#### CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER APRIL 23, 2021

#### **IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:**

May 3, Monday, 6 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park) May 15, Saturday – That Day in May (TDIM) May 17, Monday – TDIM Golf Outing May 24, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park) June 1, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC Meeting (OCC) June 7, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park) June 21, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park) July 19, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)

#### **BUSINESS UPDATE:**

- May 3 Work Session: We will begin our May 3 work session at 6 p.m. rather than 6:30 p.m.
- <u>BRC</u>: Enclosed is the email I sent this week to the BRC announcing the June 1 meeting, and commenting on the pending city engineer hire. Also enclosed is a June 11, 1992 article announcing a previous city engineer hire. Lori found this in the archives. My how time flies!
- Hazardous Waste Collection: The quarterly Rotary event is tomorrow morning. We have 59 scheduled pick-ups. Enclosed is a *Register* article.
- TDIM Dog Festival: Enclosed is a *Register* article about the dog festival event planned for noon on Saturday, May 15 at Mack Hummon Stadium. The event includes a parade and costume show.
- 2020 Audit: The auditors were in the office this week to complete some additional field work. All seems to be going well. We are not aware of any identified findings or issues of concern.
- Online Tax Filing: Next year, we will begin offering online tax filing of some Oakwood municipal income tax returns. The online filing will be limited to individuals with only wage income, which is about half of our resident taxpayers. The e-filing will available via a link on our website. We are spending about \$5,200 upfront to offer this online feature, and about \$2,000 annually to maintain the software.
- Plaques Recognizing Oakwood Judges: Irv Harlamert contacted Bill recently offering to pay for the creation of a bronze plaque recognizing those persons who have served as Oakwood Municipal Court Judge. Believe it or not, Peggy is just our fourth judge since our Oakwood Municipal Court began operating in 1934. I told Bill that I thought it is very much appropriate to have such a plaque affixed to the city building. We are working with Irv and Dayton Stencil to make this happen. We believe that the best place to install the plaque is on the opposite side of the door as the mayor's plaque. It would be designed in similar fashion to the mayor's plaque. Enclosed are the following:
  - Photos of proposed location to install plaque (right side of door).
  - Preliminary layout of plaque design.
  - December 6, 1965 Oakwood City Council resolution recognizing Judge Fredrick Howell, our first judge, for his 32 years on the bench. He took the bench in January 1934. Judge Howell's son Ted (now deceased) served on our BRC for a number of years in the 1990s. Judge Howell's grandson Todd is an Oakwood Rotarian and lives on Garden Road.

- Oakwood Local Health District/Board of Health: Enclosed is a memorandum from Rob Jacques addressing the quest underway in Columbus to eliminate local boards of health that serve jurisdictions with less than 50,000 people. We will discuss this at our May 3 work session.
- OIC Meeting: Enclosed is a flyer about the April 28 general membership meeting, along with a *Register* article. If you would like to attend, please visit the OIC website at <u>www.oakwoodic.org</u>.
- Safety Department Report: Enclosed is the March report.
- > <u>2022 Budget</u>: Enclosed is our timeline for development and approval of the 2022 budget.
- Captain Mike Jones: Effective last Monday, Captain Jones is on an extended medical leave of absence. Enclosed is an email that Chief Hill sent to all members of our Oakwood Safety Department, with Mike's consent. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mike and his family.
- <u>Electric Vehicles</u>: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about how electric vehicles are becoming more popular. It features Oakwood resident Tim Benford. Tim is president of Drive Electric Dayton, the Dayton chapter of the Electric Auto Association and Drive Electric Ohio.
- Medical Marijuana: Enclosed is a DDN article about an increase in medical marijuana dispensaries in Ohio. We prohibit them in Oakwood.
- <u>AirBNB</u>: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Waynesville imposing a six-month moratorium on short term rentals and developing regulations to control them. We do not allow rentals of 25 calendar days or less, which we define as "transient occupancy". We have not had any major issues enforcing this prohibition since it went into effect on January 1, 2020.
- Medical Facility: Enclosed is a DDN article about the new medical facility planned on Brown Street. It is a joint venture between UD and Premier Health.
- Wright Library: Enclosed are *Register* and *DDN* articles about the library renovations. We will discuss the ADA parking at our May 3 work session.
- <u>Ridgeway Road Bridge</u>: Construction on the Ridgeway Bridge is progressing well. Enclosed is a *Register* photo.
- Mayor Sally Beals: Enclosed are two DDN articles about the passing of former Centerville Mayor Sally Beals, along with the obituary. Sally was a very strong leader in Centerville. I first met her at the December 1989 Lockwood Jones and Beals (LJB) holiday party. Sally's husband John was president of LJB at that time. He hired me for my first engineering job starting in November 1989.
- D-Day Veteran: Enclosed is a neat DDN article about a "Jump Fest" being held to honor WWII Veteran Paratrooper Jim Martin for his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jim Martin parachuted into Normandy on D-Day as part of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. His granddaughter, Jodi Martin, works at MVCC as director of our Municipal Training Academy. She will be doing a tandem jump in honor of her grandfather. Also enclosed is a DDN article about the first Allied C47 airplane to fly over Normandy on D-Day named "That's All, Brother" making an appearance here in Dayton.

#### HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

#### ENCLOSURE LIST

**BRC Email & Engineer Article** Register Article re: Hazardous Waste Collection Register Article re: TDIM Plaque Photos Preliminary Plaque Design Municipal Court Resolution Oakwood Local Health District/Board of Health Memo Flyer & Register Article re: OIC March Safety Department Report 2022 Budget Timeline Captain Mike Jones Email DDN Article re: Electric Vehicles DDN Article re: Medical Marijuana DDN Article re: AirBNB DDN Article re: Medical Facility Register & DDN Articles re: Wright Library Register Photo re: Ridgeway Road Bridge DDN Articles re: Mayor Sally Beals DDN Articles re: D-Day Veteran

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Subject: Date: Attachments:	Spring Budget Committee Meeting Monday, April 19, 2021 5:14:14 PM <u>20210419163919702.pdf</u> <u>20210330102623478.pdf</u>

Greetings from City Hall!

We will conduct our spring Budget Review Committee meeting at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, June 1. It will be held in the Great Room at the Oakwood Community Center where we have plenty of room to spread out. We will also offer remote attendance via Zoom.

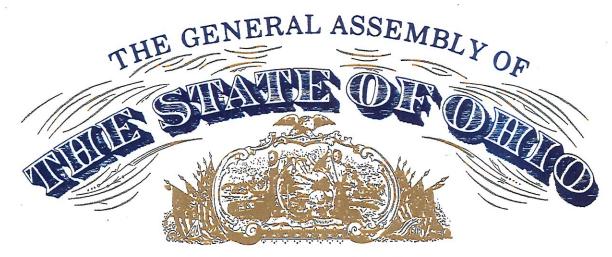
In case you missed the April 7 Oakwood Register article, attached is a commendation we received from the Ohio Senate for being ranked by Niche.com as the #1 place to live in Ohio.

I also wanted to mentioned that we will soon advertise a job opening for the position of city engineer. Since our inception as a city in 1931, we have been through periods where we had an in-house city engineer, and periods where we used outside consultants for engineering work. The most recent time when we had a dedicated in-house city engineer was 1992-2000. In 2000, we combined the position with that of public works director. The engineering workload over the next decade is such that having a person exclusively dedicated to that function is justified and makes sense. Attached are pages 15 and 16 from our 2021 budget book showing our staffing back to 2002 when I was appointed city manager. In 2002 we had 35 fulltime employees in the Public Works Department. We currently have 31. I will comment on this city engineer hire at our meeting. We hope to have the person onboard by sometime in July.

I will send a meeting packet to you in late May.

All the best, Norb

Norbert S. Klopsch Oakwood City Manager (937) 298-0600



# OHIO SENATE

#### HONORING THE CITY OF OAKWOOD AS A BEST PLACE TO LIVE

On behalf of the members of the Senate of the 134th General Assembly of Ohio, we are pleased to commend the City of Oakwood on being selected as the number one Best Place to Live in Ohio by *Niche*.

Throughout its history, the City of Oakwood has been known for its residents' civic pride and willingness to work hard, and they have supported its economic well-being, its superior school district, and its beautiful parks, recreational facilities, and residential streets. Oakwood has given all those who call it home a reason to revel in their community, which has been nationally acclaimed for its charm and character.

The City of Oakwood has gained a reputation as an amiable and pleasant community, offering wonderful places to live and explore, and it has flourished in its efforts to achieve great progress. As a result, the city and all those who reside within it are afforded the opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments of the past and to look forward to a future filled with promise.

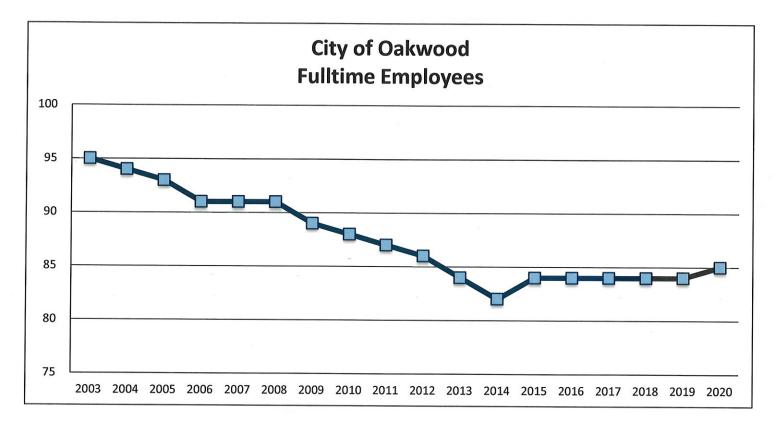
Thus, it is with genuine applause that we congratulate the City of Oakwood as the Best Place to Live in Ohio and extend best wishes for the years to come.



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Senator Matt Hyffman President of the Ohio Senate

Senator Niraj J Antani 6th Senatorial District



Staff levels were reduced from 95 in 2003 to 82 in 2014 to reduce operating costs. Staff levels increased by three positions since 2014 to address operational needs.

# City of Oakwood Staffing Level Comparison

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	2017	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Full-time</u>													
Administration / Finance	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Public Safety	39.0	37.0	36.0	36.0	35.0	35.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0
Public Works	32.0	32.0	32.0	31.0	31.0	30.0	29.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	31.0
Leisure Services	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Municipal Court	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Total Full-time	91.0	89.0	88.0	87.0	86.0	84.0	82.0	84.0	84.0	84.0	84.0	84.0	85.0
Part-time													
Administration / Finance	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Public Safety	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.4	1.9	1.5	1.2	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Public Works	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leisure Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Municipal Court	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Total Part-time	7.4	7.9	8.4	8.3	7.8	7.4	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7

The staff levels shown above reflect the number of full-time positions and full-time equivalent positions (for permanent part-time) during each respective year that were needed to provide all city of Oakwood public services, including services within the water, sewer and stormwater utilities, and the refuse department.

# Oakwood hires 1st city engineer in a decade

By Chuck Smith 11-11-92 FOR THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS

Norbert Klopsch, the first Oakwood city engineer in more than a decade, was introduced during the Nov. 2 Oakwood City Council meeting.

Outgoing City Manager David Foell said Oakwood last had a city engineer in 1980.

When that engineer left, the city did not replace him for 12 years, as Oakwood constructed water plants, installed water lines, refurbished the community center, and redesigned the city building — all jobs which could be handled best by consulting engineers, according to Foell.

Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher said rising consulting fees figured prominently in the decision to hire a city engineer.

The new city engineer will earn \$43,000 per year.

Klopsch is a West Point graduate and worked the last three years for Lockwood, Jones and Beals Inc. of Dayton, one of several engineering firms that Oakwood has employed at various times.

Mayor Jeffrey Ireland announced during the meeting that the city also has contracted with an executive search firm to find a replacement for former Public Safety Director Michael Kelly.

The council meeting ended Kelly's first day on the job as the new acting city manager.

Capt. Glen Beddies, a veteran of 17 years in the Oakwood Safety Department, will be acting safety director until Kelly's successor is found.

## Rotary offers residential pick-up service April 24

Oakwood Rotary volunteers will come to your home on Saturday, April 24, to collect materials that cannot be picked up by weekly trash and recycling routes. These items include paint cans, stains, thinners, pesticides, and batteries. Please ensure that containers are easily accessible, not leaking, with secure lids. If you have pick-up items, please call (937) 296-5155 and leave your name and address before noon on Friday, April 23. Items to be collected need to be ready by 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 24.

Oakwood Rotary is unique in providing this service for the community. No other Miami Valley community is afforded this service. While there is

no charge, Oakwood Rotary encourages those utilizing the service to make a tax-deductible donation to the Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation and leave that in a well-marked envelope. Or mail a check to P.O. Box 512, Dayton, OH 45409. All donations support Oakwood Rotary charitable projects and community events.

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# That Day in May festivities include Dog Festival

As That Day in May festivities return to Oakwood next month, canines in the community can take special note that part of the fun this year is set aside just for them...and their human companions.

The That Day in May Dog Festival, including a costume show and parade, is planned for 12 noon on Saturday, May 15. Registration is available online at www.tdim.org and walk-ups will be accepted until noon on May 15 at Mack Hummon Stadium.

Stop by the Humane Society of Greater Dayton's booth to see some adorable and adoptable animals. The Humane Society of Greater Dayton is the area's oldest and most-established no-kill animal welfare agency helping people and pets since 1902. They are the only organization in the Miami Valley helping all types of animals, including dogs, cats, rabbits, farm animals, exotics, birds, small animals, and more.

Also joining in the fun this year is The UltiMutt Pup, a local handmade pet and human accessories company crafting dog bandanas, bow ties and collars as well as "dog lover" apparels for humans, and WagsInn, central Ohio's premiere dog boarding facility located on 25 acres between Dayton and Springfield. WagsInn offers exercise, socialization, training, personalized attention and bathing for your four-legged family members.

Paula's Paws Dog Training will be on hand to provide professional expertise. Paula Powlette received her dog training certification through National K-9 Dog Training School and has been training dogs for 9 years. She is a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers, National K-9 Dog Training School, and International Association of Canine Professionals. She teaches in-home private lessons as well as group classes at Oakwood Community Center for basic obedience and solving behavioral issues and Puppy Preschool. She will also serve as one of the judges alongside Oakwood Mayor Bill Duncan.

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# MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

In grateful recognition of the distinguished service and outstanding commitment to the citizens of Oakwood

Fredrick W. Howell
Irvin H. Harlamert
Robert L. Deddens
Margaret M. Quinn

1934 - 1965 1966 - 1989 1990 - 2013 2014 - xxxx



#### A RESOLUTION

#### OF APPRECIATION TO

#### JUDGE FREDRICK W. HOWELL

BY THE COUNCIL

NO. 815

WHEREAS, when the Oakwood Municipal Court was established in 1933, Fredrick W. Howell was elected as its first judge, taking office in 1934, and

WHEREAS, Judge Howell has remained on the bench continuously since he first took office, and, at the close of this year will have completed thirty-two years as Oakwood's first and only Municipal Judge, and

WHEREAS, during his years on the bench Judge Howell has judiciously and faithfully performed his duties as judge, and in so doing has earned the respect of the citizens of this municipality, and

WHEREAS, this Council is of the belief that Judge Howell's outstanding services to the community should be officially recognized and recorded by the Council, speaking for the City and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO:

#### SECTION ONE.

The City of Oakwood expresses its appreciation to Judge Fredrick W. Howell for his many years of service on the bench of the Oakwood Municipal Court, for his wise and impartial enforcement of the law and the Ordinances of the City during his several terms in office, and for his outstanding contribution to the well being of the community.

#### SECTION TWO.

The Clerk of this Council is directed to spread this Resolution upon the official records of the City and to forward a copy hereof to Judge Howell.

ADOPTED this 6th day of December, 1965.

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ATTEST:

To The Clerk:

Legal publication of the foregoing Resolution is not required.

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#### MEMORANDUM

To:Norbert S. KlopschFrom:Robert F. JacquesDate:April 23, 2021**RE:**Possible impact of Sub.H.B. 110 on the Oakwood Board of Health

For some time there has been movement at the state level to eliminate small local health districts, forcing them to merge with larger county health districts. That movement is getting stronger; provisions to that effect have been included in the state's pending biennial budget bill (Substitute House Bill 110 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly).

As of the date of this memorandum, Sub.H.B. 110 has not been adopted. Current status is as follows:

- It was introduced in the House on February 16, 2021, and was referred to the House Finance Committee. The original version (H.B. 110) included a provision that would eliminate local health districts in cities with a population of less than 50,000. Health districts would only exist in cities with a population *greater* than 50,000, if they elected to establish one, or at the county/regional level. This change would take effect 2 years after the official release of the 2020 federal census results.
- Amendments were made and reported by the House Finance Subcommittee on Agriculture, Development, and Natural Resources, resulting in Substitute House Bill 110. Sub. H.B. 110 was passed by the House on April 21, 2021, and was introduced in the Senate on April 22, 2021. As amended, smaller local health districts would not necessarily be eliminated (although that will be the likely outcome regardless). Instead, cities with a population of less than 50,000 would be mandated to complete a study of the "efficiency and effectiveness" of merging with the general county health district. These studies would be conducted using criteria to be developed by the Ohio Director of Health and the State Auditor, which "may include accreditation standards." Merger with the county health district would be required by law if the study indicates that doing so would be "efficient and effective."



While the Senate could amend these provisions further, we must anticipate the possible elimination of the Oakwood Health District. This is complicated by the fact that Section 7.03 of the City Charter, which was adopted by Oakwood voters in 1960 and last amended in 1988, establishes a Board of Health as follows:

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#### SECTION 7.03. BOARD OF HEALTH.

There shall be a Board of Health of the City Health District composed of five members who shall be citizens who hold no other public office or employment selected by Council one each year for overlapping terms of five years. At least one members (*sic*) shall be a physician admitted to practice in Ohio and in good professional standing. The Board shall adopt its own rules and elects its own officers annually. It shall have all the power and authority conferred upon city boards of health by State law and such other duties as may be imposed upon it by the State sanitary code and the City ordinances. Its members shall serve without compensation.

On its face it might seem that this raises a Home Rule issue, in that the state would be eliminating something established by Oakwood voters in the City Charter. However, Home Rule does not allow a municipality to avoid so-called "general laws," which are state laws intended to have uniform statewide application, and in my opinion a legal challenge along these lines is not likely to succeed.

Depending on the language ultimately adopted by the General Assembly, a law prohibiting Oakwood from continuing to operate a local health district probably would not eliminate the Board of Health itself. Instead, it would strip away "all the power and authority conferred upon city boards of health by State law and such other duties as may be imposed upon it by the State sanitary code," leaving a board whose duties are imposed by city ordinances only. (Charter, Sec. 7.03, above.) City ordinances would need to be adjusted to ensure that they are not inconsistent with state law pertaining to health districts.

#### Powers and Duties that would be eliminated

The following is a summary of <u>powers</u> currently conferred by state law that would cease if Oakwood's health district were eliminated:

- 1. Establishing rules for its own government, for the public health, the prevention or restriction of disease, and the prevention, abatement, or suppression of nuisances. (RC 3709.20.)
- 2. Abatement of nuisances. (RC 3707.01, *et seq.*) (NOTE: In Oakwood, this authority is not exclusive. The city's Code Official has similar authority under the Property Maintenance Code.)
- 3. Issuance of health-related orders to schools. (RC 3707.01, et seq.)
- 4. Regulation of plumbing, drainage, sewerage, septic systems, and livestock facilities. (RC 3707.01, *et seq.*) (NOTE: This can also be done by City Council, so long as its legislation is not inconsistent with requirements imposed by the Ohio Department of Health and whichever health district ends up having jurisdiction in Oakwood.)
- 5. Establishing rules and regulations for quarantine and temporary medical facilities during an epidemic, threatened epidemic, or when a dangerous communicable disease is unusually prevalent. (RC 3707.04, *et seq*.)



City of Oakwood Law Department 0 Park Avenue Dakwood, Ohio 45419 These powers are the underpinning of certain <u>duties</u> currently imposed by state law, all of which would disappear if the local health district is eliminated. These duties include:

- Studying and recording the prevalence of disease;
- Providing for prompt diagnosis and control of communicable diseases;
- Adopting a city quarantine policy;
- Making recommendations on construction of public solid waste/sewage treatment facilities (NOTE: there are no such facilities in Oakwood);
- Semi-annual inspections of school facilities;
- Providing for distribution of diptheria vaccines (NOTE: This is an archaic provision of state law; these vaccines are now handled as part of ordinary childhood immunization);
- Appointing the local registrar of vital statistics and operating a bureau of vital statistics; and
- Making an annual report to Council and the State Department of Health of the board's activities.

#### Specific tasks that would be eliminated

The following is a summary of <u>specific tasks</u> currently performed, either directly by the Oakwood Board of Health or by city staff, that would cease if Oakwood's health district were eliminated:

- Inspection and licensure of restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores/pharmacies, and other food service operations;
- All functions of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, including the issuance of birth and death certificates;
- Inspection of swimming pools and the city's jail/holding facility; and
- Generation of reports to the State of Ohio concerning the above activities.

#### **Continued existence of the Board**

As noted, the proposed change in state law would eliminate much of the work currently performed by the Oakwood Board of Health. However, the Board would continue to exist as a Charter-established body with a modified focus based entirely on local ordinances. Obviously these ordinances would have to be adopted or modified to be consistent with state law, which is currently evolving.



It seems likely that the Board's function would become primarily advisory in nature. For example, the Board could serve as a general health-related advisory body for the benefit of local stakeholders such as City Council, city staff, and the Oakwood City School District. The key would be to ensure that such advice is limited to informing stakeholders of health-related actions occurring at the county or state level, or giving advice on matters that are not within the jurisdiction of the general county health district. We may also discover other ways in which the Board can function as a liaison between the general county health district and the stakeholders listed above.

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Since Sec. 7.03 of the City Charter establishes this body as a board "of the City Health District," Council would need to adopt clarifying legislation. Specifically, Council should adopt an ordinance declaring that the City Health District referenced in the Charter has been unilaterally eliminated by state action and that the Board, as established by Charter, will continue to exercise such local authority as it may lawfully exercise.

#### Amendment of existing city ordinances

In addition to the clarifying ordinance described above, it is likely that Chapter 161 of the Oakwood Administrative Code would need to be repealed and replaced with ordinances outlining the Board's local authority. However, until the final text of Sub.H.B. 110 is known, I am unable to recommend specific amendments to the Oakwood Administrative Code.

Robert F. Jacques, Law Director



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# Oakwood Inclusion Coalition on April 28

The Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC) April 28 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

This meeting is open to all and will be held virtually.

At the April 28 meeting, the community is invited to explore the power of stories, and "The Danger of a Single Story." Participants will watch best-selling author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's powerful TED Talk of that title, which illustrates the role assumptions play when we meet "others," or anyone unfamiliar. Afterward, participants will break out into small discussion groups to explore the power of stories and the pitfalls of "single stories," as well as how to prevent them from interfering with their relationships with others.

Michael Carter, Senior Advisor to the President and Chief Diversity Officer at Sinclair Community College, will be the meeting facilitator.

Visit <u>www.OakwoodIC.org</u> to register to attend and learn more about Oakwood Inclusion Coalition.

## **Oakwood Inclusion Coalition public meeting** will explore 'The Danger of a Single Story'

The Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC), a citizen-driven coalition dedicated to inclusivity and diversity, will hold its next quarterly public meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28. The meeting is open to all and will be held virtually.

At the April 28 meeting, the community is invited to explore the power of stories, and "The Danger of a Single Story." Participants will watch best-selling author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's powerful TED Talk of that title, which illustrates the role ing in January, which engaged more Oakwood Inclusion Coalition.

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Michael Carter, Senior Advisor College, will be the meeting facilitator. The OIC held its first public meet-

than 100 participants. During a lively breakout group discussion, participants shared their many reasons for living in Oakwood, concerns for ensuring that all are welcomed, and visions for extending all that is good about Oakwood to all who reside in and visit it.

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Those stories illustrate a rich . to the President and Chief Diversity tapestry of hopes and visions Officer at Sinclair Community for the future of Oakwood. Visit www.OakwoodIC.org to register to attend and learn more about

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#### THE OAKWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT'S REPORT TO THE CITY MANAGER

#### **MARCH 2021**

#### Submitted by Chief Alan Hill

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT

PART 1 CRIMES:

There was one Part 1 crime reported during the month of March. It was a vehicle theft that was recovered.

#### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:

During the month of March, 140 traffic violations were cited and 38 parking citations were issued.

#### DETECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS:

21-000718	400 Blk Telford Ave	Domestic Violence
21-000846	1 <sup>st</sup> Blk Monteray Ave	Death Investigation
21-000850	1 <sup>st</sup> Blk Ivanhoe Ave	<b>Investigation Report</b>
21-000906	400 Blk Telford Ave	Death Investigation
21-000948	Far Hills/Park Ave	Concealed Weapons
21-000995	100 Blk Volusia	Vehicle Theft

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#### LEADS:

The LEADS validation report this month concerned warrant entries. All entries have been validated and the Safety Department remains in compliance with LEADS protocol.

#### TEEN COURT:

During the month of March, there were no cases referred to Oakwood Teen Court or to the Montgomery County Juvenile Court for review.

#### FIRE

FIRE: There were eight total fire responses in March, including three mutual aid requests from the Kettering Fire Department. The Oakwood responses included two alarm investigations, two natural gas odor investigations and one smell of smoke investigation.

APPARATUS: No maintenance issues were reported during the month of March.

FIRE INSPECTIONS: There was one fire inspection conducted during the month of March.

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

REMOVALS: There were 36 total calls for emergency medical services in March, all were to Oakwood. Five patients refused medical treatment and/or transportation. All other patients were transported to area hospitals for treatment.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

DARE: During the month of March, the DARE officer held 12 classes at Smith Elementary.

#### TRAINING

Public Safety Officers, Lieutenants, and Command Staff completed a total of 438 hours of police, fire, and EMS training during the month of February.

Cameron McElroy and Jeremy Smith attended a 40-hour High Threat Close Quarters Battle instructors course.

Police training consisted of Building Searches conducted by Officer McElroy. This class covered close quarters battle techniques, understanding room geometry, and pros/cons of long angle building searches.

Justin Slone attended a NFPA update training course for his continuing education as one of our fire investigators.

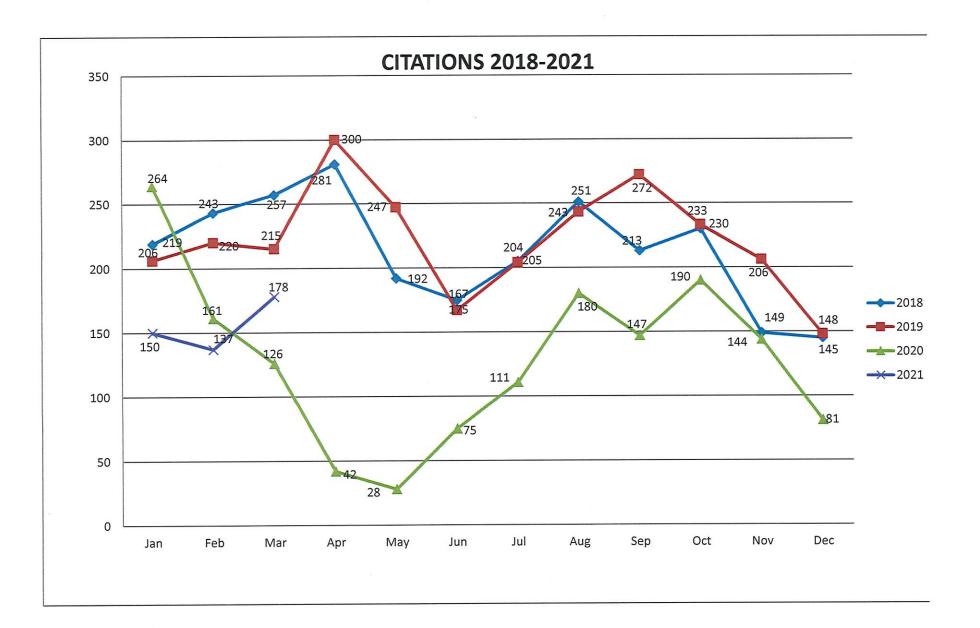
EMS training consisted of 2021 Standing Orders skills, evaluation, and testing. Additionally, there were two online trainings with 24/7 on geriatric and pediatric trauma.

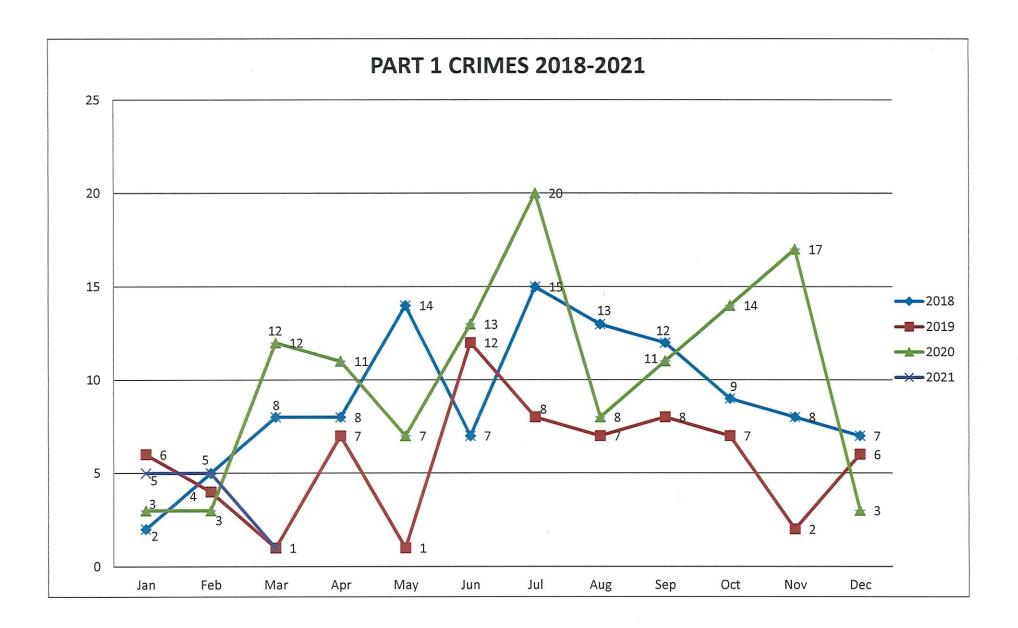
On March 9-10, SWAT personnel attended monthly training with the Kettering Regional SWAT Team.

#### **OFFICER ACTIVITY**

	ARRESTS	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS CITED	OVI	FIELD REPORTS	REPORTS TAKEN	PARKING	WARNINGS	VHC	COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE
Staff	0	11	1	0	17	3	6	3	3
1	3	57	0	4	26	9	67	118	10
2	3	25	0	1	36	15	49	78	12
3	7	47	0	0	45	11	49	83	1

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS CITED		WARNINGS			
White	77	White	79		
Black	59	Black	33		
Indian	0	Indian	3		
Asian	1	Asian	0		
Hispanic	1	Hispanic	2		
Middle Eastern	0	Middle Eastern	2		
Unoccupied Vehicle/Other/Unknown	2	Unoccupied Vehicle/Other/Unknown	52		
TOTAL	140	TOTAL	171		
FIELD INVESTIGATIONS		ARRESTS			
White	3	White	10		
Black	2	Black	3		
Indian	0	Indian	0		
Asian	0	Asian	0		
Hispanic	0	Hispanic	0		
Middle Eastern	0	Middle Eastern	0		
Other/Unknown	0	Other/Unknown	0		
TOTAL	5	TOTAL	13		





# 2022 BUDGET PREPARATION TIMELINE

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ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY
Tuesday, June 1@ 5:30 PM	City Manager, Department
• Budget Review Committee meets with City Staff for a city and financial	Heads, Council and Budget
update, special topics and 2.72 Mill property tax issue.	<b>Review Committee</b>
Tuesday, June 22 @ 2:00 PM	City Manager
• Staff meeting - City Manager and Department Heads convene to review	
and discuss 2022 Capital Improvement Program	
Friday, July 23	Department Heads
• 2022 Projected Expenditure Worksheets for Capital Improvement Items	
are due to Finance Director.	1 ED
Monday, June 28 - Monday, July 30	Department Heads and key
<ul> <li>Department Heads and key staff review needs, collaborate and</li> </ul>	personnel
complete required budget packet materials.	
Friday, August 6	Department Heads
<ul> <li>All budget packet materials delivered to Finance Director.</li> </ul>	
Monday, August 9- Friday, August 20	City Manager and Finance
• City Manager and Finance Director work together to review and refine	Director
budget requests.	
• City Manager and Finance Director meet with staff as required.	
Tuesday, September 7@ 5:30 PM	City Manager, Department
• Budget Review Committee meets with City Staff for a financial update	Heads, Council and Budget
and to discuss the 2022 Capital Improvement Program.	Review Committee
Friday, September 17	City Manager
• City Manager delivers preliminary budget requests to City Council.	
Tuesday, October 19@ 5:30 PM	City Manager, Department
• Budget Review Committee meets with City Staff for a financial update	Heads, Council and Budget
and to discuss preliminary 2022 Budget.	Review Committee
Friday, October 22	Department Heads and key
• Proposed budget draft figures provided to Department Heads for final	personnel
review.	
Monday, October 25@ 5:00 PM	City Manager, Department
• Council, City Manager and Department Heads meet for 2022 Budget	Heads and Council
Retreat	
Polder Merculas 6	
<ul><li>Friday, November 5</li><li>Department Heads provide final additions, deletions, modifications or</li></ul>	Department Heads
corrections (approved by CM, if different than original request) to Finance Director.	
Director.	9
Tuesday, December 7 @ 5:30 PM	City Manager, Finance
• Budget Review Committee meets with City Council and staff to review	Director, Council and
final budget document and make recommendation.	Budget Review Committee
Monday, December 13@ 7:30 PM	City Manager, Chair of
• City Council meets to take action on the 2022 Budget.	Budget Review Committee
	and Council

#### Klopsch, Norbert S.

Subject:

FW: Captain Jones Update

From: Hill, Alan Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:11 AM To: Klopsch, Norbert S. <Klopsch@oakwood.oh.us> Subject: FW: Captain Jones Update

Just FYI – what I sent to the department about Mike. Mike read before I sent it out and was good with it.

Alan

From: Hill, Alan
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 4:18 PM
To: !Safety\_Staff <<u>!Safety\_Staff@oakwood.oh.us</u>>; !Safety\_Officers
<<u>!Safety\_Officers@oakwood.oh.us</u>>; !Dispatchers<<u>!Dispatchers@oakwood.oh.us</u>>; !Records
<<u>!Records@oakwood.oh.us</u>>
Subject: Captain Jones Update

All,

Just an update on Captain Jones. Mike went to the doctor this week for his follow-up appointment and after consulting with his physician, Mike will be on an extended leave of absence effective Monday, April 19. Mike will be off a minimum of 10 weeks and is scheduled to be re-evaluated at the end of June. There is a lot of uncertainty surrounding if, or when, Mike would be cleared to return to work, and the reality of it is Mike will most likely never be cleared to return to full-duty again. It pains me to say this, but Mike could have very well worked his last shift at the department today. Only time will tell what the future holds, but in the meantime I hope and pray for nothing but the best outcome for Mike.

With that being said, effective immediately, I will assume the duties of overseeing dispatch, finance / PO related items, and anything related to training will come through my office. Captain Pruszynski will take over payroll, and crossing guard duties. Additionally, Captain Pruszynski and I will be dividing up other responsibilities as time goes on.

Chief



Tim Benford, chapter president of Drive Electric Dayton, charges his electric car at his home in Oakwood. MARSHALL GORBY /STAFF

# Locals get charged up about electric vehicles

Ownership numbers in the Miami Valley ride an incline.

#### By Eric Schwartzberg Staff Writer

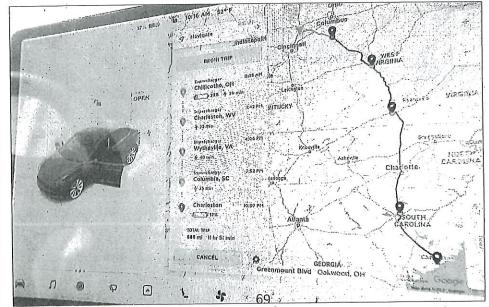
The popularity of electric vehicles is surging both across the state and the Dayton region.

"People are catching onto the fact that they (electric vehicles) are enormously fun to drive because of their enormous amount of torque, which is instantly available," said Tim Benford of Oakwood, president of Drive Electric Dayton, a chapter of the Electric Auto Association. "When you put your foot on the accelerator, you take off immediately and at high speed."

There were 84 electric vehicles registered in the Dayton region between Nov. 1, 2018 – when the state started tracking them – and the end of that year, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation's Ohio Alternative Fuel Vehicle Registration Dashboard.

In all of 2019, that total jumped to 495 electric vehicles. There were nearly six times as many in the area as the previous year because that spring electric car-

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The Tesla tells the driver where Superchargers are located when traveling on a trip. MARSHALL GORBY PHOTOS/STAFF

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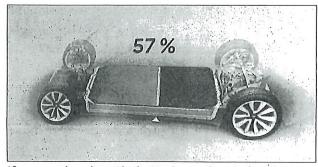
maker Tesla started delivering its most affordable EV to date, the Tesla Model 3, said Marie McConnell, outreach and organizing manager for Clean Fuels Ohio. Clean Fuel Ohio is a nonprofit organization aimed at advancing the adoption of alternative fuel vehicles across the state, including electric cars.

The Tesla Model 3 was priced around \$36,000, instead of the \$70,000 range like previous releases, McConnell said. The number of vehicles registered in the Dayton area stayed healthy in 2020 even in the midst of a pandemic, statistics show.

EV sales in Ohio jumped from 6,086 in 2019 to 6,278 in 2020. McConnell attributes that to Tesla's more affordable offering being followed by a slew of other under-\$40,000, long-range EV options from a host of other auto makers, including Chevrolet and Nissan, McConnell said.

EVs are economical because they require the bare minimum when it comes to upkeep, Benford said. In the three years he has owned his Tesla Model 3, he has clocked only \$250 in maintenance fees, he said.

"That was two tire rotations and one cabin air filter," Benford said. "There's no oil changes, there's no anything other than you just drive them."



If you wonder where the batteries are located on the Teslas, they are underneath the body.

#### IF YOU GO

WHAT: Drive Electric Dayton Auto Show
 WHERE: West parking lot over the Austin Landing parking garage. Enter off Innovation Drive next to Interstate 75, Miami Twp.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 24 COST: Free

■ DETAILS: Event allows members and the public to meet and talk with local electric car owners and members of Drive Electric Dayton about their experiences with battery-electric vehicles. DED will be displaying their cars; some will be available for free test-drives or demonstrations guided by the owners. A variety of privately owned electric cars are anticipated to be displayed, including models from Audi, BMW, Chevy, Ford, Tesla and Volkswagen. Area auto dealers also are expected to participate and bring their latest electric car models for inspection and arrange for test rides. A Ford Mustang Mach-E will attend. ■ ONLINE: www.facebook.com/DriveElectricDayton

and www.driveelectricdayton.com/

#### NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS BY REGION

	2018*	2019	20/210	2021**
Dayton	83	495	474	107
Ohio	1,098	6,086	6,278	1,332

\*Nov1-Dec31

\*\*-year to date

SOURCE: OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

LMC Automotive, a consulting firm, predicts more than 1 million electric vehicles will be sold in the U.S. in 2023, rising to more than 4 million by 2030 – still less than one-quarter of normal annual new vehicle sales of around 17 million. Electric vehicles now comprise less than 2% of U.S. new-vehicle sales.

From November 2018 through February 2021, total alternative fuel vehicles registered in Ohio numbered 22,899, while all passenger vehicles registered totaled 7,758,410, according to ODOT.

The president and auto industry maintain the nation is on the cusp of a gigantic shift to electric vehicles and away from liquid-fueled cars, but biofuels producers and some of their supporters in Congress aren't buying it. They argue that now is the time to increase sales of ethanol and biodiesel, not abandon them.

To help address climate change, President Joe Biden has proposed an infrastructure plan that includes billions of dollars to pay for 500,000 electric vehicle charging stations, electrify public vehicles and enhance the nation's power grid. These moves follow initiatives in California and other states to mandate electric vehicle sales and a goal by General Motors to shift production fully to electric vehicles by 2035.

The Ohio EPA last month

awarded \$3.25 million in grants to support the installation of more than 500 publicly accessible Level 2 electric vehicle charging ports at more than 170 locations in 22 counties, according to Clean Fuels Ohio. The grants will help improve Ohioans' access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure, the group said.

Jim Kelly of Washington Twp. said he purchased a Tesla Model S in 2016, a Tesla Model X in 2017 and a Tesla Model 3 in 2018.

"Along with my wife, we have driven over 131,000 trouble free miles on these vehicles," Kellysaid. "What's exciting is once you drive an electric vehicle, you do not want to go back, back to driving that old gas or diesel vehicle."

EVs not only have staying power but also the ability to continue on a trajectory of growth, especially with electric pickups, commercial vans and semi trucks on the way, Kelly said.

"It's clear now that personal and commercial transportation is changing, and it's electric," he said. "From Tesla's Cybertruck and Semi Tractor and Amazon's Electric Delivery Vans, transportation as we know it will change and change very soon. Almost all automobile manufacturers have

awarded \$3.25 million in some kind of electric vehigrants to support the instal- cle program."

Benford said part of the appeal of EVs are how inexpensive they are to fuel up, especially if one has a solar-paneled roof.

"I have 20 panels on the roof and so I haven't paid an electricity bill since last July, so basically I'm driving for free," Benford said.

Even without a solar roof, and just using AES Ohio electricity at 12 cents a kilowatt hour, it costs just \$2.53 in electricity to drive 100 miles, he said.

Benford founded Drive Electric Dayton in 2017 after placing his reservation in 2016 for his Tesla Model 3, which he has nicknamed "Sparky."

Excited to contact other EV enthusiasts, he created a Facebook page with the name Drive Electric Dayton "and it snowballed from there," he said.

The group has since amassed 363 members, of which 174 are EV owners in the Miami Valley. Membership is free. "All folks need is to be EV-curious or an owner," Benford said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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# Ohio medical pot facilities may double

Region could gain up to 17 dispensaries based on allocation method.

#### By Chris Stewart Staff Writer

The number of medical marijuana dispensaries in Ohio will more than double to 130 dis<sub>7</sub> pensaries if all the additional 7/3 licenses allocated by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy on Monday are awarded later this year.

"It's about time," said Lorrie Callahan, a West Milton resident who uses medical marijuana to ease her multiple sclerosis symptoms. "I'm thrilled beyond words, because that's saying they're actually listening to the patients."

A 16 county region that includes Montgomery County could gain 17 new dispensaries based on the state's updated method that allocates one for every 1,200 patients within each of the 31 Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program dispensary districts. The new method was created "with the intent of creating equal access across all of the districts," said Sharon Maerten-Moore, the Board of Pharmacy's director of medical marijuana operations.

Under the new allocation, Montgomery County could get four new dispensaries to add to the three it has now. Southwest District 3, which includes Miami County along with Logan and Shelby counties, currently has no dispensary but would gain two under the new plan approved unanimously by the state board.

The district including Warren County would jump from just one to potentially seven dispensaries. Butler, Darke and Preble counties, which comprise Southwest District 2, could see three new dispensaries for a total of five. The districts which include Clark and Greene counties would each rise from two to three dispensaries.

The state has "far, far exceeded" the 12,000 to 24,000 medical

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marijuana patients projected during the first two years of the program that opened in April of 2019, Maerten-Moore said.

At the end of February, the program had 176,000 patients with roughly 7,500 new patients being added each month, according to Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program records.

"We are adding patients at a very quick clip," Maerten-Moore said.

Callahan said the ability to purchase medical marijuana was a "blessing" but she often must make the rounds to far-flung dispensaries - from Dayton to Springfield to Monroe - in order to find the edibles in stock that allow her to function and maintain a job.

"I have to float between three dispensaries because they're not all consistent on their products yet," she said.

Ohio patients can get a medical marijuana recommendation from a certified doctor to treat more than 20 qualifying medical conditions, including Alzheimer's disease, chronic pain, fibromyalgia, Parkinson's disease and post-traumatic stress disorder.

As of March 20, the program's total product sales reached \$344 million on 40,475 pounds of plant material and more than 3.1 million units of manufactured product. Average plant cost was \$30.46 for 1/10th of an ounce while manufactured sales averaged \$42.69 per unit, according to program statistics.

Maerten-Moore said survey results showed patients fall out of the program primarily due to distance from

REGION'S MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES COULD MORE THAN DOUBLE A 16-county region that includes Montgomery County could gain 17 new medical marijuana dispensaries under a measure passed by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy. A new allocation method based on 1,200 patients per dispensary per district would allow a total of 27 in the region.

Region/District	Counties	Current patients per district	New dispensaries	Newtota
Southwest District 2	Butler, Darke, Preble	5,817	3	5
Southwest District 3	Logan, Miami, Shelby	2,288	2	2
Southwest District 4	Montgomery	8,389	4	7
Southwest District 5	Clermont, Clinton, Warren	7,245	6	7
Southwest District 7	Fayette, Greene, Madison	2,858	1	3
Southwest District 8	Champaign, Clark, Union	2,989	1	3

SOURCE: STATE OF OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY



Strawberry Fields on Wayne Avenue in Dayton is one of 57 currently licensed medical marijuana dispensaries in the state. The State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy approved adding 73 more licenses this week. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

products.

"If additional dispensaries are added that and patient travel decreases and due to more competition in the market, hopefully that prices will continue to decrease

dispensaries and the cost of over time," she said.

Provisional licenses for the 73 new dispensaries will be granted via a lottery, which worries some dispensary operators like Larry Pegram, president of Pure Ohio Wellness which operates dispensaries in Dayton and Springfield.

"It's a little concerning that it's going to be a lottery system," he said. "I would expect that anyone would want to get their medical products from the

#### 'We are adding patients at a very quick clip.'

Sharon Maerten-Moore. Ohio Board of Pharmacy's director of medical marijuana operations

highest-scoring applicants, not just picked out of a hat."

While the system for awarding the next round of provisional licenses is still being developed, requirements for security and standards will be similar to those used to approve the first 57 dispensaries, of which currently 52 are operational, Maerten-Moore said.

Matt Close, executive director of the Ohio Medical Cannabis Industry Association, said the group asked the state to add 100 dispensaries. While the increase approved this week is beneficial, it might come up short faster than expected, he said.

"I believe my members think this is fair and the distribution is positive," he said. "We just want to make sure going forward as we grow at 7,500 a month patients that they're able to be quick and nimble in terms of adding more."

# Village places 6-month moratorium on short-term rentals 30 days or less

Waynesville residents had raised concerns about Airbnb rental.

#### By Ed Richter Staff Writer

Waynesville has imposed a sixmonth moratorium on short-term rentals of 30 days or less in the Warren County village.

The moratorium imposed Monday was the result of local residents who recently raised concerns about a residence that was believed to have become an Airbnb rental.

At an April 5 Waynesville Village Council meeting, resident Sharon Jewell of Robindale Drive presented a petition by concerned residents who were against allowing a possible Airbnb rental on her street.

Jewell expressed concerns about property values being brought down. In addition, she said there were concerns about the element of some renters and felt it would be bad for the community to allow Airbnb rentals in areas of the village that are zoned for single-family residential homes.

Another resident Travis

Hatmaker of Joycie Lane raised concerns April 5 about two drive-by shootings that had happened in other area municipalities involving Airbnb rentals. He did not think residentially zoned areas were appropriate for Airbnbs.

While Waynesville has ordinances that regulate local hotels and bed & breakfast inns, the village has nothing in its code regulating the short-term rentals of less than 30 days, such as Airbnb or VRMO rentals.

Village Law Director Jeff Forbes

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said in addition to the sixmonth pause on short-term rentals, the moratorium also requires council to research the issue and to develop

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regulations for these types of rentals.

"Courts allow this as long as the village is actively looking at the issue," he said.

Forbes said council could have a work session to gather more information and more public input.

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He said a council committee could look into the issue and develop regulations for short-term rentals as an village ordinance or council could opt to add this to the village zoning code and refer the question to the village Planning Commission to begin

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the process.

Village officials said some communities, such as Blue Ash and Bellbrook, do not permit these types of rentals.

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# UD, Premier to build new medical facility



A rendering of the proposed medical facility on Brown Street. UD/CONTRIBUTED

#### The space on Brown Street will open in summer 2022.

#### By Eileen McClory Staff Writer

DAYTON — A new medical facility with services for both the University of Dayton community and the greater community will be coming in summer 2022 on South Brown Street.

UD, Premier Health, Woodard Development and Crawford Hoying are working together to create a new 30,000 square-foot, single-story medical facility, which would include medical offices for the community, a health clinic for UD employees and after-hours urgent care for UD students and employees.

"This is a first for us as an employer clinic," said Lainie Dean, chief strategy and business

#### A CLOSER LOOK

#### SERVICES THAT WILL BE OFFERED

Primary care physicians

- Orthopedic physicians, including sports medicine
   Imaging services
- Lab services provided by CompuNet Clinical Laboratories
- One stop for comprehensive rehabilitation services (sports)

medicine, occupational therapy, physical therapy, neuro-rehab, aquatic therapy and speech therapy)

Counseling services provided by Samaritan Behavioral Health

development officer at Premier Health. "Our region's employers are looking for opportunities to provide convenient access to quality health-care options for their staff, and this clinic model achieves that goal."

Premier Health will be the anchor tenant in the development, which will be located between Sawmill and Stonemill avenues on the west side of Brown Street near Patterson Homestead. There are no plans currently for any other tenants to occupy that space.

tenants to occupy that space. UD purchased and removed a funeral home and apartment building on that portion of Brown Street several years ago, according to a University of Dayton press release. Woodard Development and Crawford Hoying worked with

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the owner of the remaining vacant properties, including the old South Park Methodist Church and a former dentist's office, to bring those properties into the development. Developers said they planned to knock down the properties this spring.

"It's very important to the university that any development – and this one fits the bill – on Brown Street compliments the character of the neighborhood, residential area and the small business district near campus," said Andy Horner, University of Dayton executive vice president for business and administrative services.

Jason Woodard, principal at Woodard Development, said the developers were considering the character of Brown Street in their designs.

Dean said Premier was thinking about consolidation, convenient access and parking, as well as complimenting the services available at Miami Valley Hospital down the street, with this new development.

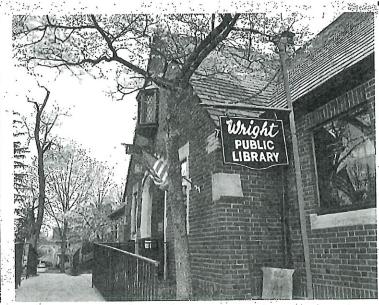
She said five primary care providers will be moving to the new space from an office on Stewart Street, which will allow the practice to grow.

According to the university, the building will house primary care and orthopedic physicians, imaging, lab and comprehensive rehabilitation services available to meet community needs and will also provide an employer clinic to UD's nearly 2,700 full-time employees. This clinic will include evening and weekend urgent care for UD staff and students.

Premier Health already operates an after-hours urgent care clinic for stur dents on campus that will move to this facility.

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## Library renovations will add community space, enhance parking

The \$5.1 million revitalization now underway at Wright Memorial Public Library in Oakwood will enhance community space within the facility, add additional amenities for library patrons and enhance parking, according to Wright Library Director Kristi Hale.

"This project is going to ensure that the physical building of the library continues its five-star services for generations to come," Hale said.

Seventy-five percent of the joint public-private venture is being funded through 10-year note against future tax revenues at an interest rate of 1.57 percent, with the remaining 25 percent funded through private donations. With a recent \$150,000 gift from the Eichelberger Foundation, Library officials earlier this month announced that they were at 90 percent of goal in the philanthropic campaign supporting the project.

The ongoing revitalization project follows on the heels of a \$500,000 historic preservation effort at the library in 2018. That renovation was "a historic preservation project where we took the historic part of the building and brought it back to its original luster. The other 83 percent of our library has not been updated for the past 30-40 years," Hale noted.

Hale said the latest library improvement includes updating all of the structure's major infrastructure systems. "A huge part of this is our HVAC system, bringing it up to today's standards with air flow, modernizing the elevator, turning our lights into LEDs to lower operating costs, making sure the exterior of the building is repaired, the roof, all of that is included in this project. Then, in addition, we are going to transform Wright Library into a beautiful civic space that fully functions as a modern learning environment for all types of users.

"It's going to greatly improve accessibility with ADA restrooms, handicap parking, and accessible shelves," Hale added. "We are going to be separating the active spaces from quiet spaces so that all users have a better experience. Creating a richer environment for teens and children is a big priority for the project, and then carrying the aesthetic of the beautiful historic building deeper into the building. We have been fortunate to have been given some historic furniture, some of it from Standard Register, that matches the furniture that is

in the front reading rooms."

Noting that the library's physical footprint will remain largely unchanged, with most of the alterations occurring within the existing structure, Hale said "the focus of the project is to be better, not bigger, so there is not a lot of new construction here."

But patrons will see the return of a lower-level entryway and service desk, amenities formerly available to users but closed years ago, as well as the installation of a holds pick-up locker and indoor stroller parking on the lower level, and installation of a self-checkout station.

"We are creating a new vestibule in the back of the lower level that will allow us to reopen the park entrance and give people a better experience with parking, including adding some ADA parking on Aberdeen. That's a good opportunity for us to improve accessibility. The lower level really becomes an active space for children, teens and the AV collection." Four ADA-compliant parking spaces will be added on Aberdeen, according to plans, while the front entrance to the library will see the ramps and railings removed along with the installation of new landscaping.

An outdoor learning area will be added, connecting to the park through French doors, to increase program space, and technology upgrades and tutoring booths will be added to the children's and teen areas of the library.

Other interior remodels and upgrades will include a "crows nest" meeting area on the library's main level, and installation of a first-floor conference room overlooking the park. The centerpiece of that conference room, Hale said, will be a vintage Standard Register conference table.

The community room, formerly located on the lower level, will move upstairs to main floor with larger seating capacity and upgrades featuring built-in projectors, speakers, microphones and assisted listening technology for the hearing impaired. "This room is used for all of the library's big programs and it's also a large community space," Hale added.

Hale said the library is currently in the first phase of the three-phase revitalization project, with work expected to begin on the second phase of planned upgrades by midsummer.

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# Library nears \$1.5M goal for renovations



Wright Memorial Public Library is on the National Register of Historic Places. STAFF

Campaign is on track to execute restoration project within its budget.

#### **By Nick Blizzard** Staff Writer

OAKWOOD - Wright Memorial Public Library has reached more than 90% of its \$1.5 million capital campaign goal to renovate the historic site, a project now underway.

The \$5 million public/private venture will include work on more than 80% of the Far Hills Avenue facility that is on the National Register of Historic Places, library Director Kristi Hale said.

The latest six-figure commitment to the library's Making an Impact capital campaign was a \$150,000 gift from The Jack W. and Sally D. Eichelberger Foundation of The Dayton Foundation, officials said.

The campaign is about \$50,000 short of its goal, which "means that we're going to be able to execute this project within our budget and have the revenue to complete it the way it needs to be completed," Hale said. The Eichelbergers were long-

time Oakwood residents. Jack Eichelberger was a prominent Dayton attorney and real estate entrepreneur, according to the library. Sally Eichelberger was a member of the Dayton Women's Club.

Library leaders have been "truly overwhelmed by and grateful for the community's support," Wright Library Foundation Board President Elaine Gounaris said in a statement announcing the Eichelberger foundation's contribution.

Those funds will be combined with money from a 1.5-mill levy passed by 67% of voters last year, officials said.

The levy is expected to generate \$474,307 annually and will help continue 2018 preservation work financed by \$500,000 in donations, Hale has said.

The work three years ago renovated the "historic part" of the building, she said.

The 81-year-old library named after Orville and Wilbur Wright,

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as well as their sister Katharine, opened in 1939 and was placed on the national registry in 2013.

It will remain open during construction, but the lower level is closed as part of Phase I, which is expected to be completed in July, Hale said.

The renovation's second phase will include closing parts of the upper level, she added.

"We have a very small new

construction addition for a new vestibule and conference room," Hale said.

"The project was largely to stay within our existing footprint. But we have this small addition so we can reopen the east entrance and make a code compliant entryway," she added.

The renovation is expected to be completed near the end of 2021, Ĥale said.

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Photographer Walt Maken captured some of the progress being made on replacing the Ridgeway Road Bridge over West Dorothy Lane in Kettering last week. The \$2.67 million span is expected to be com-pleted this fall and will incorporate a public art component in the design. design.

Photos by Walt Maken

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#### CENTERVILLE

# Former Mayor Sally Beals dies

#### By Micah Karr Staff Writer

Former Centerville Mayor Sally Beals has died, the city of Centerville announced.

She served on the Centerville City Council for eight years and served two terms as mayor.

Beals was in charge of acquiring and renovating Benham's Grove, an abandoned farmhouse that Beals helped grow to a community gathering place, a release from the City of Centerville said. She was also committed to helping The Golf Club at Yankee Trace grow into a professional golf facility and event space.

In 1998, Beals helped establish the Centerville-Washington Foundation, a group that supports nonprofits in the community. The foundation granted Beals its Founders Award in 2017 for her contributions, the release said.

"Those of us who were fortunate enough to work with Sally know that her goal every day was to advocate for the City of Centerville and



Sally Beals

make sure Centerville was a great place to live, work and raise a family. She did that locally, statewide and nationally and was most assuredly successful in her goal," Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton said. "Mayor Beals vill be sorely missed, but her meaningful life and great legacy will remain for all those who call Centervile home today and well into the future."

Sally Beals' husband, John Beals, died in 2019 during his third term on the Centerville City Council. They were married for 60 years and raised three children.

Service information was not available in the release.

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# CENTERVILLE Services set for former Centerville Mayor Sally Beals



Former Centerville Mayor Sally Beals

**By Nick Blizzard** Staff Writer

CENTERVILLE — Services are set for former Centerville Mayor Sally Beals.

Visitation will be held April 25 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace while services are set for April 26 at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 6430 Far Hills Ave., according to the city.

The Monday event will be end by the city. followed by a tribute drive past the Centerville Municipal Building and Stubbs Park.

The Sunday visitation is set for 1-4 p.m. and Monday's event will be at 9 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. memorial service, according to the city. Beals died on Friday at age 83 and her death was announced over the week-

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Beals moved to Centerville city's council from 1988-1995 and was Centerville mayor from 1996-2004.

Her husband John Beals died in 2019 during his third term on city council.

They were married for more than 60 years and raised three children in Centerville.

#### BEALS (DREWING), Sally

Age 83, of Centerville passed away on Friday, April 16, 2021. She led an active life of family, service and travel. She served as Mayor of Centerville for eight years (1996-2003) and member of City Council for the preceding two terms. Sally was born in 1937 in Tipp City, Ohio, to Emma Gertrude (Frings) and Herman Edward Drewing. She was a graduate of The Ohio State University where she met her husband of 61 years, John.



to Emma Gertrude (Frings) and Herman Edward Drewing. She was a graduate of The Ohio State University where she met her husband of 61 years, John. Sally is survived by her three children, John E. (Lori) Beals of Columbus, Nancy (Mary Harris) of Marysville, Jennifer Beals Smiley of Ormond Beach, FL.; three grandchildren, Peter Beals, Gavin Smiley, and Ella Smiley. Family will greet friends 1-4 pm Sunday, April 25 at Yankee Trace Golf Club. A second visitation will be held 9:00 am on Monday, April 26 at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 6430 Far Hills Ave., Dayton 45459, with the Funeral Service beginning at 10:00 am. Livestream available to watch via Routsong's channel on www.youtube.com. Burial will be held at Maple Hill Cemetery in Tipp City at 1 pm. For complete memorial and to share your condolences with the family please visit

www.routsong.com

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#### GREENECOUNTY



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# Veteran, paratrooper marks 100th birthday

Soon-to-be centenarian will be celebrated with tribute at Jump Fest.

#### By Bonnie Meibers Staff Writer

XENIA — Parachute jumpers from all over the country will pay tribute to a Greene County veteran for his 100th birthday.

A celebratory Jump Fest for Jim "Pee Wee" Martin will be held from April 22 through 25. He turns 100 on April 29. Martin was a paratrooper who jumped on D-Day as part of the 101st Airborne Division.

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Martin earned the nickname "Pee Wee" by being the lightest paratrooper in his regiment. He lives in the same house that he built in Sugarcreek Twp. after he came home from the war.

People will be jumping most of the day on Friday and Saturday to honor Martin. Martin's granddaughter, Jodi Martin, who lives in Bellbrook, is scheduled to do her first tandem jump in honor of her grandfather. Pee Wee Martin will meet his granddaughter on the landing pad. Jodi Martin said her grandfather gave her some advice

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about jumping out of a plane. "They call him a local hero," Jodi Martin said. "He'll tell you he is not a hero, he was paid to do a job and that's what he did. He's just very humble."

Jim Martin said he will not be jumping in this event.

There will be comments from Army officials and local government officials on the evening of Saturday, April 24, at Skydive Greene County, located at 177 S. Monroe Siding Road in Xenia. Also on Saturday there will be a fireworks show donated by Rozzi Fireworks. Country music singer Karen Waldrup will also be performing on Saturday.

Three historic aircraft will fly over with a mass parachute drop to honor Martin. The aircraft participating include, C-47 Placid Lassie of the Tunison Foundation, u-47 That's All, Brother and C-53 D-Day Doll are owned and operated by the Commemorative Air Force. All aircraft are also active members of the D-Day Squadron, which flew missions on D-Day and have been restored and preserved to represent their role in the Allied invasion of Normandy.

The 101st, 82nd Airborne Divisions and Golden Knights are expected to participate.

The Jump Fest will serve as a tribute to all members of the hailed Screaming Eagles, for their role as liberators of Europe and freeing citizens from Nazi Germany's control, said CJ Machado, who is helping coordinate the event. Remaining Screaming Eagles, Bob Izumi, Tom Rice, Dan McBride, Dick Klein, and Vincent J. Speranza, all in their 90s, will be in attendance to celebrate.

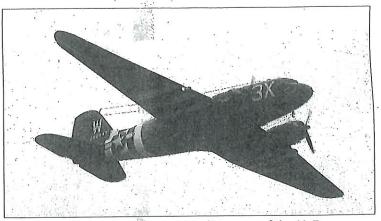
The events honoring Martin are free and open to the public. There will be a food truck and a beer truck at the event.

There is no public parking at Skydive Greene County. Visitors can park at Caesar Ford Park and get shuttled to Skydive Greene County.

For more information about the event, visit https:// wandrvets.org.

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That's All, Brother flies to the National Museum of the Air Force on Tuesday for a three-day visit.

# Key D-Day airplane arrives for local visit

The C47 is available on static display today and Thursday.

By Thomas Gnau Staff Writer

The first Allied C47 airplane to fly over the Nazi-held Normandy beaches on D-Day nearly 77 years ago touched down behind the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at about 8:36 a.m. Tuesday, starting a three-day stay that will give visitors a glimpse of living history.

Col. Malcolm "Mitch" Mitchell, of the Commemorative Air Force – the organization that bought and restored the historic C47 – reflected on what the 18 to 22 young paratroopers aboard the lead plane were thinking and feeling as they flew into a turning point of history on the early morning of June 6, 1944.

"Imagine what went through the paratroopers' minds, sitting in that airplane," Mitchell said,

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minutes after the plane landed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. "They're young kids - 17-, 18-, 19-years old. They've got 80 pounds of gear on their back, and when they crossed the French coastline, the weather was bad.

"So this airplane, in the lead, it was down to about 300 or 400 feet (above the ground). It was dark. You're bouncing around. You're being shot at. The door opens - and there you are, you're looking down. You're going to jump into the dark, and you don't know what's going to happen," he said.

Called That's All, Brother - a 1940s phrase meant to send a clear warning to Axis powers in World War II the plane went on to fight in •other battles beyond D-Day, including Operation Market Garden.

Over the next several decades, this C-47 changed hands many times until two Air Force historians discovered the aircraft lying in a "bonevard" in Wisconsin, according to the museum and the Commemorative Air Force. The latter organization acquired the aircraft and returned it to flying status, restoring its origi-



Col. Malcolm "Mitch" Mitchell talks about the historic plane that landed at the National Museum of the Air Force on Tuesday for a three-day visit. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

nal exterior appearance and paint scheme while readving the craft for modern usage. The plane returned to the

skies over Normandy for the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in 2019. Doug Lantry, curator and

historian at the Air Force Museum, said the plane dropped the first paratroopers at about 12:48 a.m. June 6, 1944, the first strike in the battle that ultimately began the liberation of Western Europe.

That's All, Brother is now. on the runway behind the museum available for viewing on static display Wednesday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.; and Thursday between 9 a.m. and noon.

Some northbound motorists briefly parked Tuesday morning, lining Harshman Avenue in Riverside to watch the plane land. They also watched from the museum's Memorial Park.

When visitors go inside the craft, they will not see sarv events. a luxury experience.

"It won't be like going into an airliner," Lantry said. "It's more like going into a pickup truck. It's tilted for one. It's a taildragger, so when you get in the airplane, if you get in the back, you're walking uphill to get to the front. And that's notable. That's notable because not many airplanes are made like that any more."

Jordan Brown, the Com-

memorative Air Force pilot for this leg of the plane's nationwide tour, said it is an honor to fly this plane and others for the organization. He flew this C47 back from Normandy two years ago after the 75th anniver-

"The C47, I say this all the time, it's a grand lady to fly," Brown said. "It's a wonderful handling airplane, flying is not fast, but when you're sitting up there, you have time to reflect think of the history of this airplane and the opportunity we have to fly it."

On Thursday, the aircraft will take-off and depart between 1 and 2 p.m. The plane is scheduled to

Jonathan Dalton and his son, Rowan, watch as the flight crew of the That's All, Brother, a C47 airplane, refuel the aircraft Monday at Grimes Field in Urbana. BILL LACKEY / STAFF

fly to Xenia this weekend for a special 100th birthday celebration for Sugarcreek Twp. resident Jim "Pee Wee" Martin, who was a paratrooper on D-Day. The plane will be at the Greene County-Lewis A. Jackson Regional Airport.

For more information in the plane's ongoing nationwide tour, visit https:// thatsallbrother.org/tour/

For additional information about the aircraft and accompanying events, visit www. nationalmuseum.af.mil/ Upcoming/C-47-Landing/.

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