

**CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
MARCH 26, 2021**

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

April 5, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
April 10, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 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 17, 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:

- **April 5 Council Meeting:** Enclosed is a press release distributed today addressing the conduct of our April 5 council meeting. Justine Bauer with Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley will attend this meeting to present their Opioid Disposal Campaign. The presentation will take about 5-7 minutes. She will also announce DEA National Drug Takeback Day in April.
- **Annual Report:** Enclosed is our printed 2020 Annual Report. It will be delivered to all Oakwood residential and commercial properties next week. The report is posted on the City website.
- **Board of Health:** Our Board of Health met last Tuesday. Enclosed are the draft minutes.
- **COVID-19:** Enclosed are the following:
 - *DDN* article reporting Governor DeWine's position on when Ohio can lift all of the public health orders, including the mask mandate.
 - *DDN* article about Governor DeWine vetoing Senate Bill 22 that would limit the governor's public health authority during emergencies.
 - Letter from Montgomery County and Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County expressing support of Governor DeWine's veto.
 - *DDN* article about the Ohio House and Senate voting to override Governor DeWine's veto.
 - An interesting *DDN* article about "vaccine hesitancy". It reports that more than two million Ohioans say they won't get the vaccine, and nearly 40% of Americans will decline it.
 - A March 21 update from the Oakwood Schools.
 - A timeline of selected ODH orders. Rob Jacques prepared this for a presentation he made to the Board of Health this week.
- **Body Cams:** Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the Trotwood Police Department moving forward with the purchase of body cameras.
- **Academic Decathlon:** The Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon Team won the State Title for the eleventh straight year. Enclosed are *DDN* and *Register* articles.
- **Jessup Wealth Building:** Enclosed is a *Register* article about the Jessup Wealth Building, across from city hall, undergoing some major exterior and interior renovations, including adding 2,520 square feet of additional space.

- “Green Oakwood”: Enclosed is a *Register* article about “Green Oakwood” coordinating alternative recycling options and initiatives to reduce landfill waste.
- Spring Break Safety: Enclosed is a *Register* article about available programs and safety tips from our Public Safety Department for Oakwood residents that are traveling over spring break.
- Tax Filing Extension: On March 24, the state of Ohio announced that they are following the federal government and the IRS in extending the deadline to file and pay Ohio individual income and school district taxes for the year 2020 to May 17. With Ohio’s extension, municipalities were required to also extend the filing deadline to May 17. Additionally, we have extended the deadline for payment of first quarter estimated taxes for the year 2021 to May 17. The IRS and Ohio first quarter estimated payments are still due April 15. We felt it was less confusing to our residents to extend the first quarter estimated payments as the estimated payment is based off of the 2020 tax year filing. Enclosed is a *DDN* article. Also enclosed is a press release that we plan to distribute next Monday.
- Water Main Break: We had a main break today at the intersection of Shafor Boulevard and Shafor Circle.



- Fire Hydrant Flushing: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about our annual fire hydrant flushing/testing that is scheduled for April 5 – April 30.

- 2020 Census Data: The US Census Bureau says that the 2020 Census data may not be released until September, six months beyond the legal deadline. Enclosed is a *DDN* article about denial of a lawsuit filed by Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost. Dr. Kyle Ramey reported the following Oakwood Schools diversity numbers at our OIC Leadership Team meeting last Monday. This data is self-reported. Enclosed is a spreadsheet with all the annual numbers over the past ten years.

	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2019-20</u>
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.5%	5.6%
Black	.8%	1.2%
Hispanic	1.7%	5.2%
Multiracial	2.1%	4.9%
White	92.8%	83.1%
Total Enrollment	2074	2072

- OHS Historic Marker Program: Leigh mentioned to me this week that Nick Blizzard from the *DDN* contacted Debra Edwards and conducted an interview about the Historic Marker Program. We anticipate a *DDN* article soon.
- Storm Damage: We had several trees damaged by the Thursday night storm. One tree struck a home at the corner of Far Hills and Hadley Avenue.



- CIT Training: Chief Hill will join our April 5 work session for an update on plans to provide Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) to members of our Oakwood Safety Department. Lieutenant Keith Benson is registered to attend the 40-hour course during the week of April 19. We intend to send the other three lieutenants to the program during the course of 2021. We also plan to send all of our dispatchers to an 8-hour CIT course (see enclosed flyer). There is preliminary work underway that may result in the creation of a county-wide resource making mental health professionals available to all Montgomery County police departments.

- Cincinnati Bell: Cincinnati Bell has an existing Video Service Authorization (VSA) from the Ohio Department of Commerce that allows them to expand their service area throughout several selected markets, including communities in Montgomery County. We received the enclosed letter from them this week informing us that Cincinnati Bell intends to begin offering video service to subscribers in Oakwood. Similar letters were received by Kettering and Moraine. This is likely related to their ongoing efforts to build their fiber optics business. Under Ohio law, cities are required to respond to a video notification letter within 10 days, informing the provider of the applicable franchise fee they must pay, or they forfeit the ability to collect a fee. A copy of our timely response is enclosed, wherein we informed Cincinnati Bell that they are required to pay the same fee (5% on gross video revenues) that Charter Communications pays.
- Ridgeway Pavement Restoration: Work is underway by Miller Pipeline to restore concrete pavement on Ridgeway damaged by the gas line work. Our restoration requirements call for full panel replacement.



HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

ENCLOSURE LIST

April 5 Meeting Press Release
2020 Annual Report
BOH Draft Minutes
DDN Articles re: COVID-19
Oakwood Schools Update
ODH Orders Timeline
DDN & *Register* Articles re: Academic Decathlon
Register Article re: Jessup Wealth Building
Register Article re: “Green Oakwood”
Register Article re: Spring Break Safety
DDN Article re: Tax Filing Extension & Draft Press Release
DDN Article re: Fire Hydrant Flushing
DDN Article re: 2020 Census Data & Spreadsheet Data
CIT Training Flyer
Cincinnati Bell Letter & Response



PRESS RELEASE

The City of Oakwood
30 Park Avenue
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

Subject: April 5, 2021 Oakwood City Council Meeting

Date: March 26, 2021

OAKWOOD, OHIO:

Oakwood City Council will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 5. The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at the city administration building, 30 Park Avenue.

Given that Montgomery County remains at a Level 3 – Red Alert Level for COVID-19, we encourage people to attend using the Zoom meeting platform. Zoom meeting information will be available via the City website at www.oakwoodohio.gov at 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The public meeting can also be viewed via live stream from the City website.

Oakwood City Council will follow the standard agenda for a regular session, including a Visitors portion. Visitors participating in the meeting via Zoom will be given the opportunity to address City Council. Comments by Visitors will be broadcast into the Council Chamber so the comments are available for all to hear.

Given continuing health safety measures in place to address COVID-19, in-person attendance at the meeting will be limited to 13 visitors, not counting council and city staff. The 13 visitor seats will be spaced six feet apart. All attendees must be free of any COVID-19 symptoms and must wear face masks to the meeting.

The 13 visitor seats will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Visitors will be allowed to enter the room beginning at 7:00 p.m.

In addition to live stream, the meeting video will be available for viewing afterwards from the city website.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
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THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, CITY OF OAKWOOD,
STATE OF OHIO

The meeting was conducted on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 in the council chamber at the Oakwood City Building, 30 Park Avenue.

In attendance were:

Dr. David Denka, D.O., Chair
Dr. Bill Coyne, D.D.S., Member
Diane Scott, R.N., Member

Dr. Steve Enseleit, M.D., Health Commissioner
Norbert Klopsch, Administrator/City Manager
Paul Scaglione, R.S., Sanitarian

Also in attendance were Debra Edwards with the Oakwood Historical Society, City Attorney Rob Jacques, Public Safety Captain Kevin Pruszynski, and Personnel and Properties Director Jennifer Wilder. Attending via remote teleconference utilizing the Zoom.com platform were the following: Dr. Sallie Wilson, D.O., Vice Chair; Dr. Elizabeth Maimon, DVM, M.P.H., Member; and Mayor Bill Duncan, President.

Dr. Denka called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items:

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Dr. Denka asked that the minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting be reviewed. There being no requested edits, motion to approve by Dr. Coyne; second by Mrs. Scott. Upon viva voce vote, motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report from Chair: No report.

Report from Sanitarian:

- Update on COVID-19: Mr. Scaglione gave a report on the COVID-19 cases in Oakwood from the beginning of the pandemic through March 18. There have been 726 positive cases, 19 hospitalizations and six deaths in Oakwood.
- Food Service Licenses: Mr. Scaglione reported that the state extended the deadline on annual food service licenses to July 1, but that all Oakwood businesses have already received them.

Report from Health Commissioner: No report.

Report from Board Administrator/City Manager: Mr. Klopsch reported on the following:

- Gardner Pool and Oakwood Dolphins: Current plans call for Gardner Pool to operate this year in the same manner as 2020, with limited users and the requirement to register in advance for time slots. The OCC staff will monitor Ohio Department of Health (ODH) directives/guidelines and may relax restrictions as circumstances warrant. The Oakwood Dolphins swim team also plans to operate this year, but with some health restrictions.
- Basketball Court Opening: The Department of Leisure Services will open the basketball courts at Shafor Park and Orchardly Park during the week of April 5. Most neighboring communities have either already opened their outside courts or will do so soon.
- City Operations through Pandemic:

Personnel and Properties Director Jennifer Wilder commented on her role as our Human Resources Director during the pandemic, and the numerous actions taken to address personnel health and safety issues.

City Attorney Rob Jacques discussed his work over the past year in following and interpreting the litany of health and safety guidelines/orders/recommendations passed down from federal, state and local agencies.

Public Safety Captain Kevin Pruszynski spoke about safety department operations throughout the pandemic. In large part, these operations have already returned to normal. Captain Pruszynski also spoke about the duties and responsibilities of Dr. John Ewing, the Oakwood EMS Medical Advisor.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Oakwood Historical Society June Home Tours: Debra Edwards with the Oakwood Historical Society (OHS) shared that they are planning a single house tour on Saturday, June 19. She explained that the OHS is developing safety protocols to comply with state and local requirements. Mr. Scaglione asked Ms. Edwards to send him the protocols for review and comment.
- Crisis Intervention Training: Public Safety Captain Kevin Pruszynski discussed planning underway to have members of the Oakwood Public Safety Department obtain Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). Lieutenant Keith Benson will attend the 40-hour CIT training during the week of April 19. The other three crew lieutenants will complete this training throughout 2021. Dr. Wilson asked whether the City would consider contracting with outside mental health professionals as an additional resource. Captain Pruszynski stated that this could be considered. Mayor Duncan inquired about the quality of the CIT training and whether all members of the Oakwood Safety Department should receive it. Captain Pruszynski referenced positive feedback from people that recently attended the CIT Program offered through the Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) office. He said it would be ideal to have all officers CIT trained, but it would be logistically and financially challenging.
- Resolution No. 21-2 Adoption of Administrative Policies and Procedures: Dr. Denka introduced Resolution No. 21-2. Mr. Klopsch explained that this resolution is needed to confirm that city-approved administrative policies and procedures are also applicable to the Oakwood Health Department/Board of Health. This is necessary now that the Oakwood Health Department/Board of Health is subject to an annual audit separate from the City. Motion to approve by Dr. Coyne; second by Mrs. Scott. Upon viva voce vote, resolution passed.

There being no other business, at 6:23 p.m. Dr. Denka adjourned the meeting.

Chair

Secretary

Commissioner of Health

DeWine: End of public health orders in sight

Governor says state is keeping eye on variants seen in other states.

By Kristen Spicker
Staff Writer

The day when Ohio can lift all COVID-19 public health orders is in sight, but Gov. Mike DeWine on Friday said concerns about coronavirus variants are looming.

If Ohio reports fewer than 50 cases per 100,000 people for two straight weeks, all public health pandemic orders, including a mask mandate, will be lifted.

During a forum with the City Club of Cleveland, DeWine said he doesn't have an estimate on when that day will be, but that it's close.

As of Thursday, Ohio was

reported 143.8 cases per 100,000 people.

The quickest way for Ohio to get through this is for people to get vaccinated when it's their turn, he added.

"The faster we can get vaccine in people's arms, the faster we're going to be able to get out of this and get back to normal," the governor said.

While things are looking up in Ohio's battle against coronavirus, reports that both Michigan and West Virginia are seeing an increase of a COVID variant that could be associated with an increased risk of death have state officials on alert.

"In a sense, we're in a race," DeWine said. "How fast can we get this vaccine out?"

DeWine continued on A5



"The faster we can get vaccine in people's arms, the faster we're going to be able to get out of this and get back to normal," Gov. Mike DeWine said.

DeWine

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DeWine noted that over the last year, Ohio has seen 90- to 120-day cycles of ups and downs while fighting the virus.

“The cycle indicates this should be coming back up,” he said. “We’re still moving in the right direction, but we’re concerned.”

While the state is keeping an eye on variants and cases, the governor is looking forward to a good spring and summer with fairs and festivals.

He also said he expects more fans and spectators to be allowed at sporting and entertainment events. Currently indoor venues are allowed 25% of seated capacity and outdoor venues are allowed 30%.

When asked about working with former President Trump and now with President Biden on the pandemic, DeWine said he has a great relationship with both administrations and that political parties shouldn't be a factor when working to beat coronavirus.

“This is an area where politics shouldn't have anything to do with this,” he said. “We should follow the science. We all have a job to do.”

He called all pandemic decisions “essentially a life and death decision.”

In one exchange with the

VACCINES IN OHIO

Who can sign up now? Ohioans 40 and older and those with cancer, chronic kidney disease, heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and obesity are eligible for the vaccine. Those with type 1 and type 2 diabetes, end-stage renal disease, ALS, are a bone marrow transplant, pregnant or severe congenital, developmental or early-onset and inherited conditions, including cerebral palsy; spina bifida; severe congenital heart disease requiring hospitalization within the past year; severe type 1 diabetes requiring hospitalization within the past year; inherited metabolic disorders including phenylketonuria; severe neurological disorders including epilepsy, hydrocephaly and microcephaly; severe genetic disorders including Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome, Turner syndrome and muscular dystrophy; severe lung disease, including asthma requiring hospitalization within the past year and cystic fibrosis; sickle cell anemia; alpha and beta thalassemia; and solid organ transplant patients are also eligible.

People working in childcare services, funeral services, law enforcement and corrections, EMS, health care, nursing home or long-term care facilities or K-12 school staff can get the vaccine.

Who is next? Starting March 29, those 16 and older will be able to get vaccinated.

Where to get more information: For more information and to search the list of COVID-19 vaccine providers near you, including public health departments, go to vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov. Ohio Department of Health's general information help line is 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). You can also call 1-866-243-5678 to be connected to your local area agency on aging for help for older adults with vaccine site options.

Who is vaccinated so far: As of Friday, 2,648,318 people in Ohio (22.66% of the population) have been given at least one dose and 1,521,431 people in Ohio (13.02% of the population) have completed their vaccination.

How to sign up: Appointments are limited, required, and sometimes are all filled. The following is not a comprehensive list, but here are some of the major vaccine providers in the area that you can check with:

- Ohio Department of Health's central vaccine scheduling tool: <http://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/>
- Kettering Health Network: ketteringhealth.org/coronavirus or call 1-844-576-3627
- Premier Health: premierhealth.com/vaccine or call 937-276-4141 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Kroger: kroger.com/ohiocovidvaccine or call 1-866-211-5320.
- CVS: cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine or call your local pharmacy
- Walgreens: walgreens.com or call your local pharmacy
- Discount Drug Mart: discount-drugmart.com or call your local pharmacy

moderator, DeWine said he would accept an endorsement from Trump for re-election in 2022 if offered.

DeWine previously attracted the ire of Trump and his supporters and

blamed the former president for the Jan. 6 Capitol riot.

While the governor has faced criticism for his response to the pandemic, DeWine noted most of his

actions and public health orders relied on the public buying into them.

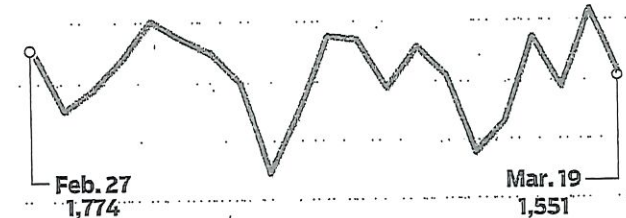
“All of our orders virtually depend on self-policing and people actually being willing to do it,” he said.

Coronavirus cases in Ohio

Ohio had 997,336 cumulative reported cases and 18,340 deaths* as of 2 p.m. March 19.

New cases reported each day

(Difference from previously reported)



Two-weeks of cases by county

NOTE: Values were pulled on Mar. 17 for the 14-day period of Mar. 3 to Mar. 16 and exclude incarcerated individuals.

Area county rates	Cases per 100,000 pop.		Cases	Highest county rates	Cases per 100,000 pop.		Cases
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Champaign	226.3	88	88	Monroe	227.0	31	31
Clark	203.6	273	273	Champaign	226.3	88	88
Butler	154.5	592	592	Crawford	216.9	90	90
Warren	147.5	346	346	Medina	206.4	371	371
Miami	100.9	108	108	Lowest county rate			
Greene	100.6	170	170	Meigs	21.8	5	5
Montgomery	95.9	510	510	*Note: Other states do not send death certificates to ODH's Bureau of Vital Statistics on a regular schedule, so fluctuations will occur in the deaths reported.			
Preble	80.7	33	33				
Darke	80.2	41	41				

Source: Ohio Department of Health

DDW
3/20/2021

DeWine vetoes bill to curb public health order powers



Gov. Mike DeWine vetoed Senate Bill 22.

Ohio lawmakers say they have the votes to override governor's veto.

By Laura A. Bischoff
Staff Writer

In a showdown with state lawmakers, Gov. Mike DeWine vetoed Tuesday a bill that would undercut the governor's power to issue and enforce public health orders in an emergency.

In his veto message, the governor said Senate Bill 22 "jeopardizes the safety of every Ohioan"

and "handcuffs Ohio's ability to confront crises."

Legislative leaders in the House and Senate say they have the two-thirds majority votes to override DeWine's veto.

State Rep. Scott Wiggam, R-Wooster, responded to DeWine, saying they have different views of government powers and individual freedoms.

"When power is consolidated through emergency it always leads to tragic oppression and is rarely retrieved by the people without desperate action," Wiggam said in his letter. "In the

past year, Ohioans have faced constantly moving goal posts and life changing policies from one branch of Ohio's three branches of government."

A year ago as the coronavirus pandemic ramped up across the globe, DeWine and his team issued orders shutting down businesses and schools, limit crowd sizes and require face masks in public.

While medical experts cheered DeWine's actions as life saving, others called it a government

Veto continued on A8

Veto

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overreach that infringed on personal freedoms.

Senate Bill 22, which is the latest attempt to curb public health powers, calls for:

- Limiting the duration of a state of emergency to 90 days, unless extended by the General Assembly.

- Allowing the General Assembly to rescind executive branch emergency orders.

- A committee of lawmakers would sit on an advisory panel to oversee actions taken by the governor or state health department in response to an emergency.

- Limiting local health departments' quarantine and closure orders to apply only to people diagnosed with or in direct contact with someone with a specified disease.

DeWine vetoed a similar measure late last year but Senate leaders opted not to hold an over ride vote then.

DeWine sent a five-page letter to lawmakers on Monday detailing why he opposes SB22 – most of the points were repeated in his veto message on Tuesday.

The governor said the bill would make responding to outbreaks of food poisoning, Ebola and other infectious diseases, as well as emergencies such as tornadoes, floods or prison riots far more difficult and slow. He also said it would expose the state to more lawsuits.

DeWine laid out multiple scenarios where SB22 could prove cumbersome. For example, a health department wouldn't be able to issue a general order to force restaurants to destroy tainted romaine lettuce sold by a particular supplier.

Along with the veto message, DeWine released letters calling for a veto from the Ohio State Medical Association, Ohio Hospital Association, Association of Ohio Health Commissioners, Ohio Mayors Alliance, Ohio Association of Community

Colleges and others.

Public health officials from nine counties in the Miami Valley released a letter calling Senate Bill 22 "a colossal misstep" that "demonstrates a willful neglect of scientific evidence."

The three-page letter from Montgomery County commissioners and the health departments of Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Piqua, Preble, Montgomery and Warren counties warns of ill-advised changes to public health authority.

The local officials called SB22 reactionary, disturbing, troubling and ignorant, and warned that it would hamper efforts to contain future epidemics. They also said that curtailing public health authority would have a disparate impact on minority and low-income communities. "Proposing such legislation is shameful," the letter said.

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March 22, 2021

Hon. Mike DeWine, Governor
State of Ohio
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 S. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

The Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners, and the Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County Board of Health commend you for your commitment to protecting the health of all Ohioans. We are especially thankful for your support of Ohio's 113 local health departments and their respective Boards of Health and we stand with you in opposition to Senate Bill 22.

Senate Bill 22, which proposes ill-advised changes in public health authority in the state of Ohio, undermines scientific and public health principles proven to be incontrovertibly true for communicable disease control. Most disturbing, this reactionary legislation has far reaching negative health consequences beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. The provisions aimed at removing local Boards of Health authority are especially troubling and demonstrate ignorance and a complete disregard for the public's health and safety.

Isolation and Quarantine

By statute, local Boards of Health are charged with acting for the good of all citizens by preventing the spread of diseases, promoting healthy behaviors, and protecting the environment. These actions are aimed at ensuring that all Ohioans live in healthy, safe, and thriving communities.

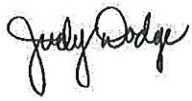
The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly elevated the public's understanding of case investigation, contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine. These historical public health control measures are now part of the public's daily vernacular. But they do not just apply to the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Boards of Health are required to conduct these actions for all reportable, infectious diseases. The list is comprehensive, encompassing diseases with the potential for epidemic spread. Examples include botulism, hepatitis A-B-C, HIV, measles, meningitis, mumps, novel influenza virus, pertussis, plague, rabies, tuberculosis, and viral hemorrhagic fevers such as Ebola virus.

Stripping local Boards of Health of their authority to prevent the spread of disease through the proven actions of isolation and quarantine violates the principles of the ethical practice of public health. These actions work because Boards of Health adhere to the foundational tenet of investigating and identifying confirmed and probable cases of disease. Cases self-isolate and close-contacts self-quarantine. Waiting



Senate Bill 22 as proposed demonstrates a willful neglect of scientific evidence, a disregard for the knowledge and expertise of medical and public health professionals and is a colossal misstep in protecting the health of all Ohioans.

There will be time for careful consideration of legislative changes that will strengthen our ability to respond in future public health emergencies. Senate Bill 22 is the wrong course of action because the Ohio General Assembly alone does not have the knowledge and expertise to determine the necessary changes. A collaborative effort including key stakeholders from many sectors is paramount to making wise decisions on changes to public health authority in Ohio.

Sincerely,



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Commission President
Montgomery County



Debbie Lieberman
Commissioner
Montgomery County

Carolyn Rice
Commissioner
Montgomery County



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Public Health - Dayton &
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Situations where local orders are issued (by “class”)

Updated 3-16-21 with selected examples

Past Incidents

Two important notes:

1. These local incidents that rise to the level of issuance of local orders, including all of the following incidents, typically always include the involvement ODH and/or the CDC.
2. These incidents date back several years, because local health departments do not need to use this authority very often: this authority is not abused, but it is critical to maintain for those situations that risk the health of many individuals, due to the risk of rapid spread of serious disease.

Multi-jurisdictional Chipotle Outbreak: In the fall of 2015 several Chipotle locations in NE Ohio were involved in an outbreak investigation of e.Coli O26. This strain was identified across the country and sickened many people. Summit County had three cases that matched the outbreak, two young adults and a child that was hospitalized. The locations that Summit County inspected and issued order to were in Montrose and Highland Square. In addition, one of the index cases had eaten at another Chipotle in Cuyahoga Co, so the 3 departments collaborated on disease investigation. In the end, Chipotle identified, with the help of CDC, that there was source contamination from a food brought into the restaurant. Policies and sources were changed throughout stores nationwide. LHD sanitarians and nurses worked for 6 months under local regulations with the operators of the stores to monitor and review contamination sources and food handling practices.

Delaware County Mexican Grill: A few later, Delaware County had to investigate a similar incident. A total of 647 cases were identified during this investigation- 636 probable cases and 11 confirmed cases. Twelve stool samples were tested by the Ohio Dept. of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All samples tested negative for Norovirus, Salmonella, Shiga toxin producing E-Coli, Shigella, and *Bacillus cereus*. Eleven of the twelve samples tested positive for *Clostridium perfringens*. Of the eleven samples that tested positive for *Clostridium perfringens*, four of them tested positive for alpha toxin. Six cases lived out of state (three in California, two in Indiana, and one in Virginia). Six cases lived out of state (three in California, two in Indiana, and one in Virginia). Because leftover food was disposed of before testing could be concluded, the investigation had to broaden to include more individuals in an effort to identify the source of the infection. The restaurant was closed, separating all individuals, not just those medically diagnosed, from exposure to the foodborne pathogen.

Mahoning County Rabies Outbreak

In 1997 the first rabid raccoon in Ohio infected with the raccoon rabies epizootic moving westward from Pennsylvania was detected in Boardman township, Mahoning County. The Mahoning County District Board of Health, invoking its authority under Ohio Revised Code Section 3709.21 to enact emergency regulations for the prevention or restriction of disease, approved an order requiring the rabies vaccination of domestic dogs and cats. Many household pets allowed outdoors are at risk for contact with rabid raccoons in the wild and, if infected, could in turn expose their human contacts to this lethal virus (rabies is almost always a fatal disease in humans). The board of health worked with the county animal control personnel to assure compliance with the regulation.

Concerns were raised about how the plume of contaminated water could cause vapor to intrude into the school and into some of the neighboring homes. Air samples were taken in the schools and homes. D.H. Holdings subsequently paid for the village to have two new wells installed and have the old wells properly abandoned. D.H. Holdings also paid to dig deep trenches to channel the contaminated groundwater into a treatment facility.

Luckily to the best of our knowledge, no known human harm was done, thanks to the interventions of the Local Health Department. Senate Bill 22 would prevent such preventative orders or regulations from being issued by a local board of health.

Complete List of Situations Where Local Orders/Regulations May be Needed:

1. Communicable diseases, including those that take multiple days for definitive medical diagnosis: cholera, diphtheria, TB, plague, smallpox, yellow fever, SARS, MERS, COVID, Viral hemorrhagic fevers (like Ebola): most of the infectious diseases listed, lab confirmation of positivity averages 3 days. SB 22 would not allow isolation of suspected cases while waiting for lab confirmation.
2. Communicable disease reporting – elevate level of existing, add new: When there was an outbreak of c.Difficile in NE Ohio nursing homes, the Director elevated the infection to a Class A reportable disease for approximately 6 months in order to conduct epidemiological analysis of root source of the infection, e.g., hospitals vs. nursing homes, so that enhanced infection control measures could be targeted accordingly.
3. Public Food service operations inspections (restaurants, vending, commissaries, mobile food vendors, volunteer organizations, etc.) A regional group of chain Mexican restaurants was ordered to close temporarily while a food outbreak source was tracked back to a food distributor that served the restaurant chain locations in that region.
4. Retail food establishment inspections (grocery stores, marinas, etc.): The removal of ground beef was ordered from a group of Ohio grocery stores until the food contamination source was traced back to a meat packing plant in Michigan.
5. Mosquito control – if local surveillance reveals the presence of West Nile virus in mosquitoes, a LHD will frequently issue orders for targeted spraying and restrictions for outside activities in specific areas where the prevalence of infection is high.
6. Public swimming pool and spas – if public water sources become contaminated, public pools and spas supplied by that public water source may need to be closed until contamination is resolved.
7. Private water systems (wells) – if ground water contamination is detected, water boiling or consumption restrictions may be ordered for a particular housing subdivision or comparable geographic area.
8. Private and semi-public sewage systems – OEPA may issue orders for an entire county, which then requires local Board of Health to issue local orders for replacement of home sewage treatment systems in certain housing subdivisions, especially in areas where there remains a large number of discharging systems. The South Bass Island outbreak of 2004 is a good example of the need for local orders to prevent the further infection of more individuals who were visiting the island during the peak of tourist season.
9. Plumbing inspections – in response to a Legionella outbreak, local orders for testing and drinking water restrictions may be issued for several locations until infection source is definitively identified.
10. Solid waste and construction and demolition debris disposal – LHDs administer these programs through authority delegated by OEPA. Due to variable ground water and soil conditions in different parts of the state, there may be specific local orders that are more strict than the statewide requirements, e.g., in NW Ohio where ground water conditions are quite unique and different than the rest of the state.

Lawmakers vote, rebuke DeWine veto

State Senate, House override governor's veto of public health bill, the first such move in his tenure.

By **Laura A. Bischoff**
Staff Writer

In a swift rebuke of Gov. Mike DeWine, state lawmakers voted Wednesday to override his veto of a bill that will limit public health authority and give the legislature more oversight of health emergencies.

The Senate voted 23-10. The House voted 62-35. Each chamber needed a three-fifths majority vote — 20 in the Senate and 60 in the House.

It marks the first veto override of DeWine's two-year tenure as governor, and it comes largely from his own party.

State Sen. Rob McColley, R-Napoleon, said the bill will restore checks and balances

between the legislative and executive branches of government. He said the measure won't prevent action on the front end but will allow for oversight.

"We need to stand up and we need to finish this for all the Ohioans who have been asking us for a long time to be their voice at the table," he said.

State Rep. Scott Wiggam, R-Wooster, said the bill puts guardrails around the rule making authority exercised by the executive branch.

And state Rep. Bill Seitz, R-Cincinnati, said 26 other states provide for legislative oversight of emergency orders issued by the executive branch.

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State Sen. Nickie Antonio, D-Lakewood, said the legislation would hamper Ohio's ability to respond quickly to emergencies. "This is dangerous."

House Minority Leader Emilia Sykes, D-Akron, said legislators lack the expertise to make day-to-day public health decisions, especially given how many lawmakers refuse to wear masks or observe social distancing. She accused Republican lawmakers of acting out against DeWine because they feel slighted by the governor. "This body is making a ter-

HOW LOCAL LAWMAKERS VOTED ON THE VETO

Yes to override: State Sens. Niraj Antani, Bob Hackett, Matt Huffman, Steve Huffman, George Lang and Steve Wilson.; state Reps. Sara Carruthers, Rodney Creech, Bill Dean, Jennifer Gross, Thomas Hall, Kyle Koehler, Brian Lampton, Scott Lipps, Susan Manchester, Phil Plummer, Jena Powell, Tom Young, Paul Zeltwanger.

No to override: No local senators; state Reps. Willis Blackshear Jr., and Andrea White.

Didn't vote: State Rep. Nino Vitale

rible decision because your feelings are hurt," she said.

Senate Bill 22 will take effect as law in 90 days. The only options to stop it would be to mount a costly referendum campaign or challenge its constitutionality in the courts. DeWine spokes-

man Dan Tierney said the governor would review his options with legal counsel.

House Speaker Bob Cupp, R-Lima, a former state supreme court justice, said: "We believe the statute is constitutional and will hold up."

He also brushed off Sykes'

accusation that action on SB22 represents a personal battle with DeWine.

Local public health officials and the DeWine administration said SB22 would make it more difficult to control infectious disease outbreaks such as food poisoning, tuberculosis or Ebola, lead to more lawsuits and disproportionately hurt minority and low-income communities.

DeWine and his allies pressured lawmakers to skip the override, holding news conferences, releasing statements and urging Ohioans to call their legislators.

Senate Bill 22 calls for:

- Limiting the duration

of a state of emergency to 90 days, unless extended by the General Assembly.

■ Allowing the General Assembly to rescind executive branch emergency orders.

■ A committee of lawmakers would sit on an advisory panel to oversee actions taken by the governor or state health department in response to an emergency.

■ Limiting local health departments' quarantine and closure orders to apply only to people medically diagnosed with or in direct contact with someone with a specified disease.

From the beginning of the coronavirus global pandemic, DeWine and

the Ohio Department of Health issued statewide orders to force shutdowns of schools and businesses, restrict visits to nursing homes, require face masks in public and limit the size of gatherings.

Many medical experts said the moves were needed to flatten the pandemic curve and keep the health care system from being overwhelmed. Others were angered by what they saw as a government overreach, infringement of individual freedoms and damaging to the economy.

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University of Dayton athletics employee Mark Gazdik gets a COVID-19 vaccination by Premier Health Nurse Midwife Susan Kloth. Premier Health vaccinated hundreds Monday at UD Arena.

‘Vaccine hesitancy:’ Why many against it

Cedarville U. research finds misinformation is just one of causes.

By Bonnie Meibers
Staff Writer

As thousands of Ohioans cheer as they receive their COVID-19 vaccinations, not everyone in the state is rejoicing.

Nearly 40% of Americans said they won't take the coronavirus vaccine, according to the Pew Research Center. And in Ohio, more than 2 million people said they won't get a vaccine, according to a Census experimental survey.

This uncertainty about the vaccine is called vaccine hesitancy, and research by Cedarville University researchers has found that there is more to hesitancy

than misinformation. The World Health Organization considers vaccine hesitancy as one of the top 10 threats to global health.

“Vaccine hesitancy goes way beyond misinformation or a lack of understanding,” said Justin Cole, director of Cedarville's Center for Pharmacy Innovation and associate professor of pharmacy practice.

Health beliefs also play into vaccine hesitancy and health decisions, said Aleda Chen, interim dean of Cedarville's School of Pharmacy and associate professor of pharmacy practice. For example, she said, some people believe in going to the doctor and getting medicine when they have a cold, others believe in the body healing itself or healing through prayer.

“Understanding how people think what causes disease and

how they can address disease is a really important thing when we're having these conversations with patients,” Chen said.

While Ohio coronavirus cases continue to slowly decline, Gov. Mike DeWine said last week he can't predict when remaining health orders might be lifted.

The governor directly connected the decrease in virus numbers to the state's massive effort to vaccinate. But with more supply coming in, DeWine and other state leaders are running into vaccine hesitancy among certain groups, including the elderly and young people. Ohio is planning to address that with a number of TV and ad campaigns aimed at those individuals and their specific concerns around the virus.

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“We continue to see the numbers trending downward and that is great for everyone,” he said. “We are making progress. But the battle has to be fought every single day.”

Making decisions

Oftentimes, patients are making decisions based on what they have come to believe about information, Cole said. So simply relying on education isn't enough, because that information is filtered through a person's health beliefs and they may come to a different conclusion when they think about their own values and beliefs, he said.

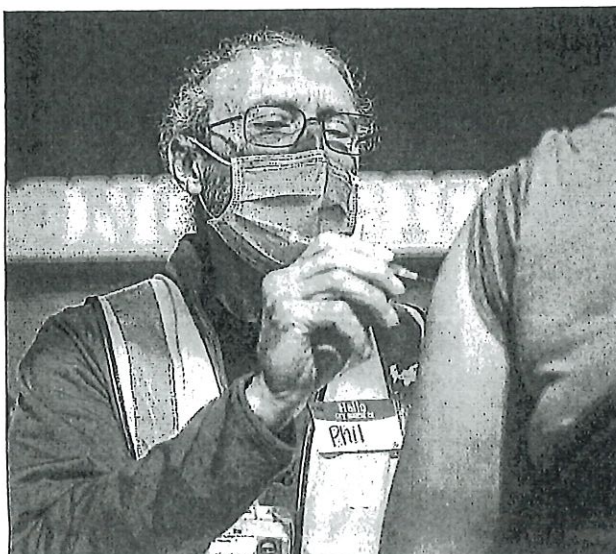
Cole said some people believe the COVID vaccine would put mRNA into their bodies and change their DNA. As a health care provider, his first instinct may be to say that's not true, but that person with that belief can walk away from the conversation feeling dismissed. Not truly listening or trying to understand where a patient is coming from will not help their vaccine hesitancy, Cole said.

“Instead of giving information first, saying ‘tell me more about that,’ and potentially as the conversation continues you can provide them with accurate information,” Cole said. “People don't care what you know until they know that you care.”

Cole and Chen started studying vaccine hesitancy in pediatrics a few years ago. They found that vaccination refusals went down when using motivational interviewing, including refusals for the influenza vaccine.

When the pandemic started and a vaccine was being developed, the two pivoted their vaccine hesitancy work to focus on the COVID vaccine.

The two pharmacy professors said they've talked with people who are hesitant to take the vaccine because it is the first vaccine the world has seen come to market so quickly and people have doubts on whether it is safe or effective. Others



Premier Health R.N. Phil Frederick administers a COVID-19 vaccine at the University of Dayton Arena.

have concerns over a lack of long-term side effect knowledge, concerns that the vaccine will cause them to get COVID or concerns that the vaccine is a way that the government is tracking people.

Cole and Chen believe that patient-centered communication practices, such as motivational interviewing to engage people who express vaccine hesitancy, will help this growing problem. Motivational interviewing is a way of talking with a person or patient by first trying to understand their reasoning.

They also believe that this technique will help reach minority communities who have a deep-rooted distrust toward the medical community and are the most likely to have vaccine hesitancy.

“There is a lot of distrust related to healthcare providers in minority communities given the history of unethical research and trials of many drugs and vaccines in vulnerable populations. So for minority communities, vaccine hesitancy is rooted in mistrust of the profession and whether we are going to be fair and equitable to them,” Chen said. “A lot of our research efforts focus on trying to change the approach to engaging people and building trust. Rather than simply telling patients what to do, we seek to understand their perspective and what is causing hesitancy.

Then, we can share information honestly and start building equitable relationships.”

Skepticism in Black community

The Rev. Rockney Carter, senior pastor of Zion Baptist Church in West Dayton, said he has concerns about safely reopening his church because some in his congregation are still skeptical of the COVID vaccine.

“We're praying on that. In the African American community there's an inherent distrust of vaccinations of that type. Sometimes it takes our people a longer amount of time to do their research and that's a process,” he said. “We've been subject to such systemic racism and racial disparities, in healthcare especially throughout the years, that we have distrust for it.”

Carter said he received his vaccines.

“I'm trying to encourage our congregation to participate in that process to the extent that they can, because we actually believe that it'll help save your life,” he said.

Some people who contracted the virus never got medical attention and died in their West Dayton homes, Carter said.

With the closure of Good Samaritan Hospital, residents are short that community resource, he said. Other factors, including lack of

REASONS TO GET THE COVID-19 VACCINATION

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the reasons for people to get the COVID-19 vaccination are:

IT WILL HELP KEEP YOU FROM GETTING COVID-19

- All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be highly effective at preventing COVID-19.
- All COVID-19 vaccines that are in development are being carefully evaluated in clinical trials and will be authorized or approved only if they make it substantially less likely you'll get COVID-19.
- Based on what the CDC knows about vaccines for other diseases and early data from clinical trials, experts believe that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may also help keep you from getting seriously ill, even if you do get COVID-19.
- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- Experts continue to conduct more studies about the effect of COVID-19 vaccination on severity of illness from COVID-19, as well as its ability to keep people from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

COVID-19 VACCINATION IS A SAFER WAY TO HELP BUILD PROTECTION

- COVID-19 can have serious, life-threatening complications, and there is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you. And if you get sick, you could spread the disease to friends, family, and others around you.
- Clinical trials of all vaccines must first show they are safe and effective before any vaccine can be authorized or approved for use, including COVID-19 vaccines. The known and potential benefits of a COVID-19 vaccine must outweigh the known and potential risks of the vaccine for use under what is known as an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

- Getting COVID-19 may offer some natural protection, known as immunity. Current evidence suggests that reinfection with the virus that causes COVID-19 is uncommon in the 90 days after initial infection. However, experts don't know for sure how long this protection lasts, and the risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 far outweighs any benefits of natural immunity. COVID-19 vaccination will help protect you by creating an antibody (immune system) response without having to experience sickness.
- Both natural immunity and immunity produced by a vaccine are important parts of COVID-19 disease that experts are trying to learn more about, and CDC will keep the public informed as new evidence becomes available.

COVID-19 VACCINATION WILL BE AN IMPORTANT TOOL TO HELP STOP THE PANDEMIC

- Wearing masks and social distancing help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures are not enough. Vaccines will work with your immune system so it will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed.
- The combination of getting vaccinated and following CDC's recommendations to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from COVID-19.
- Stopping a pandemic requires using all the tools we have available. As experts learn more about how COVID-19 vaccination may help reduce spread of the disease in communities, CDC will continue to update the recommendations to protect communities using the latest science.

SOURCE: U.S. CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

health insurance, also made some people hesitant to seek health care, Carter said.

"We've got to make sure that we have equal access to quality health care," he said. "They don't go to the hospital. People are staying inside and a lot of people are perishing right there in their house."

Building trust

Cole and Chen said health care providers need to work to build trust and confidence and motivational interviewing is one way to do that.

Talking with a trusted health care provider or a family member who is in the health field can also help answer some questions or ease hesitancy.

"The whole goal of it is to build a relationship with the person you're taking to and I think that's the best approach for building any sort of communication," Chen said.

Cole said health care professionals can be people who promote vaccines, but are still empathetic to concerns of their patients.

Cole and Chen created a podcast last week outlining their findings on vaccine hesitancy and motivational interviewing. The audio is available for listeners through Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify, Overcast, Castro, Stitcher, Pocket Casts, Cast Box and TuneIn.

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Subject: March 21, 2021 Update



Oakwood City Schools



Dear Oakwood Families,

I hope you have been able to enjoy this beautiful weekend. It's been a busy week and we now have time to reflect on the successful return to full-time, face-to-face instruction. The energy and excitement of students and staff Monday was just like the first day of school. Parents on the front lawn and students arriving a half hour before the doors open was fun to see. We are looking forward to this energy continuing to help create a positive experience for the fourth quarter for students, staff and families.

I know the transition has been stressful for some of our students. Your efforts at home to prepare them helped make this first week a huge success overall. We did learn a few things and will continue to make adjustments as we go.

On the health front, I continue to meet with area school leaders and officials from Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County to learn how to best react to the continually changing situation. In my meeting with Montgomery County Health Commissioner Jeff Cooper Tuesday morning, he indicated there are many [vaccine locations and appointments available county-wide](#). Gov. DeWine announced Tuesday, vaccine eligibility would be expanded to 40 year-olds as of Friday, March 19 and will be open to include all Ohio residents 16 years old and up by the end of the month.

Mr. Cooper also reminded us we need to continue to practice good protocol during spring breaks. There are a number of families who intend to increase their travel beginning next week during break and we encourage everyone to continue to be smart. We all need to practice social distancing, wear our masks, wash our hands and use proper sneeze etiquette.

We continue to make updates to our health protocol to follow state and local health orders and guidance. Following a new order signed Monday, March 15 by Stephanie McCloud, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, we have updated our quarantine guidelines regarding exposure occurring during extracurricular activities, including sports. The updated guidelines allow students who are identified as having close contact exposure during an extracurricular activity, including sports, and remain asymptomatic to return to the classroom and activities following a shortened quarantine period of 10 days.

Earlier this month, our protocols were updated to reflect PHDMC guidelines which no longer required students or staff to quarantine following exposure within a classroom environment when prevention policies were in place, the person with COVID-19 and any associated contacts were wearing face masks covering their nose and mouth at all times and social distancing of at least three feet were maintained. [These protocols and other information about our efforts to operate in these unique circumstances can be found on our website.](#)

We are continuing to send general exposure and close contact notifications as warranted for exposures occurring at school or during school-related events. Our COVID dashboard is updated weekly (by the end of the day each Monday) and we share our data with the state, as required. We believe these efforts, along with building and teacher communications, will allow our families to be informed and stay engaged this fourth quarter.

Phase 1 of our Master Facilities Plan remains on schedule and on budget. As we continue to update heating/ventilation/air conditioning systems, it is important to make sure these systems are working as they were designed, allowing us to optimize our learning and working environments. Our engineers from Heapy Engineering will be visiting all of our buildings Monday and Tuesday to assess the ventilation systems across the District. We try to avoid having workers in the building during the school day but to gain the most accurate information, it is important to take these readings while the buildings are occupied. Members of our service staff will accompany the engineers. The goal we first established at the beginning of the MFP process, 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 continues to guide us as we move through this process. [You can see the scope of work for the last year of the project on our website.](#)

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to a successful finish to a year we will never forget.

Kyle

Timeline of selected ODH orders:

- March 14, 2020 Order to prohibit 'mass gatherings' (over 100 people). *This order was superseded by subsequent orders on March 17, 2020, November 16, 2020, and March 2, 2021.*
- Order to close all K-12 schools through April 3, 2020. *This order was superseded by subsequent orders on March 30, 2020 and April 29, 2020.*
- March 15, 2020 Order to limit food and alcohol sales to carry-out and delivery only. *This order was superseded by subsequent orders on May 14 and 21, 2020.*
- March 17, 2020 Order to prohibit 'mass gatherings' (over 50 people). This order also closed bowling alleys, gyms/fitness/yoga studios, public recreation facilities, camps, theaters, auditoriums, stadiums, arenas, parades, fairs, and festivals.
- Order to close polling locations.
- Order to prohibit non-essential surgery. *This order was amended on June 2, 2020, although some surgeries resumed as early as April 30, 2020.*
- March 20, 2020 Order to prohibit business operation at hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, body piercing locations, tanning facilities and massage therapy locations. *This order was modified on October 9, 2020.*
- March 21, 2020 Order to prohibit operation of facilities providing older adult day care services and senior centers, as well as adult day support or vocational habilitation services in a congregate setting.
- Order closing all indoor entertainment businesses.
- March 22, 2020 Order to require people to stay at home unless engaged in essential work or activity. *This order was modified on April 2, 2020 and partially rescinded on May 20, 2020.*
- May 1, 2020 Order to partially reopen businesses consistent with sector-specific guidance.
- May 14, 2020 Order to partially reopen restaurants, bars, and banquet/catering facilities to dine-in service. *This order was superseded by subsequent orders on September 23, 2020 and February 11, 2021.*
- Order to reopen salons, spas, barber shops, and tattoo/piercing establishments. *This order was superseded by a subsequent order on October 9, 2020.*

May 22, 2020	Order to reopen gyms, fitness facilities, dance studios, subject to sector-specific guidance and appropriate distancing/hygiene.
	Order to reopen non-contact sports and public pools, subject to sector-specific guidance and appropriate distancing/hygiene.
May 29, 2020	Amended order to reopen most businesses, subject to sector-specific guidance and appropriate distancing/hygiene.
June 4, 2020	Order to reopen youth day camps.
June 30, 2020	Order extending the expiration date of several orders. <i>Similar subsequent extension orders were issued on July 7 and July 16, 2020.</i>
July 8, 2020	Order to require people in Level 3 (RED) alert counties, including Montgomery County, to wear facial coverings in indoor locations other than residences, outdoors when unable to maintain a distance of six feet from other individuals, and when waiting for/riding in/operating public transportation.
July 23, 2020	Order to require all people to wear facial coverings in indoor locations other than residences, outdoors when unable to maintain a distance of six feet from other individuals, and when waiting for/riding in/operating public transportation.
August 13, 2020	Order to require facial coverings in child education settings.
August 19, 2020	Order to provide mandatory requirements for certain sports, including youth sports. <i>This order was superseded by an order issued on September 25, 2020.</i>
August 25, 2020	Order revising patron limitations for entertainment venues.
November 13, 2020	Order to require facial coverings in retail businesses and imposes requirements on operators of businesses.
November 16, 2020	Order to prohibit 'mass gatherings', public and private, of greater than ten people.
November 19, 2020	Order to impose a curfew requiring, for 21 days, all individuals residing in Ohio to stay at a place of residence between 10:00 pm and 5:00 am. <i>This order was extended three times on December 10, 2020, on December 30, 2020, and on January 22, 2021. It was modified and extended on January 27, 2021, and expired on February 11, 2021.</i>
March 2, 2021	Amended order to prohibit 'mass gatherings', public and private, of greater than ten people, with clarified language on governmental meetings.

Police to soon wear body cameras

Trotwood City Council approves \$81,170 purchase for equipment for officers, a month after shooting.

By India Duke
Staff Writer

Trotwood is joining a number of area cities that have chosen to purchase body cameras for their police departments.

Trotwood City Council recently voted to spend \$81,170 to buy 40 body cameras and accessories for its officers.

The measure comes more than a month after a police involved

shooting that left 25-year-old Andrew Hogan dead and three Trotwood officers were placed on administrative leave. However, the move to outfit officers with body cameras is not in response to the shooting; the purchase was in the works long before the incident, Mayor Mary McDonald said.

"The time of legislation happened coincidentally," she said.

The council members voted unanimously for the resolution,

saying body cameras are needed because the city recognizes the value of video evidence to both law enforcement personnel and citizens.

"In a recent poll our community has given the Trotwood Police Department at 94% approval rating. We are extremely proud of the trust," McDonald said. "I believe the cameras are the best way possible to assure everyone of interest when there is a question relating to police-citizen interactions."

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Police were called on a Friday night in February to a shoplifting complaint to the Speedway gas station at 5010 Olive Road. The suspect left before police arrived and was headed west on Shiloh Springs Road. Officers found the suspect, later identified as Hogan, about a block away near Kensington Apartment Complex, according to a release from the department.

During a press conference, Trotwood Police Chief Erik Wilson said Hogan struck one

of the officers during the incident and that officers used pepper spray on Hogan, who reportedly refused to follow orders before he ran to the 700 block of Kelford Place.

While waiting for additional units to respond, Hogan left an apartment with a knife in his hand and was fatally shot.

Since last year, the NAACP Dayton chapter has demanded police officers wear body cameras when responding to situations.

"We definitely think it's a step in the right direction. That goes along with the eight point plan that we

launched last year in 2020. We are still calling on other police departments throughout Montgomery County, Ohio, to follow suit and do the same prior to something happening in their respective communities," said Derrick Forward, president of NAACP's Dayton Unit. "We applaud the city of Trotwood for exercising leadership and taking quick decisive action to get the body cams in spite of financial concerns."

Wilson didn't respond to requests for comment.

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Academic team wins title

Oakwood High School's Academic Decathlon team is celebrating an 11th consecutive state title.

Natalie Connelly, Luke Smallwood and Nate Atocha achieved first overall individual scores in their divisions, with Smallwood achieving the top overall individual score of the entire competition.

Competing on the winning 9-member team this year are Connelly, Evan Hardern, Lily Fullenhull, Smallwood, Soren Kingston, Aiden Beck, Atocha, Isaiah Rudy, and Julius Morgan-Myers.

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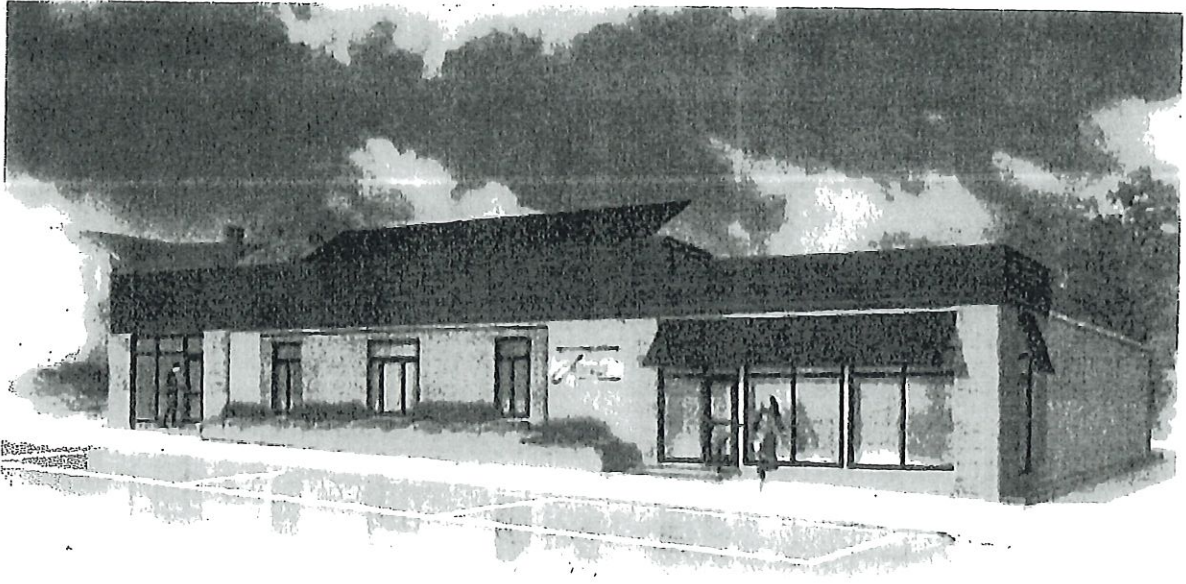
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Jessup Wealth Management expands office

Jessup Wealth Management, Inc., is undertaking a major expansion and renovation of their office at 35 Park Avenue in Oakwood. The company announced that Chambers Architecture, along with Manfreda Construction, will be renovating 2,520 square feet of additional space in the building. Once completed, the new space will encompass four offices for additional financial advisors, two new conference rooms, five client service associate workstations, and two intern workstations, as well as an updated kitchen and new bathrooms.

In addition to the interior renovation, Jessup Wealth Management also has obtained approval to update the

exterior of the building.

Under the direction of managing partners Matthew Jessup and Mark McEvily, Jessup Wealth Management has a staff of 10 employees serving 360 households with clients in 25 states. For information on their services, visit www.jessupwealthmanagement.com or call (937) 938-9105.

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Green Oakwood offers recycling options

Green Oakwood, a grassroots coalition promoting environmental awareness in Oakwood, is offering city residents several new recycling options to reduce landfill waste.

Styrofoam: Want the "feel good" factor of helping to fill surfboards and flotation devices, not landfills? Please hold on to your styrofoam a little longer.

Montgomery County Environmental Services anticipate another Styrofoam collection event in late April or

early in May.

Recycled cans and plastic bottles: Have you felt the frustration of seeing recyclable materials go into landfill? Help the City of Oakwood save money (as recyclables cost less to dispose of than trash) by reducing the size (not quantity) of your recyclables. Green Oakwood has organized a Spring Saver deal offering 15-25 percent off the purchase of tin can or plastic bottle crushers with Greive Hardware.

Green Oakwood is currently making plans for Earth Day and a variety of other initiatives on sustainability. These include assisting the beautification of Oakwood with trash pick up, recycling initiatives, and several speaker series on environmentally-friendly gardening, owning and running an electronic vehicle and solar power in the home.

Look for information from the Wright Library or visit the Green Oakwood page on Facebook.

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Oakwood police urge Spring Break travelers to use city's House Check program, offer safety tips

Planning that spring break getaway, a long weekend to a holiday destination, or work trip that will keep you on the road for an extended period of time? The Oakwood Public Safety Department offers a free Vacant House Check program to all Oakwood residents. The Vacant House Check program is a crime prevention tool that could be beneficial in protecting your residence while you are away. Once your residence is placed on the Vacant House Check list, Public Safety Officers will make periodic checks of your residence while you are away from home, and make notifica-

tion to your emergency contact number should a problem be discovered. To take advantage of the Vacant House Check program, contact the Oakwood Public Safety Department Dispatch Center at (937) 298-2122. Be prepared to provide the dispatcher the following information: the duration of your trip, if vehicles will be parked in the driveway, a local emergency contact person, a notification number where you can be reached while you are away, and the names of anyone who will be at your residence while you are away.

The Oakwood Public Safety Department offers the following tips

prior to leaving your residence:

- Stop all deliveries. If not, arrange for a trusted neighbor to pick up your mail, newspapers, and packages.
- Do not announce your absence on your answering machine, voicemail, or social media platforms.
- Lock all doors and windows prior to leaving.
- Consider the use of timers to turn on interior lights, radio, or television. Make your residence appear occupied.
- Secure valuables.
- Program your thermostat.

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Tax filing deadlines set back for some

People who file local taxes should check with their city government.

By **Eileen McClory**
Staff Writer

DAYTON – Following federal and Ohio extensions, many local cities have extended the filing deadlines for tax returns.

The IRS and Ohio Department of Taxation moved the filing and payment deadline for individual income and school district income taxes for tax year 2020 to May 17 from April 5.

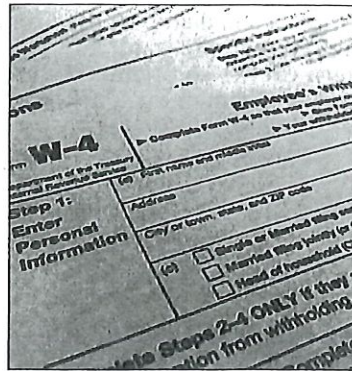
Last year, the tax deadline was in July.

Kelly Gibson, of CPA Dayton, an accounting firm in Kettering, said the extension gave him and other accountants a little more time, but he said the industry is always geared toward the April 15 deadline.

“The struggle for us was going to be if Ohio had one deadline and the federal had another deadline, because your Ohio return depends on the federal return,” Gibson said.

He said it was a “welcome change” both deadlines are on the same day.

Some local municipalities have



Following federal and Ohio extensions, many local cities have extended filing deadlines for tax returns. PATRICK SISON / AP 2020

moved their deadlines, though Gary Gudmundson, a spokesman for the Ohio Department of Taxation, said it was up to local departments to decide if they wanted to extend the deadline for local taxes.

Check with your local tax department if you are unsure of the deadline.

Some municipalities who said on Thursday they would move their deadline to May 17 include: Centerville, Clayton, Dayton Fairborn, Hamilton, Huber Heights,

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Kettering, Middletown, Oakwood, Springfield, Vandalia, Xenia and Yellow Springs.

Ohio will waive penalty on tax due payments made during the extension. As part of the legislation passed addressing the continuing emergency, there will be no interest charges to payments

made during the extension.

The Ohio Department of Taxation said the first quarter estimated income tax payment for tax year 2021 is not impacted by this extension and must still be made by April 15.

The Ohio Society of CPAs tax policy director Greg Saul said the organization's membership was divided on the issue of moving back the state tax deadline.

He said the deadline moving back does help CPAs evaluate their workload, since many accountants are working on Payment Protection Program loans and other federal relief programs and their workloads are likely higher than last year.

Saul also noted the Ohio legislature recently passed Senate Bill 18, which would make Ohio conform with recent changes to federal

tax law.

If Gov. Mike DeWine signs the bill, it would exclude \$10,200 in unemployment compensation from income tax for those making under \$150,000 and allow tax-deductible expenses from the Paycheck Protection Program.

Other provisions in the bill include excluding the 2020 and 2021 Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation

refunds/dividends from the commercial activity tax and excluding PPP loans from the Consolidated Appropriations Act from the commercial activity tax.

The bill is emergency legislation, so if signed, it would take effect immediately.

Reporters Nick Blizzard, India Duke and Bonnie Melbers contributed to this story.

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PRESS RELEASE

The City of Oakwood
30 Park Avenue
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

Subject: City of Oakwood Tax Filing Date Extended to May 17, 2021

Date: March 29, 2021

OAKWOOD, OHIO:

The city of Oakwood has extended the due date for filing 2020 income tax returns to May 17, 2021 coinciding with the extended due date announced on March 24, 2021 by the Ohio Tax Commissioner for Ohio individual and school district returns. The extension also applies to the payment of 1st quarter 2021 estimated tax payments. Consistent with the IRS and the State of Ohio, Oakwood will waive penalty and interest charges on tax payments made during the extension period.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
Cindy S. Stafford, CPA, Finance Director
(937) 298-0402
stafford@oakwood.oh.us

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OAKWOOD

Fire hydrant flushing

The city of Oakwood will conduct annual fire hydrant flushing throughout the city between April 5 and April 30. Shown below is the proposed schedule. These dates are for planning purposes only and may be adjusted as the project unfolds.

West side of Far Hills Avenue:

- Oak Knoll Drive to West Peach Orchard Road - 4/5, 4/6
- Monterey Road to Park Road - 4/7
- Forrer Road/Oakwood Avenue to Harman Avenue - 4/8
- Park Avenue to West Thruston Boulevard - 4/12-4/15
- Southview Road to Old River Trail - 4/16
- East side of Far Hills Avenue:
- Irving Avenue to Lockout Drive - 4/19
- East Thruston Boulevard to Patterson Road - 4/20
- East Dixon Avenue to Dellwood Avenue - 4/21
- Greenmount Boulevard to Welford Avenue - 4/22

- Wiltshire Boulevard to Triangle Avenue - 4/26, 4/27
- Orchard Drive to East Drive - 4/28, 4/29
- All of Far Hills Avenue - 4/30

While the hydrant flushing may cause some temporary water discoloration, the water is safe to use and will clear shortly after areas are flushed. Please check your water for clarity prior to doing any laundry.

Should your laundry become discolored, do not dry clothes until you have had an opportunity to re-wash them in an iron removing detergent.

If you have any questions, contact the Oakwood Public Works

Department at 937-298-0777.
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Judge dismisses push for faster U.S. Census results

By Andrew J. Tobias
Cleveland.com

COLUMBUS — A federal judge has dismissed Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's lawsuit that sought to force the U.S. Census Bureau to provide its results by a March 31 legal deadline, six months earlier than Census officials said was possible.

Judge Thomas M. Rose cited legal precedent he said barred him from ordering someone to "jump higher, run faster, or lift more than she is physically capable."

He also wrote Yost, who had sued because the Census data is needed for Ohio to meet state constitutional deadlines in its process of drawing new political maps, failed to demonstrate Ohio had been harmed by the delay in the release of the Census information.

Yost, a Republican sued last month, saying the delay would cause the state to miss legal redistricting deadlines in the state Constitution.

The lawsuit sought to force the bureau to release the data by March 31 legal deadline, or at least sooner than the date previously shared by census officials.

Census data is normally delivered to states by March 31. But citing the coronavirus pandemic, the Census Bureau announced earlier this month it could be as late as Sept. 30 before the data is ready.

Rose said state lawmakers could use other data if they wanted to under the state constitution.

"Ohio has not established that it cannot accomplish its redistricting in the time that remains between the unavoidably delayed results of the 2020 Census and its 2022 elections," Rose wrote. "The Census Bureau intends

to release the decennial redistricting data for the entire country by the end of September 2021. Ohio may well be able to redraw its districts by the time of its legislative and congressional primary and general elections in 2022 using census data released in September."

"The fact that the census data is not available to Ohio on the schedule it prefers, does not harm the State if it can still redistrict by the time of its next elections. If Ohio cannot meet the schedule for redistricting using the census data once it is released, there are alternatives it can pursue until the State can enact a plan."

A message has been left with Yost seeking comment.

Ohio this year will be using a new redistricting process, approved by voters as separate state constitutional amendments in 2015 and 2018, aimed at creating more bipartisan, competitive districts in an effort to end gerrymandering.

The first deadline in the state's new multi-step redistricting process is Sept. 1, while another series of deadlines for drawing congressional maps begins on Sept. 30, under constitutional amendments approved by voters.

Yost's lawsuit said state leaders under the Ohio Constitution would be forced to use "alternative data" - legal experts have suggested this could be census estimates or commercially available mapping data - if the U.S. Census data isn't available.

But state legislative leaders have said they plan to finish maps by the end of the year, believing a judge hearing any legal challenge to the redistricting process will grant them flexibility on the deadlines.

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Diversity #'s

	Enrollment # - 10/11	% of Enrollment - 10/11	Enrollment # - 11/12	% of Enrollment - 11/12	Enrollment # - 12/13	% of Enrollment - 12/13	Enrollment # - 13/14	% of Enrollment - 13/14	Enrollment # - 14/15	% of Enrollment - 14/15	Enrollment # - 15/16	% of Enrollment - 15/16	Enrollment # - 16/17	% of Enrollment - 16/17	Enrollment # - 17/18	% of Enrollment - 17/18	Enrollment # - 18/19	% of Enrollment - 18/19	Enrollment # - 19/20	% of Enrollment - 19/20
American Indian/Alaskan Native	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Asian/Pacific Islander	52	2.5	52	2.5	61	2.9	72	3.6	91	4.3	86	4.2	100	4.9	104	5	100	5	116	5.6
Black	17	0.8	18	0.9	25	1.2	19	0.9	22	1	21	1	16	0.8	24	1.1	25	1.2	25	1.2
Hispanic	36	1.7	43	2.1	57	2.7	63	3.1	75	3.5	82	4	90	4.4	103	4.9	105	5.2	107	5.2
Multiracial	44	2.1	45	2.2	55	2.6	57	2.8	67	3.2	73	3.5	77	3.8	99	4.7	94	4.6	100	4.9
White	1925	92.8	1897	92.3	1880	90.5	1803	89.5	1856	87.8	1798	87.2	1754	86	1756	84.1	1705	83.9	1724	83.1
TOTAL	2074	99.9	2055	100	2078	99.9	2014	99.9	2111	99.8	2080	99.9	2037	99.9	2086	99.8	2029	99.9	2072	100

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Asian/Pac. Islander	2.5	2.5	2.9	3.6	4.3	4.2	4.9	5	5	5.6
Black	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1	1	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.2
Hispanic	1.7	2.1	2.7	3.1	3.5	4	4.4	4.9	5.2	5.2
Multiracial	2.1	2.2	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.5	3.8	4.7	4.6	4.9
White	92.8	92.3	90.5	89.5	87.8	87.2	86	84.1	83.9	83.1



MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIT ACADEMY

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CIT COMPANION COURSE FOR CALL TAKERS & DISPATCHERS

CIT Companion Training for Call Takers & Dispatchers will provide the knowledge and skills necessary to identify a mental health caller in crisis and to respond effectively. The training will be conducted under the instructional supervision of local CIT trained police officers, mental health professionals, consumers, and family advocates and will offer practical techniques for de-escalating crisis calls.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- Understanding Mental Illness
- Overview of the Montgomery County Behavioral Health System
- Gathering Information that is Helpful to Officers
- From a Consumer's Perspective
- Verbal De-escalation Techniques
- Scenario Based Training
- System Coordination

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May 6, 2021: Password – CIT2021
Aug. 12, 2021: Password – CIT2021
Nov. 4, 2021: Password – CIT2021

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: Participants are required to attend ALL 8 hours to receive a certificate of attendance. Face masks are required.

Dress code: Business casual/department casual.

Food: Continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments are provided each day.

Location: Montgomery County Alcohol Drug Addiction Mental Health Services, 409 E. Monument Avenue Suite 201 (training room), Dayton, OH 45402.





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P.O. Box 2301
Cincinnati, OH 45201-2301

March 22, 2021

Mr. Norbert Klopsch
City Manager
City of Oakwood
30 Park Avenue
Oakwood, OH 45419

Dear Mr. Klopsch,

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1332.27 (A), this letter shall serve as notice of Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories' intention to provide video service in the City of Oakwood. CBET shall provide this service as authorized under VSA Number 2007-VSA-0003.

As a term and condition of the authorization, CBET hereby provides notification that you are advised to review section 1332.21 through 1332.34 of the Ohio Revised Code to determine your rights and responsibilities. We look forward to your prompt reply to this notification as required under division 1332.32 C (2).

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at ted.heckmann@cinbell.com or 513.397.1375. Any correspondence should be addressed to me at 221 East Fourth Street, 103-1080, P.O. Box 2301, Cincinnati, OH 45201-2301.

Sincerely,

Ted Heckmann
Senior Director – Regulatory and Government Affairs

cc: VSA Division - Ohio Department of Commerce
Charter Communications- Director, Government Affairs



City of Oakwood

Government Administration

City Manager

March 26, 2021

VIA EMAIL (ted.heckmann@cinbell.com)
AND ORDINARY US MAIL

Mr. Ted Heckmann
Regulatory and Government Affairs
Cincinnati Bell
221 E. Fourth St.
PO Box 2301
Cincinnati, OH 45201-2301

RE: VSA No. 2007-VSA-0003

Dear Mr. Heckmann:

This letter will confirm receipt of your recent correspondence dated March 22, 2021, regarding Cincinnati Bell's intention to provide video service in the city of Oakwood. Pursuant to Section 1332.32(C)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, please be advised that the city of Oakwood will require that Cincinnati Bell pay the same 5% service fee on gross video revenues currently being paid by Charter Communications.

Should you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "N. Klopsch", is written over a faint blue line.

Norbert S. Klopsch,
City Manager

NSK/jr

c: Kevin Mann, Regulatory Specialist (kevin.mann@cinbell.com)
Cindy M. Stafford, Finance Director
Robert F. Jacques, Law Director
(all via email only)