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CITY NEWS | Smith Gardens Anniversary



This year we will celebrate the 45th anniversary of Smith Gardens as a public facility. In 1974, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton W. Smith donated the gardens, along with the house at 20 Walnut Lane, to the city of Oakwood. Under terms of the gift, the City sold the house and established an endowment fund to help pay costs to maintain the gardens. The next edition of the Oakwood Scene newsletter will provide information on some special events that will take place this year to celebrate the anniversary.

LIBRARY NEWS | Wright Library Celebrates 80th Anniversary in 2019



Wright Memorial Public Library turns 80 in 2019! Opening to the public on Feb. 14, 1939, Wright Library has served Oakwood and beyond for eight decades. The library's roots began in 1913 with a small library housed in the home of the Parrot family. In 1916, the Oakwood Board of Education passed a resolution

to establish a public library for the school district and the library moved to Harman School. In 1923, the house at 45 Park Avenue became the library's home. In 1937, a bond issue was passed to build a new library on Far Hills Avenue on the site of Katharine Wright Park.

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REFUSE PROGRAM

One of our primary city services is collection and disposal of refuse including household trash, recyclables, bulk items, and green waste. Given the enormous number of trees in Oakwood and the extensive landscaping throughout our city, we generate a very large amount of green waste (yard debris). Roughly 20-25% of the cost to operate our refuse program is related to the green waste collection and disposal. Below are some details about our comprehensive refuse program.

• Weekly Trash Collection



The primary component of our refuse program is the weekly collection and disposal of household trash and co-mingled recyclables. We provide this service via back door collection with a fleet of refuse scooters. These scooters are equipped with two hoppers... one for trash and one for co-mingled recyclables. The materials are dumped into split-bed refuse trucks. The trash is taken to the Montgomery County Refuse Transfer Station in Moraine. We pay \$38.25 per ton to have the trash transloaded into large refuse haulers and taken to a landfill. The co-mingled recyclables are taken to the Rumpke recycling facility in Dayton. We pay \$20 per ton to drop the recyclables at Rumpke.

• Creager Field Green Waste and Recycling Drop-off

We have several drop-off dumpsters at the Creager Field parking lot adjacent to Shafor and Irving (by the Oakwood Dog Park). There are separate containers for cardboard, for co-mingled recyclables (glass, plastics, metal, etc.) and for yard debris. These containers are accessible 24-7. The more green waste and recyclables that we remove from the landfill stream, the cheaper it is to operate our city refuse program. Please see article on page 3 for additional information on co-mingled recyclables.

• Cardboard Recycling

The cardboard from our dumpster containers at Creager Field is taken to a local recycler. Depending on market conditions, we have received up to \$10 per ton for this cardboard. Unfortunately, the current recycling market is poor, and we do not receive any money for the cardboard, nor do we pay anything for Rumpke to take it. Regardless, we encourage our citizens to use the Creager Field cardboard disposal containers as much as possible.

• Special Pickups

All Oakwood property owners are entitled to two special pickups per calendar year at no cost. Additional pickups are charged at \$100 each. Special pickups are for large items only (e.g., furniture, appliances, etc.) and can be scheduled by calling 298-0777. If you are a tenant, you must coordinate your special pickups with the property owner. All items must be placed in an open area where the city bucket loader can safely access them, such as driveways away from structures and fences.

• Leaf Mulch Program

Our fall 2018 leaves are currently being processed into garden mulch. Oakwood citizens will have two options again this year for obtaining the mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cubic yards for \$100 and 6 cubic yards for \$150. Please call 298-0777 to place an order. We will accept orders beginning March 1. Mulch deliveries will take place on five Saturdays from April 13 to May 11. On the same five Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from the public works yard at 210 Shafor Blvd. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., but must haul the mulch themselves and must provide proof of residency. The free mulch is for Oakwood residents only and no commercial vehicles are permitted.

• Refuse Dumpsters

As an alternative to special pickups, residents can request refuse dumpsters. These are designed for disposal of debris from do-it-yourself home remodeling projects, and for general household clean-up. Dumpsters are for disposing of resident generated debris only (no contractor generated). There is a \$100 delivery and pickup charge for the dumpsters. The person requesting the dumpster will also be responsible for the costs incurred by the city for dumping the discarded materials. Call 298-0777 for more details.

• Free Dumpsters for Yard Debris

If you have a large amount of yard debris (green waste) and would like to use a dumpster for disposing of the material, rather than waiting for the regularly scheduled monthly pickup, please call 298-0777 to request a container drop-off. There is no charge when using dumpsters exclusively for yard debris disposal. Please consider coordinating the dumpster use with your neighbors.

• Yard Debris and Refuse Drop-off

The Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Boulevard is open the first Saturday of every month for residents to drop off yard debris and other household waste and recyclables, including large items such as furniture and appliances. If dropping off a refrigerator, freezer, or air conditioner, the Freon must be removed. For large amounts of construction debris, please use the dumpster program.

Co-Mingled Recyclables Program

Oakwood collects recyclables using scooters with divided dump beds – one side for regular trash and the other side for recyclables. Plastics, glass, paper, metal cans, and cardboard as described below are to be co-mingled in one or more containers marked as recyclables. All items should be clean and free of food and grease. Please make sure that co-mingled recyclable products are placed loosely in the properly marked container. The items should not be placed in plastic bags. Free “Recyclables” stickers to mark containers are available at City Hall or at the Foell Public Works Center.

It is increasingly important that our co-mingled recycling stream contains only recyclable materials. In years past, the guidance was “when in doubt, throw it in the recycling container”. The guidance now is “learn what is recyclable and what is not, but when in doubt, throw it in the regular trash”. The success of recycling and the recycling markets is largely dependent on the quality of the recycling stream.

- **ACCEPTABLE PLASTICS:** Small containers and bottles that have a small mouth and a wider base, such as plastic milk containers, soft drink bottles, jugs, detergent & water bottles and shampoo containers. Empty and crush.

UNACCEPTABLE PLASTIC ITEMS: Plastic items without a bottle neck, plastic tubs, trays & cups, plastic cutlery, clamshell plastic containers, plastic bags, straws, toothbrushes, coffee cup lids, plastic toys & bikes, plastic buckets and plastic wrap. Also, foam and polystyrene are presently not recyclable and should be placed in with the regular trash. Please place loose foam packing material in bags before placing it in with your regular trash so that it does not fly out of our refuse scooters and then blow around your neighborhood.

- **ACCEPTABLE GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS:** All colors of glass bottles and jars. Lids and locking rings should be removed, if possible.

UNACCEPTABLE GLASS ITEMS: Ceramic & porcelain, drinking glasses, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs and dishware.

- **ACCEPTABLE METAL BEVERAGE AND FOOD CANS:** Aluminum, steel, bi-metal cans, and empty aerosol cans are recyclable. Lids and tips should be removed.

UNACCEPTABLE METAL ITEMS: Needles, sharps & medical equipment, metal hangers, metal pots, pans & pipes and metal wire.

- **ACCEPTABLE NEWSPAPERS/PAPER:** Newspapers may be co-mingled with all other recyclables. You may also include junk mail, glossy inserts, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, copier paper and all other clean paper products.

UNACCEPTABLE PAPER ITEMS: Paper plates & cups, take-out coffee cups, hardbound books, tissues, laminated paper, photos, photo paper or specially treated paper, toilet paper, paper towels or contaminated items.

- **ACCEPTABLE CARDBOARD/CARTONS:** Cardboard and carton items including cereal, pasta, cookie and cracker boxes, food and beverage cartons, gift boxes, mailing tubes, corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags may be co-mingled with all other recyclables. Please cut or break down boxes and remove plastic items that may be affixed to the cardboard.

NOTE: Large quantities of the cardboard/carton items listed above should be dropped off in the containers at the Creager Field parking lot. These containers are available 24-7.

THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ITEMS SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR CO-MINGLED RECYCLABLES

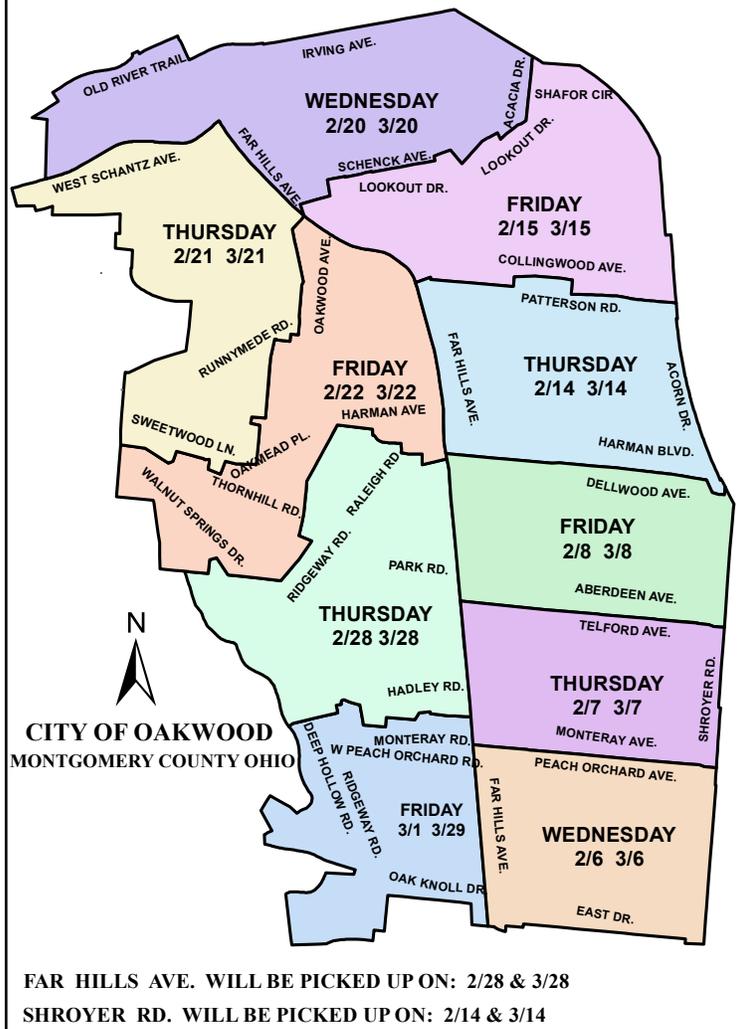
• Plastic bags	• Hazardous or flammable material	• Anything exposed to gas or oil
• Pressurized tanks	• Paint cans (spray & liquid)	• Batteries
• Clothing & sheets	• Wood & yard waste	• Car parts
• Hoses & chains	• Scrap metal	• Styrofoam
• Cassette & VHS tapes	• Electronics	• Coat hangers

Please visit the following websites for more information on recycling:

www.mcswd.org (Montgomery County Solid Waste District)

www.rumpke.com/for-your-home/recycling/acceptable-items (Rumpke)

**YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2019**



Thoughts from Oakwood Historical Society President Leigh Turben

Most of the time I would describe myself as a person who looks to the future. As the president of the Oakwood Historical Society, there are also times I get to reflect on the past.

There have been a number of outstanding moments in 2018 that both delighted and surprised me. The most exciting moment was when I learned our first holiday home tour had sold out several weeks before the December 8th event. Committee Chair Alex Duncan had the foresight to select Oakwood homes exhibiting varied architectural styles. Enthusiasts of Craftsman, Swiss Chalet, Tudor, Italian Renaissance Revival, and Prairie Style Tutor, were all satisfied. I was delighted to meet our residents who willingly shared their homes with 500 sightseers just weeks before Christmas. And, I was not surprised to find that these guests said they were made to feel most welcomed as they toured. The tour also revealed how many Oakwood homeowners are really do-it-yourselfers, or at the very least can envision the impact of a renovation they contract out. If this group of homeowners held something in common, it appears to be an appreciation for architectural integrity and a gift for fusing the old with the new.

Oakwood Historical Society Board members will evaluate every aspect of the event over the next few months and I hope citizens will contribute their comments so this event will come to best reflect the character of our community.

An equally thrilling moment that I like to think back on occurred at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior on September 16. More than 200 people had come to hear Jim Charters present his research on Dayton's role in WWII. Charters told the remarkable story of Joseph Desch, the WAVES, and the Dayton Codebreakers. Knowing that the Oakwood Historical Society in partnership with Wright Library serves to keep our community's history alive is of course gratifying. What made the day so extraordinary for me, however, was the unexpected appearance of John Harshman—one of the original Dayton Codebreakers. I felt as if I were at a film premier and the film's star made an unannounced appearance! Mr. Harshman is very modest about the role he played in the Navy's top-secret project to build a decoding machine at NCR's Building 26. He contends he knew very little about the greater objective of which he was part. Nevertheless, that afternoon 95 year-old Mr. Harshman was treated like a rock star. People waited their turn to have their picture taken with him. Knowing that I lead an organization that makes moments like this possible gives me an incredible feeling of pride. Mr. Harshman deserved his afternoon of fame—his work helped bring WWII to a close.

There are many more stories I could tell that reflect the generous spirit of this community and the good work of the Historical Society. Involvement in Society events connects me to a community that keeps an eye to the past as it constantly looks forward.

Leigh Turben

Presidents Day Trash Pickup



Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of February 18 will be one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday; and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

2019 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project

The 2019 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project will take place in the area bounded by Far Hills, Aberdeen, Shroyer, Acorn and Patterson. The purpose of the project is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. We have begun inspecting the areas and marking sections of concrete requiring repairs. Residents affected by the work will receive personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call Public Works Foreman David Shuey at 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 completed and inspected by May 16.

Oakwood Community Center Upcoming Events/Classes

- **Junior High Dance**, Friday, March 1, from 8:30 to 10 p.m.
- **Annual Junior High Winter Break Trip**, Thursday, February 21, at Sky Zone Trampoline Park.
- **Pre-School Basketball Clinic**, Saturday mornings, March 2 through March 23 for ages 4-5.
- **Egg Coloring and Picture with the Easter Bunny**, Thursday, April 18 from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. and from 7-7:45 p.m.
- **Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale**, Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 at the Oakwood Community Center. Hours are 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

For more details and information about these events, please contact the Community Center at 298-0775.

ACORN Program

Beginning on March 1, the Oakwood Public Safety Department is launching a new program entitled “Assisting and Contributing to Oakwood Resident Needs” (ACORN). The program is designed to assist our senior residents, and our at-risk residents. Our goal is to provide peace of mind through proactive community outreach, implementing safety plans and advocating for the well-being of our senior and at-risk population. Through ACORN, we will offer services involving:

- Health and welfare visits.
- Safety Officer secure access to your home.
- Personalized medical information forms in case of emergency.
- Emergency contact information for loved ones.
- Assistance with in-home needs.
- Book delivery from Wright Memorial Library.

We will provide additional information about the program on the City website, through the *Oakwood Register*, and in the next edition of this newsletter.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITING AND CANVASSING – “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
- 2) Detach the form below and mail it to: City of Oakwood, Attn: Do Not Solicit, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419.



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 five 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.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

NOTE: The city of Oakwood notifies property owners/tenants via postcard when their five year expiration date is reached. At that point, property owners/tenants must re-register to remain on the “Do Not Solicit” list.

2018 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Due April 15



The city of Oakwood has a mandatory tax filing requirement for all residents. Unless exempted in writing by the City, 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.) may be exempted from the filing requirement, but must first file a final return in order to apply for this exemption.

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 form 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, 2019. 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 website, and submit your request by April 15, 2019. 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, 2019 will be subject to a 15% underpayment penalty, if applicable, as mandated by the State of Ohio.

The 2018 Oakwood income tax return is available on the City's website at 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 income tax return, please visit the Tax Department before March 29, 2019. 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 on Friday, April 12 and Monday, April 15, when the office will be open until 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding your city of Oakwood income tax return, please contact the Income Tax Department at 298-0531.

February/March Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 4 and Monday, March 4. 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 for broadcast times. Within a day or two after the regular sessions, meeting videos can also be viewed online at the city website.



Credit Card Security

Credit card security continues to be in the news with several high-profile data breaches. In each instance there was nothing the cardholder could have done to prevent their credit card data from being compromised. Nevertheless, 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. A credit card can easily get misplaced or stolen, yet they tend to stay put when placed within a slot in your wallet.
- Limit the number of cards you possess. Only carry those cards that you use on a regular basis.
- 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. 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 any 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 298-2122 to file the report.

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 at www.oakwoodohio.gov. 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 must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Highlight On Veterans Services In Montgomery County



Montgomery County Veterans Services – Service with Compassion, Dignity, and Respect

The Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission is a county agency dedicated to serving Montgomery County veterans. Executive Director Mark Landers and the employees of the Veterans Service Commission are dedicated to providing the best possible service. Veterans scheduling an introduction appointment will have one-on-one discussion with a state certified service officer on possible claims, bonus awards, or services available to the veteran specific to his/her military service. Assistance in filing claims to the Veterans Administration includes the preparation of forms and documentation of claims, filing to obtain discharge papers (DD-214), and obtaining medals. Financial assistance may be provided to qualifying veterans as a short-term or onetime payment to assist with the necessities of life. Please call the office at 937-225-4801 or visit their website www.mcvsc.org for more information.

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 and are free of charge. 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 298-2122 and speak with one of our certified Fire Inspectors.



Oakwood Sister City Association Annual Wine Tasting

Red, White & Pink Wine Tasting and Trivia

When: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 10

Where: The Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Rd.

Ticket price: \$30/person

Open to All Adults 21 and Over!

Participants will taste and compare different wine varietals while playing wine trivia in small groups. Delicious, heavy hors d'oeuvres will be supplied. Come enjoy good company, wine and cheer while supporting the scholarship fund for Oakwood Sister City Exchange Students. OSCA is currently accepting applications from local teens for two- to three- week home-stay summer exchanges to our sister city Le Vésinet, France, just outside of Paris. Contact OSCA President Kirsten Halling at Kirsten.halling@wright.edu for more information.

OSF Seeks Nominations For 2019 Parker Love Of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the Oakwood Schools Foundation's ninth annual **Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award**. The award, presented each spring, honors a current Oakwood teacher who uniquely inspires the full potential of each student with whom he or she works.

In 2010, the **Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award** was created by former longtime Oakwood teacher Beverly (Bev) Parker in memory of her late husband, Robert (Bob) Parker. Based on the belief teachers in Oakwood are exceptional and give much of themselves for the betterment of the children in our community, the Parker Award honors teachers who go above and beyond what is expected of them.

Past honorees include Lange kindergarten teacher Janet Block (2011), OJHS social studies teacher Kathy Allan (2012), OHS engineering teacher Tony Rainsberger (2013), OJHS/OHS band teacher Ron Nelson (2014), Harman School art teacher Susan Kuntz (2015), Harman School teacher John Edwards (2016), E.D. Smith School music teacher, Nate Thompson (2017) and E.D. Smith School teacher Lynne Irwin (2018).

The award consists of a \$1,200 prize, which is divided between the recipient and an academic department, grade or program of the recipient's choosing. For more information, contact Mrs. Dante Connell, OSF Director, by email at contact@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org or by phone at 297-5332.

Parker Award Nomination Information

- Eligible teachers will have taught in the Oakwood District for at least five years
- Nominations or letters of support can be submitted by parents, students, alumni, community members, faculty and administrators
- Nominations do not carry over from year to year
- Submission deadline: March 31, 2019
- Download the 2019 nomination form at www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org/community/osf



Bev Parker with 2018 Parker Award Winner Lynne Irwin



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@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org or visit our website at: <https://www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org/community/osf>

Do you know a 'Distinguished Alumni'? Nominate one today!

Every two years, the Oakwood Alumni Association recognizes and celebrates alumni who have made significant accomplishments in their careers or dedicated themselves to service while maintaining high standards in personal integrity and character. The only requirement is the individual must have graduated more than 15 years ago. This year, we will accept nominees from classes 2004 and before. While the award has frequently been awarded to individuals approaching, or at the end of the careers, we hope to recognize our alumni who are achieving greatness at every stage of their career and lives.

The 2019 Distinguished Alumni Awards will be held at the Dayton Country Club on the Thursday of Homecoming Weekend - Oct. 3rd from 6 to 9 p.m. It is a fun evening with heavy hors d'oeuvres served before the awards ceremony, and friends and family of the recipients sharing stories and recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of our fellow alumni. Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are honored with a plaque hanging outside of the OHS auditorium, as well as one for themselves, and are also recognized at the Homecoming football game the following evening. Please consider nominating an OHS alum! Nominations are due May 1.

For more information about the award, please contact Amy Martin at alumni@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org or (937) 371-1479.



If you are interested in supporting the Oakwood Alumni Association or would like any other information on the Alumni Association efforts, please contact Oakwood Alumni Association Director Amy Martin at (937) 371-1479 or alumni@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org.

Spotlight on Arts

The walls of St. Vincent de Paul Society Homeless Shelter are a little brighter each winter thanks to beautiful donations from Harman School.

Each fall, Harman art students, under the direction of Art Teacher Susan Kuntz, begin creating beautiful projects to decorate the school for the annual Holiday Concert. Following the December event, these pieces are donated to St. Vincent's to bring holiday cheer to the shelter's clients. This is the 14th year for the partnership between Harman and St. Vincent's.



Reminder of Early Dismissal Dates

Schools will dismiss early May 3 so school staff may participate in professional development.

Dismissal times for all schools will be 11:43 a.m.

Look for students in grades K-6 to arrive home wearing early dismissal stickers on the Thursday prior to the Friday early dismissal.

eNotify

Stay up to date with Oakwood Schools by receiving emails, newsletters and other district communication through eNotify. Go to www.oakwoodschoools.org/resources/email-mailing-list and create or update your account today. To receive important district-wide information, subscribe to the Superintendent Information list. **You can also subscribe to** "School Information" lists for our different buildings and "Class of" lists for different grades. Don't miss any important information, thanks to eNotify.

February/March Calendar

FEBRUARY 2019

1	6 p.m.	OJHS Dance
1		Smith Everybody Counts
5	7 p.m.	OHS Winter Orchestra Concert
6		Lange Dental Health Visit
7	5 p.m.	OHS Curriculum Night
7	5:30 p.m.	OHS 8th Grade Parent Meeting
7	7 p.m.	OHS College Credit Plus Meeting
7	5 p.m.	OJHS Parent Conferences
8		Preschool Conferences – All Day
8	11:30 p.m.	Smith Military Kids' Club
11	7 p.m.	OJHS Winter Sports Recognition
12	7 p.m.	OJHS Choir Concert
12	6 p.m.	Smith PTO Meeting
13		Smith Timber Session
14		Lange Valentine's Day Celebration
14	7 p.m.	OJHS Winter Band/Orchestra Concert
14		Smith 1st & 2nd Grade Muse Performance
14	2 p.m.	Smith Valentine's Day Parties
15		No School/Professional Development Day for Staff
18		No School/President's Day
19-22		No School/Winter Break
25		Classes Resume
28		Lange Celebrates Dr. Seuss' Birthday

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5-8		Lange Everybody Counts
5	6:30 p.m.	OHS Winter Sports Banquet
6	7 p.m.	OJHS Spring Sports Player/Parent Meeting
7	6 p.m.	OHS Orchestra Concert with UD
9	8 p.m.	OHS Turnabout Dance
12		ACT for all Juniors (paid for by the State of Ohio)
12		Pre-ACT for Sophomores who pay to test
12	6 p.m.	Smith PTO Meeting
13		Lange Pictures
15		End of 3rd Grading Period
15	11:30 a.m.	Smith Military Kids' Club
16	7 p.m.	Young@Art
19		Lange COSI Visit
21		Lange to Harman Musical
21	6 p.m.	Smith Celebration of the Arts
22		No School/Professional Development Day for Staff
25-29		No School/Spring Break
26		OHS Report Cards Mailed
4/1		Classes Resume

For the latest list of happenings in the Oakwood Schools **go to** www.oakwoodschoools.org and check out our calendars.

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Library Events

FEBRUARY

- 1 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 4 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.;
Next Chapter Book Club (AD) 6 p.m.; **Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 5 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 6 **Tech Tutoring by appointment (A);**
Tweens Game On! 3:30 p.m.
- 7 **Family Night Out: Valentine's Day (F)** 6-8 p.m.
- 8 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 9 **Series Saturday-Book Club for Tweens** 11 a.m.;
Wright Library's 80th Birthday Party 2-4 p.m.
- 10 **Let's Go Lego (F)** 2 p.m.
- 11 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.;
Next Chapter Book Club (AD) 6 p.m.; **Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 12 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.; **Book Club (A)** 7 p.m.
- 13 **Tech Tutoring by appointment (A);**
Teen Advisory Board (T) 3:30 p.m.; **Game On! (T)** 6:30 p.m.
- 14 **Wright Library's Candlelight Anniversary**
Commemoration 6-8 p.m.
- 15 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.; **Reel Healing (A)** 1 p.m.
- 16 **Welcome Dayton Islamophobia and Racism Town Hall (A, T)**
2-3:30 p.m.
- 18 **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.
- 19 **Wright Library Poets (A)** 7 p.m.
- 20 **Tech Tutoring by appointment (A)**
- 21 **Is Healthy Food Making You Sick? (A)** 7 p.m.
- 23 **Paws to Read** 2 p.m.
- 24 **Let's Go Lego (F)** 2 p.m.
- 25 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.;
Next Chapter Book Club (AD) 6 p.m.; **Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 26 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 27 **Tech Tutoring by appointment (A); Tweens Game On!** 3:30 p.m.,
Game On! (T) 6:30 p.m.

MARCH

- 1 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 4 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.; **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;
Teen Writing Club (T) 7 p.m.
- 5 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 6 **Tech Tutoring by appointment (A); Tweens Game On!** 3:30 p.m.
- 8 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 9 **Series Saturday-Book Club for Tweens** 11 a.m.;
Let's Talk (A) So You Want to Talk About Race book discussion 2 p.m.
- 10 **Let's Go Lego (F)** 2 p.m.
- 11 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.; **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;
Teen Writing Club (T) 7 p.m.
- 12 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.; **Book Club (A)** 7 p.m.
- 13 **Tech Tutoring by appointment (A); Teen Advisory Board (T)** 3:30 p.m.;
Game On! (T) 6:30 p.m.
- 15 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.; **Reel Healing (A)** 1 p.m.
- 16 **Family Event: How Many Dinosaurs (infant-3rd grade)** 2-4 p.m.
- 18 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.; **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;
Teen Writing Club (T) 7 p.m.
- 19 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.;
Wright Library Poets (A) 7 p.m.
- 20 **Tech Tutoring by appointment (A);**
Tweens Game On! 3:30 p.m.; **Game On! (T)** 6:30 p.m.
- 21 **Family Night Out: Puzzles & Puzzlers (F)** 6-8 p.m.
- 22 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 23 **Paws to Read** 2 p.m.
- 24 **Let's Go Lego (F)** 2 p.m.
- 25 **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.
- 26 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 27 **Tech Tutoring by appointment (A)**

KEY: (I) Infant, (P) Preschool, (E) Elementary, (T) Teen, (A) Adult,
(AD) Adults with Developmental Disabilities, (F) Family

Wright Library Partners with Hospice of Dayton for Grief Film & Discussion Series

Wright Library and Ohio's Hospice of Dayton have partnered to present Reel Healing, a monthly film series and discussion group focusing on the theme of grief.

Screenings will begin at 1 p.m. on the third Friday of every month at Wright Library followed by a short discussion facilitated by bereavement care professional Pamela Tyler.

2/15 – Pay It Forward

3/15 – Things We Lost in the Fire

4/19 – Beginners

5/17 – Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close

Registration requested at <https://www.wrightlibrary.org/reelhealing>.

Wright Library Names New Fiscal Officer

Wright Memorial Public Library's Board of Trustees has hired Tammy Emrick as the Library's new fiscal officer.

Emrick has over 28 years of experience as a treasurer or chief financial officer for several Ohio school districts, including North College Hill City Schools, Fairborn City Schools, and Miamisburg City Schools. She is a graduate of Miami University.

In her role as fiscal officer, Emrick will direct the financial operations of the library.

"Tammy's extensive experience and passion for serving the community will be an asset to the library. We look forward to working with Tammy in ensuring the future success of the library for years to come," said Wright Library Board President Josh Lounsbury.

Emrick replaces outgoing fiscal officer Steven Maag, who served the library since 2015.

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Impacting Our Community Jim Vaughn



For almost 25 years, Jim and Ellen Vaughn have called Oakwood home. Jim says it's been the "perfect place" to raise daughters Mary Kate (OHS '16), Bridget (OHS '18) and Oakwood High School junior Elizabeth.

"Ellen and I grew up in a community similar to Oakwood, but with one significant difference: our suburban hometown was much larger. The small size of the Oakwood community is a huge asset, as it provides a safe and nurturing environment for our children to develop their skills, talents and leadership," Vaughn said.

Vaughn has been a leader in the business community, spending 32 years in various finance roles at Standard Register and now Taylor Communications, while also serving as a community leader.

"My community involvement includes The Dayton Foundation Governing Board, St. Albert the Great finance committee and former finance chair for the Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley board. In addition, our family serves meals at St. Vincent De Paul Homeless Shelter," Vaughn said.

The Vaughns are also leading the citizen-led Oakwood Schools Levy Campaign committee.

"The Oakwood Schools have provided our three daughters with an education and overall experience that exceeded our expectations from start to finish. The teachers have been passionate, inspiring and fabulous role models for our girls. The administrators have been dedicated to delivering the highest quality of education possible. The academic opportunities at Oakwood are unsurpassed. The extra-curricular opportunities present endless options to students to develop their talents and become the best versions of themselves," Vaughn said.

Vaughn has given back to the Oakwood community in a number of ways, including coaching soccer for 13 years and helping with the OHS cross country program. He says he feels "fortunate to live in a great community" like Oakwood.

"Opportunities abound for our children, whether it be academic, creative, artistic, athletic or leadership. Having teachers who inspire our children is essential to their development. Being surrounded by other families that care deeply about education and family values is a huge benefit of living in Oakwood."