

# Oakdale Borough Times

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## Editor's Corner

Hello Everyone...Spring has arrived and Winter is behind us.

As we approach the warmer months, remember to let us know of any activities that you would like placed in the paper. From festivals to fundraisers, we want to know about it.

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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## Honor Roll

A community effort is needed to pay for total refurbishment of the Oakdale Honor Roll. It will be finished entirely in bronze. Our town will be proud of Oakdale's grateful tribute to the men and women who have served our country. The Honor Roll will be rededicated Memorial Day.

As you may know, signage and names on the Honor Roll were made mainly of plastic and laminates that were weathered badly. Then the flood came to add to further disrepair.

The Borough applied to FEMA for restoration money; FEMA committed only \$2,000 toward renovation, because we were going from plastic plaques to bronze for permanent results.

The cost of restoration is \$12,000, which leaves a \$10,000 balance to be paid by the Borough, money the Borough does not have due to the very tight budget for fiscal year 2006.

Oakdale citizenry, friends, and neighbors are a proud bunch as witnessed by the flood restoration and we are counting on you again to help—this time to meet the expense of your Honor Roll restoration. If you want to be part of this effort, please make checks payable to Oakdale Honor Roll. Contributors' names only and not dollar amounts will be published in the Oakdale Borough Times.

Mayor, Ross Rohbeck

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

Commander American Legion Post #171, Tom Monari

Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7070, George Green



## Earth Day 2006

Saturday, April 22nd, 2006 is Earth Day. The Oakdale Merchants Association would like to encourage Oakdale's residents and neighbors to join us for a morning of cleaning up our town. As part of the Great PA Cleanup, we will meet at the Gazebo at 9AM and branch out in small teams to pick up litter in the town itself and along the roads leading into and out of Oakdale. Please join us. We hope to have several volunteers who call Oakdale home so that we can finish in a few short hours. Any amount of time you can give would be very appreciated. Any small groups or individuals wishing to lend a hand, please contact Ann Hennemuth @ (412) 965-5975. It would be very helpful if we had an idea of the number of people that are willing to assist. Plastic gloves and garbage bags will be provided as well as cold water.

## Summer Events Announced

Below are this summers events for Oakdale Borough. Check back in future issues for more information.

- Monday, May 29th, Memorial Day Parade @ 10AM.
- Saturday, June 24th, Pittsburgh Banjo Band.
- July 15th through July 22nd, Fireman's Street Fair.
- Saturday, August 26th, Hawaiian Luau.
- Saturday, September 9th, Dixieland Jazz Spirit.



# Borough & Local News

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 Borough Office at (724) 693-9740. Note that no building permit is required for replacing sidewalks in front of your home.

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.

**Reminder:** PACE card holders please bring your card to the Borough office for discounted water and free garbage for 2006.

**Garden Club:** The North Fayette Garden Club meets the last Tuesday of the month at the Oakdale Community Center. If you would like to attend please call Colleen Stripp @ (724) 693-8910 or Pat Ewing @ (724) 693-8501.

**OMA:** The Oakdale Merchants' Association has information for local businesses. Letters have been mailed to businesses in the community detailing information on some of what has taken place within the Association along with applications for membership for the year 2006. Dues for 2006 are \$20.00 and are due at this time. We welcome any business or individual interested in joining to attend. For more info, contact Donna Dobos, at (724) 693-0191.



# Electronic Recycling

Americans discard more than 100 million computers, cell phones and other electronic devices each year. Researchers at Carnegie Mellon University estimate that 60 million personal computers have already been buried in landfills, and according to the National Safety Council, nearly 250 million computers will become obsolete between 2004 and 2009, or 136,000 each day!

A cathode ray tube (CRT) monitor contains two to eight pounds of lead. Printed circuit boards are laced with antimony, silver, chromium, zinc, tin and copper. Even household fluorescent light tubes contain trace amounts of mercury and older ballasts contain PCBs. Buried in a landfill, these items can potentially leach into the groundwater table. Prolonged exposure to some of the metals in electronic devices has been shown to cause abnormal brain development in children, endocrine disruption, and organ damage in adults (Smithsonian Magazine, August 2005).

You can do your part to reduce the chances of these byproducts getting into our groundwater table by recycling your old electronic equipment. Many schools are glad to have used computers. Goodwill Industries will also refurbish and resell used computers if the processor speed is relatively current. Used cell phones can be turned in at Cingular Wireless Centers. The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office will also accept and reissue used cell phones to those with potential domestic violence concerns. Call 412-350-6374 for more information.

While these programs help, there is much left to be done. It costs money to disassemble discarded electronics and reclaim the materials in the components. At present, the value of the reclaimed materials does not justify the cost to reclaim them. Several states have undertaken state-funded programs to manage discarded electronics, while others require retailers to accept and properly recycle them. Pennsylvania, however, has no such program. Visit [www.oakdaleborough.com](http://www.oakdaleborough.com) for a link for more recycling information.

# Pavilion Rentals

Oakdale Borough Park Pavilions will be available for rent as follows:

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS  
Available Now

OAKDALE RESIDENTS  
\$60.00 + \$45.00 deposit

NON RESIDENTS  
\$90.00 + \$45.00 deposit



Please contact the Borough office for more information.

## Ron's Lawn Service & Landscaping

- Mowing
- Fertilizing
- Seeding
- Mulching
- Planting
- Pruning
- Tree Removal
- General Hauling
- General Cleanup

*Call for a free estimate!*

**Ron Beaumont**  
HOME: 724.693.0259  
CELL: 412.480.9581

# Police & Fire News

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

We continually monitor what goes on in the surrounding communities and what new schemes people are using to take your money and identity. Remember, the first line of defense is for us to always know who we are giving our information to and why they need it.

This scheme has surfaced lately...a company calls and uses your bank's name and asks for critical information from your credit card, checking, or saving account. In every instance they talk very fast and continually use your bank's name as they ask you for your information. Once they get your information they use it to buy or withdraw from your account. If you listen to them it sounds as though they are your bank.

Do not give them your information, call your bank to verify and then notify your police department and we will work with you to contact your bank and the Attorney General to lodge a complaint.

If you are concerned with any issue that doesn't seem "right" do not hesitate to call 911 and one of your officers will come to your home and talk to you in person. We are the Oakdale Police Department, and we are here to serve you.

**Reminder:** Outside burning is against the law and is very dangerous. As the summer wears on it becomes even more dangerous. The only way it would be authorized is by permit.

Jim Lauria, Public Safety Director

**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**.

**CERT:** Please return the emergency form that was in the January issue. If you need another copy, they can be downloaded from [www.oakdaleborough.com](http://www.oakdaleborough.com) or contact the Borough office.

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.

Anne Bradstreet



## 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 and paid in advance at the Borough office. Contact the newspaper at (724) 693-8691 or [editor@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:editor@oakdaleborough.com) for more information.

FUNDRAISER

**EVERY TUESDAY**

**Texas Hold'em No Limit**

**\$50 Multi-Table Tournament**

**Oakdale Community Center**

104 Seminary Avenue \* Oakdale, PA 15071

6 p.m. Check-In 7 p.m. Start

\$40 - 100% Pay Out

\$10 - Entry Fee, Food & Beverages

\$30  
Single Table  
Tournaments  
Sit n Go

Dealers Provided For All Tables - Benefits Senior Citizen / Community Center

Contact (724) 693-0506



# Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

**Saturday, April 29, 2006**

**9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Settler's Cabin Park**

Wave Pool Parking Lot

Allegheny County

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**Fee \$2/gallon-CASH ONLY**

**Acceptable Items Include:**

- aerosol cans
- automotive fluids  
(motor oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, kerosene, brake fluid)
- batteries
- chemistry sets
- household cleaners  
(ammonia, drain openers, acid cleaners, oven cleaners)
- mercury thermometers
- paint products  
(latex, oil based, alkyd based, arts/crafts chemicals, rust preservatives, creosote, water sealers, paint thinners, furniture strippers)
- pesticides/garden  
(rodent killers, insecticides, weed killers, mothballs, fertilizer)
- photo chemicals
- pool chemicals

**Items NOT Accepted:**

ammunition, appliances, drugs, compressed gas cylinders (including propane tanks), radioactive materials/smoke detectors, explosives, flares, fluorescent tubes, leaking containers, industrial/commercial waste, bulk waste, medical waste, tires.

**Additional 2006 collections in surrounding counties**

**Cambria County, June**

**Butler County, August**

**Westmoreland County, September**

*(Call Westmoreland County at 724-836-4129 for fee structure)*

**Venango County, September**

**412-488-7452**  
**[www.swpahhw.org](http://www.swpahhw.org)**

*Sponsored by the Southwestern PA Household Hazardous Waste Task Force in cooperation with the Char-West Council of Governments*

