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CITY NEWS | Family Fall Festival

Come to Shafor Park from 2 – 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 13 for the 14th annual “Family Fall Festival” and enjoy an afternoon of fun games, food, pumpkin painting and other entertainment for the whole family! Also enjoy free hayrides along Shafor Boulevard to see Scarecrow Row. Kids can dress up and join the “Costume Parade” around the park. Don’t forget to mark your calendar! Look for more information in the *Oakwood Register* and on flyers distributed through the schools.

SCHOOL NEWS | Homecoming & Reunion Schedule

Oakwood High School’s 2019 Homecoming and reunion events begin Thursday, Oct. 3 with the Distinguished Alumni Awards at 6 p.m. Reservations are required for this event. Everyone is invited to the Booster Tailgate just outside Oakwood Junior High at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, prior to the varsity football game at 7 p.m. at Mack Hummon Stadium. The annual Oakwood Schools Foundation Come Back Lumberjacks party follows the game at the Dayton Country Club from 9 p.m. to midnight. Alumni and community members who are at least 21 years old are invited to this free, annual event. You can tour some of the facilities Saturday, Oct. 5. Tours begin at OHS at 10 a.m. Self-guided tours of Smith and Harman Schools are available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about Homecoming or class reunions, contact Alumni Director Amy Martin at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org.

LIBRARY NEWS |

A Letter from the Director: Wright Library’s Past, Present, and Future

Wright Memorial Public Library is a registered historic landmark, and last year original portions of the building were renovated and restored to their 1939 beauty. Today, Wright Library is also one of the most-used libraries in America, ranking in the top 1% nationally for libraries of similar size and earning it a four-Star rating in 2018 by Library Journal. On behalf of the library’s Board of Trustees, I would like to share with you more of our library’s story, and invite you to join in discussions to help write the next chapter for this well-used, well-loved community asset. *(Continued on page 10)*

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Scarecrow Building Contest

The Oakwood Community Center is very excited to announce the 17th annual "Scarecrow Building Contest." We encourage families, neighbors, organizations, co-workers and their groups to participate in this special, festive community event. Registration packets are available at the OCC. The building and placement of the scarecrows will take place on Sunday, October 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with judging to commence at 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the OCC at 298-0775.

Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project



Under leadership of the Oakwood Beautification Committee, we are again conducting the annual Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and tree species are available at the Oakwood Community Center and on the city website. The trees

selected are approximately 2 inches in diameter and are discounted 50% to residents. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at the discounted price. The tree must be planted in the city right-of-way. Trees will be planted by a local nursery in late November or early December. All trees will be wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season. For more details, call Carol Collins or Brian Caldwell at 298-0775.

Leisure Services News

American Red Cross Babysitting Course:

The course will be taught at the OCC on Saturday, November 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students must be at least 11 years of age to enroll.

Mother/Son Dance:

This dance is scheduled for Saturday, November 9 from 7:30 – 9 p.m. It is open to all Oakwood Moms and Grandmothers with sons and grandsons between the ages of 5 and 11. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the OCC.

Breakfast with Santa:

The event is from 9 – 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 7. Tickets go on sale Monday, November 4 at the OCC. Space is limited to 50 children. Everyone attending must have a ticket.

City Offices Closed

Veterans Day – City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Monday, November 11. Please note that trash and recycling pick up for all routes the week of November 11 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.

Thanksgiving – City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. Trash and recycling pick up for the week of November 25 will be the same as the normal weekly schedule, except that Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday.

Free CPR Training

Cardiac arrests are more common than one might think, and can happen to anyone at any time. Nearly 400,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur annually in the United States and more than 80 percent of these occur at home. Many victims appear healthy with no known heart disease or other risk factors. Cardiac arrest may occur due to a heart condition, but can also be caused by electrical shocks, accidents, or severe injuries. Even individuals who might appear to be healthy, including children, can suffer from a cardiac arrest. CPR, if performed in the first few minutes of cardiac arrest, can double or triple a person's chance of survival. While the Oakwood Public Safety Department's response time of 2-3 minutes is among the fastest in Ohio and the nation, in these medical emergencies every second counts.

Given that most cardiac arrests occur in the home, it would wise for everyone to know at least the basics of CPR and the techniques for performing CPR. The Oakwood Public Safety Department has several CPR Instructors on staff and will conduct a CPR training event from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 5 and 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 17. The event is free to all Oakwood residents. Please contact the OCC at 298-0775 to reserve a seat.

Lighting up Oakwood & Holiday of Lights

The city of Oakwood, with assistance from the Oakwood Beautification Committee, is "LIGHTING UP" Oakwood with luminarias on Sunday, December 8 beginning at 6 p.m. Residents are invited to put luminarias out in front of their house and to consider participating with their neighbors. Then at 6:30 p.m., come to Shafor Park for an evening of community fellowship with songs, refreshments and, as always, a visit from Santa. Also enjoy free horse drawn carriage rides along Shafor Boulevard to see the beautifully lit night. Luminarias for this event are sold at the OCC beginning Tuesday, November 12. Cost is \$5 per dozen and includes the white bags, sand and 10-hour burning candles.



Smith Gardens Holiday Festival of Trees Auction

Mark your calendars. Please help celebrate the final community event for the Smith Gardens 45th Anniversary by participating in our Holiday Festival of Trees Auction. It will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, November 15 at the Oakwood Community Center. This Oakwood community event will help illuminate the holiday season in a very special way for Smith Gardens. Participants are asked to create a beautifully decorated and themed lit artificial tree that will be part of a silent auction. Proceeds from the event will go toward the maintenance and care of Smith Gardens. Please contact the Oakwood Community Center for further information on this great community event.

Annual Leaf Collection

We will begin our annual leaf collection program on Monday, October 14. As in previous years, the program will provide bi-weekly leaf pickups of all areas throughout the city. The city is divided into ten sections with each being collected on a 2-week interval as shown on the adjacent map. The program is scheduled to continue until Friday, December 20, but will be shortened or extended if conditions warrant. We will make every effort to stay on this schedule, but may vary a bit from time to time based on weather conditions and other factors. Citizens interested in dumping their own leaves may do so 24-7 in the yard debris dumpster located at the Creager Field parking lot (Shafor and Irving), or at the public works yard, 210 Shafor Boulevard, between 8 a.m. and 12 noon on the following dates:

- **Saturday, October 5**
- **Saturday, November 2**
- **Saturday, December 7**

Portraits in the Gardens

As a part of the 45th anniversary celebration of the Gardens, the Friends of Smith Gardens is offering an opportunity to have a beautiful, professional family or individual portrait taken at Smith Gardens. Dan Cleary is offering his services to create a treasured family keepsake as well as raising funds for Smith Gardens. 100% of the proceeds will go to Smith Gardens to help maintain Oakwood's hidden treasure.

There are a limited number of time slots available for photo sessions. Friends of Smith Gardens members will be given first priority. There will be three portrait packages to choose from. Please stop by the OCC to make an appointment and register for this great photo opportunity.

Appointments are available on Saturday, October 5 from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon, in 20 minute increments. Time is appointed on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the Oakwood Community Center 298-0775 with any questions.

Package #1	Package #2	Package #3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 – 5x7 • 8 – wallets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 – 8x10 • 2 – 5x7 • 8 – wallets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 – 8x10 • 5 – 4x6 • 5 – 5x7
\$55.00	\$75.00	\$115.00
\$50.00*	\$67.00*	\$105.00*

*Friends of Smith Gardens Member Discount

Stormwater Management Program

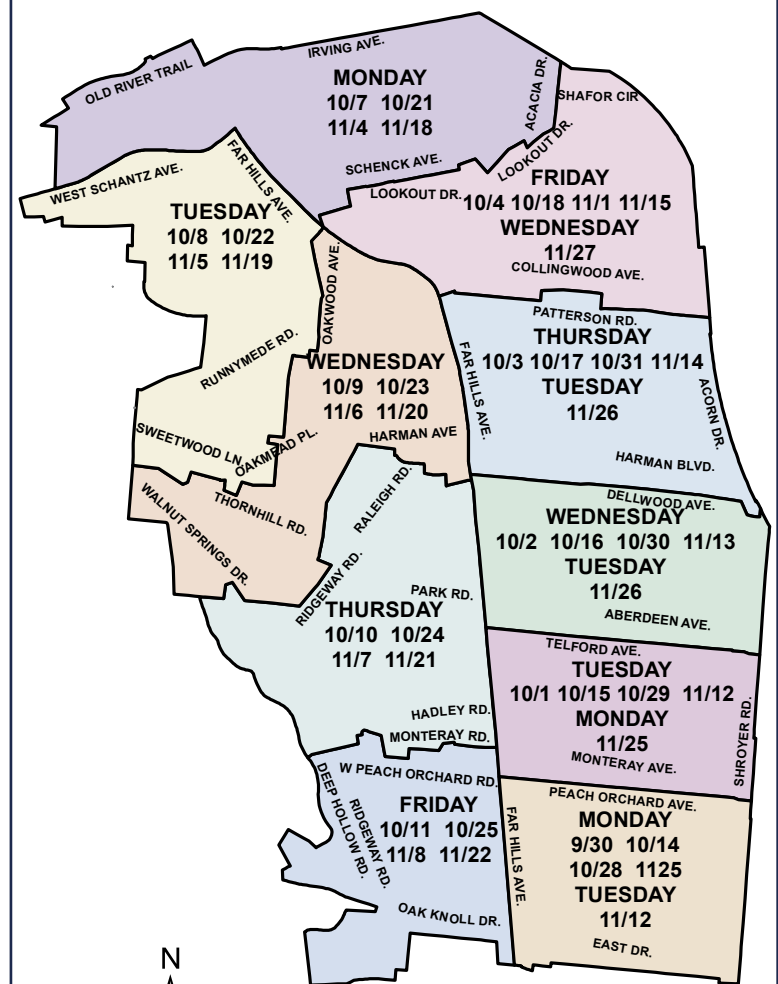


Oakwood continues to meet the goals of the city stormwater permit which include street sweeping, dry weather screening of stormwater structures, public education and pollution prevention. The city recently completed a program to install “No Dumping” placards on all stormwater inlets throughout Oakwood. This project was done as a volunteer effort coordinated by Little Miami Watershed Network and The University of Dayton River Stewards, at no cost to our city. Here are a few reminders about your storm sewers:

- Stormwater inlets and sewers are direct conduits to creeks and streams in the area.
- Water quality is directly affected by the material that gets into the storm sewers.
- Never place any material into a stormwater inlet (catch basin).
- Do not put any material in the street, the only exception being leaves between mid-October and mid-December.
- Pick up after your pet as the bacteria in pet waste is harmful to downstream wildlife.
- Limit the use of herbicides and pesticides in lawn care as they have a direct impact on the downstream water quality.

Thank you for your help in preserving our natural resources!

LEAF AND YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2019



CITY OF OAKWOOD
MONTGOMERY COUNTY OHIO

FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21
SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 10/3, 10/17, 10/31, 11/14, 11/26

Refuse And Recycling Programs

Your city staff works hard to operate an efficient and comprehensive back-door refuse collection program. Please remember to:

- Limit your trash to not more than three cans that are less than 35 gallons and under 60 pounds. Containers must have lifting handles and detachable, tight-fitting lids.
- Use as many recycling cans as you need and know what is recyclable, and what is not. Remember ROLL...Recycle Oakwood Less to the Landfill!
- Leave cars out of the driveway and have cans easily accessible on your collection day.
- Have your trash and recyclable material out by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day.

These simple actions will allow us to be as efficient as possible and minimize the properties where we are unable to collect the refuse.

We have an extensive co-mingled recycling program. You may use as many recycling containers as are required for your household recyclables. You should co-mingle newspaper, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, paperboard, cardboard (small quantities - flattened), plastic bottles and jugs, various metal cans, and glass. Place all of these items loosely in your recycle can; **do not place the items in plastic bags**. Please take larger amounts of cardboard directly to the cardboard recycling containers at the Creager Field parking lot just north of the Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard. Yard debris, and co-mingled recyclables may also be taken to the containers at the Creager Field parking lot. For a complete listing of recyclable materials, and information on items that are not recyclable, see the Oakwood Refuse Handbook on the city website or Rumpke's web page at <http://rumpke.com/for-your-home/recycling/acceptable-items>. Any questions, please contact Refuse Foreman Kenneth Perkins at 298-0777.

Halloween and Beggar's Night: October 31

Watch for ghosts and goblins on Thursday, October 31 from 6 – 8 p.m. If you plan to hand out Halloween treats, please turn on your porch or front door lights. If you are driving during those hours, please use extra caution.



Halloween Safety



Halloween is an exciting time of year for both children and adults. The Oakwood Public Safety Department reminds parents, children, and motorists to remain alert and keep safety a top priority. Below

are a few safety tips everyone can follow to make this a fun, safe, and enjoyable Halloween.

Costume Safety

- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see, and be seen.
- Use glow sticks and/or reflective tape/material attached to costumes and bags for added visibility.
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume).
- Consider face paint instead of masks as they can obstruct a child's vision.
- If wearing a mask is a must, ensure the eye holes do not obstruct your child's vision.
- Always remove the mask before crossing the street.
- Avoid toy weapons – if desired, use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid.

Pedestrian Safety

- Children should stay within familiar areas and surroundings. Parents should establish and review the route they want their child to follow.
- Children should carry and use flashlights and stay on sidewalks.
- Walk, don't run.
- Do not permit your child to bicycle, roller-blade or skateboard.
- Do not cut across yards or driveways.
- Children should cross the street at corners / crosswalks and not between parked cars.
- Motorists should drive slowly and watch carefully for children especially when exiting or entering driveways.

General Safety

- Children should never enter a home – stay on the porch or stoop when asking for treats.
- Stay away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- Avoid homes that do not have their outside lights turned on.
- Younger children should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Trick-or-Treat with a group.
- Review with your child the behavior which is acceptable to you.
- Although tampering with candy is rare, children should bring their candy home to be inspected before consuming anything. Discard all unwrapped or loosely wrapped candy.
- Children should know how and where to reach their parents during trick-or-treating.

The Safety Department will conduct extra neighborhood patrols during trick-or-treat hours to make sure trick-or-treaters are safe. Report any suspicious, criminal, or inappropriate behavior. Please take a minute and talk to your children about the need to respect others and their property. Tricks are fun but vandalism is not.

Have a fun and safe Halloween!



Oakwood Beautification Awards

The Oakwood Beautification Award Program recognizes property owners who have enhanced the beauty of our community by undertaking exterior improvements to their home, rental property or business. Awards are given during the months of May, June, July and August. Monthly award winners are selected by members of the Property Maintenance Board, and will have a sign placed in their yard to recognize their beautification efforts.

July 2019 Winners

Teresa Rhodes	159 E. Thruston Boulevard
Adam & Noreen Beiersdorfer	454 E. Schantz Avenue
Laurie Hessler	400 Harman Boulevard
Larry & June Crawford	20 Patterson Road
Jack Strass	300 Lonsdale Avenue/1508 Hathaway Rd
Federico & Jennifer Medrano	219 Forrer Boulevard
Paul & Lauren Goodling	200 E. Peach Orchard Avenue
Jonathan & Lindsey Fulton	409 Orchard Drive
Susan Hearn	1115 Oakwood Avenue
Christine Hemmelgarn	1111 Oakwood Avenue

August 2019 Winners

Duane & Sara Harrison	336 Ridgewood Avenue
Andrew & Jennifer Howe	101 E. Thruston Boulevard
Tina Lusignola	20 E. Dixon Avenue
Greg & Jenny Meyer	134 Beverly Place
AJ & Liz Lewis	214 Lonsdale Avenue
Christopher Endres	24 Corona Avenue
Bill & Athanasia Zois	304 Monteray Avenue
TR Holdings, LLC	306 Triangle Avenue
John & Katherine Hemmert	205 Dell Park Avenue
Michael & Jenifer Dinwiddie	811 Far Hills Avenue

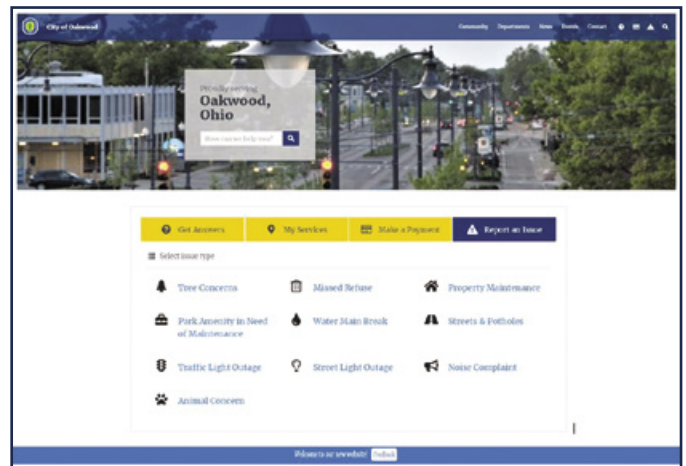
October/November Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 7 and Monday, November 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 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/city-council-meetings.

Fourth Quarter Estimated Tax Payment Due January 15, 2020

If you estimate that you will owe \$200 or more when you file your 2019 city of Oakwood income tax return next year, you should be making quarterly estimated tax payments. The fourth quarter estimated tax payment is due January 15, 2020. Penalty and interest may be imposed for late or non-payment of your estimated taxes. Payment vouchers are available in the tax office and on the City's website. Contact the tax office at 298-0531 with any questions.

City Website – Digital Service Center



Do you know that you can report a street light outage on the City's new website? You also have the ability to report safety issues, and many other things. Our website has a digital service center that offers some great features!

- **Report an Issue** – The “Report an Issue” feature allows for you to report an issue without having to pick up the phone! The issue/concern you report is sent to the appropriate staff area for investigation and follow-up.
- **Get Answers** – The “Get Answers” area of the digital service center helps you find answers to some of our most common questions. We have a lot of great information here!
- **Make a Payment** – The “Make a Payment” feature provides the ability to make online payments for water/sewer/refuse, income tax, housing inspections, and permits.

Visit our website at www.oakwoodohio.gov.

Oakwood's 2019 Holiday Home Tour – December 7, Noon – 7:00 PM

The Oakwood Historical Society's 2019 Holiday Home Tour on December 7 will feature seven homes in the Hatcher Hills neighborhood. Each home was chosen because of its architectural integrity and historic significance. The homes are all located within a compact square bordered by Far Hills and E. Schantz Avenues on the east and north, and Kramer Road and W. Thruston Boulevard on the west and south.

Guests will learn about the lives and times of Oakwood's earliest industrialists and socialites. Homes have ties to the Kuntz lumber dynasty, the Wright Brothers' patent attorney, Old Miami Valley Hospital, Oakwood's only winery, and two high-profile early 20th century weddings. The tour also includes appetizers and beverages served at the Long-Romspert House Museum.

Tickets for the tour will go on sale in late October for \$20 each. Financial supporters on the Society's email list will receive advance notification of ticket sales.

Oakwood Historical Society Captures Important Local History



It is not unusual for someone to ask, "What does a local historical society do?" Many in Oakwood who are familiar with the Long-Romspert Homestead and House Museum might answer, "It manages an old house on Far Hills Avenue and holds various events about the past." While it is true that the Society does both (and notably well), the real work and value of an historical society is in the preservation and dissemination of local history. That's not always as visible as an historic house tour, an antique car show, or volunteers in historic costume, but its deep value to the community has an equal if not greater, long-term impact. Our history is important; our collective work in maintaining and archiving that history is a responsibility that we all share.

Until a few months ago, Society President Leigh Turben had no idea of the tremendous contribution Ms. Betty Halley Jones had made to our country. Turben befriended Jones and uncovered the incredible personal and professional sacrifices Jones made for the sake of keeping our country safe during and after WWII. The recent edition of the Society's newsletter, *The Historian*, available at Wright Library, recounts the serendipitous way Jones became involved in and contributed to the success of the Manhattan Project. The Society collaborated with Jones and the Mound Science and Energy Museum Association to film an oral history so the story of Jones' historic work could be shared.

Family Photo Event – October 13th and 27th



Each fall the Oakwood Historical Society acts on its invitational call, "Make History With Us," by offering residents the opportunity to be photographed on the grounds of the Long-Romspert Homestead & House Museum. Individuals, families, book club members, and friends enjoy experiencing the creativity that Photographer Betty Cochran brings to each session. Betty helps her subjects bring their personalities to the historical settings they choose. Society Vice President Tiffany Rubin notes that there are so many costume and prop options from which to choose that deciding what to wear is the hardest part.

Betty describes herself as an observer of people. "Rather than pose people, I like to capture their interaction with each other." She is mindful her subjects want pictures that can be displayed on living room mantels, sent as holiday cards, or posted on social media.

Photographs are transferred to a take-home memory stick, and a waiver is provided so the photographs can be freely printed. The price per twenty-minute session is \$75. Sessions are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is tax deductible. Reserve a session at 937-299-3793 or online at www.oakwoodhistory.org.



Homemade at the Historical Society

The Oakwood Historical Society's continues to offer programs open to people of all ages who have an interest in learning domestic skills practiced in the past and still applicable today. These two-hour programs begin at 1:30 p.m. and are held at the Long-Romsperst Homestead and House Museum. The cost is \$15 per program and includes all materials, recipes, and take-home treats.

The following programs are on offer:

- Fat Rascals, Butter & Tea
Sunday, October 6
Create your own Yorkshire afternoon tea.
- Sweet and Savory Doughs
Sunday, November 17
Practice homemade recipes and shortcuts to impress friends and family,

Discover Woodland Cemetery

On October 6 the Oakwood Historical Society partners with the Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum Foundation to offer guided tours of the cemetery at 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. While strolling through the historic garden cemetery, participants will meet some of the famous and infamous people who have made Woodland Cemetery their final resting place. See the Oakwood Historical Society's website: www.oakwoodhistory.org for more information.



HISTORIC OAKWOOD HOME AVAILABLE FOR TOURS

The Long-Romsperst Homestead and House Museum, dating back to 1863, at 1947 Far Hills Avenue is open for tours upon request, and can be rented for off-site meetings, family reunions or picnics, showers, birthdays or other festive occasions. For information call (937) 299-3793.



OHS Students Serve on Student Advisory Board



SAB Members at the new Oakwood Alumni Plaza: Isabel Rubin-Alvarez, Natalee John, Amelia Merithew, Sophie Schnell, Grace Almoney, Rylan Quigley, Mason Talarczyk, Lucas Butler, Sydney Hardern and Natalie Bramer.

Not pictured: Albert Choi, Cecilia Dalrymple, Ben Goeller and Canaan Smith.

When classes began this fall, a handful of Oakwood High School students took on additional responsibilities to the everyday demands of coursework and extracurricular activities. These students are working on behalf of the Oakwood Alumni Association and The Oakwood Schools Foundation as representatives on the Student Advisory Board.

SAB members attend functions on behalf of both organizations and share information with Oakwood students. In addition, members are given the opportunity to learn how non-profit organizations are structured and operate, participate in initiatives and activities, and be advocates for Oakwood Schools.

Ultimately, the role of group's members is to advance the missions of the Alumni Association and OSF. "By serving on the Student Advisory Board, I'm able to give back to Oakwood Schools, which helped me grow as a student, friend, and person for the past 12 years. During Homecoming weekend, I was able to provide a student perspective on the incredible educational opportunities that exist today in Oakwood Schools thanks to funding support from The Foundation," one of the graduating seniors said.

Oakwood Alumni Director Amy Martin, OHS '98, and OSF Marketing Chair Ashley Coyne, OHS '97, serve as the group's co-advisers. Returning members of the SAB include: seniors Grace Almoney, Natalie Bramer, Sydney Hardern, Rylan Quigley and Sophie Schnell; juniors Lucas Butler, Albert Choi, Ben Goeller, Natalee John, Amelia Merithew, Canaan Smith and Mason Talarczyk, as well as sophomores Cecelia Dalrymple and Isabel Rubin-Alvarez. SAB members are selected through an application process. Recent OHS graduates who served on the SAB include: Charlie Almoney, Rachel Dalrymple, Sam Lahmon, Michael O'Hara, Gabby Schalm and Carter Winch.

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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.

Lange Gets New Playground



Not only is the Class of 2032 the largest group of students to attend Lange School since all-day kindergarten began, the little Lumberjacks are also the first group to play on the new Lange Playground.

The idea for the playground began in the spring of 2019 when Drs. Sam and Gwyn King visited Lange School.

"We were so impressed with everything we saw and the people we met. Certainly, living in Oakwood we have facilities that have a lot of character, but also may need updating. The playground at Lange looked like it could use a little help," Dr. Sam King said.

Lange School Principal Frank Eaton met the Kings the day of the tour. He said they spent about an hour walking through the building and around the grounds talking about the school, the staff and District philosophies.

"They both believe play is an integral part of a student's education at this age and felt our playground was lacking," Frank Eaton said.

The Kings didn't stop with saying what was wrong, instead they asked how they could help. Now thanks to donations from the Kings, Oakwood alumni and resident Mike Whalen and his company Playcare, and families of current and past Lange students the new playground is ready for fun.

"As we all know, play is so important for childhood learning and development. Our vision was to create an environment where kids can play, develop and have fun for years to come," Dr. Sam King said.

Many in the Oakwood community joined in the fundraising effort, facilitated by the Oakwood Schools Foundation, including Brad and Molly Eaton, owners of the local Kona Ice truck. The Eatons organized a family event in May, donating all the money raised that night and raising awareness about the project. The Lange kindergarten class, OHS 2031, also made a generous donation to Lange Playground Project as their class gift.

The combined efforts raised enough for the playground and a large shade structure located next to the playground in less than five months.

"I am once again absolutely blown away by the support, generosity and sense of togetherness within the Oakwood community," Frank Eaton said.

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>



The Oakwood Schools
FOUNDATION

Enhancing Excellence in Education

Staying Up to Date with Oakwood Schools

There are a number of ways to stay engaged with all the happenings in the Oakwood Schools. From email notifications to social media, you can learn the latest about our students and staff and their achievements. To see how you can receive this important information, visit our website at <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/resources/communication-information> to learn about our communication tools.

Oakwood Schools Welcomes New Staff

Oakwood City Schools welcomes the following new staff for the 2019-2020 school year:

Todd Scott – Operations Coordinator
 Michele Willoughby – Administrative Assistant to the Treasurer
 Chrissy Elliott – Smith Principal
 Danielle Haggerty – Smith Administrative Assistant
 Elaine Fultz – Smith Media Center Liaison
 Emmalee Sima – Smith 3rd Grade Teacher
 Amber Perrott – Smith Counselor
 Courtney Potter – Smith 5th Grade Teacher

Shannon Mackie – Smith Health Assistant/RN
 Brian Pennell – Smith Custodian
 Harrison Gowdy – Lange School Administrative Assistant
 Beth Morrissey – Lange Intervention Specialist
 Lauren Qualls – Lange Kindergarten Teacher
 Mallory Bright – Harman Gifted Intervention Specialist
 Michael Wadham – Harman Counselor
 Hilary Waugh – Junior High Counselor

Will Thomure – Junior High PE/Health Teacher
 Tina Wingate – High School Educational Aide
 Ellie Randall – High School Social Studies Teacher
 Bobby Mumma – High School Math Teacher
 Amy Riggs – High School Science Teacher
 Alex Brouhard – High School Social Studies Teacher
 Steve Wright – Van Driver

Arts Boosters Get New Name



Founded as Oakwood Arts Bridge 10 years ago, the Oakwood Fine Arts Boosters have a new name but the same purpose, supporting the performing and visual arts education for students of all ages in Oakwood Schools.

“Our name change to Oakwood Fine Arts Boosters helps to clarify our mission: to enrich arts education in Oakwood Schools. Cellos, theatre lighting, choir robes and drum line equipment are just a few of the grants Oakwood FAB has recently awarded. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the arts community in Oakwood under our new name. Our signature event, Young@Art, was a huge success last year. Mark your calendars for an amazing display of district students’ visual and performing arts at Young@Art this year March 13, 2020,” Oakwood FAB President Jen Enseleit said.

For more information on Oakwood FAB, visit their website at <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/fab>

Come Back Lumberjacks



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
 9PM TO MIDNIGHT
 DAYTON COUNTRY CLUB

Alumni and Oakwood residents welcome (Must be 21 or older)

For more information and to register for the event, visit our website at:
www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/OSF/come-back-lumberjacks

Join us...
 for the after-game tailgate party! Music, appetizers, photo booth — fun and friends!



The Oakwood Schools FOUNDATION
Enhancing Excellence in Education

October/November Calendar

OCTOBER

- 2 8 a.m. **Smith Walk to School Day**
- 2 6 p.m. **Homecoming Parade and Bonfire**
- 4 7 p.m. **Homecoming Football Game**
- 4 9 p.m. **Midnight Come Back Lumberjacks**
- 5 10 a.m. **Alumni Building Tours at OHS**
- 5 2 p.m. **Self-guided tours at Harman and Smith**
- 5 8 p.m. **Homecoming Dance**
- 3 5 p.m. **Lange Family Book Fair Night**
- 9 **BOLD Blue Shirt Day- District Wide**
- 12 4 p.m. **Ghostwood Fall Fest – Smith Elementary**
- 12 6:30 p.m. **Smith PTO Meeting**
- 17 7 p.m. **OHS Choir Concert**
- 18 9 a.m. **Fun Run**
- 18 11:43 a.m. **OHS/OJHS Students Early Dismiss/Staff P.D. Day**
- 18 11:40 a.m. **Smith and Harman Students Early Dismiss**
- 18 11:30 a.m. **Lange School Stdents Early Dismiss**
- 21 7 p.m. **OJHS Fall Sports Recognition Night**
- 22 7 p.m. **OJHS Orchestra Concert**
- 24 7 p.m. **OJHS Choir Concert**
- 29 6:30 p.m. **OHS Fall Sports Banquet**
- 30 7 p.m. **OHS Marching Band Concert**

NOVEMBER

- 1 **No School for Students**
- 3 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – Adjust Your Clocks**
- 6 6:30 p.m. **OHS Fall Sports Banquet**
- 7 12 p.m. **OHS PTO Meeting**
- 7 7 p.m. **OHS Fall Play**
- 8 7 p.m. **OHS Fall Play**
- 9 2 p.m. **OHS Fall Play**
- 9 7 p.m. **OHS Fall Play**
- 11 7:30 a.m. **Harman Veterans Day Breakfast**
- 12 7 p.m. **OJHS Winter Sports Player Meeting**
- 13 7 p.m. **OJHS Band Concert**
- 15 4 p.m. **OHS Talent Show**
- 16 7 p.m. **Jazz Project and Concert**
- 27-29 **No School – Thanksgiving Break**

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
- Twitter: @Oakwood_Schools
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- YouTube: @Oakwood City School District

A Letter from the Director: Wright Library's Past, Present, and Future *(Continued from page 1)*

Our Building's History

Eighty years ago, community leaders had the foresight to strengthen the community with a new library building located in the heart of Oakwood, and Orville Wright, who served on the Library's Board of Trustees, personally underwrote the campaign to pass a bond issue to support it. With its Tudor architecture, stained glass windows, and original wood shelving, Wright Library is a reminder that Oakwood is steeped in history and tradition, as well as a unique place to live and learn.

As Oakwood grew over time, so did Wright Library. Additions to the original 1939 building were constructed in 1964, 1972, and 1983 to meet the growing needs of the community. These additions provided more space for collections, a children's area, and a community room for large library programs and group meeting space. The last major library renovation was in 1991, when the audiovisual room was added, with a lower-level circulation desk and rear entrance for the public.

Resources and Priorities

In 2008, Ohio libraries were hit with large decreases in state funding caused by the recession. Wright Library lost \$250,000 from 2008 to 2009 and was forced to reduce staffing and operating hours. Oakwood voters responded by passing a small 0.5-mill levy that helped but did not fully offset the annual loss in state funding. Wright Library put facility needs on the back burner, only addressing essential repairs and maintenance, and focused its limited resources on services, collections, and programs – eventually restoring hours in 2014. Although Ohio's economy eventually rebounded, state library funding was never restored, and Wright Library has continued to operate to this day with less revenue than in the years before the recession.

In 2016, the library board and administration felt it was time to address building needs and sought a bond issue to provide a full renovation of the library, including a small expansion. Following the bond issue's narrow failure, the library did not return to the ballot but instead undertook a months-long communications and research process to engage and listen deeply to Oakwood residents and identify the community's priorities for their library. Those priorities included: continue to offer great materials and programs, make resources more accessible to the disabled and elderly, focus on early literacy, offer tech instruction, preserve the building's historic architecture, scale back building plans, and seek private funds to help reduce facility costs.

Taking the community's input to heart, by 2017, the library successfully raised nearly half a million dollars in private donations and grants – including \$250,000 from the Jack W. and Sally D. Eichelberger Foundation – to complete a historic restoration and renovation of the 1939 portion of the building. The project restored the historic reading rooms, added meeting space that allows for technology classes,

reduced operating costs with energy-efficient lighting, and improved usability of the space. In all, about 3,500 square feet (about 17% of the building) was renovated. The community response has been overwhelmingly positive.

Current Facility Planning

While the historic part of the building received a much-needed facelift, infrastructure issues for the remainder of the building still need to be addressed and have grown with time. Among these are outdated and inefficient HVAC units and climate control, an aging flat roof and elevator, exterior repairs, and drainage and moisture issues that prevent the lower level from being used for books. Additionally, inefficient lighting and carpet that is worn out from nearly 30 years of use need replaced. Total cost of infrastructure repairs and replacements are estimated to cost in excess of \$1 million.

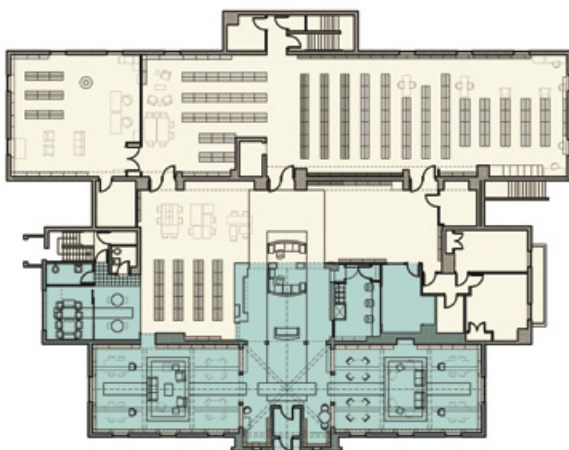
These infrastructure repairs and replacements will necessitate bringing the building up to today's codes, opening up walls and ceilings, moving bookshelves, and addressing unexpected issues that inevitably occur when repairing old buildings. To be proactive and efficient with limited resources, in early 2019, the library engaged an architect design team to look into ways to pair these needed repairs and replacements with modest updates to better meet the needs of today's library users – while working within the existing building footprint. The architect team has been tasked with creating a facility plan that could be accomplished in stages, and in addition to resolving the infrastructure needs, would update spaces for children, teens, technology and workforce needs; improve accessibility for those with limited mobility; improve overall usability and efficiency; and reduce operating costs.

The architect team worked closely with library staff in a series of work sessions to gather more input about the building needs and patron expectations that are not being currently met. Initial design concepts were presented to the Board of Trustees at a public meeting in late summer. Trustees and staff provided feedback on options presented, and the planning will continue over the next several months, with opportunities for community feedback to ensure that we safeguard this legacy and continue to offer community-tailored and affordable library services for generations to come.

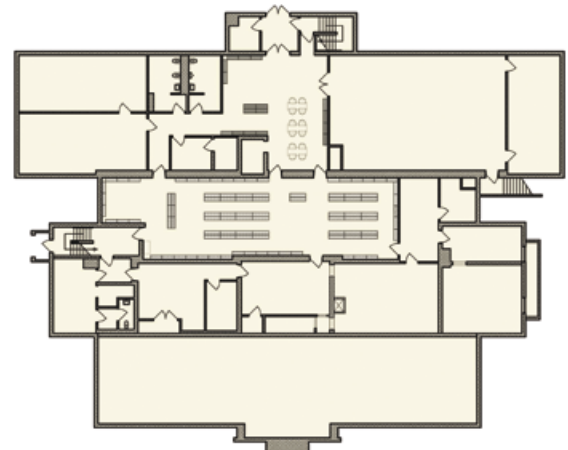
A Community Conversation

Wright Library is Oakwood's library, and we are committed to providing both the highest quality and the best value for this community. To learn more, get updates on opportunities for community input, and engage in the process, please visit wrightlibrary.org/facility or e-mail me, at hale@wrightlibrary.org.

Sincerely, Kristi Hale, Director, Wright Library



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN

Far Hills Speaker Series – Fall 2019

The Oakwood Historical Society and Wright Memorial Public Library co-host the Far Hills Speaker Series on Sundays at 2 p.m. at the library. Two speakers are planned:

John Patterson and the Jewish Community – October 13



While conducting research for his 2018 book, *Jewish Community of Dayton*, Marshall Weiss uncovered documentation of a nuanced relationship between leaders of Dayton's Jewish community and John Patterson, his company, and the village of Oakwood he established. Weiss will parse myths that persist to this day regarding Patterson and the Jewish community, navigating the industrialist's legacy of civic benevolence and racism.

Marshall Weiss is the founding editor and publisher of *The Dayton Jewish Observer* and is the Project Director of Miami Valley Jewish Genealogy & History.

A Brief History of the Monsanto Company Laboratories in Dayton and Miamisburg, Ohio – November 17

In 1928, Charles A. Thomas and Carroll A. Hochwalt co-founded Thomas & Hochwalt Laboratories in Dayton, Ohio, a research chemical corporation located at 1515 Nicholas Rd in Dayton. The Monsanto Chemical Company acquired the corporation in 1936, and it became known as the Monsanto Central Research Department. In these facilities, the Dayton Project of the Manhattan Engineer District conducted research on the first atomic bomb. After World War II, the government built the Mound Laboratory in Miamisburg. The Monsanto Company managed "the Mound" until 1988. This presentation gives a historical overview of the very diverse missions, roles and activities for both the Monsanto Dayton and Miamisburg Laboratories.

Speaker Bob Bowman serves on the Board of Directors for the Mound Science and Energy Museum Association and is also active in a number of historical societies. Bowman was employed by Monsanto at the Mound Laboratory for 15 years.

Write@Wright: A new series this year for all writers of all levels



Wright Library is supporting local writers with a series of workshops for the 2019-2020 academic year. Write@Wright, sponsored by Wright Library Foundation, will feature talented authors from a variety of genres who are committed to helping you become a better writer. All experience levels welcome. No matter what your subject matter or goals, these workshops

will help you develop your craft and make connections with other local writers. Select the workshops that meet your own needs. Registration is requested for each workshop, but walk-ins are welcome. A networking event in January is open to all writers, 18 and up. Registration opens a month before each event. Find out more at wrightlibrary.org/WritingSeries

Write@Wright

2-3:30 p.m., September 28, Taking the Mystery out of Writing History

(Fiction and Nonfiction)

Trudy Krisher

2-3:30 p.m., October 26, This Must Be the Place: Setting & Atmosphere in Fiction

Tim Waggoner

6:30-8:30 p.m., January 17, Writers Connection

2-3:30 p.m., February 8, Unlocking Your Writing Potential

Fred Marion

2-3:30 p.m., March 14, The Art of Editing

Sharon Short

2-3:30 p.m., April 18, The Elements of a Scene

Meredith Doench

2-3:30 p.m., May 9, The Process of Writing: Tools and Insights

Ann Hagedorn

Library introduces 2019-20 Library Ambassadors



For 11-year-old Maya Florendo, discovering Wright Library when she moved to Oakwood from California was a thrilling surprise.

"When I first came in, I was like, "This. is. awesome," she said. "And ever since, I've just been reading and reading and reading."

Last year, Florendo served as a Library Ambassador along with 15 other students. She shared her story at Wright Library's Library Ambassador ceremony held Aug. 20 to induct a new class of ambassadors.

Since 2016, Wright Library has selected a group of local students from kindergarten through sixth grade to represent the library in the community, share their opinions about library programs and services, and collaborate with the library on projects such as Scarecrow Row and That Day In May. They are selected based on their participation in Summer Reading Club.

This year's class of 16 includes two students from Lange kindergarten; six from Smith and six from Harman elementary schools; one from Hillel Academy and one from the homeschool community. The 2019-2020 ambassadors are Thulasi Muthappan; Finn Burley; Nicolas Chorny; Daniel Schlottke; Colton Koschnick;

Brenda Hu; Carson Finlayson; Isabelle Fuqua; Karna Roy; Charlie Banning; Ian Morgan; Callie Hayes; Lior Glaser; Ella Nielson; Ben Forney; and Elliott Thompson.

As a group, the 2019-20 ambassadors read 1,464 hours this summer.

"Did you know that 80 years ago, when this building was brand new, Orville Wright, the inventor of the airplane, was a volunteer at the library? He served on the Library's board of trustees," said Wright Library Director Kristi Hale. "Orville and countless others over the past 80 years have volunteered their time and talents to the library because they had a passion for reading and learning. Each of you have demonstrated that same passion."

Along with Florendo, former ambassador Hannah Goertemiller shared her experience with the incoming class.

"I felt important making decisions for the library," she said. "Miss Jacqui led us in discussion about several library issues. For example, we decided that getting books for completing summer reading sheets was really important and that the library should keep using books as prizes."

Library board member Jen Enseleit shared her own library experience. Growing up in a small town, Enseleit found friendship and a love of reading at her local library.

"This is only the beginning of your library journey," she said. "Mine has lasted a long time. I hope yours is amazing as mine has been."

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Impacting Our Community

Alice Young



Assistant Finance Director Alice Young retired at the end of September after 40+ years of exemplary service to the citizens, businesses and employees of the city of Oakwood. Alice began her career on January 9, 1978 and worked with three city managers and four finance directors. She was the backbone of the finance department and filling her shoes is a monumental task. Alice's knowledge of municipal finance allowed her to serve as acting finance director on many occasions. When asked why she never wanted to be the finance director, her response was always the same: I am a worker bee and I like to be behind the scenes. She made sure that the finance department provided the residents and businesses of Oakwood the highest level of service by putting in many long hours throughout her distinguished career.

Montgomery County Auditor Karl Keith presented Alice with the Jesse Haines Award at the December 2018 Auditor's Annual Update meeting. The award was established to acknowledge local government finance professionals who have served with distinction and integrity. The award is named in honor of Jesse Haines, who served as Montgomery County Auditor for nearly 28 years. This was a wonderful recognition of a truly outstanding public servant.

We wish Alice all the best in her retirement!