

**CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 10, 2021**

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

September 20, Monday, 6 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
October 4, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
October 10, Sunday, 2 – 5 p.m. – Family Fall Festival (Shafor Park)
October 19, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC Meeting (OCC Great Room)
October 25, Monday, 5 p.m. – Council Retreat (Smith Gardens)
November 1, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
November 15, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
December 7, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC Meeting (30 Park)
December 12, Sunday, 6:30 p.m. – Holiday of Lights (Shafor Park)
December 13, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)

BUSINESS UPDATE:

- **Dog Splash:** The annual Dog Splash event at Gardner Pool is from 1 – 3 p.m. this Sunday. Enclosed is a *DDN* article.
- **Recycling Facility:** Enclosed is *Register* article about the recycling facility relocation and improvements. Work on the retaining wall will begin next week. The project is basically completed in two steps. The first step involves drilling 15 holes in the ground... each hole measuring 30 inches in diameter and 15 feet deep. Into each hole will be set a 30-foot-long steel H-pile, embedded in concrete. The second step involves installing concrete panels between each H-pile. The panels are set from ground level to approximately 11 feet off the ground, creating the earth retaining wall.



- **Shred Event:** Enclosed is a *Register* article about our September 25 document shred event.

- Pickleball Courts: We are seeking proposals to crack seal and apply a new acrylic surface to the two tennis courts at Orchardly Park, and also the tennis wall practice area between the courts... and to convert one court to pickleball. The project will involve reconfiguring the north court (off Orchard Drive) from a single tennis court to three pickleball courts.
- Legionella Bacteria: Enclosed are *DDN* and *Register* articles about the water test at Lane Stadium... and also an email from the Oakwood Schools announcing the September 8 reopening of the restroom/concession building.
- OIC: Enclosed is a letter to the editor that was printed in this week's *Register*. Also enclosed are the following:
 - October 5, 2020 Resolution recognizing the establishment of the OIC.
 - The latest version of the OIC establishing document. It includes a few minor changes from the original document.
 - May 3, 2021 Ordinance terminating the MLK Fund and authorizing the transfer of the remaining \$3,753.02 to the General Fund so that it could be given to the OIC.
 - The introduction that Steve used in presenting the May 3 Ordinance.

I plan to provide an update about the OIC during my City Manager's Report at our September 20 council meeting.

- American Flags: The flags along Shafor will remain in place through Sunday. Enclosed is a *Register* article.
- MOMs of Oakwood: The MOMs of Oakwood group will visit our public works facility on Friday, September 17. The site visit begins at 3:15 p.m. and will include equipment displays by our public works department and our public safety department.
- MVCC/MVECA Fiber: The conduit/fiber contractor is now scheduled to begin work next week. The first work area is on Far Hills between Patterson and 5-points. Work will then continue north to Schantz and Kramer, and south to East Drive. The job is anticipated to take about two weeks. They are installing two underground conduits... one 2" and one 1 1/4"... and a 288-count fiber optic cable. The cable will be located in the 2" conduit.



- Citizen Police Academy: The first of ten two hour and 15-minute classes was held this past Wednesday. All went well. Below is a list of participants:
 - Rachel Collopy – 305 Orchard Drive
 - Howard Boose – 519 Shafor Boulevard
 - Gary Mitchner – 108 Patterson Road
 - Dan Edwards – 25 Hadley Avenue
 - Dan Turben – 204 Forrer Boulevard
 - Walt Fenstermacher – 209 Hilltop Avenue
 - Leigh Ann Fulford – 219 Orchard Drive
 - Andrew Montesano – 201 Triangle Avenue
 - T.R. Routsong – 494 Lookout Ridge
 - Victoria Hix – 1211 Far Hills Avenue
 - Gordon Elder – 162 Pointe Oakwood Way
 - Joseph Jerele – 814 Harman Avenue

- RTA Route Adjustments: Enclosed are an email and press release about RTA adjusting some bus routes in response to labor shortages and a decrease in customer demand. Routes 11, 14 and 17 travel through Oakwood. The adjustments do not impact these routes in our community.

- School Van Drivers: Enclosed is a *Register* article about three long-term van drivers retiring. One is Bill Meyer at 22 years. Bill is a 10-year member of our BRC and is one of the veterans featured on the memorial plaque at Orchardly Park. Fun Fact: Terri Duncan drove a school van for 17 years. She started shortly before Bill Meyer and has been retired for six years. Bill and Terri are good friends.

- Board of Health: Enclosed are draft minutes from our August 31 meeting.

- COVID-19: Enclosed are the following:
 - *DDN* article about vaccination rates for area teenagers.
 - *DDN* article about new federal vaccine requirements. The rule will require all businesses with more than 100 employees to either mandate that their employees get the COVID vaccine or require them to take weekly tests. It will be enacted through OSHA, but there is not yet an announced effective date.
 - *DDN* article about Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County urging local government to mandate masks at indoor facilities.

- Jessup Project: The construction fence and walkway barriers were removed yesterday.

- Safety Department Report: Enclosed is the August report.

- Far Hills Storm Sewer Grant: In response to the enclosed letter from County Engineer Paul Gruner, staff recently submitted an application through the Montgomery County Engineer's office requesting \$160,000 in grant funding from the Ohio Department of Development. It is part of the Investing in Ohio's Future, Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant program. The grant request is for 80% of the estimated \$200,000 engineering design service expense for the Far Hills Storm Sewer Replacement project. The project includes the replacement of storm sewer piping consistent with the 2019 study and recommendations by LJB.

- Shafor Park Tennis Courts: The contractor is scheduled to apply one more coat of acrylic surface on the tennis courts the week of September 20.

- School Board: Enclosed is an email from the Oakwood Schools announcing that the School Board selected Deron Schwieterman to fill the unexpired term of Meredith Quigley.
- Remembering 9/11: Tomorrow marks the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the Tunnel to Towers 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit that will be in Troy from today through Sunday. Troy officials anticipate thousands of visitors. The article also mentions two other events being held in Troy... “Home Grown Heroes” and “Troops in Town Then and Now.”



HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

ENCLOSURE LIST

DDN Article re: Dog Splash
Register Article re: Recycling Facility
Register Article re: Shred Event
DDN & Register Articles & Email re: Legionella Bacteria
 OIC Article & Documents
Register Article re: American Flags
 Email & Press Release re: RTA Route Adjustments
Register Article re: School Van Drivers
 BOH Draft Minutes
DDN Article re: COVID-19
 Safety Department Report
 Far Hills Storm Sewer Grant Letter
 School Board Email
DDN Article re: 9/11 20th Anniversary

OAKWOOD

Dog Splash Sunday

The Dog Splash at Gardner Pool will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. Pet-related exhibitors will be on hand during the event. Registration deadline is Sept. 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.

STAFF REPORT

DDW
9/7/2021

City to start construction on new recycling facility

The city of Oakwood is relocating and upgrading the 24/7 public-access recycling facility.

The project involves moving the facility from its current location in the Creager Field Dog Park parking lot at the corner of Shafor Boulevard and Irving Avenue to a larger area at the entrance to the Public Works yard at 210 Shafor Blvd. Officials say the move will create a more efficient drop-off operation and safer environment for the heavily used facility by removing it from the congested dog park parking lot. The total project cost of the project is estimated

to be \$299,000.

About 24 percent of the project cost, or \$72,000, will be paid through a grant from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District under its 2021 District Incentive Grant Program.

The first phase of the work has been completed; that involved clearing a wooded area at the site of the new facility. Phase 2, which is expected to begin during the week of Sept. 13, involves extension of a large retaining wall.

The wall extension is necessary to provide a level space for the facility. The final phase will involve construc-

tion of the drop-off area, including entrance and exit lanes. The facility will accommodate the drop-off of green waste, cardboard, and co-mingled recyclables such as glass, plastics and metal cans.

"The city of Oakwood is committed to promoting recycling of all types and is excited about the creation of the new facility," said Public Works Director Doug Spittler. "We appreciate the sizable grant from Montgomery County that helps to make this important project feasible."

The recycling facility project will be completed by late 2021.

OR
9/8/2021

Oakwood shred event Sept. 25

The city of Oakwood has contracted with Shred-It, a mobile document destruction company, to be at the J. D. Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, to provide document destruction services for citizens of Oakwood. Besides paper products, Shred-It has the capability to destroy microfilm, microfiche, and other material of a secure or confidential nature.

Residents should remain in their vehicle at the shred event and place all materials to be destroyed in the trunk of the vehicle. Employees will unload the materials and place them in the shred bins.

All materials will be destroyed on-site during the event. Please be prepared to present identification confirming residency. The event is free of charge.

OR

9/8/2021

Legionella finding restricts stadium access

It's the 2nd discovery of the bacteria in the district in a month.

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

OAKWOOD — Legionella bacteria has been detected at Oakwood City Schools for the second time in a month, this time restricting access at Lane Stadium.

The building containing restrooms, the training room and concession stand at the stadium was closed last week after Legionella was discovered, the school district said.

Activities at Lane — which is used for field hockey, lacrosse, soccer and track — were postponed Sept. 1, officials said.

But “all events will go on as scheduled at the stadium,” district spokeswoman Traci Hale said

Tuesday afternoon in an email. “We anticipate results from the retest this week.”

District officials said they are working with Solid Blend Technologies, a water management business, to treat the Lane system.

Temporary restrooms were installed and water was brought in Sept. 2, allowing practices to resume, Hale said.

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No contests were scheduled over the weekend at the stadium, which opened in 2017.

The bacteria can cause pneumonia-like Legionnaires' disease. A Kettering Fairmont High School custodian died in 2019 of the disease.

Anytime a building or fixtures have been dormant or unused for a period of time, bacteria can build up, Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County has said.

It is the second time Legionella has been detected in

Oakwood schools in the past month. The bacteria was found at Smith Elementary School after tests in early August.

At Smith, “all of the water sources are currently operational and safe to use,” Hale said.

“The district is working with Solid Blend to develop long-term plans to maintain and protect the water systems,” she said of Smith. “A 60-day treatment is taking place in the building and retesting will take place following the treatment.”

Smith was also treated for the bacteria in August 2020.



Oakwood City Schools has restricted access at Lane Stadium after Legionella bacteria was found there. FILE

DAN
9/8/2021

Legionella found at Lane

Oakwood City Schools has announced that legionella has been found in the water supply at Lane Stadium. The building containing restrooms, training room and concession stand at Lane Stadium is closed as the district addresses the issue. All of the building's water sources are currently shut off. Activities at Lane Stadium were postponed on Wednesday, Sept. 1, but will

resume as soon as safe alternatives are put in place, according to district officials.

Oakwood Schools said the district is working with a contractor to follow recommendations to treat the Lane water system. Following treatment, the system will be retested.

Legionella was previously found in the water supply at Smith Elementary prior to the start of the school year.

OR

9/8/2021

Stadium water tests free of Legionella, school district says

By Nick Blizzard
and Jen Baldur
Staff Writers

OAKWOOD — The water system at Lane Stadium tested free of Legionella, Oakwood City Schools announced Wednesday.

The building containing restrooms, training room and concession stand is back open at the stadium after the district received results of testing conducted Monday after the water was treated. Activities at Lane — which is used for field hockey, lacrosse, soccer

and track — were postponed Sept. 1 but resumed the next day after portable restrooms and alternative water sources were brought in.

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At Smith, "all of the water sources are currently operational and safe to use," district spokeswoman Traci Hale

said previously.

District officials said they worked with Solid Blend Technologies, a water management business, to treat the Lane and Smith water systems.

Smith also was treated for the bacteria in August 2020.

DDN
9/10/2021

From: noreply@oakwoodschooolsorg.myenotice.com <noreply@oakwoodschooolsorg.myenotice.com>

Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 5:30 PM

To: Klopsch, Norbert S. <Klopsch@oakwood.oh.us>

Subject: Lane Stadium Water Tests Bacteria Free

Oakwood Schools



Lane Stadium Water Tests Bacteria Free

The building containing restrooms, the training room and the concession stand at Lane Stadium is back open after Oakwood Schools received test results today indicating the water supply is safe and does not contain legionella bacteria. The tests were conducted Monday, Sept. 6 after the water was treated.

Oakwood Schools worked with Solid Blend to treat the Lane water system. The building's water sources were shut off Wednesday, Sept. 1 after the District received initial test results indicating bacteria in the water. Activities at Lane Stadium were postponed Wednesday, Sept. 1 but did resume the next day with portable restrooms and alternative water sources available.

[District Website](#)



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Why so many secrets: School, City, Library, OIC

An Ohio Open Records Act has revealed that the Oakwood School Board and leadership does not want parents to know what they are teaching your children. Whether you call it Critical Race Theory (CRT) or Social Emotional Learning for Social Emotional Justice (SEL-SEJ), the coordination of the School, City, Library, and the 501c3 non-profit Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC) is finally being exposed.

Questions from parents about specific curriculum are told that the schools are teaching to the "state standards" and then diverted to the OIC. Why would the OIC know more about the curriculum than our own school board? Ohio Open Records Act requests exposed conversations between Curriculum Director Kimbe Lange and staff where she says "I

can speak to the standards, but not to the actual materials being used in the classroom." Parents need to know that they have the right to insist on pre-notification of lessons or programing that deal with personal values, morals, or attitudes. Parents can also opt out of any planned lessons that violate their family values and insist upon the provision of a suitable learning alternative for their child.

Contrary to the Establishing Document for the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, Oakwood Superintendent Dr. Ramey and City Manager Norbert Klopsch, are not just "liaisons" to the organization but apparently part of the leadership team. Dr. Ramey has led at least one breakout session for the group and attended leadership meetings. Norbert has email after email coordinating with the

leadership of the OIC on all matters including getting them listed as a city vendor, MLK funds disbursed, and approving purchase orders. Library Director, Kristi Hale, was appointed by the school board AND is also the Chair of the OIC. This appears to be a huge conflict of interest. She uses her library e-mail and taxpayer time to conduct OIC business.

It is about time we find out exactly what is going on and more Open Records requests are awaiting acknowledgement and response. The schools, city, library and OIC need to be transparent NOW. The next School Board meeting on Sept. 13 and City Council Meeting Sept. 20. Read for yourself the released documents at www.muckrock.com/accounts/profile/HAL_FLAK.

Vicki Campbell

OR
9/8/2021

A RESOLUTION

BY: MAYOR DUNCAN

NO. 1878

RECOGNIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OAKWOOD INCLUSION COALITION.

WHEREAS, the city of Oakwood treasures diversity in every form and fashion, and strives to be a welcoming community for everyone who lives, works, visits, or passes through the city; and

WHEREAS, the city of Oakwood, Wright Library and Oakwood City Schools are concerned about the current climate in Oakwood and throughout America with regard to matters of diversity, and various forces in place that cause widespread tension and conflict throughout our cities, states and country; and

WHEREAS, the city of Oakwood recognizes the enormous value in having a diverse community in terms of religion, race, ethnicity, physical ability, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age and more; and

WHEREAS, the city of Oakwood is cognizant of the interest in the community to engage in dialogue on myriad topics involving racial matters, and appreciates the educational programs conducted over the past two years through Wright Memorial Public Library; and

WHEREAS, the city of Oakwood acknowledges the work that has taken place in our community over the past eight months in considering actions to take locally to make a strong statement in support of diversity, inclusivity and equity; and

WHEREAS, the city of Oakwood has received a document establishing the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC), a citizen-driven organization with the stated mission and purpose as follows:

MISSION

The mission of the OIC is to study, promote, and celebrate an inclusive, equitable, diverse and welcoming environment and community for everyone who lives, works, visits, or passes through Oakwood.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the OIC is to foster an inclusive community through education, development of programs and projects, communication initiatives, and regular attention to matters of intra- and intercommunity relations. The OIC is an organization of government, school, and library officials, private citizens, faith, ethnic and cultural leaders, and representatives from the business and media communities in the Oakwood area and beyond. Volunteer officers manage the organization and receive no compensation.

While the OIC will deliver a report annually to the Oakwood City Council, the Oakwood School Board and the Board of the Wright Memorial Public Library, no substantial part of the OIC's activities or reporting shall involve the purpose of influencing, modifying, or suspending city, school or library legislation or policies. The organization shall not participate in, or otherwise intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or any issue put to vote before the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION I.

The city of Oakwood hereby recognizes the creation of the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition as detailed in the attached establishing document. This recognition shall not be construed to make the OIC a public office or agency, or a public/private joint venture under the city's control.

SECTION II.

The city of Oakwood expressed strong support of the mission and purpose of the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, and welcomes the annual report planned for presentation to City Council each January by the OIC Leadership Team, said report to include a summary of the work, programming, events and accomplishments of the OIC.

SECTION III.

The city of Oakwood will regularly follow the work of the OIC and will support the organization with representative participation in the OIC meetings, programs and events.

SECTION IV.

That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION V.

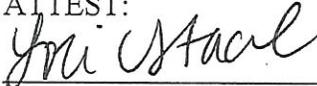
This Resolution shall take effect as of the day of its passage.

PASSED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this 5th day of October, 2020.



Mayor William D. Duncan

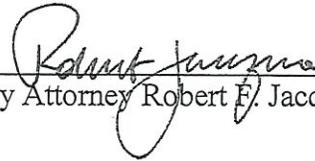
ATTEST:



Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

No publication is required.



City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

OAKWOOD INCLUSION COALITION

October 5, 2020

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I. NAME

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While the OIC will deliver a report annually to the Oakwood City Council, the Oakwood School Board and the Board of the Wright Memorial Public Library, no substantial part of the OIC's activities or reporting shall involve the purpose of influencing, modifying, or suspending city, school or library legislation or policies. The organization shall not participate in, or otherwise intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or any issue put to vote before the public.

IV. ORGANIZATION

The OIC is organized for educational and community building purposes, and to examine matters of diversity, equity and inclusion. It is established as a 501(c)(3) organization under the Federal Internal Revenue Code. The organization may engage in fundraising efforts to support programming. To this end, a Treasurer will be appointed to oversee all financial activity. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the OIC shall not carry on other activities not permitted to be carried on by (1) an organization exempt from federal

income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (2) an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

In the event of dissolution of the OIC, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine that are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

V. COALITION MEMBERSHIP

General membership, including eligibility to vote on OIC matters, is open to all individuals who reside in Oakwood, and to representatives of businesses, organizations and religious institutions located in Oakwood. Affiliate membership is open to any other persons interested in furthering the mission and purpose of the OIC. Affiliate members are not eligible to vote on OIC matters.

The Membership Committee shall work to identify and retain OIC members from the following groups:

- a. City of Oakwood (City Manager or designee, Public Safety Director or designee, and one elected official).
- b. Oakwood City Schools (Superintendent or designee, and one elected official).
- c. Wright Memorial Public Library (Director or designee, and one Board member).
- d. Oakwood Historical Society.
- e. Oakwood Sister City Association.
- f. Religious organizations located in Oakwood.
- g. MOMs of Oakwood.
- h. Oakwood Rotary Club.
- i. At least one representative each from business organizations, and minority-owned businesses in Oakwood.
- j. At least one representative from the media.
- k. Members who shall serve to diversify the OIC membership in various capacities, including, but not limited to, religion, race, ethnicity, physical ability, sexual orientation, socio-economic status and age.
- l. Student representatives appointed by their respective school.

The Membership Committee shall identify additional members as it deems important for promoting and enhancing the work of the OIC.

VI. LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Leadership Team of the OIC shall include a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee Chairs, two Members-At-Large and one liaison each from the City of

Oakwood, the Oakwood City Schools and the Wright Memorial Public Library. These individuals shall each serve a two-year term. The Vice Chair shall serve as Chair Elect. The Immediate Past Chair shall serve on the Leadership Team with ex-officio status, without vote.

The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the OIC and the Leadership Team. The Vice Chair shall serve in the absence of the Chair. The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the finances of the OIC. The Secretary shall keep records of all OIC and Leadership Team meetings. The Leadership Team shall meet quarterly, or at the call of the Chair. The Leadership Team shall oversee all activities of the OIC, and shall prepare the slate of the Leadership Team for election at the Annual Coalition Meeting.

VII. COMMITTEES

The OIC will have the following three standing committees:

- a. Membership Development Committee: This Committee shall consist of a Committee Chair and four persons appointed by the Leadership Team. The Committee shall be responsible for retaining existing OIC members and for continually identifying new members. The Committee shall ensure ongoing representation from the collaborative entities listed under Section V. COALITION MEMBERSHIP. The Committee shall also be responsible for the orientation of new members.
- b. Programs and Events Committee: This Committee shall consist of a Committee Chair and four persons appointed by the Leadership Team. The Committee shall be responsible for continually identifying, planning and conducting programs and events that further the mission and purpose of the OIC.
- c. Current Issues Committee: This Committee shall consist of the Committee Chair and four persons appointed by the Leadership Team. The Committee shall be responsible for continually identifying and discussing current issues relating to the mission and purpose of the OIC, and to report on these issues at the Coalition meetings.

The OIC may form other committees as deemed beneficial in fulfilling the mission and purpose of the organization. The name, purpose and membership of the OIC's subsidiary committees shall be developed by the Leadership Team and confirmed by a majority vote of the OIC membership.

VIII. ELECTION OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Leadership Team shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the members present. Notice of the date of the Annual Meeting and the Leadership Team slate to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting shall be provided to the members of the OIC at least two weeks in advance of such meeting.

IX. NOTICES

Any notices required under these by-laws shall be in writing, but may be sent via mail, email, or any other method reasonably determined to reach the intended recipients.

X. COALITION MEETINGS

The OIC shall conduct an Annual Coalition Meeting in January of each calendar year. Subsequent OIC meetings shall take place in April, July and October of each year, unless cancelled by a vote of the Leadership Team. Additional Coalition meetings shall take place upon the call of the Leadership Team. Notice of meetings shall be provided to all OIC members at least two weeks in advance of the meeting date. One-third of the OIC membership shall constitute a quorum.

XI. ANNUAL REPORT

During the first quarter of each calendar year, the OIC shall publish an Annual Report. The report shall include a summary of the organization's programs and events, and discussions and actions taken by the OIC in the preceding year. Following the publication of the Annual Report, the OIC Leadership Team shall make a public presentation about the work, programming, events and accomplishments of the OIC to the Oakwood City Council, Oakwood City School Board and the Board of the Wright Memorial Public Library.

XII. AMENDMENTS

This document may be amended only by a two thirds majority vote of the Leadership Team of the OIC. That vote may be cast in person or by electronic vote at any OIC or Leadership Team meeting, provided that the proposed amendment(s) shall be set forth in the notice of said meeting.

ADOPTED: October 5, 2020

OAKWOOD INCLUSION COALITION

This document establishes the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC), setting forth the mission and purpose of the OIC, and the manner in which it shall function.

I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, regularly abbreviated as the OIC.

II. MISSION

The mission of the OIC is to study, promote, and celebrate an inclusive, equitable, diverse, and welcoming environment and community for everyone who lives, works, visits, or passes through Oakwood.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of the OIC is to foster an inclusive community through education, development of programs and projects, communication initiatives, and regular attention to matters of intra- and intercommunity relations. Citizen-driven, the OIC is specifically constituted as an organization of private citizens and residents of Oakwood and interested parties who are not residents of Oakwood, faith, ethnic and cultural leaders, and individuals from the business and media communities in the Oakwood area and beyond. Volunteer officers manage the organization and receive no compensation.

Note: The organization derives counsel and endorsement from a set of liaison individuals (see section V below) from, among others, the City of Oakwood, Oakwood City Schools, and the Wright Memorial Public Library. Further, while the OIC will deliver a report annually to the Oakwood City Council, the Oakwood School Board, and the Board of the Wright Memorial Public Library, no part of the OIC's activities or reporting shall involve the express purpose of influencing, modifying, or suspending City, Schools, or Library legislation or policies. The organization shall not participate in, or otherwise intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or in support of any issue put to vote before the public.

IV. ORGANIZATION

The OIC is organized for educational and community building purposes, and to examine matters of and opportunities to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion. It is established as a 501(c)(3) organization under the Federal Internal Revenue Code. The organization may engage in fundraising efforts to support programming. To this end, a Treasurer will be appointed to oversee all financial activity. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay

reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the OIC shall not carry on other activities not permitted by (1) an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (2) an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

In the event of dissolution of the OIC, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine that are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

V. COALITION MEMBERSHIP

Membership and voting privileges are open to all persons, whether or not they reside or work in Oakwood.

The Membership Committee shall work to identify and retain OIC liaisons from the following groups:

- a. City of Oakwood (City Manager or designee, Public Safety Director or designee, and one elected official).
- b. Oakwood City Schools (Superintendent or designee, and one elected official).
- c. Wright Memorial Public Library (Director or designee, and one Board member).
- d. Oakwood Historical Society.
- e. Oakwood Sister City Association.
- f. Religious organizations located in Oakwood.
- g. MOMs of Oakwood.
- h. Oakwood Rotary Club.
- i. At least one representative each from business organizations, and minority-owned businesses in Oakwood.
- j. At least one representative from the media.
- k. Members who shall serve to diversify the OIC membership in various capacities, including, but not limited to, religion, race, ethnicity, physical ability, sexual orientation, socio-economic status and age.
- l. Student representatives appointed by their respective school.

The Membership Committee shall identify additional liaison individuals as it deems important for promoting and enhancing the work of the OIC.

Note: Individuals engaged by the OIC as liaisons may independent of their role as liaisons hold individual membership in the organization, but in all their dealings within and for the organization they should be transparent on whether they are acting or giving voice to a matter in their official capacity as “liaison” or as a private member.

VI. LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Leadership Team of the OIC shall include a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee Chairs, one liaison each from the City of Oakwood, the Oakwood City Schools and the Wright Memorial Public Library, and additional Members-At-Large as recommended by the Leadership Team and confirmed by the OIC members. The liaison from the City of Oakwood, the Oakwood City Schools and the Wright Memorial Public Library may also serve in another capacity on the Leadership Team. There is no term limit for persons serving on the Leadership Team. The Vice Chair shall serve as Chair Elect. The Immediate Past Chair shall serve on the Leadership Team with ex-officio status, without vote.

The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the OIC and the Leadership Team. The Vice Chair shall serve in the absence of the Chair. The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing the finances of the OIC. The Secretary shall keep records of all OIC and Leadership Team meetings.

The Leadership Team shall meet quarterly, or more frequently at the call of the Chair, and shall oversee all activities of the OIC. The Leadership Team, by a majority vote, may approve the temporary appointment/replacement of Leadership Team members when needed during the course of the calendar year. The Leadership Team shall, by a majority vote, prepare the slate of the Leadership Team for the following year to be presented for election at the Annual Coalition Meeting. The appointment of Leadership Team members shall be confirmed through a simple majority vote of the members present at the Annual Coalition Meeting.

VII. COMMITTEES

The OIC will have the following four standing committees:

- a. Membership Development Committee: This Committee shall be led by a Committee Chair appointed by the Leadership Team. Any person who is a member of the OIC is eligible for Committee membership. The Committee shall be responsible for retaining existing OIC members and for identifying new members. The Committee shall ensure ongoing representation from the collaborative entities listed under Section V. COALITION MEMBERSHIP. The Committee shall also be responsible for the orientation of new members.
- b. Programs and Events Committee: This Committee shall be led by a Committee Chair appointed by the Leadership Team. Any person who is a member of the OIC is eligible for Committee membership. The Committee shall be responsible for identifying, planning and conducting programs and events that further the mission and purpose of the OIC.
- c. Current Issues Committee: This Committee shall be led by a Committee Chair appointed by the Leadership Team. Any person who is a member of the OIC is

eligible for Committee membership. The Committee shall be responsible for identifying and discussing current issues relating to the mission and purpose of the OIC, and to report on these issues at the Coalition meetings.

- d. Communications Committee: This Committee shall be led by a Committee Chair appointed by the Leadership Team. Any person who is a member of the OIC is eligible for Committee membership. The Committee shall be responsible for generating OIC internal and external communications consistent with the OIC Communications Protocol approved by the OIC Leadership Team.

The OIC may form other committees as deemed beneficial in fulfilling the mission and purpose of the organization. The name, purpose and membership of the OIC's subsidiary committees shall be developed by the Leadership Team.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL

The OIC Leadership Team shall establish and approve the protocol for all forms of OIC communications. This includes internal communications with the OIC membership, and external communications with the media and/or any other outside entity or agency. The protocol shall establish procedures for the preparation and approval of all types of communications including, but not limited to, standard mailings, emails, website postings, Facebook and other social media messaging, etc. The protocol shall be attached hereto as Addendum A.

IX. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL

The OIC Leadership Team shall establish and approve the protocol for all matters relating to the receipt and disbursement of OIC funds. The protocol shall identify those persons with authority to receive and deposit OIC money, and those persons with authority to approve the disbursement of OIC money. The protocol shall be attached hereto as Addendum B.

X. NOTICES

Any notices required under these by-laws shall be in writing, but may be sent via mail, email, or any other method reasonably determined to reach the intended recipients.

XI. COALITION MEETINGS

The OIC shall conduct an Annual Coalition Meeting in January of each calendar year. Subsequent OIC meetings shall take place in April, July and October of each year, unless cancelled or rescheduled by a vote of the Leadership Team. Additional Coalition meetings shall take place upon the call of the Leadership Team. Notice of meetings shall be provided to all OIC members at least two weeks in advance of the meeting date.

XII. ANNUAL REPORT

During the first quarter of each calendar year, the OIC shall publish an Annual Report. The report shall include a summary of the organization's programs and events, and discussions and actions taken by the OIC in the preceding year. Following the publication of the Annual Report, the OIC Leadership Team shall make a public presentation about the work, programming, events and accomplishments of the OIC to

the Oakwood City Council, the Oakwood School Board, and the Board of the Wright Memorial Public Library.

XIII. AMENDMENTS

This document may be amended only by a two thirds majority vote of the Leadership Team of the OIC. That vote may be cast in person or by electronic vote at any OIC or Leadership Team meeting, provided that the proposed amendment(s) shall be set forth in the notice of said meeting.

ADOPTED: October 5, 2020

REVISED: July 1, 2021

AN ORDINANCE

BY: VICE MAYOR BYINGTON

NO. 4942

TO TERMINATE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 209 UPON THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF ITS REMAINING BALANCE TO THE GENERAL FUND; AND AMEND EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY TO INCLUDE SAID TRANSFER.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 4595, adopted on November 7, 2005, established a special revenue fund known as the MLK Community Recognition Fund, which is designated as Fund 209 upon the financial records of the city; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Fund 209 was to receive, hold, and expend money collected by and between the cities of Oakwood and Kettering in connection with a recurring breakfast event to recognize the life and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Oakwood and Kettering discontinued conducting the joint breakfast exclusively for the two communities, instead supporting larger regional celebrations and/or developing other programs, leaving a fund balance of \$7,506.52; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the remaining balance (\$3,753.50) was allocated and has been returned to the city of Kettering; and

WHEREAS, the city of Oakwood desires to use the remaining balance of \$3,753.02 to provide initial seed funding to the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition ("OIC"), a non-profit citizen-driven organization with the mission "to study, promote, and celebrate an inclusive, equitable, diverse and welcoming environment and community for everyone who lives, works, visits, or passes through Oakwood;" and

WHEREAS, the OIC's mission is wholly consistent with the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Council has determined that this use of the remaining Fund 209 balance is a fitting and proper tribute to Dr. King's legacy and is for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, through adoption of Resolution No. 1878 on October 5, 2020, Council recognized the establishment of the OIC and expressed strong support of the OIC's mission and purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

Pursuant to Section 5705.14(D) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Director of Finance is hereby authorized and directed to terminate Fund 209 upon the financial records of the city, and to transfer the remaining balance thereof to the General Fund, and to take such other measures as may be necessary to effectuate the intent of this ordinance.

SECTION II.

Ordinance No. 4925 and any existing supplements thereto, which together constitute Council's appropriation of funds for 2021 city expenses, are hereby amended so as to characterize the expenditure of funds from Fund 209 as a "transfer" rather than an "appropriation." No further amendment or supplemental appropriation is made, nor is any necessary, as the existing appropriations enacted by Council are sufficient for the purposes described herein.

SECTION III.

This ordinance, as an appropriation to meet current expenses of the City, takes effect immediately upon its passage as provided by Section 3.04 of the City Charter.

PASSED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this 3rd day of May, 2021.



Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Yori Stacel
Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:
Please publish in the following summary form.

Robert Jacques
City Attorney Robert Jacques

LEGAL NOTICE

On May 3, 2021, the Council of the City of Oakwood, Montgomery County, Ohio, adopted Ordinance No. 4942 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO TERMINATE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 209 UPON THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF ITS REMAINING BALANCE TO THE GENERAL FUND; AND AMEND EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY TO INCLUDE SAID TRANSFER."

Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council of the City of Oakwood, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing summary of the foregoing ordinance was duly published in the Oakwood Register, a newspaper of general circulation in said city, and that the publication occurred on the following date: May 12, 2021

Yori Stacel
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Vice Mayor Byington

AN ORDINANCE TO TERMINATE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND 209 UPON THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF ITS REMAINING BALANCE TO THE GENERAL FUND; AND AMEND EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY TO INCLUDE SAID TRANSFER.

The city's financial records include special revenue fund 209, which is also known as the MLK Community Recognition Fund. It was established by Council in 2005 to receive, hold, and expend money for an annual breakfast to honor the life and vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The breakfast was a joint program between the cities of Oakwood and Kettering that lasted for many years.

Ultimately we discontinued the event as an exclusive program for the two communities, instead supporting larger regional celebrations. This left a remaining fund balance of just over \$7,500. Half of that has been returned to the city of Kettering, leaving \$3,753.02 in the fund.

Last fall, Council adopted Resolution No. 1878, recognizing the establishment of the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition ("OIC") and declaring strong support for its mission and purpose. The OIC is a non-profit citizen-driven organization with the mission "to study, promote, and celebrate an inclusive, equitable, diverse and welcoming environment and community for everyone who lives, works, visits, or passes through Oakwood."

The OIC's mission is very much consistent with the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Council wishes to contribute the remaining balance of Fund 209 as initial seed money for the OIC. Not only is this an important public purpose, but it is also a fitting and proper tribute to Dr. King's legacy and an appropriate use for those dollars.

The ordinance I am introducing will terminate Fund 209, and authorizes the transfer of its remaining balance to the General Fund. Once in the General Fund, the money will be available for contribution to the OIC. The ordinance also amends our existing appropriation ordinances to include this transfer.

Motion: Under Section 3.04 of the City Charter, this ordinance will take effect upon its passage. I move that Council waive the 2nd reading and adopt this ordinance tonight.

Shafor Blvd. flag take down slated for Sept. 12

The flags lining Shafor Boulevard in Oakwood will remain standing through Sunday, Sept. 12, in remembrance of the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Volunteers are needed to take down the flags beginning at 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. Email Laura Hart at bamaflyer534@gmail.com for more information.

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9/8/2021

Klopsch, Norbert S.

From: Policicchio, Brandon <bpolicicchio@greaterdaytonrta.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 8, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Policicchio, Brandon
Subject: Beginning October 3 - RTA to Make Temporary Service Adjustments to Service Hours & Routes
Attachments: OctoberservicechangesPR.pdf

Good afternoon. I'm reaching out to share important changes to RTA services starting October 3, 2021. While it is not our desire to reduce service, due to our operator labor shortage we are faced with some difficult choices to ensure we maintain a viable transit system for our customers and community.

We have worked diligently to maintain full service during the COVID-19 pandemic while most cities cut transit services. However, we have hit the point where that is simply no longer possible due to our current employment challenges. As a result, our service hours and routes will be temporarily eliminated or changed. I have included in this email a copy of the press release that will be released shortly. More information can also be found on our website at www.iriderta.org.

Please know that when we reached out to our customers, we listened and have changed some of our originally proposed service reductions. We remain committed to providing safe, reliable, accessible, and affordable transit to the region, and we appreciate your faith and trust in us to provide as many services as we can.

If you have any additional questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Thank you for your time,

Brandon Policicchio
Chief Customer and Business Development Officer
Greater Dayton RTA | 4 S. Main St | Dayton, OH 45402
Office: (937) 425-8330



RTA makes temporary service adjustments to service hours and routes beginning October 3

September 8, 2021

For Immediate Release

MEDIA CONTACT: Jessica Olson (937) 425-8352, Communications Manager



(DAYTON, OHIO) ... The Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA), in response to a severe shortage of operators and decreased customer demand for services due to COVID-19, will be making the following temporary service adjustments beginning Sunday, October 3, 2021.

Temporary Service Hour Adjustments:

- Fixed Route & Paratransit Service hours Monday through Saturday from 5:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.
- Fixed Route & Paratransit Service hours Sunday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.



During a public hearing, RTA heard from riders it was very important to keep service to midnight. For example, Beverly said "if you decide to stop buses at 11 p.m. on Monday through Saturday and 10 p.m. on Sunday, I would have to find some other way home or some other schedule for work." As a result, RTA altered its originally proposed service hours based on customer feedback.

Temporary Route Eliminations:

- Routes 64, 65, 66

Seniors shared with RTA concerns about eliminating the Senior EZ Ride. Carole said, "Please do not terminate this bus. I have no way of going to the grocery store." In response to customer feedback, RTA plans to launch a new door-to-door service for older adults beginning in October. More details will be released soon.

Temporary Trip Eliminations:

- Routes 7, 8, 12, 16, 18, 19: Some trips eliminated.

Other Service Changes:

- Routes 1, 2 & 4: Routing changed to serve Third Street Bridge.
- Route 12: Will serve Hope Center & Omega.
- Route 17: Routing changed from Little York Road to Maxton Road.
- Route 22: Extended AM trip from Walmart to the Gateway Shelter.
- Route 34: Extra trips added on Saturday.
- Route 43: Adjusted some trips to serve Energizer.

For more information on what specific trips have been eliminated or changed, please visit www.iriderta.org.

These proposed changes are due to a lack of available operators and decreased customer demand for services due to COVID-19. The changes were determined following feedback from customers and based on analysis of ridership on routes, specific trips, and time periods experiencing lower ridership. As the employment situation improves, RTA will look at ways to restore and even grow transit services where needed. You can find your route information at www.iriderta.org.

Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority

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Pictured from left to right: Jim Coons, Bill Madory, Steve Howe, Diane Harris, Mark Hughes, Steve Wright. Seated: Scott Nelson, Bill Meyer.

Three long-term Oakwood school district van drivers retire

On July 1, 2020, two long-term Oakwood school district van drivers retired. After 22 years for Bill Meyer, and 21 years for Scott Nelson, they decided it was time to “hang up the keys.” Due to Covid-19 their retirement party could not be held until

August 17. The event was held at Marion’s Piazza, and hosted by the current Oakwood van drivers.

Oakwood Van Driver Steve Sweeterman retired effective Aug. 5, 2021, after 8 years of service but was not able to attend.

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, CITY OF OAKWOOD,
STATE OF OHIO

The meeting was conducted on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 in the council chamber at the Oakwood City Building, 30 Park Avenue, and was also accessible via Zoom.

In attendance were:

Dr. David Denka, D.O., Chair

Dr. Sallie Wilson, D.O., Vice Chair

Dr. Steve Enseleit, M.D., Health Commissioner

Norbert Klopsch, Administrator/City Manager

Paul Scaglione, REHS, Environmental Health Director

Public Safety Captain Kevin Pruszynski

Attending via remote teleconference utilizing the Zoom.com platform were the following: Diane Scott, R.N., Member; Dr. Elizabeth Maimon, DVM, M.P.H., Member; Mayor Bill Duncan, President; and Mrs. Leigh Ann Fulford.

Dr. Bill Coyne, D.D.S., Member was excused absent.

Dr. Denka called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items:

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Dr. Denka asked that the minutes of the March 23, 2021 meeting be reviewed. There being no requested edits, motion to approve by Dr. Wilson; second by Dr. Maimon. Upon viva voce vote, motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report from Chair: No report.

Report from Environmental Health Director:

- COVID-19 Update: Mr. Scaglione reported on the COVID-19 cases in Oakwood from the beginning of the pandemic through August 26. In total, there have been 24 hospitalizations and nine deaths attributed to COVID-19. About five months ago, there were 19 hospitalizations and six deaths. There are currently two reported cases in the Oakwood Schools, one a student and one an adult employee. The vaccination rate in Montgomery County is about 50%. Dr. Enseleit stated that about 95% of the hospitalizations that he sees are for patients who are unvaccinated.
- ODH Food Service Operation Survey: Mr. Scaglione reported that the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) completed a survey of the Oakwood City Health Department's Food Service Operation (FSO) Program in July. The survey concluded that Oakwood's FSO is meeting the standards as specified by the survey methodology. Only three of 41 standards surveyed identified deficiencies, and all three were very minor. ODH also completed a field inspection and Oakwood received a score of 88% with 80% the passing rate.
- 2022 Cost Methodology: Mr. Scaglione reported that he completed the annual cost methodology and recommends leaving the fees the same as 2021.

Report from Health Commissioner: No report.

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

- Gardner Pool: Gardner Pool has operated successfully this summer in full legal compliance with the Ohio Department of Health and Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County.
- Local Health Districts: The 2022/2023 Ohio Biennium Budget includes a provision that will require all local health districts serving populations less than 50,000 to conduct an efficiency and effectiveness study to determine if the local health district should remain operational, or whether it should merge with a general county health district. Criteria for the study have not yet been developed by the Ohio Department of Health.

- Ice Cream Social; Dog Splash; Jr. High Dances; Family Fall Festival: The annual Ice Cream Social Drive-through event was held on Sunday, August 22. The event was well attended. Mr. Klopsch shared that due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases, city staff plans to cancel several upcoming indoor events such as the Jr. High Dances and the Annual Hot Dog Supper at the OCC. City staff is planning to conduct the annual Scarecrow Row and the Family Fall Festival at Shafor Park. Both events are conducted outdoors. Mr. Klopsch asked if there was any objection to conducting the Family Fall Festival. There were no objections.
- Annual Lead and Copper Water Testing: City staff completed 15 of the 20 lead and copper water tests. The remaining five samples will be collected and tested in the near future. One of the 15 test sites had a lead result above the “Action Level.” This site has been tested 15 previous times dating back to 1992 and has never before exceeded the Action Level. As long as no more than one of the five remaining tests is above the Action Level, the EPA will not require additional action. The Action Level does not signify a health hazard, just a trigger for further action.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Public Safety Captain Kevin Pruszynski provided the following report:

- Mental Health Training: In 2021, the Oakwood Public Safety Department implemented a series of trainings focused on mental health in an effort to equip every officer and dispatcher with the necessary skills to safely and effectively do their job. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, statistics show that approximately 20% (51.5 million) of U.S. adults experienced a mental health condition in 2019, and 10% of all law enforcement calls for service involve a person with a mental illness. These trainings include the following:
 - Crisis Intervention Training for Lieutenants and Dispatchers
 - Talk Saves Lives Presentation
 - Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
 - Mental Health First Aid training for Public Safety Officers

Dr. Wilson commented on the mental health training and commended the Safety Department for making it a priority.

- Body/In-car cameras: On June 14, the Oakwood Public Safety Department implemented in-car camera systems with fully integrated body cameras. Each Public Safety Officer is assigned their own body camera, and each marked patrol vehicle is equipped with a forward and rear facing camera system. Captain Pruszynski played a video recording captured by the new cameras of public safety officers responding to an individual driving while intoxicated.

There being no other business, at 6:18 p.m. Dr. Denka adjourned the meeting.

Chair

Secretary

Commissioner of Health

Vaccination rates vary by area for teens

Oakwood, Washington Twp. near 67%; most areas are at 10% to 20%.

By **Jeremy P. Kelley**
Staff Writer

COVID vaccination rates for children aged 12-17 vary dramatically within Montgomery County, with only 11% fully vaccinated in much of southwest Dayton and Jefferson Twp., while areas of Oakwood and Centerville are at 67%, according to the Ohio Department of Health.

Local public health officials are pushing for more teens to get vaccinated as a surge of COVID cases and hospitalizations continues locally at the same time schools reopen everywhere.

"This Delta variant is much more contagious than other variants and is affecting kids in a stronger way," said Dan Suffoletto, spokesman for Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County. "Schools are now in-person, so we have more kids coming together in bigger settings, so that increases the chances for spread."



Of Montgomery County kids age 12-17, just 32.7% are fully vaccinated. NICK GRAHAM / STAFF

Breakdown by area

The Ohio Department of Health data is organized by zip code, not by city or school district. As of Monday, it shows that 32.7% of kids age 12-17 in Montgomery County are fully vaccinated, while another 6% on top of that have had just their first dose.

The zip codes 45419 (Oakwood and part of Kettering) and 45458 (parts of Washington Twp. and Centerville) both show 67% of 12-17-year-olds with complete COVID vaccination.

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New vaccine mandates to affect 100M

Biden targets large employers, health care sites, federal workers.

By Zeke Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In his most forceful pandemic actions and words, President Joe Biden on Thursday announced sweeping new federal vaccine requirements affecting as many as 100 million Americans in an all-out effort to increase COVID-19 vaccinations and curb the delta variant.

Speaking at the White House, Biden sharply criticized the roughly 80 million Americans who are not yet vaccinated, despite months of availability and incentives.

"We've been patient. But our patience is wearing thin, and your refusal has cost all of us," he said, all but biting off his words. The unvaccinated minority "can cause a lot of damage, and they are."

Republican leaders — and some union chiefs, too — said Biden was going too far in trying to muscle private companies and workers, a certain sign of legal challenges to come.

Gov. Henry McMaster of South Carolina said in a statement that

PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

An executive order will require all federal employees to get vaccinated, with no option for those who prefer to be regularly tested instead.

A new regulation will require all businesses with more than 100 employees either to mandate vaccinations for all their workers or require them to take weekly coronavirus tests.

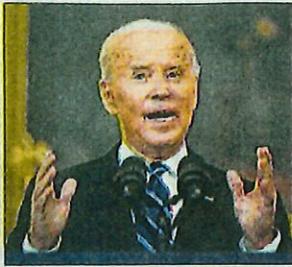
Health facilities that accept Medicare or Medicaid funding will be required to vaccinate their workforces.

"Biden and the radical Democrats ... have declared war against capitalism (and) thumbed their noses at the Constitution."

AFL-CIO National President Everett Kelley insisted that "changes like this should be negotiated with our bargaining units where appropriate."

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President Joe Biden announces sweeping moves in an effort to increase COVID-19 vaccinations. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Biden

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Larry Cosme, president of the Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, called the mandate for federal workers “ill conceived,” saying, “Vaccination should be promoted through education and encouragement – not coercion.”

The expansive rules mandate that all employers with more than 100 workers require them to be vaccinated or test for the virus weekly, affecting about 80 million Americans. And the roughly 17 million workers at health facilities that receive federal Medicare or Medicaid also will have to be fully vaccinated.

Biden is also signing an executive order to require vaccination for employees of the executive branch and contractors who do business with the federal government – with no option to test out. That covers several million more workers.

Biden announced the new requirements in a Thursday afternoon address from the White House as part of a new “action plan” to address the latest rise in coronavirus cases and the stagnating pace of COVID-19 shots that has raised doubts among the public over his handling of the pandemic.

Just two months ago Biden prematurely declared the nation’s “independence” from the virus. Now, despite more than 208 million Americans having at least one dose of the vaccines, the U.S. is seeing about 300% more new

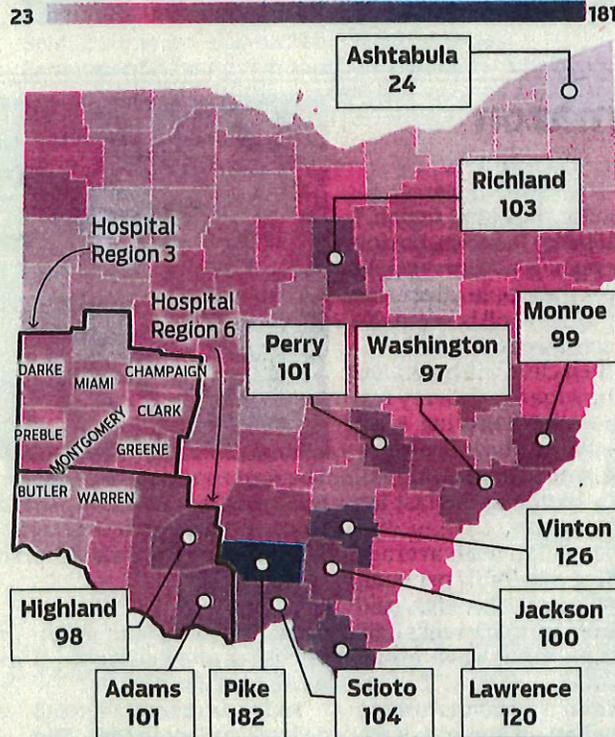
Coronavirus stats in Ohio

Ohio had 1,276,738 total cases, 67,694 total hospitalizations, 21,020 total deaths, and vaccines started in 52.60% of the population — as of 2 p.m. Sept. 9. The current southwest Ohio hospital patient count (in Regions 3 and 6) was 864.

Area counties (In order of 7-day average cases)	Total cases	Total deaths	7-day avg. cases per 100,000*	Vaccination started (pct. of pop.)
Preble	4,622	109	72	36.45%
Greene	18,972	264	70	50.44%
Clark	16,484	319	68	47.13%
Darke	6,130	133	63	34.34%
Montgomery	62,503	1,103	60	50.63%
Miami	12,814	238	59	43.13%
Champaign	4,061	61	58	39.38%
Warren	28,384	322	56	57.12%
Butler	44,687	642	46	50.80%

7-day average cases per 100,000 residents

Colors on county map show rates of 7-day average of cases per 100,000 residents, rounded to the nearest whole number. Noted are those with highest rates and the lowest rate.



Sources: Ohio Dept. of Health; USAFacts.org

*As of Sept. 8

COVID-19 infections a day, about two-and-a-half times more hospitalizations, and nearly twice the number of deaths compared to the same time last year.

“We are in the tough stretch and it could last for a while,” Biden said of the current state of the pandemic.

After months of using pro-

motions to drive the vaccination rate, Biden is taking a much firmer hand, as he blamed people who have not yet received shots for the sharp rise in cases that is killing more than 1,000 people per day and imperiling a fragile economic rebound.

In addition to the vaccination requirements, Biden

moved to double federal fines for airline passengers who refuse to wear masks on flights or to maintain face covering requirements on federal property in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

Biden announced that the federal government will work to increase the supply of virus tests, and that the White House has secured concessions from retailers including Walmart, Amazon, and Kroger to sell at-home testing kits at cost beginning this week.

The administration was also sending additional federal support to assist schools in safely operating, including additional funding for testing. And Biden will call for large entertainment venues and arenas to require vaccinations or proof of a negative test for entry.

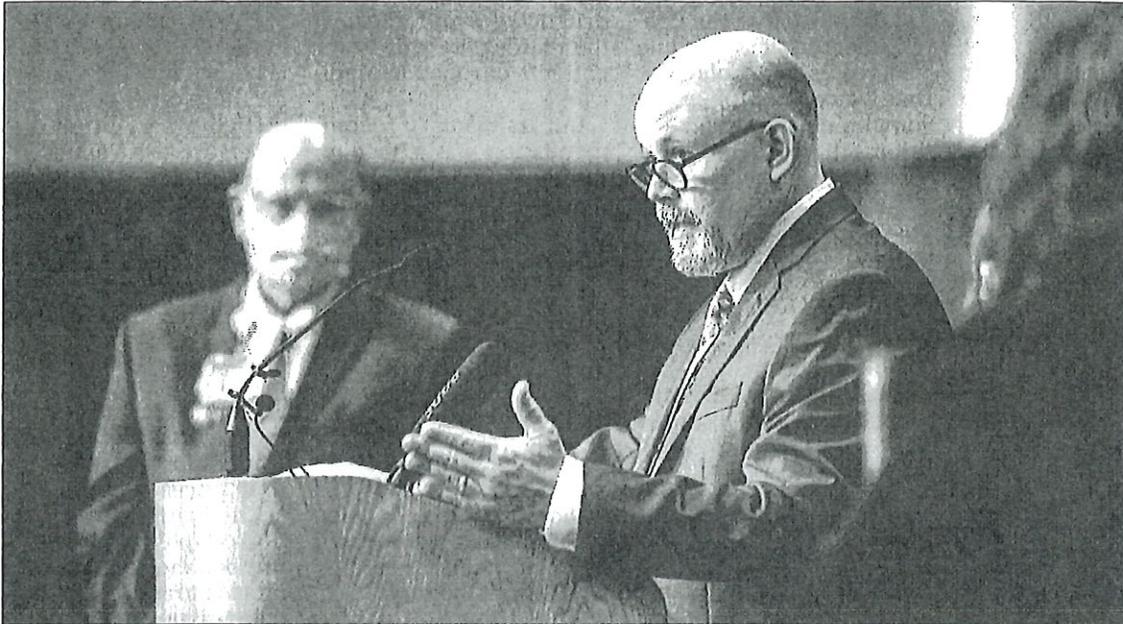
The requirement for large companies to mandate vaccinations or weekly testing for employees will be enacted through a forthcoming rule from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration that carries penalties of \$14,000 per violation, an administration official said. The White House did not immediately say when it would take effect, but said workers would have sufficient time to get vaccinated.

The rule would also require that large companies provide paid time off for vaccination.

Meanwhile, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services will extend a vaccination requirement issued earlier this summer – for nursing home staff – to other health-care settings including hospitals, home-health agencies and dialysis centers.

Biden’s order for executive branch workers and contractors includes exceptions for workers seeking religious or medical exemptions from vaccination, according to Psaki. Federal workers and contractors will have 75 days to get fully vaccinated. Workers who don’t comply will be referred to their agencies’ human resources departments for counseling and discipline, to include potential termination.

Enact mask rules, urge area health officials



Jeff Cooper, commissioner of Public Health — Dayton & Montgomery County, talks about the uptick in COVID-19 cases in the region and urged local governments to enact mask mandates for public indoor spaces. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

Local governments have power that Ohio law blocked from care agencies.

By **Kaitlin Schroeder**
Staff Writer

Health agencies in Ohio cannot require public masking in response to the current COVID-19 spike, but local governments can and were urged to do so Thursday.

“We’re at the point where Public Health is encouraging all Montgomery County jurisdictions ... to consider executive orders and

legislative action to require public indoor masking in all community settings within their jurisdiction, including work places, grocery stores, restaurants and other venues,” Jeff Cooper, Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County health commissioner, said. “We know that masking works.”

Public health departments used to be able to enact mask requirements but the recently passed

Ohio Senate Bill 22 limits their authority.

Also, Dayton-area hospital leaders Thursday said COVID-19 hospitalizations are approaching the peak reached last December and said the spike is straining the health-care system.

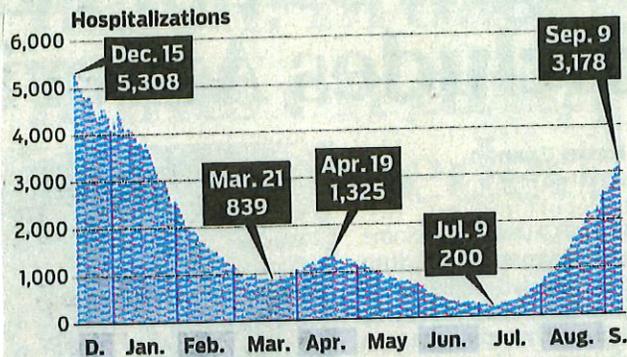
“These significant increases are not sustainable for the capacity in our hospitals, nor for the staff, our caregivers and those front-line staff we depend on,” said Sarah Hackenbracht, president and CEO of the Greater Dayton

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COVID-19 hospitalizations

The number of Ohioans hospitalized each day with COVID-19 has been increasing.



Source: Ohio Hospital Association/Ohio Department of Health

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Area Hospital Association. "Our hospitals and our caregivers need relief and need your help."

As of Thursday afternoon, there were 336 patients hospitalized in the Dayton region with COVID-19, which translates to about 1 in 7 hospital patients having COVID-19. Two months ago, 13 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19 in the region.

This follows the statewide trend. About 3,178 hospitalized patients have COVID-19, compared to 200 two months ago.

More than 21,000 Ohioans have died from COVID-19. About 7,400 died since Jan. 1, including 87 fully vaccinated people and 7,313 people not reported as fully vaccinated.

The rise in patients is filling ERs and hospital beds, burning out health workers, clogging testing lines, creating challenges for schools and stretching human and technical resources needed to treat patients with other conditions.

Yet, because vaccinations overwhelmingly prevent severe disease, this surge continues to be largely preventable, health officials emphasized.

Wearing masks when around the public indoors, avoiding crowds and prac-

ticing good hygiene can also cut down on spread.

Dr. Nancy Pook, an emergency physician with Kettering Health, encourages those who have not gotten a vaccine to do so.

Hospital leaders report that the population of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 is trending younger.

Rising COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are putting a strain on Ohio health-care workers, with some hospitals beginning to reschedule elective procedures and divert patients to other facilities, Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff said Thursday.

Dr. Joseph Gastaldo, medical director of infectious diseases at OhioHealth, described the overall feeling in the hospitals as "sadness, physical and emotional fatigue and frustration."

Dr. Marc Belcastro of Premier Health said he receives texts from people in the ICU or on ventilators with COVID-19 asking what else can they do. He called it tragic.

"I pray with them. About a month ago, a 42 year old father of two boys died ... Currently I'm with another person whose husband is on a ventilator right now and had a stroke. My phone is full of those text messages," Belcastro said.

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

AUGUST 2021

Submitted by Chief Alan Hill

LAW ENFORCEMENT

PART 1 CRIMES: There were twenty Part 1 crimes reported during the month of August. These included one aggravated burglary, two breaking and entering, and seventeen thefts.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: During the month of August, 115 traffic violations were cited and 71 parking citations were issued.

DETECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS:

21-002549	2500 Blk Shafor Blvd	Theft- Bicycle	Under Investigation
21-002620	200 Blk Northview Rd	Theft from Vehicle	Closed
21-002559	200 Blk W Thruston	Attempted Burglary	Cleared by Arrest
21-002560	200 Blk W Thruston	Burglary	Cleared by Arrest
21-002561	200 Blk Northview	Trespass	Cleared by Arrest
21-002562	400 Blk Rubicon	Theft from Vehicle	Cleared by Arrest
21-002632	2400 Blk Far Hills Ave	Breaking / Entering	Under Investigation
21-002636	300 Blk Peach Orchard	Theft- Bicycle	Under Investigation
21-002694	200 Blk Ridgeway Rd	Theft- Bicycle	Under Investigation
21-002772	200 Blk Telford Ave	Grand Theft	Under Investigation
21-002778	200 Blk Volusia Ave	Theft form Vehicle	Under Investigation
21-002780	200 Blk Volusia Ave	Theft from Vehicle	Under Investigation
21-002820	1200 Blk Far Hills Ave	Theft – Bicycle	Under Investigation

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

TEEN COURT: During the month of August, there were three cases referred to Oakwood Teen Court and one case was referred to the Montgomery County Juvenile Court for review.

FIRE

FIRE: There were eight total fire responses in August, all were to Oakwood. The Oakwood responses included four alarm investigations, one residential structure fire, two smell of smoke investigations, and one odor investigation.

APPARATUS: During the month of August, Engine 26 had two valves replaced.

FIRE INSPECTIONS: There were six fire inspections conducted during the month of August.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

REMOVALS: There were 41 total calls for emergency medical services in August, including four mutual aid requests from the Dayton Fire Department. Four patients refused medical treatment and/or transportation. All other patients were transported to area hospitals for treatment.

MISCELLANEOUS

DARE: During the month of August, the DARE officer prepared lesson plans and met with teachers in advance of school starting.

BIKE PATROLS: During the month of August, 32 bike patrols were conducted.

TRAINING

Public Safety Officers, Dispatchers and Staff completed a total of 320 hours of police, fire, and EMS training during the month of August.

The bulk of the training hours this month was accumulated by the completion of department wide trainings related to all three (3) disciplines.

On August 23 and 24 officers completed a skill building firearms training course. This training was held at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office outdoor training facility.

Fire training for the month of August consisted of driving operations, and EMS training focused on Abdominal Trauma, and Anaphylaxis.

Additionally, during the month of August, Officer Cameron McElroy attended a 40 hour firearms instructors training course. Dispatchers Cheryl Colton, Pat Bobst, and Sara Murphy attended a one-day CIT companion training course for public safety dispatchers, and Officer Glen Evans, Officer Steve, Norris, Officer Sarah Whitaker, and Detective Kasey Ballinger attended a two-day suicide ASIST training.

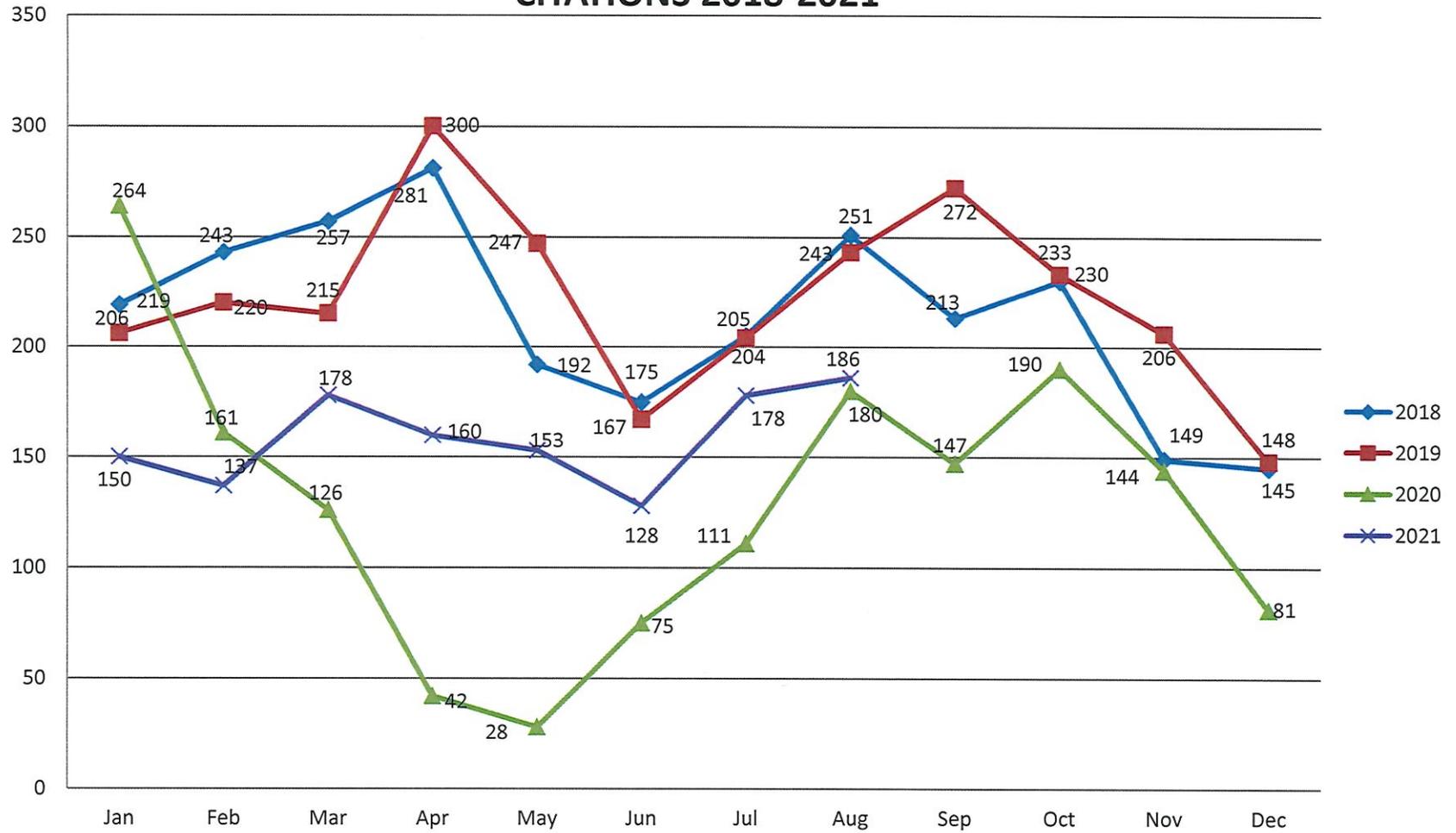
Lastly, during the month of August, Lieutenant Chuck Balaj, Officer Cameron McElroy, and Officer Ryan Rump attended monthly SWAT training.

OFFICER ACTIVITY

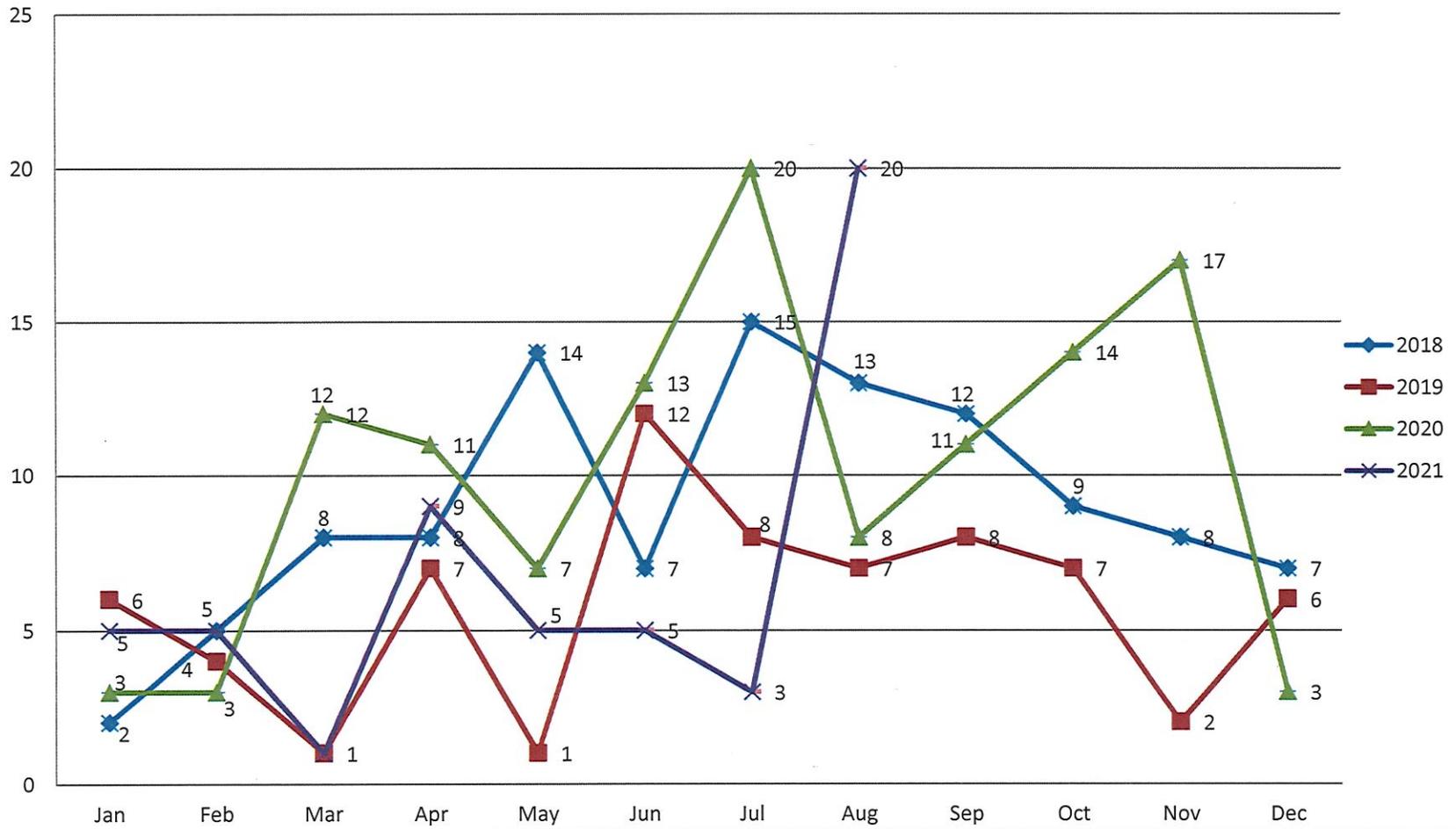
	ARRESTS	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS CITED	OVI	FIELD REPORTS	REPORTS TAKEN	PARKING	WARNINGS	VHC	COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE
Staff	3	13	0	1	16	5	14	25	7
1	10	33	0	3	32	33	43	58	17
2	7	32	0	2	33	15	57	46	0
3	3	37	0	2	38	18	67	89	3

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS CITED		WARNINGS	
White	65	White	94
Black	39	Black	33
Indian	1	Indian	1
Asian	0	Asian	3
Hispanic	2	Hispanic	0
Middle Eastern	1	Middle Eastern	1
Unoccupied Vehicle/Other/Unknown	7	Unoccupied Vehicle/Other/Unknown	49
TOTAL	115	TOTAL	181
FIELD INVESTIGATIONS		ARRESTS	
White	6	White	13
Black	2	Black	10
Indian	0	Indian	0
Asian	0	Asian	0
Hispanic	0	Hispanic	0
Middle Eastern	0	Middle Eastern	0
Other/Unknown	0	Other/Unknown	0
TOTAL	8	TOTAL	23

CITATIONS 2018-2021



PART 1 CRIMES 2018-2021





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August 6, 2021

RE: HB168 Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grants

Dear Water/Sewer Utility Proprietor:

In order to ensure that we don't exclude anyone from this mailing, it is being sent to all OPWC eligible local authorities in Montgomery County and all known "non-profit, non-community public water systems". If you do not own any water or wastewater utility, you may disregard this notice.

If you do operate a water or wastewater system, you most likely have seen Governor DeWine's news release "Governor DeWine Announces Launch of New Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program", the notice from the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) "Investing in Ohio's Future - The Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant", and the corresponding FAQ's.

The Application Evaluation Criteria on page 2 of the ODOD notice includes the item "Project Information, including details about the project and *if the project is included on the County Engineers priority list and at what priority level.*" HB 168 requires each county engineer to submit the prioritized list to the ODOD by August 27, 2021. Therefore, in order to have time to prioritize the projects, the Montgomery County Engineer's Office will review and prioritize all such applications received by this office by 4:30 pm on August 18, 2021. Any applications received after that date and time can still be submitted to the ODOD but will not be included in the county engineer's priority list.

There is no prescribed form for the submission to the county engineer's office. However, in order to enhance the priority of a project, it will be best to include the information listed on pages 3 and 4 of the ODOD notice, with consideration of the scoring criteria on page 2 of the ODOD notice. As a bare minimum, you must provide a brief description of the project, project location, number of people served, and estimated project cost; this is the information we must submit to the ODOD. Also note, however, that county engineers are not bound to the same criteria to be used by the ODOD.

Please submit your application information as follows by 4:30 pm on August 18, 2021:

Please email to howellt@mcoho.org

Best regards,

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Montgomery County Engineer

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Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 3:30 PM

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Subject: Board Announces Appointment to Fill Vacancy

Oakwood Schools



Board Announces Schwieterman to Fill Vacancy

Oakwood Schools Board of Education will vote to appoint a new member prior to the Sept. 13 regular monthly board meeting. The Board has selected Beaver Creek City Schools Administrator and Oakwood resident Deron J. Schwieterman to fill the vacancy left by former member Meredith Quigley's resignation effective Aug. 15, 2021.

Schwieterman, a resident of Oakwood since 2016, has served as Director of Human Resources for Beaver Creek City Schools since August 2010. Prior to that position, he was the Fairbrook Elementary School principal from July 2004 to June 2010 and Ankeney Middle School Assistant Principal from July 2003 to June 2004. He began his career with Beaver Creek City Schools as a fifth grade teacher at Main Elementary in 1994.

Schwieterman, who earned a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education and a Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Dayton, brings to the board a strong commitment to servant leadership and a deep understanding of public education.

"Mr. Schwieterman arrives ready to serve our schools and our community on day one. He joins a board committed to doing what is best for all our students. Throughout this process, we were struck by his authentic passion to serve and his desire to find meaningful compromise when faced with spirited debate," BOE President Todd Duwel said.

During the submission period (Aug. 15, 2021 to Aug. 25, 2021), the Board received 14 signed letters of interest from eligible individuals (current residents of the City of Oakwood who are at least 18 years old). The applicants included: Michael Barnett, Katy Dalrymple, Gregory Derus, Sam Dorf, Emily Ellis, Jennifer Fester, Amy Honaker, Gwyn King, Justin Lyles, Laura Middleton, James Murphy, Michael Ostendorf, Brandon Prather and Schwieterman. Board members met in Executive Session Aug. 27 to screen the applicant pool. The Board deliberately chose to defer to the community's evaluation the three applicants who are also certified candidates for the Nov. 2, 2021 General Election, when the community will vote on three board seats.

The screening process yielded three finalists: Derus, Lyles and Schwieterman. Each applicant offered strong attributes to the Board, but Schwieterman distinguished himself with his combination of educational experience and commitment to community.

"We are grateful for the significant interest in the Board and impressed by the strong qualifications we reviewed. As a Board we are looking forward to continuing our work on the behalf of Oakwood's students and families," Duwel said.

Schwieterman will be sworn in prior to the start of the Sept. 13 meeting and will fill the remainder of Quigley's current board term (Sept. 13, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2023).

"I am drawn to serve my community and to continually learn and grow. Oakwood's demonstrated success and high student achievement is at the heart of my decision to commit to this unique opportunity. I look forward to working with the Board to fulfill the Oakwood Schools' mission of doing what is best for our students," Schwieterman said.

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Events planned for 9/11 anniversary

Observance's centerpiece is Tunnel to Towers 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit; it arrives Sept. 9.

By Nancy Bowman
Contributing Writer

TROY — The 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks will be observed in Miami County Sept. 10-12 with a series of events at three venues.

The observance's centerpiece is the Tunnel to Towers 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit. It will arrive in Miami County with an escort into Troy in front of the court-

house on Main Street at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9.

The exhibit is an 83-foot tractor trailer, which transforms into a 1,100-square-foot exhibit designed to further educate about the events of Sept. 11. The exhibit is accompanied by first responders who lived through that day.

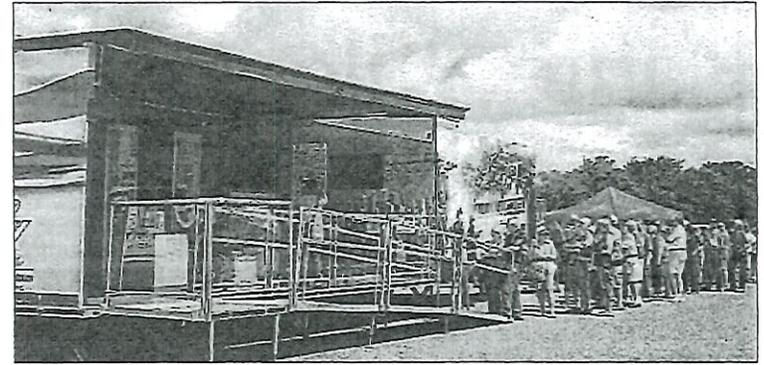
Tunnel to Towers is a nonprofit foundation. It honors the sacrifice of Stephen Siller, a firefighter who gave his life to save others

on Sept. 11. The organization also honors military members and first responders who sacrifice for their country through a number of charities and events.

The exhibit's appearance in Miami County was secured by the county Veterans Services Office. Selena Loyd, county veterans' services executive director and an Air Force veteran, said she brought the idea to her commission whose members agreed to bring it to the county on the 20th anniversary.

The goal of the exhibit, Loyd

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said, was to help bring people divided back together.

"Many things have been going on in our country since that event took place," she said of Sept. 11.

"It was my desire and time to do something to bring attention and awareness that we need to get back together. We have been having too many things that separate us. It is time to focus on unity," Loyd said.

The mobile exhibit will be open 1-9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10; 1-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11; and 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12. Details on attending the exhibit will be available this week.

A special 9/11 Memorial Service is planned for 7 p.m. Saturday in front of the county Courthouse Plaza.

The mobile exhibit in downtown will be held in addition to a Home Grown Heroes Event, also Friday through Sunday, at the Miami County Fairgrounds, 650 N. County Road 25A, Troy, and a Troops in Town Then & Now Event, also Friday through Sunday, at the Miami Valley Veterans Museum, 2245 S. County Road 25A, Troy.

Admission at the veterans' museum will be free. The family event will feature a variety of military equipment, re-enactors and living history encampments and military uniforms and artifacts. For additional details and event schedule about the Troops

in Town, Then & Now, visit www.miamivalleyveteransmuseum.org or Facebook @ Troops in Town Then & Now or call the museum at 937-332-8852.

At the fairgrounds, visitors will find another series of activities for the weekend including fireworks at 9 p.m. Saturday, family and kids' activities from 1-7 p.m. Saturday, and a veteran's resource fair from 4-7 p.m. Friday.

The Home Grown Heroes Event is to honor not only first responders and veterans, but everyone who got up the day after the 9/11 attacks and moved forward with work and other tasks, said Nick Shellenberger, fair board president. "They were all heroes for continuing to push America on," he said.

"Twenty years later, we are still here even though there was an attack on us."

Organizers of the events are encouraging those attending to park at the fairgrounds and ride a free shuttle to the Veterans Museum and downtown Troy events. The shuttles will run in a continuous circular route.

Foods trucks will be available and water will be available for purchase at the 9/11 exhibit site. A schedule of fairgrounds events can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/MiamiCountyFair>.

More information on the mobile exhibit and other events is available at www.co.miami.oh.us/562. More information on Tunnel to Towers Foundation is available at tunnel2towers.org.

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