



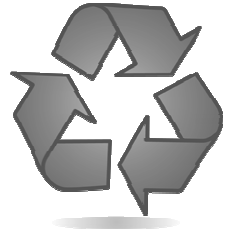
## Happy New Year!

The Mayor, Oakdale Council, Secretaries, Maintenance Crew and Police would like to wish everyone a safe and happy new year! It is our hope that 2010 is filled with peace, joy and prosperity for everyone in the community. Oakdale Borough Employees would also like to say Thank You to all the residents and businesses that dropped off baked goods and gifts to the Borough Employees. It is greatly appreciated!



### NEW RECYCLING PROGRAM – SO FAR SO GOOD!

The first two weeks of pick-up recycling has shown very few problems, less complaints, and a cash positive operation in place of the one that became costly. The recycling pickup more than doubled what was deposited voluntarily in the dumpster at the borough office for the first two weeks...about 3½ tons more! That means less garbage dumped at \$43.55 per ton and no average dumping fee of \$125.00 for recyclables per week. We have saved approximately \$400.00 the first two weeks of the program Thank you for helping get the program off to a good start. The more we participate and recycle the more we will save. Remember, it's your money!



### SEWER RATE INCREASE FOR 2010

Alcosan has once again, as reported in last month's newsletter, raised their sewage rates. The increase is 7% for next year which equates to a \$.30 increase per 1000 gallons of water used for each water customer. This rate increase will be reflected in your February 1 bill. An average sewage bill based on 4,000 gallons water used is currently \$33.45. The rate increase will change this to \$34.65.

### 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 1st

\$110.00 (security deposit included)

NON RESIDENTS

Available March 1st

\$145.00 (security deposit included)

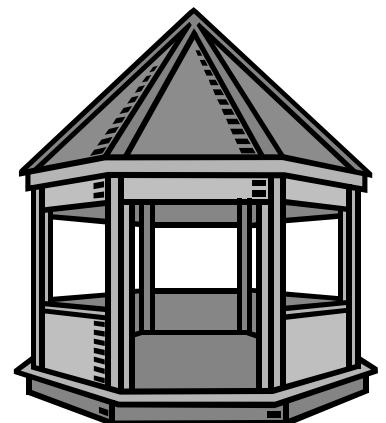


Photo I.D. will be required for all renters of the pavilion! Please contact the Borough office for more information at 724-693-9740 or [ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com).

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL WATER CUSTOMERS!**

OAKDALE BOROUGH IS BEING MANDATED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEP TO UPDATE OUR CUSTOMER RECORDS WITH EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION IN CASE OF A WATER EMERGENCY.

THIS SYSTEM CAN ALSO BE USED FOR ANY BOROUGH EMERGENCY SUCH AS A POWER OUTAGE, WATER BREAK OR UPCOMING BOROUGH EVENT.

IF YOUR EMERGENCY INFORMATION IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE BOROUGH, WE CANNOT CONTACT YOU IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW AND RETURN IT TO THE BOROUGH OFFICE BY JANUARY 31, 2009 OR EMAIL US AT [ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com)

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**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY PHONE #1 \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY PHONE #2 \_\_\_\_\_

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**2010 Baseball and Softball Registrations for Oakdale Youth League**

Registration is held at the Oakdale Community Center.

For more information, visit the Oakdale Youth League at [www.leaguelineup.com/oyl](http://www.leaguelineup.com/oyl) or contact Al Pifer, President at (724) 693-8951.

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

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

Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1:00PM – 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM – 4:00PM

Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Registration forms can be found on the website at [www.leaguelineup.com/oyl](http://www.leaguelineup.com/oyl)



**Bingo:** The Oakdale Hose Company will be hosting BINGO on Saturday, January 2nd 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.

**Snow Removal:** During winter weather, when shoveling sidewalks and driveways, remember that you are not permitted to shovel snow into the streets. This creates a problem for our road crew and other drivers, so please shovel the snow into your yards. Also, remember to keep walks and steps clear, to help prevent slip and fall accidents to pedestrians and mail carriers/delivery persons who must be out in adverse weather conditions. Violation of these offenses could result in fines.

**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!

**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 by 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.

**Meet & Greet:** Meet the Oakdale Borough Council Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. Residents are invited to meet the newly elected officials and bid farewell to those who are leaving. Following the reorganization and swearing in ceremony, a reception will be held. Refreshments will be served. **Council meetings are now held on the first Thursday of the month at the Community Center at 7:30PM.**

**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.

**Christmas Lights Contest:** Congratulations to Ron Parrish and family of 104 Jade Drive for winning the 2009 Best Christmas Lights Contest and a \$25.00 gift certificate to Moore's Hardware. Honorable mention goes to Susan Grimes of 203 Merriwood Drive.

**Water Main Break:** From time to time, Oakdale Borough has a water main break...if you notice a water main break, please call the contact Oakdale Police at (724) 693-9639 or (724) 321-4923.

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### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF, JIM LAURIA**

There are a number of issues that need discussed as we move into the New Year. Most significant today is the ice storm we experienced on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December. Oakdale and every police, fire, and EMS, responded to a number of accidents that morning. Even though our Public Works Department had been salting earlier in the morning it was extremely difficult to keep up with the freezing rain and the ice buildup.

What I think happens is that local drivers believe that because Oakdale is always clear of ice and snow that all roads leading into Oakdale are the same...they are not. Winter driving takes a great deal of "risk assessment" on the driver's part. That assessment begins with watching the news and weather to see what is going on. When the media says to "stay off of the roads" they usually mean everyone. In conditions that we had on the 13<sup>th</sup> it was important to stay off of the roads so emergency responders could move to salt and close roads and be prepared in case of a dire emergency.

On another subject..."Tis the season for vehicle break-ins." Remember, keep your doors locked; keep presents locked in the trunk of the vehicle and out of site. Don't give anyone an opportunity to take what you've worked so hard to get.

Remember, crime prevention is all of our responsibilities...when in doubt call 911 and report anything you see that doesn't look correct.

Please be safe and have a healthy new year.

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



## He Helps Keep Oakdale Smiling!

Seeking to escape the traffic, noise and hectic lifestyle that are often associated with working in the city, Dr. Tony Palmieri set out to find a small, quiet community in which to establish his dental practice. His search ended in 1995 when he finally settled in Oakdale.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh Dental School, Dr. Palmieri joined the Oakdale business community when he purchased the existing dental practice of Dr. John Chaklos.

"I like the close-knit, family feeling this community has" stated Dr. Palmieri when asked what he likes most about Oakdale. If he could change anything in Oakdale he would like to see less traffic and some additional parking in the downtown area. He also feels that a Health Food store and/or restaurant would be a nice addition to the existing business community.

Dr. Palmieri is appreciative of the support he has received from the residents of Oakdale and the surrounding communities. His practice is currently at the maximum number of patients with no immediate plans to expand the office. In addition to Doc and his wife Ermi, his office employs five additional people.

Oakdale Borough is proud to have Dr. Palmieri as a member of our business community and wishes him continued success!



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## OAKDALE BOROUGH SNOWMAN CONTEST

**Most Creative / Most Traditional / Biggest**

**Through March 1, 2010**

Oakdale Borough is seeking the most wonderful snowmen in the Borough! Send us photos of your snow creations to be considered in one of three different categories: Most Traditional, Most Creative, and Biggest. Send us an e-mail or mail them to: Oakdale Borough, 6115 Noblestown Road, Oakdale, PA 15071

**Enter Your Oakdale Borough Snowman Today! Here's what you must include with your snowman photo to enter:**

Please include your:

Name

Address

Telephone Number

E-Mail Address

Snowman Photo (as an attachment to the e-mail or as a photo if you send it US Mail...entries can be digital or regular photographs)

**Contest entries are for Oakdale Borough residents ONLY.** You may enter as many different snowmen as you like throughout the winter season until March 1, 2010. Photo entries will be available for viewing on our website shortly after they are submitted. All snowmen **MUST** be built during the 2009-2010 winter season.

Voting for Oakdale Borough's favorite snowmen will take place from April 1 through April 12. Votes can be submitted from anyone. (One vote per address and e-mail address, please.) The snowman with the most votes in each category will win a \$25 gift card.

So, let it snow! Oakdale Borough snowmen are coming!

