

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
APRIL 9, 2021

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

April 10, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. – New Resident Breakfast (Outside OCC)
April 19, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
May 3, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
May 15, Saturday – That Day in May
May 24, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
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:

- **New Resident Breakfast:** The drive-thru event is from 9:30 to 11 a.m. tomorrow. We are expecting around 60 vehicles with 200 +/- meals served. The event was originally scheduled to end at 11:30 a.m., but is shortened given the number of participants. Enclosed is a copy of the invitation. Steve, Rob, Anne and Leigh have offered to help. They should arrive at the OCC at around 9:15 a.m. In addition to breakfast, we will give each family a gift/info bag that will include the following:
 - Welcome letter from me (see enclosed).
 - Information from the Oakwood Schools, Wright Library and the Oakwood Historical Society.
 - An Oakwood coffee mug.
 - A refrigerator magnet with city information (see enclosed).
 - A gift certificate from Ashley's.
- **#1 Place to Live:** Enclosed are *DDN* website and *Register* articles about Oakwood being rated the #1 place to live in Ohio.
- **May Work Session:** Our May work session date is changed from May 17 to May 24. We will cancel the meeting if we have no pressing business.
- **FOP Easter Parade:** We estimate that around 400 residents participated in the FOP Easter event last weekend. They handed out 4,000 eggs! Enclosed is a *Register* article.



- **First Suburbs:** Enclosed is a press release that was distributed today by the National League of Cities announcing that our First Suburbs Consortium of Dayton was selected from 18 applicants nationally as the winner of the NLC 2021 Economic Development Program. The program is aimed at attracting and retaining workforce talent. It culminates in a half day conference here in the Dayton area scheduled for September 15, 2021. Also enclosed is a one-page summary of the program providing additional details.

- Ridgeway Road Bridge: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about two Kettering projects... the Ridgeway Road bridge replacement, and Vectren gas line work at Far Hills & Stroop. The overnight closing of W. Dorothy Lane around Ridgeway Road is still scheduled for April 12 and 13. Also enclosed is a *Register* article about the bridge work.
- Water and Sewer Rate Survey: The city of Piqua volunteered to take over the duties of completing this annual survey.
- Wright Library Project: As Kristi Hale reported at the council meeting last Monday, the library has raised about 90% of the \$1.5 million they sought in private funds. Enclosed is a *Register* article. Also enclosed is a letter that the library mailed today to the property owners on Aberdeen between Far Hills and Shafor. It includes a site plan depicting how the handicap parking spaces will be constructed.
- OCC Brochure: Enclosed is a *Register* article about the publishing of the spring/summer OCC brochure.
- Park Avenue Mailbox: We expect the mailbox across from the city building to be returned within a few days.
- That Day in May: 2021 TDIM will take place in two parts, with several traditional events on Saturday, May 15, including a dog show & costume contest (see enclosed), and a golf outing on Monday, May 17. Enclosed is a sponsorship flyer that provides some details. The Rotary Club is still working on details regarding the Saturday events.
- DP&L Pole Replacement Project: DP&L is engaged in a project to replace 22 power poles in Oakwood. The project started in late 2019 and was delayed due to COVID-19. Enclosed is a list of the 22 pole locations.



- School Air Quality: Enclosed is a letter from the Oakwood Schools that was distributed via email last Sunday. Also enclosed are March 17 and April 7 *Register* letters to the editor expressing concern about the CO2 levels at the Jr/Sr High.

- Little Acorn Academy Playground: The playground construction is completed.



- COVID-19: Enclosed are the following:
- *DDN* article about an Oakwood family dealing with COVID-19. Their 14-year-old daughter is referred to as a “long-hauler”, suffering long term affects.
 - *DDN* article about a recent increase in COVID-19 cases.
 - A line graph showing the number of cases per 100,000 residents in Montgomery County since tracking began last summer. Rob Jacques created this graph from data presented on the ODH COVID-19 dashboard. <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/other-resources/public-health-advisory-system/public-health-advisory-system>
- George Liston: George placed the sign below on his frontage at 111 Oakwood Avenue.



HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

ENCLOSURE LIST

New Resident Breakfast Invitation & Letter

DDN & Register Article re: Best Place to Live

First Suburbs Press Release & Summary

DDN & Register Article re: Ridgeway Road Bridge

Register Article & Letter re: Wright Library Project

Register Article re: OCC Brochure

That Day in May Flyer

DP&L Pole Replacement Project Pole Locations

Email & *Register* Article re: School Air Quality

Register Article re: FOP Easter Parade

DDN Articles & Line Graph re: COVID-19



***NEW RESIDENT
DRIVE-THRU
PANCAKE BREAKFAST***

***SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021
DRIVE-THRU BETWEEN 9:30 AM AND 11:30 AM***

***WHILE WE CAN'T ENJOY OUR REGULAR
SIT-DOWN BREAKFAST WITH ALL OUR NEW
RESIDENTS, OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WOULD
LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A DRIVE THROUGH AT THE
OAKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER AND PICK UP A
TASTY BREAKFAST OF PANCAKES, SAUSAGE,
BACON AND A DANISH COOKED BY CITY OF
OAKWOOD STAFF MEMBERS.***

***PLEASE RSVP BY CALLING THE OCC AT
937-298-0775 OR BY EMAIL AT
OCC@OAKWOOD.OH.US. PLEASE GIVE US YOUR
NAME AND THE NUMBER OF MEALS YOU WILL
NEED AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN A PICKUP TIME
RESERVATION. THE MORNING OF THE
BREAKFAST, WE ASK THAT YOU WEAR YOUR
MASK WHILE YOU DRIVE THROUGH TO PICK UP
YOUR MEALS GIVEN TO YOU BY CITY COUNCIL
AND STAFF.***

WELCOME TO OAKWOOD!!!



April 10, 2021

Welcome to Oakwood!

We are very pleased that you chose Oakwood as your home. We are a caring and welcoming community of about 9,200 residents. Oakwood is the premier residential community in the Miami Valley. We have this distinction because of our beautiful neighborhoods, unmatched public safety, public works, recreation and leisure offerings, excellent schools and library, and, most importantly, because of our citizens.

You should have recently received via US mail the 2020 Oakwood Annual Report. I encourage you to read the report to become familiar with our city services, city finances, and the manner in which we operate our local government in the delivery of public services. I think you will find the report very interesting and informative. I also refer you to our city website at www.oakwoodohio.gov. You will find it user friendly and full of important information about our city government, city services and local events.

On behalf of City Council and staff, thank you for choosing Oakwood as your home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Klopsch", is written over the typed name.

Norbert S. Klopsch
City Manager

**A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS,
FAMILY & FUN!**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Police, Fire and Rescue Emergency Number

911

Administration/City Manager

937-298-0600

Personnel and Properties

937-298-0411

City Inspections and Zoning

937-297-2920

Finance and Utility Billing

937-298-0402

Income Tax

937-298-0531

Leisure Services

937-298-0775

Municipal Court

937-293-3058

Public Safety

937-298-2122

Public Works/Engineering

937-298-0777

City of Oakwood Website

www.oakwoodohio.gov

Oakwood Community Center Website

www.oakwoodleisureservices.com



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Dayton suburb ranked No. 1 best place to live in Ohio



[LOCAL NEWS](#) | April 7, 2021

By Nick Blizzard

Oakwood has been ranked No. 1 on a list of the best places to live in Ohio.

The suburb of about 9,200 residents received an overall rating of A+ by niche.com and was the only Dayton-area city to make the list's top 10 places to live in the state.

Niche rated Oakwood using the following categories: public schools (A+), crime and safety (grade unavailable), housing (A), nightlife (A-), good for families (A+) and diversity (B-). Oakwood is 95% white.

Oakwood created a coalition in 2020 that is focused on inclusivity and diversity. The goal is to address issues which one top official said have left a "lingering reputation of a community which is troubling."

Some residents sought a group like the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition since last September, when a report was issued that criticized the city's safety department treatment of minorities.

Oakwood was followed in the top 10 by Ottawa Hills, Shaker Heights, Madeira, Granville, Bexley, Solon, Montgomery, Blue Ash and Dublin, according to the website.

Nine out of the top 10 communities ranked by Niche rank in the top 5% in Ohio by median income, according to the Ohio Department of Education.

Mason was ranked 16th. Centerville (29th), Yellow Springs (48th), Springboro (55th), Beavercreek (57th), Bellbrook (63rd) and Kettering (97th) were the only other Dayton-area cities in the top 100.

Niche said the rankings were based on “a comprehensive assessment of the overall livability of an area.” The rankings also consider several factors other factors, including housing trends, employment statistics and access to amenities, according to the website.

TOP PLACES TO LIVE IN OHIO

[Niche.com](#) rated the top places to live in Ohio. They include:

1-Oakwood

2-Ottawa Hills

3-Shaker Heights

4-Madeira

5-Granville

6-Bexley

7-Solon

8-Montgomery

9-Blue Ash

10-Dublin

Others in area on list:

16-Mason

29-Centerville

48-Yellow Springs

55-Springboro

57-Beavercreek

63-Bellbrook

97-Kettering

Ohio Senate commends city as 'Best Place to Live in Ohio'

At this week's City Council meeting on Monday, Oakwood Mayor Bill Duncan read into the record a commendation from the Ohio State Senate recognizing Oakwood for being named the "Best Place to Live in Ohio" by the website Niche.com.

The proclamation, signed by Ohio Senate President Matt Huffman and Ohio Sen. Niraj Antani (R-6th Dist.), notes that "the City of Oakwood has gained a reputation as an amiable and pleasant community, offering wonderful places to live and explore, and 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."

Niche is an online service that ranks K-12 schools, colleges and universities, as well as places to live and work in the United States. In its 2021 listings, Niche ranked Oakwood as the Best Place to Live in Ohio, followed by Ottawa Hills, a Toledo suburb, and Cleveland suburb Shaker Heights. The website considered such factors as cost of living, education rate, home values, crime rates, diversity, walkability, and health and wellness in compiling its annual ranking.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM OF DAYTON OHIO
Willis Serr, Board Chair and Centerville Councilmember
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**FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM OF DAYTON OHIO WINS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

[DAYTON, OHIO] – A group of Dayton suburbs just won the prestigious spot in a national economic development program aimed at attracting and retaining workforce talent.

The National League of Cities (NLC) selected the First Suburbs Consortium of Dayton (FSC) out of 18 applicants across the country as the winner of its 2021 Economic Development Program. The program is a partnership with national consulting firm TIP Strategies to offer pro bono economic development consulting.

The First Suburbs Consortium of Dayton includes Centerville, Clayton, Harrison Township, Huber Heights, Kettering, Moraine, Oakwood, Riverside, Trotwood, Vandalia, Washington Township and West Carrollton. These communities are part of the Dayton Metropolitan Area, with an estimated population of more than 810,000.

TIP Strategies will work with FSC over the next several months to gather important economic data related to the retention and recruitment of workforce talent. This work will culminate in a one day forum where TIP Strategies will present findings to an audience of community stakeholders.

“The last year has been challenging for many communities. Partnerships like this bring together the expert knowledge of the private sector with the logistical expertise and community engagement of the public sector. NLC is proud to support local leaders looking for innovative and creative ways to restart their economies,” NLC CEO and Executive Director Clarence Anthony said.

Board Chair Willis Serr said the First Suburbs Consortium is honored and excited to have been selected to bring this important economic development initiative to the Dayton region.

“Securing this grant and conference is a great accomplishment. We anticipate developing tools to help employers successfully attract the best talent possible,” Serr said. “The partnership also has the potential to improve prosperity of our communities by developing strategies to increase the number of college graduates and military personnel who stay in the region.”

"TIP Strategies is excited to partner with The First Suburbs Consortium of Dayton Ohio to develop a data-driven event that sparks new ideas and creative actions for attracting and retaining talent. A region's ability to attract and retain people directly impacts the economic health of its municipalities and post-pandemic trends indicate a significant transition ahead around how and where people work. The Dayton application spoke to the desire to focus specifically on this critical topic as well as their willingness to collaborate to address talent challenges and opportunities moving forward," TIP Strategies Senior Partner Jeff Marcell said.

NLC launched this partnership specifically to offer resources to those communities that exist on the outskirts of major metropolitan areas and often are challenged to draw critical economic development projects.

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First Tier Suburbs

Economic Development Program

Sponsored by NLC and TIP Strategies



About:

The half-day conference on September 15, 2021, is designed to convene elected leaders, government officials, nonprofit organizations, and education professionals from the Dayton region to focus on keeping, growing, and attracting workforce talent. During the half-day event, participants will review national economic development best practices, generate ideas for addressing areas of concern, and identify opportunities for regional collaboration.

The event will be facilitated by TIP Strategies and include the following sessions:

Current state. Attendees will gain an understanding of where the Dayton region along with the First Suburbs of Dayton stands on keeping, growing, and attracting workforce talent. This will be based on a targeted analysis of relevant indicators.

Best practice models. A panel discussion featuring NLC members will highlight examples from around the country that have found innovative solutions to talent attraction and retention.

Breakout sessions. Attendees will participate in small group discussions to review and synthesize the ideas and solutions presented and propose specific opportunities for local stakeholders to collaborate to effect economic change.

Conference Topics:

On September 15, 2021, the priority will be given to keeping, growing, and attracting talent. Examples of topics that affect these issues and may be included in the conference include:

- Collaboration with educational institutions
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Local employer partnerships
- Placemaking
- Remote worker recruitment

Outcome:

The conference will provide the Dayton region along with the First Suburbs of Dayton with analysis highlighting current conditions related to talent attraction and retention and a list of next steps and solutions conceived during the event. TIP Strategies will synthesize these ideas into a best practices guide so other communities can learn from the Dayton region along with the First Suburbs of Dayton.

The results of this conference are intended to serve as a learning model for other NLC members across the country and will become part of a clearinghouse of regional solutions and approaches for dealing with the biggest obstacles to long-term regional economic success.

Additionally, the conference will be featured within various national publications, the NLC website, Social Media blog, and at the 2021 City Summit Conference in Salt Lake City, UT in November 2021.

About TIP Strategies:

TIP Strategies, Inc. (TIP) is a privately held Austin-based firm providing consulting and advisory services to public and private sector clients. Established in 1995, the firm's core competence in strategic planning for economic development has broadened to include expertise in talent strategies and in organizational development.

TIP has worked with more than 300 clients in the US and abroad to develop innovative strategies, programs, and outreach campaigns. We are a team of experienced practitioners who have led successful public and private sector initiatives before we consulted. Our depth of hands-on, professional experience allows us to understand the unique challenges our clients face. We pride ourselves on our ability to think creatively, and we customize each engagement to meet the client's specific needs, from initial outreach to final implementation.



Steel beams are going to be installed over West Dorothy Lane at Ridgeway Road. The work will close Dorothy between Southern Boulevard and Far Hills Avenue from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. April 12 and 13, according to the city.

2 projects to impact busy intersection

Stroop/Far Hills to see closure tomorrow, be part of detour next week.

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

KETTERING — A busy intersection near the heart of Kettering will be impacted by two projects that will restrict traffic there and close part of another road.

The Far Hills Avenue and Stroop Road crossroads will be the location this week for gas line repairs. It also will be part of detour routes

next week as a section of West Dorothy Lane is shut down for the \$3 million Ridgeway Road bridge replacement, Kettering officials said.

Work by Vectren will impact traffic at the Far Hills/Stroop intersection starting Tuesday at 7 p.m. until Wednesday morning. Traffic will be maintained, but lane restrictions will be in place, according to the city.

Traffic on West Dorothy Lane will be detoured between Southern Boulevard and Far Hills (Ohio 48) as that part of the road closes April 12 and April 13 due to the

Ridgeway bridge work, Kettering officials said.

The detour routes in both directions for West Dorothy will use Southern, West Stroop and Far Hills from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. both nights, according to the city.

"We're not anticipating major traffic issues and that's the whole reason we're doing this work at night ... to avoid heavy traffic delays," Kettering Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser said.

"If motorists are traveling on the west side of Kettering — Dorothy,

Road work continued on B4

Road work

continued from B1

Stroop, Far Hills — during the evening hours or overnight on those days, just be aware of workers in the area, follow the signs, reduce your speed. All the typical things you should do in the work zone," he added.

Local traffic will be maintained on West Dorothy, but the road will be blocked at the Ridgeway bridge, according to the city.

West Dorothy will close so five steel beams can be installed, Bergstresser said. Each of them is about 114 feet long and weighs around 35,000 pounds, he added.

"Putting the beams in place will be quite an accomplishment," Bergstresser said. "It's really going to start to look like a new bridge once

'Putting the beams in place will be quite an accomplishment. It's really going to start to look like a new bridge once that work is complete in the next couple weeks.'

Steve Bergstresser
Kettering assistant city manager

that work is complete in the next couple weeks."

The bridge work awarded to Brumbaugh Construction began last year and is expected to be complete in August, he said.

Construction of the new bridge will be about \$2.67 million with a public art component budgeted at \$350,000, Kettering records show.

The Ohio Department of Transportation is funding most of the costs, accord-

ing to city documents.

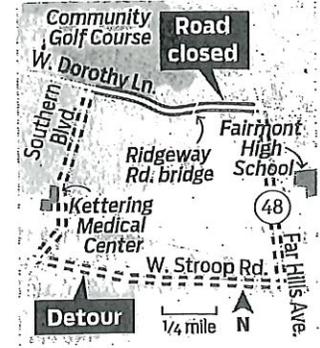
The bridge has had a weight limit which includes "emergency vehicle load restrictions," barring Kettering's largest fire truck from crossing it, Bergstresser has said.

A section of Ridgeway from Oak Knoll Drive in Oakwood to Canterbury Drive in Kettering is closed for the duration of the project, he said.

Contact this writer at
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Kettering detours

Work to replace the Ridgeway Road bridge will close West Dorothy Lane between Southern Boulevard and Far Hills Avenue from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. April 12 and April 13. The detour routes in both directions for West Dorothy will use Southern, West Stroop Road and Far Hills.



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Road closure set April 12-13 on West Dorothy

Due to overnight work on the Ridgeway Bridge replacement project, West Dorothy Lane will close to through traffic between Southern Boulevard and Far Hills Avenue from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., on Monday, April 12,

and again on Tuesday, April 13.

These closures are necessary as beams will be delivered and set into place for the new Ridgeway Road bridge. The detour route for West Dorothy Lane will use Southern Boulevard, West

Stroop Road and Far Hills Avenue for both directions of Dorothy Lane traffic. Local traffic will be maintained along West Dorothy Lane, but the road will be blocked at the Ridgeway Road bridge.

OR 4/7/2021

\$150,000 Eichelberger gift puts Wright Library at over 90 percent of goal in campaign

Wright Memorial Public Library this week announced a \$150,000 gift from The Jack W. and Sally D. Eichelberger Foundation of The Dayton Foundation.

The Eichelberger Foundation gift helps bring the library's Making an Impact Capital Campaign to more than 90 percent of the \$1.5 million campaign goal. The private funding supports Wright Library's Next Chapter Revitalization building repair and improvement project, which now is underway. Seventy-five percent of the three-phase, \$5.1 million library revitalization project is being funded with a 10-year note, while the remaining 25 percent is funded through private donations and philanthropic contributions.

Other recent donors who have joined with the Eichelberger Foundation in supporting the campaign include Barbara O'Hara, Will Roess, the Kawai family, and Danis corporation.

"We have been truly overwhelmed by and grateful for the community's support; this has really shown

how much Oakwood loves and values its library," said Wright Library Foundation Board President Elaine Gounaris.

This philanthropic support will help the Wright Library reimagine and enhance portions of the building into dynamic spaces for children, teens, and the community. Construction began in January. The project is expected to be complete in early 2022.

The Eichelberger Foundation previously supported the library in 2018 with a gift to support the restoration of the historic front reading rooms as well as other improvements to the library's main level.

"These gifts are investments in the future of our community and library," said Library Director Kristi Hale. "We are grateful for the continued support of The Eichelberger Foundation and for all of the donors who have so generously given."

For more information about the \$1.5 million Making an Impact campaign, contact Kristi Hale at (937) 250-6824 or visit www.wrightlibrary.org/revitalize/capital-campaign.

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April 9, 2021

Dear X,

We know you have a special interest in Wright Library's construction project, and we are committed to providing you with periodic project updates to keep you informed.

In June, the library will begin construction of four ADA-compliant parking spaces in the 100 block of Aberdeen Avenue. These parking spaces provide more handicap parking to patrons and are a part of a larger effort to make the library a more accessible place for our community. A diagonal parking design was chosen to provide the safest means of vehicle access along Aberdeen Avenue. A site drawing has been included for your reference.

Other site improvements will include new walkways, pole lights, and landscaping that will enhance and beautify the library's grounds while preserving its park-like appeal.

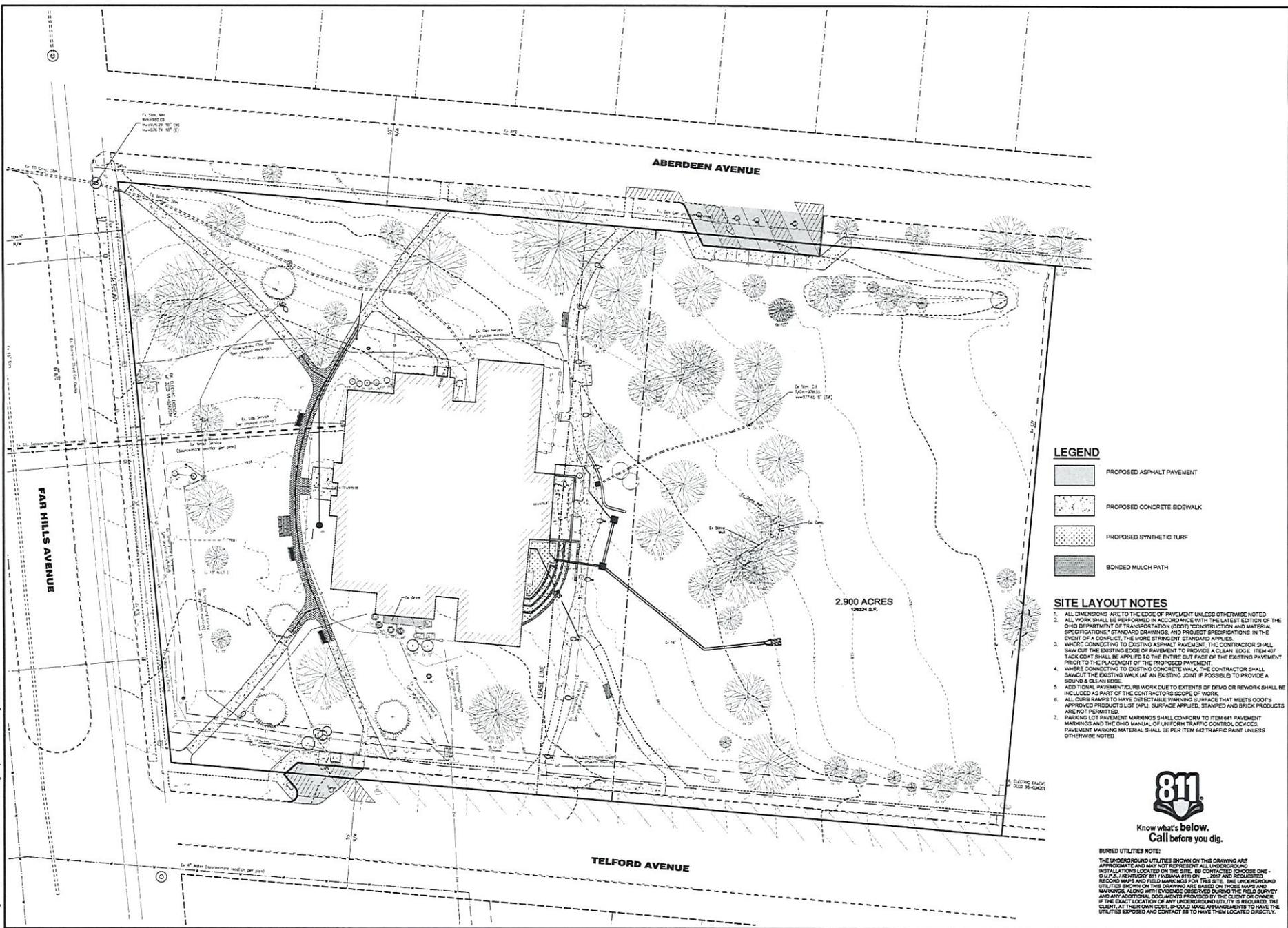
We invite you to join us for a neighbor Q&A session on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the library. You may also learn about the construction project at wrightlibrary.org.

If you have questions, please contact me at (937) 250-6824 or by email hale@wrightlibrary.org.

Sincerely,

Kristi Hale
Library Director

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LEGEND

- PROPOSED ASPHALT PAVEMENT
- PROPOSED CONCRETE SIDEWALK
- PROPOSED SYNTHETIC TURF
- BONDED MULCH PATH

- SITE LAYOUT NOTES**
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 3. WHERE CONNECTING TO EXISTING ASPHALT PAVEMENT, THE CONTRACTOR SHALL SAW CUT THE EXISTING EDGE OF PAVEMENT TO PROVIDE A CLEAN EDGE. 1/2" BBT TACK COAT SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE ENTIRE CUT FACE OF THE EXISTING PAVEMENT PRIOR TO THE PLACEMENT OF THE PROPOSED PAVEMENT.
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811
 Know what's below.
 Call before you dig.

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North Arrow
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 Scale: 1" = 20'

No.	Description	Date	Drawn	Checked

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SITE LAYOUT AND UTILITY PLAN

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New Oakwood Community Center activity guide

The Oakwood Department of Leisure Services announced the release last week of the spring and summer programming guide.

Lots of fun activities are planned for the whole family. Patrons are now able to register and pay for classes or activities on line through the new MyRec registration system. For a complete online listing of programs and activities the Oakwood Community Center is offering, visit www.oakwoodoh.myrec.com/info/activities/default.aspx

As the Department of Leisure

Services navigates through what hopes to be the end of the pandemic, things are constantly evolving. For the time being, the city is moving ahead with the protocols that are in place now, hoping that things may improve and soon. City officials will change and update programs as they are provided direction by the Ohio Department of Health and others.

For inquiries regarding program or class offerings, email the Oakwood Community Center at occ@oakwood.oh.us or call (937) 298-0775.

Spring has sprung, and the

Department of Leisure Services is encouraging residents to take a walk through the city's natural areas, including Houk Strem, Elizabeth and Loy Gardens. Beautiful spring wildflowers are popping up in these areas as well as a beautiful display of daffodils. Smith Gardens is also beautiful at this time of year with all of the spring bulbs, flowering trees and shrubs. Located at the corner of Walnut Lane and Oakwood Avenue, the gardens are open daily. Treat yourself to a stroll through one of Oakwood's treasures.

OR 4/7/2021

For many years the Rotary Club of Oakwood has been host to That Day in May. COVID-19 forced the closure of many events, including TDIM in 2020.

We do not want another year to go by without That Day in May and so we have come up with alternative events that we believe will allow everyone to participate safely and join in the fun!

Sponsorship is key to the success of our event and is also an effective way of increasing your company's visibility in the community.

This brochure outlines the various levels available and we hope you will see the value in supporting this great community event.

For information on how to register for the 5 & 10K Run, the parade, and the dog show, go to our website.



Go to our event website
for more
information or pay online
www.ThatDayInMay.org
or
www.TDIM.org

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

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awsnyder9904@att.net
937-657-2932

Dawn Wyatt, Event Co-Chair
dwyatt@daytoncountryclub.com
937-580-9450

SEND SPONSORSHIP PAYMENTS TO:

Rotary Club of Oakwood
PO Box 512
Dayton, OH 45409-0512

Please make checks payable to the
Rotary Club of Oakwood.

THAT DAY IN MAY

hosted by

**The Rotary Club of
Oakwood**

**Saturday
May 15th**

&

**Monday
May 17th**



SPONSORSHIP

ABOUT US

The objective of the Rotary Club of Oakwood is to encourage and foster the ideal of service to others. Funds raised through That Day in May are given out in grants supporting nonprofit charitable organizations throughout the Miami Valley.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!

All those who support our event through sponsorship will be recognized on our That Day in May promotional website and the Rotary of Oakwood's Facebook page. We promote our event in the Oakwood Register leading up to the event and sponsors will be recognized as they come in - so sign up early! We also plan to run a special thank you advertisement in the Oakwood Register following the end of all the scheduled events.



Taste of Dayton Breakfast Sponsorship Saturday May 15th



This year we are delivering a tasty breakfast bag full of wonderful foods from several businesses of Oakwood. Your company name will be printed on the delivery bags.

- Large logo 4"x 6" = \$100
- Small logo 2"x 3" = \$75

5K & 10K Run Sponsorship Saturday May 15th



We are hosting a both a virtual run and live run with a rolling start. We also plan to include a kid & family run with a rolling start. Participants are given a T-shirt for running. Add your company name to the T-shirt.

- Front Shirt Logo 4" x 8" and Website recognition = \$2,000
- Large logo 3"x 5" = \$150
- Small logo 2"x 3" = \$75

Dog Show & Parade Sponsorship Saturday, May 15th



The doggie show and parade will be held on the school track and opportunities to support this event include:

- Show/Parade Sponsor = \$500
- Includes recognition at the event
- Website recognition

Auction Sponsorship Monday, May 17th



The auction will be held at the Dayton Country Club during the golf event on May 17th and interested bidders will be invited to stop by and place their bids both during the golf event and at the after golf cocktail party.

- Auction Sponsor = \$500
- Includes signage at the auction site.
- Website recognition.

INTRODUCING A GOLF EVENT! MONDAY MAY 17TH

We've added a golf outing to TDIM at the Dayton Country Club on Monday, May 17th with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. Followed by a cocktail party at 4:30 pm. Golf Sponsorships include:

- **Gold Sponsor \$5,000**
 - Golf for 4
 - Included in all advertising for the event
 - Banner signage at the clubhouse
 - Logo on the TDIM event website
 - Verbal and poster recognition at both the golf and cocktail party event
- **Silver Sponsor \$3,000**
 - Golf for 4
 - Logo on the TDIM event website
 - Hole sponsor sign on #9
 - Verbal recognition at the Cocktail Party
 - Poster recognition at the event
- **Bronze Sponsor \$2,500**
 - Golf for 4
 - Hole sponsor signs on #1 and #10
 - Poster recognition at the event
- **Lunch Box Sponsor \$500**
 - Sticker on box recognizing sponsorship
 - Poster recognition at the event
- **Drink Cart Sponsor \$500**
 - Signage on beverage cart
 - Poster recognition at the event
- **Hole Sponsorship \$250**
 - Hole signage on course
 - Poster recognition at the event
- **Cart Sponsor \$150**
 - Signage on the back of a cart
- **Individual Golfers: \$150**
- **Foursomes: \$500**
- **Cocktail Party Tickets: \$15 Individual \$25 Couple**



That Day in May Sponsorship, Golfing & Order Form



Use this form to submit your choice of sponsorships, register for golf, and order your breakfast bags or cocktail party tickets. Payment must be included with this order form. You can return this form to an Oakwood Rotarian or mail payment to:

**Rotary Club of Oakwood
P.O. Box 512
Oakwood, OH 45409-0512**

Please make checks payable to the
Rotary Club of Oakwood.

Primary Contact Person:

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

GOLF SPONSORSHIPS

_____ Gold Sponsor \$5,000

_____ Silver Sponsor \$3,000

_____ Bronze Sponsor \$2,500

_____ Lunch Box Sponsor \$500

_____ Drink Cart Sponsor \$500

_____ Hole Sponsorship \$250

_____ Cart Sponsor \$150

_____ Individual Golfer \$150

_____ Foursome \$500

The team contact of the foursome should be complete the Primary Contact Person section to the left. List below the other golfers in your foursome and their cellular phone numbers. We will send a text if there is a rain delay.

Golfer #2: _____

Cell: _____

Golfer #3: _____

Cell: _____

Golfer #4: _____

Cell: _____

Taste of Dayton Breakfast Sponsorship

_____ Large logo 4"x 6" = \$100

_____ Small logo 2"x 3" = \$75

_____ Breakfast Orders (\$50 each)

5K & 10K Run Sponsorship

_____ Front Shirt Logo 4" x 8" = \$2,000

_____ Large logo 3"x 5" = \$150

_____ Small logo 2"x 3" = \$75

Auction Sponsorship

_____ \$500

Dog Show & Parade Sponsorship

_____ \$500

Cocktail Party Ticket(s)

_____ \$15 Individual

_____ \$25 Couple

Please complete in full the Primary Contact Person information on the right for your sponsorship or orders. To include your company logo in the sponsorships of TDIM, you must email your company logo in either a jpeg or png file format no later than MAY 1, 2021 to:

dwyatt@daytoncountryclub.com

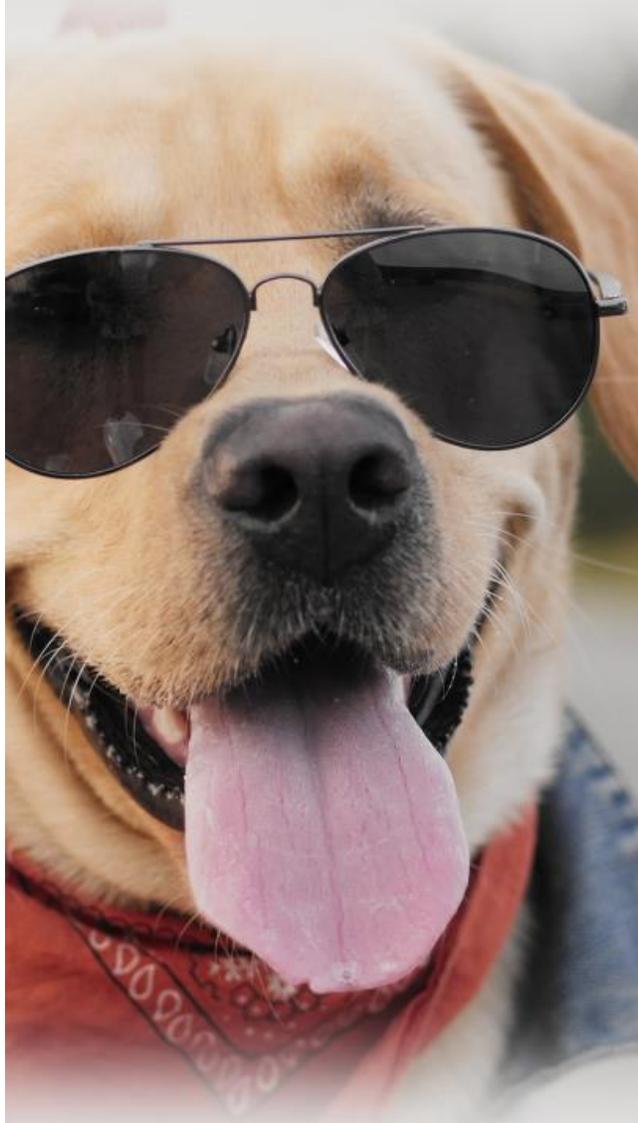
DOG SHOW & COSTUME CONTEST

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021

Check in at 12:00pm

By the Oakwood Softball Fields
on Shafor & Harman Blvd.

register at www.thatdayinmay.org



That Day in May



a community festival

THEME—Celebrities. We know all doggies are stars! Let's show them off and let them be a CELEBRITY FOR THE DAY

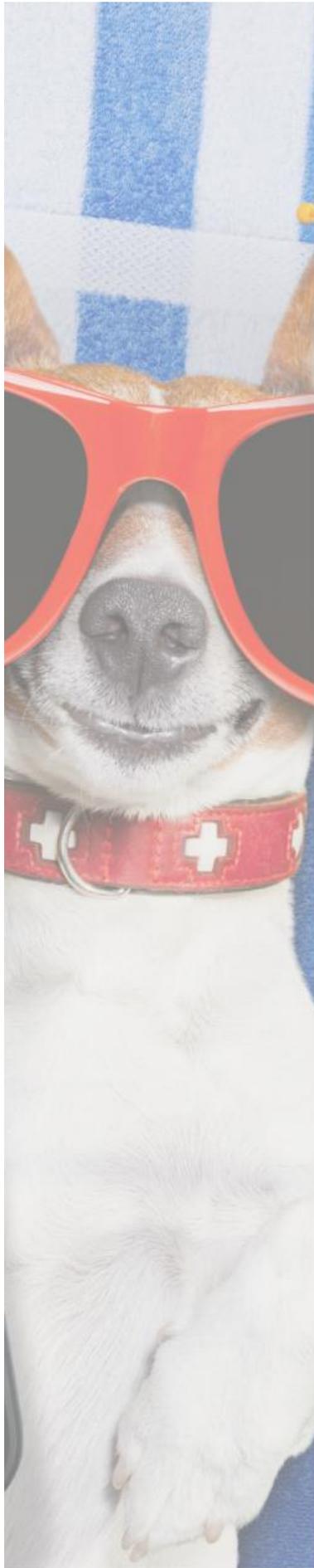
WHERE—Oakwood High School Stadium

CHECK IN—will start at 12pm by the Oakwood Softball Fields on Shafor and Harman Blvd. (behind the Oakwood Football Stadium) Contest will start promptly at 12:30pm.

AWARDS—Judges will announce the winners at 1:00pm. Categories: "Best Dog Costume", "Best Dog & Owner Costume Combo" and "Judge's Choice".

REGISTRATION—is \$10 all proceeds benefiting the Oakwood Rotary Foundation.

REQUIREMENTS—All dogs must be friendly with dogs & people, vaccinated, licensed, spayed/neutered and under control of the owner/handler. Owners will be responsible for cleaning up after dogs. No female dogs in heat.



DOG SHOW & COSTUME CONTEST

a community festival

OWNER: _____

EMAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

DOG'S NAME: _____

BREED: _____

DOG'S AGE: _____

**3 FUN FACTS ABOUT YOUR DOG FOR THE ANNOUNCER
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)** _____

Mail Entries to: Karen Fitzharris
245 Harman Blvd. Oakwood, OHIO 45419
or register online at www.thatdayinmay.org

For More Information: Call 937.416.4385
DEADLINE: Please register by 12:30pm on May 15, 2021

The undersigned does hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless CITY OF OAKWOOD, OAKWOOD ROTAY or any person affiliated with the show and costume contest on May 15, 2021 from any and all claims for personal injury or damaged property resulting from my (our) participation in the show, or in any events associated with the show. In addition, I certify that my pet is up to date on all vaccinations. I sign below as a registered owner of my pet named above.

Signed at _____ Date _____

Proposed DPL pole installation Fall and Winter 2019-2020					
Please see attached Ordinance (highlighted section)					
	<u>Location</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1	Northview @ Far Hills	245	Rubicon		\$50.00
2	Far Hills @ Spirea	1104	Farhills		\$50.00
3	Thornhill @ Oakwood	1201	Thornhill		\$50.00
4	Forrer Road @ Ridgeway	111	Oakwood		\$50.00
5	Oakwood @ Woodstock	95	Forrer Rd		\$50.00
6	Oakwood @ Ridgeway	1280	Oakwood		\$50.00
7	Park Ave @ 30 Park	30	Park Road		\$50.00
8	Patterson Rd @ Woods	45	Patterson		\$50.00
9	Rubicon @ 100 E. Schantz	100	E. Schantz		\$50.00
10	Runnymede @ 1350 Runnymede	1350	Runnymede		\$50.00
11	Shafor Blvd @ Wisteria	145	Wisteria		\$50.00
12	Glendora @ Schenck	270	Schenck		\$50.00
13	Runnymede @ 255 Runnymede	255	Runnymede		\$50.00
14	Runnymede @ Sweetwood	501	Sweetwood		\$50.00
15	West Dixon @ Harman Ave.	740	Harman		\$50.00
16	Ridgeway @ Park Road	1660	Park Road		\$50.00
17	Katherine St. @ Runnymede	704	Runnymede		\$50.00
18	Harman Terrace	66	Harman Terrace	Near School Restricted hours	\$50.00
19	Oakmead Place	409	Oakmead Pl		\$50.00
20	Harman Ave	718	Harman	Near School Restricted hours	\$50.00
21	Harman Ave	625	Harman	Near School Restricted hours	\$50.00
22	Sorrento @ Volusia	450	Volusia		\$50.00
				TOTAL	\$1,100.00

From: noreply@oakwoodschooolsorg.myenotice.com <noreply@oakwoodschooolsorg.myenotice.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 4, 2021 5:01 PM
To: Klopsch, Norbert S. <Klopsch@oakwood.oh.us>
Subject: Air Testing Confirms Good Ventilation



Oakwood City Schools

Welcome back. We hope all of our students and families had the opportunity to relax during Spring Break. We look forward to students and staff returning Tuesday to begin the home stretch toward the end of the year. We know a lot of exciting and fun activities occur during this time and we are working to be able to provide as many of these opportunities, in a safe and healthy manner, as possible.

We continue to use our layered approach to prevention policies to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and our community. As important now as ever are our policies of universal mask wearing, social distancing, hand-washing, identification and management of students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, and routine environmental cleaning and disinfection protocols. In addition, we can't thank The Oakwood Schools Foundation enough for its contribution of grant money to purchase air purifiers for all of our classrooms and offices. These units have provided an extra layer of protection for students and staff.

We are also working with our Master Facilities Plan Core Team to make sure all of our systems are working as they are designed. The week prior to Spring Break, engineers from Heapy Engineering, one of our Phase 1 partners, visited all six of our buildings (including the Board of Education) to assess the ventilation systems. Engineers collected CO2 measurements in 51 different locations. Across the District, the readings were well within the ranges recommended for schools by a number of professional organizations, including American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). In the newly renovated areas of OHS, the CO2 levels were actually lower than what was anticipated. While final balancing of the new HVAC systems has not been completed yet, engineers say these early readings produced positive results, demonstrating our systems are working as designed and are providing acceptable levels of ventilation for the health and welfare of students and staff.

“The areas of the high school that have been renovated are up and running but still require fine tuning on the Commissioning side. Once this process is complete, we believe the already good ventilation numbers will be even better. The areas that have yet to be renovated will continue to be monitored and will be measured and verified once renovations have been completed. Heapy Engineering will continue to support the District through construction, ensuring the designed systems continue to provide acceptable air quality to students and staff,” Chandler Yancey, mechanical engineer.

Phase 1, with the goal of “ensuring the District’s facilities remain safe, dry and secure, and support the educational and instructional needs of current and future generations of Oakwood students and staff,” will continue through August of 2022.

We are excited about the next 7 weeks of learning and end-of-year activities that will be occurring. I know it was stated earlier but it warrants repeating, things are not back to pre-COVID times but it is not as restricted as it was last spring. We are working to provide as many opportunities, in a safe and healthy manner, as possible and we appreciate your continued support.

Kyle Ramey

[District Website](#)



CO2 levels in Oakwood classrooms 'troubling'

I am a resident of Oakwood and a parent of a child in Oakwood schools. I recently had the opportunity to evaluate independent measurements of indoor carbon dioxide (CO2) made in E.D. Smith Elementary and the combined Oakwood Junior and Senior High School buildings during the first quarter of 2021. These measurements show classroom concentrations exceeding 1200 ppm on a regular and repeatable basis. As indoor carbon dioxide concentrations begin to exceed 1000 ppm fatigue, adversely affected cognitive function and decision making ability in adults and children by significant fractions (See, for example, W. Fisk, "The Ventilation Problem in Schools", *Indoor Air*, 2017 and T. A. Jabobsen et al. "Direct Human Health Risks of Increased Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide", *Nature Sustainability*, 2019). These measurements were made with less than half of the normal student population present. Since indoor CO2 is primarily due to people breathing, CO2 concentrations will increase when all students return to school in the future. I estimate values will approach 3000 ppm for the same ventilation rate when school returns to regular, full-time instruction. At concentrations above 2000 ppm people may begin to experience

headaches, drowsiness and other physical symptoms. I have experienced this myself while working in a poorly ventilated office, where the CO2 levels also exceeded 2000 ppm. I'm sure many of your readers also share similar experiences but may not be aware of the connection to elevated CO2 concentrations, since CO2 is odorless and colorless. The CO2 concentrations in the school buildings are too high to ensure the high caliber of academic performance that Oakwood expects from our children and these high levels likely reduce the instructional quality of the teachers and staff. Parents should be aware that their child's academic performance, decision making, test scores and future could be improved by better air quality within the Oakwood School buildings. The CO2 measurements include classrooms that have upgraded HVAC systems from funds received as part of the recently passed levy. It is a serious disappointment that such a large investment of taxpayer dollars has been made without delivering modern air quality standards. These troubling findings need to be remediated to give the Oakwood students the healthy environment required to achieve superior academic excellence.
Aaron Nielsen

OR

3/17/2021

School air quality, District assurances questioned

There seems to be a pattern where the Oakwood schools will send a mass email saying everything is fine, but then sends to a select group of parents emails telling a different story. I recently wrote to the *Register* to report on an analysis of carbon dioxide inside Oakwood Schools buildings. Oakwood Schools also had measurements made and reported those results to the community on April 4, 2021, in an email, stating "Air Testing Confirms Good Ventilation." A day before this email was sent, the school emailed me the average numbers from this assessment for the various buildings. I was told that the average reading for the combined Junior and Senior High School is 837 ppm. They even said there was a classroom that was over 1500 ppm (weeks after the school was notified of an issue). The school did not share the range of values, but it is safe to say a large percentage of the school will have CO² val-

ues over 1000 ppm. Anything above 1000 ppm could affect your child's cognitive performance. Which classroom does your child take a test in? Oakwood Schools also reported to the community on March 21 that the return to full-time instruction went without a hitch. My wife was told privately by the school on March 22 that the boiler system was out during the first couple of days and no heat was provided in below-freezing temperatures to some of the school's classrooms. When there's no heat, there's no ventilation. Oakwood School district has repeatedly said that ventilation is a priority for our children and as part of their Covid mitigation. But they allowed children in the building where they could not provide heat and ventilation in below freezing temperatures? Why would they tell the community that everything was great? The school says the ventilation is good. However, their own carbon

dioxide numbers, provided to me, and not the community at large, show average numbers around twice that of outside air values. The average value provided exceeded 800 ppm in 60 percent of district buildings. Scientists who study airborne Covid transmission recommend values below 800 ppm to ensure adequate ventilation to prevent Covid. The school has repeatedly said they provide adequate ventilation to open safely during the pandemic. But their own numbers show that that is not true. As a side note, Oakwood Schools asked Heapy Engineering to perform their carbon dioxide measurements. Heapy Engineering designed the HVAC systems in question. This is the definition of a conflict of interest. Our students deserve better. But don't worry, the school district says "ventilation is good."

Aaron Nielsen, PhD

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Easter Parade



The Oakwood Fraternal Order of Police and Scout Troop 101 sponsored an Egg-cellent Easter Parade in Oakwood last weekend, in lieu of the annual Easter Egg Hunt due to the Covid pandemic. Kids and their families lined Shafor Boulevard on Saturday for the parade and treats in plastic eggs. The Easter Bunny toured the city aboard an Oakwood fire truck. For more photos from the event, visit *The Oakwood Register* Facebook page.

Photos by Leon Chuck, Pressbox Photo

OR 4/7/2021

'It was like the lights went out'



Morgan Ott, 14, from Oakwood, and her family were sick with COVID-19 in the first week of December. Morgan is still suffering from side effects from the coronavirus. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

Family dealing with COVID 'long-hauler' complications months after diagnoses

By Bonnie Meibers
Staff Writer

What started as a seemingly normal bout of COVID-19 for Morgan Ott and her family has turned into a nightmare, seriously damaging her sight, smile and lungs.

The Oakwood family of six was diagnosed with COVID-19 in the first week

of December. Everyone's symptoms varied, as did the length of time they were sick.

Morgan Ott and her stepfather seemed to be the sickest, said her mother Katey Stinson. The family took multiple ER trips when Morgan had COVID-19.

The first inkling the family had that

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14-year-old Ott wasn't recovering normally was on one of those ER visits when the doctors found that she had "COVID crystal lung," which feels like shortness of breath and looks like ground up glass in the lungs on a chest X-ray.

About two weeks later, when Ott seemed to be feeling better, Stinson noticed Ott's eye seemed scratched, then whites of her eyes turned completely red and Ott lost her vision.

"It was like the lights went out for her," Stinson said.

Ott spent a few hours in the MRI machine at Dayton Children's. Stinson said the hospital "ran every kind of test known to man," but didn't think these neurological issues were COVID-related.

"My mom gut kind of kicked in. I knew something wasn't right," Stinson said.

The family ended up taking Ott to the Cleveland Clinic, where doctors found several neurological issues. Ott had intercranial hypertension, or pressure on her optic nerve. She also has sixth cranial nerve palsy, or weakness of the nerve that holds the eye in place. Ott's eye will sometimes turn in on itself because of this. Ott also has seventh cranial nerve palsy, or weakness of face muscles that has caused her smile to shift crooked.

"Without a doubt, they're saying all of this came from the COVID," Stinson said.

More than four months later, her symptoms from the coronavirus still exist.

A recent study done at Northwestern Memorial Hospital of 100 patients from 21 states with long-term symptoms who did not have immediate harsh reactions to the virus found that 85% of them experienced four or more neurological issues like brain fog, headaches, tingling, muscle pain and dizziness.

Dr. Roberto Colon, chief medical officer at Miami Valley Hospital, said one of the misconceptions about COVID-19 long-haulers is that if someone has mild symptoms when they get sick, they're not going to have these long-lasting effects.

"Unfortunately there does not seem to be a great amount of correlation between how ill you were and the rate at which we get the long COVID symptoms," Colon said.

Colon said there are two different categories of COVID-19 long-haulers. The first is people who get COVID-19 and are very sick, they have symptoms like shortness of breath or fatigue until their bodies heal. Basically, they get so sick it takes their body a long time to get better.

The second category, which Colon called "more nebulous," is when a person has a more mild case of COVID-19, but for the next several months have symptoms that seem to never go away, like fatigue, loss of taste and smell or muscle aches.

Colon said these COVID-19 long-haul symptoms may have nothing to do with how they felt when they were sick with COVID-19, but it seems to hang around for a while after.

"We're still trying to piece together what causes all of (the COVID long-haul symptoms) and how we get rid of them," Colon said. "We are trying to figure out the 'why' so we can figure out how to treat it well."

Colon said long-hauler symptoms are most noticeable in young, healthy people, because they previously didn't have these health conditions, but COVID-19 do not discriminate. The symptoms seem to linger for a wide array of people. About 30% of people with COVID-19 may have some long-hauler symptoms that go on past four weeks, Colon said.

"There are people who have yet to recover a year in," Colon said.

There is a lot of variability in long-hauler symptoms and treatment varies based on those symptoms, Colon said.

"It's been very frustrating that we don't have a cure-all for (COVID long-haulers)," Colon said.

The most common long-hauler symptoms Colon said he has seen are fatigue, muscle aches, shortness of breath, head aches, loss of smell and taste or abnormal smell.

"We won't know the extent of these long-hauler complications until much later, we know COVID is inflammatory, what we don't yet know is if you had COVID in past year, how long will that risk for inflammation hang around?" Colon said.

Colon said some cases of long-haul symptoms could cause an extra risk for strokes or could cause heart disease at a higher rate than just based on age.

"We won't know that information for a long time. There will be pieces of that extra risk we're not going to know for quite a while," Colon said. "We are just starting to understand this syndrome."

Ott goes to Cleveland Clinic every other week now. Stinson said seizures have also set in, unrelated to COVID. Stinson hopes that the next time Ott goes to Cleveland, doctors will tell them that Ott's eye has stabilized enough to have surgery to fix the muscle, which would help her eye sight.

"She's a fighter," Stinson said. "Every single time she's at the hospital, she tells them she's like the Terminator, that she'll come back. Her spirit is that of gold. No matter what happens to her she smiles."

Katey Stinson and Ott's stepfather, Kevin Stinson, said her life has been altered because of this. She won't be able to get her driver's license when everyone else does. She had to miss out of the cheerleading season. She's not able to go to school for a full day right now.

"I wish I could trade spots with her," Stinson said. "She's 14-years-old. That's

not the way it is supposed to be. When this first came out, this wasn't a kid's disease. "It's beyond heartbreaking to see your healthy child's life get to the point where she's only able to attend school on half days on days when she's not feeling too tired or hurting."

The Stinsons said the Oakwood community and their church, Gingham-burg Church, have been supportive throughout this whole ordeal. Some neighbors started a "meal train," bringing the family meals every day for a few weeks this winter. Ott's grandparents have also helped tutor her when she can't be in school and helped babysit the other children, Annabelle, Coleman and Lydia, when Kevin and Katey Stinson need to take Ott to the hospital.

Ott said her grandfather has been her best friend throughout her sickness, helping her with her math homework.

"We're trying to figure out what the future looks like," said Kevin Stinson. "It's a lot different than what we thought before."

Ott, a freshman at Oakwood High School, said she feels that what's happening to her isn't fair at all.

"Just wear your mask," Ott said. "I don't want to be handicapped. I don't want to do this for the rest of my life."

Katey Stinson said that just because someone's two weeks of feeling sick with the virus are over, that doesn't mean they are out of the woods. People should monitor themselves after they seem to recover from COVID-19.

"We didn't think it would happen to us," Katey Stinson said.

Colon said some people who have been COVID-19 long-haulers who get a vaccine see their symptoms go away.

"We are encouraging people to get vaccinated," Colon said. "There is a small chance it can improve symptoms, but know it doesn't worsen symptoms and it can protect you in the future."

Colon said if Dayton-area residents have questions about treatment for COVID-19 long-haul symptoms, they should talk to their health care provider about what the best option for treatment may be.

Ott said she hopes people don't see her as different. Seeing her tossing a lacrosse ball in her front lawn, outsiders wouldn't know the struggle the teenager is going through.

Ott and her family are just happy to have some answers and are ready to face her health problems head on.

"It's not whether your glass is half empty or half full," Katey Stinson said. "We're just happy to have the glass."

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New variants drive a rise in Ohio cases

Another casualty, state fair will be limited, not open to the public.

By Kristen Spicker
Staff Writer

Gov. Mike DeWine encouraged people to get vaccinated, as coronavirus cases and hospitalizations continue to increase in Ohio.

After a surge in cases and hospitalizations at the end of 2020, Ohio appeared to turn the corner earlier this year, with cases and hospitalizations plateauing in March. Now, both metrics are beginning to increase again.

"While we're going in the wrong direction, we're not seeing the runaway case growth we saw during the fall," DeWine said. "We can still turn this around if more people continue to get vaccinated."

The state recorded 2,742 daily cases Thursday, the most reported in the last 21 days, according to the Ohio Department of Health. The 2,918 cases reported on Monday included cases from Sunday as well.

In the last three weeks, Ohio is averaging 1,801 cases a day.

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in the wrong direction."

Unlike previous waves of hospitalizations and cases, this one is stemming from variants.

"It is clear that Ohio and the nation are enduring another wave of coronavirus," said ODH Chief Medical Officer Bruce Vanderhoff. "This time it is being driven by new variants of the original virus. The variants are more contagious and more deadly."

On March 12, Ohio had reported 92 variant cases. As of Thursday, it was 797. Of Ohio's variant cases, 95% are from three variants: one that was first detected in the U.K. and two discovered in California.

A key metric that could result in the state lifting all its public health orders, including the mask mandate, also is moving away from Ohio's goal.

The state reported 183.7 cases per 100,000 people Thursday compared to 167.1 cases last week.

If the state reports fewer than 50 cases per 100,000



"We can still turn this around," Gov. Mike DeWine said, as coronavirus cases and hospitalizations continue to increase in Ohio. BILL LACKEY / STAFF

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» The latest Ohio virus cases and vaccine data, A4

More than 1,000 COVID patients were hospitalized in Ohio for the eighth straight day. The state reported 1,193 hospitalized coronavirus patients Thursday and recorded 111 hospitalizations in the last day.

"Unfortunately, these continue to trend up," DeWine said. "They're certainly not at an alarming number yet, but they're going

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people for two straight weeks, all public health orders will be revoked, DeWine has said.

One in three Ohioans has received at least one dose of the coronavirus vaccine as of Thursday, according to the state health department.

Nearly 33.5% of the state's population has started the vaccine, and 20.29% of Ohioans have finished the vaccine.

As of Thursday, 3,9113,290 people have received their first shot in Ohio and 2,371,462 people have completed their vaccination.

Ohio has more than 1,300 vaccination sites, DeWine said. To register for a vaccine, visit <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/>.

Starting Monday, vaccine providers will be able to partner with employers, labor unions and organizations to host closed-pod vaccination clinics.

The governor is asking local health departments, especially in areas with a lower vaccine demand, to reach out to employers in their communities to organize those vaccine clinics.

Public health agencies are also encouraged to reach out to high schools to coordinate vaccinations for stu-

dents ages 16 and older. All students under the age of 18 must have a signed permission slip from their guardian to be vaccinated.

As Ohio administers more vaccines, the state is continuing to monitor its allocation and make changes. The demand for vaccines has decreased in some areas, while it remains high in other places.

If providers are not using all their vaccines, the state can reallocate the following week's shipment to focus on communities with a higher demand.

The Ohio State Fair will not be open to the public and will instead be scaled down to livestock and educational competitions for exhibitors and their family and guests this year.

Concerts, rides and other fair traditions are expected to resume in 2022.

"Although vaccination rates are improving significantly each day, Ohio continues to fight the battle against COVID-19," said Virgil Strickler, fair general manager. "Where we are today in this battle makes it challenging to plan a large-scale entertainment event, not know-

ing where we will be, or what Ohio will look like, in late July."

Safety protocols and health orders in place could also lead to lower attendance, putting a financial strain on the fair.

"The financial ramifications of hosting a typical Ohio State Fair with the same overhead costs, but far less revenue, could be devastating to our organization," Strickler said.

The 2021 Ohio State Fair will focus on livestock competitions and conclude with the Sale of Champions to celebrate the hard work of exhibitors. The fair is expected to start July 19 and end Aug. 8. More details on the livestock and educational competitions will be released at a later day. The deadline to enter livestock competitions is June 20.

"I wish we had a crystal ball, but we don't," Strickler said. "As such, the safest decision is to greatly limit the traditional aspects of the Ohio State Fair, sticking to our roots in agriculture."

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY: CASES PER 100K

