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# OAKWOOD SCENE

A joint publication provided by the City of Oakwood, Oakwood School District and Wright Memorial Public Library



## CITY NEWS | 2025 Construction and Public Infrastructure Improvement Projects

Each year, the city of Oakwood engages in and oversees various capital improvement projects to maintain and improve the City's infrastructure. This year, we have several significant and notable projects planned.

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## SCHOOL NEWS | Oakwood Schools 4.74 Mill Bond Issue Slated for May Ballot

Oakwood City School District Board of Education unanimously approved placing a 4.74 mill bond issue on the May 2025 ballot. The bond issue is part of Phase 2 of the district's Master Facilities Plan and aims to generate \$40 million for essential facility improvements.

If approved by voters, the bond would cost homeowners approximately \$166 per \$100,000 of the appraised value of each home. The bond issue aims to fund critical upgrades to Smith and Harman elementary schools, similar to Phase 1 improvements completed at Oakwood High School and Junior High. Proposed work includes modernizing mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems, enhancing academic spaces, and implementing district-wide safety upgrades.

*"This decision reflects our commitment to providing Oakwood students with safe, welcoming learning environments while ensuring fiscal responsibility. The plan is the result of thorough input from our community and stakeholders who share our vision for maintaining and improving our school facilities."*

**—Superintendent Dr. Neil Gupta**



For more detailed information on Phase 2 of the Master Facilities Plan, visit the Oakwood Schools website.



## LIBRARY NEWS | New Exhibit Showcases Dayton's Secret Role in WWII

Prior to the 1970s, the profound connection between Dayton and World War II was largely unknown to the general public. The full extent of Oakwood's Joseph Desch's groundbreaking work, the WAVES stationed at Sugar Camp, or the operations conducted in NCR's "Building 26" was kept secret. A new exhibit shines a light on these vital contributions, hidden for decades, that played an extraordinary role in winning the war.

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### 2025 Asphalt Mill and Overlay and Concrete Street Repairs

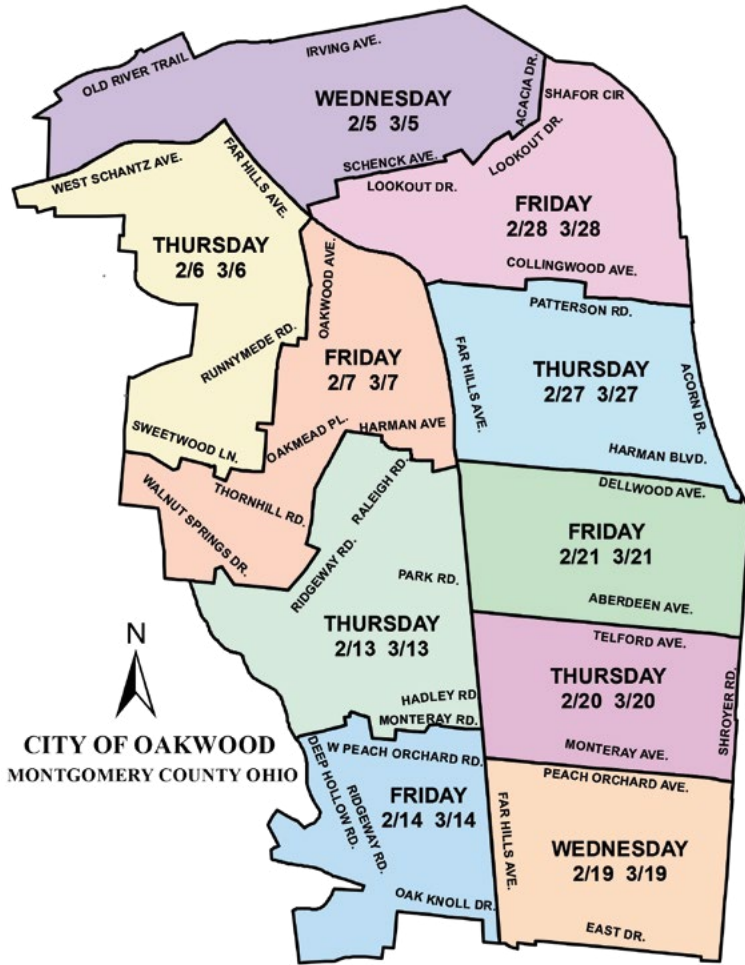
Several asphalt streets will be resurfaced and concrete streets will be repaired around Oakwood. The scope of each project will be finalized and included in the April/May *Oakwood Scene* newsletter.

### Annual Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project

The 2025 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project will take place east of Far Hills from East Dr. to Corona Ave. The purpose of the project is to maintain the concrete structures located within the City rights-of-way in a good, safe condition. City staff will inspect the areas and mark sections of concrete requiring repairs. Residents and businesses affected by the work will receive personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call City Engineer, Chris Kuzma at (937) 298-0777 if you have any questions. For those who choose to do the repair work themselves, please remember to obtain a permit in advance and that all work must be inspected and completed by the date in the notification.



# YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE FEBRUARY & MARCH 2025



Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on:  
**2/13 & 3/13**

Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on:  
**2/27 & 3/27**



## Holiday Closing

City offices, the Community Center and the Public Works Center will be closed on Monday, February 17 for Presidents Day.

## Presidents Day Trash Pickup

Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of February 17 will be one day later than usual.

## 2025 City Budget

On December 2, 2024, Oakwood City Council approved a 2025 budget that provides the financial resources needed to continue providing comprehensive city services and maintain the city public infrastructure. The budget was prepared with review, input and endorsement of the 34-member citizen budget committee and is accessible on the City website (search: 2025 Budget). Near the beginning of the document is the City Manager's Budget Message. It provides a summary of the budget and explains how the budget is structured within the five major categories shown below:

- General City Services
- Refuse Program
- Water Service
- Sanitary Sewer Service
- Stormwater Management

Oakwood continues to be the premier residential community in the Miami Valley. We have beautiful neighborhoods, unmatched public safety, excellent public works, recreation and leisure services, an excellent school system and public library, and, most importantly, an involved citizenry that values community and neighborliness. We take pride in and understand what it takes to keep Oakwood unique. The following qualities of Oakwood continue to be examples of the benefits of living in this city:

- We have the safest community in the region, with very low crime and very low fire loss.
- We have an extremely fast police and fire response time, and we answer every call with highly trained professionals.
- We have qualified paramedics and EMTs on-duty at all times to respond to medical emergencies. On average, medical help arrives in less than two minutes – unparalleled in the area.
- We have well-maintained streets, sidewalks, public trees and landscaped boulevards.
- Although most of our housing stock is over 75 years old, our citizens maintain their homes and properties in very good condition and our home values prove it.
- Our city parks, public pool, community center and public natural areas are wonderful community assets.
- Our overall community ambiance is second to none.



## 2024 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Due April 15

The city of Oakwood has a mandatory filing requirement for all residents. Every individual, 18 years of age or older, who resides in Oakwood, must file an Oakwood City income tax return, whether or not there is any taxable income to report. Retired residents who have income derived exclusively from non-taxable sources (interest, dividend, social security and/or pension income, etc.) must first file a final return in order to be exempt from the filing requirement.

If you have filed for an extension of time to file your federal return, you will automatically receive an Oakwood extension. You should attach a copy of your federal extension to your return when filing so that you will not be charged a late filing penalty. Your extended return is due the same date as your extended federal return – October 15, 2025. If you do not have a federal extension, you may still obtain an Oakwood extension. Simply complete an extension request form, located on the city's web site, and submit your request by April 15, 2025. As always, an extension of time to file your returns does not extend the time to pay your taxes. All taxes paid after April 15, 2025 will be subject to a 15% late payment penalty and interest.

The 2024 Oakwood income tax return is available on the city's website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov). If you do not have internet access, forms will be made available at the City administrative offices, Wright Memorial Public Library and the Oakwood Community Center.

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood return, please contact the Tax Department at (937) 298-0531. Normal business hours for the tax office are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided April 14 and 15, when the office will be open until 6:00 p.m.



## Mailing Address for Oakwood Income Tax Returns

The Income Tax Department contracts with Fifth Third Bank to process tax payments and image tax documents via Fifth Third's Wholesale Lockbox. This allows tax payments to be processed efficiently and provides added security, eliminating most of our storage needs for paper records.

**Individual and business tax returns and all income tax payments should be mailed to:**

**City of Oakwood, Ohio  
P.O. Box 632195  
Cincinnati, OH 45263-2195**

Fifth Third Bank will scan your documents and process your tax payment. The city will post payments to your account through data transmission and will continue to review all tax returns.



## February/March City Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular public sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 3 and Monday, March 3. Both meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:30 p.m. The regular sessions are televised live on the City website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov), and on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Tuner Ch. 5.203 and AT&T U-verse Ch. 99). Meeting videos will be rebroadcast on television for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or [www.mvcc.net](http://www.mvcc.net) for broadcast times. Meeting videos can also be viewed on the City website at any time.



## Electric Scooter Use in Oakwood

Electric scooters are a lot of fun and a great way to get around, but they can also present challenges in a walking community like Oakwood. As we see more of them in use around the city, please remember the rules for safe and legal operation on public streets and sidewalks:

1. When used on sidewalks, electric scooters are subject to the same rules that apply to bicycles. This means that scooter operators must always yield the right of way to pedestrians on foot. Reckless operation – which includes erratic riding, hand-held cell phone use or other distracted riding, unsafe speeds, or other careless behavior – is prohibited. When crossing a street, riders should cross with the appropriate light or walk/don't walk signal if one is present. Otherwise, they have the right of way as long as they are in a crosswalk and exercise due caution not to enter the street in front of oncoming traffic.
2. When used in the streets, the law treats electric scooters the same as a jogger or pedestrian using the street. This means users must ride on the left side of the road to ensure that they can see oncoming vehicular traffic. In addition, while scooters are permitted on most residential streets, they are prohibited on busier thoroughfares including Far Hills Avenue, Shroyer Road, Patterson Road, West Schantz Avenue, and the section of Oakwood Avenue between Far Hills and Irving Avenues.



## Summer Employment Opportunities

Applications for summer employment with the City of Oakwood are now available at the OCC, the city building and on the City's website. Students 16 years of age and older are eligible for lifeguard and concession positions at Gardner Pool. Students interested in general maintenance and landscaping positions, and camp counselors must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment. Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Oakwood Community Center Events

### Upcoming Events/Classes:

#### LITTLE KICKERS SPRING OUTDOOR SOCCER (AGES 4,5,6)

Designed especially for children in between pre-school indoor soccer and youth Co-ed soccer. Emphasis is on fun, education, sportsmanship and teamwork. No leagues, individual standings or statistics will be maintained. Practices and games will be held on Saturday mornings at Old River Sports Complex, 225 Old River Trail. Dates are from April 5 through May 21, 2025.



#### MAGIC WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the OCC. Spend a magical morning with Stan the Magic Man as he will have participants learn simple magic tricks and balloon sculptures. A fun-filled morning is being planned, so don't miss out.



The Oakwood Community Center has plenty of activities for everyone! Please visit the OCC's online event registration website to view current activities at [OakwoodLeisureServices.com](http://OakwoodLeisureServices.com) or contact the Community Center at (937) 298-0775.

## Credit Card Security

Credit card security continues to be a challenge, particularly with the very heavy use of credit cards for online purchasing. There are several steps that you, as the cardholder, can take to improve the security of your credit cards.

### General tips regarding credit cards:

- Handle with care - It is never a good idea to carry a credit card on its own outside of your wallet or purse. A credit card can easily get misplaced or stolen, yet they tend to stay put when placed within a slot in your wallet or purse.
- Limit the number of cards you possess. Only carry those cards that you use regularly.
- Shred your credit card statements and any other paperwork that contains information regarding your personal identity before putting it in the trash.
- Check your monthly statements, for sure, but also get in the habit of routinely checking your purchases online. It is the cardholder's responsibility to spot fraudulent charges and report them to the bank.
- Set up purchase notification alerts through your credit card company so you are immediately informed of activity on your account.

### When making online purchases, adhere to the following tips to protect yourself and your identity:

- Try to use the same credit card for all online purchases so if it is stolen, you will only have to deal with one credit card company.
- Never use debit cards for online purchases - credit cards typically offer better protections to the cardholder.
- Never save credit card information on shopping sites. While this may speed up the process, it puts you at greater risk of becoming a victim of fraud or theft.
- Change your passwords regularly. This should include your email accounts. Use a combination of letters, numbers, symbols, and capital letters to make yourself less vulnerable.
- Don't use public Wi-Fi to make online purchases. Most public Wi-Fi spots offer little to no security protection and your personal information could be easily compromised.

It is imperative that you report the loss or theft of your credit cards, ATM cards, or debit cards to the card issuer as soon as you become aware of loss, theft, or misuse of your account information. The vast majority of credit card companies have toll-free numbers and 24-hour service to deal with such emergencies. In most cases, the credit card company will request that you contact your local police agency to file a report. If your credit card company makes this request, please contact the Oakwood Public Safety Department at (937) 298-2122 to file the report.





## The Oakwood Sister City Association Presents Global Grapes & Gourmet Bites

**Date:** Saturday, February 22, 2025

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Oakwood Community Center Great Room,  
105 Patterson Rd. Oakwood, OH 45419

**Cost:** \$30/person, includes 8 pours & heavy hors d'œuvres

Join the Oakwood Sister City Association for an unforgettable afternoon at Global Grapes & Gourmet Bites: A World Wine Degustation Experience. Embark on a sensory journey through locally available wines from renowned regions around the world, expertly paired with a selection of delicious heavy hors d'œuvres. Immerse yourself in an interactive PowerPoint presentation that will guide you through the art of wine tasting, while providing insights into the history and nuances of each pour.

As you taste, engage with our wine rating chart to evaluate each wine's distinctive profile, and share your thoughts with fellow guests. Whether you're a seasoned sommelier or a casual wine enthusiast, this immersive experience promises to elevate your palate and deepen your appreciation for wines from every corner of the globe. Don't miss out on this exclusive event of indulgence, education, and interaction!

Tickets available at Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.com/e/global-grapes-gourmet-bites-tickets-1146400818709?aff=oddtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/global-grapes-gourmet-bites-tickets-1146400818709?aff=oddtcreator)



## Residential Fire Inspections

Home fires can happen at any time, but they generally increase during the winter months. You can make your home a safer place by requesting a Residential Fire and Safety Inspection from the Oakwood Safety Department. These inspections are conducted by request only. Home inspections provide an opportunity for residents to learn about fire safety issues and for Oakwood Safety Department inspectors to provide recommendations on measures to improve the safety of home occupants. If you would like to arrange for a fire inspection, please contact the Oakwood Safety Department at (937) 298-2122 and speak with one of our certified Fire Inspectors.



## Do Not Place Yard Debris in the Street or in Center Medians

The City of Oakwood offers several options for disposal of yard debris. Residents may place piles of yard debris – brush and branches – into the tree lawn area at their property frontage just behind the curb or edge of pavement for pickup by the city. Residents should not place yard debris in front of other properties, nor should they place yard debris in any roadway center medians.

**Under no circumstance should residents place anything in the street, roadway gutter (except leaves during the published schedule in the fall), medians or boulevards.** Any amount of debris in the street is an obstruction and disrupts the stormwater collection system by diverting water away from the intended storm drains. Debris in the street can be dangerous to vehicles and is hard to see at night. Debris in the street also interferes with on-street parking and is a danger to pedestrians, joggers, and bicyclists.

Placing anything in the street is a violation of Oakwood Codified Ordinance 901.01 (A)(3). The city's code enforcement officer responds to yard debris piles placed in the gutter or street by leaving a door-hanger notice at the property affording two business days to remove the obstruction from the street. After two days, the city will remove the obstruction and will charge the property owner \$150.

Property owners who routinely use the city's monthly collection program and wish to construct a hard surface pad (e.g., concrete, brick, paver) for debris placement should contact the code enforcement officer at (937) 297-2920 or see the city website for permitting information.

In addition to the monthly pick-up, the city offers other options for disposing of yard debris, such as the 24/7/365 drop-off facility at the J.D. Foell Public Works Center. Also, residents are provided two free special pickups per year, which can be used for yard debris. Additionally, dumpsters are available to be delivered free of charge for large amounts of green waste. More information on these options is available by contacting the Public Works Center at (937) 298-0777.

## Oakwood Students Champion Philanthropy and Earn Awards for Local Orgs

Oakwood High School students once more had the opportunity to learn firsthand about local Dayton nonprofits and charities as part of the Oakwood Schools Foundation's Philanthropy 101 program which is run in conjunction with Natalie Johnston's Wall Street101 course.



Each year, Oakwood High School juniors and seniors select local nonprofits for in-depth analysis and study. Representatives from the selected nonprofits visit the classrooms to present their work, allowing students to gain a comprehensive understanding of their missions. Students then travel to these organizations a few weeks later to gain hands-on experience. Finally, students prepare and deliver presentations about their findings.

This year, students selected With God's Grace Food Bank, Brigid's Path, Shoes for the Shoeless, and BOGG Ministries. These organizations all received cash awards made possible by the sustaining support of the program sponsors, known as Ambassadors. The dedicated Ambassadors for this year's Philanthropy 101 program include C. Patrick & Pamela Carroll, Angela & Joel Frydman, Thomas & Judith Thompson, Robert Wagner, The Johnson Charitable Gift Fund, Judy McCormick, Doug and Anne Almoney, and Linda Woods.

To learn more about the Philanthropy 101 program, explore the selected organizations, review past participants, and contribute to next year's award pool, visit us at [oakwoodschooldfoundation.org/philanthropy-101](http://oakwoodschooldfoundation.org/philanthropy-101). Your support not only educates students on the essence of philanthropy but also strengthens the fabric of our community through meaningful contributions to local charities.

## Celebrate Oakwood Alumni

We are very excited to celebrate an outstanding group of alumni in October 2025. The Distinguished Alumni Award celebrates alumni who have made significant accomplishments in their careers or dedicated themselves to service while maintaining high standards of personal integrity and character.

The only requirement is that the individual must have graduated more than 15 years ago. This year, we will accept nominees from classes 2010 and before. We hope to recognize our alumni who are achieving greatness at every stage of their careers and lives. The 2025 Distinguished Alumni Awards event will be a fun afternoon with friends and family of the recipients sharing stories and recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of our fellow alumni.

Distinguished Alumni Award recipients will be honored and recognized during the Homecoming football game as well.

Please consider nominating an OHS alum! Nominations are due by March 31, 2025. For nomination information, visit: [oakwoodschooldfoundation.org](http://oakwoodschooldfoundation.org) or contact Lauren Gentry at [alumni@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org).



## Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award Nominations are Open!

The Oakwood Schools Foundation is delighted to announce that applications are now being accepted for this year's beloved Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award.

Now in its 15th year, this award recognizes the impact educators have on the entire community and celebrates their contributions. This award consists of a \$1,200 prize, divided between the recipient and an academic department, grade or program of the recipient's choosing and public recognition for their service to the students and teachers of Oakwood.

Oakwood High School teacher Heidi Edwards won the award in 2024, and the Oakwood Schools Foundation looks forward to awarding another deserving teacher this spring. Applications are open to all—to learn more about the award, its criteria, past recipients, and to nominate a teacher, please visit [oakwoodschooldfoundation.org](http://oakwoodschooldfoundation.org).



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SEPTEMBER 29



**FOOTBALL  
GAME**

OCTOBER 3

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LUMBERJACK**

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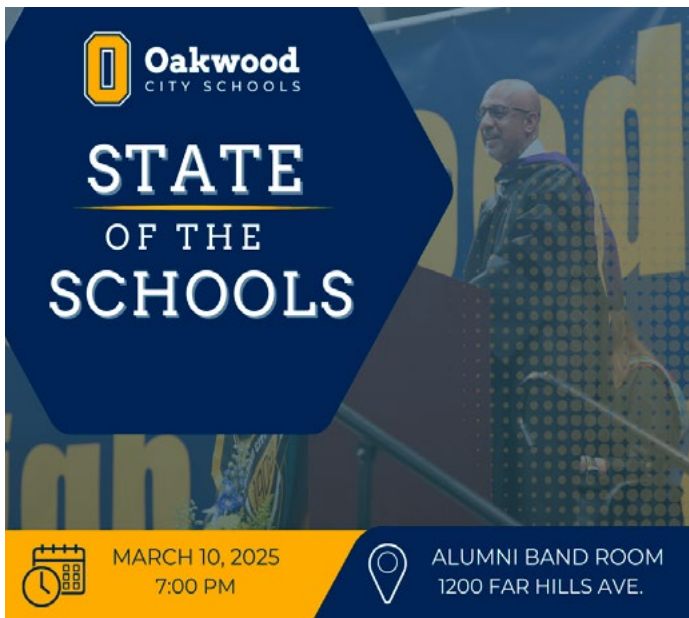


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## Spreading Kindness Through Service at Smith

This winter, Smith Elementary 6th-graders have been focused on giving back through a series of service projects designed to help others in need. Their first project, creating handmade fleece blankets, is already making a meaningful impact.



The students have been working together to craft single-layer tie fleece blankets, which will be donated to Teens and children at St. Vincent De Paul and Project Linus, (which services Care House, Ronald McDonald House Charities, and Montgomery County Children Services). Each blanket includes a handwritten note of encouragement and support from the students, adding a personal touch to their efforts.

To fund the project, the students organized a hot drink fundraiser, carefully planning every detail. From marketing and promotion to set-up, clean-up and sales, they managed every aspect of the event. Their goal was to raise \$210 to cover the cost of supplies, but thanks to the generosity of their school community, they exceeded expectations by raising \$266.



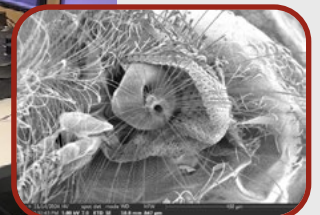
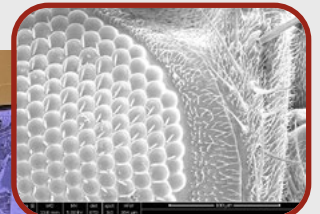
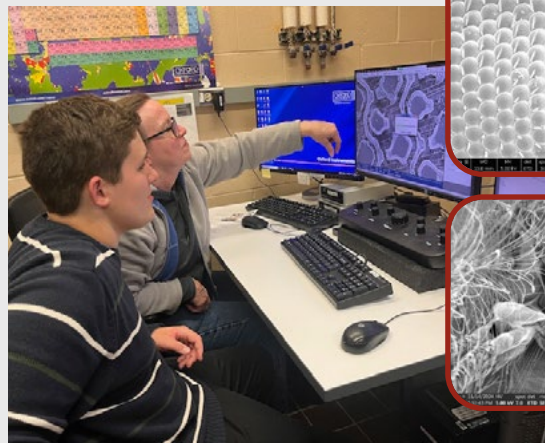
The additional funds will be used to purchase gifts from the Amazon Wish List for Dayton Children's Hospital, ensuring even more children feel the warmth of their kindness.

## Oakwood Students Dive Into STEM at Wright-Patt

Oakwood High School students recently had the unique opportunity to operate a state-of-the-art Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. This hands-on experience, part of the SEMEDS (Scanning Electron Microscope EducatorS) program, allowed students to analyze a variety of specimens, bridging classroom concepts with real-world scientific research.

Led by science teachers Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Juhas, the field trip introduced students to advanced STEM technology and career pathways in microscopy. SEMEDS, sponsored by the Air Force Research Laboratory Materials and Manufacturing Directorate, provides students across the region with access to cutting-edge equipment and the chance to work alongside researchers at Wright-Patterson.

This unforgettable experience highlighted the exciting possibilities within STEM fields and gave students a glimpse into the world of high-level scientific exploration.



## New Exhibit

(continued)

Wright Library is pleased to partner with the National Cryptologic Museum and Unsung Oakwood Heroes to feature the exhibit "Breaking the Code: Dayton's Secret Role in World War II," which opened in January, 2025.

The exhibit features artifacts on extended loan from the National Cryptologic Museum in Maryland including an Analog Enigma machine, Bombe Rotor, and ephemera that tells the story of Joseph Desch, the WAVES, and the rigorous yet secretive daily routine of decoding German war communication that ultimately changed the trajectory of WWII.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Wright Library and the National Cryptologic Museum will offer two programs this spring:

### Sharing the Burden: Women in Cryptology in WWII

Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

### Solving the Enigma: The History of the German Cipher Machine

Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

Both programs will be livestreamed at Wright Library or you can register to attend virtually at [wrightlibrary.org/events](http://wrightlibrary.org/events)

*This exhibit was made possible with support from the National Cryptologic Museum, a division of the National Security Agency/Central Security Service; Oakwood Unsung Heroes, a citizen's group dedicated to raising awareness of Oakwood's notable residents; National Aviation Heritage Area honoring Montgomery County as an American World War II Heritage designation; and the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation.*

The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours.



## Winter Challenge Is On

Get cozy with Wright Library's books, digital resources, and library offerings through fun challenges for adults, teens, and youth. Register using Beanstack through Wright Library to start your challenges and track your winter reading for chances to win prizes. Get started at [wrightlibrary.org/winter-challenge](http://wrightlibrary.org/winter-challenge)

- Adult BINGO challenge ends Feb. 21
- Teen CODEBREAKERS challenge ends Feb. 28
- Youth BINGO challenge ends Feb. 21



Trade your phone screen for the big screen and enjoy these upcoming films at Wright Library.

*Made possible by the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation.*

**Saturday Matinee on February 1 from 2-4 p.m.** featuring the hilarious comedy *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. (Rated PG)

**Anti-Valentines Movie Night for Teens on Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m.** featuring *Edward Scissorhands*. (Rated PG-13)

Channel your inner "Siskel & Ebert" at Wright Library's new Cinephile Club. Join us each month to watch a film classic followed by lively discussion.

### Upcoming films:

**Thursday, February 27 at 12 p.m.**  
*Moonstruck* by Norman Jewison (1987).  
As one of the most enchanting romantic comedies of all time, Roger Ebert called it "subtle and gentle [...], despite all the noise and emotion." (Rated PG)

**Thursday, March 27 at 12 p.m.**  
*All About Eve* by Joseph L. Mankiewicz (1950).  
A devastatingly witty Hollywood classic - backstage is where the real drama plays out. (Rated NR)

## Author Jonathan Auxier to Visit Wright Library

Wright Library welcomes New York Times Bestselling Children's author Jonathan Auxier on Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. at a special presentation for kids and families. Maybe you were swept up with Peter Nimble and Sophie Quire of *The Vanished Kingdom* series, *The Fabled Stables* series, *Night Gardener*, and *Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster* (chosen for Smith and Harman Elementary's 2019 Lumberjack Reading List). His next book in *The Vanished Kingdom* series, *The War of the Maps*, will be released in April of this year.

A selection of Jonathan's books will be available for purchase and an author signing will take place following the presentation.

Please Note: The Wright Library Community Room capacity is 80. Forty (40) seats will be first-come, first-served and forty (40) seats will be available through registration starting February 13. Registration details can be found at [wrightlibrary.org/events](http://wrightlibrary.org/events)

*This event is made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Wright Library Foundation and a partnership with Smith and Harman Elementary Schools.*





## For Youth, Teens, & Family

### Valentine Service Project

Saturday, February 1  
Drop in 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (all ages)  
Create Valentines for residents of Brookdale Senior Living.  
*A Wright Library partnership with MOMs of Oakwood and Wright Library Teen Volunteers*

### Crafty Kids

Saturdays in February and March  
10 a.m. (PreK-Grade 3)  
New crafts each week, while supplies last.

### Tween Hangout

Tuesdays February 4, 11, 25; March 4, 11, 18  
from 3:15-4:30 p.m. (Grades 4-7)  
Shrinky Dinks, Buttons, Perler Beads, and more.

### Holiday Crafts for Kids

Drop-in 6-8 p.m. (Grades K-6)  
Valentines - Monday, February 10  
St. Patrick's Day - Monday, March 10

### Family Fun with the Baby-Sitters Club

Saturday, March 8. Drop in from 2-4 p.m.  
Fun for the whole family with themed activities and crafts.

### Teen Volunteers & Teen Advisory Board

Wednesdays, Feb 12 & March 12  
from 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
(Grades 7-12)

### Paws to Read on "Woof Wednesdays"

Wednesdays, February 12 & March 12  
from 6-7 p.m. (Grades K-6)  
Register your child for a 15-minute session reading independently to a therapy dog.

### Family Game Time

Sunday, February 23. Drop-in 2-4 p.m. (all ages)  
Enjoy board games, card games, snacks, and family time.

### Author Visit with Jonathan Auxier

Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m.

### TikTok Aesthetic Crafts

Thursday, March 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. (grades 7-12)  
Register to explore cottagecore, light academia, coquette, and cleancore crafts.

### St. Patrick's Day Irish Dancers

Saturday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m. (all ages)  
*A Wright Library partnership with the Nugent School of Irish Dance*

## Storytimes

### Winter Storytime

Thursday, February 20  
at 10:30 a.m. (ages 0-5 years)

### Baby Storytime

Mondays at 10:30 a.m.  
(ages 0-18 months)

### Terrific Tales

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.  
(ages 3-5 years)

### Books & Blocks

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.  
(ages 18-36 months)

See dates at [wrightlibrary.org/calendar](http://wrightlibrary.org/calendar)

## Regular Adult Activities

### Crochet & Connect

Sundays, February 2 & March 2 from 3-4 p.m.

### Wright Library Book Club

Second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.  
February 11 - *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi  
March 11 - *Trust* by Hernan Diaz

### Genealogy Interest Group

Wednesdays, Feb. 12 & March 12 at 6:30 p.m.

### Wright Library Poets

Tuesdays, February 18 & March 18 at 7 p.m.

### The Next Chapter Book Club

Mondays 6 p.m. for adults with developmental disabilities

## Special Programs

### Author Talks Online

Feb 4, 11, 18 and March 12, 20, 26

Hear award-winning authors and thought leaders detail their latest works and timely topics - Pandemics, Indigenous Perspective, the Power of Reset, Women's Liberation, and more. Register for these free virtual talks, or watch past presentations, at [library.org/wrightlibrary](http://library.org/wrightlibrary)

### Protect Yourself from Senior Scams

Wednesday, February 5 at 10:30 a.m.

*A Wright Library partnership with the Ohio Attorney General's Office*

### Far Hills Speaker Series

All programs at Wright Library or register to watch virtually at [wrightlibrary.org/events](http://wrightlibrary.org/events)

*A Wright Library partnership with Oakwood Historical Society*

Sunday, February 16 at 2 p.m.

**The Mound Builders in Ohio** presented by Mark Risley

Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m.

**Old Chillicothe and Great Council State Park** presented by Ryan Dimisa

Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m.

**Dayton's Great Jazz Musicians** presented by Jimmy Leach

### Memory Digitization Lab Guided Orientation

Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m.

Learn to digitize family photographs, slides, film negatives, audio cassettes, and more.

### Special Needs Estate Planning

Thursday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Wright Library

Important considerations regarding guardianships and trusts for every family with a special needs individual. *A Wright Library partnership with O'Diam & Estess Law Group*



### Orville in Oakwood

*Presented by author and local historian Jane Healy*  
Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m.  
A lively presentation about the man known throughout the world as the father of flight.



NEW!

  
**mindfulness  
matters**

Take a mindfulness break after school with Spirograph, Buddha Board, or one of many new zen activities in Youth Services.

# City of Oakwood

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**937-298-0531**

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## Students Helping Students

At Oakwood Schools, students are making a difference by supporting their peers in meaningful ways. Here are just a few ways our Oakwood Lumberjacks are building relationships - one of the cornerstones of our 3Rs initiative:

### Little Buddies Club

New this year, our Junior and Senior High School students visit Smith twice a month to help monitor recess and create positive interactions with students. Roughly 80 students are participating in the club, which was started by junior Emma Giancola.

### Club Assistants

Seniors visit Harman during the lunch hour to help facilitate club activities and build relationships among peers.

### Recess Helpers at Lange

Seniors have the opportunity to help our Kindergartners during lunch and recess at Lange by assisting or playing with students two days a week.

