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IS IT EVER GOING TO STOP SNOWING AND WHEN IT DOES - - -?

This is the worst winter storm since the blizzard of March 1993. Oakdale Borough is struggling to get through the storm and we declared a Disaster Emergency with the county. First we were hit with 21.5 inches on the 5th and 6th, then another storm gave us six more inches on the 9th, and a third storm hit on the 15th with five additional inches of snow. Our one man road crew (Bob) would never have been able to keep up with this had it not been from the support and help of the following people: Dick Ackman, Ray Wolfe, Brian Eger, Rob Ostrander, Denny Watters, John Mazur, Ron Beaumont, Carl Baker, Jon and Andrew Little, and Tom Wagner, as well as many others that have helped plow, shovel and dig out our town. Thank them when you see them.

Pray that we continue to have a slow thaw and no rain toward the end of these storms for the result otherwise will be (God Forbid) another flood!

ESTIMATED WATER BILL

Due to the weather in February, Oakdale Borough was not able to read the water meters. Residents will receive an estimated bill for usage from 1/12/10 – 2/15/10. This estimated bill is calculated by considering past three (3) months average usage. If there are any adjustments (additional charges owed or credits) after we take actual readings in March they will appear on the next bill. Payment is generally due 20 days from the date the bill was issued. If payment is not received by the due date, a late charge of 10 % of the total bill is assessed.

RECYCLING, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our recycling program participation has not changed! There are still about 70% of the households not participating and that is costing all the taxpayers more garbage collection fees than we need to pay.

We can not operate a tight fiscal policy when the vast majority of our citizens won't help! We understand that this terrible winter weather has slowed everything down and recycling is no exception. We're counting on your participation so recycling will increase dramatically as the weather breaks and spring arrives. Please do your part!

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. Oakdale Borough needs **all residents phone numbers** for this emergency notification system to work. We need a phone number where we can reach the residents such as home number or cell numbers, not non-resident family members. Please provide us with two phone numbers to contact you directly incase of any borough emergency. **THIS IS MANDATED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION!** This system can also be used for any Borough emergency's such as a power outage, water break, or upcoming Borough event. If your emergency contact information is not received by the Borough, we cannot contact you in case of any emergency. You will see Oakdale Borough as the caller ID on your phone.

Please complete the information below and return it to the Borough office by March 15th, 2010 or e-mail us at ahlborn@oakdaleborough.com. **NOTE: WE HAVE ONLY RECEIVED 30% OF RESIDENT FORMS AS OF THIS MAILING!**

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMERGENCY PHONE #1 _____

EMERGENCY PHONE #2 _____

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Important!!!

IMPORTANT CENSUS INFO

As the 2010 Census gets underway, be sure you take steps to avoid being the victim of fraud or identity theft. How do you know if the person at your door is a valid Census worker or a con artist?

When the 2010 Census takes place, you will receive a letter from the Census Bureau Director, notifying you that, in a few days, your household will receive a form in the mail or a phone call from the Census Bureau, or a visit from a Census Bureau representative. If a worker comes to your door, they will have a badge, a handheld GPS device, perhaps a Census canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. ALWAYS ask to see their identification and badge before answering any questions. NEVER invite anyone you don't know into your home. Census workers will never ask to enter your home. Census workers WILL NOT ask for Social Security numbers, banking or credit card information. Anyone requesting this information is NOT from the Census Bureau. If you are still unsure of their identity, contact the Regional Census Center at (215) 717-1020 to verify.

Although you may be legitimately contacted by mail, telephone, or in person, the Census Bureau will NOT contact you by e-mail, so look out for e-mail scams. If you receive an e-mail purporting to be from the Census, it is phony. Delete it immediately without opening any attachments or clicking on any link.

Now that we've told you how to cautious, here are some reasons why it is important to answer the legitimate questions that may be asked:

Local and state governments use statistical information the Census Bureau provides to distribute money to cities and towns. It helps to plan and fund:

- School construction
- Hospitals
- Senior Centers
- Transportation systems and highways
- Police and fire precincts
- Public housing
- Future utility needs



Data analysts use census data to:

- Determine how cities are growing and changing
- Determine sites for new businesses
- Forecast future demand for products
- Determine sites for daycare and nursing care

Census information affects the number of seats out state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. People from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, or locate pools of skilled workers. An accurate count of our residents can benefit the community in the form of better infrastructure and more services.

Pavilion Rentals

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

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Now Available - \$50.00 (security deposit)

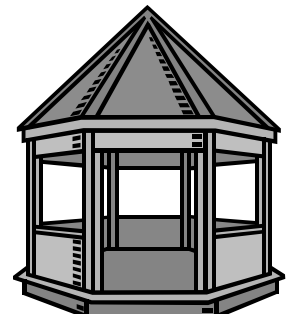
OAKDALE RESIDENTS

Now Available - \$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.



Bingo: The Oakdale Hose Company will be hosting BINGO on Saturday, March 6th 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!

Message From The Chief, Jim Lauria: 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.

Message from Steve Trusnovic: Oakdale Hose Company is asking residents to take a minute to clear the snow around the fire hydrants in their neighborhoods. Many of the hydrants got buried from the snow or snow plows clearing the streets. Now it's time to find them. If the citizens could dig it around where it's at least a three foot circle. That will save minutes off our response time which will save a lot of property and people's lives too. Also we want to remind people to clear the snow away from their gas meters. They say sometimes heavy snow can bend the pipes on the meters leading to a gas leak. Clearing the snow away from your mailbox is also highly recommended. The Post Office will not deliver mail to your home unless your mailbox is completely clear.

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.

MURAL IN CENTER OF TOWN!

As you all know Oakdale Borough is a small, close knit community that takes great pride in its appearance. Dubbed "America's Hometown" our friendly, small town atmosphere is important to our residents and a welcome change to our visitors. The downtown area of Oakdale houses our primary business district and serves as the central point for many community and social activities including our annual Halloween parade, concerts and annual street fair sponsored by our local volunteer fire department. This is where we need your help; Oakdale Borough is applying for Sprout Public Art 2010 Community Mural Application. We respectfully request that you write a letter of support on our behalf. We will need the letter mailed to us by Wednesday, March 24th. If you need any additional information regarding the Sprout Public Art Community Application, please contact the borough office. This mural will be a great addition to our downtown area and will unquestionably enhance the beauty of our town.

The Borough Council is presently pursuing options to purchase the vacant lot in the center of town from Mr. Deleuze with plans to convert the lot to a small community park with a fountain, trees and benches. These are council's initial ideas, but we hope you give us your ideas and thoughts for the empty lot and content of the mural to consider so that the most practical decision is finally made. Our thoughts on the content of the mural were to have a large oak tree in the foreground with a landscape scene (grass, sky, shrubs, etc.) in the background. This is contingent on requests applied for once a year for community eyesores.

A SPRING REMINDER FROM THE NORTH FAYETTE GARDEN CLUB

Spring officially begins on March 20th this year so it is time to start thinking about your garden. If you are on a small budget and want to get started with your gardening consider starting your own seeds. To start seeds indoors you will need: seeds, a sterile seed starting mix, clean containers (or peat posts, compressed soil, or soil blocks), labels to mark your plantings, a consistent light source (e.g., fluorescent grow lights), a consistent heat source (e.g., a waterproof seed starting heating mat), a clear plastic bag, and water. Begin by reading your seed packet, paying close attention to the germination period listed for your seed type. You want the plants to be ready to transition to the outdoors by mid-May so add the germination period plus two weeks and count backward from mid-May. This will tell you when to start your seeds indoors. Then pre-wet your soil medium and fill your containers (do not pack them) leaving a little room at the top for air circulation. Place your seed in the soil and cover as indicated on the back of the package. Mist the top of the soil and label your seed containers. Then place the containers in a closed, clear plastic bag until the plant sprouts. Place a waterproof seed starting mat underneath the container and keep the temperature between 65 and 75 degrees. Maintain a consistent light source for at least 12 hours/day. Once the plant has sprouted, remove the plastic bag, place the container in a tray, mist the top of the soil, and place some water in the waterproof tray. Keep the soil moist, not wet, and do not let it dry out. Once your seedling gets its fourth set of leaves, thin the seedlings with a pair of scissors leaving one inch between the seedlings. Remember to keep the soil moist, the air temperature and light sources consistent, and you will grow healthy seedlings. Happy gardening from the North Fayette Garden Club.

Message from the Boy Scouts

The Friends of Killbuck Lodge and Boy Scout Troop 248 held a Valentine Day Breakfast at the community center on February 14th and we were pleased to have served over 200 breakfasts. A Chinese auction with a wide selection of gifts was held and was well received by our guests. We would like to thank all those who attended and Tigg Corporation, Thomas & Little Funeral Service Inc., Molinaro Manor, Tonidale Auto Care, Pike Beverage and Bibers Garage who advertised on our place-mats. We are thankful for Oakdale Community who continues to support the rebuilding effort of Killbuck Lodge the home of Boy Scout Troop 248

Oakdale U. P. Church - First & Hasting Ave - Oakdale, PA

Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner

**Homemade Stuffed Pork Chop, REAL Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Fresh Baked Rolls
Fabulous Homemade Desserts!**

WHEN	COST	
Saturday	Adults	\$9.00
March 13, 2010	Kids age 5-10	\$5.00
3:30PM to 7:00PM	Under 5	Free



Real Home Cookin'

Take-Outs Available

For More Information

Call (724) 693-8950 or (724) 693-8438

Avoid Last Year's Sell Out!!

Call In Advance for Tickets!!

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!

