



# THE OAKDALE TIMES

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## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE !!!

With summer fast approaching, it is important that the motoring public knows that the Oakdale Police are focusing on Moving and Parking Violations throughout the Borough.

The number of Moving Violations reported to us, this year, has spiked considerably. The complaints range from speeding on a small Residential Street to failing to obey School Bus Regulations. Every one of these actions puts our children at risk!

We have not previously focused on the Parking Issue, due to families having more vehicles than driveway capacity. The

Ordinance was created for a very good reason...to protect our children. A vehicle shields a child who may be playing in a yard and decides to run between cars into the street...it can be tragic. Our job is to eliminate tragedy at all costs. We will be issuing Parking Tickets for those parked in areas banned from parking, via the Ordinance.

You will see, at certain times throughout a week, two Officers on Duty. One of the Officers will be assigned to do nothing but Traffic Enforcement. The Officer will tow abandoned vehicles, as well. You will also notice "Speed Bumps" on certain roadways and streets. These are designed and intended to slow traffic down.

The Public will see the Electronic Speed Sign at different locations. The Sign serves numerous purposes. Obviously, not only to mark Speed but also tells us when the offenses occur and at what speed(s) vehicles are moving. This information will assist us in setting up "Speed" Enforcement Protocols.



All of this is being done for the protection of our Community. If you have a specific concern or issue you would like the Police to look into, please don't hesitate to call using our Non-Emergency number (724-693-9639) or contact the Borough Office (724-693-9740). You may write to us, as well, and drop off Information at the Borough Office.

As usual, if you see something that concerns you - or you have an Emergency - call 911 and an Officer will be there in minutes. *"If it concerns you...it concerns us"*

## MEMORIAL DAY 2017

Oakdale Borough's Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, followed by Services at the Honor Roll. Complimentary Refreshments will be provided, immediately afterwards, at the Oakdale Community Center, where the History Room will be open to the public. The American Legion Post 171 will also be sponsoring Poppy Day at the Oakdale Community Center. Any and all donations will be thankfully accepted.

**Attention all Scouts and Youth League Members!** It's important to march in the parade in order to pay tribute to our Veterans and the men and women serving our Country! To participate in the Memorial Day Parade, please line up at the Oakdale Fire Department at 9:30am.

**Attention Convertible Car Owners and Classic/Antique Car Owners!** We need your help with the Parade! You and your vehicle are needed to drive our Honored Guests during the Memorial Day Parade. Please contact the Borough Office at 724-693-9740 or e-mail [franchek@oakdaleborough.com](mailto:franchek@oakdaleborough.com).

### MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS

The Borough Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Memorial Day. **Trash will be collected on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, and Recycling will be collected on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.**



## **BOROUGH UPDATE**

### **APRIL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE**

- Council President, Mark Maximovich called the Meeting to Order.
- Mayor Paul Hennemuth led us in Prayer.
- Mr. Tom Potts made a Motion to pass Oakdale Borough Resolution No. 10-2017 to approve the Consulting Agreement with Christopher Burnikel regarding Grant Applications and/or Grant Writing.
- Mr. Tom Potts made a Motion to pass Oakdale Borough Resolution No. 11-2017 to approve the Consulting Agreement with Vernon Young of Zorbo Technologies, LLC regarding Information Technology Support Services.
- Mr. Tom Potts made a Motion to approve low bid of \$342,875.00 to Niando Construction for the SHACOG Joint Municipal Sewer O&M Point Repair Project – Year 6. Oakdale Borough's cost for this project will be approx. \$23,880.00.
- Mr. Jonathan DeBor made a Motion to hire Dominique Gerlach as a part-time Police Officer for Oakdale Borough.
- Mr. William Hartman, Jr. made a Motion to pass Oakdale Borough Resolution No.9-2017 to enter into an Agreement with Allegheny County in regard to the 2017 Capital Roads Reconstruction Project Number 7A00-1701 to pave the Oakdale portion of Seminary Avenue.
- Mr. Albert Pifer made an Announcement that The Rock will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon on Saturday, April 15 at 11:00 am in the lot across the street from The Rock's parking lot.
- Mr. Albert Pifer asked everyone to join us and help "Clean Up Oakdale" on Saturday, April 22 @ 9:00 am in the Gazebo area downtown.
- Chief Lauria reported that there were 103 varied Police Calls in March.
- Several residents commented on the Speeding problems in Oakdale. Winslow Drive was addressed, as well as Stop Signs being ignored in the surrounding area. Cars are not following the One-Way Signage on Maple Ave, especially during rush hour. Chief Lauria is going to write up a Plan for Council to review. Ticketing and Speed Bumps were discussed.

Borough Council Meetings are held at the Oakdale Community Center (104 Seminary Avenue) at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each month, unless otherwise posted.

### **PRC HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL COLLECTION EVENT: 9am - 1pm SATURDAY, MAY 6**

#### **NORTH PARK SWIMMING POOL PARKING LOT**

There will be a \$3/Gallon "Cash Only" Charge (a few exceptions apply) for accepted materials, which include -

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| • Aerosol Cans                     | • Mercury                                       |
| • Automotive Fluids                | • Paint/Paint Products                          |
| • Batteries                        | • Pesticides/Herbicides                         |
| • Chemistry Sets                   | • Photo and Pool Chemicals                      |
| • Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs) | • NEW IN 2017 - Camp Fuel/Small Propane Bottles |
| • Gasoline and Kerosene            |   |
| • Household Cleaners               |   |

### **PRC HARD TO RECYCLE COLLECTION EVENT: 9am - 1pm SATURDAY, MAY 13**

#### **GALLERIA AT PITTSBURGH MILLS**

Please Note that TVs will be accepted for a Fee. The Borough is not permitted to pick up TVs at the Curb, and TVs may not be disposed in Dumpsters, or with other Residential or Commercial Waste.

**Acceptable Materials & Associated Fees** (General Donations Accepted at all Events!)

#### **MATERIALS COLLECTED AT NO COST:**

Cell and Home Phones, CFL Bulbs, Computer Towers and Peripheral Equipment, Expanded Polystyrene Packaging Material, Microwave Ovens, Stereo Equipment, VCRs, DVD Players and Cable Boxes

#### **MATERIALS COLLECTED FOR A FEE:**

Batteries, CDs, DVDs, Floppy Discs, Fluorescent Tubes, Printers, Small Freon Appliances, Stereo Speakers, Tires (Car/Truck) - with or without Rims, Monitors (\$20), TVs (\$30), Projection or Console TVs (\$40)



## **A WILD SUMMER BEGINS AT WACL**

This Summer at the Western Allegheny Community Library is going to be WILD! Last year was our Summer Learning Program's inaugural year and it went fantastically well! In our second year, we're ramping up the fun to even higher levels. More camps. More mess! More art! More action! More opportunities to learn, have fun and discover! We're even offering a preview of the kinds of things we're doing: on Saturday May 20th the library will be abuzz with science and art programs for all ages so you can see what summer at the library will look like. The Carnegie Science Center will be here for some amazing programs all day long. All free! Of course, our 3-day summer camps are all free as well! Our Summer Learning Kickoff is Friday June 2nd from 6-8pm - games, food, FUN for the whole family! And camps begin June 12th! More details about our summer lineup coming. Find everything you need to know in our Summer newsletter and on our website in early May. We can't wait to see you and spend time with you this summer! Sponsorship opportunities are still available; if you're interested, please contact Amy McDonald at [McDonaldA@einetwork.net](mailto:McDonaldA@einetwork.net).

## **TROOP 248 NEWS**

Troop 248 of Oakdale is proud to announce we now have a total of 95 members who have earned the Rank of Eagle Scout.

Robert Chabalie became Eagle Scout #95. For his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, Robert planned and laid out his church's landscaping and recorded over 60 hours Community Service.

The Rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor a male youth can earn in scouting. Only two of every 100 male youth in the USA are ever able to earn this high honor. Please join us in offering congratulations to Robert Chabalie and the Chabalie family. Robert passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review and became Troop 248's 95th Eagle Scout.

PHOTO Robert Chabalie and the Eagle Board Committee: L-R: John Kanaskie, Mrs. Chabalie, Robert Chabalie, Kurt Ellenberger; BSA Advancement Chair/Frontier District, Scott Zanella, and Todd Shipley.



## **HONOR THE FLAG**

I am proud and blessed to call Oakdale, America's home town, my adopted home for almost 28 years now. A big part of the reason for my pride in Oakdale is the patriotism our people so conspicuously display; the cheering for our Flag and its Color Guard at the front of our parades, the quiet reverence for our memorial ceremonies, including the parts played by our flag and national anthem. That's how I know the good people of Oakdale are pleased to honor these emblems of our country.

I've noticed, even among the Veterans of my acquaintance, that most people are not quite sure of the proper way to observe these flag-related ceremonies. I humbly offer my assistance, hoping to remove any doubts about how to "do it right."

Below, I've cited the applicable U.S. Code, so you can look for yourself if you like. It's not as complicated as the Code might make it seem. You just stand and salute.



When the national anthem plays, face the flag and stand at attention with your right hand over your heart. If no flag is in sight, face the music. Men with hats take them off and hold them in the right hand. People in uniform render a military salute. When the last note has played, relax. Take a seat or go back to whatever you were doing.

When the Flag is being raised, lowered or is approaching to pass by you, like it does at the front of Oakdale's parades, stand and salute just as you do for the national anthem. Once the flag is all the way up, all the way down or has passed you by, well, THEN is the time to clap and cheer if you like. We can wait. Submitted by Lyle Grover, Commander, American Legion Post 171

*United States Code, Title 36, Chapter 10 Section §171. Conduct during playing of the national anthem Section §177. Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag.*

## **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, MAY 16**

Get Out and Vote! Tuesday, May 16, 2017, is a Primary Municipal Election Day, and Oakdale Borough Residents will have an opportunity to cast Votes at The Oakdale Community Center (104 Seminary Avenue, Oakdale), between 7am and 8pm.



*What we need are critical lovers of America – patriots who express their faith in their country by working to improve it.” ~Hubert Humphrey*



**Western Allegheny Community  
Historical Society  
PRESENTS**

**The Aetna Chemical Company Explosion  
"Horror and Heroism"**



**June 3, 2017 at 12 noon / Western Allegheny Community Library (181 Bateman Rd., Oakdale)**

West Allegheny Teacher and Former Coordinator of the Oakdale History Gallery, Dan Prevade, will host a Presentation on "The Aetna Chemical Company Explosion-Horror and Heroism" that occurred in Oakdale on May 18, 1918, and killed 200 people. Learn about this horrific event for not only the workers at the plant, but the effect it had on the entire town, and the heroism of the local townspeople.

**OAKDALE BOROUGH PARK PAVILION RENTALS: AVAILABLE NOW!**

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

**NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

\$100.00 (Security Dep. Incl.)

**NON RESIDENTS**

\$155.00 (Security Dep. Incl.)

**OAKDALE RESIDENTS**

\$120.00 (Security Dep. Incl.)



Photo ID will be required for all Renters! Please contact the Borough Office for additional information.

**RENT THE OAKDALE BOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTER FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT!**

The Oakdale Borough Community Center is available for Private and Company Events. Rental includes 8 Hours on day of Event (additional time may be purchased), use of Kitchen Facility and Reader Board Message. (Bar with CO<sub>2</sub> System included with Full Hall Rental.) Other Packages available. Please contact the Borough Office for additional information.

1/2 Hall Rental Up to 75 Guests

\$175 Rental Fee + \$100 Security Deposit

Full Hall Rental Up to 175 Guests

\$325 Rental Fee + \$100 Security Deposit



**SUPER BINGO REMINDER!!!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 6th \* OAKDALE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Benefits The Oakdale Hose Company**

**Doors Open at 6:00pm / Games Start at 7:00pm**

**Admission = \$25 for 12 Regular Cards and 6 Special Cards**

**\$1,000 Jackpot Game \* Kitchen Open!!!**

For Additional Information: 412-713-1281 (Rich) / 412-780-6528 (Steve)



**OAKDALE COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: SATURDAY, MAY 27th**

**9am to 2pm / Masonic Lodge # 669: Oakdale Meeting Room**

**5024 Noblestown Road, Oakdale**

Sponsored by the Masonic Lodge- #669 Oakdale



**MEET AT THE KILLBUCK LODGE!**

The Log Cabin known as Killbuck Lodge, located on Clinton Avenue, is available for use AT NO CHARGE by our Local Youth Organizations, generally any day except Mondays. The Lodge is also available for Private Tours. Interested individuals may contact Matt Cochran at 724-799-3970 or [cozziacres@verizon.net](mailto:cozziacres@verizon.net) for Appointments and information.