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## CITY NEWS | “Lighting Up” Oakwood – Sunday, December 9

The City, under leadership of the citizen Environmental Committee, is “Lighting Up” Oakwood on December 9, beginning at 6 p.m. This event brightens the entire community at the onset of the winter holiday season. Luminarias will line the boulevards on Far Hills and on Shafor, as well as the city building, community center, Smith Gardens, Huffman Park and some other public areas. The committee encourages neighborhood participation and hopes to see many citizens joining in the beautification effort. Residents interested in helping with this project should call Carol Collins at 298-0775.

## SCHOOL NEWS | Master Facilities Plan Released

Oakwood City School leaders are moving forward with a Master Facility Plan to ensure the District’s facilities remain safe, dry and secure, and also support the educational and instructional needs of current and future generations of Oakwood students and staff.

“We heard loud and clear our community’s desire to keep our beautiful and iconic buildings. We developed this plan that prioritizes renovation first, while continuing to encourage community input and feedback as the four phases are implemented,” Superintendent Dr. Kyle Ramey said. **(Continued on page 9)**

## LIBRARY NEWS |

### Wright Library to Launch New Tech Classes in 2019 with Library Foundation Grant

Need to learn new technology skills?

Wright Memorial Public Library will debut free, in-person technology classes in 2019.

Thanks to a grant approved this fall by Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation, the Library will purchase seven new laptops to create a mobile laptop laboratory for technology instruction. The courses will be held at Wright Library. **(Continued on page 10)**

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## Luminaria Kits

Luminaria kits are available at the OCC during regular business hours. They are sold at a cost of \$5.00 per dozen. The price includes white bags, sand and 10-hour candles.

## Community Tree Lighting Ceremony at Shafor Park

The Annual Holiday of Lights Ceremony will be held at Shafor Park again this year. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 9.

- Hear the high school band and choir perform holiday tunes.
- Enjoy hot chocolate and popcorn with friends and neighbors.
- Take a carriage or wagon ride, free of charge, to view the beautiful luminarias.
- Watch for a special red-suited visitor and his helpers from the North Pole.

The event is held concurrent with "Lighting Up" Oakwood.

## Community Center News

**Candy Cane Hunt:** Held at Shafor Park on Saturday, December 1 beginning at 1:30 p.m. This event is for children ages 3-12. Rudolph will be there to meet the children and join in the fun.

**Breakfast with Santa:** This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 8 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. and is open to children ages 10 and under. Everyone attending must have a ticket to be admitted. Tickets are available at the OCC and must be purchased in advance.

**Junior High Dances at the OCC:** Dances will be held on Friday, December 14 and Friday, January 25 from 8:30 – 10 p.m. These dances are for Oakwood students only.

## Holiday Closings

City offices, the Community Center and Public Works Center will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 for Christmas and Tuesday, January 1 for New Year's.

The City offices, the Community Center and Public Works Center will also be closed on Monday, January 21 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please refer to the holiday refuse pickup article herein for the holiday refuse collection schedule.

## Holiday Tree Disposal



The City will pick up holiday trees according to the normal yard debris collection schedule (see maps on page 4). Trees should be placed at the property frontage as close to the curb (on the property side) as possible. The trees should not be placed in the street or in center boulevard areas. Please remove plastic covers from trees. Evergreen wreaths and boughs, wires, ribbons and ornamental items should be placed with your regular refuse items.

## Holiday Refuse Pickups

The refuse collection schedule during holiday weeks is shown below.

### WEEKS OF DECEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 31 (Christmas and New Year's)

Regular Schedule	Holiday Schedule
Monday	Monday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday

### WEEK OF JANUARY 21 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Regular Schedule	Holiday Schedule
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday

## Snow Plowing and Salting Policy

The safety of our public roadways and sidewalks is a high priority in Oakwood. In the event of a major snowfall, the city takes the following actions to keep streets, alleys and sidewalks clear.



**Street Plowing:** During heavy snowfall, we plow every street at least once. Please help us during snowfall events by not parking your vehicle on the streets, unless absolutely necessary.

**Street Salting:** Major streets and intersections take priority, along with steep hills. Flat residential streets may also be salted, but generally to a lesser degree due to environmental and cost considerations.

**Sidewalk Plowing:** When there is an accumulation of approximately 1" or more of snow, we dispatch our sidewalk plows. Plows will typically make one pass through the city. Please remember that while our city offers this unique sidewalk plowing service, under city ordinance *it is the property owner's responsibility to keep sidewalks at their frontage clear of snow and ice.*

**Alley Plowing:** Alleys are plowed after an accumulation of approximately 4" or more of snow.

**Driveway Plowing:** If you are plowing your driveway, please make arrangements so that the snow is not pushed into or across the street. Also, please remember that it is the property owner's responsibility to make certain their own driveway is clear of snow and ice to allow the city refuse vehicles to collect the weekly trash in a safe and efficient manner.

## Recycling at Creager Field

If you wish to recycle large amounts of cardboard, please drop it off in the containers located at the Creager Field parking lot at Shafor and Irving. These containers are accessible 24-7. Small amounts of flattened cardboard may be placed in your regular recycling cans. A container for co-mingled recyclables is also available at Creager Field, 24-7.

## Yard Debris Collection

Yard debris (no grass, sod, soil or bags) may be placed between the sidewalk and curb for automatic collection by the city. Pieces should be no longer than 6 feet in length and in a manageable pile that is away from trees, poles, fire hydrants and other obstructions. City laws prohibit the placement of any debris in the streets or boulevards, except leaves during the fall leaf collection season. The December yard debris collection is bi-weekly. The monthly collection schedule begins again in January.

## Leaf Pickup

Autumn leaf pickup service is scheduled to conclude on Friday, December 21. The leaf pickup schedule is the same as the yard debris



schedule. Please remember that leaves should be raked to the curb or gutter and must not be bagged. Please spread out large piles to avoid blocking roadways. Also, no brush, branches or other yard debris should be included with the leaves. This other yard debris should be placed off the street behind the curb or dropped off in the dumpsters at Creager Field. Small amounts can be placed in regular household trash cans.

## Special Pickups

The city's special pickup program suspended during leaf season will begin again on Wednesday, January 2. You may schedule this service on or after January 2 by phoning Missi Seifert at the Public Works Center, 298-0777.

## Vacant House Checks

Are you planning a winter getaway for an extended weekend, for a whole week, or for a month? Please remember that the Oakwood Public Safety Department offers a free Vacant House Check (VHC) program to all Oakwood residents. The VHC program is a crime prevention tool that can be beneficial in protecting your residence while you are away. Once enrolled in the program, Public Safety Officers will make periodic checks of your residence while you are away from home and make notification to your emergency contact number should a problem be discovered.

To take advantage of this program, contact the Oakwood Public Safety Department Dispatch Center at 298-2122. You will need to provide the dispatcher the following information: duration of your trip, vehicles parked in the driveway, a local emergency contact person, notification number that you can be reached at while you are away, and the names of anyone who will be at your residence while you are away.



## “No Solicitation” Designation

The city of Oakwood provides residential property owners with a means to prohibit certain types of door-to-door solicitation and canvassing. This is addressed in Chapter 733 of the Oakwood Codified Ordinances and can be accomplished by residents requesting that their property be included on the city's “Do Not Solicit” list.

If you are interested in being added to the “do-not-solicit” list, you can complete one of the following:

- 1) Submit the “No Solicitation Form” from the city's website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov)
- 2) Detach the form below and mail it to: City of Oakwood, Attn: Do Not Solicit, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419.

NOTE: In late October, the City mailed postcard notices to Oakwood property owners where the 5-year registration expiration occurred. Those property owners will need to re-register to remain on the “Do Not Solicit” list.



As the owner or tenant of property with the street address of \_\_\_\_\_,

I hereby request that this property be registered on the City of Oakwood's “Do Not Solicit” list.

I understand and intend the following:

1. By registering my address on the “Do Not Solicit” list, all persons will be prohibited by law from contact canvassing, peddling, vending, soliciting, or requesting contributions at my property.
2. This prohibition does not apply to the delivery of advertisements, literature, or other information that may be left at my property, and does not apply to certain youth fundraising activity.
3. Registration of a property on the “Do Not Solicit” list expires after 5 years or upon the transfer of a property to a new owner or tenant, whichever comes first. Registrations can be renewed upon request by the owner or tenant.

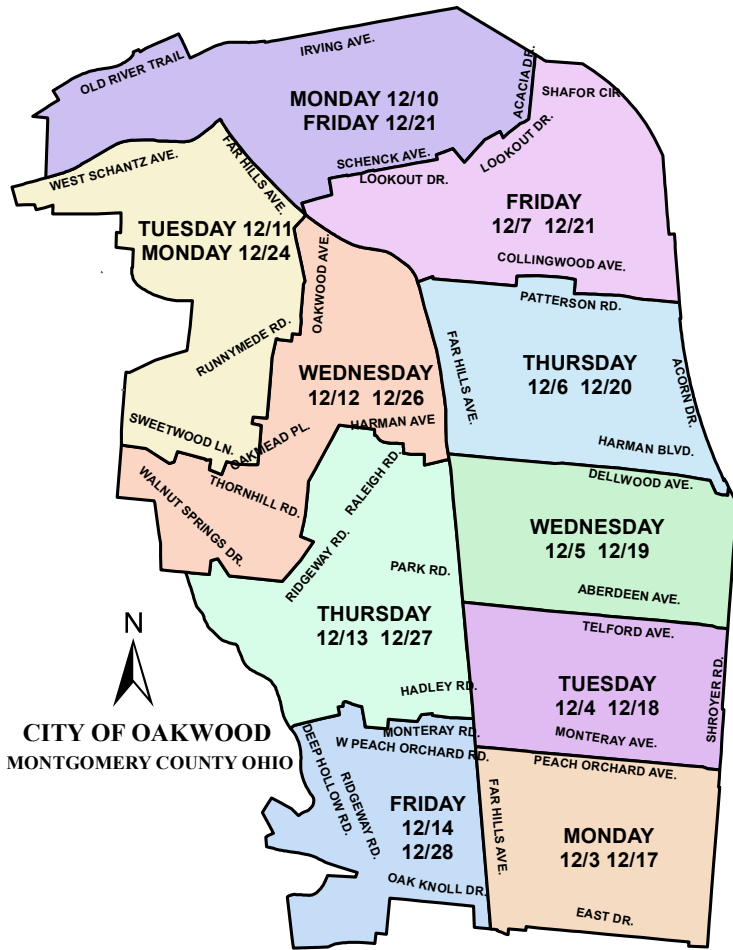
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

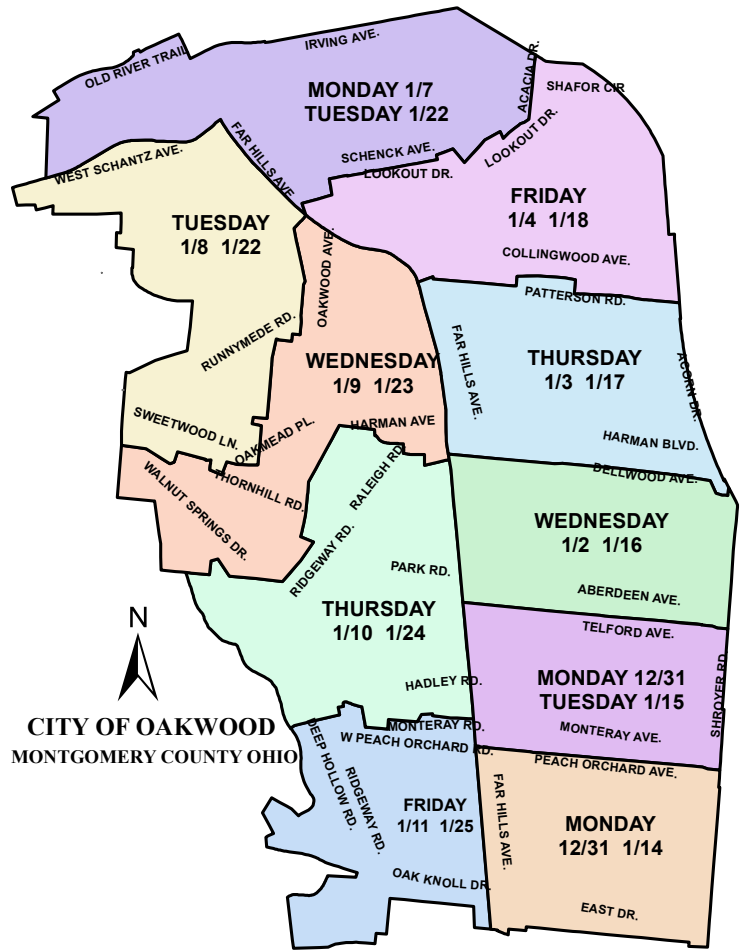
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**LEAF AND YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE  
DECEMBER 2018**



FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 12/13 & 12/27  
SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 12/6 & 12/20

**YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE  
JANUARY 2019**



FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 1/10 & 1/24  
SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 1/3 & 1/17



## Fourth Quarter Estimated Tax Due 1-15-2019

Taxpayers who expect to have a 2018 tax liability in excess of \$200 are required to remit estimated tax payments to the City of Oakwood. In order to avoid an underpayment penalty when you file your 2018 Oakwood income tax return, you must have withheld or paid either 100% of your 2017 tax liability or 90% of your 2018 tax liability by **January 15, 2019**.

Estimated tax vouchers are available on the City's website. If you have any questions regarding the Oakwood income tax and filing requirements, please contact the Tax Department at 298-0531.

## December/January Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 10 and Monday, January 7. 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. Citizens are invited to attend any of these meetings. The regular sessions are televised live on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Turner Ch. 5.03 and AT&T U-verse Ch. 99). Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or [www.mvcc.net](http://www.mvcc.net) for broadcast times. Within a day or two after the regular sessions, meeting videos can also be viewed online at the city's website: [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov).

## 2019 Dog License Information



2019 licenses will be sold at the Oakwood city building from Monday, December 3 to Thursday, January 31, 2018. The base fee for an annual license is \$20, the same as last year, but is for spayed/neutered dogs only. The fee for unaltered dogs is \$24.

There are several exclusions to the \$4 non-spayed/neutered fee:

- If the dog is 9 months old or less.
- If the dog is too old or has a medical condition preventing the dog from being spayed/neutered (the owner must provide a veterinarian's certification).
- If the dog is used or intended to be used for breeding or show (a Breed Registry number is required).
- If the dog is used or intended to be used for hunting (the owner's hunting license number is required).

If veterinarian certification, breed registry number or hunting license number are provided to avoid the \$4 fee, the license must be purchased by mail or in person at the Montgomery County Auditor's office or the Animal Resource Center. Multi-year and permanent dog licenses are also available for purchase, but only by mail or in person at the Montgomery County Auditor's office at 451 W. Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45422.

## Oakwood Historical Society Seeking Membership



Most Oakwood residents acknowledge the role the Oakwood Historical Society plays in our community. It's the maintainer of the Long-Romspert Homestead, our city's historical home and museum. It's the keeper of Oakwood's historical archives, a resource to citizens interested in knowing the history of their homes, advisors on preservation issues, educators for residents of all ages, and our link to Dayton History. The work its officers and board members do is entirely voluntary. It's not glamorous nor newsworthy. It is constant, however, and would be much missed if board members abandoned any of the work the Society currently does. Several hundred people attended the Far Hills Speaker Series lecture last September. An equal number of people came to the Society's Classics on the Lawn car show last August. The Holiday Home Tour, scheduled for December, is expected to generate great interest.

The writer of this article is not a Society officer or board member, but rather an Oakwood resident who has carefully observed the work of board members and marvels at their commitment and energy. This organization warrants your financial support. A variety of memberships are available. Members have the opportunity to participate in Society activities and receive quarterly newsletters, periodic e-updates, free or discounted admission to programs, and invitations to members-only events. It's possible to belong to the Society without feeling as if you must also give your time. Your membership can signify just your appreciation of the work done on behalf of the community. Please go to [www.oakwoodhistory.org](http://www.oakwoodhistory.org) and secure a membership form. Welcome!

## County Recorder Offers New Fraud Alert Notification

The Fraud Notification Alert, or FAN System, is a new program administered by the Montgomery County Recorder's office. It is a tool that is designed to assist the residents of Montgomery County in preventing property and mortgage fraud. This type of fraud has occurred when someone records a fraudulent document, making it look as though they currently own a home or a property. The Montgomery County Recorder's Office developed this program in response to this type of criminal activity. To participate, register on the Montgomery County Recorders website at [www.mcrecorder.org](http://www.mcrecorder.org). For more information, call (937) 225-4275. The Recorder's Office is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located on the 5th floor of the County Administration Building at 451 W. Third St. Dayton, OH 45422.

## New Veteran I.D. Card Available



The Montgomery County Recorder's Office introduced a new program to assist veterans. The program serves as a tool for veterans to securely record their DD-214 military service document, and to obtain a valid form of state-issued identification that can be used to assist in obtaining

healthcare benefits, burial benefits, VA home loans, VA loans, store discounts, and more. The Veteran ID Card replaces the pocket DD-214, which can become illegible over time, and is free to all honorably discharged veterans. Contact the Montgomery County Recorder's Office (see above) for additional information.

## OSF Awards \$18,000 to District in Fall Grants

The Oakwood Schools Foundation is proud to announce the award of more than \$18,000 as part of the annual Fall Grant program. The money will provide funding for equipment and programs that go beyond the scope of the school district, enhancing the educational experience of Oakwood students.

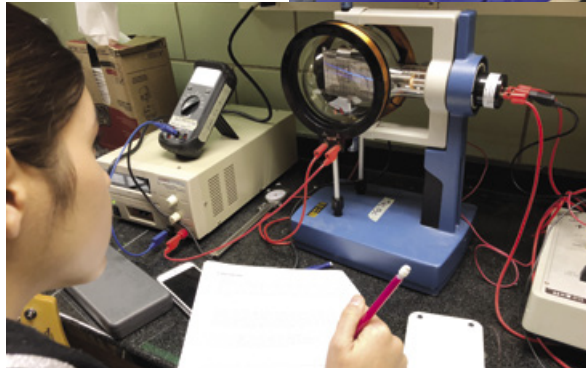


“We welcome this chance to work with the Oakwood Schools to support these worthwhile educational opportunities for our students. We look forward to continuing this partnership,” Jennifer Almoney, OSF Grants & Programs Chair, said.

One of the grants approved this time will bring instructors from the Boonshoft Museum and the Raptor Center at Glen Helen to E.D. Smith Elementary School four times during the school year, allowing students a hands-on experience to study motion, energy and animals.

Another grant benefitting elementary students will purchase 15 Kindle eReaders for Smith and Harman School libraries. As a part of the extremely popular “Lumberjack Reading List” program, the devices will be preloaded with five eBooks and five eAudiobooks, available for fourth to sixth graders to check out.

At the Junior High, OSF is helping fund a program that will enable students to work with robots as a way to enhance their creative storytelling. OJH English teacher Ann Whitehair plans to integrate coding and robotics into her Language Arts class. Students will ultimately form a robotics team to participate in the Wonder League Robotics Competition.



Another grant will support Oakwood High School students participating in the FIRST Tech Challenge. The internationally-recognized robotics and engineering competition challenges students to design, build, program and operate robots to compete in a head-to-head challenge. Guided by adult coaches and mentors, students develop STEM skills and practice engineering principles, while realizing the value of hard work, innovation and sharing ideas.

Oakwood teachers have the opportunity to submit grant requests two times each school year at the beginning of each semester. The Foundation will award a second round of grant money in the spring.

Thanks to the generosity of parents, alumni, students, teachers and the community, The Foundation has awarded more than \$830,000 since 1991 to fund teacher-proposed grants for state-of-the-art classroom technology, unique academic programs, innovative learning materials and more.

For more than 35 years, The Oakwood Schools Foundation has provided significant annual support to our District by funding grants, scholarships and special wish list items, all for the benefit of Oakwood students.

Learn more about

The Oakwood Schools Foundation online at: [www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf).



The Oakwood Schools  
**FOUNDATION**

*Enhancing Excellence in Education*

Pursuing its mission, “Enhancing Excellence in Education,” the Oakwood Schools Foundation provides significant annual support for quality initiatives, including teacher and administrative grants, scholarships and special wish list items. For more information about the Oakwood Schools Foundation, please contact Dante Connell, Director, at 297-5332 or [contact@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org](mailto:contact@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org) or visit our website at: <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf>

## OSF's 'Philanthropy 101' Returns to Oakwood High School



Philanthropy 101, funded through The Oakwood Schools Foundation (OSF), is back by popular demand at Oakwood High School.

OSF board member Joel Frydman conceived this program and brought it to life with the help of his family foundation in 2014. The goal is to teach Oakwood about philanthropy and to illuminate why it is important to give of one's time, talent and/or treasure to serve others.

In Philanthropy 101, upperclass students enrolled in the Wall Street 101 high school course form teams, selecting five local charities, which they research. This year, students chose from the following local charities: Artemis Center, Brigid's Path, Fisher-Nightingale House, Homefull and the Life Enrichment Center.

During the course, each Dayton charity makes a presentation to the two sections of Wall Street 101, explaining who they serve, and how much each depends on donations. As part of the unit, students also make on-site visits, observing first-hand how each organization operates. To drive the idea of volunteerism home, Oakwood seniors can work at the selected charities during senior community service days in May.

After completing research and observations, student teams present their Philanthropy 101 case to a panel of judges comprised of OSF board and community members. Upon deciding who made the strongest case for the need for funding, OSF awards \$2,000 to the winning charities.

OSF is grateful to OHS Principal Paul Waller and business teacher Natalie Johnston for their support in this venture. The Foundation deeply appreciates ongoing financial support from The Angela and Joel Frydman Philanthropic Fund, Vince Russell and Johnson Investment Counsel as well as Robert Wagner and family.

## Oakwood Alumni Association Planning Events for 2019

### Save the Date for Homecoming, Reunion Weekend 2019



Homecoming and Reunion Weekend is scheduled for Oct. 4-5 in 2019, and it's going to be another amazing celebration!

Class websites are up and running, your class representatives are busy planning gatherings and the

Oakwood Alumni Association has reserved a block of rooms at the University of Dayton Marriott for those out-of-town guests.

For information on 2019's Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, please call Oakwood Alumni Association director Amy Martin at 937.371.1479 or email at [alumni@oakwoodschoos.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschoos.org).

### Oakwood Distinguished Alumni to be Awarded in 2019



The Oakwood Alumni Association will hold the Distinguished Alumni Awards to recognize our outstanding alumni who have done so much in their careers and for their communities in 2019.

The awards ceremony is a fun and memorable evening and will take place at Dayton Country Club Thursday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. Nominations are due May 1, 2019 and recipients will be announced by July 1.

For information on the event or nominations, please call Amy Martin at 937.371.1479 or email [alumni@oakwoodschoos.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschoos.org).



If you are interested in supporting Oakwood High School Alumni Association or would like any other information on OHS Alumni Association efforts, please contact OHS Alumni Association Director, Amy Martin at (937) 371-1479 or [alumni@oakwoodschoos.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschoos.org).

## Character Education Program Teaches Students Life Skills



**The 2018 Timber Fun Run was held Oct. 19. Elementary students ran from their schools to Mack Hummon stadium.**

Designed to help the students of Oakwood Schools develop skills necessary in today's world, Timber is the character education program at E.D. Smith Elementary and Harman School. For years, teachers at the two schools taught the same lessons but the programs had different names.

"Now we have seen this program grow and take hold, we felt strongly we wanted the students and community to know we are

all on the same team. We've always been that way in theory, but having a unifying name leaves no doubt we are on a mission together," Timber team member Elizabeth Uptegrove said.

This year, staff members are creating lessons based on the books of Peter Reynolds, a children's author and illustrator. Each of the lessons includes hands-on activities, interactive discussions and personalized videos to encourage the students to collaborate and work through the themes of the day.

"We are trying to help children grow into their best selves and we work hard to develop memorable lessons that bring to light the conflicts and obstacles we see getting in their way every day. We give them tools and strategies to deal with these issues, then, we encourage them to put them into play during the school year," Smith Principal Lynn Cowell said.

Uptegrove says she also hopes other changes put into place this year will encourage families to be a part of the lessons.

"We are excited to be increasing our presence on social media to hopefully encourage families to continue the discussion of these important topics at home. We hope by seeing a photo, video or activity of Timber in action, they will have a way to connect with their child in a way that feels natural and meaningful."

## Food Class Prepares Students for More than Just Kitchen

If you were given eggs, quinoa and black beans, what would you cook?

Students in Everyday Foods at Oakwood High School faced this challenge this year. The family and consumer science class delves into the world of healthy food and living a healthy lifestyle. OHS Principal Paul Waller says the class is about more than just food.

"I think students learn how to cook for themselves and others. It also teaches the kids it is OK to take risks and be innovative with their cooking. I wish I could take this class," Waller said.

Beyond cooking challenges, students also learn about reading labels and shopping, nutritional information and proper kitchen techniques. The semester class is available to students in grades 9 through 12. It's offered first semester each year, with its companion class, Advanced Foods, offered second.

For the cooking challenges, students are given the requirements and then develop recipes and grocery lists. From there it's time to get down to prepping for the big day and the actual cooking. Often, OHS staff members serve as judges.



"I really love being a judge. It give me a chance to interact with the students in a real world situation. It teaches the kids how to work in a collaborative team atmosphere. It is a lot of fun; I feel like I am on one of the shows like 'Chopped,'" Waller said.

And whether or not any of the students go on to be chefs, Waller says the class is a great way for students to achieve.

"The students love competing and being recognized for the efforts in the kitchen. I can tell they really take pride in their cooking. "



## MFP Released *(Continued from cover)*

After nearly two years of assessment, research, discussion and feedback, a four-phase plan was created to keep the current facilities, not tear them down.

The long-term, financially sensible plan calls for the buildings to be maintained, updated and renovated in four phases during the next 20 years.

“We know our kids, learning and teaching continue to evolve and it’s crucial our buildings and learning spaces continue to evolve with them to maximize educational opportunities. We want our students to run as far and as fast as they can and we don’t want our facilities to hold them back,” Ramey said.

Phase 1 will focus on prioritized foundational infrastructure at Oakwood Junior High and Oakwood High School, along with targeted infrastructure updates at Harman School and Smith Elementary.

“Just like in our homes, we need to regularly invest in our buildings. Our engineering teams have identified the systems and infrastructure that need to be addressed. We know if we don’t invest to do this work now, we will have to do a large invasive fix later that stops learning and displaces our kids. We are being proactive, developing this comprehensive plan to address the critical issues,” Ramey said.

The details of the community-centered facilities planning process, the corresponding assessments, images, feedback and phasing recommendations along with more details of the Master Facilities Plan are available on the district website at [oakwoodschoools.org](http://oakwoodschoools.org).

## Stay Up to Date with Oakwood Schools

To stay up to date with Oakwood Schools sign up to receive newsletters and other district updates directly to your email.

Go to [www.oakwoodschoools.org/resources/email-mailing-list](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org/resources/email-mailing-list) and create or update your account. To receive important district-wide information, subscribe to the Superintendent Information list.

## Athletic Passes

**2018-19 Student, Adult and Junior High Family athletic passes** can be purchased at the Athletic Department.

**Reserved OHS Basketball tickets are also available** in the Athletic Department. **There are 11 home games this year. Reserved Seat Season Boys’ Basketball Tickets are \$80.00 each.**

Please contact the Athletic Department with questions at 937-297-5342.

## December/January Calendar

### DECEMBER

<b>1</b>	6 a.m.	<b>OHS Speech/Debate Tournament</b>
<b>5</b>	7:15 a.m.	<b>OJHS 1st Semester Success Breakfast</b>
<b>10-11</b>		<b>Booster Spirit Shop Sale at OHS</b>
<b>13</b>	7 p.m.	<b>OHS Holiday Concert</b>
<b>13</b>		<b>Lange to Dayton Philharmonic</b>
<b>14</b>	9 p.m.	<b>OHS Techno Dance</b>
<b>18</b>		<b>Lange Holiday Parties</b>
<b>20-31</b>		<b>Holiday Break</b>

### JANUARY

<b>1</b>		<b>Holiday Break</b>
<b>2</b>		<b>Classes Resume</b>
<b>9</b>		<b>Freshman Challenge Day</b>
<b>18</b>		<b>Early Dismissal 11:43 a.m.</b>
<b>18</b>	4 p.m.	<b>OJHS Play</b>
<b>18</b>	6 p.m.	<b>OJHS Play</b>
<b>19</b>	4 p.m.	<b>OJHS Play</b>
<b>19</b>	6 p.m.	<b>OJHS Play</b>
<b>21</b>		<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>23</b>	7 p.m.	<b>OHS Band Concert</b>
<b>25</b>		<b>Lange 100th Day of School</b>
<b>30</b>	7 p.m.	<b>6th Grade Parent Meeting - OHS Auditorium</b>
<b>31</b>		<b>Lange to Dayton Ballet</b>



Visit the Athletic Boosters Holiday Spirit Shop Sale Dec. 10-11 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. just outside the OHS Auditorium.

For the latest list of happenings in the Oakwood Schools go to [www.oakwoodschoools.org](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org) and check out our calendars.

## Get connected with Oakwood Schools!

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## Wright Library to Launch New Tech Classes in 2019 with Library Foundation Grant *(Continued from cover)*

With the new laptops, librarians will now be able to teach small group courses on topics such as HTML coding, Microsoft Excel, and online databases like Ancestry.com.

“Computer skills are fundamental skills in today’s world. Many people need help developing these skills or refining them,” said Wright Library’s Adult Services Coordinator Brian Potts. “A series of classes, if attended consistently, can provide significant improvement. These skills are then used in navigating the digital world, whether in personal or professional life.”

Potts expects to share course offerings in early 2019. Patrons will be able to register for the classes at [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org) and at the Library.

“We are excited the Foundation has invested in this new technology,” he said, “and we are eager to help patrons learn and grow their digital skills at the Library.”

The Library’s youth services department also will use the laptops to expand its popular Game On! tween and teen programs, which encourage the social experience of cooperative play and problem solving.

“The object of the game may be to win a race or defeat a villain, but more importantly the t(w)eens are also working together to build knowledge and create solutions. The way we use games at these programs is pro-social, rewarding, and fun,” said Jacqui Taylor, Youth Services coordinator.

In addition to the group courses, the Library will continue its Tech Tutoring program, which offers one-on-one tech help by appointment. Library card holders can also learn tech skills online by using their card to log in to the digital course company Lynda.com through [wrightlibrary.org/Lynda](http://wrightlibrary.org/Lynda).

## How To Give to the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation

The Foundation’s 2018 annual giving campaign recently reached \$25,000 in donations; the Foundation has set a goal of \$30,000 by years’ end. To support the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation, visit [wrightlibrary.org/foundation](http://wrightlibrary.org/foundation) or ask a Library staff member how to donate.

Those who are 70.5 and older can transfer up to \$100,000 of IRA withdrawals each year directly to a qualified charity without recognizing these withdrawals as income. This type of IRA withdrawal is known as a “Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)” and it will count toward satisfying the required minimum distribution (RMD) you must take from your traditional IRA(s) each year after reaching age 70.5. Talk to your CPA to learn more.

## 80 Years of Wright Library: How Has Wright Library impacted you?



Wright Memorial Public Library will celebrate its 80th anniversary in 2019. On Feb. 19, 1939, Wright Library opened its doors for a dedication, but the library’s story began years earlier as the idea of a public library for Oakwood took shape.

**We want to hear from you:** How has Wright Library made a difference in your life as an Oakwood resident? Has having a library in the center of town positively impacted your life? Let us know!

Visit [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org) to share your stories or drop by the Library to share your story in person.

And save the date for the Library’s 80th Birthday Party on Saturday, Feb. 9 from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at Wright Library. We will celebrate all year; look for a calendar of events coming soon!

## Catch the Holiday Spirit at Wright Library this December



Wright Library is cozy and festive as the winter season arrives. Enjoy musical performances, creche displays on loan from The University of Dayton, and a special early New Year celebration for families:

**Music:** Harman Elementary Handbell Choir **11:30 a.m. Dec. 5**

E.D. Smith Elementary 4th Grade Choir **(2:30 p.m. Dec. 18)**

**Creches.** The University of Dayton’s Marian Library curates one of the largest collection of creches, or nativity scenes, from around the world. Each winter, UD shares their collection in the community, and Wright Library will display several through early January. **On display December – early January**

**Gingerbread House Open House December 8 & 9, All day**

**Nearly New Year’s Party** Crafts, noisemakers, a resolutions art project, and a faux countdown to the new year for families! **6 p.m. Dec. 27**

## Library Events

### DECEMBER 2018

- 1 **Paws to Read** 10:30 a.m.,  
**Series Saturday-Book Club for Tweens** 11 a.m.,  
**Let's Talk: Families and the Political divide (A)** 2 p.m.
- 2 **Let's Go Lego** 2 p.m.
- 3 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.; **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)**  
6 p.m.; **Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 4 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 5 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A)
- 7 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.; **Writer's Cafe (A)** 7 p.m.
- 8 **Gingerbread House Open House** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 9 **Gingerbread House Open House** 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- 10 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.; **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)**  
6 p.m.; **Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 11 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.; **Book Club (A)** 7 p.m.
- 12 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A);  
**Teen Advisory Board (T)** 3:30 p.m.; **Game On! (T)** 6:30 p.m.
- 14 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 15 **Art and Literary Zine (T,A)** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 16 **Writers' Café (A)** 2:30 P.M.
- 17 **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;  
**Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 18 **Wright Library Poets (A)** 7 p.m.
- 19 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A)
- 26 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A)
- 27 **Family Night Out: Nearly New Year's Party! (F)**  
Drop-in 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### JANUARY 2019

- 2 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A)
- 4 **Writer's Café (A)** 7 p.m.
- 7 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m., **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)**  
6 p.m., **Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 8 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m., **Book Club (A)** 7 p.m.
- 9 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A)
- 11 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 13 **Let's Go Lego (F)** 2 p.m.
- 10 **Taxes: Understanding What's New (A)** 7 p.m.
- 15 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.,  
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- 16 **Tweens Game On!** 3:30 p.m., **Game On! (T)** 6:30 p.m.
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**KEY:** (I) Infant, (P) Preschool, (E) Elementary, (T) Teen, (A) Adult,  
(AD) Adults with Developmental Disabilities, (F) Family

## Library Improves National Rating



Wright Memorial Public Library earned four stars in Library Journal's 2018 Star Libraries report released this month.

This is the first four-star rating for Wright Library, which had earned three stars in 2017, 2010, 2009, 2008.

Wright Library ranked 17th overall, or in the top 1 percent, of the 1,445 libraries evaluated in its expenditure category (\$1 million – \$4.9 million).

"We are very, very proud to receive the Four Star designation, placing us alongside the very top libraries nationwide," said Kristi Hale, Wright Library Director. "It affirms that we are tremendously valued by the Oakwood community, where education is a core value, and that we are providing the best possible materials, programs, and services for their lifelong learning and enjoyment."

The Library Journal index, based on 2016 statistics, measures how much the local community uses key services of their public library compared to peer libraries. The four key services measured are circulation, visits, program attendance, and public internet use.

Wright Library improved in each measure ranking:

- 4th in Circulation per Capita (8th in 2017)
- 19th in eCirculation per Capita (20th in 2017)
- 32nd in Visits per Capita (37th in 2017)
- 28th in Program Attendance per Capita (53rd in 2017)
- 123rd in Public Internet Use (176th in 2017)

Only 257 U.S. libraries out of 7,361 indexed earned the Star Library distinction. Ohio ranks second in the nation for the most Star libraries – second only to New York.

## Submissions Accepted for Wright Library Anniversary Art & Literary Zine

On February 14, 2019, Wright Memorial Public Library will be 80 years old! To celebrate, we're collecting poetry, short stories, fast fiction, essays, and art to be compiled in an online and printed publication. We're especially looking for pieces that focus on place (libraries, the Miami Valley) or the passage of time, both as we look back to the past and forward to the future. Imagine life in 1939 or a library in space. Write about our namesakes, Wilbur, Orville, and Katharine Wright. No matter the topic, all well-executed and compelling literature and art will be considered. Publication is planned for February 14, 2019. See below for submission information. Contact Elizabeth Schmidt with questions at [schmidt@wrightlibrary.org](mailto:schmidt@wrightlibrary.org) or 937-294-7171.

Submissions must follow the general guidelines found at [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org) and submitted by Dec. 15.

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### Officer Damian Baggett, Asset Builder

From a student at Smith Elementary to a member of the Oakwood Public Safety Department, Officer Damian Baggett has been a contributing member of the Oakwood community for more than 30 years.

Before joining the OSD in 2010, Baggett was a member of the Dayton Fire Department and earned a degree in EMS and Fire Science at Sinclair Community College.

Officer Baggett says he enjoys opportunities to interact with Oakwood Schools students by helping with crossing guards, talking to classes about fire safety and attending health fairs. But he says it's the day-to-day interaction that makes the biggest impression.

"I have been beaten quite handedly by a young lady at recess in tetherball, met a young man who had a passion for football and his football card collection, and passed a soccer ball with a junior Munich fan waiting for the school doors to open in the morning. These are not just cherished memories for me, but when those students see me again I see their faces light up and they say 'Do you remember when you?'"

This OSD's officer has worked with Scouts, come to block parties ("For some reason, the kids love when you break out the fire hose!") and supported young entrepreneurs and their "lemonade stands."

"These experiences are energizing. There is nothing like the excitement and surprise on a child's face. I have also improved as a public speaker, you never know what a kid might ask!"

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