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Editor's Corner

Hello Everyone...as winter has finally found Oakdale, I hope that this issue finds you keeping warm as the temperature drops.

As always, when there is an event that is newsworthy, please don't hesitate to contact the paper.

You can 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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MUNICIPAL OFFICE and POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW HOURS / NEW STAFFING

Municipal Office

Oakdale Council has made the decision to reinstate office hours to full days, Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM. This was necessary due to the workload and made possible by the new office staffing.

Council is pleased to welcome the following new appointments:

Laura Ahlborn as assistant borough secretary, to replace Connie Hoffman who relocated to Wheeling, WV in October 2006. Laura started on January 22, 2007. Laura is an Oakdale resident who resides on Highland Avenue.

Kelly Rohbeck as assistant borough secretary, to be named borough secretary, whenever the current secretary, Donna Swider, retires on March 31, 2007. Kelly will start her employment on February 1, 2007. Kelly also is an Oakdale resident, residing on Clinton Avenue.

Police Department

Oakdale Council appointed Officer Charles Metz to the position of Interim Officer in Charge at their regular January council meeting. OIC Metz will be assuming the duties of Chief of Police Lauria. Chief Lauria was granted a 180 day leave of absence to train police officer recruits in Iraq.



Chief Lauria

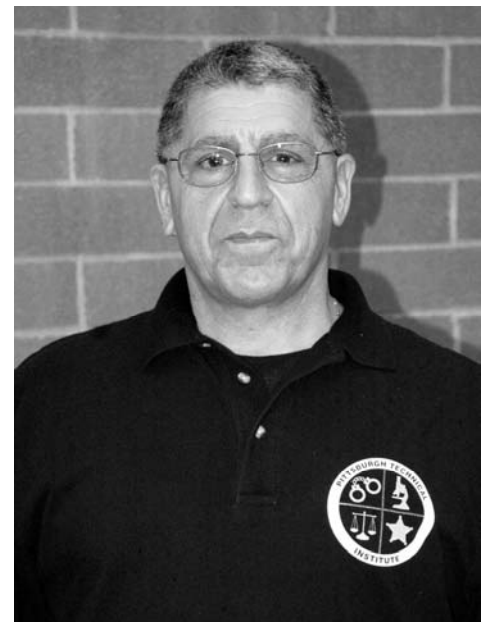
On deployment in Iraq:

I hope all is going well in Oakdale and ask that you please tell the good people of Oakdale that they can be proud of these young (and old) men and women in uniform. They are what America is truly all about. I would like one of our regular events to focus on that...giving thanks to our troops and civilians that are trying to bring a new and better life to some very poor and fragile peoples.

Chief James Lauria

Please note: Feel free to drop off any correspondence or messages for Chief Lauria at the Oakdale Municipal Office and we will make certain that it is forwarded to him in Iraq.

Monday, January 29th: We have just received word that Chief Lauria has already been promoted out of a training position into a Plans and Programming position.



Pavilion Rentals

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

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Available Now

OAKDALE RESIDENTS

Available Now

\$60.00 + \$45.00 deposit

NON RESIDENTS

Available March 1st

\$90.00 + \$45.00 deposit

Please contact the Borough office for more information.



Upcoming Community Library Events

KIDS

Preschool Story Times

Mondays: 10:30AM-11AM and 1:30PM-2PM, Ages 5-6 In Kindergarten

Tuesdays: 10:30AM-11AM, Toddlers 18months-2 years

Wednesdays: 10:30AM-11AM, Ages 2 & 3

Thursdays: 10:30AM-11AM and 1:30PM-2PM, Ages 4-5



February 17th @ 1PM: Mardi Gras – Grades K-5—We'll have our own Mardi Gras celebration with crafts, stories and activities.

February 19th @ 1PM: Great Color Caper—Grades 1-5—With high-energy, interactive, multimedia demonstrations on the scientific principles behind color and light, the Great Color Caper is the most spectacular show the Carnegie Science Center has ever taken on the road!

February 24th @ 10AM: Chess Tournament—Register now for the annual Chess Tournament for grades K – 8 sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chess Club and Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. In recent years, about 40 to 45 libraries throughout Allegheny County have participated. The tournament is held in two sections: Grades K-4 and Grades 5-8.

TEENS

February 3rd @ 1PM: Mother/Daughter Book Club—February's Book is *Dead Girls Don't Write Letters* by Gail Giles.

February 3rd @ 4PM: Teen Movie Night—We will watch the toe-tapping movie, *High School Musical*. Pizza and popcorn provided.

February 6th @ 10AM: Eat, Drink, and Be Reading—All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to bring their lunch and a favorite book to the WA Middle School library during their lunch period. We will hold a discussion of your favorite book. Contact Mrs. Swan (WACL) or Mrs. Banaszak (WAMS) for more details.

February 8th @ 6PM: Downtown Vibrancy Project Program—All teens and adults are invited to this special program. In a city like Pittsburgh where youth is the watchword, teens CAN make a difference. Neeti Bhatte, a student at WAMS will give a presentation about her experiences last summer with the Downtown Vibrancy Project. This group of teens explored the city and came up with goals and strategies, and is working on ways to make Pittsburgh a better place to live and work. Come and find out how you, too, can help. (Neeti will also be featured on the "On Q" TV program (WQED) sometime in February. Watch the library website for information.

February 13th @ 6PM: Duct Tape Roses—Just in time for Valentine's Day! Make them red, pink, yellow or even black! We'll also have some goofy fun and food.

February 19th @ 6PM: Groovin With the 60's—Time for the Beach Boys, Jimi Hendrix and the Beatles. Join us for 60's music, memories, and more.

February 22th @ 6PM: Girls Only Activity – Mendhi – Henna Tattoos.

For more information, contact the library at (724) 695-8150.



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 Laura Alhborn at the Borough Office at (724) 693-9740 for hall rental information. Note that there is **No Smoking** at the Community Center.

The appointed Borough enforcement officer will help process property code violators and eliminate eyesores in the Borough. Dan Felton can be reached through the Borough Office or at (412) 766-2565 for any comments or violation complaints.

Occupation Tax: The Occupation Tax for Oakdale Borough will remain at \$10.00 for 2007.

PACE: PACE card holders please bring your card to the Borough office for discounted water and free garbage for 2007.

Presidents Day: There will be garbage pickup and the Borough office will be open on Presidents Day, Monday, February 19th.

Reminder: 4th Quarter 2006 Earned Income Tax payments are now due.

Police & Fire News

Bingo: The Oakdale Hose Company's monthly bingo has resumed at the Oakdale Community Center on the first Saturday of the month. Regular games start at 7PM and the doors open at 5:30PM.

Garbage Reminder: Garbage should not be placed at curb side until the night before the scheduled pick up.

Police Update: With the cold weather upon us we advise that you prepare by putting blankets or extra warm clothes in your vehicle in case you were to breakdown or an emergency would arise. Also, please check on your elderly neighbors as the cold weather can take its toll on the older residents in our community.

Special notice should be taken whenever there is black ice on the roadways since this indicates very slick spots on the highway.

OIC Charles Metz



Love doesn't make the world go round.
Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.

-Franklin P. Jones



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.

Hometown Flavor

Double Nut Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 1 (18.5 ounce) package moist yellow cake mix
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup sliced almonds



1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Grease cookie sheets.
2. Melt the butter in a sauce pan over low heat. Pour into bowl and combine with cake mix and egg. Beat on low with an electric mixer until blended.
3. Stir in chocolate chips, pecans and 1/4 cup of almonds.
4. Shape dough into balls. Press top of ball in remaining almonds.
5. Bake for 9-11 minutes or until lightly browned.

-Yields 2 dozen.

ROCK Update

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The Rock is growing more quickly than we ever imagined! We have 145 members already and serviced over 2000 students in the three months we were open in 2006. If you haven't made it down to the ROCK yet, we encourage you to stop by and see the excitement for yourself! The ROCK is the perfect place to beat the winter doldrums because there's always lots of fun and laughter here! The ROCK is always looking for volunteers, and we invite you to join our team!

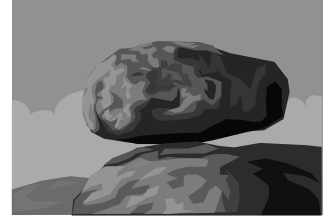
We are excited to announce we received funding for our After School Excellence Math program until June 2008! All fourth through sixth graders are eligible to join this innovative program, which has been proven to strengthen math and technology skills. The program runs Monday through Thursday from 4:15PM-5:30 PM.

The ROCK is available to be reserved for private birthday parties and other special events. We are also beginning dance classes, kick boxing classes and possibly a card club for adults. Please stop in for more details!

Grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30PM-6:30PM

Grades Sixth through Twelfth Grade: Tuesdays 7PM-9PM, Wednesdays 4PM-7PM and Sundays 9:30PM-10:45AM

Family Nights: Saturdays 7PM-10PM and every other Friday (2/9 and 2/23) for movie night 7PM-9PM



Oakdale Merchants' Association Update

The Oakdale Merchants' Association would like to take this opportunity to thank the community once again for their continued support with all that we have attempted to accomplish during the last two years. We would like the community to be aware of those things that we have contributed to or sponsored since the Association was established in May 2005.

We have held two fundraising events since the "Flood of 2004." Monies raised from both were used to fund each of those events, along with a donation for the renovation of the Honor Roll in May of 2006, sponsorship of the Memorial Day Celebration of 2006, donations for both the 2005 and 2006 Halloween parade used for treat bags given to the children, a gift certificate for the prizes given at the Luau in 2006, the "Help Keep America Beautiful Great American Clean-Up" event held in April 2006, and just recently a donation to the Kilbuck Lodge for the "Pathway to Scouting" Fundraiser.

Along with these donations, our business members have contributed a great deal of their time to make these events a success. We cleaned litter on all main arteries leading into the downtown area during the "Help Keep America Beautiful Great American Clean-Up" event, planted flowers before the Memorial Day Celebration, coordinated the Memorial Day parade and reception that followed, and volunteered during both Luau celebrations. We intend to continue to volunteer our time in the future to keep these events alive.

We are sponsoring the "Help Keep America Beautiful Great American Clean-Up" event in April, and the Memorial Day Celebration once again this year. We are also discussing other events that we would like to see happen in the future.

Our meetings continue to be held the second Thursday of the month at 7PM at the Community Center. Our next meeting will be held February 8th, 2007. We are always looking for new ideas and welcome any new member that wishes to join. We can always use an extra hand with all the behind-the-scenes work that needs to be done.

We will continue to strive to be a positive force within the community and hope that you will continue to support us in our future endeavors. We also ask that you continue to patronize your local businesses. Thank you once again.

Donna Dobas
Secretary, Oakdale Merchants' Association