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Editor's Corner

Hello Everyone...I hope this issue finds everyone well as we begin May and school is starting to come to an end. Don't forget an Oakdale tradition is occurring this month! The **Memorial Day Parade** will be held in downtown Oakdale at 10AM on Monday, May 30th. The Memorial Service will begin immediately following the parade at the Oakdale Honor Roll. As always, refreshments will be available afterwards at the community center.

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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Holding The Line!

Borough Council has been busy for 3 months reviewing Borough Departments as to the cost effectiveness of each one.

- We met with Pennsylvania American Water representatives to discuss the possibility of selling Oakdale's water system. This was after a notice from P.A. Water that Oakdale's wholesale rate was being increased.

The company offered approximately \$600,000 for Oakdale's water system. Oakdale citizens would pay the same as all other communities that are served by P.A. Water, where the residents pay directly to the water company. The cost for every Oakdale water customer would have **doubled!** Council flat out rejected this proposal.

Even with new water rate increases to Oakdale's residents, we pay about half as much for water as many of our neighboring communities.

- We then met with BFI on a possible garbage collection contract agreement. After checking the price of a new garbage truck for the Borough, with an approximate cost of \$120,000 to \$130,000, we found it to be equal to 2 of the 3 mills of taxes we pay in Oakdale.

Our truck is 15 years old and has gone through numerous repairs. After the meeting where BFI offered just about the same rules on collection and even at a lower initial cost for the first few years to our citizens, we decided to purchase a new packer for the garbage truck chassis for \$50,000. We came to that decision because after further scrutiny, we found the packer is where numerous repairs were being made.

We presently have a crew of 3 men who do an excellent job. The occasional complaints are handled by the Borough Office. The bottom line is that our system works, so we are not going to fix it. Our packer is about shot so we will bite the fiscal bullet, buy a new one, and finance the purchase over 4 or 5 years.

- Our Police Department is beginning to stabilize. Council eliminated one of two full time positions due to budget constraints. Two officers were off with injuries. One has returned. We also have hired 4 new part time police officers. Our Officer in Charge was to return to work May 1st. It now appears he will be off indefinitely.

Mayor Rohbeck has done an excellent job in making sure we have around the clock police protection.

- The Borough Office will be open Monday through Thursday 8:30AM -4:30PM as usual, but close at 12PM on Friday.

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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.

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.

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.



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- The Borough Secretary has resigned and Donna Swider of Third Street has been appointed in her place with Connie Hoffman of Spring Street remaining as Assistant Secretary.

The office closing at 12PM Friday creates another savings of tax dollars.

The Borough Council must also face the reality of lost revenue due to the closing of Stylette Plastic and Joy Dog Food. Also, the reduction of real estate taxes due to the demolition of some flood damaged homes, with more demolition to come. We do not know if the Borough will be fully reimbursed by FEMA for all of our flood losses in Administration, the Honor Roll, Community Center, our Borough Park, etc.

We are committed to continue our tight fiscal policy and keep our taxes at 3 mills and ask for your understanding through all of this.

Sincerely,

Borough Council

- Huck Gamble, Council President
- Russ Campbell, Council Vice President
- Keith Merlino, Council Member
- Jack Bateman, Council Member
- Jim Porter, Council Member

9-17-04



5-4-05

Before & After



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.

CERT: On May 14th, the Oakdale CERT team will be sponsoring a Family Services Training course by the American Red Cross. For more information, please contact Bob Kolesky at (724) 694-9776 or Lea Lester at (412) 780-1403. Also several members of the Oakdale CERT team will be participating in the PNC Park disaster drill on May 7th.

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. Bingo is now **non-smoking**.

OHC Website: The Oakdale Hose Company is proud to announce that it has launched a website. You can find it at www.oakdalehosecompany.org.



Lack of will power has caused more failure than lack of intelligence or ability.

Flower A. Newhouse

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

Attention Local Merchants

Place your ad in the *Oakdale Borough Times!*

1/4 Page Ad — \$30.00
1/2 Page Ad — \$55.00
Whole Page Ad — \$100.00

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

- May 7 1:30 pm: MAKE A KITE - Grades 3-3
- May 9-14 ANNUAL SPRING USED BOOK SALE
- May 14 4:00 pm: TEEN MOVIE
- May 16 6:00 pm: TEEN CRAFT - Glow in the Dark Stepping Stones
- May 17 1:00 pm: SAFETY FOR SENIORS
- May 18 6:00 pm: BOOK NOOK - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

- May 23 7:00 pm: MOTHER/DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB Turnabout by Margaret Haddix
- May 23 6:30 pm: COOKING WITH A FLAIR - cold soups: \$5.00
- May 24 6:30 pm: MAKING A TREASURE CHEST
- May 25 6:30 pm: COOKING WITH A FLAIR - party foods-hot and cold appetizers: \$5.00
- May 26 6:00 pm: TEEN CRAFT - Everything Patriotic
- May 30 Library closed for Memorial Day



Gymnastics

Magician

Fly
FishingHoop
Shoot
ContestMartial
Arts
ExhibitionArts
and
Crafts

Senator John Pippy's

Family Fun Fest

Saturday, May 7, 2005

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Upper St. Clair High School

1825 McLaughlin Run Road, Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

Thanks to our sponsors, this is a no fee event: Citizens Bank, Eat 'n Park Restaurants, Highmark, Home Depot, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Pennsylvania-American Water Company, St. Clair Hospital, 84 Lumber Company

- Meet animals from the Zoo and Aviary
- Soar the Boy Scout climbing wall
- Performances by the Center for Theater Arts Broadway Kids
- Get ready for the great outdoors – take a fly fishing lesson
- Taste ice cream and frozen marshmallows made by the Carnegie Science Center
- Learn to cook – you'll make something delicious to eat
- Play "Don't Break the Bank", life size monopoly
- Build a birdhouse, jewelry box, other surprises
- Show your basketball skills in the hoop shoot contest
- Get in the ring for a martial arts clinic
- Needles will be clicking as you learn to knit
- Scramble through the 55' Safari Train
- Be creative with the many arts and crafts projects awaiting you
- Discover Camp Horsin' Around
- Have a souvenir family photo taken
- Red Zone Bungee Football is a must try
- Listen to the talented South Hills Junior Orchestra
- Explore a fire truck, military humvee, a smokehouse
- Health screenings and child safety programs

A fun-filled, educational day designed for you and your family! To see everything in store for you, visit: www.senatorpippy.com

