



# THE OAKDALE TIMES

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## America's Hometown Weathers the Perfect Storm

It began in the early morning hours of Friday, January 12th 2018. A mid-winter thaw caused by unseasonably warm weather combined with a steady overnight rain to inflict the first of three, back-to-back-to back assaults on Oakdale. This first assault left Oakdale battling rising flood waters once again. Our first responders and residents battled throughout the morning and finally saw the waters recede just before 11:00 AM. Clean-up efforts were in full swing with all knowing that assault number two, dropping temps and a severe winter storm were only hours away. As the winter storm pounded Oakdale and the entire region, attention shifted to fighting Mother Nature and Old Man Winter on this new front! Now approaching the 24 hour mark, assault number three, a water main break and sewer pump station back-up issue attempted to drain the last bit of energy from those still left to fight. It was a difficult and challenging ordeal, but as always – America's Hometown responded and weathered the storm once again!

The Borough of Oakdale, all the departments and staff along with our residents responded swiftly and efficiently. The Mayor and Borough Council would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to everyone and anyone who put in time and effort to help our community weather this perfect storm! In no particular order here are some specific people and groups we would like to recognize.

The **Oakdale Hose Company** – a great job with early warning and containing flood issues, yielding minimal damage to the town and impacted businesses and residences.

The **Oakdale Police Department** –a great job with early warning, communications and traffic flow coordination.

The **Oakdale Maintenance Team** who are always ready to help when and where needed. Special thanks goes out to **Gary Lauderbaugh**, Borough Maintenance Supervisor, for his support and dedication throughout the day. Gary spent 22 straight hours out in the cold managing issues through all three crises.

The **Oakdale Borough Office Staff, Kelly and Laura**, for communication coordination and support for the Borough, the response teams and most importantly our residents with automated updates and warning calls throughout the day.

**North Fayette Township** for the continued and on-going support with this and other weather related disasters Oakdale has had to endure.

**Councilman Tom Potts** who assisted residents on his street and with clean-up efforts even as his own home was taking on water.

**Tom Meyers** for his efficiency and efforts to fix the water main break.

**The Residents of Oakdale**–time and time again the residents of Oakdale continue to step up to help and support their neighbors in times of crisis!

*We are truly blessed and fortunate to have such a great community!  
Oakdale - America's Hometown!*

### Special points of interest:

- WATER BILL ESTIMATED
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- PAVILION RENTALS
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January Council Meeting Update:

- ☐ Mayor Paul Hennemuth Swore in Bill Hartman, Jr., Al Pifer, and Dawn Ostrander for another four year term.
- ☐ Mark Maximovich was voted in as Council President and Tom Potts was voted in as Council Vice-President.
- ☐ The following appointments were made:  
 Gaitens, Tucceri and Nicholas as Solicitor  
 KLH Engineers as Engineering Firm  
 Jordan Tax Service as Earned Income Tax Collector & LST Collector  
 Jordan Tax Services as Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collector  
 Mark C. Turnley as Auditor  
 Building Inspection Underwriters of PA, Inc. as Building Inspector & Code Official  
 James Lauria as Chief of Police  
 Ryan McIntyre as Sergeant of Police  
 Kelly Rohbeck as Borough Manager

- Laura Ahlborn as Assistant Borough Secretary
- Gary Lauderbaugh as Maintenance Supervisor
- Observer-Reporter as Official Newspaper of Record
- PNC Bank for Bank of Deposits
- Robert Ostrander, Bob Cohen and James Goodwill as the Zoning Board
- ☐ Mr. Jonathan DeBor made a motion to hire Dan Sagina as a part time police officer.
- ☐ Mr. Jonathan DeBor made a motion to appoint Barb Piskorik to a three year term on the Western Allegheny Library Board.
- ☐ Mr. Bill Hartman made a motion to pass Oakdale Resolution No. 3-2018 authorizing the purchase of a Ford Interceptor Police SUV in the amount of \$30,010 from Woltz and Wind Ford.
- ☐ Mr. Al Pifer made a motion to pass Oakdale Borough Resolution No. 2-2018 opposing House Bill 1620,

- entitled “Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill”.
- ☐ Mayor Hennemuth reported that there were 98 varied police calls in December.
- ☐ Several members of the Oakdale Youth League were in attendance to tell council about a lighting grant they are applying for.

**Our next Monthly Workshop Meeting  
 Thursday, February 1, 2017 at  
 6:00pm.**

**Regular Meeting is Scheduled for  
 Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7:00pm.**



**WATER BILL ESTIMATED**

Due to the weather in January, Oakdale Borough was not able to read the water meters. Residents will receive an **estimated bill** for usage from



12/15/17 – 1/15/18. 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 February 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.



2018PACE: PACE card holders please bring your card to the Borough office for discounted water and free garbage for 2018.

**Oakdale Hose Company News**



**15th Annual Christmas Light Contest:**  
 Congratulations to Klein Family on Center Avenue for winning the 2017 Best Christmas Light contest. Honorable mention goes to all the residents of Winslow Drive for the most decorated street in the Borough.

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## Pavilion Rentals

Oakdale Borough Park Pavilions will be available for Rent as Follows:

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	OAKDALE RESIDENTS	NON RESIDENTS
Available January 4th	Available February 1	Available March 1
\$50.00 (Security Deposit)	\$125.00 (Security Deposit)	\$165.00 (Security Deposit)



Photo ID will be required for all Renters! Please contact the Borough Office for additional information (724)693-9740 or [secretary@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:secretary@oakdaleborough.com)

### WA ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The West Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame Program is a District wide, Community Based Program that was formed over five years ago to honor those Athletes that have excelled in Sports at W.A. and have gone on to distinguish themselves as productive members of our society. In addition, the Program honors those Coaches who have dedicated extraordinary time in support of Sports at W.A. If you know someone who may be worthy of this honor, Nomination Packages and an Outline of Qualifications for 2018 Inductee Consideration are now available at the Borough Office. A Banquet will be held on May 19, 2018, to honor this year's Inductees. The Deadline for submission of Nomination Packages is February 28, 2018. If you have additional information please contact Kelly Rohbeck at 724-693-9740 or [rohbeck@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:rohbeck@oakdaleborough.com).

### CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Oakdale Borough will participate in the recycling/composting of Christmas Trees for Borough Residents, again this year. Residents may leave Christmas Trees on the curb for pick up by Borough Maintenance Staff on 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. The trees must be removed from the stands and may not have any electrical cords, strings, ropes, ornaments or tree lights attached.



### LET IT SNOW, BUT RESIDENTS SHOULD BE PREPARED

With the winter season upon us, Oakdale Public Works Department has readied all its snow removal equipment and has over 150 tons of salt on hand. All Public Works Department employees are involved in snow removal operations in the borough from start to finish.

Salting operations start at the first sign that the roadways are starting to be covered with snow or ice. All borough-owned roadways are treated as well as state roads that are contracted by the borough. All roadways deemed unsafe throughout the storm will be treated as needed and as time

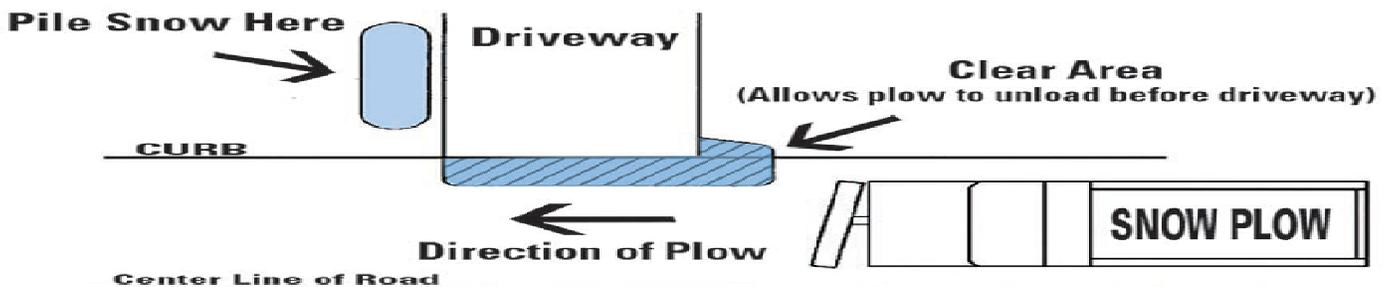
allows.

Snow plowing starts after all roadways have been treated at least once with salt or the accumulation reaches 1". All roadways will be plowed and monitored throughout the storm as needed. The last plowing pass will be done curb to curb. Please do not throw or blow snow back into the roadway after the plow has passed. This only creates a hazard for you or your neighbors when it re-freezes becoming harder to remove before the next storm.

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



## Driveway Plowing Policies



# America's Home Town Up Coming Events



## At The ROCK Youth and Family Center

**OAKDALE YOUTH LEAGUE: 2018 Baseball and Softball Registration** Online registration for the Oakdale Youth League 2018 Baseball and Softball Season Go to [www.oakdaleyouthleague.com](http://www.oakdaleyouthleague.com) to register. In-person registration is also available on:

Saturday, January 27, 2018 12:00pm - 4:00pm Oakdale Community Center

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:00pm - 7:00pm Oakdale Community Center

Registration is due by the end of February 2018.

For more information, email the league at [info@oakdaleyouthleague.com](mailto:info@oakdaleyouthleague.com) or call 412-327-4508.

The ROCK After school program runs **Monday through Thursday from 3:00-6:00 p.m.** and **Friday 3:00-5:00 p.m.**, for students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We have a few paid staff, but count on the faithful volunteers for the remainder of the staffing and programming. The more volunteers we have, the more opportunities we can offer the students.



We welcome volunteers that can give their time once a week or once a month. You can make a difference if you're volunteering for one hour or if you stay until closing. Listed below are the areas that we need on a daily basis and also ideas that can be offered as volunteers are available. Remember - just being with them and talking with them makes a Big Difference!

Homework Help: **3:00-4:30 p.m.**  
(Our #1 Need!)

Gym: Oversee games, organize games, enforce rules

Rec-Room: Play games with kids, organize tournaments

Café: Help serve snacks

Front Desk: Sign students in & out, Greet parents, Answer phone

Do you have any special talents/experience that you can share with the kids? Examples: ~ Dance/Cheerleading ~ Chess ~ Sports (Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, etc) ~ Music/ Instruments ~ Crafts ~ Exercise Program/Exercise Videos ~ Reading Club/Math Club ~ Sewing/Knitting/Crochet

CONTACT: Leigh Deigan at 724-693-2777  
[rockyouthfamilycenter@gmail.com](mailto:rockyouthfamilycenter@gmail.com)



All proceeds go directly to Oakdale Youth League.

The Oakdale Youth League is a youth organization dedicated to development and enrichment of community softball (slow pitch and fast pitch) and baseball in Oakdale, PA and surrounding communities.

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

Oakdale Community Center | Seminary Avenue | Oakdale, PA 15071

Doors Open @ 4:00 p.m.  
Bingo Starts @ 6:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$40 per person

Include (1) pack of 12 BINGO cards for 15 games,  
Full Dinner Buffet, non-alcoholic drinks/coffee, desserts

BYOB (21 and over)

Available for Purchase:  
Extra Bingo Sheets  
5 SPECIAL GAMES  
50/50  
Raffle Baskets  
Wine Slushies  
Wine by the Glass  
Bottle of Wine  
Bingo Daubers

Purchase tickets online at  
[bingo.oakdaleyouthleague.com](http://bingo.oakdaleyouthleague.com)  
or email Marla Gibson at  
[fundraising@oakdaleyouthleague.com](mailto:fundraising@oakdaleyouthleague.com)

ONLY 200 tickets will be sold. ACT FAST!!!

