



# THE OAKDALE TIMES

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## OAKDALE DISTINGUISHED MAYOR DIES AT 107

**JUNE AUSTIN**  
**1901 - 2009**



June Austin, a long time resident and friend of Oakdale passed away on Friday, March 13, 2009 at the age of 107. Born in Virginia on July 16, 1901, Mr. Austin ended up in Oakdale after taking a job with the Pennsylvania Railroad at the age of 18. He worked for the railroad until his retirement at the age of 66. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, gardening and repairing guns at home. June belonged to the Carnegie Presbyterian Church and was a member of the Oakdale Masonic Lodge F&AM #669 where he earned the distinction of 32nd Degree Mason. However, his accomplishments did not end there. In fact June was only just getting started!

The year was 1994. Having been retired from the railroad for 30 years, at the age of 94, June was asked to fill the job of Mayor of Oakdale which he gladly accepted. He

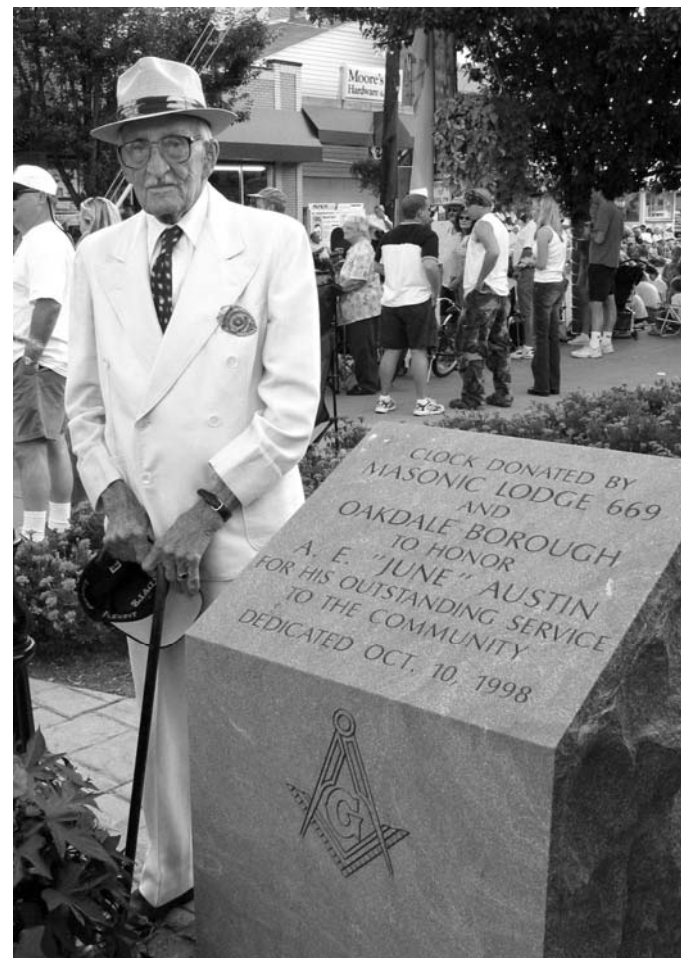
liked the job so much he ran for re-election in 1997 and won his second term in office. It was during his second term in office that Mr. Austin was recognized as the "World's Oldest Mayor" an accomplishment that exists and will likely remain forever in the record books.

Oakdale threw Mr. Austin the biggest Birthday Party ever and closed off the downtown streets in honor of the Mayor's 100th birthday. Together the Borough and Masonic Lodge dedicated a small monument in honor of Mayor Austin next to the town clock in October, 1998. After 8 years of public service, Mr. Austin decided against running for a third term and decided to retire "again" in 2001 at the age of 101 years young. June lived out the rest of his life in the town that he called home - Oakdale. June Austin will be surely missed.

His beloved wife, Emma Martha Shay Austin died in 1987. Mr. Austin is survived by his three daughters, Aleen L. (Frank) Hennemuth of Oakdale, Lattie M. (Norman) Smilnyak of Oakdale and Agnes J. (Edward) Study of Maryland, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Oakdale Borough Council along with Mayor Ross Rohbeck extends our deepest sympathies to the family of Mr. Austin.

And to June - because we know you're watching - a heartfelt "thank you" for all the memories!



# 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 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 Information



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

**Great PA Cleanup:** The date this year is Saturday, April 18th from 9AM-12PM. Oakdale Borough would like to encourage Oakdale's Residents and neighbors to join us for a morning cleaning up our town. As part of the Great PA Cleanup, we will meet at the Gazebo at the center of town at 9AM and branch out into small teams to pick up litter in the town itself and along the roads leading into and out of Oakdale. We are in need of volunteers to make this endeavor successful once again. Please join us; any amount of time you can give would be very appreciated. Any groups or individuals wishing to lend a hand, please contact Laura Ahlborn at (724) 693-9740 or [ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com). Gloves, garbage bags, vests, cold water, and both breakfast and lunch will be provided.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** There will be a Free Easter Egg Hunt for Oakdale Borough children age 3-12 on Saturday, April 11th at 1PM. The location is at the Lester residence, 402 Clinton Avenue Extension. Games, Prizes, Refreshments, and lot of fun!

**Easter at The Rock:** Saturday, April 11th

with doors opening at 5:30PM and dinner at 6PM.

**Good Friday:** The Oakdale Borough Office will be closed for Good Friday on April 10th.

**Scouting For Food and Ink Cartridge Recycling:** During the month of April Boy Scout Troop 248 will be participating in the annual Scouting for Food Drive. Scouts will be delivering bags to homes the week of April 13 and then the following week will be back to pick them up on Saturday April 25. Non-perishable items can be dropped off at the Scout Cabin on Clinton Avenue any Monday between 6:30PM and 8PM. All donations will be taken to the West Allegheny Food Pantry to help needy families in the area.

Troop 248 will be starting a new recycling campaign in Oakdale, which will be collecting used ink cartridges from personal or commercial printers. These used cartridges should be placed in a plastic bag and can be dropped off in the container at the Oakdale Borough Building or at Chroma Grapics Printing located on McKee Road next to Bibers Garage.

Any questions concerning Scouting For Food or the Ink Cartridge recycling can be directed

to Ron Parrish at (724) 693-9230.

The Boy Scout Troop 248 recycling bin for aluminum cans is now located next to the borough recycling site. Please note that only aluminum cans should be in the bags with no plastic or other forms of aluminum or trash. The last load we took had a lot of trash in the bags and it did cost us lost revenue.

### Oakdale Hose Company

#### Upcoming Events

**Bingo - April 4th & May 2nd**  
(there will be a Cash For Gold Representative on hand April 4th)

**Night At The Races - May 23rd**  
Horses \$20 (includes admission)  
(724) 321-5124 to buy a horse

**Golf Outing - June 27**  
See web site, or call (412) 292-0038 or  
(412)326-5144 for information

To submit to the newsletter, contact Jonathan DeBor @ (724) 693-8691 or [editor@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:editor@oakdaleborough.com).

## Oakdale History: "It's Where It's At!!!"



Hello again and my apologies for last month's absence of this column. Not that I didn't try. Somehow the transmission of my story to one of our borough secretaries, Laura Ahlborn through e-mail wasn't received, and as usual I sent it in so close to the deadline that it was too late to try to connect. Anyhow, I'm planning to tell you two stories this month to make up for it.

The first story in my "Did You Know" column is about the first church in Oakdale. Although, the first church service was held in 1889 at the old Oakdale Academy Building on Seminary Avenue just past what is now "Huckleberry's". The first church was a new building on the corner of Clinton and Robinson Street in 1890. This property is presently occupied by Joe Taraba's car repair garage.

After forty years of services, a new church was built on Hastings Avenue. Services started in the church in 1931 and have continued to the present day. As for the old church building, Joseph P. Hartman occupied it with a metal fabricating business. Many old timers remember this building as the "Tin Shop".

My second "Did You Know" story is about Oakdale's first school. It was on Clinton Avenue presently near Tom Taraba's empty lot in 1869. In 1886 a second room was added to the school. This school was also known as the Mudpuddle School because the roads weren't paved and sidewalks weren't built, so the children walking to school usually had to dodge mud and mud puddles.

In other news, we will be having an Open

House at the History Room on Memorial Day, so after the parade and festivities everyone is welcome to look back into the history of Oakdale.

I would like to thank Jim Bernard, Derek Moore, Rose Lutz, Doris Picci, Bill Beaumont, Ken Kronk, Wendy Hughes and borough secretary Laura Ahlborn for her patience and kindness. My apologies to anyone I may have missed.

P.S. I am still asking for help with the History Room or any pictures, articles, mementos, that can be shared at the History Room.

Until next month,  
Gary Lauderbaugh  
Oakdale History Room



# OAKDALE BOROUGH'S 2009 COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 11 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm	Easter Egg Hunt	402 Clinton Avenue Ext.
Saturday, April 18 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am	Great PA Cleanup	Gazebo Area
Saturday, May 16 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am	Community Flower Planting	Gazebo Area
Monday, May 25 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am	Memorial Day	Line-Up Near Fire Department
Friday, June 26 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm	West Hills Symphonic Band & Children's Art Show	Parking lot Between the Oakdale Inn and The Rock
Saturday, July 4 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00am	Independence Day	Line-Up Near Willow Creek Crossing
Saturday, July 18 - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Oakdale Hose Company Carnival	Oakdale Business District
Saturday, August 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 4:00pm	Luau	Oakdale Business District
<b>Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00am</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Time Community Yard Sale</b>	
Saturday, September 12 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00	Pittsburgh Banjo Club	Parking lot between the Oakdale Inn and The Rock
Saturday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Oakdale Borough Night	PNC Park
Saturday, October 17 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am	Community Tire Collection	300 Vincennes Ave
Saturday, October 31 <sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm	Halloween & Parade	Line-Up Near Willow Creek Crossing
Saturday, November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Oakdale Craft/Vendor Show	Community Center
Friday, November 27 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00	Light-Up Night	Gazebo Area



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Note that events are subject to change...check future issues and [www.oakdaleborough.com](http://www.oakdaleborough.com) for any updates.