



PRESS RELEASE

The City of Oakwood
30 Park Avenue
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

Subject: OCMA Recognition of Smith Gardens

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OAKWOOD, OHIO:

The city of Oakwood's community treasure, Smith Gardens, was recently chosen for recognition in the Spring Edition of the Ohio City/County Management Association (OCMA) Newsletter, and is featured on the OCMA website.

The Ohio City/County Management Association is the professional and educational association for appointed administrators serving cities, villages, townships and counties within Ohio. Its mission is to promote excellence in local government management and encourage personal and professional growth of local government administrators.

OCMA solicited photographs of community facilities or events from jurisdictions across Ohio for inclusion on the organization's website homepage. There were 55 entries submitted and four winners were selected. The website address is: <https://www.ocmaohio.org/>. "We are very pleased and honored to have our Smith Gardens recognized statewide by OCMA", said Leisure Services Director Carol Collins.

Smith Gardens was given to the city of Oakwood in 1974 by industrialist and Oakwood resident Carlton W. Smith. This living legacy is enjoyed by Oakwood residents and by citizens from across the region and beyond. Located at the northwest corner of Oakwood Avenue and Walnut Lane, Smith Gardens has been recognized statewide and nationally as one of Ohio's finest public gardens. Just shy of an acre, the gardens are beautifully landscaped and are open daily from sunrise to sunset.

Carlton Smith's words below summarize the gardens:

"an intimate setting and strolling place of rest...

an open, green, colorful, quiet retreat on a busy street...

a breathing space of green shade, and color for busy people".

Smith Gardens is a true treasure for the Oakwood community and the Dayton region.



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