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Calling All Ghost and Goblins!!!!



Put on your costume & head on over to the Panhandle Trail for the Oakdale's Annual Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 31st. The parade will line up at the Panhandle Trail at 5:00pm, and will begin at 5:30pm, proceeding to the Oakdale Fire Department where the children will receive Treat Bags. "Trick or Treat" will take place from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Trick or Treating should be one of the great adventures of Halloween for kids! Be sure to go with your children or have them go with another adult or older child, and stick to the curfew of 8:00pm. Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see them. Costumes, including masks and shoes, should be well-fitted to avoid blocked visions, trip

and falls. Stay on sidewalk, whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic. Add a flashlight as a safety measure, and tell them not to eat Treats until they get home!

Remember that the Borough has had a "Curfew for Minors" Ordinance on the books for many years, and enforcement has become a priority in order to reduce vandalism opportunities and to keep our town safe.

The basis of the Ordinance is that it is unlawful for persons under the age of 18 to be in or upon the streets within the Borough at night during the period beginning at 11:00pm, and ending at 6:00am. Exceptions include cases when a minor is accompany by a parent or authorized adult, returning home following a school activity, returning home following job shift, and "reasonable necessity" as approved by the Borough Police.

For questions or additional information, please contact the Borough Office (724)693-9740.



Oakdale Borough Military Banner Program

Oakdale Borough has always taken great pride in the men and women who have served our country in its time of need. Now we'd like to take this opportunity to invite you to help us honor your friends and family who have served our great county. The Military Banner Program salutes our brave men and women who are currently serving and those who have served in the military by creating and displaying a 24"X36" military banner to be exhibited for years to come, between Memorial Day and Veterans Day. This program includes: **1.** Double-Sided 24"X36" Military Banner to be displayed by the Borough.

2. 12"X18" Military lawn Banner to be presented to the family for personal display. **3.** Mounting hardware to hang the bracket on a telephone pole. For more information, please visit <http://www.troopbanners.com/oakdale>. The one-time cost to join is \$110.00.

HELP US CONTACT YOU!!

Oakdale maintains an Emergency Contact System that can be used to reach out to residents with an informational telephone message in various crisis situations, including Flooding, Water Alerts, and other threats to Community Safety.

The System initially contains Home(Main) Telephone Number data from Oakdale Borough's Water/Sewage/Refuse Customer Records, and has been updated in cases where residents have provided information using the Emergency Information Sheet (previously mailed to Residents, and available on the Borough's Website). We strongly encourage residents to submit a completed form if you have not already done so, or if your contact information has changed. (Please note that some W/S/R Customer Records do not contain a Telephone Number!) The information can be submitted by printing, completing and delivering the form, which can be found on our website, or by clicking on the SwiftReach Portal Link and completing the on-line form. In the event of a critical situation such as a boil water alert, we can only contact you with information/ instructions if your current contact number is in our system! For questions or additional information, please call or e-mail (secretary@oakdaleborough.com) the Borough Office.



ATTENTION LANDLORDS

If you are a landlord and pay for water services for your unit (s) or building (s), we will need the phone numbers of your tenants to contact them. Please call 724-693-9740 and provide us with your tenants' information. It only takes a minute, and you can help ensure that your tenants will be informed of any events.

September Council Meeting Update:

- ❑ Mr. Tom Potts made a motion to advertise an ordinance amending part 2 licensing of transient retail businesses, section 201 thru 209 of the Borough Code of Ordinances.
- ❑ Mr. Jonathan DeBor made a motion to adopt proposed findings of fact and conclusion of law as to cancelling the laying out of Finance St., Zephyr St., and an unnamed alley.
- ❑ Mr. Jonathan DeBor made a motion to pass Oakdale Borough Ordinance No. 2017-3 authorizing the cancelling of the laying out of Finance St., Zephyr St., and an unnamed alley
- ❑ Mr. Bill Hartman, Jr. made a motion to approve payment request no. 2 for the First Street Waterline Replacement Project in the amount of \$57,111.16 to Border Patrol.
- ❑ Mr. Al Pifer reminded everyone that the Oaktoberfest is on Saturday, September 23, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm featuring our own Helicon Brewery Beer. There will be plenty of delicious German food, German entertainment and activities for the whole family.
- ❑ Chief Lauria reported that there were 102 varied police calls in August.
- ❑ A Cottonwood Ave. resident voiced his concerns of speeding on Cottonwood Dr. and he also had concerns regarding the condition of the house and yard of his neighbor who is renting. Council agreed to have our Building Code Official make an inspection of the property and report and violations.

Council Meeting is the First Thursday of the Month at 7:30pm at the Oakdale Community Center



A Guide for Citizens

The battle against crime is the combined efforts of police and citizens. Because police cannot be all places, all times – the Oakdale Police Department is dependent on citizen cooperation in the fight against crime. Many crimes could be prevented if more citizens would be alert for suspicious activity and take appropriate measures to notify police.

When should I call the police?

If you observe suspicious activity, even though you may not be the only witness, take the initiative and call the Police. Do not rely on someone else to act – this may never happen. You could be the only caller, and police questioning the individuals seen lurking in or repeatedly traveling through areas often deters crimes.

Many people fail to act because they are not sure if what they are observing is worth reporting or afraid of retaliation. When in doubt, call the Police immediately. Don't lose precious time discussing the event with friends or neighbors first.

How Do I Report a Crime?

If you suspect that a crime is happening or is about to be committed, please dial 911. You need not give your name. However, if you want a police officer to contact you, give your name, address, and telephone number and advise the Emergency Communications Technician (the call taker) that you would like to meet with an officer.

What is suspicious activity?

- A stranger around your neighbor's house or a strange vehicle parked near your neighbor's home.
- The sound of breaking glass.
- Anyone peering into vehicles or removing tags, gasoline, or auto parts.
- An improperly parked car, or a parked car with someone in it that seems out of place.
- Someone carrying property such as TVs, stereos, or tools that can be used to break into homes
- Apparent business transactions conducted from a vehicle or street corner.
- A constant flow of strangers to and from a particular house on a regular basis, especially during late evening hours.
- Persons involved in a fight or any explosion or scream.
- Door-to-door solicitations without an Oakdale solicitor's permit, or any stranger knocking on doors (burglars sometimes knock at the door first to see if anyone is at home).
- Recurring appearances of a strange vehicle in the neighborhood.
- Persons standing around, possibly acting as lookouts.

The Oakdale Police Department currently does not have fulltime staff to answer the phone. If no one answers the phone, listen to the answering machine message; it will give you a clear message on how to contact an Officer. Remember if you leave a message on the machine you feel is urgent and want immediate action, it may be a while before the messages are checked.

The Oakdale Police urge you to always go through dispatch; it is the quickest way to speak with an Officer. If it is an emergency ALWAYS dial 911.

The officers and members of the Oakdale Fire Dept have noticed cars blocking fire hydrants throughout the town. This is a dangerous and illegal practice, seconds count in a fire and the delays caused by cars parked too close or in front of a hydrant will cause significant delays. Pennsylvania law prohibits parking within 15 feet of any fire hydrant, even for a couple minutes.



My street light is out, who should I call?

For street lights that are out or flickering, call the borough at 724-693-9740. If you can get a pole number, that is helpful, otherwise we'll need an address of the pole's location.

Oakdale Borough Maintenance Crew will be having our Annual Leaf Pick up on the following day: Friday, October 27th. Please rake your leaves to the curb, no high leaf piles and bagging is not necessary. No limbs, sticks or garbage in the leaves. Long narrow piles are easier for the maintenance crew to pick up. Maintenance will not rake the leaves to the street. More dates will be added in November.



HARD TO RECYCLE COLECTION EVENT



**Settlers Cabin Park
Wave Pool
635 Ridge Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15205
Saturday, October 7, 2017
9am - 1pm**

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

FEE CHARGED:

- * alkaline batteries * CDs, DVDs, floppy discs * fluorescent tubes * printers
- * small Freon appliances * stereo speakers
- * tires (car/truck) with and without rim
- * computer monitor \$ 20
- * television \$ 30
- * projection or console TV \$ 40

For questions, directions or a detailed list of items and fees
www.prc.org
412-488-7490 ext 103



**WESTERN ALLEGHENY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

Pumpkins, Leaves, Tricks, & Treats! October Program Highlights @ the Library

HALLOWEEN COSTUME GIVEAWAY & TRICK-OR-TREAT SAFETY Saturday, October 7, 10:00—1:30 p.m.

Join Troop 50515 for a fun & educational Halloween program. There will be games and activities to encourage safe Trick-or-Treat, goodie bags, and free costume giveaways (while supplies last)! Also, donate your gently used costumes to the cause—ask for details!

**FALL PUMPKIN PAINTING
Sunday, October 8, 1:00—2:30 p.m.**

Get in the Fall spirit and paint a pumpkin for your house! Materials will be provided, and each participant will receive a pumpkin. All ages are welcome!

**BACKYARD HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday, October 15, 1:00—4:00 p.m.**

Join us in the Backyard for a special harvest festival. We will have pumpkin painting, apple tasting, face painting, & more. A perfect Fall outing for the whole family!

Troop 248 news release



Troop 248 Eagle Scout count at 97 Eagle Scouts

Two members of Boy Scout Troop 248 have recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. **Zachary L. Painter** completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on July 25, 2017 and became Eagle Scout # 96 for Troop 248, Zach attends West Allegheny Senior High School and is very active in sports. For his community service project; he planned, developed, fabricated, and installed stretching and exercise stations for runners, walkers and joggers along the Montour Trail.

Nick Carter completed his Eagle Scout Board of Review on September 5, 2017 and became Eagle Scout # 97 for Troop 248. Ryan attends South Fayette Senior High and also is involved in sports there. For his community service project; he planned, developed, fabricated, and installed picnic tables and installed them at various shelters on the Montour Trail.

Combined, both Eagle Scouts logged over 250 hours of community service for our friends and neighbors who use the trails on a regular basis. Only 2 of every 100 male youth in the USA are able to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Troop 248 is proud to have 97 young men from our unit that have earned this award.



ANNUAL HAUNTED CABIN
OCTOBER 25, 26, 27, 28, 2017

7PM - 9PM

248 CLINTON AVENUE

Haunted Cabin \$5 /PERSON
(*SPECIAL GROUP \$3 /PERSON)

At the Oakdale Boy Scout Cabin: 248 Clinton Avenue, Oakdale, PA 15071 the Haunted Cabin ground will cover almost a full acre of "Haunting" for your pleasure. Come meet the Ghosts and Ghoulies, The Three Legged Beasties, and all the Critters that call the cabin home. Some are small and some are tall. Some are covered in hair, some are "insane" and others will give you a frightful stare.... No matter what critter you meet upon your journey, they are all "just dying" to meet you at the Haunted Cabin 2017.

Cross the "Covered Bridge", brave the "Creek Critters", make your way through the "Maze", pick the correct door for the maze OR venture deeper and through the "Torture Chamber", be "Transported to a new Dimension", Wander through the "Spinning Vortex of Doom" and visit "The Fun House", make your way through "The Tunnels" and the "Grave Yard". See "Whats Cooking" inside the cabin and visit the Critter's and creepy things around all corners of the cabin..... You may even meet "The Cabin Witch" along your journey.

* Scouts and other Youth groups that attend as a "Group" will receive the discount price. We will make arrangements for scout groups/youth groups for specific nights & times by calling for VIP reservations @ 724-693-0549.