



Tough Times, But More Good News... **SEWAGE RATES CUT 15% STARTING IN FEBRUARY!**

Oakdale Borough Council voted last month at its regular meeting to pass the sewage budget for 2009. This budget includes a decrease in your sewage rate. The sewage surcharge that residents have paid for 6 years will be completely removed. Due to the aggressive approach that the council took, we have almost finished the projects required to comply with the Consent Decree and have saved enough to pay for the remaining work. Removing the surcharge constitutes a savings of \$1.00 per thousand gallons for each household. Also, as the long-time residents of Oakdale may remember, 20 years ago Oakdale Borough was required by the DEP to close our sewage plant and build an interceptor to connect into the Alcosan sewage system. At that point, Oakdale had to take a Pennvest loan. This July the loan will finally be paid off! The council had then planned on reducing the sewage rates by another \$1.00 per thousand gallons. However, Alcosan has raised their rate by 16% for next year, which equates to \$.50 per thousand gallons. The net result of all of this is that beginning with the February billing, the rate of the sewage portion of your bill will be reduced by \$1.50 per thousand gallons used. An average sewage bill based on 4,000 gallons water usage is \$39.45, rate cut \$1.50 per gallon X 4 = \$6.00. Monthly bill will be \$33.45 in February for an average bill. The forward thinking and careful management of the Oakdale Borough Council over the years have benefited Oakdale Borough residents. While surrounding municipalities are raising their rates, Oakdale is able to reduce its sewage rate, saving each household some money during these tough economic times. Happy New Year!

Signed,
Oakdale Borough Council



Oakdale Borough would like to wish everyone a safe and happy new year! It is our hope that 2009 is filled with joy and prosperity for everyone in the community.

Oakdale Borough Employees would like to say thank you to all the residents and businesses that dropped off baked goods and gifts to the Borough Employees!

Recycling Update

Your participation in our recycling program will put Oakdale ahead of most communities that are dealing with our environment and it's the right thing to do. It will provide our Borough men lighter garbage to throw on the truck. Finally it will and has decreased our dumping fee at the landfill considerably. Let's all pitch in!

In November, the Borough began a new recycling program. There is a drop-off site that we have located

next to the Borough building at 6115 Noblestown Road.

If you drive next to the Borough building you will see one (1) green dumpster where recyclable products are to be placed.

We now accept:

Newspaper, Magazines, Catalogs, Telephone/Softer Cover Books, Junk Mail/Envelopes (all types), Paper, Paperboard (cereal boxes, beer & soda carriers), Cardboard/Brown

Paper Bags, Plastic Narrow Neck Bottles, (soda, juice, water bottles, milk jugs, bleach/detergent, shampoo bottles), Metal Cans (tin/steel/aluminum).

Please don't include Glass, Foam Packaging, Styrofoam, and Light Bulbs.

We ask that you break down before placing them into the recycling dumpster. This site is open 24 hours a day, so there is not time restriction in bringing in recyclables.



A Special Thank You

Laura Ahlborn would like to say thank you to all the Oakdale Businesses who participated in making the "Holiday Cookie" gift basket a huge success! In addition, the Oakdale Hose Company donated Smoke Detectors, the Oakdale Police Department donated the "gift making basket", the Oakdale Borough Council donated the "Date Night Basket" and the Oakdale Borough Employees

donated the "Spa Gateway Basket". Through monies raised from the Chinese Auction, we were able to give Nathan, Al Zadrozny's grandson, and his family \$937.00 to help out with all their mounting bills. If you would like to help Nathan and his family, please make check the payable to Nathan's Fund, and mail it to 6115 Noblestown Road, Oakdale, PA 15071.

Thank you again for your generosity. Because of you, Nathan and his family will have had the best Christmas possible!



Message From Chief Lauria

We are working an investigation of the following complaint:

Someone called one of our residents and said they were from the "Oakdale Police Department" and they were soliciting donations. A resident received a call stating they are collecting for FOP and used the Oakdale Police Department's name.

Let it be clear. The Oakdale Police Department DOES NOT solicit for funds nor do any funds donated to the FOP help the Oakdale Police Department. This is important for our residents to understand.

Please be aware of anyone calling and soliciting donations for any and all causes. Personally, there are a number

of agencies who solicit funding and do great things with the money. Before you donate know who you are donating to, what percentage of your donation goes to the cause and what to the administrative cost. Just be aware.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the police department at (724) 693-9639.



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, January 3rd 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.

Borough Street Lights: It is appreciated, when a resident notices a street light out, if they would call Oakdale Police at (724) 693-9639 or (724) 321-4923. Thank you!

Senior Lunch: Are you over 60? Have lunch with us at the Oakdale Community Center. For additional information, please call Paul at (724) 693-8540.

Snow Removal: Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after cessation of snow. Clear a path of at least 30 inches wide. It is illegal to plow, blow or throw snow from the sidewalk onto the street.

Christmas Lights Contest: Congratulations to James Ratych and family of 515 Highland Avenue for winning the 2008 Best Christmas Lights Contest and a \$25.00 gift certificate to Moore's Hardware.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up: Oakdale Borough will be participating in the recycling of Christmas trees for Borough residents. During the month of January, residents may leave their Christmas trees on the curb and they will be picked up the borough workers on Wednesdays and recycled at the Composting site. The trees must be removed from the stands and may not

have any electrical cords, strings, ropes or tree lights still attached.

Tree: If you have a pine tree that you would like to donate to Oakdale Borough for the 2009 Christmas tree, please contact the Borough office at (724) 693-9740 or ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com.

Taxes: Unpaid 2007 Earned Income Taxes will be turned over to Jordan Tax Services, Inc, our Delinquent Earned Tax Collector, on February 1, 2008.

Upcoming Events: The OHC will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on 2/21 and "A Night At The Races" on 3/21.

Water Main Breaks: From time to time, there are water main breaks,. If you notice a water main break, please call the Oakdale Police at (724) 693-9639 or (724) 321-4923.

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.

Baseball & Softball Registration



2009 Baseball and Softball Registrations for the Oakdale Youth League

Registration is held at the Oakdale Community Center.

For more information, visit the Oakdale Youth League at www.leaguelineup.com/oyl or contact Al Pifer, President at (724) 693-8951 or Eric Fowler, Vice President at (724) 693-9830.

Baseball ages 7-12 ages and Softball 7-18 ages

T-ball must be 5 years old by August 31, 2009

Saturday January 24th
1:00PM – 4:00 PM

Sunday January 25th
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Wednesday January 28th
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM

Saturday February 7th
1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Registration forms can be found on the website at www.leaguelineup.com/oyl

OAKDALE HISTORY—That's Where It's At!

Hello, once again from the Oakdale History Room. Not much has happened since last month's newsletter. I am still trying to collect articles and information on Oakdale's History. Many of us, me included, have been very busy with the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas to concentrate on local history. That's alright; I am still asking for any information, articles, pictures, etc, that anyone or anyone you know may have.

I had a nice visit with Chuck Madden, a long time resident of Oakdale and former mayor at the store. He provided me with a lot of information about Oakdale that I did not know.

This month's Did You Know: Before 1892 Robinson Run Creek once ran all the way to the present site of the Oakdale Inn before it curved. Workers labored to dig a new channel redirecting the water to its present side, behind Watters Automotive to open up State Street to more development.

In closing, I would like to thank Jim Benard, Laura Alhborn, Derek Moore, Doris Picci, Carol Frankel, Chuck Madden, Ruth Graff and Bill Beaumont. My apologies to anyone I may have forgotten.

Until next month,

Gary Lauderbaugh
Oakdale History Room Director



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A Look At Another Successful Oakdale Business Get More at Moore's

Moore's Hardware has been a fixture in Oakdale for generations. Though the faces behind the counter have changed over the years, the one thing that has remained constant is the friendly and personal attention given to each customer who walks in the door. Whether you are an experienced contractor or the "first time do it yourselfer" you can always count on help finding what you need for the job.

The current owners of Moore's Hardware are Ted and Kathy Stipanovich. Ted and Kathy purchased the store from John and Audrey Moore in 1992. Named after the Moore family who owned and operated the store for many years, they decided to keep the name because of the recognition and reputation in the community.

Prior to owning their own hardware store in Moore's, Ted and Kathy both managed Miller Hardware stores in Bethel Park and McMurray respectively. With both Kathy and Ted having business degrees and a wealth of knowledge in the hardware business, they decided to go

into business for themselves. When looking for a location they knew they wanted it to be in a small town with potential to grow the business. Moore's turned out to be the perfect match!

When asked what they liked best about Oakdale, Ted and Kathy responded without hesitation "The people". We are so blessed with the support we receive from the residents of Oakdale. We have made many friends here and it is definitely "America's Hometown!" Like many downtown residents and business owners, their only concern is flooding. "Every time we get a heavy rain we worry." But like the rest of the people devastated by the flood in 2004, they knew they wanted to restore the business and stay in Oakdale. "We are constantly expanding our inventory selection and are celebrating our second anniversary of making the Stihl product line available to

our customers."

Ted and Kathy reside in Venetia, PA with their children T.J. age 19 and Emily age 15. Moore's Hardware currently has eight full-time and part-time employees and usually hires additional help in the spring.

Oakdale Borough is thankful to have Ted and Kathy as part of our "family" and pleased to have Moore's Hardware as an integral part of our business community.

An advertisement for a Stihl chainsaw. It features a photograph of a Stihl MS 290 Farm Boss chainsaw. To the right of the chainsaw is a white sign with black text that reads: "ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL FREE CHAINSAW CASE W/ PURCHASE OF STIHL CHAINSAW (while supplies last)". Below the chainsaw, the text reads: "MS 290 STIHL FARM BOSS® \$359.95 16" bar". At the bottom, there are two bullet points: "• Our #1 selling chain saw model" and "• Includes toolless fuel and oil caps with retainers, adjustable automatic bar and chain oiler, and side access chain tensioner".