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CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP / MURAL - NEW PARK DEDICATION!!!

Saturday, November 27th @ 7PM!

Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

**Clem Rolin and the
West Hills Symphonic Orchestra!**

Mural Artist Diane Adams!

Santa will come to town on a new sleigh and there be refreshments as always. Be there for this glorious opening of the Christmas season! Pictures with Santa at The Rock!

TOWN MEETING - 35 PRESENT

With an overwhelming show of apathy, a little over 2% of Oakdale citizens showed up at the first town meeting in years. (See brief of discussion and information on enclosed yellow sheet)



LEAF PICK UP

Oakdale Borough Maintenance Crew will be having Our Annual Leaf Pick up on the following days.

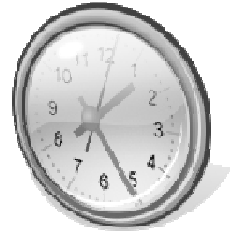
Wednesday & Thursday: November 10th & November 11th

Please rake your Leaves to the curb, no bagging necessary and no high leaf piles. Long narrow piles are easier for our maintenance crew to pick up. Maintenance will not rake the leaves to the street.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 7th at 2AM so remember to fall back!



ANNUAL TIRE COLLECTION

The Annual Tire Collection was successful once again! The Independence Conservancy and Oakdale Borough partnered once again to bring the annual tire collection to the community. It was held on Saturday, October 2nd at the Oakdale Borough Maintenance Garage/Boy's Home Apartments. We collected about 160 tires. It was a pleasure to work with the volunteers of the Conservancy as they continue to clean up our community.



ELECTION DAY

General Election Day 2010 will be Tuesday, November 2nd. Note that the Borough Office will be closed, but recycling will be picked up as usual. Voting for Oakdale Borough will be at the Oakdale Community Center.

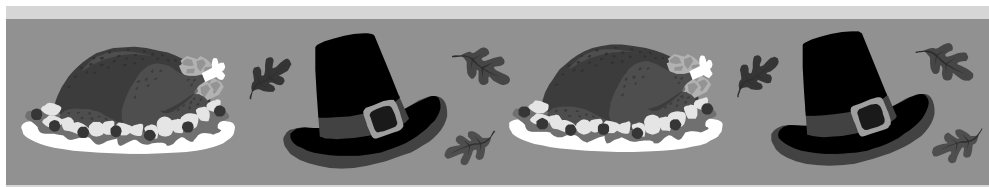


REMINDER

Unpaid 2009 Earned Income Taxes will be turned over to Jordan Tax Services, our Delinquent Earned Income Tax Collector, on January 1st, 2011 for collection. Penalties and late fees will be applied.

THANKSGIVING

The Oakdale Borough Office will be closing at 12PM on Wednesday, November 24th and will remain closed until Monday, November 29th for Thanksgiving.



MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF TRUSNOVIC

The Oakdale Hose Company will begin hosting BINGO on Saturday, November 6, 2010 with the doors opening at 5:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you know anyone with a United Way deduction program at work, that can donate to us. Our provider number is 4712!



FALL SOIL ENRICHMENT - NORTH FAYETTE GARDEN CLUB

Fall is the perfect time to prepare your soil for the spring planting season. Begin by testing your current soil for soil pH and a breakdown of available nutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorous, and potash. Most plants like a soil pH between 6.5 and 7.0 but some plants like more acidic soil so consider what you will be planting before adding things to your soil. The nitrogen, phosphorous, potash, and mineral needs of individual plants also vary so be sure to research your plant's needs before amending your soil.

Once you have tested your soil and conducted your research on the nutritional needs of your individual plants you may find that you have to raise (make the soil more alkaline) or lower (make the soil more acidic) your soil pH. To raise the pH add dolomite limestone or wood ashes. To lower your soil pH, add sulfur.

To address your plant's nutritional needs you may need to add several things to the soil. If you need to enrich your soil's nitrogen content, add animal manure or consider planting some green manures (also called cover crops). Be careful to till fresh animal manures into the soil in the fall in order to avoid burning the roots of plants in your spring garden. If you choose to plant green manures, consider planting crimson clover, winter rye, hairy vetch, or a variety of legumes in the fall and tilling them into the soil in the spring. Fall is also a great time to gather leaves and grass clippings to till into your garden soil. These items will add beneficial microbial properties to your soil.

If you find it necessary to increase the phosphorus content of the soil, add colloidal phosphate, rock phosphate, or bone meal. To increase potassium levels, add granite dust, green sand, or langbeinite. Always follow label instructions on these products when enriching/amending your soil. You can easily have too much of something and this will negatively impact your plants.

Happy gardening from the North Fayette Garden Club.

APARTMENT FOR RENT

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT FOR RENT
BOY'S HOME APARTMENTS IN OAKDALE
RENT - \$500.00 PER MONTH INCLUDES UTILITIES

Perfect for college students or a couple just starting out. **NO PETS ALLOWED!!**

Conveniently located just one mile from PTI and 2 miles from CCAC West Campus. Only five miles from The Mall at Robinson or The Point at North Fayette.

Call Kelly Rohbeck at the Oakdale Borough Office for more info or to make an appointment at (724) 693-9740 or email at rohbeck@oakdaleborough.com.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There is currently a bill (HR 2431 and related bill SB 1357) under consideration in the Pennsylvania State Legislature to make the county the smallest form of government in Pennsylvania.

If this bill is passed, Allegheny County would be the smallest level of government in our area. All of the smaller towns and boroughs would be forced to merge under the county. Under this structure, the county would be responsible for the services our Borough now provides.

This would likely lead to tax increases and our Borough Police and Fire services would probably be absorbed by whomever the county appoints.

If you oppose these measures please contact your State Representatives and State Senators and make them aware of your position.

The text of these bills, as well as contact information for your State Legislature representatives are posted on the Borough website at: <http://www.oakdaleborough.com/>.

Signed,
Oakdale Neighborhood Watch

Willow Creek Crossing Country Gift Shop

"13th Holiday Open House"

November 12, 13, & 14, 2010

Friday & Saturday 11am - 6pm ~ Sunday 11am - 3pm

"Come join as we celebrate the spirit of the Holiday Season!"

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