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‘OAK’TOBERFEST COMES TO OAKDALE

Find your Lederhosen and dust off your Bierkrug! It’s almost time for Borough Residents and Friends to take a Day Trip to OktoberFest, right in the heart of Oakdale!

The Borough will hold its 2nd ‘Oak’tobeFest Celebration on Saturday, September 17th, from 3pm - 8pm, which will be centered at the Borough Lot between The Rock and The Oakdale Inn. German and Bavarian-Style Refreshments will be available, to include the new “Helicon Beer,” courtesy of Chris Brunetti, Owner of Oakdale’s very own Helicon Brewery! Games and Activities are being planned (please give us your Input on Facebook!), and The Oakdale Hose Company’s new Bounce House will be in operation. The following Entertainment is lined up and ready to make this another great Oakdale Borough Event!

- 3:00pm Clem Rolin’s ‘German Music’ Band
- 4:00pm Vince Demor: Accordion Player
- 5:00pm Magic of Ray Lucas (“Kid-Friendly” Magician)
- 6:30pm Alpen Shuhplatter Dancers
- 7:30pm Pat Septak: Accordion Player



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We’re looking for Volunteers to help make this a fun and memorable Event for All!

Do you have Ideas for Activities and Games for Kids or Adults? Authentic Decorating/Set Up? Authentic Food or Beverage Selections? Please contact the Borough Office for additional information (724-693-9740 or franchek@oakdaleborough.com), or to sign up!



BOROUGH NEWS: HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE & OFFICE HOURS

The Borough Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th, for the Labor Day Holiday. The Office will reopen on Tuesday, September 6th at 8:30am. **Trash Collection will take place on Tuesday, September 6th, and Recycling Collection will be Wednesday, September 7th.**

PLEASE NOTE that it may be necessary to close the Office for short periods of time during normally scheduled Office Hours. For your convenience, we will post a Sign indicating Return Time; however, if you need to meet with Office Staff, please call ahead. Non-Cash Payments and Documents may be dropped into the Mail Slot in the Door.

REMINDER: TEMPORARY TRASH/RECYCLING TIME CHANGE: AUGUST 15th - SEPTEMBER 13th
Between Monday, August 15th, and Tuesday, September 13th, Borough Trash and Recycle Collections will begin at 5:00am (versus the normal 6:00am Start Time). Residents should take Trash and Recycle to the Curb no later than 5:00am, to ensure same day pick up. **Residents of Creekview Lane, Clinton Ave., Clinton Ave Ext., Union Ave., and the Downtown area will likely be affected.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

“AMERICA’S HOMETOWN” T-SHIRTS AND POLOS: AVAILABLE NOW!



“Oakdale: America’s Hometown” T-Shirts and Polo Shirts are available for sale at the Borough Office (Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm; Friday: 8:30am - 12:00pm).

Both T-Shirts and Polo Shirts are a Cotton/Polyester Blend, and are available in size Small through 3XL. The T-Shirts are priced at \$5 each, and Polo Shirts are priced at \$10 each.

BOROUGH UPDATE

JULY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Council President, Huck Gamble, called the meeting to order.
- Mayor Hennemuth led the meeting with a prayer.
- Mr. Tom Potts appointed Loretta Hennemuth as a Western Allegheny Library Board Representative for Oakdale Borough.
- The Oakdale Hose Company requested a meeting with council in August.
- Mayor Hennemuth thanked everyone involved in the 4th of July Parade.
- Chief Lauria reported that there were 107 various police calls in June.

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.

ORAL RABIES VACCINATION AREA NOTICE

Cooperating Federal, State and County agencies are conducting an Oral Raccoon Rabies Baiting Project in Western Pennsylvania. A Vaccine Packet is coated or placed inside a fishmeal block, which is very tasty to Raccoons! The Baits are dropped by local teams on foot or in vehicles. This year's operation will take place throughout the months of August and September. For information about the Oral Rabies Baiting Program, contact Allegheny County Department of Health (412-687-2243), or for information concerning accidental contact with Baits, call 877-722-6725.



ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING



The Borough will be conducting its yearly fire hydrant flushing during the first week of September. While this routine maintenance takes place, you may have some temporary water discoloration and/or a change in your water pressure.

We apologize for any inconvenience, and ask for your patience. This is a vital exercise that will benefit the safety of all Oakdale Residents. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding.

CHECK OUT OAKDALE ON FACEBOOK!

Social Media is a great way to get and share information. Did you know that you can get 'real time' updates on Events in The Borough by visiting the Oakdale Borough and the Oakdale Borough Police Department Facebook Pages? These Pages will provide helpful and current information relevant to our Residents and our Community.

Check it out, and don't forget to "Like" our Borough and our Police Department!

www.facebook.com/oakdaleborough

www.facebook.com/oakdalepolice

(You may view the Page without signing onto your Facebook Account)

HARD-TO-RECYCLE COLLECTION EVENTS

The Allegheny County Health Department has announced the following Collection Events, and **TVs WILL BE ACCEPTED.** For a complete list of Accepted Items, please contact the Pennsylvania Resources Council (www.prc.org or 412-488-7490 x236).

Hard-to-Recycle: Free—Computers, Stereos, Phones, Used Cooking Oil, M/W Ovens, VCRs, etc. Donation/Fee-- TVs, Batteries, small Freon Appliances, small Kitchen Appliances, Tires, etc.	Century III Mall - West Mifflin, PA 15123 Near JC Penney The Mall at Robinson - 100 Robinson Centre Dr.	Saturday, August 20, 2016 9am—1pm Saturday, October 1, 2016 9am—1pm
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ALLEGHENY COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY
VACANT PROPERTY RECOVERY PROGRAM
2016 SIDE YARD & BLIGHTED STRUCTURE PROGRAM**

For a limited time only, Allegheny County will be accepting applications to acquire vacant properties in 45 municipalities at reduced cost to the applicant. The Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program (AVPRP) acquires blighted, tax delinquent properties and resells them to applicants for a reuse outlined in their application and approved by the municipality.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

- This limited-time program will be available in Baldwin Borough, Bellevue, Blawnox, Braddock Hills, Brentwood, Carnegie, Collier, Crafton, Dravosburg, East Deer, East McKeesport, Edgewood, Elizabeth Township, Forward, Frazer, Green Tree, Harrison, Heidelberg, Leet, Leetsdale, Liberty, McCandless, Millvale, Moon, Munhall, Neville, North Fayette, North Versailles, Oakdale, O'Hara, Penn Hills, Plum, Ross, Scott, South Versailles, Swissvale, Turtle Creek, Versailles, West Deer, West Homestead, West Mifflin, West View, Whitaker, White Oak, and Wilkins.
- Other municipalities that join AVPRP may be eligible to participate depending upon the timing.
- Applications must be postmarked no later than **August 31, 2016**. Up to 70 applications will be accepted in the order in which they are received. No more than 5 applications will be accepted per municipality.
- Each participating municipality must submit evidence of a program marketing strategy to ensure that all residents have an equal opportunity to apply.

PRODUCT	PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS*	COST TO APPLICANT
<i>Side Yard to Owner-Occupied Primary Residence</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must share a common boundary with the parcel on which the applicant's primary residence is located • Must be a vacant lot or a vacant structure that will be demolished by the applicant • Must be less than ½ acre • Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the appraised value • Parcel fee of \$3,000 will be <u>waived</u> • Good faith deposit of \$162 or 10% of the appraised value for properties valued over \$2,000 • Closing costs, which average \$500
<i>Demolition of Blighted Structure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must share a common boundary with a parcel owned by the applicant that contains a primary structure, such as a residence or business • A vacant structure to be demolished by the applicant • Must be less than ½ acre • Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes 	
<i>Rehabilitation of Blighted Structure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vacant structure to be rehabilitated by the applicant • Must be less than ½ acre • Must have at least 3 years of unpaid taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of the appraised value • Parcel fee will be discounted to \$1,400 • Good faith deposit of \$162 or 10% of the appraised value for properties valued over \$2,000 • Closing costs, which average \$500

* Additional requirements may apply, as outlined in the program application. Other types of applications may be considered through our Standard Program, under which applicants are responsible for all costs of acquisition.

APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be current on taxes, water, sewage, and refuse bills on all properties owned in Allegheny County.
- Must have no outstanding code violations or municipal liens on properties owned in Allegheny County.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

(412)350-1090 or <http://www.county.allegheny.pa.us/economic-development/residents/vprp/index.aspx>



WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT REMINDER

School is back in session on Tuesday, August 30th. Please be aware of the children waiting on the street corners and buses traveling the streets. Our children are precious to us; please help keep them safe!

2016 ROCK FLEA MARKET

Friday, August 26, 6:00pm-8:30pm; Saturday, August 27, 8:30am-3:00pm; and Sunday, August 28, 1:00pm-3:00pm / 150 West State St., Oakdale

Donations accepted by arrangement until August 22nd. Please call Bunny Donaldson at 412-526-4945. Please do not leave items on the porch during Marketplace and Day Camp (June 20-Aug 12) without calling first! This is a safety issue when we have children on the premises. We are NOT accepting televisions, computers, printers, electronics, clothing over size 4T. All clean and serviceable furniture, household items, toys, holiday decor, etc. are welcome.

NEW THIS YEAR: There will be a limited number of spaces for rent to individuals who prefer to sell their own items. Spaces will be \$20 for Saturday, \$15 for Sunday, or \$30 if you prefer to rent for both days. Spaces must be reserved and paid for in advance. No refunds will be issued. Call Bunny Donaldson to arrange a space or if you have questions.

Don't forget to come shop with us! Have coffee and donuts or lunch on the lawn! Look for gift and practical items made by the Needle Rockers Quilters or plan to buy goodies from the bake sale!

We want to thank the people and businesses of Oakdale and the surrounding communities for supporting The Rock in this major fundraiser. Our Flea Market staff is all volunteer so that one hundred percent of proceeds can go to this youth and family ministry.



ST. COLUMBKILLE CRAFT & VENDOR PARTY

There will be a Craft/Vendor Party on Saturday, September 10, 2016, from 9am-2pm at St. Columbkille Church (103 Church Road, Imperial). Come shop a variety of local crafters and home party vendors. Over 30 tables of gift items and products. Get your Christmas shopping done early! Admission is FREE. Food & Refreshments will be available.

WACL HOSTS GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW BACKYARD PROJECT

Western Allegheny Community Library unveiled plans to create a new outdoor space at a Groundbreaking Event held on June 11. Community Members, Library Board and Staff, and Representatives from the local Municipalities, including Oakdale Borough's Mayor Paul Hennemuth, gathered to celebrate the new project and get the first look at the design.

The Backyard will be a comfortable and inviting outdoor space complete with patios, multiple seating areas, children's play area, and a grassy lawn. In addition to creating an opportunity for new library programs, the space will be open to community members who want to enjoy an open-air library experience.

"We want to create a fun and flexible outdoor space to allow for more programs and services for everyone we serve" said Amanda Kirby, the Library's director. "The new space is ultimately for the community, so we want as much input as possible." The library plans to host community engagement sessions to gather ideas from local residents. The first session is planned for Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library. It is free and open to the public.

