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OAKWOOD SCENE

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CITY NEWS | Ice Cream Social

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held this year at Shafor Park from 4 – 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 22. Tickets for this event include a chicken dinner, drink and ice cream. Advance tickets are available for purchase at the OCC. Oakwood Clubs and Organizations may set up a table in the “Avenue of Organizations” by contacting Karen Earley at the OCC. Call (937) 298-0775 for additional information.

SCHOOL NEWS | Special Opportunity for Named Benches at OHS

As Phase 1 of the Oakwood Schools Master Facilities Plan continues, improvements are being made to the OJH/OHS gymnasium, or “the Pit,” which has created an exciting opportunity for the Oakwood community! We are pleased to announce the Oakwood Schools Foundation will have limited commemoration benches available for naming. The project to renovate the exterior Pit walkway is estimated to begin later this summer. Six benches, centrally located on either side of the walkway to the Pit entrance, will provide a visible commemoration opportunity for interested Oakwood Schools Foundation donors. **(continued on page 8)**

LIBRARY NEWS | Library Lower Level To Reopen in August; Phase II Construction Begins

Wright Library’s lower level will reopen to the public in August as the construction project moves into its second phase.

The lower level will include a new vestibule and entrance, a new children’s room and teen area, and renovated audiovisual area. Some new features, such as the outdoor children’s area, remain under construction after the lower level opens. Learn more about what to expect as the project hits this new milestone. **(continued on page 11)**

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Orchardly Park Craft Day: The last Orchardly Park Craft Day will be held on Wednesday, August 4 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Orchardly Park. Projects are most appropriate for ages 3 to 6, but all ages are welcome. A parent or guardian must be in the park with the participating child during this event. Registration is not required.

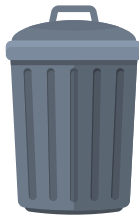
Preschool Story Hour at Smith Gardens: The Department of Leisure Services, in conjunction with Wright Memorial Public Library, will be having their last Preschool Story Hour at Smith Gardens on Friday, August 27 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Spend a magical morning in the gardens with Wright Library Youth Services Staff as they read enchanting stories with your preschoolers. In case of rain, story hour will meet in the garden house.

Junior High Dance: The first Junior High Dance of the season will be held on Friday, September 17 from 9:30 to 11 p.m. at the Oakwood Community Center. Doors will open 15 minutes before the dance begins. No admittance 30 minutes after the dance starts. Come dance the night away.

Annual Dog Splash at Gardner Pool: The Dog Splash at Gardner Pool will be held on Sunday, September 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. Pet related exhibitors will be on hand during the event. Registration deadline is Thursday, September 9 at 9 p.m. Each dog must be pre-registered with current vaccination record information. Fee for each dog is \$7/handler. No aggressive dogs will be permitted into this event. The Department of Leisure Services reserves the right to refuse the entry of any dog deemed hazardous to participants or whose physical condition may be at risk by participating in this event.

Labor Day Refuse Collections

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 6 for Labor Day. Refuse collection will be one day later than usual that week. Monday's route will be collected Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be collected Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be collected Thursday; and Thursday's route will be collected Friday.



Special Pickups



To arrange for a special pickup (furniture, appliances, etc.), please contact the Public Works Department at (937) 298-0777. Items for special pickup must be placed on a driveway or other paved surface and must be accessible by city equipment. Special pickups are not available during the fall leaf collection season from mid-October through the end of the year, so please plan your projects accordingly.

Brush and Branch Trimming



Please take a few minutes this summer to inspect the trees and shrubs on your property frontage. City ordinances require a clear height of 8 feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet above the street. Also, vegetation should be cut so that it does not restrict your view as you pull out of your driveway. If you live on a corner lot, be sure that motorists have a clear line of sight from each side of the intersection. Citizens residing near stop signs and other street signs must ensure that vegetation does not obstruct the signs.

Orange Notices on Trash Cans and/or Recycling Containers

The Public Works Department will be distributing new orange tags to communicate why your trash and/or recycling containers could not be collected. With our unique back-door collection service, we strive to provide you the service you expect, while keeping our workers safe. The orange tags will list the reason for non-collection such as: vehicle in driveway; locked gate; refuse not out; oversized can; can exceeds 60 pounds; or more than three refuse cans. Once the marked reason is addressed, contact the Public Works Department at (937) 298-0777 so we can come back out for collection. The City website provides detailed information on our refuse and recycling guidelines, and our Refuse Handbook is available on the website as well. Please contact the Public Works Center if you have any questions.

New Refuse & Recycling Vehicles

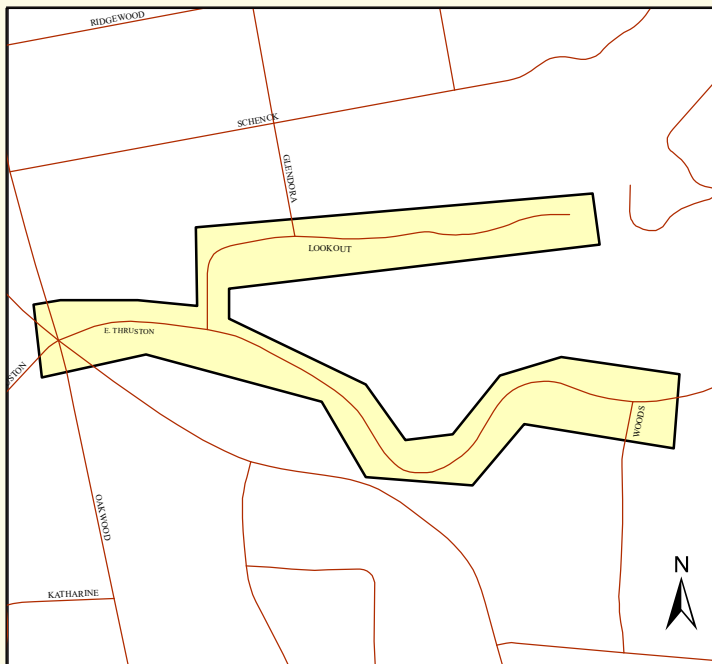
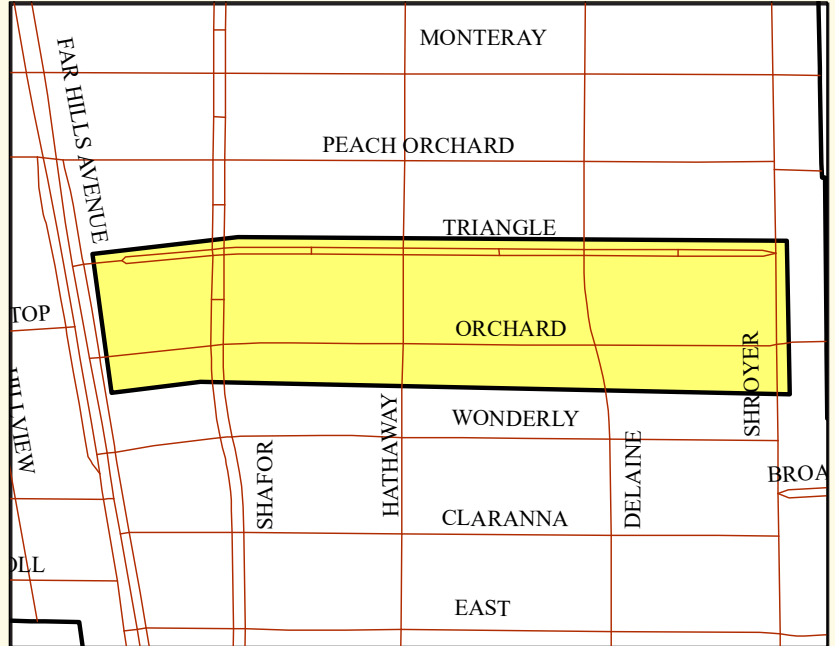
We have four new mini-trucks and a new refuse packer truck traveling through our neighborhoods to conduct refuse and recycling collections. The vehicles replaced an aging fleet of vehicles that were either out-of-service or at the end of their useful life. These vehicles are essential to our refuse and recycling operations. If you see our new vehicles out-and-about, give us a wave... but don't be fooled by the driver being on the right side of the mini-trucks!



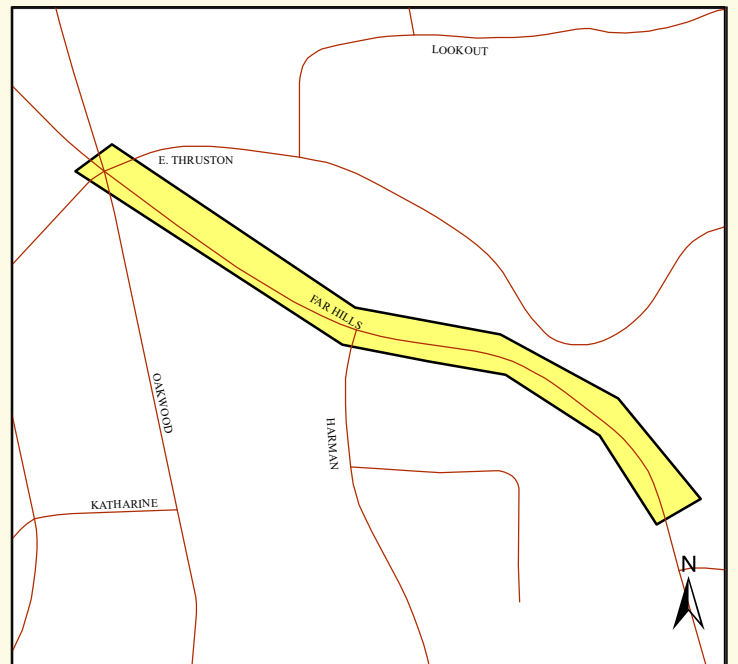
2021 Vectren Gas Line Replacement Project

Vectren is replacing underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in the Oakwood neighborhoods identified in yellow on the maps below. In all work areas, Vectren is installing new polyethylene pipes in place of old steel and cast iron pipes and is moving indoor gas meters to outside wall locations. This is the continuation of a multi-year Vectren infrastructure replacement project in Oakwood. Oakwood residents personally affected by the work will receive detailed information from Vectren. Please feel free to contact Public Works Inspector/Foreman Tom Long at (937) 298-0777 with questions about the work, or reference the Vectren pipeline projects map at www.vectren.com/gas-system/map.

**PROPOSED 2021 VECTREN
GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
PROJECT B**



**PROPOSED 2021 VECTREN
GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
PROJECT C**



**PROPOSED 2021 VECTREN
GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
PROJECT D**



Oakwood Farmers' Market

The Oakwood Farmers' Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday through August 28, with an extended "Harvest Season" through October 16. The market organizers invite the community to join in celebrating another great farmers' market season. The Oakwood Farmers' Market is located at 22 Orchard Drive, and is open seasonally on Saturdays. For more information, visit www.oakwoodfarmersmarket.org.



Back to School Safety Tips

As summer comes to an end and students prepare for a new school year, the Oakwood Public Safety Department offers the following back to school safety tips.

TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Drivers need to be aware that school is back in session and students will be walking and riding their bicycles to and from school.

- Watch for children running into the street in and around intersections and always come to a complete stop at stop signs.
- Watch for children entering the street from behind parked vehicles.
- When driving your child to school, deliver and pick them up in a designated area.
- Watch your speed when entering school zones. Traffic safety is one of the cornerstones of law enforcement services provided by the Oakwood Public Safety Department and school zone speed limits are strictly enforced.

TIPS FOR WALKERS

As a walking community, Oakwood pedestrian traffic drastically increases when a new school year starts. Parents and students should be cautious of their surroundings as they commute to and from school.

- Pay attention to all traffic signals.
- If crossing Far Hills Avenue, cross at one of the four designated locations where a crossing guard is located (Far Hills Avenue & Aberdeen Avenue, Far Hills Avenue & Park Avenue, Far Hills Avenue & Patterson Road, and Five Points intersection).

- Plan a safe walking route to school. Choose the most direct route with fewest street crossings.
- Look both ways when crossing a street, even if you have a green light.

BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Bicycles are a popular way for students in Oakwood to commute to and from school.

- Don't take short cuts; follow the same path of travel as if you were walking to and from school.
- Always wear a bike helmet that is properly sized.
- Ensure the bike is properly maintained.
- Avoid wearing headphones. Music can be distracting and cause a person to ignore potential hazards.

PERSONAL SAFETY FOR KIDS

- Encourage your children to be alert and aware of their surroundings.
- Teach your children to report suspicious persons to you, teachers, police officers or other responsible adults.
- If encountered by a suspicious vehicle or person, children should take notice of the color and model of vehicle, license plate number, detailed description of subject including clothing, and any other distinguishing marks.

In an effort to keep everyone safe, the Oakwood Public Safety Department encourages parents to discuss these safety tips with your children. Do not assume your child knows what to do.

Lawn Treatment on City-Owned Public Lawn Areas

Well-kept lawns and green spaces within the City are an important part of the health of these areas and maintaining Oakwood's ambiance. The City has used Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices for a number of years on the city-owned public lawn areas which include parks, boulevards, athletic fields, and around public buildings. IPM is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long-term prevention of pests or their damage through a combination of techniques such as biological control, habitat manipulation, modification of cultural practices, and use of resistant varieties. Pesticides are used only after monitoring indicates they are needed according to established guidelines, and treatments are made with the goal of removing only the target organism. Pest control materials are selected and applied in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, beneficial and nontarget organisms, and the environment. Our practices include adherence to proper mowing heights and the use of sharp blades on mowers which helps reduce the amount of chemicals used in all of the public areas. The City requires that all lawn care contractors, whether treating for pests or weeds, are properly licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and follow all applicable laws and rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

In our parks, lawn care treatments require the posting of temporary signage in conspicuous locations at least two days prior to treatment. The day of treatment, the City Horticulturist and/or Recreation Supervisor meet the contractor on-site prior to the application of any treatment. They ensure that children are not present in the area to be treated and that the area is otherwise clear for the application, before allowing the contractor to proceed with lawn treatment. Immediately following treatment, the City verifies that all signs are properly placed, and are then promptly removed 24 hours thereafter. Only areas with weeds and pests are spot sprayed, not always the entire green space as this is a part of the IPM practice to limit chemical use yet still keep the community greenspace as healthy as possible. Questions about our maintenance of lawns and green spaces should be directed to City Horticulturist Brian Caldwell at 937-298-0775.



Annual Community Document Shred Event

The city contracted with Shred-It, a mobile document destruction company, to be at the J. D. Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. on Saturday, September 25 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. to provide document destruction services. Besides paper products, Shred-It has the capability to destroy microfilm, microfiche, and other material of a secure or confidential nature. All material will be destroyed beyond recognition on-site and, if recyclable, will be baled and shipped to paper mills to be manufactured into new paper products. Any non-recyclable material processed will be disposed of in a secure location. If you have confidential papers or other material of a private nature being stored at your home and would like to have it destroyed, please take advantage of this opportunity. There will be individuals on-hand to assist you with unloading your documents. This event is free of charge. Please be prepared to present identification confirming residency.



Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project

The city of Oakwood and Oakwood Beautification Committee will again offer trees for purchase through the Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and the tree species will be available in mid to late September at the OCC and on the City website. Oakwood property owners may choose from four or five varieties of trees. The trees selected will be approximately 2 inches in diameter and will be discounted at 50%. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at the discounted price but must be planted in the city right-of-way (property frontage). Trees will be planted in the latter part of November or early December. They will be planted by a local nursery, wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season. Call the OCC at (937) 298-0775 for more information.



Oakwood Citizens Demonstrate High Interest in Inclusion Coalition

Oakwood citizens are proving their determination to promote a welcoming community for everyone who lives, works, and visits Oakwood. The Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC), a citizen-driven coalition dedicated to inclusivity and diversity, has held two public meetings, and nearly 200 citizens have joined the discussions.

The first meeting held in January was an opportunity for residents to learn about the OIC's vision and mission. Citizens expressed specific activities they would like the leadership team to pursue. The meeting provided citizens the opportunity to share their reasons for living in Oakwood and how they can personally demonstrate a commitment to inclusion, equity, and diversity.

The organization exists for people who want to explore how others' experiences have shaped their values and perspectives. Participants seek to discover and understand rather than persuade. Wright Memorial Public Library Director and OIC Chair Kristi Hale explains, "We want to ensure that everyone's views are represented and respected." Meetings allow residents to speak authentically from their hearts and personal experience. "It's not about 'window dressing,' and its focus isn't political," assures Hale. "It's an openness to community building and a recognition that Oakwood has long benefitted from its citizens' imagining what could be."

The second meeting held in April explored the role assumptions and preconceived notions play when we meet "others" unfamiliar to us. Participants viewed best-selling author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's TED Talk and then broke into small groups to consider how their own efforts to make sense of the world lead them to make assumptions. Adichie acknowledges the human naturalness of stereotyping but warns that there is a real danger in making a judgment about a person or group of people based on what she calls "a single story."

One former "West Virginian" participant shared her angst about relocating to Oakwood for employment. Now a longtime Oakwood resident, she is thankful that she ignored her prejudice about Oakwood gained only through the single story she formed about a whole community based solely on her experience with a disagreeable college roommate from Oakwood. Several participants agreed that they had suppressed the negative impressions they conceived before moving here to take advantage of the school system. "It's pretty amazing," said one participant, "how many of us negatively 'stereotyped' our community before we experienced it."

Behind the scenes of the public meeting, the leadership team has gone about the business of establishing a solid organizational framework. Government, school, library officials, private citizens, faith, ethnic and cultural leaders, and representatives from the business and media communities in the Oakwood area have garnered the support of city, school, and library governing boards. The organization's establishing documents and the expectations and code of conduct for OIC participation are on the OakwoodIC website at www.oakwoodic.org.

The Program and Events Committee launched a big read and book club this summer. The Current Issues Committee, best described as the organization's "think tank," plans to qualify and quantify perspectives of Oakwood during this next year. Its objective is to use data-based research to understand the many stories of Oakwood and allow this information to guide the mission and purpose of the OIC. The Communications Committee is working with Wright Library and other Oakwood organizations to increase the resources available on the OIC website to advise residents of activities and opportunities advancing issues of inclusivity, diversity, and equity.

The OIC leadership team is deeply grateful for the interest Oakwood citizens have shown in this endeavor.

August/September Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 2 and Monday, September 20. Both meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:30 p.m. The regular sessions are televised live on the City website at www.oakwoodohio.gov, and on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Tuner Ch. 5.03 and AT&T U-verse Ch. 99). The meetings are also accessible via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Links to the meeting will be posted to the City website at 4 p.m. on the meeting date. Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net for broadcast times. Meeting videos can also be viewed on the City website.

Oakwood Beautification Awards

The Oakwood Beautification Award Program recognizes property owners who have enhanced the beauty of our community by undertaking exterior improvements to their home, rental property or business. Awards are given during the months of May, June, July and August. Monthly award winners are selected by members of the Property Maintenance Board, and will have a sign placed in their yard to recognize their beautification efforts.



May 2021 Winners

- Todd & Theodora Rich, 200 Kramer Road
- David Becker, 212 Collingwood Avenue
- Mark & Elizabeth Hofeldt, 158 E. Dixon Avenue
- Augustine & Abbey Urbas, 406 Greenmount Boulevard
- Brad & Molly Eaton, 440 Telford Avenue
- Bennie & Melanie Laprade, 352 Claranna Avenue
- Andrew Strombeck & Crystal Lake, 250 East Drive
- Dorothy Duff, 212 Grandon Road

June 2021 Winners

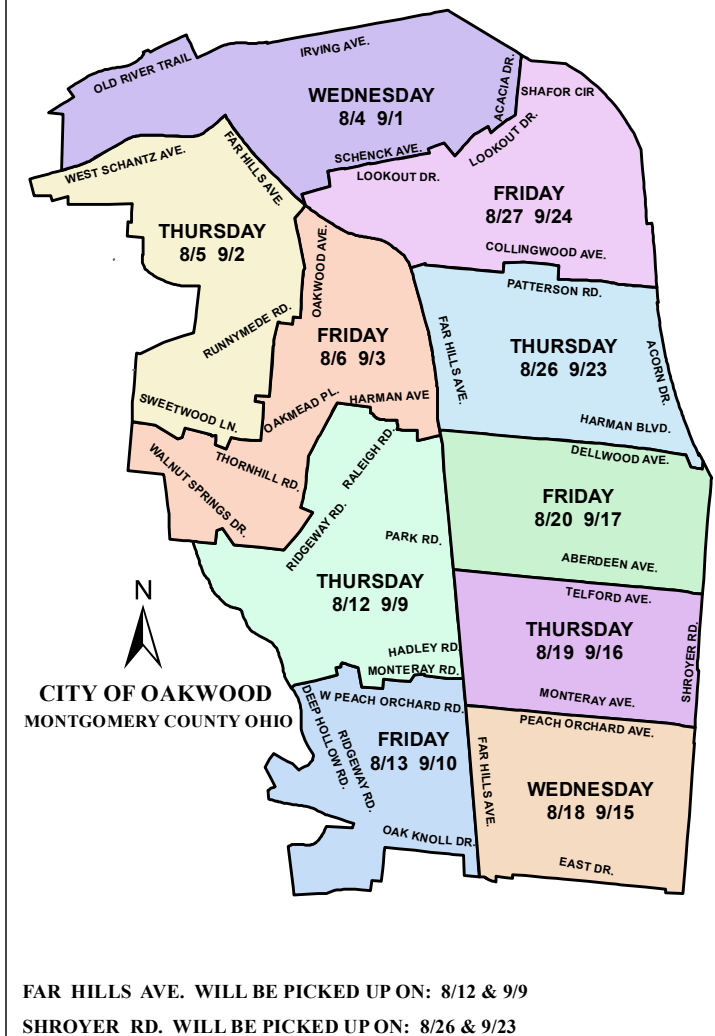
- Alexandra Jackson, 215 Rubicon Road
- Sherry Warwar, 222 Northview Road
- John & Jacqueline Hutton, 630 Runnymede Road
- David & Joanne Cronin, 140 E. Dixon Avenue
- Dan & Jennifer Lohmeyer, 331 Spirea Drive
- Andrew & Andrea Froehle, 122 Lonsdale Avenue
- Tom & Molly Walters, 427 Telford Avenue
- Thomas & Laura Alig, 348 Triangle Avenue
- James & Debra O'Donnell, 428 Orchard Drive

Shafor Park Tennis Courts

The Shafor Park Tennis Courts were repaired over the last two months, under warranty, with no cost to the city of Oakwood or Oakwood Schools. The courts were rebuilt in 2018, but then experienced settlement in some areas of the court surface.



YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2021



The City's Website is Just a Scan Away!

The adjacent image is a "QR Code" and is a way to access the City's website without having to type in www.oakwoodohio.gov.

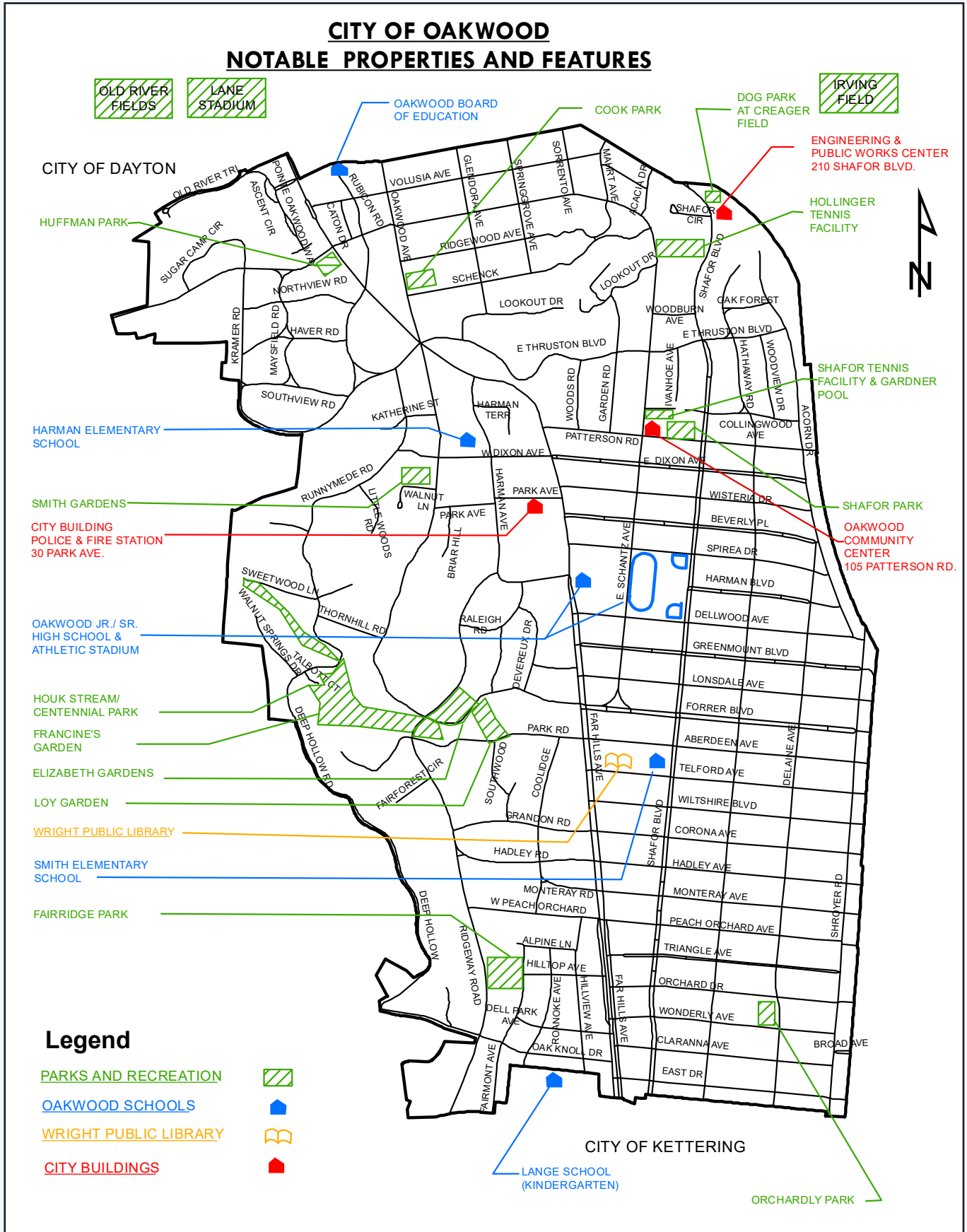
To use the QR code to access the City's website, point your smartphone's camera at the QR code and then tap the banner that appears at the top of your device.



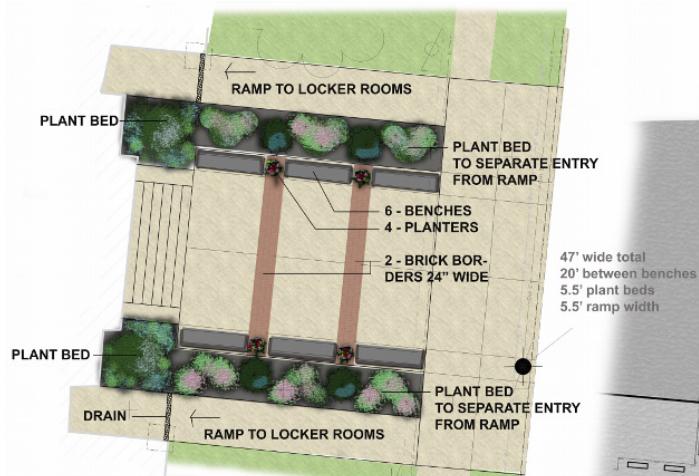
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Notable Properties and Features Map

Explore our beautiful parks, recreation facilities and natural beauty of the City's residential streets and public areas.



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Oakwood Schools are working with Jaccyn Design Group, LLC, the same landscape architecture firm that designed the Alumni Plaza on Schantz Ave. The Plaza has quickly become a popular, mixed-use space for our school, students and community since it was installed in 2019. The design for the Pit space will complement the Plaza design. The walkway space serves as a high traffic area for community members when coming to and from events at the Pit and traveling on Schantz.

Pit walkway benches will be available for a \$2,500 contribution to the Foundation and will include a commemorative plaque on the bench. The bench can be named in your or your family's honor or in memory of a special person or organization. With a very limited number available, we expect them to go fast so if you are interested, we encourage you to reach out as soon as possible to OSF Development Director, Brandy McFall at 937-297-5332 or brandy@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org.

Looking for Fall 2021 Grant Applications

The Oakwood Schools Foundation has opened the fall grant applications for Oakwood teachers, principals and school administrators. The grants are designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize and reward innovative and creative instructional programs and ideas in education.

Since 1991, OSF has awarded more than \$900,000 in grants to projects to enhance learning in and outside of the classroom. Last year, OSF funded grants to supply commercial-grade air purifiers for every classroom in the District's five buildings. OSF grants have also supported programs to bring marine life into the classroom with a saltwater aquarium, explore the natural world right outside of the classroom at Houk stream, and provide students the opportunity to hear directly from distinguished speakers on the importance of courage and conviction.

"We are proud of Oakwood Schools Foundation's history of partnering with the community, alumni, teachers and school leaders to enhance the educational environment for Oakwood students at all grade levels," Grants Chair Emma Butler said. "Through the support of generous donations, the Foundation is able to provide funding for excellent, innovative educational programs that enrich the learning environment for our students. We are grateful for this opportunity and we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead."

For more information about the grants or to apply, visit <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf/grants>. You can also reach out to OSF Administrative Director Bre Andrews at bre@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org or 937-297-5332.

OSF Board of Trustees Elect New Leadership

The Oakwood Schools Foundation Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the appointment of Linda Woods as the new Board Chair and Kevin Jones as the Vice-Chair. Woods previously served as Vice Chair of the Board and has two children attending Oakwood High School. Jones, a 1983 OHS graduate, also serves on OSF's Development Steering Committee. Woods and Jones' two-year terms will begin July 1, 2021.

Woods replaces outgoing Chair, Chris Conard (OHS '76), whose stewardship positioned OSF to be a leader in the community, expanding the scope of the Foundation's mission to enhance excellence in Oakwood Schools.

"Under Chris' leadership, OSF emerged from a challenging 2020 stronger than ever, with excellent momentum as we embark on new and increasingly ambitious ways of supporting the district," Woods said. "We are grateful for Chris' dedicated service and thrilled he is maintaining a presence on the board as Past Chair."

The Board and its new leaders already have big plans for the 2021-2022 school year, including awarding nearly \$50,000 in grants and scholarships to Oakwood students and teachers, celebrating Homecoming Weekend with the return of the in-person Come Back Lumberjacks event in the fall at Dayton Country Club, and a new, ambitious special project for Oakwood Schools to be announced in the fall.

"Linda and Kevin will provide dynamic and bold leadership. They are the perfect choices to lead the Oakwood Schools Foundation. With their guidance and the continued support of our amazing Board of Trustees, I know OSF will be recognized as a model for what public school foundations can accomplish," Conard said.

For more information about what the Oakwood Schools Foundation has accomplished and the group's plans for the future, visit <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf>.



Linda Woods
OSF Board Chair



Kevin Jones
OSF Board Vice Chair

Broadcast Studio Fundraising Success

The next Walter Cronkite or Katie Couric WILL soon be broadcasting from OHS thanks to the Oakwood Schools Foundation and an alumni-led fundraising effort to develop a real-world broadcast studio. The school's new, upgraded media facility will be named in honor of William "Bill" Hewitt, OHS Class of 1956. Fellow 1956 classmate Dale Hatfield and his wife Pat were instrumental to the effort, working alongside the Hewitt family.

Ongoing support for maintenance and upgrades to the studio will ensure a modern, real-world experience for years to come. A dedication honoring Hewitt, his family and project donors will be held in the fall. To make a contribution to the project, please visit: <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf/donate-now>

The new Broadcast Studio is another powerful example of what is accomplished through the strong partnership between the District, the Oakwood Schools Foundation and the Oakwood Alumni Association.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact OSF Development Director Brandy McFall at 937-297-5332 or brandy@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

HOME COMING & REUNION WEEKEND
OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2021

oakwoodschoools.org/community/alumni/homecoming-and-reunion-information



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS – SEPT. 30

The DAA banquet celebrating alumni who have made significant accomplishments in their careers or through service will be held at NCR Country Club. More information can be found at:

oakwoodschoools.org/community/distinguished-alumni-award

FRIDAY, OCT. 1

BOOSTERS TAILGATE and COOKOUT
- VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME
- COME BACK LUMBERJACKS HOSTED by THE OAKWOOD SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

SATURDAY, OCT. 2

TOUR of OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
- SELF-GUIDED TOURS of HARMAN AND SMITH



Come Back Lumberjacks!



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1
7:30-9 PM: Social Hour
9-11 PM: Post-Game Tailgate Party

Alumni and Oakwood Residents Welcome
(Must be 21 or older)

Join us...
For friends, music, appetizers, and fun!

In Person!

You don't want to miss this event — We have a very special announcement!

Howard Sales

A new tradition in Oakwood sports will begin this fall thanks to the hard work of dedicated Oakwood alumni, in partnership with the Oakwood Athletic Boosters, the Oakwood Alumni Association and the Oakwood Schools Foundation.

The Howard “The Hat” Sales Memorial will be dedicated Aug. 27. The event will kick off at 5:30 p.m. with a cookout behind the home stands at Mack Hummon Stadium, followed by the dedication ceremony at 6 p.m. Don Walls will emcee the presentation, which will include special guest speakers Joe Gural, Mike Kelly and Patsy Sales.

In addition to the presentation, a book honoring the legendary Oakwood coach, as well as commemorative hats and stickers will be available for purchase to benefit the Oakwood Athletic Boosters and mark this special occasion.

Inspired by alumni support and the momentum from the Howard Sales Memorial effort, a Coaches Development Fund has been established with the Oakwood Schools Foundation for donations to support Oakwood coaches’ continued professional development to benefit students-athletes. Contributions can be made at <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf/donate-now>.



Oakwood Schools

BACK TO school

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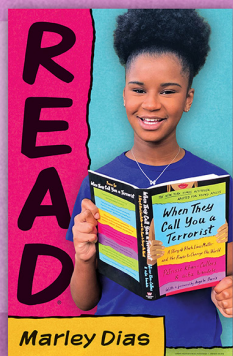


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SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH.

Celebrate with Honorary
Chair Marley Dias.

ALA American Library Association



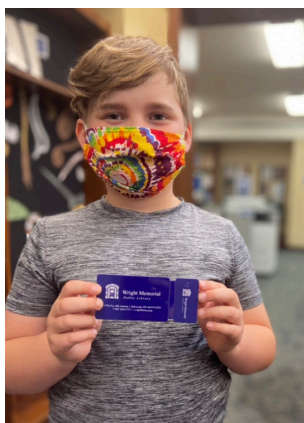
Library Cards are the Key to Exploration, Growth, and Discovery

As school begins this fall, Wright Library will join libraries across the country to celebrate Library Card Sign Up Month in September.

We agree with Library Card Sign Up Month Honorary Chair Marley Dias when she says that “a library card is the ticket you need to travel across the globe.”

“It allows you to experience stories that can connect you to diverse and empowering experiences,” said Dias, founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks and author of “Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You!”

Do you or a family member need a card? Visit the library during September, or anytime, to get your card. Or apply for a card online at wrightlibrary.org/getacard.



*Library cards are available for
any age. Miles received his first
library card in June.*

Five Ways to Put Your Card to Work

1. Try something new.

With a library card, you can explore new authors, genres, and book formats - from traditional print to digital and audio – without spending a dime. When was the last time you read a book of poetry, a western, or started that series your co-worker has been begging you to read? Cardholders have access to books not only in Wright Library’s collection, but from libraries across Ohio with the SearchOhio borrowing system. If you want it, we can probably find it. Take advantage and explore something new!

2. Access databases and courses.

Wright Library subscribes to many research databases and e-learning portals. For small business owners, job seekers, entrepreneurs, genealogy researchers, students and teachers, a library card means free access to tools to help you reach your goals. Our databases also include access to free legal forms and other everyday life resources, from trusted sources, at no cost.

3. Explore our Makerbox Collection.

From cake pans to pottery to car tools, Wright Library’s Makerboxes allow you to take home exciting equipment, tools, or kits so you can try something new, learn or develop a skill, accomplish practical tasks, make someone a gift, or discover a new hobby. Choose from six collections of Makerboxes: Active Play; Cake Pan; Cars and Driving; STEAM; and Tools and Gauge Collection. See the full list at wrightlibrary.org/makerboxes

4. Museum passes.

Wright Library cardholders can check out free passes to various local museums, including the Dayton Art Institute, Aullwood Audubon, and Learning Tree Farm.

5. Movies, music, games and more.

In a world of streaming media, every subscription racks up. With your library card, you can access movies, music, audiobooks and more streaming and downloadable media through services like Kanopy, Freegal, hoopla, and Overdrive. Plus, even those who have subscription services will find a broader range of options by adding these collections to your options. Movies and music can be streamed on phones and tablets as well as smart TVs and car audio systems.

Wright Library also carries physical video games for the Nintendo Switch, Xbox, and other game systems.



Put the Library in your Pocket with the Library App!

Do you have the newly updated Wright Library app downloaded on your phone or tablet? Plug in your library card number to the app to have your card in your pocket! When you are in the building, you can use the app to checkout books by scanning your barcode on your device’s screen. Plus: parents can keep up their kids’ library account by adding the card number to the library’s newly updated app. The app allows you to search the catalog, put items on reserve, view the calendar of events, and more. Available for Android and Apple devices.



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As the lower level opens and work begins on Phase II, your library experience will be different.

- Patrons will enter the building from the new parkside entrance. For some time, the walkways on Telford and the front of the building will be closed.
- Patrons will access the main level via the elevator and a stairwell.
- Portions of the main level will be closed for construction. Some materials and services, such as computers, will be moved to new, temporary locations, including on the lower level.

- The library will remain open. However, there is a chance short closures may be necessary due to moving and construction. Any closures related to construction will be communicated on the library's website, email newsletter, and social media.

When complete, the main level will have improved access to the main door, additional conference room, new community room, new computer area, and fireside seating. The entire project is on track to finish in late 2021 or January 2022.

Wright Library Capital Campaign Reaches Goal

Thanks to the generosity of private donors, Wright Memorial Public Library has exceeded its \$1.5 million capital campaign fundraising goal.

The Making A Difference Capital Campaign sought private donations to support the library's building repair and improvement project, which began in January. Total gifts and pledges to date are \$1,517,190.

This philanthropic support will help Wright Library reimagine and enhance portions of the building into 21st-century spaces for children, teens, and the community.

"We are humbled and thrilled by the support of these donors to invest in the library and community's future," said Library Director Kristi Hale.

The campaign began in 2020 with a \$500,000 lead gift from David L. Flory.

"Every gift, no matter the size, made a significant impact on this project," Hale said.

All gifts of \$30,000 or more will be recognized in the new space. To see a full list of donors, visit wrightlibrary.org.

Donors to the library's capital campaign toured the renovated lower level in July. Together, private donors gave more than \$1.5 million to the project. The lower level is scheduled to reopen in August, with the entire project to be completed by January 2022.



A new service desk will connect both the children's area, teen area, and audiovisual space in the lower level.



The Spitzmiller family tours the future audiovisual area of the lower level during a donor tour in July.



Library Director Kristi Hale gives a tour of the new children's room to the Kawai family, who donated to the capital campaign.

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Meet Wright Library's Miss Jacqui

Known throughout the Oakwood community as Miss Jacqui, Wright Library's Jacqui Taylor brings a boisterous and inspiring spirit wherever she goes.

Taylor joined the Wright Library staff in 2013. A graduate of Xavier University, her roots in libraries go back to her school days in Pennsylvania, where she chose library service as a punishment for a school infraction. "I immediately fell in love," she said.

Taylor visits Oakwood City Schools and Hillel Academy, hosts class visits, and leads a variety of library programs for elementary students. She oversees the team of youth services staff at Wright Library, plans special exhibits, and orchestrates the annual summer reading club.

Taylor has been instrumental in planning the new children and teen areas in the library's lower level. Throughout the process, she's kept an eye on maintaining and expanding the book collection for teens, keeping a reasonable number of screens in the teen area, and creating an environment where young children can delight in books.

In particular, she's excited to bring "the outside in" with new windows and an outdoor space connected to the children's room.

"We know how much nature matters to children," she said. "This is the time of a person's greatest growth - we want them to have the very best experience possible."



Jacqui Taylor