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# OAKWOOD SCENE

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## MESSAGE FROM OAKWOOD CITY LEADERS

As we write this note, our city, state, nation and world continue to heal from the COVID-19 pandemic. The healing process will take a long time. For some, the impact has been minor, for others it has been life-changing. Some of us have not been ill in a long time, others have been very sick recently, and many people in our country and around the world, have died. As your city leaders, we wish to say two things to you today.

First, we say thank you. Thank you for being part of our community, for being our neighbor and friend during this very challenging time. Thank you for supporting one another and for all the steps that you have taken and sacrifices you have made over the past three months in our effort to address the coronavirus. Thank you for your continued attention to this health crisis and for every action that you take in helping us recover as quickly and efficiently as possible. We have many needs throughout Oakwood and the Miami Valley, particularly relating to our business community. Please support our area businesses, large and small, as much as you can.

Second, please be assured that we are very mindful of the enormous financial impact of COVID-19. This impact is felt in every corner of our society, in one way or another. Here at Oakwood City Hall, we have begun the process of estimating the financial impact on our community as it relates to the delivery of public services. Over the next few months, we will work hard to understand our revenue losses and will make decisions on how best to address them. We have already identified several major capital expenditures to defer for a year or two in an effort to limit the amount of cash reserves used to make ends meet. We have also identified a number of operational expenses to reduce this year, keeping in mind the need to maintain our city services. As we address these financial matters, we will seek the counsel of our 35-member citizen budget review committee. A list of the committee members is available on the city website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov).

We are honored to serve as your city leaders and stand ready to do all we can to guide our Oakwood community to a full recovery. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us regarding any matter relating to our wonderful city.

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FOR FILING 2019 OAKWOOD  
INCOME TAX RETURNS

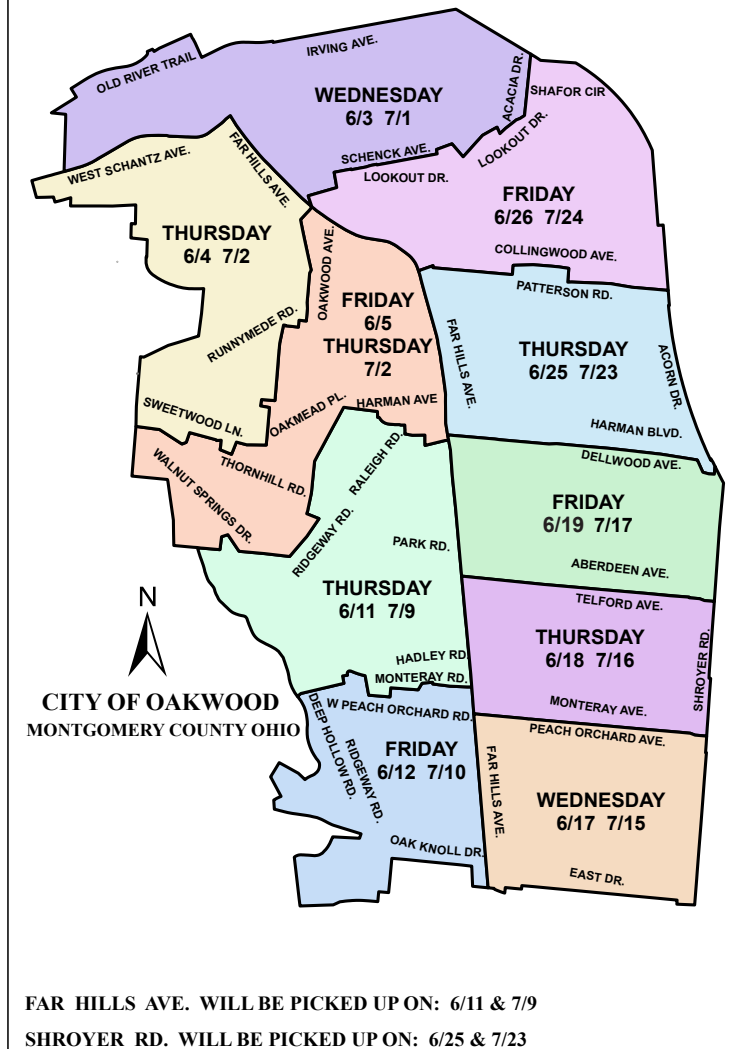
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LIVESTREAM PROGRAMS

**YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE  
JUNE AND JULY 2020**



## Yard Debris Disposal

As you work on your yard, please remember that there are two options for disposing of yard waste:

### Do It Yourself:

- DIY disposal may be done in three different ways:
  - 1) Drop it off at the Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Blvd, on the first Saturday of the month between 8 a.m. and 12 noon; or
  - 2) Drop it in the yard debris dumpsters at the Creager Field parking lot (corner of Shafor and Irving). The dumpsters are available 24-7; or
  - 3) Call 937-298-0777 to schedule a dumpster delivery to your property, and load it up. This is free of charge if the dumpster is used exclusively for yard debris (green waste).

### Monthly Collection by the City:

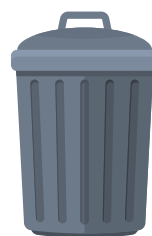
- Place piles of yard debris (brush and branches) into the tree lawn area just behind the curb, ideally just a day or two before your scheduled pickup (see map herein). Branches should be no longer than 6 feet and all material should be placed in manageable piles for easy pick up. Do not place piles around trees, fire hydrants, cable TV boxes, posts/poles, or in the street or gutter.

### Additional Refuse Program Reminders:

- Under no circumstance should you place anything in the street gutter (except leaves in the fall) or anything except yard debris in the tree lawn area.
- Small amounts of leaves, small twigs, dead flowers and other such incidental green waste items may be placed in with your regular trash.
- Do not stack loose yard debris around or on tops of trash cans. All debris must be placed in cans with removable, tight-fitting lids.
- Please learn what is recyclable and what is not. See: [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov)
- Remember the 35 gallon size limit and 60-pound weight limit on cans, and that cans must have lifting handles and removable lids.
- Please recycle as much as you can... it saves us money.
- Remember the three (3) can limit for regular trash (or one roll waste container for alley properties). There is no limit on the number of recycling cans.
- Grass clippings are not accepted, either with regular trash, with curbside collected yard debris, or in dumpsters.
- Contractor generated material is not accepted.

## Stormwater Program

The city of Oakwood manages stormwater run-off in accordance with rules and regulations established by the EPA. The Oakwood stormwater permit requires: 1) dry weather screening of sewer outfalls to verify absence of illicit sewer connections; 2) educating residents on stormwater matters; 3) sediment and erosion controls on construction sites larger than 1 acre; 4) regular street sweeping; and 5) staff education on stormwater impacts. The overall goal of the stormwater program is to improve the quality of the water in our rivers, lakes and streams by limiting pollutant release into receiving waters. There are several ways that citizens can aid this effort: 1) do not place any material in the street except leaves during the 10 week collection period in the fall; 2) do not dump oil, lawn debris, or other materials into the storm sewer – this is a direct path to streams and rivers and there is no treatment of this water; 3) limit as much as possible the use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides; and 4) clean up after your pets as the bacteria in animal waste is very harmful to the streams. The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) has many materials available if you would like additional information. These can be found at: <https://www.mcdwater.org/water-stewardship/state-of-the-water/>



## Refuse Cans

Please remember that our city public works employees empty your trash containers each week. Given our unique back door service, in large part this is a manual process. For the safety of our employees, please ensure that all trash is bagged, particularly food waste.

## City Construction Projects



- Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project: The 2020 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project will soon begin in the area bounded by Far Hills, Patterson, Acorn, Irving and Springhouse. The purpose of the project is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. Please contact Streets Foreman David Shuey at 937-298-0777 if you have any questions about the project.
- Asphalt Roadway Repaving: A city contractor will repave the asphalt streets listed below this summer. Call Foreman/Engineering Technician Tom Long at 937-298-0777 if you have any questions. Property owners on these streets will receive individual notification of the construction schedule.
  - East Schantz Avenue from Spirea Drive to Patterson Road
  - Delaine Avenue
  - West and East Southwood Lane
  - Intersection of Springgrove Avenue and East Schantz Avenue
- Concrete Roadway Repair: Work is underway to repair concrete pavement on Oak Forest Drive. Call Street Foreman David Shuey at 937-298-0777 if you have any questions.
- Far Hills Curb Repair: The city just finished replacing major sections of concrete curb along Far Hills Avenue between Patterson Road and Springhouse Road/Old River Trail.

## Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report

The city of Oakwood has prepared the 2019 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report for the City's public water system. This was done in accordance with federal regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The report can be viewed on the City website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov/ccr.pdf](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov/ccr.pdf). The report includes detailed information about the operation of our City water system during the 2019 calendar year. The report shows that the City operates the public water system in compliance with all state and federal rules. A paper copy of the Consumer Confidence Report is available on request by calling the Public Works Center at 937-298-0777.

## Trimming Along Sidewalks



Oakwood is a walkable community! Please do your part, and keep all trees, bushes and other vegetation trimmed away from public sidewalks. City regulations require that no branches, bushes or other vegetation encroach across any sidewalk, and that a clear path is maintained up to eight feet above the sidewalk. Please contact Code

Enforcement Officer Ethan Kroger ([kroger@oakwood.oh.us](mailto:kroger@oakwood.oh.us) or 937-297-2920) with questions.

## Bike Registration

Each year, a large 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 937-298-2122 to complete the registration.

## Online Registration for OCC Programs, Events & Memberships

The OCC will soon launch an online registration system to provide a more convenient way for our residents to register for classes, events, athletic programs, memberships and more. The launch date will be announced on the city website, via an e-mail from the OCC, and through the Oakwood Register.

## Smith Gardens 2020 Blanket Concert Series

The Friends of Smith Gardens and the city of Oakwood present the "2020 Blanket Concert Series". The events are currently scheduled as shown below, but may be cancelled or rescheduled depending on the status of COVID-19. Due to the continued impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the June concert has been cancelled. The concert series is a community favorite and this year's schedule again offers something for everyone. Bring your blanket and join us at Smith Gardens, located at the corner of Oakwood Avenue and Walnut Lane. Parking is available on Oakwood Avenue, on some adjacent side streets, and around the City Building. These concerts are FREE and open to the public. In case of rain, the concerts will be held in the Great Room at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road.

### Sunday, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. ~ Murphy/Kelch ~



After playing locally in numerous bands for decades, Steve Kelch (hand percussion / vocals) and Jim Murphy (guitar / vocals) have been entertaining folks for the past six years as an acoustic duo. They have played at local beer and wine venues, restaurants,

festivals, private parties and fundraising events. Their repertoire consists of classic rock, folk and blues songs that everyone will recognize and want to sing along to. You don't want to miss this performance!

### Sunday, August 2 at 7:00 p.m. ~ The Blue Leaf's Band ~



The Blue Leaf's, a rising star of the Dayton music scene, is a 4-piece rock band reviving the sounds of the 60's, 70's and 80's for modern audiences. The Blue Leaf's brand of 'Throwback Rock N Roll' has been described as a marriage of artists like Queen, Billy Joel

and The Beatles into an unforgettable showcase of the classic rock sound. The Blue Leaf's are proud of their ability to capture magic in their music. Praised by fans for their ability to pull off difficult harmonies in songs like "Bohemian Rhapsody", "Hey Jude" and "My Girl", The Blue Leaf's feature their vocals above all else. While vocals take the forefront, instrumental proficiency follows close behind, with songs like "Great Balls of Fire", "Wipeout!" and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" prominently featuring displays of instrumental mastery likely to entertain anyone.

## Hazardous Waste Disposal

It is very important that no hazardous materials are co-mingled with the regular weekly refuse. This includes paints, herbicides, pesticides, oils, antifreeze, and other such materials. Residents may take these items to the Montgomery County Moraine Transfer Facility, 1001 Concrete Lane, Moraine and drop them off free of charge. The drop off center is open from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays. See [www.mcswd.org](http://www.mcswd.org) for additional information.

Alternatively, residents can request a free pick up through the Oakwood Rotary Club. The Rotary Club offers a program every three months where volunteer Rotarians travel the community to collect and dispose of hazardous waste. The schedule is routinely advertised in the Oakwood Register newspaper and is posted on the city website. Remaining 2020 collection dates are Saturday, July 25 and Saturday, October 24. Call 937-296-5155 to register for a pick up. While the service is free, the Oakwood Rotary Club accepts donations to be used for club service projects and grants.

## Oakwood Community Center

**Swim Lesson Registration:** Due to the coronavirus pandemic, information on swim lesson registration will be forthcoming at a later date. Information will be sent via email, Facebook and on the city's website.

**Annual Ice Cream Social:** This tradition is held before school resumes in the fall and is scheduled for Sunday, August 9 at Shafor Park. Tickets will be available beginning Monday, July 6.

Call the OCC at 937-298-0775 for more information on these and other events.

## Pre-School Story Hour at Smith Gardens

The OCC, in conjunction with Wright Memorial Public Library, is pleased to present another fun season of "Story Hour at Smith Gardens". Spend a magical morning in the Gardens as the Children's Librarian reads enchanting stories to your preschooler. Friday dates: June 26, July 31 and August 28 at 10:30 a.m. In case of rain, meet in the Garden House. These events may be cancelled or rescheduled due to COVID-19.

## 2019 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Due July 15

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the due date for filing 2019 city of Oakwood income tax returns has been extended to July 15, 2020, the same as federal and Ohio returns. The extension includes payment of 2019 Oakwood income tax liability and the first and second quarter's 2020 estimated tax payments.

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

If you have any questions regarding the Oakwood income tax return or due dates, please contact the Tax Department at 937-298-0531.



## Fireworks and Fourth of July Safety Tips

The Fourth of July is a great time to celebrate and spend the day with your family and friends. Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Unfortunately, many people ignore the inherent dangers associated with fireworks and expose themselves to the risk of burns and other bodily injury. It is estimated that around 9,000 people each year receive emergency medical treatment due to fireworks related injuries with 40% of the injured being less than 15 years of age.

It is important to know that most fireworks are illegal in the State of Ohio. The only types of fireworks that can be legally purchased and discharged in Ohio are trick and novelty devices. These include items that smoke, sparkle, snap, and snake. Other fireworks such as bottle rockets, firecrackers, and roman candles may be legally sold at fireworks stores around Ohio, but the purchaser must sign an affidavit indicating that they will transport the fireworks out of Ohio within 48 hours. Furthermore, Oakwood Codified Ordinance 549.08 prohibits anyone from discharging, igniting, or exploding any fireworks within the City, except trick and novelty devices mentioned above. Anyone found in violation of this section is guilty of a Misdemeanor of the third degree.

Here are a few reminders and safety tips concerning fireworks:

### Fireworks Safety

- Children should never be left alone when discharging fireworks. Handle and discharge trick and novelty devices only under adult supervision.
- Appoint one adult to be in charge. This person should know the hazards of each type of firework being used.
- Carefully read and follow the instructions and warning labels on the package.
- Light only one sparkler at a time. Many dismiss the fact that sparklers can be dangerous and should be handled only by children over the age of twelve. Sparklers can burn up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit and can easily ignite clothing and hair. Sparklers are the most common cause of fireworks-related injuries in children under five.
- Never use malfunctioning fireworks. Do not attempt to re-light, alter or fix a "dud" firework.
- Always keep a bucket of water and garden hose nearby in case of fire.
- Have a cell phone handy in case you need to make an emergency call for assistance.
- Lastly, please do not consume alcohol while lighting any fireworks. Fireworks must only be used by individuals who are not under the influence.

If you are planning a fireworks celebration, leave it to the professionals. Attend one of the professionally licensed fireworks exhibitions. The Oakwood Public Safety Department wishes everyone a safe Fourth of July celebration.

## Independence Day Refuse Collection

City offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Refuse collection will be on a normal schedule during the week of June 29.

## Barbeque Safety Tips

Summer barbeques and cookouts with family and friends are fun, but far too often we forget that grilling can be dangerous. Recent studies conducted by the National Fire Protection Association show that outdoor cooking is the cause for approximately 10,200 residential structure fires annually, sends over 19,000 people to the emergency room to be treated for grilling related injuries and causes \$123 million dollars in direct property damage with July being the peak month for grill fires. For these reasons, the Oakwood Public Safety Department reminds every one of the “Do’s and Don’ts” of outdoor cooking.

### Do:

- Store your grill at least fifteen feet away from your house on a level surface. Grills should not be used underneath overhangs either, as the fire could flare-up into the structure above. Leave sufficient space from siding and eaves.
- Clean your grill regularly. If you allow grease and fat to build up on your grill, this provides more fuel for a fire. Grease is the primary cause for flare-ups.
- Check your gas grill for leaks. Frequently check the connections on your gas grill between the propane tank and the grill.
- Check to ensure your gas grill ignitor is functioning correctly. If your grill does not immediately ignite, turn the grill off for several minutes with the lid open before trying to ignite again.
- Keep decorations away from your grill, such as hanging flower baskets or pillows from outdoor patio furniture.
- Keep a water spray bottle handy so you can immediately control minor flare-ups.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill.

### Don’t:

- Don’t turn on the gas to your grill while the lid is closed as it can cause a fireball to explode upon opening the lid.
- Don’t leave your grill unattended. Plan ahead so you are able to continuously monitor the grill while cooking.
- Don’t overload your grill with food. Overloading the grill with fatty meats can potentially cause large flare-ups creating hazardous conditions.
- Don’t use a grill indoors, this includes an enclosed porch. Charcoal grills produce carbon monoxide (CO), which can be fatal in unventilated areas.
- Don’t immediately cover your grill when done cooking. Remember the grill will remain hot for a period of time after cooking. Only cover the grill after it has cooled.
- Don’t leave your propane tank valve open. Always check to ensure the valves are firmly turned off.
- Don’t store spare propane tanks near the grill.

Practice sensible, safe barbecuing for an enjoyable summer grilling season.

## Property Maintenance and Beautification

The city of Oakwood places significant emphasis on the maintenance and beautification of property. An Oakwood Citizens Housing Committee was originally established in 1968, and in 1992, renamed as the Property Maintenance Board. The 15-member Oakwood Property Maintenance Board (“PMB”) consists of three citizens from each of five property maintenance districts. The citizens serve in a volunteer capacity and are appointed by city council to five year terms. The PMB is involved in enforcing the Property Maintenance Code and in implementing the Beautification Awards Program.

### Property Maintenance Program

Each spring, City staff completes an inspection of the entire city via automobile to identify property maintenance violations. Compliance notices are sent to property owners where violations are identified, and staff follows an established protocol to ensure that corrective actions are taken. Property maintenance violations continue to be identified throughout the year, usually by the City Code Enforcement Officer, but also by PMB members, through citizen complaints, or by Public Safety Officers. These additional violations are handled in the same manner, as city staff pursues compliance with the code in an effort to maintain property values.

### Beautification Awards Program

The city operates a property beautification awards program. The purpose of the program is 1) to encourage property owners to invest in projects that enhance the physical appearance of their property and neighborhood; and 2) to recognize property owners that have completed significant projects. Ten awards are presented to single family residences each month during May, June, July and August, two in each of the five property maintenance districts. One additional award is presented in each of those four months to a business property or to an apartment/condominium property. Monthly nominations are submitted to the city by members of the Property Maintenance Board and by the general public. Award winners are notified with a letter from the city and a sign is placed in their yard. The sign remains in place for one month, and is then moved to the yard of a following month’s winner. A photograph is taken of each property and a video prepared, which is presented at a public Council meeting. Each winner is invited to attend that meeting to receive a recognition certificate. Award winners are also recognized in the Oakwood Scene newsletter, on the city website, and in the Oakwood Register.

See the city website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov) or call 937-298-0411 for more information.

## City Drop Box

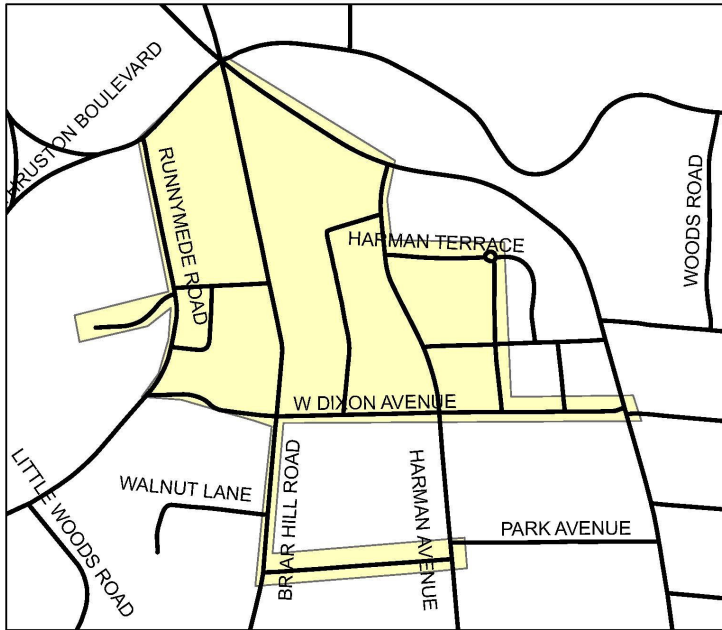
Did you know that there are now two drop boxes available for residents to submit payments, forms, employment applications, and other documents to the city? There is a drive-up drop box located in the alley across from the city building, between 23 and 31 Park Avenue. There is also a new drop box located in the entrance foyer just inside the city building. It is accessible 24 hours a day, and drops directly into a secured container in the city administration offices.



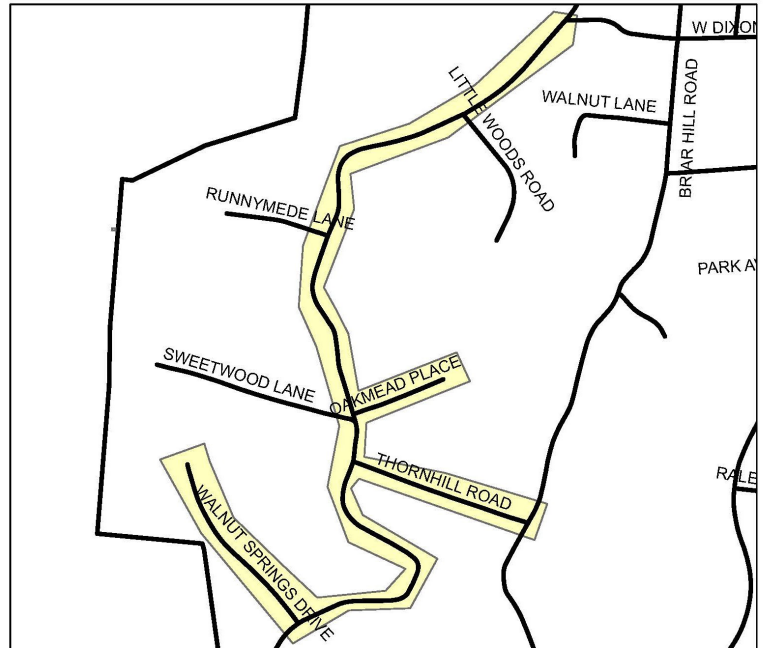
## 2020 Vectren Gas Line Replacement Project

Vectren is replacing underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in the Oakwood neighborhoods identified in yellow on the maps below. In all 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 937-298-0777 with questions about the work, or reference the Vectren pipeline projects map at [www.vectren.com/gas-system/map](http://www.vectren.com/gas-system/map).

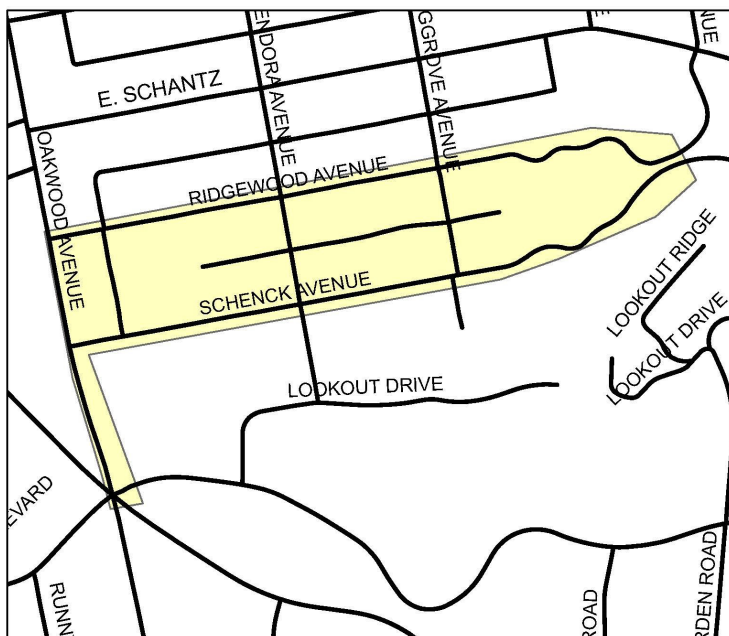
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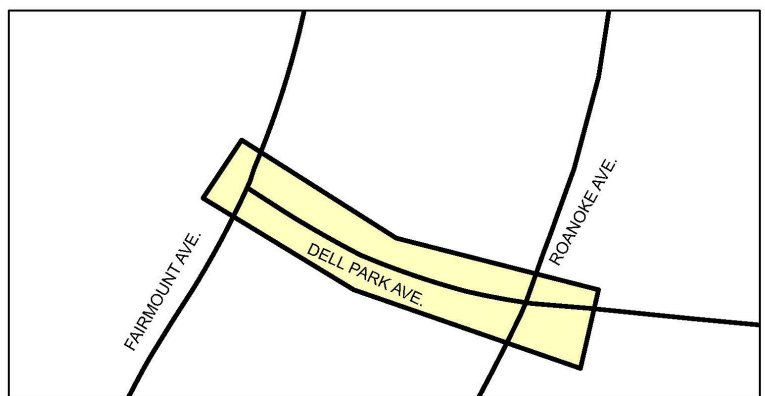
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PROJECT C**



**2020 VECTREN GAS LINE REPLACEMENT  
PROJECT B**



**2020 VECTREN GAS LINE REPLACEMENT  
PROJECT D**



## June/July Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1 and Monday, July 20. 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, unless closures are still necessary due to COVID-19. The regular sessions are televised live on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Tuner Ch. 5.03 and AT&T U-verse Ch. 99), and may be viewed live on the city website. Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or [www.mvcc.net](http://www.mvcc.net) for broadcast times. Within a day or two after the regular sessions, meeting videos can also be viewed online at the City's website: [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov).

## Historical Society Preserving Today's Oakwood History

When Governor Mike DeWine issued his stay-at-home order on March 23, the Oakwood Historical Society Board recognized that our community was about to experience an unprecedented time in its history. While there are already countless stories focused on the national and international impact of the pandemic, it seemed unlikely that COVID-19's impact on Oakwood residents would be reported. Still, our lives dramatically changed in the way we have worked, played, worshipped, shopped, parented, and cared for parents. The Society anticipated that our stories would be forgotten unless there was an organized effort to capture and save them.

After consulting with Dawne Dewey, Head of Special Collections and Archives at Wright State University and Alex Heckman, Vice President of Museum Operations at Dayton History, the Society Board immediately reached out to all constituencies in the community. The Society collaborated with each entity to determine how best to obtain stories from teachers, students, library staff and patrons, stay-at-home parents, high school alumni, Rotary Club members, city personnel, and church leaders.

The major obstacle to the Society faced, according to Society President Tiffany Rubin, is that people would think that their stories are unimportant. "No one thinks of themselves as an Anne Frank or Charles Darwin," acknowledges Rubin. "Yet, famous diarists have captivated scholars and readers for decades. What we consider mundane today, and the language we use when describing it can prove fascinating." She notes that today's Zoom and MeetUp app technology will likely be regarded as charmingly antiquated as yesteryear's rotary telephones.

Archivist Dewey advised the Society to especially seek writings, drawings, photographs, and videos from young people. Dewey said their's are the stories historians typically failed to record in the past. The voice of a young person is what makes Anne Frank's diary so important to history.

Started in March, the Society's effort to archive this new chapter of Oakwood's rich history will continue for future months. Residents are encouraged to continue submitting their eyewitness accounts to [oakwoodhistory.org](http://oakwoodhistory.org). The Society will preserve them.

The Society's branding tagline, Make History with Us, is our plea to you to act now so our collective experiences can be shared with future generations

## Backflow Device Certification

The State of Ohio Plumbing Code and Ohio EPA Regulations require that a backflow prevention device be installed on water piping to any equipment (e.g., irrigation systems, boilers, etc.) that is capable of contaminating or polluting the water distribution system. A backflow prevention device allows water to flow in only one direction, thus eliminating the possibility that contaminants could enter the city's water system under a backflow condition. Under Chapter 919 of the Oakwood Codified Ordinances, backflow prevention devices must be tested upon initial installation, and must be re-certified annually by a State of Ohio Certified Backflow Tester. The re-certification confirms that the device is functioning properly, and is providing the necessary protection to the city's water distribution system. Property owners with backflow devices have been notified of the requirement to have the annual recertification completed. Please call Theresa Rushlow at 937-298-0400 with questions.

## Share COVID-19 Stories, Photographs, Drawings, Videos, and Whatever More...

More information about how to participate in this effort to capture Oakwood's Covid-19 history appears on the Society's webpage at [oakwoodhistory.org](http://oakwoodhistory.org). PDFs, DOCs, JPGs, JPEGs, and PNGs files can also be sent to [covid@oakwoodhistory.org](mailto:covid@oakwoodhistory.org). If you have questions or want to get involved with this project, contact Healy Jackson [healyjackson@gmail.com](mailto:healyjackson@gmail.com) or call 937-299-3793 and leave a message.

Without action, years from now, people will not know that stuffed bears and rainbow drawings decorated house windows, or that stories "chalked" on sidewalks invited others to write a plot twist. They won't know what happened at 6:00 p.m. every evening on our front lawns. Stories about how we celebrated birthdays, graduations, Bar Mitzvahs, college acceptances, retirements, engagements, dance recitals, weddings, and anniversaries while maintaining social distancing could be lost forever. Act now and make history.

## Support COVID-19 Capture Oakwood History Fund

Knowing that we would need help archiving your stories, the Society started a fund through the Dayton Foundation that would help support part-time work for Oakwood students to facilitate the project under the supervision of the Oakwood Historical Society. Every dollar donated provides meaningful work opportunities for students, preserves history, and is tax-deductible. If you would like to support this effort, please look for information at [oakwoodhistory.org](http://oakwoodhistory.org).

## Compare Public Health Response to the 1918 Influenza to COVID-19 in 2020

The Oakwood Historical Society webpage carries a story written by Jon B. Eisenberg about how a small community in Healdsburg, California, responded to the 1918 influenza. The parallels between the then-and-now response to a public health crisis are noteworthy and show what can be learned from sharing history. Go to [oakwoodhistory.org](http://oakwoodhistory.org) for the full story.

## Oakwood Schools Foundation Names New Development Director

Oakwood Schools Foundation is expanding its team. Brandy McFall, an Oakwood resident, has been hired as the Development Director for the Foundation.

McFall has spent the majority of her career in local non-profit fundraising and comes to OSF most recently from the Dayton Art Institute, where she served as Senior Sponsorship Officer and Development Director during her tenure.

Prior to the DAI, McFall was the Director of Development for Foundation Relations at the University of Dayton. McFall brings with her extensive experience in a variety of types of education fundraising from her time at UD, as well as fundraising for high-quality art education programming and mission-based initiatives at the DAI. McFall has also worked with Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley, where she held a variety of development responsibilities.

McFall has a BA in political science from Ohio University. While at OU, she spent a semester studying abroad at Shandong University in Shandong, China as a part of OU's flagship study abroad program in Asia. She has also attended UD's Center for Leadership and received a certificate in the Emerging Leader Program in 2017.

McFall and her husband Patrick have lived in Oakwood for six years. The couple has two young children, Gwentyth, 8, and Charlie, 5.



## OHS Students Awarded \$5,030 in Cash Prizes in Entrepreneurship Competition

Congratulations to the 21 OHS students who were announced as winners in the eleventh annual Harlamert Foundation Entrepreneurship Competition. Cash prizes totaling \$5,030 were awarded to these students. The annual contest, sponsored by The Oakwood Schools Foundation, thanks to generous support from Irvin Harlamert (OHS '48), emphasizes the importance of the entrepreneurial spirit on the success of our society and encourages students to explore and understand the value of owning their own business. Participants in the 2020 competition were asked to shadow an entrepreneur for a day and submit a written summary that included a personal reflection.

Winners of the "Inspired" award and \$250 each were: Charlie Blumer (12), Lucas Butler (11), Cecilia Dalrymple (10), Katelyn Nels (11) and Sylvia Vanderburgh (10). Winners of the "Innovator" award and \$240 each were Albert Choi (11), Emerson Davis (9), Owen Dewing (11), Katie Griffith (11), Sara Joly (11), Ryann Mescher (11), Zimin Qian (10), John Ruetschle (10), Caterina Tian-Svobodny (10) and Eugene Young (10). The "Creators" each received \$230 and included: Emma Almoney (9), Dan Flannery (11), Matt Flannery (12), Abby Snodgrass (9), Caleb Woessner (10) and Aviva Young (12).

To learn more about the students and the businesses that participated in this year's competition, access the highlight video on the OSF website: [www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf/harlamert-entrepreneurship](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf/harlamert-entrepreneurship)

## Oakwood Schools Foundation 2019 Annual Report to the Community

The spirit of giving is alive in Oakwood! OSF provides unique, dynamic and innovative opportunities in the Oakwood Schools – keeping our curriculum current with the latest educational trends.

We invite you to check out the 2019 annual report to see how the Oakwood Schools Foundation partners with our educators and students on their educational journey. Visit: [www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf/](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf/)

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
The Oakwood Schools Foundation enhances excellence in education by facilitating grants, scholarships and special projects to benefit students of the Oakwood Schools. The Foundation was created for the sole purpose of accepting, investing, managing and disbursing private, charitable gifts.

The spirit of giving is alive in Oakwood! We are grateful to you, our donors, alumni, community members, parents and friends for supporting the mission of The Oakwood Schools Foundation and investing in our students. Your generosity enables OSF to further its mission: **Enhancing Excellence in Education.** Below is a list of the many creative and exciting things we have been able to do because of your generosity:

<b>\$900,000+</b>	total grant money disbursed since 1991
<b>\$36,590</b>	grant funding awarded to teachers and administrators in 2019
<b>\$23,187</b>	scholarships awarded to 20 deserving students from the Class of 2019
<b>\$5,000</b>	total prize money awarded to 24 participants in the sixth annual Harlamert Foundation Entrepreneurship Competition
<b>\$3,200</b>	awarded to five local charities through OHS students in the 2019 Philanthropy 101 initiative
<b>\$1,200</b>	awarded to Oakwood High School and to English teacher Lori Morris, the ninth recipient of the Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award

Please enjoy reading through our summary of activities for 2019. As you think about your plans for charitable giving, consider The Oakwood Schools Foundation and the dividends made possible by investing in our learning community. Every contribution, regardless of size, makes a difference in the lives of Oakwood students and teachers.

Thank you for expecting the best of our schools and for your continued support.

Chris Conrad, CEO '76  
*Chris R. Conrad*  
Chair, The Oakwood Schools Foundation

Dr. Kyle Ranney  
*Kyle Ranney*  
Superintendent, Oakwood City School District

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**The Oakwood Schools FOUNDATION**  
*Enhancing Excellence in Education*

Pursuing its mission, "Enhancing Excellence in Education," the Oakwood Schools Foundation provides significant annual support for the 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 937-297-5332 or [contact@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org](mailto:contact@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org) or visit our website.



## Oakwood Alumni Association Seeks to Strengthen Relationships, Extend Reach

Since its inception in 1995, Oakwood Alumni Association has endeavored to keep alumni connected, sharing the happy and sometimes sad news regarding Oakwood alumni. Twenty-five years later, how those connections are nurtured looks a lot different, but the mission remains the same. In light of COVID-19, the Oakwood Alumni Association is connecting with alumni across the country in meaningful ways to keep connections thriving.

The Association is now using a more personalized outreach to connect with alumni when it matters most - whether it's a natural disaster, the passing of a loved one or in the midst of this pandemic - the Association wants alumni to know they are there for them. The Association is sharing information and engaging consistently through social media channels, and, of course, continuing to support classes with reunion planning.

The Alumni Advisory Board, made up of members spanning OHS decades, plays a crucial role in helping reach and expand connections beyond the "Dome." The Board engages on a quarterly basis with members of Oakwood Schools and The Oakwood Schools Foundation to support a joint mission to keep the tradition of excellence alive and well in the school community. Activities of the Oakwood Alumni Advisory Board include:

- Quarterly meetings and regular communications
- Guest speakers, scheduled topics
- Development of regional alumni groups - regional reunions
- Roles in alumni outreach, content development for Alumni newsletter
- Engagement with OCSD, OSF activities



*The Class of 1958 is one of several that meet up regularly to keep the Oakwood spirit alive! Pictured left to right are David Young, Nancy Biebel Easman, Jerry Hoerner and his friend Ginny Fox, Molly Brown Young, Nick and Carole Braun Feagler, Doris Edmonson Martin and Pete Smith. A typical good looking class of 1958 group!*



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](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschoools.org).

## An Oakwood High School Senior is a Qualifier for the 2020 USA Physics Olympiad Exam

Kyle Lethander has been invited to take the USAPhO Exam, due to his outstanding performance on the F=ma Exam in January.

The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) typically uses the exam to choose a team of students to compete in the International Physics Olympiad. Unfortunately, "due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, AAPT has made the difficult decision to not send a team of students to the International Physics Olympiad in Vilnius, Lithuania" this year.

Kyle still has the opportunity to take the USAPhO Exam on his own and to discuss solutions with the U.S. Physics Team Academic Director and coaches. As a qualifier for the 2020 USAPhO Exam, Kyle's name will be listed on the U.S. Physics Team News website for his achievement. Congratulations, Kyle!



## A Glance at the 2020 – 2021 School Year

<b>August 11</b>	First Day of School Grades 1 – 12
<b>August 14</b>	First Day of School for Kindergarten
<b>September 7</b>	Labor Day
<b>November 25, 26, 27</b>	Thanksgiving Break
<b>Dec. 21 – Jan. 1, 2021</b>	Holiday Break
<b>January 18</b>	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
<b>February 15</b>	Presidents Day
<b>February 16-19</b>	Winter Break
<b>March 29 – April 5</b>	Spring Break
<b>May 27</b>	Last day of School for K – 12

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

**Get connected with Oakwood Schools!**

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# Wright Library Summer Reading Club

## IMAGINE YOUR STORY

Imagine your own story this summer with Wright Library! Summer readers of all ages know they can count on Wright Library to spark and reward reading, and this summer is no exception. In fact, it might be more vital than ever to relax with a good read and for kids to maintain skills over the summer.

Register, learn about programs, reading challenges, and prizes this summer by calling 937-294-7171 or online at [wrightlibrary.org/SRC](http://wrightlibrary.org/SRC).

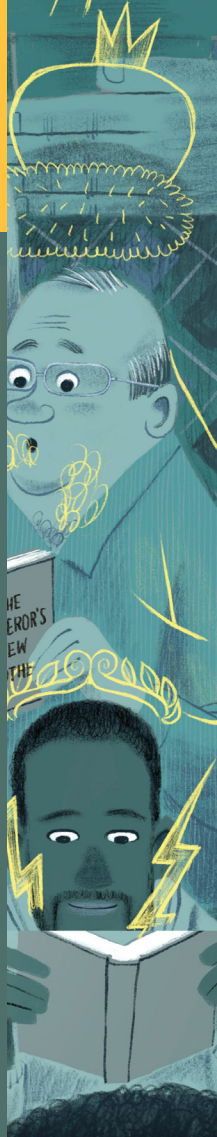
**KIDS** Pick up a printed reading log by the library's front door.

Ages 0 through high school are invited to join. Livestream programs abound: baby storytimes, puppet shows, elementary zoom clubs, teen google hangouts. Register online and access expert literacy support and reading incentives from Wright Library's Youth Services Librarians.

### ADULTS

Join the challenge, read books and share how you are safely enjoying your community to be entered in weekly prize drawings now through August 7.

Register at [wrightlibrary.org/SRC](http://wrightlibrary.org/SRC)





## Wright Library Live: Log On For All Your Favorite Programs

Wright Library will continue offering livestream programs throughout the summer. Visit [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org) to see what's on the calendar for all ages. Storytimes, fun and educational programs for kids and teens, and relevant, engaging programs for adults are planned throughout August. Need help accessing a Zoom or Facebook program? Call Wright Library at 937-294-7171 or email [reference@wrightlibrary.org](mailto:reference@wrightlibrary.org).

**Registration is now open for these livestream virtual programs:**

**June 4, 7-8 p.m. | LET'S TALK: Barriers to Voting**

Join Wright Library and Dianne Herman of the League of Women Voters for a presentation and Q&A on the barriers, historical and current, which affect who votes in our country.

**June 18, 7-8 p.m. | Financial Review**

The economic toll the of the COVID-19 outbreak has been devastating and promises to have lasting effects. Brian Hayes, a financial coach with 20+ years experience, will present a comprehensive review of the tools available to help you ensure your financial security.

## Digital Content: Using Wright Library Streaming Services On Your TV

Want a movie night at home for free? Use your library card!

Many people access Wright Library's streaming services - such as Kanopy and hoopla digital, on their phones or tablets. But you can also access them on most televisions.

Both Kanopy and hoopla can be accessed through TV streaming devices such as Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Roku, and Chromecast. You can also connect your computer to your TV with an HDMI cable to watch on the larger screen.

- From [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org) set up an account with the service (Kanopy, hoopla, etc.) using your library card number.
- In your streaming device menu, search for and download the app.
- Follow the instructions to activate your account on the app.
- Enjoy!

Need help? Call Wright Library at 937-294-7171.

At the time this issue was printed, Wright Library was establishing a system for safe item pick up and return. Call 937-294-7171 or visit [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org) for current information about library services.

## How Smart Is Your Phone?

If you have a smartphone and a card from Wright Library, then you have access the library resources from anywhere there is a wireless signal or wi-fi connection.



- Download and listen to audio books anywhere: while you garden, sew, relax on the porch, or take a walk. Just call the library for help getting started.
- Read Consumer Reports by clicking the link in the blue footer at the bottom of [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org).
- Gain daily access to New York Times online, also available at the bottom of the library's website.
- Visit [wrightlibrary.org/BLOG](http://wrightlibrary.org/BLOG) to get the scoop on Wright Library news and services.

## Wright Library Thanks Community for Passing Levy

In March, Oakwood voters approved a 1.5 mill levy for Wright Memorial Public Library with 67 percent voting in favor of the measure.

"We are very pleased to have the support of the Oakwood community," said Library Director Kristi Hale. "We did not take this issue lightly; we know Oakwood taxes are high, and taxpayers deserve and expect a high return on investment."

Hale said the library will need the local tax support more than ever as the library faces a new round of decreases in state funding related to COVID-19.

The 1.5 mill levy will provide Wright Library with needed funds of approximately \$475,000 per year to continue offering quality materials, services, staff, and programs.

The Library Board and Administration are working through the impacts of reduced state revenue on this year's budget as well as the library's plans for building updates.



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## Impacting Our Community Stanley Herr

Long before GPS and Google Maps, Stanley Herr was helping Oakwood elementary students get around their hometown. His first involvement with Oakwood Schools came in 1967 when he was enlisted to help his sister-in-law who was a first-year teacher at Smith Elementary.

“She was teaching map skills and felt if she had a large wall map of Oakwood the students could locate their homes and plan routes to school, stores and friends’ homes. Since I was flight testing photo-reconnaissance systems, I took a series aerial high-resolution photos covering all of the city. I enlarged and printed them, creating a 4-ft by 2-ft mosaic picture of Oakwood that had all of their homes on it,” Herr said.

Herr and his wife Ann have been married 53 years, making Oakwood their home for more than 50 years. They watched their two children move through Oakwood Schools from kindergarten to graduation and are now watching their grandchildren make their way as Lumberjacks.

“We have hauled kids to speech tournaments, supported numerous athletic team and band fundraisers, and been loyal fans at years of field hockey and basketball games. I judged debate tournaments, earned a hardhat helping to restore Lange School when it was created; and served on the Business Advisory Council since 1991, nearly 30 years.”

For the last several years, Herr has enjoyed being a Rotary Reader to kindergarteners at Lange School.

“It has allowed me to dust off some of my old thespian training to get the kids excited about the stories.”

While Herr has enjoyed interacting with the children of Oakwood Schools, it’s helping the District maintain a strong financial health as a member of the Business Advisory Council he sees as his “greatest contribution.”

“I have enjoyed reviewing the details of expenditures each month, noting where budget line items are being exceeded or under-utilized, asking questions, and, on rare occasions, seeking solutions when unexpected costs meant budgets needed to be reallocated. This process has given me a great deal of confidence that Oakwood citizens are getting a great ‘bang for the buck’ in their tax dollars that go to the school district.”

Herr remains an active member of Oakwood Rotary, helping evaluate applications for the annual Oakwood Rotary Scholarship Exchange, and the Wright Memorial Public Library BAC.

“My continuing role in the BAC for the District, the reading of scholarship applications, and the interviewing and selection of potential outbound exchange students from the Oakwood School System, has given me great optimism in the future of both the schools and the community. The educators, the students and their parents are all striving for excellence, and we can be proud of the leaders we are providing to lead the next generation of American citizens.”