

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
APRIL 12, 2024

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

May 6, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
May 7, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC Meeting (30 Park)
May 18, Saturday – “That Day in May”
June 3, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
June 17, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
July 15, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
August 5, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
August 11, Sunday, 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Ice Cream Social (Shafor Park)
August 19, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)

BUSINESS UPDATE:

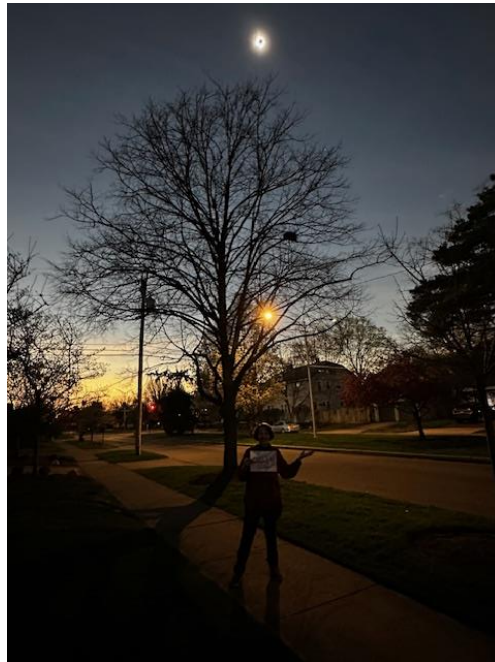
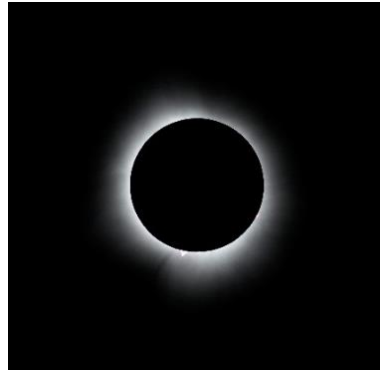
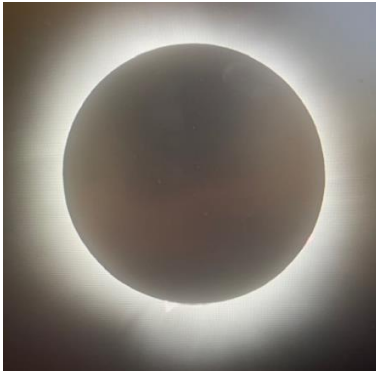
- Perennial Sale: The big event is next Friday and Saturday, April 19 – 20. Enclosed is a *Register* article.
- BRC: I am meeting with Donetta Johnson next Tuesday to discuss a possible appointment to the BRC, Precinct D.
- Styrofoam Recycling: Enclosed are *Register* and *DDN* articles about tomorrow’s event.
- Rotary Hazmat Pick-up: The quarterly Rotary event is next Saturday, April 20. Enclosed is a *Register* article.
- Brock Masterson’s Catering: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Rick Schaefer retiring and turning the business over to one of his longtime employees. Rick is the son of Nancy Schaefer. Nancy and Rick operated Nancy’s Fancies (1992 – 1998) on Park Avenue and then Nancy’s Porches (1998 – 2002) in the Far Hills Business District.
- Multilingual Officers: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about TCSU providing in-house translation services to their member cities. TCSU Executive Director Bob Green will attend our August 19 work session to give a briefing on the work of our Tactical Crime Suppression Unit.
- Flyboys Deli: Enclosed are *Register* and *DBJ* articles about Flyboys in Oakwood closing.
- PFAS: The EPA on Wednesday finalized PFAS limits in drinking water that will require utilities to reduce them to four parts per trillion. Enclosed is a *DDN* article. Thus far, our testing reveals no PFAS chemicals in Oakwood water.
- Miami Conservancy District (MCD): Enclosed is a *DDN* article about MCD readjusting its appraisal of flood protection and increasing assessments. Also enclosed is the notification we received that announces our \$24,062 assessment beginning in 2025.
- 2.41 Mill Levy: Enclosed is the Certificate of Result from the Montgomery County Board of Elections confirming the passage of our 2.41 mill tax issue.

- Miami Valley Age-Friendly Summit: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about a May 8 event. Bill and I will attend.
- 88th ABW Commander: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Colonel Dustin Richards assuming command of the 88th Air Base Wing (ABW) at Wright-Patterson AFB. Bill and I attended the event last Tuesday. Enclosed is the program. We local government leaders affectionately call the 88th ABW Commander the “Mayor of Wright-Patt.” The commander attends our monthly Mayors and Managers Association meetings. Fun fact: Col. Richards is a civil engineer! 😊
- Carol Collins: Yesterday, Carol Collins surpassed Harry W. Carter as the longest-serving Oakwood employee in the history of Oakwood! We will celebrate this monumental achievement with a luncheon on Wednesday, April 24. It will take place on the admin side of the city building beginning at 12 noon.



- Retirement: Enclosed is a memo distributed to all city employees this week.

- Solar Eclipse: Enclosed are some eclipse photos published in this week's *Register*. Below are three photos taken by Doug Sanders in our Safety Department and one photo taken by Dan Turben.



HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

Register article re: Perennial Sale

Register & *DDN* articles re: Styrofoam Recycling

Register article re: Rotary Hazmat Pick-up

DDN articles re: Brock Masterson's Catering

DDN article re: Multilingual Officers

Register & *DBJ* articles re: Flyboys Deli

DDN article re: PFAS

DDN article & Notification re: Miami Conservancy District (MCD)

2.41 Mill Levy Certificate of Result

DDN article re: Miami Valley Age-Friendly Summit

DDN article & Program re: 88th ABW Commander

Retirement Memo

Register photos re: Solar Eclipse

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Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale April 19-20



The Friends of Smith Gardens "Perennial Sale" will be held on Friday, April 19, and Saturday, April 20, at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road. Sale hours are from 3-8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Over 100 varieties of plants will be available including perennials, hostas,

ferns, herbs, ornamental grasses, wildflowers, natives, hanging baskets and some annuals. All plant material is Ohio grown. All of the growers are known for their excellent quality plants. Plant material will arrive in Oakwood the day of the sale so all the plants are fresh from the growers and the best of quality.

A complete listing of plants is now available for pick up at the Community Center or by calling the OCC at (937) 298-0775.

This fundraising event is open to the public with proceeds going to the care and maintenance of Smith Gardens.

Styrofoam recycling event Saturday, April 13

The next Montgomery County Styrofoam (EPS) recycling event is Saturday April 13, at The Rose Music Center in Huber Heights

For a limited time only (between 9-11:30 a.m.) Green Oakwood volunteers will be accepting styrofoam from Oakwood residents at the Foell Public Works recycling and green waste drop area on Shafor Boulevard and shuttling it to the recycling event. Please do not leave any styrofoam outside of these times, as it is not collected,

nor stored, and presents a litter hazard to neighboring roads and residents.

Items that are not acceptable include black styrofoam, food containers with visible food contamination, corn starch foam (if it dissolves in water it is not Styrofoam; please dissolve or compost), EPE (expanded polyethylene) foam which is 'squishable', film-like foam.

Styrofoam peanuts are acceptable, if in a sealed bag.

Due to limited volunteer availability, you may be asked to provide proof of Oakwood address and residents with large quantities may be invited to go direct to the county location.

Why not combine your recycling offload and drop off unserviceable electronic appliances, ink cartridges and batteries in the blue can in the Foell Recycling Center at the same time? These items are sent to Charitable Recycling and benefit Dayton Children's Hospital.

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Spring styrofoam recycling event

The city is partnering with Green Oakwood to provide a spring styrofoam recycling event for the community.

Styrofoam will be collected at the Yard Waste and Recycling Drop-Off facility at the front entrance to the J. David Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Blvd., from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Green Oakwood will transport the collected styrofoam to the Montgomery County Environmental Services Styrofoam recycling event. Aside from Styrofoam recycling, the public works center will be open that day for mulch pickup.

For more information, call 937-298-0777.

Rotary pickup service April 20

On Saturday, April 20, Oakwood Rotary volunteers will collect materials that can't be picked up by weekly trash and recycling routes. Those items include

paint cans, stains, thinners, pesticides, and batteries. Please ensure containers are easily accessible, not leaking, with secure lids. If



you have pick-up items, call (937) 296-5155 and leave your name and address before noon on Friday, April 19. Items to be collected need to be ready by 9 a.m. on the

April 20.

While there is no charge for the pickup, residents are encouraged to make a tax-deductible donation to the Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation and leave that with the items in a

well-marked envelope. Or mail a check to P.O. Box 512, Dayton, OH 45409. All donations support the many Oakwood Rotary charitable projects and community events.

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Owner of Brock Masterson's Catering retires after 38 years

By Natalie Jones
Staff Writer

Rick Schaefer, owner of Brock Masterson's Catering & Events, will retire and hand over his spatulas to longtime employees Traci Tobin and her daughter Caitlyn.

"It's been 38 years," Schaefer said. "It's been a great run."

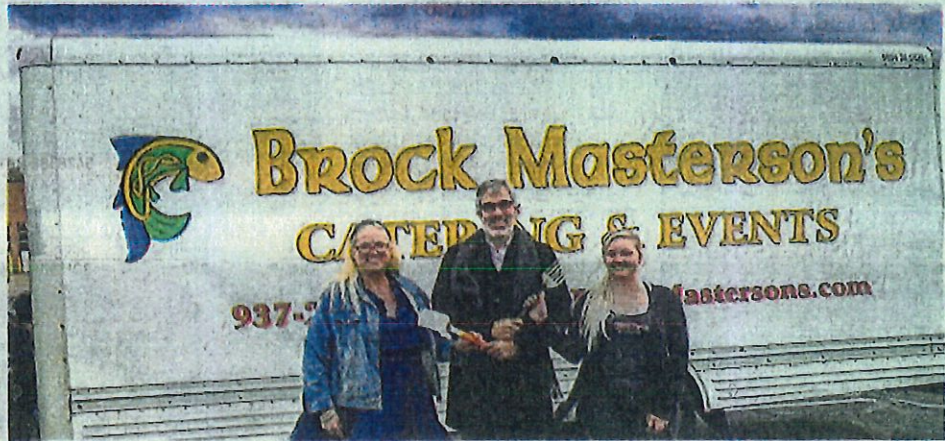
He looks forward to doing a lot of traveling, food and culture research as well as getting involved with Daughters of Cambodia, an organization empowering those trapped in the sex industry to walk free and start a new life. Schaefer said about 10 years ago he taught a cooking class with the Daughters of Cambodia, noting it was "probably one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

"Dayton has allowed me this opportunity," Schaefer said. "The people of Dayton have been so good to us. They've supported us at festivals. The venues have had us as approved caterers, so I want to give back to Dayton. Just give back to the community that has been so good to me."

The start of Brock Masterson's Catering & Events

Schaefer's passion for food stemmed from his childhood where he recalled having certain dishes at family gatherings that gave him comfort and still do. He loves eating, cooking and creating food.

In 1986, he started selling "Precious Pecans" with his mom to Dorothy Lane Market in Oakwood. The old family recipe took jumbo pecans shipped in from



Rick Schaefer, the owner of Brock Masterson's Catering & Events, plans to retire and hand over his spatulas to longtime employees Traci Tobin (left) and her daughter Caitlyn. CONTRIBUTED BY MARK'S PHOTO & VIDEO

Albany, Georgia, that the duo coated in egg whites, korintje cinnamon, sugar, and sea salt and baked to a crispy deliciousness. Schaefer said in the 1980s this was "cutting edge."

Two years later, they opened a storefront on Park Avenue in Oakwood where the front of the store was a gift shop and the back was where he did catering. In 1998, they took a big leap and opened Nancy's Porches, a full-service restaurant at 2600 Far Hills Ave. in Oakwood. The restaurant space was sold in the early 2000s when his mom decided to retire.

Around that same time, Brock Masterson's Catering & Events was born.

Longtime employees are key to success

Reflecting on his career, Schaefer says his employees are his biggest accomplishment.

"The thing that has been most gratifying to me is that I kept my employees in an industry that just doesn't keep employees," he said. He believes they have many repeat clients because they see the same faces and have established relationships.

One of those longtime employees is the aforementioned Traci Tobin, who joined his team in 2011. She recalled initially setting up events and talking to clients, but once the company continued to grow she became Schaefer's sous chef and learned the recipes. Her daughter, Caitlyn, joined the team in 2016.

Traci enjoys being a part of their clients' life celebrations. She has seen many families and kids grow up.

"It makes us happy to do what we do," she said.

One of Schaefer's favorite memories is when a 92-year-old man walked into their showroom in December 2015 and asked if they could help him give his wife, who was turning 90, a meal she would

never forget. Schaefer said he and Traci made a five-course meal.

"That was my one favorite catering job ever for those two people," Schaefer said. "I never felt so good in my life."

Mother-daughter duo start new chapter

As the mother-daughter duo takes over, they say customers will still be able to get crab cakes, three-potato hash and dill sauce at festivals or by placing orders.

"The integrity of the recipes they remember from Nancy's Porches – or just that Rick and I have served in the past – are going to remain the same," Traci said.

In addition, Brock Masterson's Catering & Events has new home at 101 E. Alex Bell Road Suite 104 C in Centerville's Cross Pointe Shopping Center.

For more information, visit brockmastersons.com or the caterer's Facebook page.

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Police departments sharing multilingual officers

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

A law enforcement unit shared by several Dayton-area south suburbs has begun using in-house translators to help investigate crimes.

The Tactical Crime Suppression Unit started the practice last year and has two fluent Spanish interpreters and one who speaks Mandarin, TCSU Director Bob Green said.

The TCSU serves Centerville, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine,

Oakwood, Springboro and West Carrollton, all Miami Valley Communication Council members.

Green said having officers translate languages saves the cities time and money while assisting crime victims.

"We have direct access to the different officers who translate ... I can call them directly and they can respond. It saves a lot of time getting people out there as opposed to having to call a service," he said.

"The chiefs are all on board," Green added. "So, it speeds up our process, espe-

cially when we're dealing with the victims. Our main concern in cases involving the victims is putting them at ease. And this assists them tremendously."

The investigation unit leads or helps member cities in a variety of cases ranging from serious traffic accidents and hostage situations to officer-involved shootings.

The market for translation services increased 6.6% in 2023, according to IBISWorld, which provides research on thousands of industries.

For most of the cities

served by the TCSU, languages other than English are spoken in fewer than 10% of homes, according to 2018-22 U.S. Census data.

Germantown topped the list, with 17.1% of homes featuring a language other than English spoken. That was followed by Centerville (10.2%), Moraine (7.7%) and Kettering (6.4%). Miamisburg and Springboro (both 3.4%) were the lowest, census data shows.

Green said he has not seen a significant increase in the need for law enforcement translators in those cities, but

noted that Spanish seems to be more predominantly spoken than in the past.

In cases where outside translators are needed, the TCSU contacts firms which can charge between \$100 to \$200 for the first hour, Green said.

"They're very helpful," he said. "But it's very costly to the cities."

The first case in which the unit used an in-house translator was in Springboro, where a Moraine police officer who speaks Mandarin was called in, Green said. It was an investigation that

involved arson, kidnapping and felonious assault.

The unit has not required translators in any 2024 cases yet, he said. Still, Green said he would like to broaden the unit's in-house translation services.

"I think it's great when people are bilingual, and we want to use them," he said. "It's just another asset to doing our job properly and fulfilling the community's needs."

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Oakwood deli Flyboys will close April 20

Flyboys, an Oakwood delicatessen and bar located at 2515 Far Hills Ave.,



announced on Tuesday that it will be closing, with the business's final day slated for Saturday, April 20. Flyboys opened in Oakwood in 2013.

"It is with sincere gratitude and a heavy heart that we announce the closing of Flyboy's Deli in Oakwood. This has been a very difficult and emotional decision and we are so sad to say goodbye after 11 years," the deli said in a Facebook post this week. "The family has been going through very difficult times recently. Given the circumstances, the family has reached a decision to close Flyboy's. We want to assure you that this decision was not taken lightly." Unice Kim passed

away this year after battling cancer and her husband, retired Air Force Colonel Steve Crandall, suffered a stroke last year.

"Our customers have been the greatest treasures of Flyboy's," they added. "On Steve, Unice, and all staff's behalf, we just want to say Thank You for all your incredible support. Oakwood is such a special community - warm and welcoming neighbors, dedicated small business owners, and a safe neighborhood for families to grow. It has truly been an honor to serve this community. We share so many great memories with this community (weddings, graduations, promotions, birthdays, just to name a few), and those memories will always

be in our hearts.

"We would also like to thank our staff, past and present, for all the hard work and efforts throughout the years. We were incredibly lucky to have the most committed and talented staff here at Flyboy's. It's impossible to express the deep gratitude we have for all of you. Thank you for being part of the Flyboy's family, and we will forever be grateful."

Flyboys Deli opened a second location at the Mall at Fairfield Commons but that restaurant closed at the end of 2019 after two years in business. Flyboys later opened a downtown location on Patterson Boulevard, near the Dayton Dragons ballpark, in June 2021. That location closed in August 2023.

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RESTAURANTS

Flyboy's Deli to close initial store in Oakwood

BY LAUREN STEEN
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A Dayton deli with an aviation theme will cease operations by the end of the month.

Flyboy's Deli will be closing its doors on April 20 at its founding location in Oakwood, as announced on a Facebook post by the company.

"It is with sincere gratitude and a heavy heart that we announce the closing of Flyboy's Deli," said the post. "This has been a very difficult and emotional decision, and we are so sad to say goodbye."

Located at 2515 Far Hills Ave., Steve Crandall, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel and a vice president with SAIC, and wife Unice Kim, opened the business 11 years ago. They purchased the facility from former Cooper's Deli owners Dan Apolito and Mike Fullenkamp.

Kim, who had decades of experience in the restaurant industry, died earlier this year following a tough battle with cancer, and Crandall suffered a major stroke last year and is still recovering in a long-term care facility.



DBJ FILE

Flyboy's Deli in Oakwood will close its doors by the end of the month.

"Given the circumstances, the family has reached a decision to close Flyboy's," the post said. "We want to assure you that this decision was not taken lightly."

The aviation-themed deli was best known for its signature sandwiches, soups, salads, wraps and pizzas.

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bors, dedicated small business owners, and a safe neighborhood for families to grow," the post said. "It has truly been an honor to serve this community. We share so many great memories with this community (weddings, graduations, promotions, birthdays, just to name a few), and those memories will always be in our hearts."

The post also thanked their staff, past and present.

"We were incredibly lucky to have the most committed and talented staff here at Flyboy's. It's impossible to express the deep gratitude we have for all of you. Thank you for being part of the Flyboy's family, and we will forever be grateful."

The local deli faced another closing in August of last year, when it closed its downtown Dayton doors after two years at 219 N. Patterson Blvd.

National limits on PFAS in drinking water finalized

Officials say rule will curb diseases caused by 'forever chemicals.'

By Michael Phillips
Associated Press

The Biden administration on Wednesday finalized strict limits on certain so-called "forever chemicals" in drinking water that will require utilities to reduce them to the lowest level they can be reliably measured. Officials say this will reduce exposure for 100 million people and help prevent thousands of illnesses, including cancers.

The rule is the first national



drinking water limit on toxic PFAS, or perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, which are widespread and long-lasting in the environment.

Health advocates praised the Environmental Protection Agency for not backing away from tough limits the agency proposed last year. But water utilities took issue

A researcher pours a water sample at the U.S. EPA Center For Environmental Solutions and Emergency Response in Cincinnati.

JOSHUA A. BICKEL
/ AP

with the rule, saying treatment systems are expensive to install and that customers will end up paying more for water.

Water providers are entering a new era with significant additional health standards that the EPA says will make tap water safer for millions of consumers – a Biden administration priority. The agency has also proposed forcing utilities to remove dangerous lead pipes.

Utility groups warn the rules will cost tens of billions of dollars each and fall hardest on small communities with fewer resources. Legal challenges are sure to follow.

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EPA Administrator Michael Regan says the rule is the most important action the EPA has ever taken on PFAS.

"The result is a comprehensive and life-changing rule, one that will improve the health and vitality of so many communities across our country," said Regan.

PFAS chemicals are hazardous because they don't degrade in the environment and are linked to health issues such as low birth weight and kidney cancer. They've been used in everyday products including nonstick pans, firefighting foam and waterproof clothing. Although some of the most common types are phased out in the U.S., others remain. Water providers will now be forced to remove contamination put in the environment by other industries.

"It's that accumulation that's the problem," said Scott Belcher, a North Carolina State University professor who researches PFAS toxicity. "Even tiny, tiny, tiny amounts each time you take a drink of water over your lifetime is going to keep adding up, leading to the health effects."

PFAS is a broad family of chemical substances, and the new rule sets strict limits on two common types – called PFOA and PFOS – at 4

parts per trillion. Three other types that include GenEx Chemicals that are a major problem in North Carolina are limited to 10 parts per trillion. Water providers will have to test for these PFAS chemicals and tell the public when levels are too high. Combinations of some PFAS types will be limited, too.

Regan announced the rule in Fayetteville, North Carolina, on Wednesday.

Environmental and health advocates praised the rule, but said PFAS manufacturers knew decades ago the substances were dangerous yet hid or downplayed the evidence. Limits should have come sooner, they argue.

"Reducing PFAS in our drinking water is the most cost effective way to reduce our exposure," said Scott Faber, a food and water expert at Environmental Working Group. "It's much more challenging to reduce other exposures such as PFAS in food or clothing or carpets."

Over the last year, EPA has periodically released batches of utility test results for PFAS in drinking water. Roughly 16% of utilities found at least one of the two strictly limited PFAS chemicals at or above the new limits. These utilities serve tens of millions of people. The Biden administration, however, expects about 6-10% of water systems to exceed the new limits.

Water providers will generally have three years to do testing. If those test exceed

the limits, they'll have two more years to install treatment systems, according to EPA officials.

Some funds are available to help utilities. Manufacturer 3M recently agreed to pay more than \$10 billion to drinking water providers to settle PFAS litigation. And the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes billions to combat the substance. But utilities say more will be needed.

For some communities, tests results were a surprise. Last June, a utility outside Philadelphia that serves nearly 9,000 people learned that one of its wells had a PFOA level of 235 parts per trillion, among the highest results in the country at the time.

"I mean, obviously, it was a shock," said Joseph Hastings, director of the joint public works department for the Collegeville and Trappe boroughs, whose job includes solving problems presented by new reg-

ulations.

The well was quickly yanked offline, but Hastings still doesn't know the contamination source. Several other wells were above the EPA's new limits, but lower than those the state of Pennsylvania set earlier. Now, Hastings says installing treatment systems could be a multi-million dollar endeavor, a major expense for a small customer base.

The new regulation is "going to throw public confidence in drinking water into chaos," said Mike McGill, president of WaterPIO, a water industry communications firm.

The American Water Works Association, an industry group, says it supports the development of PFAS limits in drinking water, but argues the EPA's rule has big problems.

The agency underestimated its high cost, which can't be justified for communities with low levels of PFAS, and it'll raise cus-

tomers water bills, the association said. Plus, there aren't enough experts and workers – and supplies of filtration material are limited.

Work in some places has started. The company Veolia operates utilities serving about 2.3 million people across six eastern states and manages water systems for millions more. Veolia built PFAS treatment for small water systems that serve about 150,000 people.

The company expects, however, that roughly 50 more sites will need treatment – and it's working to scale up efforts to reduce PFAS in larger communities it serves.

Such efforts followed dramatic shifts in EPA's health guidance for PFAS in recent years as more research into its health harms emerged. Less than a decade ago, EPA issued a health advisory that PFOA and PFOS levels combined shouldn't exceed 70 parts per trillion. Now, the agency says

no amount is safe.

Public alarm has increased, too. In Minnesota, for example, Amara's Law aims to stop avoidable PFAS use. It's been nearly a year since the law's namesake, Amara Strande, died from a rare cancer her family blames on PFAS contamination by 3M near her high school in Oakdale, although a connection between PFAS and her cancer can't be proven. Biden administration officials say communities shouldn't suffer like Oakdale. 3M says it extends its deepest condolences to Amara's friends and family.

Losing Amara pushed the family toward activism. They've testified multiple times in favor of PFAS restrictions.

"Four parts per trillion, we couldn't ask for a better standard," Amara's sister Nora said. "It's a very ambitious goal, but anything higher than that is endangering lives."

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NEW DETAILS

Some brace for massive flood protection assessment hikes in 2025

Miami Conservancy District: Most will pay less than \$250 annually to help fund \$140 million in projects.

By Sydney Dawes
Staff Writer

The Miami Conservancy District is readjusting its appraisal of flood protection benefits this year, a process that hasn't happened since 2012. Changes to fees collected for the region's flood protection system will likely come into effect in 2025.

CLOSER LOOK	
Flood depth in 1913 (ft.)	Flood factor
10 feet or more	30%
7-9.99	28.5%
6-6.99	27%
5-5.99	24%
4-4.99	19.5%
3-3.99	15%
2-2.99	9%
0.5-1.99	7.4%
Greater than 0-0.49	6%

SOURCE: MIAMI CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Officials say that roughly 83% of the properties covered by the Miami Conservancy District will pay less than \$250 annually for two fees related to flood protections.

But increases for the other 17% can be much higher. And some business and housing leaders in the region point to the financial strain added expenses have during a time of high living costs.

One business manager in Hamilton is leading a campaign to oppose the increases after his agency's property – an artist loft building in the city's downtown – is slated to

see its assessment increase from \$1,208 to \$10,810.

"It just breaks my heart," said David Stark, the director of operations at ArtSpace Hamilton Lofts. "This is going to affect so many small businesses, and it will definitely significantly alter Hamilton itself for growth."

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Calculating assessments due

Proposed assessment changes include a new 1% capital assessment and a 0.59% increase to the 2.19% maintenance assessment 47,000 residents are already paying. The assessments will cover costs related to upkeep and rehabilitation of the levee and dam system.

The Miami Conservancy District says it has identified about \$140 million in short-term and long-term projects needed to ensure levees, dams and channels across the region remain safe and effective. Aging infrastructure, extreme weather events and increasing rainfall are putting pressure on the regional flood protection system, which has critical maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and reinvestment needs.

The Miami Conservancy District hosted open houses in Dayton, Troy and Hamilton to offer information about the assessment and walk property owners through their assessments.

These assessments are not taxes and are currently based on property values from 12 years ago, according to the Miami Conservancy District.

"Flood protection assessments are based partly on property values," says MaryLynn Lodor, Miami Conservancy District general manager. "And property values change over time. With the readjustment, we assure equitable distribution of the flood protection costs."

The conservancy district created a database for property owners covered by flood protection to check what they'll be charged for the two assessments.

The district used a formula that multiplies the benefit properties receive from the flood protection system by the rates the district charges for the assessments. To do this, the district calculated a property's "flood factor" by using mapping technology.

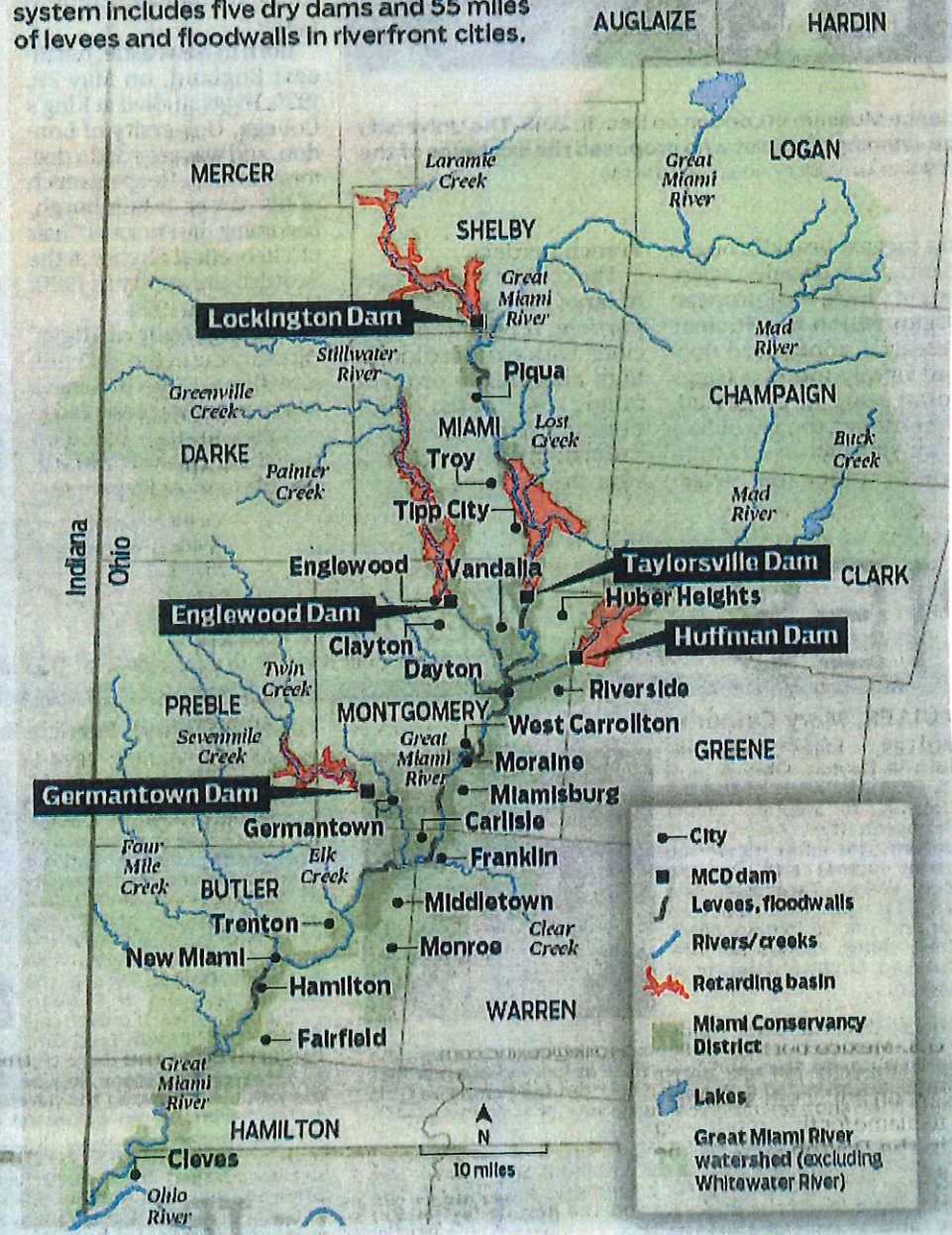
The flood factor of a property is a percentage determined by the depth of flooding that occurred in 1913 where the property is located.



The Germantown Dam is one of five dams protecting residents and businesses in the five counties covered by the Miami Conservancy District. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

Miami Conservancy District flood protection

The Miami Conservancy District flood protection system provides services to 22 cities, 5 counties and 18 townships. The system includes five dry dams and 55 miles of levees and floodwalls in riverfront cities.



“Fully protected” properties are protected by dams, storage basins and levees, according to Miami Conservancy District chief of technical and engineering services Barry Puskas. The flood factor for these properties starts at 6% and goes up to 30%.

“Partially protected” properties are only protected by dams and storage basins in the flood protection system, Puskas said. They are automatically assigned a flood

factor of 3%.

The district also considers the percentage of land that flooded for a property, as well as the placement of the building in a protected parcel. In other words, if a building does not rest in the portion of property that flooded in 1913, that will be considered in calculating

flood prevention benefit.

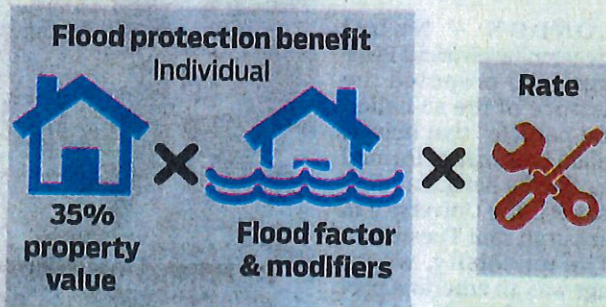
The flood factor of a property and any other modifiers are multiplied by 35% of the property’s value – this includes land and building tax value. This total is then multiplied by the rate of an assessment, or 1% for the capital charge and 2.78% for the maintenance charge.

‘Keep Hamilton Afloat’

Stark, with ArtSpace Hamilton Lofts, said he launched the Keep Hamilton Afloat campaign to raise awareness about the assessments, point property owners to the benefit exception process and encourage them

Calculating capital and maintenance assessments

The Miami Conservancy District has plans to charge a new 1% capital assessment and increase a maintenance assessment to 2.78%. The conservancy uses a formula that weighs home value, 1913 flood impact and other factors to calculate what a property owner owes for flood protection.



Source: The Miami Conservancy District

to seek other solutions for funding needed repairs.

"No one is unappreciative of our flood protection structures," he said. "But so much is needed so quickly. And everyone is a stakeholder in this. We didn't revitalize Hamilton just to become the cash cow of the Miami Conservancy District."

Stark could be paying more than \$10,000 annually in assessments after the reappraisal comes into effect for the apartment building that houses artists in Hamilton.

The Miami Conservancy District database shows that the maintenance assessment on one of ArtSpace's properties is proposed to increase from \$1,208 to \$7,950. And the new capital assessment is set at \$2,859.

The property, Stark recalls, has a flood factor of 23%.

He said he feels if more than 80% of individual properties are paying less than \$250 annually, the nearly 20% that are paying more must be footing larger bills.

"It really puts quite a burden on the unlucky 17%," he said.

Assessments will depend on location, 1913 flood impact

The Miami Conservancy District collects fees from 47,000 individual properties that stretch across five counties.

Geographically, partially protected properties typically fall outside of the core of most cities in the region. These properties will likely see lighter charges.

In the Dayton area, this includes areas surrounding Eastwood MetroPark, Kittyhawk golf course, Triangle Park, Shiloh Park and more. Elsewhere in Montgomery County, chunks of Germantown are also partially protected. Thousands of Dayton houses that are not on the

riverfront are not charged capital and maintenance assessments, too.

Partially protected properties, the conservancy district estimates, will be charged \$29 for the maintenance assessment and \$10 for the capital assessment per \$100,000 in property value annually.

But properties with a 30% flood factor and no modifiers related to building placement will likely see a higher bill. The Miami Conservancy District estimated that this could result in charges of \$292 for the maintenance assessment and \$105 for the capital assessment annually per \$100,000 in property value.

The reappraisal of assessments follows the historic rise in property values in Ohio. Montgomery County saw an average increase of 34% in residential property value countywide as a part of the state-mandated triennial update last year. The average increase in Butler County is 37%.

The district, which was formed after the Great Dayton Flood in 1913, is funded by individual assessments on properties and "unit assessments" paid by five counties and 22 communities.

Next steps

Property owners can file an exception to the readjusted benefits in writing by April 24. More information about exceptions can be found on the Miami Conservancy District's website.

A board of county common pleas court judges in July is tasked with considering the appraisal record and proposed rates for assessments. These assessments will be filed with county auditors' offices in September. Assessments will be collected in early 2025.

Contact this reporter at Sydney.Dawes@coxinc.com.

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**THE MIAMI
CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT**

March 23, 2024

Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
City of Oakwood
30 Park Avenue
Dayton, OH 45419

Subject: Important Notice Regarding Miami Conservancy District's Flood Protection System Assessment

**38 E. MONUMENT AVE
DAYTON, OHIO 45402
(937) 223-1271
mcdwater.org**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Mark G. Rentschler
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GENERAL MANAGER
MaryLynn Lodor

Dear Mr. Klopsch:

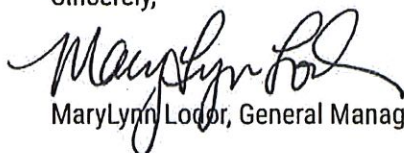
The Miami Conservancy District reduces flood risk from the Great Miami River in cities, villages, and counties. In the review and readjustment of the appraisal of flood protection benefits, we discovered a small area in the City of Oakwood that is protected by our flood protection system. All properties and communities that flooded in 1913, and now receive flood protection benefits from the Miami Conservancy District pay a flood protection assessment. The assessments are used to cover ongoing maintenance and capital improvement of essential infrastructure including dams, levees, storage basins, floodgates, floodwalls, and other components of the integrated flood protection system.

Because you are a protected community along the Great Miami River, I want to update you on changes to the flood protection assessments. The assessments are based in part on property values provided by your county auditor and how the integrated system protects your community. In 2020, the Conservancy Court ordered a Readjustment of the Appraisal of Benefits, so costs are equitably distributed in accordance with state law. In February 2024, the Conservancy Court authorized the establishment of a new capital assessment. The Ohio Revised Code allows conservancy districts to readjust benefits no more often than once every six years. The last readjustment was completed in 2012.

Please find attached your community's current and estimated flood protection maintenance and capital improvement assessments. The updated assessments are based on methodology consistent with state law, and property values as of December 2023. The estimated benefits have been issued in a legal notice (attached) for 30 days.

For the long-term safety and security of residents and businesses in the region, the flood protection system was constructed to defend against devastating floods. The Miami Conservancy District's integrated system protects public safety, enhances property value, safeguards other critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, utilities, schools, and other critical services while sustaining quality of life. I welcome the opportunity to discuss the assessment and service that the Miami Conservancy District provides to your community. Please contact me at 937-223-1278, ext. 3220 or mlodor@mcdwater.org with questions or to schedule a meeting.

Sincerely,


MaryLynn Lodor, General Manager

CITY OF OAKWOOD UNIT ASSESSMENT

7th Readjustment of the Appraisal of Benefits



Municipalities and counties that flooded in 1913 and are now protected by the Miami Conservancy District flood protection system pay a Unit Assessment. The assessment is used for the necessary, ongoing maintenance and capital improvements to the dams, levees, and related flood protection features. Publicly owned properties that are exclusively used for governmental purposes are exempt from the Miami Conservancy District's individual assessment.

Calculating Unit Assessments

The Unit Assessment is based upon the total value of benefits appraised for individual properties calculated within your jurisdiction. In 2023 and 2024 the Miami Conservancy District Board of Appraisers updated and approved the methodology used to calculate the 7th Readjustment of Appraisal of Benefits, as required by Ohio law.

Your jurisdiction's 2025 estimated unit assessment for flood protection is below. This estimated unit assessment is based on the 7th Readjustment of the Appraisal of Benefits, updated with 2023 property values. Unit assessments are calculated by multiplying the **benefit** and the **projected rate**. The maintenance rate is projected to be 2.78%, and the capital rate is projected to be 1%. Listed below is your current unit assessment for comparison, which was calculated in 2012.

The assessments below are for informational purposes only. This is not an invoice.

Purpose	Estimated 2025 Unit Assessment (based on 7 th Readjustment)	Current Unit Assessment (based on 6 th Readjustment)
Flood Protection Maintenance	\$ 17,696	\$ 0
Flood Protection Capital Improvement	\$ 6,366	\$ 0

Readjustment of the Appraisal of Benefits 2024

Fact Sheet



THE MIAMI
CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT

BACKGROUND

Properties that flooded in 1913 and now receive protection from the Miami Conservancy District's flood protection system pay an annual assessment to cover the necessary, ongoing maintenance of the dams, levees, storage basins, and related parts of the flood protection system.

Assessments are based on property values and the degree of flood protection benefits provided. The maintenance funds collected are used for the necessary, ongoing maintenance of the flood protection system. There is currently no assessment to address capital improvement of the 100+ year old flood protection system.

WHAT IS A READJUSTMENT OF THE APPRAISAL OF BENEFITS?

Since property values can increase or decrease over time, the Miami Conservancy District periodically performs a readjustment of the appraisal of benefits to make sure the cost to maintain the flood protection system is equitably distributed. Ohio Revised Code allows conservancy districts to readjust benefits no more often than once every six years.

- The seventh Readjustment of the Appraisal of Benefits will occur in 2024.
- Updated assessments are scheduled to be collected in 2025.
- The current Appraisal Record lists benefits to more than 47,000 individual properties, plus unit benefits to five counties and 22 municipalities along the Great Miami River and its tributaries.
- The readjustment of the appraisal of benefits is used to calculate both the individual and unit assessments.
- When final property values are received from the County Auditor, the Miami Conservancy District will calculate the final benefits and assessments.
- Ohio Revised Code §6101.33 allows property owners or public corporations who do not agree with the proposed benefit to object by filing an exception to the readjusted appraisal of benefits. The deadline to file an exception will be 30 days after the Miami Conservancy District public notice. The public notice is anticipated to be issued on March 24, 2024.

Over 47,000 properties, valued at \$10B, benefit from the flood protection system.

HOW ARE BENEFITS DETERMINED?

Individual properties, counties, and municipalities that flooded in 1913, and are now protected by the Miami Conservancy District's integrated system, receive a flood protection benefit.

Unit Benefits

The Unit Benefits are based on the flood protection benefits provided to local governments including health, safety, and quality of life; protection of publicly owned buildings, facilities, utilities, water supplies, and transportation infrastructure. Public parcels are exempt from Individual Benefits but are included in Unit Benefits.

Benefits to the five counties and 22 municipalities are computed using a percentage of the total of the individual benefits within the political boundaries of each unit.

Individual Benefits

Benefits to approximately 47,000 individual properties are based on depth of 1913 flooding. The current value of the property, as determined by the county auditor, is used to compute the benefit to the property.

The benefit is also computed using a Flood Factor based on actual flooding depth during the 1913 flood and other modifiers.

HOW ARE ASSESSMENTS CALCULATED?

Properties that benefit from the protection of the Miami Conservancy District integrated flood protection system pay an annual assessment. The methodology was developed in 1917 and has been used for more than 90 years. The assessment is calculated by multiplying a **rate** and **benefit**.

Rate

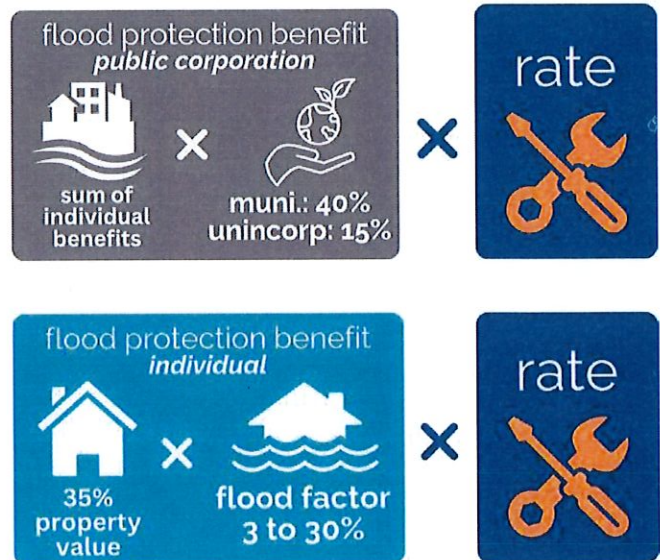
The rate is assigned annually by the Miami Conservancy District Board of Directors and is subject to annual review and approval by the Conservancy Court:

Maintenance Rate

- Funds are used for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the flood protection system.
- The current maintenance rate is 2.19%. The proposed maintenance assessment rate is 2.78% (beginning 2025).

Capital Improvement Rate

- Funds are used for the rehab and renewal of the flood protection system.
- The capital authorization, focused on dam safety, expired in 2022. The Conservancy Court approved a spending authority for a new capital assessment and the rate is projected to be at or under 1% (beginning 2025). It will fund work on levees and other flood protection assets, as determined by a comprehensive plan.

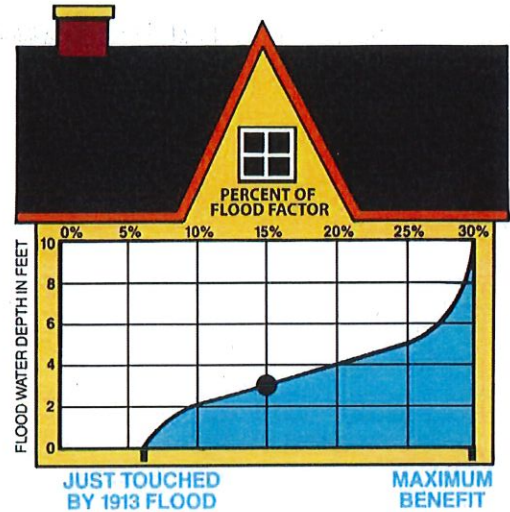


Benefit

The benefit represents the enhanced value of the property resulting from flood protection and is computed using the following flood factors:

- Land and building tax values of the property provided by the County Auditor.
- A flood percentage ranging from 3 to 30%, based on the depth of flooding at the property during the 1913 flood.
- Other applicable modifiers such as the percent of property that was flooded, the location of structures, and buildings with multiple stories.

If your property is protected by dams, storage basins, and levees, you are **fully protected**. If your property is protected by dams and storage basins (no levees), you are **partially protected**, and receive less benefit.



Three examples of assessment calculations for \$100K property

The following three examples assume a Maintenance Rate of 2.78% and a Capital Assessment of 1%. The Property Value from 2023 County Auditor records is \$100,000.

Property 1 - fully protected (behind a levee and downstream of a dam and storage basin).

- 1913 Flood floodwater depth of 10 feet or more (30% Flood Factor).
- New Maintenance Assessment - \$292 (that is a \$62 increase over previous assessment).
- New Capital Assessment - \$105/year.

Property 2 - fully protected (behind a levee and downstream of a dam and storage basin).

- 1913 Flood floodwater depth of 6 inches of water (6% Flood Factor).
- New Assessment to be collected - \$58 (that is a \$12 increase over previous assessment).
- New Capital Assessment to be collected - \$22/year.

Property 3 - partially protected (downstream of a dam and storage basin)

- All partially protected properties have a 3% Flood Factor.
- New Assessment to be collected - \$29 (that is a \$7 increase over previous assessment).
- New Capital Assessment - \$10/year.

HOW DO I FIND MY ASSESSMENT?

The Miami Conservancy District is hosting a webpage where you can enter your parcel ID, tax name, or tax address – like the County Auditor webpages - where you can obtain your final projected assessment estimates.

Scan the QR code with your smart phone, or visit <https://mcdwater.org/i-want-to/learn-about-my-assessment>



HOW DO I FILE AN EXCEPTION?

The deadline to file an exception will be 30 days after the Miami Conservancy District public notice. The public notice is anticipated to be issued on March 24, 2024. Forms may be requested by sending an email to info@mcdwater.org.

Owners who do not agree with the proposed *benefit* may object by filing an *exception*. Ohio Revised Code §6101.33 allows property owners or public corporations to file exceptions to the readjusted appraisal of benefits.

- Exceptions must be in writing and postmarked by or filed in-person at the Miami Conservancy District by April 24, 2024.
- Filings may be completed in-person Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at: Miami Conservancy District, 38 E. Monument Avenue, Dayton Ohio.
- Exceptors will be notified of the date and location of their hearing via e-mail and regular mail.

Keeping the promise since 1915



The Miami Conservancy District protects communities in southwest Ohio from flooding, preserves water through stewardship, and promotes the enjoyment of our waterways.

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LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO
CASE NO. 36847

In the Matter of:

THE MIAMI CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

NOTICE OF HEARING ON
REVISED APPRAISAL RECORD OF BENEFITS ON LANDS LYING IN THE OHIO
COUNTIES OF BUTLER, HAMILTON, MIAMI, MONTGOMERY, AND WARREN

To: To All Persons or Public Corporations Interested.

Public Notice is Hereby Given:

That on August 26, 2020, the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Ohio, sitting as the Conservancy Court, under R.C. 6101.54, duly entered a decree ordering that the Board of Appraisers of The Miami Conservancy District make a readjustment of the Appraisals of Benefits in the manner provided in R.C. 6101.01 to 6101.84.

That David K. Galbreath, Jr., Adam P. Kranbuhl, and Joseph P. Kelley are the duly appointed and qualified Board of Appraisers of The Miami Conservancy District; that on March 21, 2024, said Board of Appraisers approved its Revised Appraisal Record of Benefits setting forth the readjustment of Appraisals of Benefits with respect to lands located in the jurisdictions described below.

Said Revised Appraisal Record is now on file in the Office of the Clerk of Courts of Montgomery County, Ohio, in its entirety and the portion thereof relating to lands in Counties other than Montgomery County are on file with the Clerk of Courts of Hamilton, Butler, Warren and Miami Counties covering that part relating to lands located in each of those Counties. All lands listed in the Revised Appraisal Record are located in the jurisdictions listed below. There may be lands located in said jurisdictions that are not included in the Revised Appraisal of Benefits Record.

The Revised Appraisal Record is available for review at the offices of The Miami Conservancy District, 38 E. Monument Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. Appraisal information is available on the website of The Miami Conservancy District: <http://www.mcdwater.org>.

BUTLER COUNTY

Lands in Butler County, State of Ohio, as follows: Lands in the corporate limits of the Municipal Corporation of Hamilton, Middletown, Fairfield, Trenton, Monroe and New Miami; and the following townships: Ross, Fairfield, Saint Clair, Liberty, Lemon, and Madison.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Lands in Hamilton County, State of Ohio, as follows: Lands in the corporate limits of the Municipal Corporation of Cleves; and in the following townships: Miami, Whitewater, Colerain, and Crosby.

MIAMI COUNTY

Lands in Miami County, State of Ohio, as follows: Lands in the corporate limits of the Municipal Corporations of Piqua, Troy and Tipp City, and in the following Townships: Springcreek, Staunton, Concord, and Washington.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Lands in Montgomery County, State of Ohio, as follows: Lands in the corporate limits of the Municipal Corporations of Clayton, Dayton, Oakwood, Moraine, West Carrollton, Miamisburg, Riverside, Germantown, Huber Heights, Englewood, Vandalia, and that part of Carlisle lying in Montgomery County; and in the following townships: German, Miami, Harrison, and Butler.

WARREN COUNTY

Lands in Warren County, State of Ohio, as follows: Lands within the corporate limits of the Municipal Corporation of Franklin and that part of Carlisle lying in Warren County, and in Franklin Township.

All public corporations, and all persons, owners of or interested in the property described in said Revised Appraisal of Benefits Record, desiring to contest the appraisals as made and returned by the Board of Appraisers must file their exceptions, in writing, addressed to the Secretary of The Miami Conservancy District, 38 E. Monument Ave. Dayton, OH 45402. **Exceptions must be postmarked or submitted in person in writing on or before April 24, 2024 at 4:30p.m.** Exception forms are available on the website of The Miami Conservancy District at <http://www.mcdwater.org>, or by calling 937-223-1271.

A hearing on said appraisal will be held between May 4, 2024, and May 14, 2024. Those filing timely exceptions will be notified of the time and place where their exceptions will be heard.

Clerk of The County of Common Pleas
Of Montgomery County, Ohio

Dated at the City of Dayton, Ohio, this 21st day of March 2024.

Certificate of Result of Election On Tax Levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation

R.C. 3501.11, 3505.33, 5705.19 - 5705.25

The State of Ohio, Montgomery County, ss.

To: Ohio Dept. of Taxation, Tax Equalization Division; County Auditor; Ohio Secretary of State, the City of Oakwood

We, the undersigned, Montgomery County Board of Elections, do hereby certify that the Primary Election held in the the City of Oakwood on the 19th day of March, 2024 on the question of levying a tax, in excess of the ten mill limitation, for the benefit of the subdivision for the purpose of

current expenses

Tax being:

an additional tax of 2.41 mills at a rate not exceeding 2.41 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$84 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for 5 years resulted as follows:

Total number of votes cast:

two thousand three hundred sixty-eight (2368)

For the tax levy:

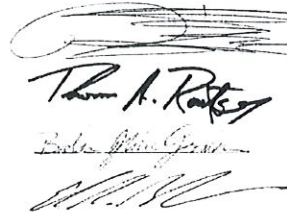
one thousand three hundred twenty-four (1324)

Against the tax levy:

one thousand forty-four (1044)


as the same appears by the abstract of votes duly certified and signed by us and deposited in our office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names officially at Dayton, Ohio, this 8th day of April, 2024



(Chair)

Attest:



Director

Board of Elections

Montgomery County, Ohio

OUR AGING COMMUNITY

Miami Valley Age-Friendly Summit explores pathways to graceful aging

By Barbara Mackey Byrd
Contributing Writer

By 2034, there will be more people over age 65 than people under age 18 in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That means more seniors than teens across Miami Valley communities.

So what's local government and business doing to ensure this area evolves to meet the needs of its expanding senior population? What should change? Are there opportunities to collaborate across communities? And, more importantly, how will needed changes be funded?

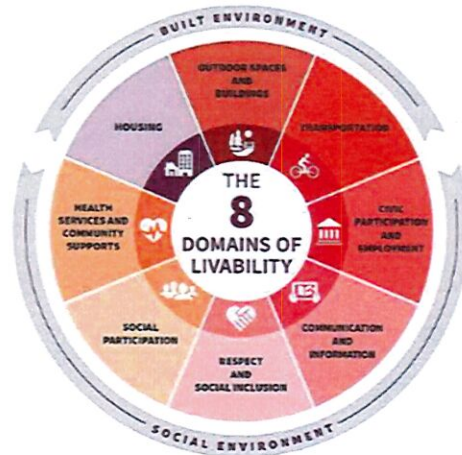
Fortunately, leaders in the Miami Valley region have already started working on an age-friendly future.

"The world is changing rather rapidly," says Donna Kastner, Del Mar Encore Fellow at the Dayton Foundation. "And I'm an optimist. Our goal and hope are to bring progress."

She's talking about the upcoming Miami Valley Age-Friendly Summit: Pathways to a Brighter Future scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, May 8, at the Moraine Country Club. Designed for civic, non-profit and business leaders to explore the best pathways to support graceful aging, Kastner notes the meeting is sponsored by the Dayton Foundation, the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Twelve local communities – from Bellbrook and Brookville to Xenia and Yellow Springs – are already members of the MVRPC Miami Valley Age-Friendly Network founded in 2021, adds Kastner. This core group has already started meeting, surveying its seniors and creating solutions.

These inaugural planners will share some of their early successes at the summit.



Area leaders will meet and explore what factors create a community where seniors thrive, using guidelines provided by the AARP. CONTRIBUTED

For example, Yellow Springs found funding for a walkability study to increase mobility options across the village area. Dayton is partnering with the University of Day-

ton and using students to help with data collection. Community leaders who have yet to join the network will have the opportunity at the summit to learn more

about the resources available to help their communities become more age-friendly, stresses Kastner.

"It's all about networking and communications," she explains. "There's a wealth of information out there."

That includes information about available funding sources. "The governments can't do it all," says Kastner. "Grants are available."

And there's a lot to do. The AARP asserts there are eight domains to consider in developing livable communities for seniors, everything from vital infrastructure such as transportation and health services to social aspects such as respect and social inclusion.

Kastner says every community has different needs and priorities, and leaders will take what they learn from the summit back to their own communities to investigate and customize for their senior populations.

"It takes a village. But

every village is a little different. There will be different solutions for different communities," explains Kastner.

Because of the broad scope of needs, the summit will focus mainly on two high-ranking priorities for many seniors: Housing and employment/civic engagement.

Most seniors want to remain in their homes, says Kastner. "But the place you raised your family may not be suitable."

It's an issue for seniors. It's an issue for their children who want Mom and Dad to be safe and happy. It's also an issue for communities who are under pressure to offer mobility-friendly and affordable housing options, she adds.

Government, civic and business leaders interested in attending the May 8 summit should contact Donna Kastner at dkastner@mvrpc.org for more information. Summit registration is required.

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE

Promising 'culture of trust,' new commander takes helm

By Thomas Gnau
Staff Writer

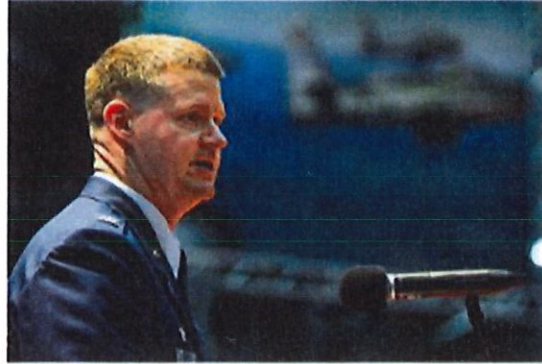
Assuming command of the 88th Air Base Wing at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Col. Dustin Richards promised Tuesday to establish a "culture of trust and mutual respect," one where base employees can reach their potential and "live their best life."

"For the men and women of the 88th Air Base Wing, the message is really just to continue delivering the excellence they have been delivering for so long," said Richards, the wing's 41st commander. "Keep up the mission."

Richards assumed command of the wing in a ceremony at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. The event was designated an "assumption of command" rather than a "change of command." The wing's previous commander, Col. Christopher Meeker, was fired in December and did not participate in the ceremony. Interim commander Col. Travis Pond was on hand and led wing members in giving Richards his first salute.

Lt. Gen. Donna Shipton, commander of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center — soon to be re-designated as the Air Force Air Dominance Systems Center, or AFADSC — presided over the ceremony.

Shipton described Rich-



Colonel Dustin C. Richards speaks at an "assumption of command" ceremony at the National Museum of the United States Force on Tuesday. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

ards as a "warrior-scholar," reading from one of Richards' performance reports, an evaluation that hailed him as an officer with a "bias for action with a commitment to airmen."

"We can't ask for more than that," Shipton said.

Richards will command one of the largest air base wings in the Air Force with more than 5,000 Air Force military, civilian, and contractor employees.

The wing acts as the landlord and host organization to Wright-Patterson, an installation that is home to a major acquisition center, research and development laboratories, a major command headquarters, an airlift wing and the world's largest military air museum.

He takes command at a time when the Air Force is

"reoptimizing" for competition with Russia and China.

"Each of you is in the arena, and you are in the arena at a critical juncture in our nation's history," Richards said in prepared remarks.

With more than 35,000 employees, Wright-Patt is the largest single-site concentration of employment in Ohio. The wing puts its annual payroll at \$3.3 billion, with a total economic impact of \$6.5 billion.

Richards has served multiple tours at the Pentagon. Most recently, he was the senior military assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Energy, Installations, and Environment). He studied at the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright-Patterson from August 2003 to August 2005.



Assumption of Command

9 April 2024 | Wright-Patterson AFB



CEREMONY

Welcome Remarks

Arrival of the Official Party

National Anthem

Invocation

Remarks by Lieutenant General Shipton

Assumption of Command

Remarks by Colonel Richards

Closing Narration

Air Force Song

Departure of Official Party



CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS



PRESIDING OFFICER

Lieutenant General Donna D. Shipton
Commander, Air Force Life Cycle Management Center

INCOMING COMMANDER

Colonel Dustin C. Richards

FLAG BEARER

Chief Master Sergeant Lloyd E. Morales
Command Chief, 88th Air Base Wing



PRESIDING OFFICIAL



Lt. Gen. Donna D. Shipton is Commander of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The center is responsible for total life cycle management for aircraft, engines, munitions, electronic, computer, network, cyber and agile combat support systems. The center employs more than 28,000 people and has a budget of over \$300 billion.

Most recently, the general served as Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia. There she was responsible for

research and development, test, production, product support, and modernization of Air Force programs worth more than \$60 billion annually.

Lt. Gen. Shipton received her commission in 1991 as a distinguished graduate of Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps after graduating from Clemson University. During her career, she has served in a variety of positions including Squadron and Group Commander, Senior Materiel Leader, AF Program Executive Officer, Center Vice Commander, and Major Command Director of Strategic Plans, Programs, Requirements, and Analyses.

She also served as Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Chantilly, Virginia. There, her responsibilities included assisting the Director in managing the strategic and tactical operations of the NRO. Additionally, as the Commander of the Space Force Element, the general managed all Air Force and Space Force personnel and resources assigned to the NRO and served as the senior advisor to the DNRO on all military matters.



ASSUMING COMMAND

Colonel Dustin C. Richards is the Commander of the 1st Special Operations Mission Support Group, Hurlburt Field, Florida. The six squadrons and approximately 1,900 Airmen in the group ensure the mission readiness of the 1st Special Operations Wing, Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command and 46 tenant units from six separate major commands located in more than 1,000 facilities on a 6,000 acre installation.

The group is responsible for facility construction and maintenance, housing, environmental management, fire protection, base defense and law enforcement, communications, manpower and personnel, lodging, recreation, food service, contracting, supply, fuels, transportation, logistics, aerial port operations, and other base services supporting over 63,000 active duty, civilian, dependent, and retired personnel.

Col Richards is a 2001 graduate of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He has served in numerous wing, Numbered Air Force, and Air Staff positions, and commanded three Civil Engineer Squadrons. Colonel Richards has deployed four times in support of Operations SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and RESOLUTE SUPPORT. In his previous assignment, he was the Chief of Staff for the Logistics Directorate of the Joint Staff.





88TH AIR BASE WING

LINEAGE

Designated 4000th Army Air Forces Base Unit (Command), and organized 1 Apr 44. Redesignated: 4000th Army Air Forces Base Unit (Air Base) on 21 Feb 45; 4000th Air Force Base Unit on 26 Sep 47; 2750th Air Force Base on 28 Aug 48; 2750th Air Base Wing on 5 Oct 49; 645th Air Base Wing on 1 Oct 92; 88th Air Base Wing on 1 Oct 94.

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Service Command, 1 Apr 44; Army Air Forces Technical Service Command (later, Air Technical Service Command; Air Materiel Command; Air Force Logistics Command), 31 Aug 44; Aeronautical Systems Center, 1 Jul 92; Air Force Life Cycle Management Center, 1 Oct 12.

STATIONS

Patterson Field, OH, 1 Apr 44; Wright Field, OH, 18 Aug 44; Wright-Patterson AFB OH, 13 Jan 48.

COMMANDERS

Unknown, 1 Apr 44-24 Jul 45; Brig Gen Joseph T. Morris, 25 Jul 45; Brig Gen C. Pratt Brown, 29 Mar 52; Brig Gen Paul L. Barton, 2 Oct 53; Brig Gen Donald L. Hardy, 10 Aug 57; Brig Gen John D. Howe, 1 Jul 58; Col James C. Cochran, 20 May 60; Col Elbert Helton, 10 Aug 60; Col Glen McClernon, 3 Aug 62; Col Arthur E. Exon, 1 Aug 64; Col Jowell C. Wise,

21 Dec 65; Col Colman O. Williams, 9 Jul 68; Col Edmund A. Rafalko, 3 Sep 70; Col Irby B. Jarvis, Jr., 15 Jun 72; Col Robert W. Clement, 31 Jan 75; Col Titus C. Hall, 23 Jan 76; Col Rano E. Lueker, 14 Jan 77; Col James H. Rigney, Jr., 23 Apr 79; Col Leonard R. Peterson, 26 Jun 81; Col Charles E. Fox, Jr., 29 Jun 84; Col Stephen F. Kollar, 1 Mar 87; Col Dennis P. Tewell, 26 Jul 89; Col William B. Orellana, 24 Jul 90; Col Gerald K. Robinson, 24 Jan 95; Col William J. Heitzig, 27 Jun 96; Col Bobby L. Glisson, 10 Jul 97; Col Richard C. Hughes (Acting), 22 Dec 97; Col Michael A. Collings, 27 Feb 98; Col Jeffrey R. Charles, 9 Feb 00; Col Michael W. Hazen, 2 Jun 00; Col Michael J. Belzil, 2 Jul 02; Col Andrew K. Weaver, 14 May 04; Col Colleen M. Ryan, 16 Jun 06; Col Bradley D. Spacy, 14 Jul 08; Col Amanda W. Gladney, 21 Jun 10; Col Cassie B. Barlow, 17 Jul 12; Col John M. Devillier, 17 Jul 14; Col Bradley W. McDonald, 21 Jun 16; Col Thomas P. Sherman, 11 June 18; Col Patrick G. Miller, 12 June 20; Col Christopher B. Meeker, 22 June 23; Col Travis W. Pand, 01 Jan 24; Col Dustin C. Richards, 9 April 24

OPERATIONS

Organized by Air Service Command to provide custodial and support functions for Wright Field. Expanded mission under the leadership of Brig Gen Joseph T. Morris, commander of both the unit and the Army Air Forces Technical Base, gaining full support responsibility for Patterson Field by early 1946. Became host wing for Wright-Patterson AFB on 5 Oct 49, exercising command jurisdiction



over the base, and providing services necessary to support Headquarters of Air Materiel Command (later, Air Force Logistics Command) and numerous tenant units. Frequently supported humanitarian missions, such as the Xenia tornado relief, 3-11 Apr 74. Provided logistical support and served as a part of embarkation during contingency situations, most notably, 1965-1973 and 1990-1991.

After 1 Jul 92, provided logistic and administrative support for Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, on-base and off-base tenant units in a five-state area, and managed resources with a real property value of more than \$5.24 billion. Supported Balkan Proximity Peace Talks, Oct-Nov 95. Hosted the Air Force Marathon, 1997-2021. Deployed personnel and munitions to Europe for Operation Allied Force, 1999. Supported Operations Enduring Freedom, 2001-2014; Iraqi Freedom, 2003-2010; Noble Eagle, 2001-2016; New Dawn, 2010-2016; and Freedom's Sentinel, 2014-2016.

SERVICE STREAMERS

World War II American Theater

DECORATIONS

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards:

1 Feb 72 - 31 Jan 74	1 Jan 03 - 31 Dec 03
1 Jan 83 - 31 Dec 84	1 May 08 - 30 Apr 10
1 Jan 87 - 31 Dec 88	21 Jun 10 - 20 Jun 12
1 Jan 89 - 31 Dec 89	1 Aug 13 - 31 Jul 15
1 Jan 90 - 31 Dec 91	1 Jan 18 - 31 Dec 19
1 Jan 95 - 31 Dec 95	

EMBLEM BLAZON (HERALDIC)

Azure, a pile in bend throughout Or. In chief a representation of the Wright Flyer Plane Argent garnishing Silver Gray, pilot and engine of the second. In base, four flight symbols ascending bend wise each trailing three vapor trails to base of the third; all within a diminished bordure of the second. Approved on 29 Mar 04; replaced emblems approved on 18 Nov 93, 4 Mar 69 (KE 33653), and 29 Jan 45 (no number).

MOTTO

"Strength Through Support"

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The vintage airplane, a Wright Flyer, is indicative of the aviation heritage of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, which the wing has supported since 1948. Wright-Patterson is known as the birthplace of aviation. The center portion - a Mach Cone or Shock Wave - denotes the aerospace mission of the wing. The stylized aircraft represent modern day weapon systems and symbolize the wing's ongoing support of Wright-Patterson AFB's role in the development of airpower.



THE U.S. AIR FORCE SONG

Off we go
into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come
zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em now, Give 'em the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame.
Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!



City of Oakwood
30 Park Avenue
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

To: Fellow Oakwood Employees

From: City Manager Norbert Klopsch

Date: April 8, 2024

Subject: Retirement

As you have probably heard, last Monday I informed Oakwood City Council of my intention to retire this November, on the anniversary of my 32nd year working for the city. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the citizens and businesses of Oakwood, and especially working with all of you.

I informed City Council now to allow time to work through selecting a new city manager. While I will slowly transition towards departure later this year, I am dedicated to leading our organization until the day I retire.

Cc: Oakwood City Council
Judge Peggy Quinn

Great American Eclipse blankets Oakwood

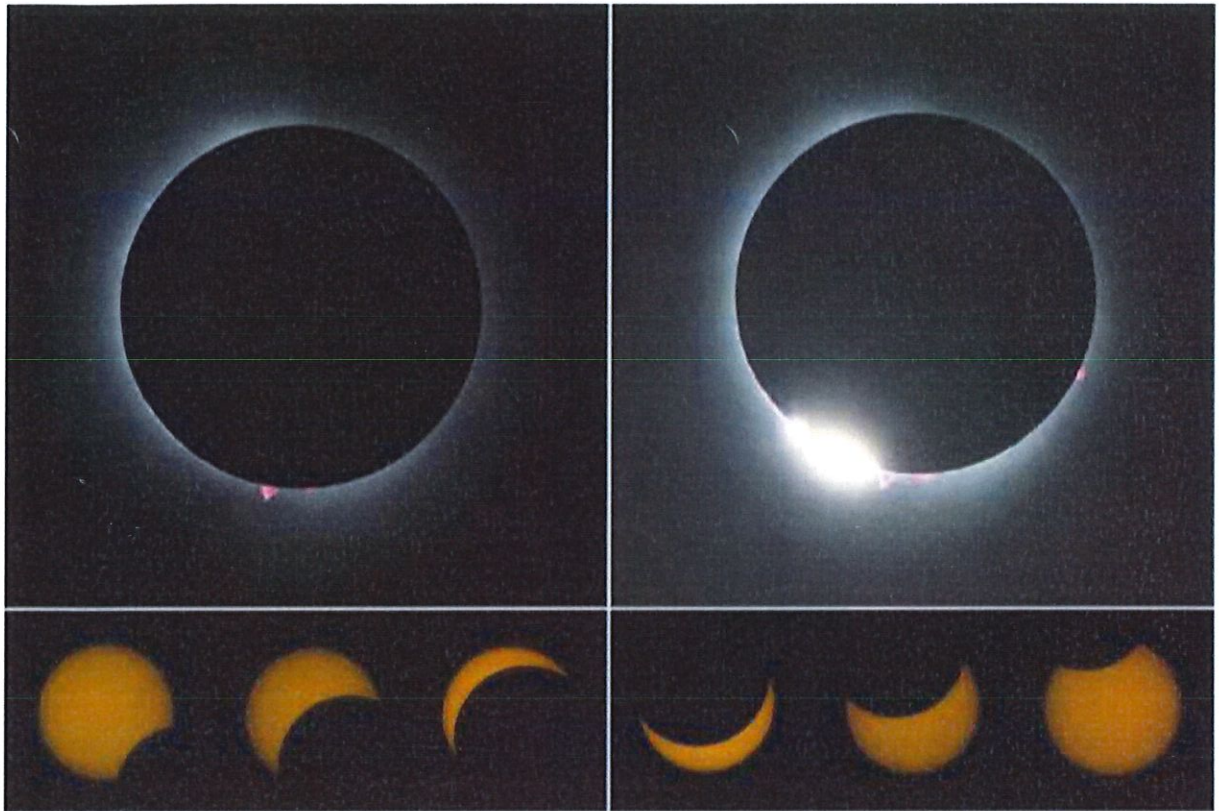


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The top left solar eclipse image is at totality with the red corona mass ejection (CME) at the 6 o'clock position. As totality ended (top right image), the "diamond ring" formed with CME at 4, 6 and an extra huge ejection (light red streamer) at the 9 o'clock position. The bottom series of partial eclipse images was captured using a hydrogen alpha filter. A sunspot can be seen in the first, second and last partial eclipse images. In Oakwood, below, spectators enjoyed the eclipse at a watch party hosted by Wright Library. See additional photos, page 4.





Eclipse blankets Oakwood

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