great to see our local **businesses** back after the flood. Please support them with your business.

Your Borough Council, Mayor, and municipal employees are committed to working with you to keep Oakdale "America's Hometown."

Ross Rohbeck, Mayor  
Huck Gamble, Council President  
Russ Campbell, Council Vice President  
Jack Bateman, Council Member  
Jim Porter, Council Member  
Keith Merlino, Council Member

## 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.

**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.

**Local Business Open:** Thomas & Little Funeral Home is proud to announce that they have officially reopened for business.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** There will be an Easter Egg hunt on March 26th starting at 10AM for Oakdale Borough children ages 3-12. It will be held at 402 Clinton Ave Extension in Oakdale. There will be prizes and refreshments provided.

## Oakdale Youth League Update

The Oakdale Youth League has been busy during the past few months to make sure that the almost 300 boys and girls who sign-up to play baseball and softball have a fun summer. This will be a special challenge because of the damage to Greck Field at the Borough Park caused by the September 17th, 2004 flood. However, we have had lots of help and are confident that the season will start on time. In fact, look for new bleachers, new infield mix, and new fences before the season starts.

Many thanks to a very generous anonymous donor, the Findlay Township Maintenance Department, the Oakdale Borough Council, and the volunteers who have helped to assure that our kids have a safe and attractive place to play this summer.

Plan to attend the OYL Night at the Races fundraiser on Saturday, April 16th, 2005 at the newly remodeled Oakdale Community Center. Doors open at 6PM and races start at 7PM. Tickets cost \$10 per person or \$15 per couple and include food, snacks, beer, soft drinks, and mixers. BYOB. Bring some old friends, make some new friends, and plan to have a great time. For more information or advance ticket sales, call Michele or Keith Merlino at (724) 693-2844.

Come and join us on a warm summer night to watch a baseball or softball game. Look for even more improvements at Oakdale's parks during the coming year. Let's play ball!

**Also,** the OYL is participating in a program sponsored by Giant Eagle where the league can earn \$250 for collecting \$10,000 worth of Giant Eagle and/or Dicks Sporting Goods register receipts. We are asking for everyone's assistance in Oakdale in collecting receipts, dated between February 24th and April 10th, 2005. A drop off point will be set up at the Oakdale Borough office, or the receipts can be mailed to Maryann Pelcher, P.O. Box 146, Oakdale, PA 15071. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Maryann at (724) 693-0512. Thank you for your support!

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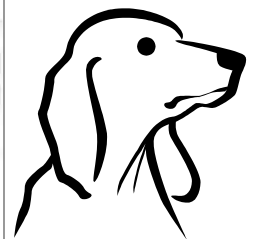
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## Police & Fire News and Reminders

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:** 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.



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## Community Library Activities

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

**Financial Security During The Retirement Years, 3/2 @ 10:30AM.**

**Teen Movie, 3/5 @ 4PM.**

**Pysanky Egg Decorating, 3/7 @ 6:30PM**

**Because Of Winn Dixie Day, 3/12 @ 1:30PM.**

**Handwriting Analysis, 3/15 @ 7PM.**

**How To Protect Yourself Against Identity Theft, 3/16 @ 7PM.**

**Balloon Sculpting, 3/21 @ 6PM.**

**Easter Celebration, 3/26 @ 1:30PM**

**Just Buggy Crafts, 3/26 @ 6PM.**

**Mother & Daughter Book Club, 3/28 @ 7PM.**

**Knifty Knitters, every Monday at 6:30PM.**

**One Book, One Community Program,** The book for this month is Fried Green Tomatoes. The viewing of the film will be held on 3/9 & 3/30 @ 11:30AM or on 3/10 & 3/31 @ 6PM. Southern snacks will be provided. Please contact the library for more information.



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