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Mixed News for 2017

Borough Council is proud to announce that the New Year brings a Balanced Budget with no Tax Increase!

However, Sewage and Water Rates, which are not controlled by Borough Council, will increase for 2017. We have received notification from Alcosan of an 11% increase over 2016 Rates, which equates to a \$2.40 increase for the first 1,000 gallons of water used and \$1.15 for each additional thousand gallons. In addition, PA American Water has announced a 1.51% increase over 2016, which is the equivalent of a \$.25 increase per thousand gallons used. The average monthly Water and Sewage Billing (based on 4,000 gallons used) will increase by approximately \$6.30. You may recall that Borough Council chose to NOT pass through the Water Rate increase last year.

These increases are necessary in order to pay for upkeep and replacement of our aging infrastructure, and funds collected for Water and Sewer may ONLY be used for Water and Sewer projects.

Many improvements were made to the Roads and Infrastructure, as outlined in the December Issue of The Oakdale Borough Times. The First Street Major Project, replacing over 100 year-old 8" Water Line and repairing the Street, will start in the Spring.

A festive crowd of Oakdale citizens welcomed Santa to town on Light Up Night, November 26th. Biber's Garage performed a safety check on the Sleigh and fed the Reindeer while Santa relaxed with his Oakdale Friends at The Rock!

The Rock Singers led the Christmas Carols, Bill Gamble made Announcements and Introductions, and Mayor Hennemuth harnessed the Crowd's "Cheer Power" to light the Christmas Tree and surrounding areas in time to greet Santa's Sleigh. Everyone joined Santa at The Rock, where he visited with the children and posed for pictures. Volunteers from The Rock served hot cocoa and coffee, along with cookies donated by Masonic Lodge 669, and the O'Connor Insurance Agency donated funds to cover postage for the Santa Photos.

Another great Opening to the Christmas Holiday Season in America's Home Town!



To the folks of Oakdale, On behalf of Vietnam Veterans Incorporated of Pittsburgh I cannot thank you all enough for your Kindness and Gratitude for your "Shoeboxes for Veterans". To give these to the veterans and see their reactions is truly a wonderful feeling, and could have not been done without your help!

George Coppola, Veteran Service Officer - Vietnam Veterans Incorporated
American Legion 171 - Military Order of the Purple Heart

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 Thursday, January 12th. The trees must be removed from the stands and may not have any electrical cords, strings, ropes, ornaments or tree lights still attached.



BOROUGH UPDATE

DECEMBER BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Mr. Mark Maximovich made a Motion to pass the 2017 Budget with no Tax Increase.
- Mr. Mark Maximovich made a Motion to approve Oakdale Borough Ordinance No. 2016-2 setting the 2017 Tax Millage rate of 5.0 Mills on each dollar of assessed value.
- Mr. Tom Potts made a Motion to approve low bid of \$202,262.23 from Border Patrol, LLC for the First St. Waterline Replacement Project per the recommendation of our Borough Engineer, Norb Lindner.
- Mr. Tom Potts made a Motion to approve payment of \$313,310.00 to Youngblood Paving for the 2016 Paving Project pending completion of punch list items per the recommendation of our Borough Engineer, Norb Lindner.
- Mr. Bill Hartman, Jr. made a Motion to pass Oakdale Borough Resolution No. 5-2016 authorizing a sewer rate increase of \$2.40 for the 1st 1,000 gallons of water usage and \$1.15 for each additional one thousand gallons of water usage due to the rate increase from Alcosan. The average household water usage is 4,000 gallons of water each month. This would mean the sewage portion of a monthly bill would go from \$53.55 to \$59.40 which would be an increase of \$5.85 per month for 4,000 gallons of water usage.
- Mr. Bill Hartman, Jr. made a Motion to pass Oakdale Borough Resolution No. 6-2016 increasing the water rate by \$.25 cents per 1,000 gallons of water used due to the rate increase from PA American Water. The average monthly bill, based on 4,000 gallons used, will increase by approx. \$.45.
- Mayor Hennemuth thanked everyone who was involved with Oakdale's Light Up Night. He commented that it was the biggest crowd ever.
- Mayor Hennemuth reported that there were 102 varied Police Calls in November.
- A resident of Oak Heights Drive voiced his concerns regarding road paving.

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.

AETNA CHEMICAL HISTORICAL MARKER

2018 will mark the centennial of the Aetna Chemical Explosion. Plans are underway to install a Historical Marker in Oakdale that best explains this tragedy while paying homage to those who sacrificed their lives. Funds are needed for the design and installation of this important sign. If you wish to donate to this fund, please make checks payable to "The Panhandle Trail Association". Be sure to include the phrase "Aetna Sign" in the memo portion of your check. They can be mailed to the treasurer of this organization at 2520 Hilltop Road, Oakdale, PA 15071. **All donations are tax deductible.** Your generosity and support in this endeavor are greatly appreciated!!

Oakdale Volunteer Fire Department DESIGNER PURSE



Saturday, February 4th 2017 / Oakdale Community Center



Coach * Kate Spade * MK * Vera Bradley

Admission \$30 / First Game @ 7pm



**Only 250 Tickets will be Sold! Purchase 6 or More Tickets for Reserved Seating.
20 Regular Games * 2 "Mystery Games" * "Pick of the Table" * 50/50 and More!**

Wine Bar by J & D Cellars (Purchase by Glass or Bottle)

For Tickets:

Arlene Snatchko (412-726-8565), Molly Snatchko (412-583-5163), Mark Snatchko (724-350-6795), Our Cars Auto Detailing (7203 Noblestown Rd, Oakdale) 7am - 4pm Monday - Friday, OVFD Tuesday Evenings 6:30 - 8:00pm (Credit Cards Taken at this Location!)



PAVILION RENTALS

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

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Available January 3rd

\$100.00 (Security Dep. Incl.)

NON RESIDENTS

Available February 23rd

\$155.00 (Security Dep. Incl.)

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



FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDERS

The Constitution we swore to protect guarantees your right to peacefully protest. Being smart requires you to be sure the form of your protest has a logical connection to your message. Those inclined to follow the rising fashion of taking a knee for the National Anthem; who might "protest" by disrespecting our flag need to consider what that action really says, regardless of what they might think it says.



The Stars and Stripes is not the flag of the Supreme Court and the Star Spangled banner is not a song about any of that Court's decisions. They do not represent the Obama nor Trump administrations, the Ryan/McConnell Congress nor the Pelosi/Reid minority Caucus. They are not symbols of any Police Department, nor of Keith Scott or Michael Brown.

The Stars and Stripes is the flag of equal rights, liberty and the pursuit of Happiness; the flag of Constitutional government by the people. Our National Anthem, the Star Spangled Banner, is a song reminding the World we will stop at nothing to oppose tyrants and preserve representative government; to protect our Constitution, our seas, our coasts, our towns, and our people. These emblems, by Authority of the good People of The United States, declare that we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor in defense of liberty and justice for all.

THAT is what you protest when you disrespect the National Anthem or when you mistreat our flag. This form of protest says you object to liberty, oppose Constitutional government and support those who threaten it. We who took Oaths to protect the Constitution see you calling us your enemy. If that's not what you intend, you need to find another way to express yourself, because that IS WHAT YOU SAY with your flag and anthem protests.

Believe it.

The Mayor and Council fully agree with the contents of the above letter, and thank Commander Keith Colledge, VFW Post 7070, and Commander Lyle Grover, American Legion Post 171, for sharing this submission with the Public.

TROOP 248 NEWS

Troop 248 is proud to announce we have 2 additional Eagle Scouts bringing our total to 93 Eagle Scouts. Michael J. Behr became Eagle # 92 on November 17, 2016. Mike fabricated and installed deer fencing at the Pittsburgh Botanical Gardens protecting numerous species of endangered plant life from over browsing in the Garden property. Noah V. Magdich became Eagle # 93 on November 17, 2016. Noah researched, raised funds, purchased, and overseen the install of a bulletproof vest for the Scott Township K-9 officer with the Scott Township Police. He also was able to purchase and install a climate control system for the K-9 police car for Scott Township. The remaining funds raised were donated to the Scott Township Police department for the K-9 maintenance.

The BSA National Outdoor Activity Challenge Award is presented to those scout units who qualify and complete all 10 of the outdoor challenges and is used as a gauge of the quality of the outdoor program offered to the membership. Troop 248 has again met the requirements and has earned the 2016 award making this the 7th consecutive year since the awards inception that Troop 248 has earned the award.

The National BSA Journey to Excellence is a national standard set for units to evaluate their outdoor program, quality adult & youth leadership, leadership & skills training for youth and adults, administration, Unit committee, unit youth advancement, and record keeping; and is used as a sounding board for the quality of the program being offered to the youth. Troops must score 1200+ points to attain the gold level for this award. Troop 248 scored over 1800 points on the 2016 standard.

This makes the 8th consecutive year since the awards inception that Troop 248 has scored a gold standard.

OAKDALE YOUTH LEAGUE: 2017 Baseball and Softball Registrations

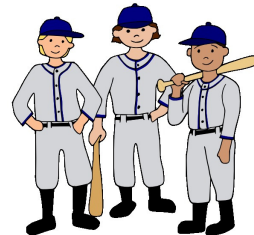
Oakdale Youth League 2017 Softball and Baseball Registration is scheduled as follows:

Saturday, January 28, 2017	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Oakdale Community Center
Sunday, January 29, 2017	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Oakdale Community Center
Wednesday, February 8, 2017	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Oakdale Community Center
Saturday, February 11, 2017	12:00pm - 4:00pm	Oakdale Community Center



If you cannot attend registration you may also register via mail by printing a Registration Form from the Youth League's website (www.leaguelineup.com/oyl) and sending a Check, made payable to "OYL," to 210 Winslow Drive, Oakdale, PA 15071. Registration is due by the end of February 2017.

**** Fundraiser Tickets must be paid for at time of Registration (\$50/Family).**



Funny Fundraiser Comedy Night !!!

Sponsored by Oakdale Parents of Scouting

Saturday, January 21st / Oakdale Community Center

Doors Open 6pm / Dinner 6:30pm / Show 7:30pm

*** Hilarious Headliner: Tom Anzalone ***

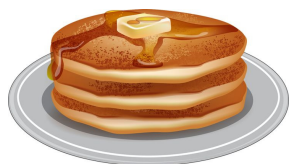
*** Funny Feature: Matt Stanton * Humorous Host: David Kaye ***

Donation: \$25 Single / \$40 for Two (21 & Over, Please)

Includes Appetizers, Dinner Buffet & Draft Beer (BYOB Accepted)

For Tickets: Text or Call Chris Kiss (412-848-0627) /

<http://slapsticksproductions.com>



Valentine Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 12th from 8am to 2pm

at The Oakdale Community Center

Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit Cup

and Beverage (*Coffee Available*)

\$6.00 for Adults / \$5.00 for Seniors / \$3.00 for Children under 6 Years of Age

The Friends of Killbuck Lodge will be hosting a Valentine Day Pancake Breakfast and Chinese Auction at the Oakdale Community Center. All proceeds will be used for the operation of the 200 year old Boy Scout Log Cabin on Clinton Avenue - Home of Boy Scout Troop 248 since 1933!

Thank you all for your support during the rebuilding of Killbuck Lodge!



Advertising for our Placemats is Available:

\$10 for a 10-Word Dedication, \$25 for a Business Card, or \$50 for a 3" x 5" Ad

(Deadline for Advertising: February 1, 2016)

Donations for the Chinese Auction and Advertising can be arranged by contacting Bob Sell (412-996-9344) or friendsofkillbucklodge@gmail.com.