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Oakdale Borough Celebrates Independence

OAKDALE'S 2016 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION will be sponsored by The Rock. Plan to join us on Monday, July 4th, for the Annual Decorated Bike Parade and Pet Show! Line up will begin at 9:30am next to Willow Creek Crossing. The Parade will start at 10:00am, and refreshments of hot dogs and drinks will be available for parade participants, immediately afterward.

Children's Bike Parade, Pet Parade, Quilt Show and Cookout! Raffles and Boxed Lunched Auction to raise money for The Rock.

For additional information please contact The Rock at (724) 693-2777 or e-mail rock_oakdale@yahoo.com.

BOROUGH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Borough Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. The Office will reopen on Tuesday, July 5th, at 8:30am. Garbage Collection will take place on Tuesday, and Recycling Collection will take place on Wednesday. Borough Council and Staff wish you a safe and happy Fourth of July Weekend!

THE HOSE COMPANY'S ANNUAL STREET FAIR **Saturday, July 23rd - Saturday, July 30th / 7:30pm - 10:30pm**

FREE NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday July 23 rd	DAVE IGLAR BAND
Sunday July 24 th	LONGING FOR EDEN *
Monday July 25 th	ONE STEP DOWN
Tuesday July 26 th	MANSFIELD 5
Wed. July 27 th	STRAIGHT UP KOUNTRY
Thurs. July 28 th	ZARR
Friday July 29 th	FUNCTIONAL CHAOS
Saturday July 30 th	HEDGG BAND

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday July 23 rd	BIKE RUN
Monday July 25 th	RIB NIGHT
	6:00pm @ OVFD Firehall
Tuesday July 26 th	CLASSIC CAR CRUISE
Wed. July 27 th	TOUCH A TRUCK
Thurs. July 28 th	"LITTLE OASIS" PASTA DINNER
	6:00 pm @ Oakdale Community Center
Friday July 29 th	PARADE 7:00pm
Saturday July 30 th	TUNER & IMPORT CAR CRUISE

NEW for 2016 !!! * SUNDAY NIGHT INSPIRATIONAL CONCERT: Sunday, July 24th 6pm - 8pm

Featuring: LONGING FOR EDEN / With Special Guest: SUSAN PATZ

This Concert Evening with available Food Vendor Service is sponsored by The Church at The ROCK and The ROCK Youth and Family Center. All proceeds benefit Oakdale Volunteer Fire Department!!!

OAKDALE COMMUNITY DAY AT THE BALL PARK

The Borough held its 2nd Community Day at Consol Energy Park in Washington, PA, on Friday, June 17th, where Residents & Friends were treated to an exciting Baseball Game followed by a spectacular Fireworks Display!

As 'Guest of the Day,' Oakdale provided an impressive Color Guard - including representation from VFW Post 7070, American Legion Post 171, Oakdale Borough Police Department, and Oakdale Borough's Volunteer Fire Department "The Hose Company," and Ken Santucci of the Oakdale Youth League threw the Ceremonial First Pitch. Several of our kids - and two brave adults! - participated in various on-field activities throughout the Game. A good time was had by all!!!



BOROUGH UPDATE

JUNE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Council President, Huck Gamble, called the Meeting to Order.
- Mayor Hennemuth led the Meeting with a prayer.
- Mr. Mark Maximovich made a Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the Allegheny County Conservation District and Oakdale Borough.
- Mr. Jonathan DeBor announced that the next Borough Event will be the Oakdale Community Day at the Washington Wild Things Game on Friday, June 17 in Washington, PA.
- Mr. Tom Potts made a Motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for the First Street Bridge Deck Replacement Project in the amount of a reduction of \$4,044.60 because the total square footage of the bridge deck installed was slightly less than the bid quantity.
- Mr. Tom Potts made a Motion to approve final payment request from Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor for the First St. Bridge Deck Replacement Project in the amount of \$5,779.77 per the recommendation of our Borough Engineer, Rob Arnold.
- Mr. Bill Hartman announced that the West Hills Symphonic Band, directed by Clem Rolin, will have a free concert performance in the downtown parking lot on Friday, June 24, at 7:00 pm.
- Council gave Oakdale Business Owners an update on the work being done on the Seminary Ave stormwater issues which include 15 catch basins cleaned out by the COG Vactor truck, Seminary Ave stormwater basins cleaned out until repairs can be made after rainy season, and televising of entire system after repairs are made.
- A resident of Vincennes Ave expressed his concerns regarding sewer line and lateral line repair responsibilities.
- A resident of Western Ave asked why blue lines were painted on his property. He was notified by the office that there was a PA1 Call from Columbia Gas that a gas line repair was being done in that area and Oakdale must paint blue lines where the water lines run thru an area that the PA1 Caller has identified they will be digging in.
- Representatives of the Oakdale Hose Company asked for a Meeting with Council regarding a fire truck.
- Mayor Hennemuth thanked everyone involved in the Memorial Day Parade and Service.
- Mayor Hennemuth reported that there were 89 various Police Calls in May.

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.

HIGH GRASS, WEEDS AND BRANCHES

Yard Care Season is upon us and with it comes with the need for property owners to maintain the height of grass on their properties and to ensure that tree branches and hedgerows are not blocking vision or travel on Borough streets and sidewalks. As established by the Borough, the height of grass and weed growth is not to exceed six inches. Please maintain a clean and well-kept lawn and don't forget to trim the grass between the curb and sidewalk! Also, sweeping or blowing the grass clippings into the street and into the creek is prohibited.

NON-DOMESTIC ANIMAL CONTROL

Wildlife problems and conflicts appear to be increasing with each passing year, according to the PA Game Commission, and may be spurred by increasing residential development, a decrease in trapper numbers and loss of wildlife habitat. No matter the cause, Groundhogs, Raccoons and Skunks can be a problem when they are living in or near your yard!

Please remember that when you leave out food for pets (or birds!) in accessible areas, you are also providing food for the less desirable animals.

If you require assistance in removing non-domestic animals from your property, you may contact the PA Game Commission (724-238-9523) for a Listing of Pest Control Agents in our area.

TEMPORARY TRASH/RECYCLING TIME CHANGE: AUGUST 15th - SEPTEMBER 13th

Please Note that **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.



BOROUGH TAXES INCREASED TO 5 MILLS IN 2016!

Borough Tax Bills recently began to arrive for Residents, and many questions arose regarding the significant increase in our Taxes. Following is the Article published in The Oakdale Borough Times, December 2015 Edition, providing explanation of the need for additional funding.

Due to the deterioration of our 120 year old infrastructure and road surfaces, the 2016 Borough Budget will require a Tax Increase from 2.9 Mills to 5 Mills.

It was reported in the September Issue of The Oakdale Borough Times that looming costs and issues are facing our Taxpayers.

- 1) Each Mill equals approximately \$72,000, if all Taxes are paid.
- 2) **First Street Bridge:** PennDot's inspection revealed that the bridge requires at least \$200,000 in repairs by January 31, 2016, or the bridge will be closed. Council agreed to practically drain all Borough funds to pay for repairs to keep it open, as it is a main artery to a major part of Oakdale.
- 3) As a result of the above, all of the funds earmarked for road resurfacing will be spent on the bridge.
- 4) **Road Restoration:** All of Oakdale's 7.8 miles of streets were prioritized as to need of repair and resurfacing, by our Borough Engineer. Total cost of upgrading all streets is approximately \$500,000. Our Road System will be reevaluated in the Spring, with the intent to plan for resurfacing of the worst streets. Those streets listed with the highest priority level of needed repair carry an estimated cost of \$200,000.
- 5) Work has begun at the **Borough Maintenance Garages and Oakdale Borough Apartments** on Clef Drive, as age-related deterioration and drainage concerns are affecting the revenue-producing structures. The Project cost is estimated at \$55,000.
- 6) **First Street**, from the bridge to the Ryan Homes entrance, covers an 8" Water Line, which is over 100 years old. It has sprung leaks and has been repaired several times in recent years. The Borough Plumber states that it is now beyond repair and must be replaced, along with the entire First Street road surface. The estimated cost is \$380,000 - the equivalent of over another 5 Mills of Taxes. Council is in the process to obtain a low-interest loan from the State, which is temporarily delayed until the State Budget impasse in Harrisburg is over. We are hopeful to be successful, through the help of Senator Guy Reschenthaler and State Representative Jason Ortity, in securing the loan for the Water Line replacement and paving, so that we may begin early next year. (This is a future cost.)

The financial future of Oakdale is not bright. We have kept taxes at a minimum, including two tax cuts in the last 10 years - when we had too much of your money and gave it back - and we will still have the lowest taxes in our geographical area for a town of our size, even with the Tax increase. With periodic flooding and deterioration of our age-old infrastructure, including necessary street maintenance and improvements, we find ourselves in a survival mode in order to continue as our own self-governing community of 1,459 Citizens.

Huck Gamble, President of Council

PROJECT D.U.M.P. AIMS TO HELP PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY

In response to the prescription opiate and heroin pandemic that continues to besiege the country, having already victimized countless Allegheny County individuals and families in its wake, the Sheriff's Office has implemented an initiative to help residents safely eliminate unused and expired narcotic medications. Through Project D.U.M.P. (Disposal of Unused Medications Properly), Allegheny County citizens may contact Project D.U.M.P. Hotline at 412-459-5000, and a Sheriff's Office Evidence Custodian will report to their residence and take possession of any unwanted medications. The Sheriff's Office hopes this program will help curtail opioid and heroin related overdoses and overdose deaths in Allegheny County.

"It is well established the abuse of opioid medications can lead to addiction, overdose and death. Studies also confirm the path of substance abuse for a large fraction of current heroin users began with the abuse of opioid medications," said Sheriff William Mullen. "Project D.U.M.P. is both a literal and figurative vehicle to keep unused prescription drugs away from individuals who may potentially abuse them."

Since the project started in April, Sheriff's Office Evidence Technician Deputy Joseph Cirigliano has confiscated nearly 500 pills from Allegheny County residents. The Sheriff's Office stresses drug take-back programs are among the safest options for disposing of unused prescription narcotics, and that medications such as Vicodin, Percocet and Oxycontin should not be thrown in the trash, flushed down the toilet or left around the house for others to access.

For information on disposing medications through the Oakdale Borough Police Department, Residents may contact Sergeant McIntyre or Chief Lauria at 724-693-9639.

2016 ROCK FLEA MARKET

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.

A WORD OF THANKS!

One of the great things about living in a small Town is that you can count on Friends and Neighbors to lend a helping hand.

The Borough would like to extend a special "Thanks!" to the following Residents for recent Donations to the Borough:

- Bob George provided two new US Flag Sets to brighten up the Borough Building and Fire Department!
- Dave Meehan donated his 'like new' Lawnmower to help with the endless grass-cutting in our beautiful Borough!



BOY SCOUT NEWS

Troop 248 recently held our annual "Hook-n-Cook" Spring Camporee at Camp Custaloga Town in Utica, PA. Fifty-five members of the Troop took part in the Camporee.

For the "Hook" part of the camp, the Troop ran our annual Fshing Derby. Scouts had success, with the largest fish - a 19.5" largemouth bass - by Jake Hanich, most bass caught was 11 by Anthony Snyder, first fish caught was landed 6 seconds into the contest by Hayden Shipley, and the most fish caught by a single Scout was 53 by Josh Kiss.

For the "Cooking" part of camp, patrols competed against each other throughout the weekend. Patrols were given a list of 14 items that were needed to be incorporated into their menu and cooking challenge. Scouts had to use recipes, bake & cook in Dutch ovens, have an International meal, and use no pre-processed foods cooking everything from scratch. Winning meal highlights of the cook-off was a 8lb pork roast in a pear and raspberry sauce, a "Cola" beef pot roast, pineapple upside down cakes done in Dutch ovens, butter cake with raspberry glaze, shrimp stir fry, breakfast casseroles, and fresh cinnamon buns.

The Troop will be at our annual weeklong summer camp from July 10-17 at Heritage Reservation near Farmington, PA. The Troop Leaders are in the process of planning our annual weekend canoe trip on French Creek later this summer, and Fall Camporee in October.

OAKDALE UP CHURCH: SUMMER DAYCAMP

62 Hastings Avenue, Oakdale

Oakdale United Presbyterian Church would like to announce our upcoming **SUMMER DAY CAMP** to be held **Monday - Thursday, August 1st - 4th**, from **9am-12pm** each day. It is for children that are **Rising 1st Grade through Rising 8th Grade**. It is free!

Parents can REGISTER ONLINE with this link: <http://bit.ly/22QdrjA>

For questions or to receive a Registration Form in the mail, please contact Pastor Robin Humphreys @ 412-327-5671 or email OakdaleUPC@gmail.com

