

# Oakdale Borough Times

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## Editor's Corner

Hello Everyone...I hope this issue finds you staying warm as we get through the first major cold spell of the season.

It is the weeks like this that make us that much more thankful when spring, and finally summer arrive. Hang in there, and we will get through it!

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](mailto:editor@oakdaleborough.com). You can also visit our website at [www.oakdaleborough.com](http://www.oakdaleborough.com).

Until next time...

Jonathan DeBor  
Editor



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## Borough Reorganization

On January 9th Oakdale Borough Council held its reorganization meeting. Outgoing Council members, Jack Bateman and Jim Porter, were honored for their years of service and dedication to Oakdale. District Magistrate Anthony Savakis swore in newly elected council members: Keith Merlino, Tom Potts and Paul Hennemuth. Council re-elected Huck Gamble as president and Russ Campbell as vice-president. Council appointed Donna Swider as the real estate tax collector to complete the term of Ruth Snatchko, who recently passed away. Mrs. Swider was the former borough secretary/treasurer and the Council felt that it would be a smooth transition for the residents of the Borough. The other appointments that were made are as follows: Chief of Police, Jim Lauria; Maintenance Foreman, Bob Patterson; Borough Secretary/Treasurer; Kelly Rohbeck; and Borough Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Laura Ahlborn. The Oakdale Borough Council meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM in the Community Center.



## Pavillion 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.



# Local Taxes

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Local Taxes

- Q) What is the Annual Earned Income Tax?  
A) **The tax is 1% on earned income and net profits. The tax is always paid to the community where you live.**
- Q) Who must file?  
A) **Every resident of Oakdale Borough who had taxable earned income or net profits during any part of the year must file a Final Return Form WA40. This return must be filled even if tax was fully withheld by your employer or if no additional tax is due.**
- Q) Do working students need to file local taxes?  
A) **Yes, anyone who earns an income must file a local tax.**
- Q) Do renters need to pay local taxes?  
A) **Yes, anyone who earns an income must file a local tax.**
- Q) When to file?  
A) **All returns must be postmarked or delivered on or April 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid penalty and interest charges.**
- Q) Where to file?  
A) **Returns can be mailed to Earned Income Tax Collector, 6115 Noblestown Road, Oakdale, PA 15071**
- Q) Do I need to file a return if the company that I work for takes out the local tax?  
A) **Yes, everyone who earns an income must file a final earned income form.**
- Q) What Earnings are Taxable?  
A) **Wages, salaries, commissions, bonuses, tip, fees, vacation pay, severance pay, incentive pay, honoraria, profit distributions, sick pay (other than third party sick pay), exercised stock options from employers, employer-reimbursed moving expenses, deferred income for pensions and annuities and other forms of compensation as provided by the employer and early distribution (pre-retirement) of deferred compensation.**
- Q) What is Non-Taxable Income?  
A) **Interest and dividend income, social security benefits, active military pay, disability benefits, pensions, third party sick pay, lottery winnings, death benefit payments, gifts or bequest, unemployment compensation, supplemental unemployment benefits, public assistance and income from stock or trust.**
- Q) How are part-year residents are taxed?  
A) **If you were a part-year resident of Oakdale Borough, you are subject to the local wage tax for that part of the year as resident only. Verify payment to other Tax District with Copy of Tax Receipt.**
- Q) What is the penalty and interest charge?  
A) **All returns filed after April 15<sup>th</sup> will be assessed penalty and interest charges at the rate of 1% per month. Additional penalty and interest charges will be assessed for residents who have failed to make proper quarterly tax payments: 6% per annum plus 1% per month after January 31<sup>st</sup>.**
- Q) What documentation is required?  
A) **Documentation of earnings (Form W-2, 1099) net profits (Schedules C, F or K-1) and business expenses (PA Schedule UE), as filed with the State of Pennsylvania, must accompany tax returns. Taxpayers must supply the original document or a copy of the document. The tax office will not make copies or return documents.**
- Q) What happens if I fail to file?  
A) **Failure to receive a tax return does not relieve the taxpayer of the responsibility of filling a tax return and of paying the tax. Failure to file may result in a fine of up to \$500.00**
- Q) What is the cost for a returned check?  
A) **There will be a \$25.00 charge for checks returned by the bank for any reason.**

## 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 Alhorn 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 2008.

**PACE:** PACE card holders please bring your card to the Borough office for discounted water and free garbage for 2008.

**Presidents Day:** There will be garbage pickup and the Borough office will be open on Presidents Day, Monday, February 18th.

**Reminder:** 4th Quarter 2007 Earned Income Tax payments are now due.

## Local, Police, & Fire News

**Hometown Flavor:** Oakdale Borough is looking for more hometown recipes! So, if you would like to share a special family recipes please e-mail the recipe to editor@oakdaleborough.com or put a copy of the recipe in your water payment.

**Oakdale Youth League:** The times for OYL registrations are the following:

Wednesday, January 30th, 6PM-7PM  
Saturday, February 2nd, 1PM-4PM

All registrations will be held at the Oakdale Community Center. For more information, visit the OYL website at [www.leaguelineup.com/oyl](http://www.leaguelineup.com/oyl).

**Bingo:** The Oakdale Hose Company will be hosting their monthly bingo at the Oakdale Community Center on February 2nd, 2008. The doors will open at 5PM with early bird games at 6:30PM and the regular games beginning at 7PM. Please contact the Fire Department at (724) 693-0791 for additional information.

### Trivia Contest Answers:

#### Nicknames of the hills in Oakdale Borough

Turpin Hill (across the street from the post office)  
Dutch Hill (going up the hill near Huckleberrys (also known as the Open Pantry))  
Guys Hill (Highland Ave)  
Big Bug Hill (Ryan Plan area)

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Franklin P. Jones

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## Community Library

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

Wednesday, Feb. 6 - (1:15PM-2:15PM) **Angelina Ballerina**

Twirling, whirling, and swirling with our favorite dainty mouse... that ideas deserves a standing ovation! Point your toes and twitch your nose, then head to the library for some squeak-a-licious fun! All ages.

Saturday, Feb. 9 - (11AM – 12:30PM) **Chocolate...Unwrapped**

Valentine's Day is on its way and we're ready to celebrate everyone's true love...CHOCOLATE! Games, stories, and tons of fun!

Wednesday, Feb. 13 - (1:15PM - 2:15PM) **Winnie the Pooh...and the Library Too!**

Come with us on a journey to the Hundred-Acre Wood and where we'll laugh and play with Pooh and his pals. We'll enjoy stories, games and so much more! It'll be tigger-iffic. All ages.

Friday, Feb. 15 - (4:30 pm – 5:30 pm) **Freaky Friday**

Join us after school for this fun-filled, Friday after-hours "homework break" Listen to stories, play games, munch on snacks and make something fabulous to take home! Ages 6 and up.



# Hometown Flavor - Super Sunday Edition

## Hail Mary Hot Dogs

### Ingredients

2 (8-ounce) cans of refrigerated, crescent dinner rolls  
8 cheese-filled or regular hot dogs, cut in half

### Directions

Heat the oven to 375F.  
Separate dough into 8 rectangles -- firmly pressing on the perforations to seal.  
Cut each rectangle in half lengthwise, and place half of one hot dog lengthwise on one end of the strip of dough.  
Fold dough in half over the dog. Press short edges to seal, leaving sides open. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.  
Bake 11-13 minutes or until golden brown.  
Serve with ketchup, mustard and pickle relish, if desired.



## 100-Yard Bars

### Ingredients

6 cups Kellogg's Rice Krispies  
1 bag of white marshmallows  
3 tablespoons butter or margarine  
Green food coloring  
No-stick cooking spray

### Directions

Melt the margarine in a no-stick pan.  
Add the entire bag of marshmallows, and a few drops of the food coloring.  
Stir over medium heat until the marshmallows have completely melted. Add Rice Krispies and mix together well.  
Pour mixture into a 9" x 13" pan that has been greased or sprayed with no-stick cooking spray.  
Use a baggie that has been sprayed with no-stick spray to spread and flatten mixture.  
Cut into squares when the mixture is cool.




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## Lenten Spaghetti Dinner

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Youth League

Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from  
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

At the Oakdale Community Center  
\$6.00 adults \$3.00 children(10and under)

\*pre sale at registration gets one entry per sale  
for a \$25 gift card.

\*\* Eat in or take out. Bake sale available. \*\*