



THE OAKDALE TIMES

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Oakdale Borough's Standing Council!



Huck Gamble's recent resignation left an opening on Oakdale's Borough Council, which was officially filled at the February 2nd Council Meeting, by long-time Resident, Al Pifer.

Our Reorganized Council will continue to work toward the goal of caring for and maintaining the Borough through planning and economical use of Tax Dollars and other available funds. LEFT TO RIGHT: Paul Hennemuth, Mayor; Jonathan Debor, Councilman; Al Pifer, Councilman; Mark Maximovich, President; Tom Potts, Vice President; Bill Hartman, Councilman.

WINTER IN OAKDALE!

While we enjoy the beauty of a snowfall and the sparkle of icicles hanging from our trees, Winter in Oakdale can bring with it some headaches for homeowners in the form of frozen pipes!

Which Pipes Are Most at Risk?

Pipes that are most exposed to the elements may need extra protection during winter months. These include outdoor hose hookups and faucets, swimming pool supply lines and lawn sprinkler lines, water pipes in unheated, interior locations such as basements, crawl spaces, attics, garages and kitchen and bathroom cabinets, and pipes running against exterior walls with little or no insulation.

How to Help Prevent Frozen Pipes

Before winter, check your home for areas where water pipes are located in unheated or poorly insulated areas. Be sure to check your basement, attic, crawl space, garage and within cabinets containing plumbing. Hot and cold water pipes should both be insulated. Products such as pipe sleeves or UL-listed heat tape or heat cable can help insulate or heat exposed water pipes.

During winter, close inside valves supplying water to outdoor faucets and hookups, and open outdoor faucets to allow residual water to drain (be sure to keep them open during the cold weather months) while the water supply is turned off. Keep garage doors closed to help protect water pipes located in the garage. Open the doors on cabinets where plumbing is located, which can help allow warmer air to circulate around the pipes. For pipes that are at risk of freezing (both hot and cold water pipes), let water drip from faucets. Keep the heat in your home set at a minimum of 55 degrees.

Why is a Frozen Pipe a Concern?

When water begins to freeze, it expands. This can cause both plastic and metal pipes to burst, possibly leading to significant water damage to your home. Since water expands when it freezes, it puts unwanted pressure on pipes. As water freezes, the force exerted from the expansion can cause a pipe to burst, regardless of the strength of the material. You may not know you have a burst pipe as the water has turned to ice. Once the temperature starts to warm and thawing begins, leaking and flooding can occur.

What Do You Do if You Have a Frozen Pipe?

If you have a leak, turn the water off immediately to prevent water damage and call a licensed Plumber to make repairs. If your home is heated by an older steam heating system, consult with your heating professional to determine if it is safe to continue to run the heating system with the water supply turned off for your particular heating system.



BOROUGH UPDATE

FEBRUARY BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

- Mr. Mark Maximovich made a Motion to pass Oakdale Borough Resolution No. 5-2017 authorizing a contribution of \$17,500 to The Oakdale Hose Company, along with their yearly donation of \$3,500 for 2017.
- Mr. Jonathan DeBor made a Motion to pass Oakdale Borough Resolution No. 3-2017 establishing the compensation of the Elected Borough Tax Collector, commencing with the Term of Office beginning January 1, 2018.
- Mr. Jonathan DeBor reported that an Executive Session was held on January 19th to discuss Personnel Issues.
- Mr. Tom Potts made a Motion to pass Oakdale Borough Resolution No. 4-2017 to increase the Water Rate per one thousand gallons of water usage, as required to cover indebtedness of Pennvest Loan No. 85157 for the First St. Waterline Replacement Project.
- Mr. William Hartman, Jr. made a Motion to appoint KLH Engineers as the Borough Engineer for Oakdale Borough.
- Chief Lauria reported that there were 100 varied Police Calls in January.
- Mark Snatchko & other Members of The Oakdale Hose Company informed Council that the Fire Department had a Special Meeting and they are requesting a ½ Mil Tax Increase for Oakdale Borough that would be dedicated to the Fire Department starting in 2018. Council explained the infrastructure issues in the Borough and they do not want to raise Taxes again. Council proposed a yearly donation of 50% of the Fire Department's net Fundraising Profits to be donated to the Fire Department each year.
- A Clinton Ave. Resident reported to Council on the Stream Bank Erosion by the Boy Scout Cabin. Councilman Hartman updated everyone regarding the joint Watershed Alliance that Oakdale is forming with North Fayette, South Fayette, McDonald, and Mt. Pleasant.
- Ken Santucci of the Oakdale Youth League thanked Council for all their support of the Oakdale Youth League.
- Huck Gamble resigned from Borough Council.
- Mayor Hennemuth swore in new Councilman, Al Pifer.
- Mark Maximovich was voted President of Council and Tom Potts was voted Vice President of Council.

****The March 2017 Borough Council Meeting will be held at the Oakdale Community Center (104 Seminary Avenue) at 7:30pm on Monday, March 6th.****

Property Clean Up in the Borough

Please be aware that our Police Department will be actively issuing **Citations for Abandoned or Nuisance Vehicles** (Inoperable, Expired Plate/Registration/Inspection, Flat/Missing Tires, Missing/Disassembled Parts, Broken Glass, Sharp Edges, Leaking Oil/Gas, etc.), as well as **Citations for Property Maintenance Violations** (Trash/Rubbish Accumulation, etc.). **Vehicles abandoned on any Street will be towed at the Owner's Expense.**

If you have questions, please contact the Oakdale Borough Police Department (724-693-9639) or Borough Office (724-693-9740) for assistance. Thank you for helping to keep Oakdale beautiful!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Rise and Shine! Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12th at 2am. Clocks should be turned forward one hour. We resume regular time (EST) on Sunday, November 5th.



CALLING ALL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS: OAKDALE CERT & SHELTER TEAM!!!

Disasters can strike anywhere and at anytime. As part of the Red Cross *Prepare Western Pennsylvania Initiative*, Community Shelter Teams (CERTs) are trained and ready to respond when emergencies occur. Large-scale fires, floods, extreme temperatures, hazardous spills, and major storms are just a few situations where shelters may need to be opened in your community. Help your community and the American Red Cross prepare for, respond to, and recover from Emergencies in your community by joining a Community Shelter Team today.

Oakdale Borough is reorganizing its CERT Program, and we're ready for Training!

If you are interested in learning how to help in an Emergency, please contact the Borough Office for information, and plan to attend the NO COST "Shelter Basics" Training Course on Saturday, April 8th! (Current CERT Members are encouraged to 'Recommit' and are welcome to attend portions of Training ("Refresher") or entire Classes! Thank you for sharing a small amount of your Time, for a GREAT purpose!!!



**American
Red Cross**

PAVILION RENTALS: AVAILABLE NOW!

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

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

\$100.00 (Security Dep. Incl.)

OAKDALE RESIDENTS

\$120.00 (Security Dep. Incl.)

NON RESIDENTS

\$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).



MORE TO DISCOVER @ YOUR LIBRARY IN 2017!




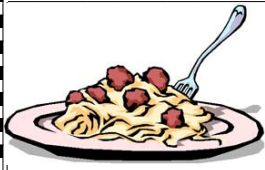
In 2017, the Library is embarking on a year long awareness campaign called *Discover*. Our goal is simple: make more people *discover* our amazing services and materials. We hope to reach as many people as possible, from the people who have never stepped foot in a library, to the people who haven't been back in years, and even the people who are in here all the time. We want everyone to *discover* something new and exciting about the library.

How Can You Help?

- Tell friends, family, and even random people you meet in line at the grocery store about the library and encourage them to get a card. We are funded in part based on the number of card holders we have.
- Attend programs and bring a friend! Don't see something that suits your fancy? We are always open to suggestions!
- Have a local cub scout, PTO or booster meeting coming up? Have the meeting at the library! We offer free room rentals for non-profit organizations.
- Check out those books, and movies, and board games, and cake pans. We have unlimited checkouts and way more than just books. So help us clear our shelves for all the great new things coming in! And don't forget about digital materials. Download our library app for easy access to Overdrive, Hoopla, Zinio, and more!
- Know a place to hang a library flyer or drop off our newsletter? Let us know! We can provide you with copies to take to your church, office, or wherever. Or better yet, invite us out to do a library card sign-up drive at your location.
- Give us a great review on Facebook or Google, so when new people search for us they will see the great things people have to say!
- Speaking of Facebook, "like" us! And if you see a post that you think others would be interested in, please share it!
- Write a letter or email to your local officials and tell them how much the library means to you; it is important that they know the value of the library.

TROOP 248 NEWS

The Friends of Killbuck Lodge and Troop 248 would like to thank everyone who supported the Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast on February 12. Approximately \$1,200 was raised, which is greatly needed toward covering the lodge operating expenses.



‘LENTEN*’ SPAGHETTI DINNER

FRIDAY, MARCH 24th 4pm - 8pm

OAKDALE COMMUNITY CENTER


Benefits The Oakdale Youth League

Eat In or Take Out!

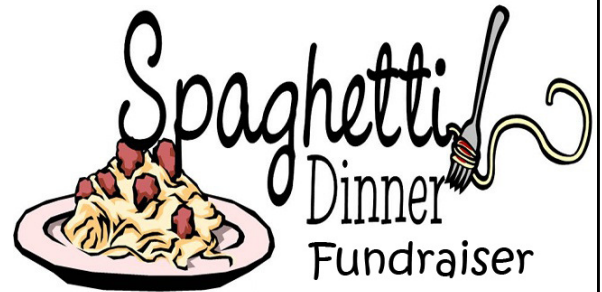
Adults \$8.00 / Children (10 & Under) \$5.00

Chinese Auction / Bake Sale

* Meatless Sauce / Meatballs Available



The Oakdale Hose Company presents:
Little Oasis Pasta Dinner!!!
Sunday, March 26th / 2pm - 6pm
Oakdale Community Center



Pasta, Salad, Bread/Butter & Drink \$10
Chicken Parmesan, Side of Pasta, Bread/Butter & Drink \$13
Veal Parmesan, Side of Pasta, Bread/Butter & Drink \$15

Take Out Available! Thank you for your Support!!



Sponsored by The Oakdale Hose Company
Saturday, April 22nd / Oakdale Community Center
*Coach * Kate Spade * MK * Vera Bradley*

Admission \$30 / Doors Open @ 6pm / First Game @ 7pm

20 Regular Games * 2 "Mystery Games" * "Pick of the Table" * 50/50 and More!

For Tickets:

Arlene Snatchko (412-726-8565)

Molly Snatchko (412-583-5163)

Mark Snatchko (724-350-6795)



FISH FRYS ARE BACK!

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, Noblestown: every Friday (including Good Friday) during Lent,
 11:30am - 6:30pm.

Take-out Orders are available by calling 724-693-9664 *after 11:00am*. This year's Menu will include
 Fish Sandwich, Shrimp, Crab Cakes, French Fries, Macaroni and Cheese, Cole Slaw, Pierogies,
 Cabbage & Noodles, Clam Chowder, Beverages and Desserts.

ST. COLUMBKILLE CHURCH, Imperial (724-695-7325): every Friday (except Good Friday)
 during Lent, 4:00pm - 7:00pm. Menu includes Fried Fish/Shrimp Combo Dinner, Fried or Baked Fish
 Dinner, Fried Shrimp Dinner, "The Columbkille" Sandwich, French Fries, Macaroni and Cheese, Cole
 Slaw, Clam Chowder, Haluski, Beverages and Desserts.