

BID-Bits

OBID Welcomes Dr. Paulin!

The Dental Offices of Drs. Miller, Werrin, and Gruendel are now the Offices of Drs. Miller, Werrin, Gruendel, and Paulin. This March, Miller, Werrin, and Gruendel brought Paulette Paulin, D.M.D. to their practice.

Although Dr. Paulin, who was raised in Pittsburgh, is new to the dental practice of Drs. Miller, Werrin, Gruendel, and Paulin, she has a long history of studying and working in Oakland.



also worked at UPMC's Eye and Ear Institute in the Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinic.

"I'm very excited to be working at this dental office," said Dr. Paulin. Her training in prosthodontics serves as a good compliment to the array of dental services offered by Drs. Miller, Werrin, and Gruendel.

Because of her extensive education and training at Pitt's Dental School, Dr. Paulin can perform a

Dr. Paulin received her bachelors degree from the University of Pittsburgh, her Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Pittsburgh's School of Dental Medicine, and completed her residency at Pitt's School of Dental Medicine. In addition to all of her course-work and studying in Oakland, Dr. Paulin

variety of specialized dental procedures including crowns, implants, bridges, restorations, as well as general dentistry. "I am able to do anything from full-mouth rehab to filling a cavity," said Dr. Paulin.

Welcome to the Oakland BID, Dr. Paulin and good luck to your continuous success.

- **Graffiti Reporting and Removal Process**

The Mayor's Office has developed a new Reporting and Removal Process, to remove graffiti in a more efficient and timely manner. Citizens should call 9-1-1 when a graffiti artist is "tagging" at that moment or when the resident's own, immediate personal property has been vandalized. Citizens should call 3-1-1 when they notice graffiti on another's property, commercial property, or public property. There are also changes in graffiti removal policy:

DPW will now remove any graffiti that they can reach. DPW will continue to forward any permission slips collected during the removal process to BBI, and will allocate more staff during the necessary summer months when graffiti vandalism reaches its peak. Graffiti Busters will now work during evening and weekend shifts to ensure that graffiti is removed in a timely manner.

- **Panhandling Prevention**

OBID has created flyers for businesses to post in their windows that offer pedestrians alternatives to giving money to panhandlers. The best way to discourage panhandling is to not give panhandlers money. Call OBID at (412) 683-6243 if you would like a flyer.

Oakland Roundtable

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for all OBID members

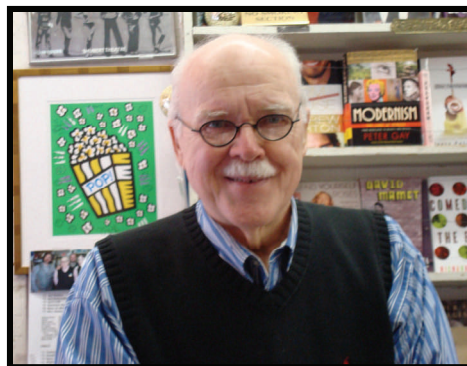


Thursday, April 17
3:00 p.m.
Peter's Pub, 2nd Floor
116 Oakland Avenue

Public Safety: Police Jurisdictions, brought to you by OBID in partnership with the Oakland Task Force

Topic: **Public Safety: Police Jurisdictions.** The Oakland community is served by various law enforcement agencies including City of Pittsburgh, Pitt, CMU, Allegheny County, Port Authority, and Pittsburgh Public Schools. This Roundtable will discuss the responsibilities and jurisdictions of each of these law enforcement agencies.

Goodbye Jay!



Jay Dantry, owner of Jay's Bookstall, will be retiring soon. Mr. Dantry has been a fixture in Oakland for over 52 years, offering experienced literary advice to patrons and hosting an array of famous authors and writings including: Stephen King, Kurt Vonnegut, Mary Clark Higgins, and Michael Chabon. Although Jay's bookstall will remain open for some time, OBID would like to extend a warm fair-well to Jay Dantry.



OBID Partner Celebrates Oakland

Celebrate Oakland!: A One Book One Community Event Featuring Rick Sebak

Join the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh on April 26 (2:00 pm — 5:00 pm) to find out what makes Oakland so special in "Something About Oakland," a documentary by Rick Sebak. Afterwards, meet Rick Sebak and enjoy a neighborhood open house with light refreshments.

Whether you live, work or play in Oakland, there always seem to be new places to go and new faces to meet.



What is it that makes Oakland so special? Find out in Rick Sebak's "Something About Oakland." Rick Sebak will be there to answer your questions and to talk about what makes Oakland, and Pittsburgh, a great place to be.

Both the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and OBID have worked to increase the visibility of, and excitement for Oakland. Come out to the Library to see Rick Sebak's "Something About Oakland" to celebrate you pride in being a part of the Oakland community.

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- **Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Seeks Volunteer** for their community garden On Blvd of the Allies between Parkview Drive and the Anderson St Bridge. For more info contact Lynn McGuire-Olzak 412-5862324 or email : lmcguire-olzak@paconserve.org
- **US Transplant Games Coming to Oakland** The National Kidney Foundations' US Transplant Games will be taking place in Pittsburgh from July 11 to July 16. Expect increased pedestrian traffic in Oakland. Look out for more information from OBID.

Enjoy the Cooler Tastes of Oakland this Spring

Spring is here and the warm weather will continue to get warmer. There are many ways to stay cool during the warmer Pittsburgh months. Some of the most tasty ways to do this are by enjoying the delicious flavors of Oakland's ice cream shops and cafes.



Dave and Andy's Homemade Ice Cream (207 Atwood) offers a multitude of changing flavors and is opened year round from 11:30 am until 10:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 12:00 pm through 10:00 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Rita's Italian Ice (3712 Fifth Ave) is another place to escape the heat. Serving flavored ice, custard, and shakes, Ritas Italian Ice re-opened its windows for the warm months this March. It is open 11:00 am until



9:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Cool flavors can also be found in some of Oakland's restaurants. David Gancy of the Red Oak Café (3610 Forbes Ave) makes smoothies with flavors changing on an almost daily basis. You can stop by the Red Oak Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, or Saturdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

If you are trying to cool off while looking for a jolt, you can stop by any one of Oakland's coffee shops and enjoy some iced coffee. Be sure to check-out: Kiva Han (3533 Forbes Ave), Crazy Mocha (207 Oakland Avenue), Caribou Coffee (3619 Forbes Ave), or Starbucks Coffee (3618 Forbes Avenue).

Whether you need to cool-off, or just want to entertain your pallet, Oakland is the place to do it.



- **Souf Oakland Steaks Opens its Doors** OBID's newest business, Souf Oakland Steaks, opened its doors at 219 Atwood Street on March 10, 2008. Souf Oakland Steaks offers a variety of foods including salads, sandwiches, pizza, and wraps. Souf Oakland Steaks has the benefit of being adjacent to, and sharing an internal window with the Garage Door Saloon. This allows Souf Oakland Steaks to partner with Garage Door on food specials. Souf Oakland Steaks is opened from 11:00 am-10:00 pm Monday through Wednesday, and 11:00 am-3:00 am Thursday through Saturday.



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