

# Oakdale Borough Times

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## Editor's Corner

Hello Everyone...I hope that this issue reaches you after having a wonderful holiday season. As we look towards 2007, I hope everyone enjoys happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

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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## NO TAX INCREASE ! SEWAGE RATES CUT!

At a special meeting on December 20, 2006 the Oakdale Borough Council voted to reduce the sewage surcharge by \$2.00 per thousand gallons. The sewage project that was mandated by the consent decree is in the third year of a six year planned project. This project is bringing a 100 year old sewage system up to modern day standards. When the project began, it was estimated that to fund the project to completion, a surcharge of \$4.00 per thousand would have to be added to the residents' bills for six years. However, due to the aggressiveness of the Council and the Borough's engineer, the project is moving along at a faster pace and the cost is less than projected. The Council is hopeful that the majority of the work will be finished in 2007 and the entire project will be completed in 2008. Additionally, Alcosan has raised the user rate for all of Allegheny County. This will result in our user rate being raised by \$.25 per thousand. Both of these rate changes will be reflected in the January Sewage usage bill that will be mailed the first week in February so that the rate will be cut by \$1.75 per thousand gallons per month.



In other budget matters the Council voted to keep the tax rate at 3 mils. The garbage rate and water rate will also remain unchanged at this time.

The Oakdale Borough Council is committed to keeping Oakdale Borough a great place to live.

## Happy New Year!

Oakdale Borough would like to wish everyone a safe and happy new year! It is our hope that 2007 is filled with joy and prosperity for everyone in the community.



## OAKDALE BOROUGH CHIEF OF POLICE TO SERVE IN IRAQ

Newly appointed Chief of Police James Lauria has been granted a 180 day leave of absence request, effective January 7, 2007. He will return to carry on his duties as Borough Police Chief on July 7, 2007.

Chief Lauria has been asked on numerous occasions to serve in Iraq as police trainer of the Iraqi National Police by a Department of Justice contractor. He finally accepted the challenge and will serve, we are sure, in the same way that he has for Oakdale Borough...very fairly, efficiently and with the right amount of compassion and sternness as will be deemed necessary.

# Pavilion Rentals

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

## NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Available Now

## OAKDALE RESIDENTS

Available February 1st  
\$60.00 + \$45.00 deposit

## NON RESIDENTS

Available March 1st  
\$90.00 + \$45.00 deposit

Please contact the Borough office for more information.



# Boy Scout Fundraiser

Boy Scout Troop 248 would like to remind everyone there is still time to order you commemorative brick for the "Pathway to Scouting" fundraiser. We have had numerous orders but we are still a long way from our goal of \$5000. We would like to thank those who have ordered bricks. Order forms can be picked up at the borough building or from [www.troop248.net](http://www.troop248.net).



# ROCK

The dream of the ROCK has been to provide a safe place for youth and their families, and we are certainly finding that we are meeting that goal. Thankfully, it was never to offer a quiet place because there certainly is a lot of hustle and bustle of activity. One member said, "This place should be called the UFC." When asked why, he exclaimed, "This is an ultra-fun church!" When it's time to close up for the evening, the volunteers are getting used to the moans from the members and hearing, "Just five more minutes please!"

Remember, in addition to offering after school recreation and tutoring, the ROCK desires to connect families with community resources. We have a counselor available for confidential counseling and are also offering specialty classes in the areas of ballet/jazz, sign language, kickboxing, pottery, and aerobics. The ROCK is also available to be rented for birthday parties and other special occasions. We may also have some office space available for rent.

It's time for you and your family to become involved with the action! To become a member, each child needs to have a registration form on file signed by a parent/guardian. Please call 724-693-2777 or email [rock\\_oakdale@yahoo.com](mailto:rock_oakdale@yahoo.com) for more information. The ROCK is also looking for more volunteers to come on board of this exciting ministry.

Regular Hours:

**Tuesdays:** Grades K-6 from 4PM-6:30PM and Grades 6-12 7PM-9PM

**Wednesdays:** Grades 6-12 Open ROCK from 7PM-9PM, ROCK 'N at 7PM for all ages, and Men's Group at 7PM

**Thursdays:** Grades K-6 Open ROCK from 4PM-6:30PM

**Every Other Friday:** Movie Night from 7PM-9PM

**Saturday:** Family Nights from 7PM-10 PM

**Special Event:** Free Family Concert Night on January 20th at 7:30PM.



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

The newly 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.

**Thank You:** I wish to thank the McDonald Volunteer Fire Department in assisting the Oakdale Fire Department in repairing the flag pole at the Oakdale Honor Roll. Also, I want to thank the members of the Oakdale Masonic Hall Association for financing the repairs. Job well done!  
**Signed, Charlie Madden**

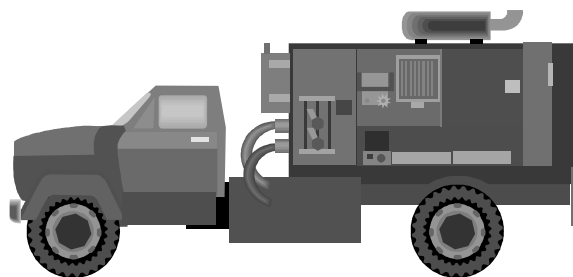


## Police & Fire News

**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.

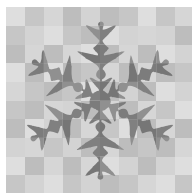
**Christmas Lights Contest:** Congratulations to Ross Rohbeck Jr. and his family of Clinton Avenue Extension for winning the 2006 Best Christmas Lights Contest and a \$25.00 gift certificate to Moore's Hardware. Honorable mention goes to the Radovich Family of Winslow Drive.

**Rescue Truck:** The OHC is proud to announce that they have received their new rescue truck.



One kind word can warm three winter months.

-Japanese Proverb



### 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.**

## Community Library

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.

### Teens

- Jan. 6: After Hours Teen Movie Night, 4PM-7PM
- Jan. 11: Teen Activity, Book, Movie, and CD Swap, 6PM-7:30PM
- Jan. 15: Teen Girls Only—DDR Dance-a-Thon—6PM-7:30PM
- Jan. 18: Teen Craft—Candle Making—6PM-7:30PM
- Jan. 20: 3rd Annual Teen Read-a-Thon—11AM-6PM

### Book Clubs

- Jan. 6: Mother/Daughter Book Club, Alphabet of Dreams by Susan Fletcher, 1PM
- Jan. 9: Ladies in Reading – Christmas Scrapbook by Philip Gulley, 7PM

Yakking Yarners Knitting Club, Mondays, 6:30-8PM

The Library will be providing free tax preparation by volunteers for elderly and low-income patrons starting February 7th.



# A Night of Magic and Illusion 12

**Benefiting the West Allegheny Forensics Team**

Saturday, January 27th, 2007

**7:00PM**

West Allegheny High School Auditorium

**featuring the magic of  
Jonathan DeBor & Nicole,  
Dustin Ashbaugh, & more!**

**Don't Miss The Magic, Music, &  
Excitement! Get Your Tickets Today!**

Tickets are only \$5.00 in advance and each ticket also enters you in a drawing to win a **\$150** dollar gift card to the Mall at Robinson!

For more information & advance tickets,  
call 724-695-3639 or visit [www.debor.com](http://www.debor.com)

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