



## RECYCLING – GOOD DEAL GONE BAD! Recession hits Recycling Business

Our recycling program had gone from a nice profit monthly, depending on number of pickups, to approximately a \$200.00 loss because of increase cost from Greenstar plus citizens not following ground rules and flattening all cardboard before disposal.

Our program has had great participation by our citizens in doing our small part to help the environment. It also has caused a little less lifting by our Borough employees who collect the garbage.

The question is: Do we raise the garbage collection rate to cover the loss, or do we discontinue the recycling program?

Come to the Borough meeting, Wednesday, February 4th at 7:30pm and voice your opinion or do so by phone, e-mail, letter, or personally at the Borough office.

Your input is respectfully requested. Remember we represent you!

Signed,

Borough Council

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## Oakdale Hose Company to get it's 15 minutes (actually 30 days) of fame!

Its old news now, but the Oakdale Hose Company had received Federal Grants money in 2006, to purchase new personal safety equipment. One of the items purchased were new SCBA units. Dräger was the manufacturer of choice, and the vendor was Premier Safety, headquartered right here in Oakdale. These are a brand-new model for Dräger, and the Oakdale Hose Company was the first Fire Company in the United States to order, and then receive the units. As part of the partnership with Dräger, the Fire Company was asked to participate in a photo-shoot with the new product, for use in national advertising campaigns. The session was held in October, and in the month of December, a two-page ad appeared in all of the leading Fire Service magazines with a photo of two Dräger employees posing in front of Oakdale's Engine 215-1. In January, a new one-page ad will appear, featuring not only our fire engine, but 3 of our members as well. Ken Kline, Lee Hartman, and Jake Hartman are all featured in the ad. The original photos also included Eryn Ray, but unfortunately, he was left on the cutting-room floor when the ad was downsized.



## Oakdale Police Wants To Keep You Alerted!



This is a reminder that we send to you a few times per year. Whenever someone comes to you either at your home, on the street, by phone, or via the computer and attempts to get information that is personal or tries to get into your home and you feel uncomfortable...call 911 immediately. The police will respond in minutes and assist you with your concerns.

Remember; keep your outer doors secured so when someone knocks you can have a locked door between you and the person on the porch. Ask for their identification. If the identification doesn't look legitimate tell them to stay on the porch and you will call their employer or the police. Go back into the house, lock the inside door, and call 911.

Never give your personal information to anyone over the telephone. Because everyone knows how dangerous it is to ask for personal information over the phone, legitimate organizations don't usually do it. Be aware not to give information that can be used to access your bank accounts or steal your identity.

If you are making a purchase over the computer and you are going to give your personal information ensure the site is secure.

If you think you were "scammed" and did give someone personal information

and there was an identity theft call the police immediately and file a report. In Oakdale we have created a brochure that will assist as you go through the process of solving your problem.

You can contact the police department @ (724) 693-9639 or the Borough Secretary @ (724) 693-9740 to obtain a copy of the brochure.

With all of the concerns outlined above I want to alert you to an initiative that is being undertaken by the Oakdale Police, Fire and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) over the next few months.

The objective of this initiative is to provide you the most effective and efficient service possible. If you recall a while ago we attempted to gather data from our residents so we could create a data base that would allow us to respond to your needs better. We are now going to enhance our first attempt and create a much more in-depth data base.

Over the next few months we are going to have two interns from Pittsburgh Technical Institute's Criminal Justice program go through the entire community, every day, some evenings, and on week ends to actually meet and talk to you and ask you questions.

They will then input this data into a

secured computer system that can only be accessed by the police, fire, and CERT. So, if we are called to your home or business we know as much as we possibly can so we can assist with addressing your needs or resolving your problems.

Further, this data base will assist if there is a power outage or a water outage. It will ensure we know what type of assistance we need, when we need it and for how long.

Allegheny County 911 is moving to this technology over the next few years. Oakdale is being proactive and our system will be up and running in the next six months. So, when 911 is ready we can just transfer the data to their systems and it will be transparent to us.

The student interns will have PTI identification badges, displaying their pictures, with the Oakdale Police logo. Next month we will introduce them to you; have their pictures and names in the newsletter as well as an example of the forms they will be using to collect the data.

If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to call the Borough Secretary's office @ (724) 693-9740, the Police @ (724) 693-9639, or a representative of the Fire department or the CERT.

## Eagle Scout Ceremony

In February of 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its 75th Anniversary of serving the youth of America. Starting in February of 2009, Boy Scout Troop 248, Of Oakdale, will celebrate the build up to the 75th Anniversary with monthly activities promoting this huge anniversary date.

To kick off this year long celebration, Troop 248 is proud to announce the presentation of Scouting's Highest Honor, The Eagle Scout, to four of its members: John G. Cochran, John Miller, Michael

Gabriel, and William A. Leger.

The Eagle Scout Award is the highest honor a youth can attain in scouting. Only 2 of every 100 male youth in America are ever able to attain this prestigious honor. Scouts must earn 21 prescribed merit badges, serve in a leadership position, and complete a rigorous service project to benefit his church, his school, or community.

The awards ceremony for these 4 young men will be held on February 15th, 2009 at the Oakdale

Community Center. Doors for the celebration will open at 2PM. Open to all current and alumni Boy Scouts, this presentation will mark 67 Eagle Scouts from the troop and the community of Oakdale.



# Borough Information



The Borough Council meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Community Center at 7:30PM.

**Bingo:** The Oakdale Hose Company will be hosting BINGO on Saturday, February 7th at the Oakdale Community Center. Doors will open at 5PM with early bird games at 6:30PM and regular games beginnings at 7PM. Please contact the fire department at (724) 693-0791 for additional information.

**New Animal Control Service:** Effective January 1, 2009, Oakdale Borough has contracted Animal Control Service as the borough animal service provider. They can be contacted at (724) 746-4344 for any stray animal pickup. A service fee may be charged for animals other than dogs. As always, you can contact the Oakdale Borough Police by dialing 911 or (724) 693-9639.

**Occupation Tax:** The Occupation Tax for Oakdale Borough will remain at \$10.00 for 2009.

**PACE:** PACE card holders please bring your card to the Borough office for discounted water and free garbage for 2009.

**Presidents Day:** There will be garbage pickup and the Borough office will open on Presidents Day, Monday, February 16th.

**Boy Scouts:** The Friends of Killbuck Lodge will be hosting a Valentine's Day Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday February 14, 2009. The dinner will be held at the Oakdale Community Center from 3PM to 7PM. Proceeds from the dinner will be used for the rebuilding fund for the Boy Scout Cabin on Clinton Avenue.

Cost will be \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10 years of age. Dinner will consist of roast beef, potato, green beans, salad and drink. There will also be a Chinese auction. If you have something you could donate for the auction please contact Ron Parrish at (724) 693-9230.

One of the benefits of a town as small as Oakdale is that most of its residents know one another. Being an active member of the community is one of the main reason people love to live here. We invite you to get involved and volunteer in one or more of the many events that happen in our fine town. Please fill out the form below and mail it to: 6115 Noblestown Road, Oakdale, PA 15071 or return it to the Borough office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Area of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Related Skills: \_\_\_\_\_  
Previous Experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
Available Days & Times: \_\_\_\_\_

# Pavilion Rentals



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

### NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

**Now Available**  
**\$50.00 (security deposit)**

### OAKDALE RESIDENTS

Available February 2nd  
**\$110.00 (security deposit included)**

### NON RESIDENTS

Available March 2nd  
**\$145.00 (security deposit included)**

Photo I.D. will be required for all renters of the pavilion. Please contact the Borough office for more information at (724) 693-9740 or [ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com).

# Refrigerant Recycling Program



The Allegheny County Health Department and the Appliance Warehouse are offer FREE pick up of recycling of old refrigerant containing appliances. Please call 1-888-GO FREON (1-888-463-7366)

for more information.

### Program Details:

- Allegheny County Residents Only
- Curbside Pickup
- Immediately Available
- Ends when all funds are exhausted

- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water coolers
- No commercial appliances
- Recycling in accordance with the clean air act of 1990

## OAKDALE HISTORY—That's Where It's At!

Hello again from the Oakdale History Room,

Still not a lot going on in the History Room. Winter is upon us and me like everyone else is anxious for spring to get here. The Steelers are going to the Super Bowl, and Steeler Mania is everywhere. It reminds me of the time after the 2004 flood there was a fundraiser at Tonidale restaurant for all Oakdale businesses. I saw Jeff Reed, Louie Lipps and Clark Haggans who now plays for the Arizona Cardinals at the event. It's nice to know that with all the glory and fame pro-athletes receive that some can take the time out to help those in need.

I am still receiving info and pictures from Oakdale's past. I am still asking for any help, pictures or literature from all who read this to drop any information off at Sil's Market. Remember, anything you contribute will be returned.

This month's "Did You Know?":

The WPA, Works Project Administration, a project provided by the Federal Government in which they provide workers to improve the quality of life for the entire community. The WPA paved seven miles of borough streets and constructed the borough park during 1937. The stone walls at the end of Fayette and Vincennes were built by WPA in 1938 when the streets were extended to State Street (now Noblestown Road). The stones were taken from the rock quarry on Oakdale Road just past the entrance of McKee School. The quarry is now the new home of the West Allegheny School Maintenance Facility.

A special thanks goes out to the people who have contributed to the success of the History Room including Jack Ewing, Doris Picci, Bill Beaumont, Jim Bernard, Derek Moore, Carol Frankel, Ruth Graff, and anyone else that I may have forgotten. A special thanks to Laura Ahlborn, Borough secretary for her patience.

Gary Lauderbaugh  
Oakdale History Room



## A Look At Another Successful Oakdale Business Willow Creek Crossing a fine treasure to American's Hometown

A quaint country gift shop situated on the stone bridge located in the heart of "America's Hometown" Willow Creek Crossing is owned and operated by Donna Dobos. A warm, wonderfully scented, and friendly atmosphere awaits you upon your arrival. One of the things Donna takes pride in is her customer service.

The store opened on October 9, 1998, after complete renovation of the building by her husband Tom. They originally purchased the building in June of 1994 from Huck Gamble for the purpose of housing Tom's remodeling business. The storefront also turned out to be an ideal situation for Donna to open her own business.

After leaving the United Steelworkers International Union to raise a family, she was always involved in the creative industry from sewing to painting to teaching craft classes and dreamed of one day owning her own gift shop. She has also kept busy for the past 29 years as secretary/bookkeeper of her husband's business, Dobos Remodeling.

When asked, Donna stated that what she liked most about Oakdale is that there is so much history about such a small town and that the community keeps that history alive, even

those who have moved away. "I am glad that we decided to remodel the building to preserve the history behind the structure." It has housed so many establishments, but most notably the "Oakdale Pharmacy" with "Anna McGill Lytle (1903 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy) as the pharmacist;" and "Katy Metz," who owned the "eatery and penny candy store." She is also honored to be a part of preserving that history by keeping a framed watercolor painting of the original Oakdale Pharmacy hanging in the store given to her from Huck Gamble, along with antique metal signs found hidden beneath layers of the building. She also likes the fact that Oakdale has a traditional, pedestrian-based business district, something that she was accustomed to where she grew up.

Donna states that a few years back her youngest daughter made a comment to her that has stayed with her ever since. "She told me that she liked the fact that her dad and I had become a part of the history of the building and that we would always be remembered because of it." Donna stated that they both also like and collect the old and nostalgic, some of which is on display in the store. "I guess that is why Oakdale is so fitting."

Currently, Donna operates the store with the help from time to time of her daughters and a very dear friend. She would like to expand the business someday, but the flood and the struggling economy has not allowed her the opportunity just yet. There is always the worry of another flood when there are heavy rains, but says she is hopeful that one day necessary corrections will be made to prevent another catastrophe like the one in 2004.

Watch for upcoming spring and summer events at the store. She is constantly adding new inventory to the stores' current line. Stop in to see what's new for the season and also merchandise that is currently on sale! Visit the store online at: [www.merchantcircle.com/business/Willow.Creek.Crossing.724-693-0191](http://www.merchantcircle.com/business/Willow.Creek.Crossing.724-693-0191)

### WILLOW CREEK CROSSING



**\$5.00 OFF**

**Your next purchase of \$25.00 or more.**

**Excludes already reduced merchandise.**

**Expiration 2/28/08**