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NO NEW TAXES!

2012 Budget

Borough Council continues to maintain all services to Borough citizens with the same 4 mill real estate tax for the next year with the following cuts in operating cost:

- A 3 day part-time maintenance position that will not be filled
- Part time office staff will be reduced by one day in April due to legislation consolidating earned income tax collection. The office will remain open Monday through Friday, with the same business hours.
- A new law states bids are not necessary for expenditures under \$18,000. The Borough will not follow that position and continue to obtain 3 bids for any expenditure over \$4,000, and many times for expenditures under \$4,000.

The December Oakdale Times did report a 7% increase in sewage rates, plus a \$.50 per thousand gallon water rate increase. The November Oakdale Times reported an increase in garbage rates due to an increase in dumping fees. These are pass thru increases by Alcosan, Pennsylvania American Water, and Allied Waste, over which we had no control.

Had it not been for your help and cooperation with our recycling program, the increase would have been much higher. For example, in 2011 we dumped **179 tons** of recyclables at no cost to the borough. Without recycling, this tonnage would have been sent to the dump.

The stalwart position of the mayor and council is to maintain our sovereignty, while keeping up with our uniqueness as America's Home Town with our annual parades, concerts and celebrations of all our Christian, patriotic holidays and heritage along with other summer festivities.

For example, the 2012 budget has a \$23,900 deficit. It also has a \$10,000 expenditure for the 120th anniversary, concerts, etc. We are planning Oakdale's 120 year anniversary with a 3 day celebration starting September 7th, 2012.

If we raise enough funds to finance the 120 year anniversary, we hope to save the \$10,000, or most of it, by almost cutting our deficit in half.

It will take all 1,459 of us living in Oakdale to accomplish this goal.
We need your help!

Huck Gamble Council President

Wilson Sturgeon

Borough Councilman

Paul Hennemuth Council Vice-President

Tom Potts

Borough Councilman

Mark Maximovich

Borough Councilman

Earned Income: 2011 Earned Income Tax Final Tax Returns will not be mailed until February 2012 so that 4th Quarter 2011 payments can be applied. 2011 Final Returns are not due until April 15, 2012.

Bingo: The Oakdale Hose Company will be hosting BINGO on Saturday, January 7th at the Oakdale Community Center. Doors will open at 5:00pm with early bird games at 6:30pm and regular games beginnings at 7:00pm. Please contact the fire department at 724-693-0791 for additional information.



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.

2012 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 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, 2011

Saturday January 28 th	1:00PM - 4:00PM
Sunday, January 29 th	1:00PM - 3:00PM
Wednesday February 8 th	6:00PM - 7:00PM
Saturday February 11 th	1:00PM - 4:00PM

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



Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast: Plans are underway for the 3rd annual Valentine's Day Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast which will be held on February 12, 2012 at the Oakdale Community Center. The Friends of Killbuck Lodge will sponsor the event to continue to raise money for the rebuilding of the Boy Scout Cabin in the middle of Oakdale.

Breakfast will be served between 8 am and 2 pm and we will be having a Chinese auction. If you would like to make a donation for the Chinese auction please contact Ron Parrish at 724-693-9230.



Tongue in Cheek Words of Wisdom:

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

Halloween Prizes: Eight ghost and goblin costume winners from the Halloween parade have yet to pick up their prizes at the Borough Office. If you were wearing number 3, 20, 36, 48, 69, 80, 106 or 126, please bring your number down to the borough office to collect your prize!!!



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

\$120.00 (security deposit included)

NON RESIDENTS

Available March 1st

\$155.00 (security deposit included)

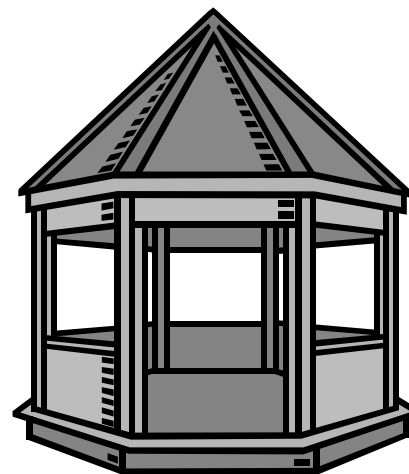


Photo I.D. will be required for all renters of the pavilion! Please contact the Borough office for more information at 724-693-9740 or merlino@oakdaleborough.com.

Troop 248 earns two National BSA awards

Boy Scout Troop 248 earns the BSA National Outdoor Challenge for the 2nd year in a row.

The **BSA National Outdoor Challenge** became available to troop and Venture Crews to earn in 2010. The purpose of the Outdoor Challenge is to encourage units and scouts to experience the outdoors and to broaden their knowledge of the advanced scouting skills and outdoor woods wisdom.

Troops must conduct a well-rounded camping and outdoor activity schedule, a long term summer camp or high adventure base program, as well as provide community service, and to have each scout in the unit earn one of the 24 advanced outdoor merit badges during the year.

This is the second year of this National BSA program and the second year in a row that Troop 248 has qualified for this award, and was the 1st unit in the Frontier District to earn this award in 2010.



Boy Scout Troop 248 earns the 2011 Gold Troop Performance Recognition Award

The BSA National Troop Performance Recognition Award is a new unit performance program, where scouting units measure and recognize the success of their program and the scouting program being offered to the youth. The program allows units to compare the program they are offering to youth against the National Scouting Standards and affords scouting units the opportunity to improve their program and set goals for the 2012 year. Units measure their performance against the 13 criteria areas of the National BSA for: Planned program, youth and adult training, advancement, and outdoor activities. Along with meeting the goals for the award, units must set goals higher for the next year to challenge them to offer a more diverse and expanded program to the youth they serve.

The award is offered in 3 levels of success for units: Bronze, Silver and Gold. The Bronze award requires earning 11 of 13 criteria met and 700 points, The Silver award requires 11 of 13 criteria met and 1000 points, and The Gold award requires the 11 of 13 criteria met and 1600+ points earned. Troop 248 was able to meet all 13 of the criteria areas + earn 2100 points towards this award.

Boy Scout Troop 248 reached another significant milestone in its' Scouting history, we are proud to announce our 75th Eagle Scout, Josh Phillips. Josh is the son of Max and Sue of South Fayette. Josh is an active member of St. Mary's Church in Cecil so it only made sense to do his Eagle project there. The project was clearing weeds, bushes, and trees on the hillside to make the church more appealing and visible from Rt. 50. He recruited fiends, parishioners, family and even the Cecil Volunteer Fire Department to assist with the project. The project was only part of the process of becoming an eagle scout he had to earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, 12 of which are required, hold a troop leadership position and demonstrate that he has lived by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life.



Once all the requirements had been met he had to sit on an Eagle Board of Review and was questioned extensively about his life as a scout and a Christian, his academic achievement and his views on current events. Those of us who sat on the Eagle Board of review were impressed with this talented and mature young man and were proud to award him the highest rank in Boy Scouting. Congratulations to Josh and his parents on this great achievement.

Congressman Murphy Announces New Commissary Receives Final 'OK'

Dear Friend,

On December 1st our region received great news. After six years of perseverance and determined efforts, the Pentagon confirmed final advancement on the building of a new commissary in our region.

Commissaries provide access to discounted groceries to military personnel, retirees, and their families, who can save more than thirty percent on purchases compared to commercial prices. This can mean thousands of dollars saved annually for those who volunteer to serve our nation.

In 2005, the Defense Base Closure Commission shut down the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility in Collier. As is typical when military installations are shuttered, other facilities connected to the installation are also closed. For our region, this meant the connected commissary would be closing, which would have been a huge blow to our over 168,000 military families and veterans.

When threatened with permanent closure, I began the process to ensure we not only kept a commissary but also get a new one built as soon as possible for active duty and deployed reservists and guardsmen.

So it is with great relief and excitement when the Pentagon announced no further obstacles remain and will move forward soon with construction.

This project is a testament to what can achieve when we refuse to give up on a project and your elected officials work together for the betterment of Southwestern Pennsylvanian families. As always, if you have additional concerns or need with military-related casework, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (412) 344-5583.



Celebrate what you want to see more of.
Tom Peters