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CITY NEWS | That Day in May



Oakwood's annual family festival, "That Day in May" will be held on Saturday, May 18. The event is sponsored by the Oakwood Rotary Club and is the organization's primary fundraiser. Please plan on attending this festival! It will be packed full of fun activities and events for the whole family.

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SCHOOL NEWS | Schools Asking for Community Support

Oakwood Schools is looking for community support of a two-part levy on the May 7 ballot that would generate funds for essential day-to-day operations and allow for much-needed repairs and upgrades of the District's facilities.

"We are aware and appreciate the investment our residents already make in the Oakwood Schools. No one wants to raise taxes but these requests are critical and equally important to preserving the excellence that is Oakwood Schools," Superintendent Dr. Kyle Ramey said.

On the ballot is one issue with two requests, a 4.99-mil operating levy and a 2.7-mil bond issue. The operating levy would generate \$1.6 million in annual revenue for the district.

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LIBRARY NEWS | Film Asks, "What Does It Mean To Be American?"

Wright Memorial Public Library, in partnership with ThinkTV, is hosting a screening of the PBS documentary AMERICAN CREED at Wright Memorial Public Library on March 30. The screening will be followed by a community conversation facilitated by History Professor Steven Conn of Miami University.

Wright Library is one of 50 sites receiving grant funding from the American Library Association to host an American Creed screening and community discussion. *(Continued on page 10)*

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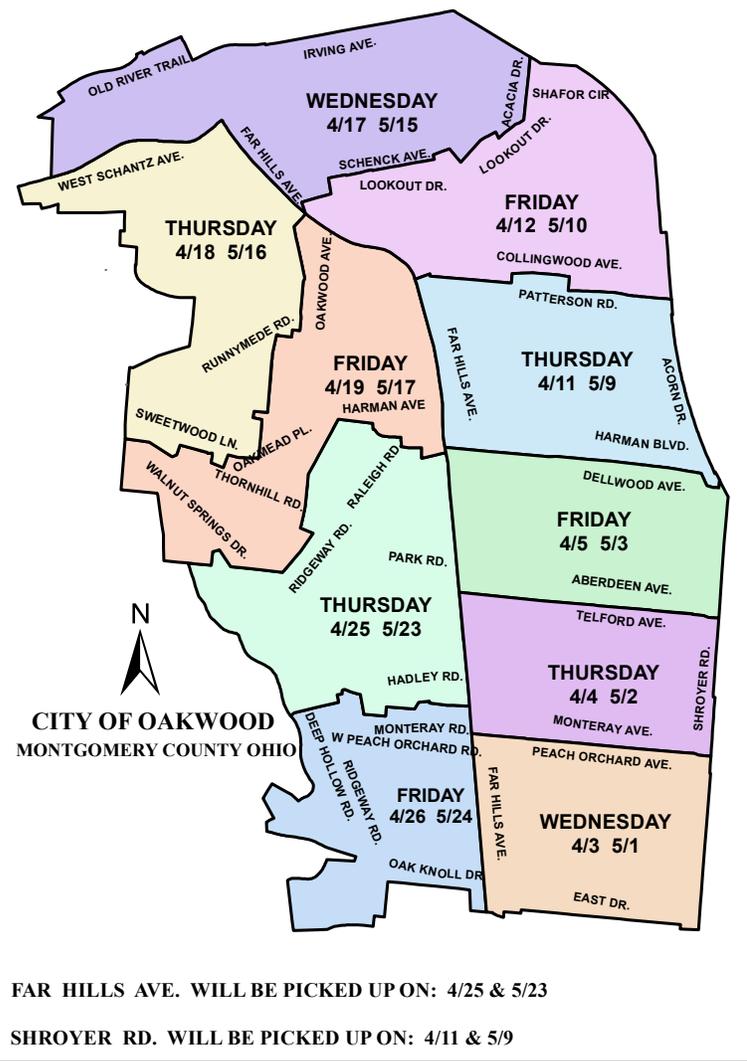
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APRIL AND MAY 2019



Special Pickups

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

Leaf Mulch Program

Citizens have two options again this year for obtaining leaf 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. 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 Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., but must haul the material themselves and must provide proof of residency. The free mulch is for Oakwood residents only and no commercial vehicles are permitted.

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, Forrer, 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 inspected the areas and marked 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.

Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

The annual fire hydrant flushing will begin the week of April 8 and last approximately 4 weeks. Please watch for news releases in the Oakwood Register announcing the dates for your neighborhood. Information is also posted on the city website.

Memorial Day Holiday Closing

City offices, including the OCC and Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, May 27. The OCC Office and Health Center will be open from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 25 and from 12-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 26.

Do It Yourself Drop-off

On the first Saturday of each month between 8 a.m. and noon, Oakwood residents may drop refuse material at the Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Boulevard. This service provides an alternative to special pickups and dumpsters. Residents may drop off household trash, recyclable material, special pick-up items and yard debris. Proof of residency is required, and contractors are not allowed.

Gardner Pool Hours

Gardner Pool opens Saturday, May 25 and operates daily from noon – 8 p.m. Memberships can be purchased at the OCC. You must be an Oakwood resident to purchase a pool membership.

Pool Memberships							
OCC Member Early Bird Discount By April 30, 2019		OCC Member After April 30, 2019		Non-OCC Member Early Bird Discount By April 30, 2019		Non-OCC Member Oakwood Residents After April 30, 2019	
Single	\$135.00	Single	\$180.00	Single	\$175.00	Single	\$225.00
Family	\$235.00	Family	\$285.00	Family	\$310.00	Family	\$360.00
Senior	\$75.00	Senior	\$105.00	Senior	\$115.00	Senior	\$145.00

Memorial Day Trash Pickup

Trash pickup for all routes the week of May 27 will occur 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.

Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale

The 33rd annual Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale will be held on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27 at the OCC, 105 Patterson Road. The hours are from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. A wide variety of perennials, hostas, ferns, herbs, ornamental grasses, wildflowers and daylilies will be available. A complete listing of plants for sale is available at the OCC, on our website, or by calling the OCC at 298-0775. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. Please contact Carol Collins at 298-0775 to help.

Important Leisure Services Department Dates

- Annual 6th Grade Dance: Friday, May 3, 8 – 9:30 p.m.
- American Red Cross Babysitting Course: Saturday, May 11, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more details, please contact the Community Center at 298-0775.

Picking up after your Pets

Dogipot stations are available throughout the city to help pet owners with an easy and safe clean-up. There are few things that aggravate neighbors more than a pet owner who does not clean up after their pet. Besides being an unsightly mess, a number of common diseases can be transmitted to pets and people through feces. Failing to clean up after your pet is fineable under the Oakwood General Offenses Code. Please be a responsible pet owner and help keep our Oakwood community clean.

Leash Law

At the January 7 public meeting, Oakwood City Council approved an ordinance requiring that dogs be securely leashed and under the reasonable control of the owner, keeper or agent thereof whenever they are on public sidewalks, streets or any other public rights-of-way. The ordinance applies to all dogs in Oakwood, but there are exceptions for service animals and for dogs using the Creager Field Dog Park.

This ordinance was approved with public safety concerns in mind, and with the goal to reduce the number of dog calls and dog bites. Oakwood is densely populated and we have a very large number of dogs... around 1,000 registered in Oakwood, where we have around 3,800 total housing units. The leash law is designed to mitigate the unpredictability of dogs and to protect both citizens and other animals from unexpected and unwanted encounters. Even the most well-trained dogs, under the right set of circumstances, can be unpredictable. Citizens should be able to move about the public sidewalks and rights-of-way freely and without concern or fear from unleashed dogs. In the five year period from January 2014 to December 2019, the Oakwood Safety Department responded to 127 dog related calls for service of which 39 included report of a dog bite.



That Day in May

a community festival

THAT DAY IN MAY

SPONSORED BY THE OAKWOOD ROTARY CLUB

Oakwood's family festival, "That Day in May" will be held Saturday, May 18, 2019. Please plan on attending this year's festival which promises to be packed full of fun activities and events for the whole family.

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- PANCAKE BREAKFAST – 8 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.
OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
- SILENT AUCTION – 8 A.M. TO 1 P.M.
OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA HALLWAY
- FUN RUN – 8:30 A.M.
BEGINS AT OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM
- OAKWOOD 5K & 10K RUNS – 9 A.M.
BEGINS AT OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM
- COMMUNITY PARADE – 12 NOON
BEGINS AT DOROTHY LANE MARKET
ON SHAFOR BOULEVARD TO STADIUM
- BATTLE OF THE BANDS – 12:30 P.M. TO 3 P.M.
OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM
- GAMES AND RIDES – 12 NOON TO 4 P.M.
ON SCHANTZ AVENUE BETWEEN
DELLWOOD AND SPIREA DRIVE
- DISPLAYS, PET SHOW, REFRESHMENTS AND
FOOD TRUCKS – 12 NOON TO 4 P.M.



Oakwood Sister City Association News: Scholarships and Cultural Training Luncheon

Each year, OSCA offers four \$500 travel scholarships to support our short-term summer exchange program. Oakwood residents 15-18 years old are encouraged to apply to host a student partner in Oakwood and/or enjoy a homestay in Le Vésinet, a beautiful Parisian suburb. For young people wishing to visit Paris on a small budget, sister city partnerships are eminently affordable as the only costs for students on both sides of the Atlantic are travel and pocket money. Scholarships are awarded to offset airfare costs for students traveling to France and are funded by donations and fundraising events. Please contact Kirsten Halling for more information on scholarships, exchanges, OSCA membership, and the April Cultural Training Luncheon at Kirsten.halling@wright.edu.



PHOTO: Past student exchange scholars: Left to right: Anna McCarty, Kirsten Halling, president, Emily Coffee, Taylor Wedding

Spring Crime Prevention Tips

With the warmer weather upon us, the Oakwood Public Safety Department offers a few tips to keep yourself and your home safe during the spring and summer months.

- With the arrival of warmer temperatures, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and doors before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Remember to lock any shed, storage unit, or garage you have on your property.
- Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman, investigate the company before making the decision to do business with that person.
- If a utility representative comes to your house, request identification. True representatives will carry their identification and they will gladly show it to you. If necessary, contact the company or Oakwood Public Safety Department for verification.
- Personal property crimes increase during the warmer weather months. Residents have a tendency to leave items such as bicycles, gardening tools, lawnmowers, and other yard tools out in the open. Make sure you lock up your personal property when unattended. It does not take long for someone to quickly take your property that has been left in the yard.
- Always remember to roll up your car windows and remove valuables, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.
- Being a good neighbor can be one of the best crime prevention tools. Watchful, attentive neighbors can identify activity that is not “normal” to their neighborhood. If you observe any unusual or suspicious activity, please contact the Oakwood Public Safety Department at 298-2122.

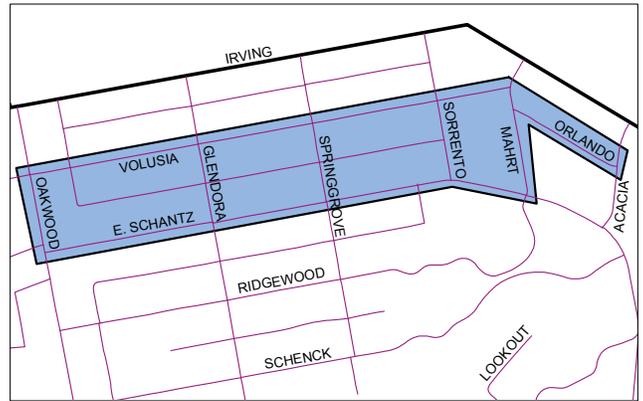
Summer Employment Opportunities

The city of Oakwood is currently accepting applications for summer employment in the following areas: Pool Concessions; Lifeguarding; Boulevard Maintenance; Smith Gardens Maintenance; General Maintenance (including roadways, water system and refuse collection); and Day Camp Counselors. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment in order to be eligible for the Boulevard, Smith Gardens, General Maintenance and Day Camp Counselor positions. The minimum age for all other positions is 16. Employment applications are available at the City Building, the Community Center and the city website. Equal Opportunity Employer.

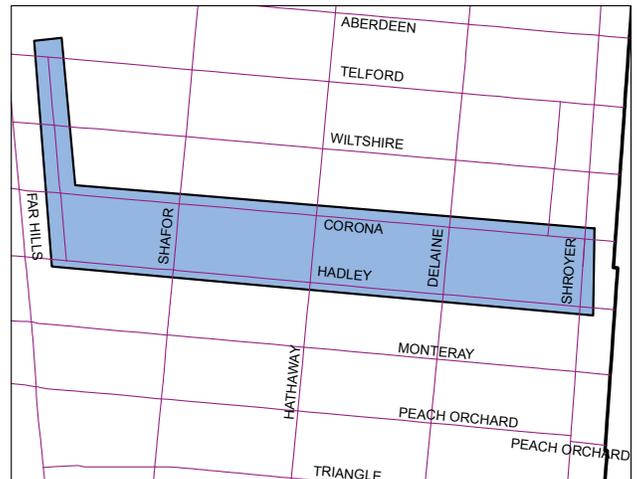
2019 Vectren Gas Line Improvements

Between May and July this year, Vectren will replace underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in the Oakwood neighborhoods identified in blue on the maps below. The work in the northern section is bounded by Volusia Avenue, Acacia Drive, E. Schantz Avenue and Oakwood Avenue. The work in the southern section is along the alley east of Far Hills Avenue between Telford Avenue and Hadley Avenue, and in the area bounded by Corona Avenue, Shroyer Road, Hadley Avenue and Far Hills Avenue. In both work areas, Vectren is installing new polyethylene pipes in place of old steel and cast iron pipes and is moving indoor gas meters to outside wall locations. This is the continuation of a multi-year Vectren infrastructure replacement project in Oakwood. Oakwood residents personally affected by the work will receive detailed information from Vectren. Please feel free to contact Public Works Inspector/Foreman Tom Long at 298-0777 with questions about the work.

NORTHERN SECTION



SOUTHERN SECTION



April/May City Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 1 and Monday, May 6. 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 Tuner 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's website: www.oakwoodohio.gov.

2018 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Due April 15



The city of Oakwood has a mandatory tax 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.) 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 city 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.

Numerous tax law changes have been made to municipal taxes, including the utilization of a net operating loss carryover and a reduction in the amount of credit that may be claimed for taxes paid to other cities. Please see the 2018 Oakwood income tax return, which is available on the City's website at www.oakwoodohio.gov, for additional guidance. If you do not have internet access, forms are 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.



Bike Registration

Each year a substantial number of bicycles are stolen in Oakwood. Many of these bicycles are found, but cannot be returned because the owners are unknown or the bike has not been reported as being stolen. The Oakwood Safety Department has a bicycle registration program designed to assist in recovering stolen bikes and to help return stolen or lost bicycles to their rightful owners. There is no cost to register a bicycle. Please call the Safety Department at 298-2122 or stop by the office at 30 Park Avenue to complete the registration.

Emergency Notification Systems

The city of Oakwood uses several methods to communicate information to citizens, businesses and institutions in the event of an emergency. Below is a summary of these methods:

- CodeRED:** This is a telephone notification system. City officials can send recorded messages to telephone numbers across the entire city, or within any selected geographical area. The telephone database currently includes about 4,200 telephone numbers. It automatically contains all landlines, but only includes cell phone numbers if they are specifically added to the database. To add your cell phone number, please go to the home page of the city website and see CodeRED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM. Call the Oakwood Public Safety Department at 298-2122 with questions.
- Website:** Our city website at www.oakwoodohio.gov is regularly updated and is used for disseminating a wide variety of information. It is available to quickly broadcast emergency notices when situations warrant.
- Facebook:** The city Facebook account can be found at "[facebook.com/cityfoakwoodohio](https://www.facebook.com/cityfoakwoodohio)". This account is primarily used by our Oakwood Community Center to publicize OCC information, but it is also used to broadcast other city information, depending on circumstances.
- OCC E-mail Distribution List:** Our Oakwood Community Center maintains an e-mail distribution list that contains about 2,000 addresses. We use this list to regularly send notices about events, programs and activities organized and operated through the OCC, but from time to time we also use it to send notices regarding other matters. Please call the OCC at 298-0775 to have your e-mail address added to the distribution list.
- Door Hangers:** City staff uses door hangers to notify citizens and property owners of events that may impact them or their neighborhoods.
- US Mail and Door-to-Door Contact:** Depending on circumstances and the nature of an event, the city uses the US Postal Service or direct door-to-door canvassing to distribute information.
- Media:** We routinely distribute press releases to the local media, including television and radio stations. These media outlets typically respond very quickly in broadcasting time sensitive information.

2019 Asphalt Repaving

The 2019 asphalt repaving project will take place on the streets identified below. The Public Works Department will do some utility work on these streets in advance of the repaving. Property owners on the roadways will receive direct notification from the city regarding the repaving schedule. The repaving project typically takes about one week to complete.

Spirea Drive

Greenmount Boulevard

Peach Orchard Avenue
(Far Hills Avenue to Shroyer Road)

East Drive
Shafor Boulevard Avenue
to Shroyer Road)

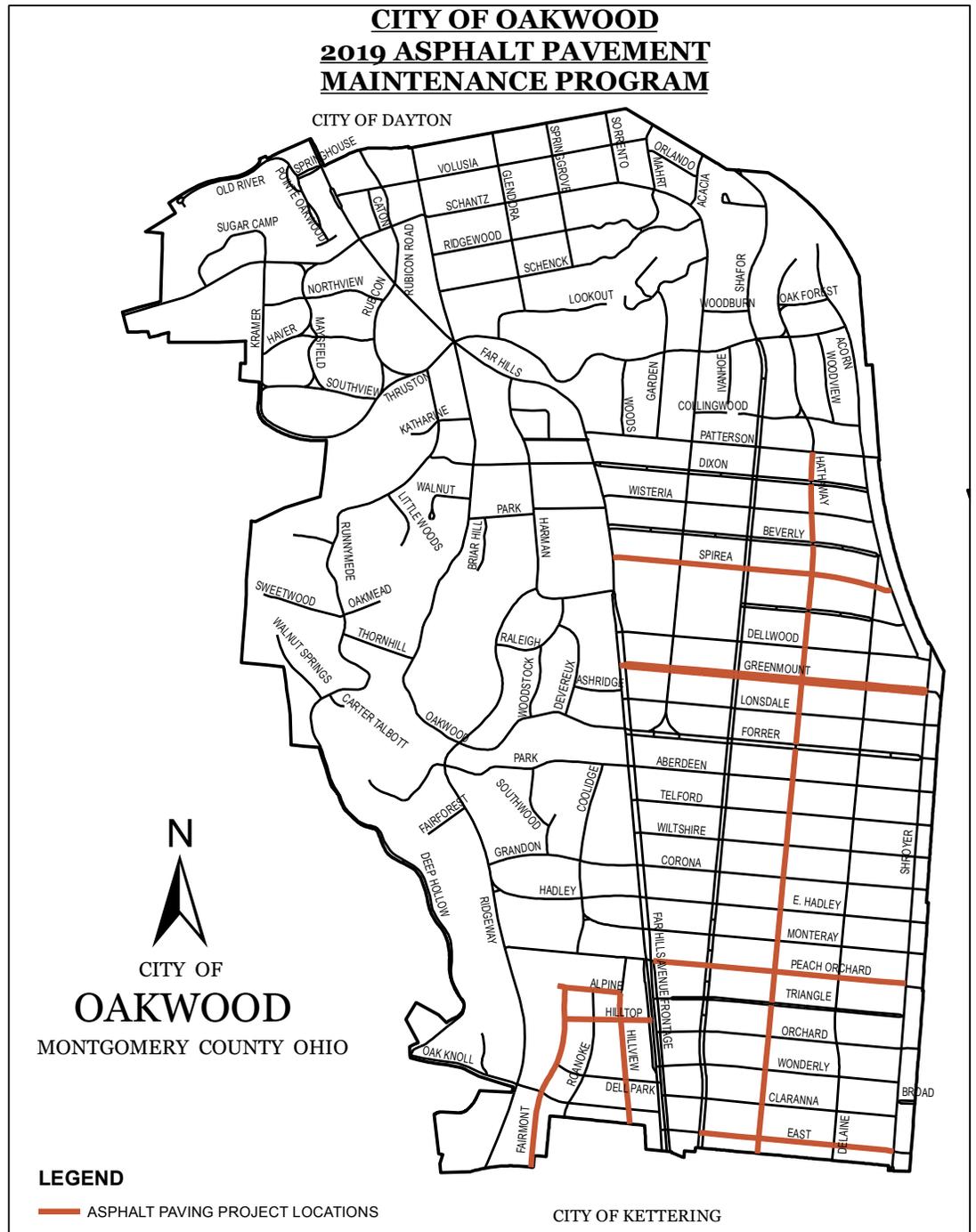
Hathaway Road
(Patterson Road to
South Corporation Line)

Alpine Lane

Hilltop Avenue

Fairmont Avenue

Hillview Avenue
(Alpine Lane to South Corporation Line)



Payment Online Portal for Bill Payment Options

We have launched a new online billing and payment solution, offering more ways to view and pay your utility bill, plus the addition of 24/7 phone payments and pay by text. Residents can receive and view bills electronically, make a payment with credit/debit card or e-check, and choose to go paperless. A quick, one-time payment can be made without registering or you can create an account to enjoy more features like setting up automatic payments, saving payment information for later use, and viewing history.

- Easy-to-use online portal to access your account and make payments.
- Registration is not required.
- Go Paperless – get your bills via email.
- Save time with automatic payment options:
 - AutoPay – automatically pay the invoice amount on the due date.

- Recurring Scheduled Payments – set up a schedule to pay a fixed amount or the invoice balance on a specific day of the month.
- Receive email reminders when your bill is ready, when a scheduled payment is pending and a confirmation after making a payment.
- Pay by Phone – check your account balance or make a payment 24/7 by calling 1-844-892-9642.
- Pay by Text – get text notifications about your bill and have the option to pay through text message with your default payment method (sign up when making an online payment or within your account).
- Online payment options will also be available to make payments for income tax and billings on other city services (permits, refuse dumpsters, etc.).

Go to the City's website for more information.

Wright-at-Home Neighborhood Tour Recharges Civic Pride

It happens only once a year. Sunday, April 28 provides the opportunity to tour both the Wright's Hawthorn Hill home and walk around the neighborhood with a guide. Much information is available online about Hawthorn Hill. Fun facts about the neighborhood aren't.

A guide will help you envision the 1910 streets of the Town of Oakwood. You'll pass by Oakwood's only school and library, its first church and water tower, and learn what shops constituted Oakwood's thriving commercial district. You'll discover where Wrights' business partners lived, the ones that helped build propellers and supplied warehouse space.



105 Years at Hawthorn Hill!

WRIGHT at HOME
Presented By:

DAYTON HISTORY &
THE OAKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sunday, April 28, 2019
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Experience Hawthorn Hill!

Travel back in time through a mansion open house and enjoy a walking tour of the surrounding neighborhood.

TICKETS: \$25 per adult - day of
\$20 per adult in advance and OHS and Dayton History Members
\$5 per child - ages 4-12 (FREE - ages 3 and under)

PARKING: Oakwood Municipal Lot and along Park Avenue

For more information • 937-293-2841 • www.daytonhistory.org

You'll stroll by the house the Cheez It snack-cracker maker built and hear stories about how the Hadelers next-door-neighbor kids came to know Orville like only family members were able to do. You'll look at Oakwood High School as if it were Himes Dairy Farm and spy the site where Oakwood's first truant officer and one-man public works and sanitation department, used to dump city trash. The elegant Spanish Revival house built by Oakwood's first city engineer and later city manager may explain why Oakwood taxes are what they are.

Your guide will retell why in 1926 Orville sold land surrounding Hawthorn Hill to only a select three buyers. There was John Patterson's errand boy, turned Charles Kettering's chief engineer, turned again, president of DELCO. Then the second buyer, Mr. Electric-Fridge salesman who was determined that every American home replace its icebox with a Frigidaire. The third buyer earned Orville's favor by designing Hawthorn Hill.

Finally, your guide will relate the story of a penniless German immigrant who it was said had the aptitude to fix absolutely anything. His home reflects the wealth inherent to having the ability to invent something that is needed for the manufacturer of another.

It is truly astounding how many extraordinary people lived within such a small geographical location during a most illustrious period. Orville was a complex man. Knowing more about his neighbors provides insight into his personality. This tour instills a sense of gratitude for the contributions Orville and his neighbors made to our community. It's bound to recharge your civic pride.

The tour is sponsored by Dayton History and the Oakwood Historical Society. For full information, see www.oakwoodhistory.org or call 937-293-2841.

Oakwood Historical Society Volunteer Plans Forward to Preserve the Past

Think of the incongruity: a person wanting to better connect with today's young people places herself in the environs of 1850. This approach isn't all that unusual for Oakwood Historical Society Education Committee Chair Linda Pearson. She plans for months what education programs to offer Oakwood residents. What drives her is a passion to make the past relevant, to share her love of history.

In preparation for 2019 programming, Pearson attended the National Conference of the Association for Living History, Farm, and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM) in Tahlequah, Oklahoma last June. Linda sponsored herself because she wanted to learn more about how volunteers at historical museums teach baking to visitors. "I wanted to try new historical recipes and discover how they tie back to the history of the area." For years Linda has been the force behind the Society's Herb Academy, as well as other classes focused on making ice cream, pizzelles, pasta, soups, and a variety of bath bombs, lotion bars, and lip balms. She stays current with what other historical museums offer visitors and tailors programs so they are fun, educational experiences for children, parents, and grandparents.

Linda said a highlight of her training was learning to use the wood-fired brick bake oven at Fort Gibson, a Civil War fort located near the end of the Cherokees' Trail of Tears. Participants in Pearson's Bread and Butter class offered at the Homestead had the benefit of Pearson's new expertise. Future participants in such programs will enjoy the recipes and techniques Pearson gains from out-of-print books acquired from her contacts with other ALHFAM professionals.

Pearson acknowledges that at this time of year she finds her mind racing with ideas for summer programming—there are so many lessons from the past she'd like to share.

OSF Awards \$30,000 to District in Winter Grants

The Oakwood Schools Foundation is awarding more than \$30,000 to the Oakwood Schools as part of its annual Winter 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.

“OSF was able to provide grants to each of our five schools in the school district. We are proud of the partnership we have with the schools and we look forward to continuing our support through our grants process,” OSF Grants and Programs Chairman Jennifer Almoney said.

The Foundation’s Winter 2019 grants included full or partial funding for:

- “Make No Bones About Learning” for OHS Forensic Science class
- National Geographic Giant Map of Ohio for social studies classes at OHS, OJHS and the Oakwood elementary schools
- Establishing Oakwood Elementary Idea Labs at Smith School and Harman School
- WAVE on Wheels to enhance the science curriculum at OJHS
- Soaring the Skies: Using Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) to teach physics concepts to OHS students in Physical Science courses
- Equipment for the Lange School playground

OSF is pleased to fund these worthy grants, supporting the Oakwood Schools in areas where current funding may be lacking. Thanks to the generosity of parents, alumni, students, teachers and the community, OSF has awarded more than \$870,000 since 1991.



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

Oakwood Alumni Planning NOW for Another Great Homecoming in 2019



Alumni Celebrate – Come Back Lumberjacks 2018

Homecoming and Reunion weekend is scheduled for Oct. 3-5 this year. Get in touch with your classmates and join us for the fun! Reunion plans are already underway for at least 9 classes ('59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '94, '99 and '04). If you don't see yours on the list, contact the Oakwood Alumni Association for details and planning support.

Homecoming and Reunion weekend is full of activities, making it easy to host a reunion with your classmates. Below are the planned activities:

- Thursday, Oct. 3 is the Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony hosted by the Oakwood Alumni Association
- Friday, Oct. 4 includes the Booster's Tailgate, Varsity Football Game and Oakwood Schools Foundation's Come Back Lumberjacks party at the Dayton Country Club
- Saturday, Oct. 5 tour Oakwood High School and walk the halls of Smith Elementary and Harman School to take a trip back in time

If your class hasn't started planning, contact Alumni Director Amy Martin for support and resources to get up and running. We hope to see you at Homecoming! Have questions regarding Homecoming 2019 or reunion planning? Contact OHS Alumni Association Director Amy Martin at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org or (937) 298-8711.



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@oakwoodschoools.org.

Schools Asking for Community Support

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"We believe the schools represent a great return on our community's investment. These operating dollars will allow us to retain a quality staff and continue to provide an exceptional quality of education, preparing all of our kids for their very bright futures," Ramey said.

The school district spends 74 cents of every dollar on instruction in the classroom, one of the highest percentages in the state, according to the Ohio Department of Education.

"Just like in business, the cost of operations goes up every year. It's not just an increase in salaries, but also the cost for technology, utilities and classroom supplies. But while those costs increase, our revenue remains flat due to state law that prohibits the district's share of local taxes from increasing along with increased property values," Oakwood Schools Chief Financial Officer Julie Belden said.

This request is Oakwood Schools' lowest ask for operating dollars in 30 years. The 2.7-mil bond would generate the \$18 million needed to make necessary upgrades as outlined in Phase 1 of the district's four-part Master Facility Plan.

"We have heard from our community the desire to maintain and preserve our beautiful and iconic buildings and our plan honors those desires. Phase I is focused on prioritized, foundational infrastructure at the Junior and Senior High buildings, and targeted infrastructure at Smith and Harman to address critical repairs," Board of Education President Todd Duwel said.

A campaign committee of Oakwood community members has been organized to gain support for the May ballot issue. For more information on the committee, contact Campaign Chairpersons Jim and Ellen Vaughn at vaughn.jim@aol.com. For details on the Master Facility Plan and to see how the ballot issue will impact you, you can go to the district website at <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/mfp/new-mfp>.

Ax Media Goes Digital at OHS



Oakwood High School students are jumping into the world of digital media with a new website and social media presence.

The Ax Media, the central media outlet of OHS, is making the change to provide students with real world opportunities and the community with a way to stay informed.

"In today's media landscape, journalists have to have a varied skill set and be able to work in all media outlets. By combining the product of the broadcasting class, AxTV, with the work of the journalism class, The Ax, we are taking steps to incorporate all aspects of media. Also, by having an online focus, we can incorporate social media, which is an important aspect of reporting," The Ax Adviser Kelsey Jackson said.

Students see this change as a great way to engage with the OHS student body.

"The demand for print media has dwindled. Among high school students, technology is so pervasive in all parts of our lives. Media can be accessed easily on our phones," senior and The Ax staff member Cathleen McLaughlin said.

Managing Editor Karina Czeiszperger says the updated process will also help community members who want to know what's going on at OHS.

"It makes it more accessible for community members. It centralizes all the media of the journalism classes at the high school and the social media creates an easy pathway to see all the content," Czeiszperger said.

You can read the group's latest stories on the website at ohsaxmedia.org and follow them on Twitter at [@ohsaxmedia](https://twitter.com/ohsaxmedia) and Facebook at The Ax Media. While they have always welcomed commentary, they are excited to engage with their readers in a new way through social media.

"We feel hearing the voice of our readers will help us become a better media outlet. We plan to use social media to produce content, but also to help gather sources and information," Jackson said.

April/May Calendar

APRIL

1	6 p.m.	Classes Resume from Spring Break
11	7 p.m.	Lange Parent Orientation for 19/20 School Year
11	7 p.m.	OHS Spring Musical Performance
12	7 p.m.	OJHS Dance
12	8 p.m.	OHS Spring Musical Performance
13	2 p.m.	OHS Spring Musical Performance
13	8 p.m.	OHS Spring Musical Performance
15-18		Kindergarten Screening
26		Lange Volunteer Appreciation
27	7 p.m.	OHS/OJHS A Cappella Concert
30	7 p.m.	OHS/OJHS Orchestra Cherry Pie Concert

MAY

1	7 p.m.	OJHS Band Concert
3	11:43 a.m.	Early Dismissal
4	6:30 p.m.	OHS Prom – Dayton Art Institute
7		Jim McCutcheon visits Lange
9	7 p.m.	Harman Grand Affair
9	7 p.m.	Lange Visits 1st Grade
9	7 p.m.	OHS Spring Choir Concert
9	8:30 a.m.	HS Awards Assembly - Auditorium
13	9:30 a.m.	Harman 6th Grade to visit OJHS
13	7 p.m.	OJHS Spring Sports Recognition
14	9:30 a.m.	Smith 6th Grade to visit OJHS
15	7:15 a.m.	OJHS 2nd Semester Success Breakfast
15	7 p.m.	OHS Spring Band Concert – Auditorium
20	6:30 p.m.	OHS Spring Sports Banquet
21	6:30 p.m.	OHS Class of 2019 Academic Awards Program UD Kennedy Ballroom
22	7 p.m.	OJHS Spring Choir Concert
22	7 p.m.	Harman & Smith Band & Orchestra Concert at Smith Elementary
23	7 p.m.	OJHS Awards Ceremony
26	6:30 p.m.	OHS Class of 2019 Baccalaureate – Westminster Presbyterian Church
27		No School – Memorial Day
28-30		OJHS Exams
28	7 p.m.	OHS Class of 2019 Commencement Dayton Convention Center
29	6:45 p.m.	Harman 6th Grade Recognition
29		Lange End of Year Celebration & Mini Book Fair
30		Last Day of School for Students
30		Lange Fun Day

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

Get connected with Oakwood Schools!

Facebook: @OakwoodSchools

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YouTube: @Oakwood City School District

Film Asks, “What Does It Mean To Be American?” *(Continued from front page)*



In the documentary film, former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian David M. Kennedy come together from different points of view to investigate the idea of a unifying American creed. Their spirited inquiry frames the stories of citizen-activists striving to realize their own visions of America's promise across deepening divides.

For example: Baseball manager Joe Maddon brings residents of his Pennsylvania hometown together after a controversial immigration ordinance threatens to tear them apart. In Seattle, civic entrepreneur Eric Liu brings community leaders together in spite of their political differences to solve problems. Mark Meckler, co-founder of the Tea Party Patriots and Joan Blades, founder of MoveOn.org, meet in her living room and form an unexpected bond.

At the heart of this film, Rice and Kennedy lead a moving discussion with first generation college students about the question: what does it mean to be American today?

AMERICAN CREED Community Conversations are film screenings and scholar-facilitated discussions that mirror the type of conversation Rice and Kennedy have in the film; one designed to engage Americans in reflection and dialogue about their own part in the American story, and in acting to shape that story for the better. Wright Library is hosting a community conversation as part of its Let's Talk series that promotes in-depth conversation, intentional community, respect, active listening, and problem-solving among neighbors.

Following the screening and discussion, Wright Library will host training sessions to equip individuals to host their own community conversations. The Library will also host some of those conversations. In June, the Library will host a Sworn-Again America ceremony where citizens can reaffirm their own civic vows.

Visit wrightlibrary.org/Americancreed for announcements of training and community conversation dates.

Screening Date: March 30

Time: 1-3:30 p.m.

Location: Wright Memorial Public Library

Registration requested; drop in welcome:
wrightlibrary.org/americancreed

This event is open to the public.

New Digital Resources at the Library

STREAM NEW SERVICES: Movies, TV, and courses to your web connected devices are now available with your library card.

Kanopy: More than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema.

Acorn TV: World-class mysteries, dramas, and comedies from Britain and beyond, including a full slate of original and exclusive programming.

Great Courses: Learn from the world's top professors presenting more than 150 of the most popular courses.

Easy access 24/7 at wrightlibrary.org/downloads

DEVICES TO GO: Preloaded, no Wi-Fi needed

Playaway: Versatile all-in-one audiobook players designed to use anytime anywhere are the latest addition to the youth service's collection.

Launchpads: Learn and play on durable pre-loaded tablets designed for on-the-go use for ages 3 to adult.

Search our online catalog for Launchpad or Playaway for availability or to place holds at the Library's AV desk in the lower level. See them in person in the Library at the AV desk.

Tech Classes for Many Interests

Sharpen your tech skills at Wright Library's new small group technology and digital classes. The Library will offer four series of courses this spring. The Library will provide laptops for all classes except the Bring Your Own Device digital content series. The classes are made possible with a grant from The Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation.

Register and read course descriptions at wrightlibrary.org.

Adult Tech Classes: Foundations

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

March 27: Mouse, April 3: Keyboard, April 10: Computer, April 17: Internet

Adult Tech Classes: Digital Content Series (Bring Your Own Device)

Thursdays 10:30 a.m.

March 21: Digital Books on your iOS device; March 28: Digital Books on your Android device; April 4: Digital Books on your Kindle; April 11: Digital Videos on your iOS Device; April 18: Digital Videos on your Android Device

Adult Tech Classes: Library Resources Series

Wednesday evenings 7 p.m.

April 24: Genealogy Resources; May 1: Getting Started with Lynda.com; May 8: Business Resources

Adult Tech Classes: Library Resources Series

Thursday 10:30 a.m.

April 25: Genealogy Resources; May 2: Getting Started with Lynda.com; May 9: Businesses Resources

Library Events

APRIL

- 1 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (infants-18 months);
Next Chapter Book Club 6 p.m.; **Teen Writing Club** 7 p.m. (T)
- 2 **Terrific Tales** 10:30 a.m. (P)
- 3 **Game On! (Tweens)** 3:30 p.m.;
Adult Tech Class: Foundations 7 p.m.*
- 4 **Adult Tech Class: Digital Books on Your Kindle** 10:30 a.m. *
- 5 **Books & Blocks** 10:30 a.m. (I,P)
- 7 **Let's Go Lego** 2 p.m.-4 p.m. (F)
- 8 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (infants-18 months);
Next Chapter Book Club 6 p.m.; **Teen Writing Club** 7 p.m. (T)
- 9 **Family Night Out: "Drive In" Movie** 5 p.m. (decorate a cardboard car) 6 p.m. movie begins; **Book Club** 7 p.m. (A)
- 10 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A); **Game On! Teens** 6:30 p.m. (T);
Adult Tech Class: Foundations 7 p.m.*
- 11 **Adult Tech Class: Digital Videos on Your iOS Device** 10:30 a.m.*
- 13 **Series Saturday Book Club** 11 a.m. (E);
Special Family Event 2 p.m. (F)
- 14 **Far Hills Speaker Series: Maintaining Your Vintage Home** 2 p.m. (A)
- 15 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (infants-18 months);
Next Chapter Book Club 6 p.m.; **Teen Writing Club** 7 p.m. (T)
- 16 **Terrific Tales** 10:30 a.m. (P); **Wright Library Poets** 7 p.m. (A)
- 17 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A); **Game On! Teens** 6:30 p.m. (T);
Adult Tech Class: Foundations 7 p.m.*
- 18 **Adult Tech Class: Digital Videos on Your Android Device** 10:30 a.m.*
- 19 **Books & Blocks (I,P); Reel Healing** 1 p.m. (A)
- 22 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (infants-18 months);
Next Chapter Book Club 6 p.m.; **Teen Writing Club** 7 p.m. (T)
- 23 **Terrific Tales** 10:30 a.m. (P)
- 24 **Game On! Tweens** 3:30 p.m. (E); **Game On! Teens** (6:30 p.m.);
Genealogy Resources 7 p.m.*
- 25 **Adult Tech Class: Genealogy Resources** 10:30 a.m.*

APRIL (CONTINUED)

- 26 **Books & Blocks** 10:30 a.m. (I,P)
- 27 **Paws to Read** 10:30 a.m. (F)
- 28 **Let's Go Lego** 2 p.m.-4 p.m. (F)
- 29 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (infants-18 months);
Next Chapter Book Club 6 p.m.; **Teen Writing Club** 7 p.m. (T)
- 30 **Terrific Tales** 10:30 a.m. (P)

MAY

- 1 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A); **Game On! Tweens** 3:30 p.m.;
Adult Tech Class: Getting Started with Lynda.com 7 p.m.*
- 2 **Adult Tech Class: Getting Started with Lynda.com** 10:30 a.m.*;
Ditch the Diet 7 p.m. (A)
- 3 **Books & Blocks** 10:30 a.m. (I,P)
- 5 **Series Saturday Book Club** 11 a.m. (E);
Special Family Event 2 p.m. (F)
- 6 **Next Chapter Book Club** 6 p.m.; **Teen Writing Club** 7 p.m. (T)
- 8 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A);
Teen Advisory Board 3 p.m. (T); **Game On! Teens** 6:30 p.m.;
Adult Tech Classes: Business Resources* 7 p.m.
- 9 **Adult Tech Classes: Business Resources** 10:30 a.m.*;
Classical Guitar Concert 7 p.m. (T)
- 11 **Paws to Read** 10:30 a.m. (F)
- 13 **Next Chapter Book Club** 6 p.m.
- 14 **Book Club** 7 p.m. (A)
- 17 **Reel Healing** 1 p.m. (A) **SUMMER READING REGISTRATION OPENS**
- 20 **Next Chapter Book Club** 6 p.m.
- 21 **Wright Library Poets** 7 p.m. (A)
- 22 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment

*Registration required at wrightlibrary.org

Celebrate National Library Week by Putting Your Library Card to Work

When is the last time you used your library card? To celebrate National Library Week, we are challenging all Oakwood residents to celebrate their library by putting their card to work (or getting one if you do not have one!)

Five ways to use your card:

- Put an item on hold at wrightlibrary.org and pick it up on our hold shelf. You'll be notified when it's there.
- Reserve and order a Book Flight, which gives you three books hand-selected by a librarian based on your interests. or check out a digital book, movie, or music with one of our many digital services free to you with your card from the comfort of home.
- Browse new fiction and nonfiction in our newly renovated reading rooms and read something new.
- Join in our 80th anniversary reading challenge. Learn more at wrightlibrary.org/80th. Read through the decades and earn an 80th anniversary mug at the end of the year!
- Check out something unexpected: a makerbox, a cake pan, a wireless hotspot, a tablet preloaded with education games. Learn more at wrightlibrary.org!

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Impacting Our Community

The city of Oakwood appointed Dr. Stephen Enseleit, MD to the position of Health Commissioner, effective January 1, 2019. Dr. Enseleit replaced Dr. Richard Garrison who served as Medical Director for the city of Oakwood from 1983 until 2009, and as Oakwood Health Commissioner from 2007 through 2018. Dr. Enseleit is just the fifth Health Commissioner since Oakwood's Health Department was established in 1931. The previous Health Commissioners were as follows:

Dr. H.W. Lautenschlager: 1931 – 1953

Dr. Kenneth Arn: 1954 – June 1992

Dr. Mary Pryor: June 1992 – June 2007

Dr. Richard Garrison: June 2007 – December 2018

Oakwood operates its own local health district, and the Oakwood Board of Health is established by City Charter. The Health Commissioner is appointed by the City Manager and reports to the Board of Health.

Dr. Enseleit is an emergency medicine physician for Emergency Medicine Specialists, serving in patient care throughout the Kettering Health Network, and in a leadership role within the emergency department at Kettering Medical Center. He earned a BS in Chemical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University, and an MD from the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Enseleit is licensed by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.