

## CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

JUNE 3, 2022

Monday Council Meeting/Work Session: Our meeting next Monday begins at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room. Our 7:30 p.m. regular session will take place in the council chamber and will be conducted in-person and via Zoom. The agenda is as follows:

### PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION

#### COUNCIL MEETING

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#### Status Reports:

- Citizen Committee Appointment: Bill will ask for a vote to appoint Kate Halpin to the Budget Review Committee.

#### Visitors:

- None Scheduled.

#### Legislation:

- An Ordinance to continue prohibiting the use of fireworks. This is a second reading of an ordinance to prohibit the use of fireworks in Oakwood.
- An Ordinance to adopt an updated Chapter 551 (Landscape Management) of the General Offenses Code. This is a first reading of an ordinance addressing landscape management updates.

Enclosed are suggested "Introductions for Legislation."

An Oakwood Moment: Steve will present the "An Oakwood Moment" during the regular session on Monday. It will be done right after Status Reports, rather than at the normal place late in the meeting. It will recognize the Oakwood Academic Decathlon Team winning their 10th straight Division III national title. Dr. Waller and nine Academic Decathlon students plan to attend. Enclosed are another copy of the April 27 *DDN & Register* articles.

## IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

June 6, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)  
June 20, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)  
July 18, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)  
August 1, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)  
August 15, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)  
September 19, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)  
October 3, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)  
October 17, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)

## BUSINESS UPDATE:

### CITY MANAGER

- Monday Work Session: Enclosed is our agenda for the 6:30 p.m. work session. It will include an executive session for property matters. Also, Chief Hill will join us for a discussion on city/school security. We will meet in the conference room.
- HB 563: Enclosed is a letter from Senator Antani saying that he plans to vote against HB 563.
- City Meetings: Enclosed is a *DDN* article announcing our upcoming public meetings.
- Fireworks: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about West Carrollton repealing their fireworks ban.
- Electricity Rates: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the pending increase in electricity costs and the PUCO website that allows individual customers to shop around for alternative electricity suppliers. The highlighted paragraph on page 2 is interesting. Rob Jacques has experience with the “apples to apples” tool and will prepare some comments about it for delivery during “Status Reports” on Monday evening.
- EV Charging Station: Below is a photo from the electric vehicle charging station ribbon cutting. We anticipate a *Register* article next week. Enclosed is the *Wall Street Journal* article about nationwide challenges in building the recharging infrastructure.



- **Le Vésinet Gift:** Enclosed is a rendering of the plaque that Leigh will present to our friends in Le Vésinet later this month.
- **High School Graduation:** The vehicle parade with graduates is at 7 p.m. this evening. Enclosed is information, including the parade map. The photo yard signs recognizing the graduates are in the Shafor Boulevard median. They will be removed next week. Congratulations Stuart... and Anne & David!



- **Coach Howard Sales:** Enclosed is a nice article about Howard Sales and the creation of the Howard Sales Memorial Scholarship. You will recall that we presented a proclamation in August 2021 to recognize the stellar career of Coach Sales.
- **BRC:** Enclosed are draft minutes from our May 17 meeting.
- **Memorial Day:** Enclosed is a May 30 *DDN* column by David Madden honoring the ultimate sacrifices of our Veterans.

### FINANCE

- **Finance Report:** Enclosed are the May finance report and Cindy's highlights memo. No surprises.
- **Income Tax Collections:** Enclosed is the May report showing that gross receipts are 8.87% ahead of last year and net receipts are 8.43% ahead.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Mail Theft:** Enclosed is a *DDN* article about a new mailbox theft in Kettering.
- **Dayton PD:** Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Dayton PD losing officers and finding it difficult to recruit new ones... not surprising.

### LEISURE SERVICES

- **Gardner Pool:** The pool has been filled with eager swimmers since Memorial Day weekend. All goes well.

- 2022 Blanket Concerts: Enclosed is a *Register* article about the free concerts at Smith Gardens this summer.
- American Flags: Enclosed are several *Register* photos of volunteers that assisted last weekend with the Shafor Blvd flag project.
- Tree Dedications: We have more than 50 trees planted in Oakwood honoring and/or in memory of citizens. Enclosed are *Register* photos of the latest one... honoring Lois Milligan for 30 years of leading Easy Exercise classes at the OCC.

### ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

- No report.

### LAW

- No Report.

### PERSONNEL & PROPERTIES

- Home Sales: Enclosed is the list of May sales showing that 89% sold above appraised value.
- PC: The Planning Commission met this week to approve the minutes of the May 4 meeting. This action was required before we could hold a public hearing for the Insomnia Cookies appeal.
- May Beautification Awards: Enclosed are *Register* photos of the May award winners.
- OIC signage for Oakwood Farmers' Market (OFM): The OIC, with support of the OFM, contacted the city requesting the ability to post informational signage about the Oakwood Farmers' Market at the bus stops on Far Hills nearest the OFM. The OIC proposed that the information be listed in three languages. After much internal discussion, we determined the best course of action to be that the OIC purchase city-approved signs, and the city install them under the Zoning Code's exemption as government signage. The new signs were placed at the bus stops yesterday, with the season kickoff of the OFM occurring this Saturday, and will be in place until the OFM season ends.



HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

ENCLOSURE LIST

TENTATIVE AGENDAS FOR MONDAY

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Legislation

Introductions to Legislation

April 27 *DDN & Register* Articles re: Academic Decathlon

HB 563 Letter

*DDN* Article re: City Meetings

*DDN* Article re: Fireworks

*DDN* Article re: Electricity Rates

*Wall Street Journal* Article re: EV Charging Station

Le Vésinet Gift Rendering

Graduate Parade Map

*DDN* Article re: Coach Howard Sales

Draft BRC Minutes

May 30 *DDN* Article re: Memorial Day

Finance Report & Highlights Memo

May Income Tax Report

*Register* Article re: 2022 Blanket Concerts

*Register* Photos re: American Flags

*Register* Photos re: Tree Dedications

*DDN* Article re: Mail Theft

*DDN* Article re: Dayton PD

May Home Sales

*Register* Photos re: May Beautification Awards

CITY OF OAKWOOD  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
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7:30 P.M.

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NEXT REGULAR SESSION SCHEDULED FOR JULY 18, 2022

PRE/POST COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA  
JUNE 6, 2022

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PROPERTY MATTERS

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- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
  - Court Liaison, Mrs. Hilton
  - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
    - HB 677 Tax Transparency Act
  - Law & Minutes, Mrs. Hilton
  - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Public Properties, Mrs. Turben
  - Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
  - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
    - City/School Security
  - Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
  - Community Relations/Promotion/Appointments, Mayor Duncan
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
  - MVCC, Mr. Stephens
  - MVRPC, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Mayors & Managers, Mayor Duncan
  - First Suburbs, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, Mr. Klopsch
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
  - Planning Commission, Vice Mayor Byington
    - Insomnia Cookies
  - Beautification Committee, Mr. Stephens
  - Sister City Association, Mrs. Hilton
    - Le Vésinet Trip
  - Historical Society, Mrs. Turben
  - Board of Health, Mayor Duncan
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - KMO Chamber
  - Energy Aggregation
  - June 20 Work Session
  - December Council Meeting

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MAY 2, 2022**

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session on Monday, May 2, 2022 in the conference room at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the City, William Duncan, presided.

Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Anne Hilton and Councilmember Leigh Turben. Councilmember Rob Stephens was excused absent. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques. Also attending for a portion of the meeting was Chief Alan Hill. Magistrate Jacqueline Gaines joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m. for a brief introduction.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. and reviewed the agenda for the regular session this evening. Thereafter, he led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS:** Council discussed the following status reports that are scheduled for the regular session this evening:
  - Citizen Committee Appointments: Mayor Duncan mentioned that he will call for a vote at the regular session this evening to appoint Deborah Spears to the Property Maintenance Board.
- **VISITORS:**
  - Magistrate Jacqueline Gaines: Mayor Duncan mentioned that Magistrate Gaines is an Oakwood resident and is a candidate for Montgomery County Judge in the May 3 primary election.
- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following legislation scheduled for presentation at the regular session this evening:
  - An Ordinance to levy special assessments for the 2023 Street Lighting Program, Mrs. Hilton
  - An Ordinance to proceed with the 2022 Sidewalk Repair Project, Mrs. Hilton
  - An Ordinance adopting the 2021 tax budget, Vice Mayor Byington
  - An Ordinance to amend the Special Projects Fund, Vice Mayor Byington
  - A Resolution to participate in the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc. Board, Vice Mayor Byington
  - An Ordinance to continue prohibiting the use of fireworks, Mrs. Hilton
- **STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Klopsch noted that Finance Director Cindy Stafford will deliver a PowerPoint presentation at the regular session this evening.
- **AN OAKWOOD MOMENT:** Mrs. Hilton shared that she will present the “An Oakwood Moment” at the regular session highlighting the Public Safety Department’s new “Coloring with a Cop” event that took place on April 21 at Wright Library.
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
  - Law & Minutes, Mrs. Hilton
    - Open Meetings Law: Mr. Jacques provided an overview of Ohio's Open Meetings law, also known as the “Sunshine Law.” He reviewed a comparison of Ohio’s statutory requirements and our Oakwood Home Rule provisions.

- Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
  - Traffic Enforcement: Mr. Klopsch and Chief Hill commented on Oakwood's continuing emphasis on enforcing traffic laws throughout the community. Mr. Klopsch noted that the city of Los Angeles is joining several other cities in America in discontinuing the policing practice of stopping motor vehicles for minor violations.
  - 988 and Crisis Now Program: Mr. Klopsch and Chief Hill provided an update on the national 988 and Crisis Now program. Mr. Klopsch described a discussion that took place at the April 27 meeting of the Dayton First Suburbs group. Major concerns were expressed about the manner in which the 988 program is being designed and implemented.
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - Committee Appointments: Council discussed the appointment scheduled for the regular session this evening.
  - Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon Team: Mr. Klopsch shared that he spoke with Oakwood School Superintendent Dr. Kyle Ramey about recognizing the Academic Decathlon team for winning their 10th straight Division III national title at the June 6 council meeting.
  - Mosquito Spraying: Mr. Klopsch commented on last week's *Register* letter to the editor discouraging mosquito spraying.

Magistrate Jacqueline Gaines joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m. She introduced herself to City Council and shared that she is a candidate for Montgomery County Judge in the May 3 primary election.

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the work session and Council moved to regular session.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

CITY OF OAKWOOD  
STATE OF OHIO  
MAY 2, 2022

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood.

The meeting was streamed live from the Oakwood city website, telecast live on Cable Access Channel 6 and was available via remote teleconferencing utilizing the Zoom.com platform.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk of Council, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan opened the meeting by asking all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of Council responded to their names:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....	PRESENT
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON .....	PRESENT
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....	ABSENT
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON.....	PRESENT
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN .....	PRESENT

Officers of the City present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager  
Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney  
Mrs. Cindy Stafford, Finance Director  
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following in-person visitors registered:

Magistrate Jacqueline Gaines  
Mr. Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*

There were no Zoom visitors in attendance.

It was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the absence of Mr. Stephens be excused. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the December 7, 2021 work session, April 4 regular session and work session, and the April 18 work session and executive session. Mrs. Hilton noted that the December 7, 2021 minutes reference a “regular session” and that should be changed to “work session.” Otherwise, she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the minutes of the sessions of Council aforementioned be approved, with the noted correction, and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

#### STATUS REPORTS

Citizen Committee Appointments – Mayor Duncan presented the new appointment of Deborah Spears to the Property Maintenance Board.

It was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the aforementioned appointment be confirmed. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

#### VISITORS

Magistrate Jacqueline Gaines: Magistrate Gaines shared that she is an Oakwood resident and has lived in the Dayton area for approximately 18 years. She has served the last eleven years as a magistrate in the Montgomery County Domestic Relations Court. Magistrate Gaines explained that she is running for Montgomery County Common Pleas Court Judge because the citizens of Montgomery County deserve to have a judge that treats each person with dignity and respect. She asked for the Oakwood community’s vote in the Democratic primary on May 3.

City Council wished Magistrate Gaines luck in her future endeavors.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE  
BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4955  
AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE  
IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN  
TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE  
SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mrs. Hilton explained that this is the third and final step of the 2023 street lighting program. It allows for the costs of street lighting to be certified to the Montgomery County Auditor for assessment. The ordinance was introduced with a first reading by Councilmember Stephens at the April 4 Council meeting.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mrs. Turben that the ordinance be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA  
MRS. ANNE HILTON.....YEA  
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN.....YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE  
BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4956  
AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE  
REPAIRING OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO  
ON CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, IN THE  
CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, AND PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING  
PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mrs. Hilton explained that this is an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2022 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. This year's program will cover the west side of Far Hills Avenue between Harman Avenue and the north corporation line at Old River. The ordinance was introduced with a first reading by Councilmember Stephens at the April 4 Council meeting.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the ordinance be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA  
MRS. ANNE HILTON.....YEA  
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN.....YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said ordinance was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE  
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4957  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2023 TAX BUDGET FOR THE  
CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING  
JANUARY 2023.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.



Region 8, of which Oakwood is a part, has developed a plan for a governing body to accomplish these goals. It will consist of 12 members from a wide cross-section of our region, to include two representatives from the Region’s largest municipality (the City of Dayton) and one representative from each of the following:

- another city, as identified by the Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association;
- a township, as identified by the Montgomery County Township Association;
- a village, to be identified as the Village most affected by overdose deaths;
- the Montgomery County Commission;
- the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce;
- Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services;
- Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County;
- the Criminal Justice Council;
- the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association; and
- an individual with lived experience, as identified by Community Overdose Action Team Backbone Support.

This plan is the result of community-wide collaboration and will take effect upon approval by all regional participants.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the resolution be passed.

Mayor Duncan shared that as president of the Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association, he has asked Trotwood Mayor Mary McDonald to serve on this group.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON .....YEA  
MRS. ANNE HILTON .....YEA  
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN .....YEA

There being four (4) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE

BY MRS. HILTON NO 4959

REPEALING CURRENT SECTION 549.01, *SALE OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS*, OF THE OAKWOOD GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, AND ENACTING NEW SECTION 549.01, *SALE OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS*, OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING THE PROVISIONS OF H.B. 172 CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF MUNICIPALITIES TO RETAIN REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS ON THE DISCHARGE, IGNITION AND EXPLODING OF FIREWORKS THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF H.B. 172

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mrs. Hilton explained that the Governor of Ohio recently signed H.B. 172, which amends state law to legalize the discharge of fireworks on private property on certain designated days of the year. H.B. 172 also provides that pursuant to its constitutional home rule authority, a city may choose to restrict the days and times that a person may discharge consumer grade fireworks or may impose a complete ban on the use of consumer grade fireworks.

Oakwood is almost entirely residential, and has nearly 4,000 housing units within 2.2 square miles. Given this density, fireworks pose a significant risk to persons and property, and the Director of Public Safety has recommended that Council opt out of H.B. 172 and reaffirm Oakwood’s existing ban on possessing, selling or discharging fireworks. Of note, Oakwood has prohibited fireworks for over 100 years, dating back to 1920.

The ordinance being introduced will update and reaffirm Oakwood’s ban on fireworks before the new state law takes effect on July 1, 2022.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Mrs. Hilton made no motion.

## STAFF REPORT

Finance Department Presentation: Mrs. Cindy Stafford, Finance Director, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the following topics: 2021 year-end finances; 2022 financials through March 31; and department updates.

In regard to the 2021 year-end financials, she referenced a chart for Non-Enterprise Funds (General City Services), excluding transfers, showing budgeted versus actual for receipts (budgeted: \$13,536,869 versus actual: \$15,694,401) which is 115.94% of budget; and disbursements (budgeted: \$14,862,025 versus actual: \$14,017,029) which is 94.31% of budget. The year finished better than budget, with revenues exceeding the budget by \$2,157,532. Disbursements and encumbrances were \$844,996 less than budget. The City received \$468,000 of unbudgeted revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act and income tax receipts continue to rebound positively impacting income tax receipts.

Mrs. Stafford then referenced a chart for the Refuse Fund, excluding transfers, showing budgeted versus actual for receipts (budgeted: \$1,352,600 versus actual: \$1,376,419), which is 101.76% for the year; disbursements (budgeted: \$1,707,976 versus actual: \$1,639,264) which is 95.98% of budget. The budget included capital expenditures for the purchase of a new refuse packer and four new refuse scooters.

She then referenced a chart for Enterprise Funds, excluding transfers, showing budgeted versus actual for receipts (budgeted: \$3,511,035 versus actual: \$3,532,783), which is 100.62% for the year; disbursements (budgeted: \$3,794,161 versus actual: \$3,605,405) which is 95.03% of budget. The Enterprise Funds include Water, Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater. The water and sewer funds can fluctuate from year to year and are driven, in large part, by the weather and rainfall. The budget also included two expenditures for stormwater and sanitary sewer repairs.

The 2021 financial audit was performed by Plattenburg & Associates. The auditors have completed their field work in the city's administrative offices. There were no items noted by the auditors so the city anticipates an unqualified "clean" opinion, which is the best opinion. There has been no timeline given for completion of the audit, but it is expected within the next eight weeks.

In regard to 2022 financials through March 31, Mrs. Stafford referenced a chart for General City Services, excluding transfers, showing budgeted versus actual for receipts (budgeted: \$15,652,995 versus actual: \$4,415,841) which is 28.21% of budget; April is when a large portion of income taxes are received; and disbursements (budgeted: \$16,135,194 versus actual: \$6,007,246) which is 37.23% of budget. Property taxes and property tax assessments are typically received in April and May.

She then referenced a chart for the Refuse Fund, excluding transfers, showing budgeted versus actual for receipts (budgeted: \$1,378,600 versus actual: \$340,946), which is 24.73% of budget; disbursements (budgeted: \$1,605,900 versus actual: \$669,641) which is 41.70% of budget.

She then referenced a chart for Enterprise Funds, excluding transfers, showing budgeted versus actual for receipts (budgeted: \$3,588,935 versus actual: \$805,303 which is 22.44% of budget; disbursements (budgeted: \$4,372,141 versus actual: \$1,660,992) which is 37.99% of budget. The Enterprise Funds include Water, Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater. She explained that most of the sewer costs are driven by Montgomery County and the city of Dayton and their timing of billing for wastewater treatment.

Mrs. Stafford shared that Utility Clerk Theresa Rushlow will be retiring this year with 22 years of service. Mrs. Rushlow handles all monthly utility billing; county assessments; miscellaneous billing and acts as the deputy vital statistics registrar. Ms. Hannah Thirey will be joining the Finance Department as a utility clerk this week.

Mayor Duncan thanked Mrs. Stafford and her staff on all their good work.

## AN OAKWOOD MOMENT

Mrs. Hilton highlighted the Public Safety Department's "Coloring with a Cop" event that took place on April 21 at Wright Library.

## CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Mr. Klopsch reminded citizens that yard debris or green waste of any kind should not be placed in the street or gutter line. Yard debris should be placed behind the curb or behind the edge of the street just a day or two in advance of the scheduled monthly yard debris collection. Alternatively, the recycling facility at the Public Works Center has an area for yard debris drop-off that is available 24/7 and is functioning very well.

Mr. Klopsch said that he attended a ceremony to welcome a KC-135R Stratotanker to the Museum of the United States Air Force last Saturday. Four-star Air Force General Arnold W. Bunch spoke at the ceremony. The KC-135R was built in 1961 and was designed to provide aerial refueling support to other aircrafts. There were three gentlemen who flew the aircraft off the coast of Vietnam in 1967 and performed the unprecedented triple aerial refueling operation. Mr. Klopsch commented that the Air Force Museum is an ever evolving and expanding local treasure.

Mr. Klopsch closed his comments by sharing that he had the honor and privilege of recognizing two wonderful people at the Oakwood Rotary Club meeting last Friday. The Oakwood Rotary Club presented the *Civic Leadership Award* to Mrs. Harrison Gowdy for her commitment to voluntary public service. Mrs. Gowdy has served as a citizen volunteer on the Budget Review Committee; the Oakwood Planning Commission; Oakwood Comprehensive Planning Committee; and the Oakwood Martin Luther King Breakfast committee. She has also been an active member of the Oakwood Historical Society. The Oakwood Rotary Club Community Service Award was presented to Captain Mike Jones who distinguished himself by his contribution to the Oakwood community. Captain Mike Jones started his career with the city of Oakwood in December 1998 as a Public Safety Officer. He came to Oakwood following service with the West Milton Police Department and the Miami Township Fire Department. In 2001, Mike was assigned to the detective section and served as Oakwood's primary investigator for six years. During that time, Mike was involved with and successfully solved many criminal cases. Mike was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2007 where he served both as the training lieutenant and as a crew lieutenant. In April 2011, Mike was promoted to the rank of Captain and served as the Operations Captain for the majority of the past decade. Mike was second in charge of the department since Alan Hill became the Chief in late 2017. The Oakwood Rotary Club will donate \$350 to The Oakwood Historical Society in Mrs. Gowdy's name and \$350 to The Food Bank, Inc. in Captain Jones' name.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Turben encouraged everyone to attend an unveiling ceremony of Oakwood's first historical marker at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 in front of the Oakwood City Building, 30 Park Avenue. There will be festivities such as free docent-led historical walking tours following the ceremony.

Vice Mayor Byington shared that in lieu of having a birthday party for his wife this past weekend, they had the honor of volunteering with the RETREET program. Along with 80 other volunteers, they planted a total of 156 trees in the Trotwood/Clayton area to replace larger trees that were lost during the tornados that struck in 2019. He reminded everyone of "That Day in May" on Saturday, May 21. He said there is a full slate of activities which includes: the pancake breakfast, 5K and 10K runs, annual parade down Shafor Boulevard, afternoon games and rides, and a dunk booth. Vice Mayor Byington encouraged citizens to attend "That Day in May."

Mayor Duncan said that he has mentioned on many different occasions that Oakwood has the best public safety department. One of the reasons is because of Captain Mike Jones. Mayor Duncan read the quote from Chief Hill that was printed in this week's *Oakwood Register* because he feels the comments epitomize the man Captain Jones is and the service he gave to the community:

*"The connections that he has and the relationships that he has with the community have been invaluable to this organization," said Hill. "Over the last decade I've personally witnessed a lot of people call Mike Jones, not the Oakwood Public Safety Department. For somebody in law enforcement to have that type of relationship, not with an assigned beat, but to have that with the entire community, is very impressive. It goes back to the fact that Mike is somebody who has lived in this community for 47 years. He was raised here, he grew up here, his friends are here, his friends that moved away and went to college are back and they're now raising their families here. He knows all of the schoolteachers. That's invaluable to an organization like ours."*

*"Without a doubt we're losing probably the most significant employee who ever walked out the door of this organization. His institutional knowledge of the both the city and the department cannot be replaced, but as a result of Mike's hard work and dedication to the department, when he took a command staff role in April 2011, he's definitely leaving the organization better than he found it, and I think that is the goal for all of us," Chief Hill said.*

Mayor Duncan congratulated Captain Jones on his retirement.

The public meeting concluded at 8:23 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MAY 16, 2022**

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, May 16, 2022 in the conference room at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the City, William Duncan, presided.

Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Rob Stephens, Councilmember Anne Hilton and Councilmember Leigh Turben. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques.

At 5:00 p.m., Council moved to executive session for property matters.

At 5:30 p.m., Council concluded the executive session and moved back to work session.

Mayor Duncan continued the meeting by discussing the following items:

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
  - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
    - Insomnia Cookies Application: Mr. Jacques shared that Insomnia Cookies will likely file an appeal of the Planning Commission's denial of late night operating hours. They have 15 days from the PC decision on May 4 to file a Notice of Intent to Appeal. Mr. Jacques will prepare a memo outlining the process and timeline for the appeal hearing and Council decision.
    - H.B. 563 Short-term Rentals: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that there is a question as to whether or not Oakwood's short-term rental ban would be affected by HB 563. A recent *Dayton 24/7 News* article quoted the bill and sponsor as saying that current city rules and regulations on short-term rentals would not be impacted by HB 563. Those rules and regulations would be grandfathered and would remain valid. Mr. Jacques questioned this assertion and will research the matter.
    - Natural Areas/Native Landscaping: Mr. Klopsch stated that staff continues to work on a possible code amendment that achieves an appropriate balance between meeting the desires of those residents wishing to cultivate natural areas/native gardens and those who prefer traditional landscaping within their neighborhoods and the Oakwood community. Mr. Jacques commented on the latest text change to a proposed ordinance addressing Landscape Management. Staff will share the ordinance with members of Green Oakwood. The ordinance is planned for a first reading on June 6.
  - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
    - Regulating Fireworks: Mr. Klopsch confirmed that Council will do a second reading and vote at the June 6 council meeting on an ordinance to continue banning most fireworks in Oakwood.
    - Irving Avenue: Mr. Klopsch commented on the recent UD graduation activities impacting Irving Avenue and safety concerns in the area.
    - Oakwood/Dayton Mutual Aid Agreements: Mr. Klopsch reported that staff is working with the city of Dayton to update a mutual aid agreement for the Irving Avenue area. Staff is also working on a policing mutual aid agreement that would give the Oakwood Public Safety Department certain police powers over the Oakwood owned property at the Old River Sports Complex.

- REGIONAL AGENCIES
  - Mayors & Managers, Mayor Duncan
    - Regional Economic Impact Forum: Mr. Klopsch shared that he and Mayor Duncan attended the Greater Dayton Regional Economic Impact Forum last week. Most of the discussion focused on the negative impact of inflation.
  
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - Energy Aggregation: Mr. Klopsch stated that there is increasing discussion about natural gas and electricity aggregation amongst local government leaders. This will be a topic of discussion at the June 13 MVCC Gov-Tech meeting.
  - EV Charging Station: Mr. Klopsch reported that the charging unit has been installed, and the pavement marking, installation of the Oakwood logo and signage, and final electrical connection and testing will be completed this week. Discussion ensued on the method to be used to establish a user fee. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled for late May.
  - That Day in May: Mr. Klopsch reviewed the timeline for “That Day in May,” including details about the parade.
  - Emails: Vice Mayor Byington and Mrs. Hilton mentioned that they recently found a number of city business emails in their spam folders and not in their inboxes. Mr. Klopsch will ask the city’s IT consultant to investigate the matter.

At 6:40 p.m., Mayor Duncan adjourned the work session.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

AN ORDINANCE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REPEALING CURRENT SECTION 549.01, *SALE OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS*, OF THE OAKWOOD GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, AND ENACTING NEW SECTION 549.01, *SALE OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS*, OF THE OAKWOOD GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING THE PROVISIONS OF H.B. 172 CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF MUNICIPALITIES TO RETAIN REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS ON THE DISCHARGE, IGNITION AND EXPLODING OF FIREWORKS THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF H.B. 172.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Ohio recently signed H.B. 172, amending Ohio Revised Code 3743.45, effective July 1, 2022, allowing any person authorized to possess consumer grade fireworks to discharge, ignite or explode fireworks on their property, or if permitted, on another person's property on certain designated days of the year; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 172 also provides that pursuant to home rule authority, a city may choose to restrict the days and times that a person may discharge consumer grade fireworks or may impose a complete ban on the use of consumer grade fireworks; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that the possession, sale, or discharge of fireworks poses a significant danger to the public and may cause serious injuries as well as significant property damage, especially in residential and business areas; and

WHEREAS, the Oakwood Director of Public Safety recommends that Council opt out of H.B. 172, and reaffirm the existing ban on possessing, selling or discharging fireworks as set forth in Section 549.01 *et seq.* of the Codified Ordinances of the city of Oakwood, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Council finds that it is in the best interests of the public to continue to ban the possession, sale or discharge of fireworks otherwise permitted in H.B. 172, as set forth in Section 549.01 *et seq.* of the Codified Ordinances of the city of Oakwood, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that the current Section 549.01, *Sale or Discharge of Fireworks*, of the Oakwood General Offenses Code requires revision to reaffirm the existing ban on the possession, sale or discharge of fireworks otherwise permitted in H.B. 172; and

WHEREAS, Council has determined that the current Section 549.01, *Sale or Discharge of Fireworks*, of the Oakwood General Offenses Code should be repealed in its entirety and replaced with a new Section 549.01, *Sale or Discharge of Fireworks*, of the Oakwood General Offenses Code;

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

SECTION I.

Existing Section 549.01, *Sale or Discharge of Fireworks*, of the Oakwood General Offenses Code, is hereby repealed.

SECTION II.

New Section 549.01, *Sale or Discharge of Fireworks*, of the Oakwood General Offenses Code, is hereby adopted to read as follows:

(a) No person shall possess fireworks in this City or shall possess for sale or sell fireworks in this City, except a licensed manufacturer of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.02 to 3743.08, a licensed wholesaler of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.15 to 3743.21, an out-of-state resident as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.44, a resident of this State as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.45, or a licensed exhibitor of fireworks as authorized by Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55 and Section 549.02.

(b) Except as provided in Ohio R.C. 3743.80 and except for licensed exhibitors of fireworks authorized to conduct a fireworks exhibition pursuant to Ohio R.C. 3743.50 to 3743.55 and Section 549.02, no person shall discharge, ignite or explode any fireworks in this City.

(c) No person shall use in a theater or public hall, what is technically known as fireworks showers, or a mixture containing potassium chlorate and sulphur.

(d) No person shall sell fireworks of any kind to a person under eighteen years of age. No person under eighteen years of age shall enter a fireworks sales showroom unless that person is accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or other responsible adult. No person under eighteen years of age shall touch or possess fireworks on a licensed premises without the consent of the licensee. A licensee may eject any person from a licensed premises that is in any way disruptive to the safe operation of the premises.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in Ohio R.C. 3743.44, no person, other than a licensed manufacturer, licensed wholesaler, licensed exhibitor, or shipping permit holder, shall possess 1.3 G fireworks.

(f) All provisions of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Oakwood, Ohio, including but not limited to Chapter 549 concerning the possession, sale or discharge, ignition or exploding of fireworks, and all ordinances that regulate noise, disturbance of the peace and disorderly conduct, will remain in full force and effect regardless of the permission granted in H.B. 172 and the amendments to Ohio R.C. 3743.45.

(g) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

### SECTION III.

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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, if required, in compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio R.C. 121.22.

### SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall take effect as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

Please publish by incorporating into the Codified Ordinances of the city.

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City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

AN ORDINANCE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDING CHAPTER 551, *WEEDS*, OF THE OAKWOOD GENERAL OFFENSES CODE BY UPDATING THE TITLE THEREOF TO *LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT*, ADDING RELEVANT DEFINITIONS, REORDERING EXISTING PROVISIONS, AND INCORPORATING NEW PROVISIONS TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MANAGED NATURAL LANDSCAPE AREAS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY.

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

SECTION I.

Existing Chapter 551, *Weeds*, of the Oakwood General Offenses Code is hereby renamed as Chapter 551, *Landscape Management*, of the Oakwood General Offenses Code, and the same is hereby amended to read as set forth on the attached Exhibit, which shows new text in *italic* font and deleted text in strike-thru font, and which is incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION II.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance 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 action were in compliance with all legal requirements including § 121.22, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION III.

This ordinance shall take effect as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

Please publish the foregoing by incorporating the same into the Codified Ordinances of the city.

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City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

**CHAPTER 551**  
**Weeds Landscape Management**

- 551.01 Purpose and definitions.**
- 551.02 Periodic cutting required.**
- 551.03 Notice to cut; Notice of violation.**
- 551.04 Failure to comply with notice.**
- 551.05 Collection of costs.**
- 551.06 Designation of nature areas; appeals.**
- 551.07 Managed natural landscape areas.**
- 551.99 Penalty.**

**CROSS REFERENCES**

Notice to cut noxious weeds - see ORC 731.51 et seq.  
Destruction of weeds - see ORC 971.33 et seq.  
Removal of weeds - see HSG. 1701.01 A 2, 1701.02 B.

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**551.01 PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS**

(a) *Purpose.* The purpose of this chapter is to encourage the use of vegetation throughout the City to maximize ecological and aesthetic benefits while respecting existing community values regarding landscaping to include well-maintained yards, preservation of sight lines, compatibility with existing structures, and public safety. Ecological benefits of “managed natural landscapes” include enhancement of pollinator support habitat, stormwater management, carbon sequestration, erosion control, and preservation of biodiversity.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

“Managed or maintained” means regularly cultivated, weeded, pruned, trimmed, tied, and/or managed so as to avoid the appearance of neglect, overgrowth, untidiness, or disease/decay, and in a manner that is not inconsistent with customary and prevailing levels of yard maintenance within the subject property’s property maintenance district, as defined in Section 108 of the Oakwood Property Maintenance Code. For purposes of this definition, appearance shall be determined by the Building Commissioner or his/her designee, subject to appeal to the Property Maintenance Board under applicable procedures set forth in the Oakwood Property Maintenance Code.

“Managed natural landscape area” means a planned, intentional, and managed or maintained planting of native or non-native grasses, wildflowers, ferns, sedges, shrubs, or trees, including but not limited to rain gardens, butterfly gardens, and ornamental plants.

“Noxious weed” means any plant that has been identified as being harmful to the local natural environment and included in a list promulgated by the City Manager or his or her designee; or as listed in Sections 901:5-30 or 901:5-37 of the Ohio Administrative Code,

*which is incorporated herein by reference as the same may be amended from time to time.*

*“Ornamental plant” means grasses, perennials, annuals, and groundcovers purposefully planted for aesthetic reasons.*

*“Rain garden” means planting designed not only to aesthetically improve an area, but also to reduce the amount of stormwater and accompanying pollutants from entering the watershed.*

*“Turf-grass” means any variety of grass commonly used in regularly cut lawns, typically maintained at a height of no more than five (5) inches.*

*“Weed” includes but is not limited to any brush, vegetation rubbish or vegetation litter (including leaves, other than leaves spread or left to over-winter as a mulching treatment in prepared beds ), accumulating or permitted to lie upon any property within the City; and all vegetation that is not managed or maintained by the owner or person in control of the property on which all such vegetation is located which generally exceeds the height restrictions in this Chapter, but excluding trees, shrubs and/or cultivated flowers and gardens.*

#### **551.02 PERIODIC CUTTING REQUIRED**

(a) It is hereby determined that weeds or *turf-grass* growing at a height of eight (8) inches or higher upon any property in the City are a public nuisance. The owner, occupant or other person or entity having charge or care of any lot or parcel of land within the City, whether the same is improved or unimproved, vacant or occupied, shall cut down and remove therefrom all ~~offensive or noxious weeds, vines, grasses and vegetation~~ *weeds and turf-grass* of a height of eight (8) inches or greater, ~~or~~ *and* any and all ~~weeds, vines, grasses and~~ vegetation constituting a threat to the public health, safety, comfort or welfare.

(b) The owner, occupant or other person or entity having charge or care of land adjacent to a public street or public alley shall be responsible under this Chapter 551 for the cutting or removal of ~~offensive or noxious~~ *weeds, vines, turf-grass* and vegetation located on the unpaved street or alley right-of-way adjacent to such land, to the same standard set forth in subsection 551.01(a). (*Also see 521.07, 521.17 and 1707.01.*)

~~(c) “Weed” as used in this chapter, includes but is not limited to any brush, vegetation rubbish or vegetation litter accumulating or permitted to lie upon any property within the City; and all briars, thistles, burdock, dock, cocklebur, wild mustard, jimson weed, dog's fennel, lamb's quarters, plantain, wild carrot, wild parsnip, horseweed, sweet clover (white or yellow), velvet leaf, common mallow, ironweed, poison ivy and teasel.~~

~~(d)(c)~~ The duty to cut or remove ~~offensive or noxious~~ *weeds, vines, turf-grasses* and vegetation, set forth in this section 551.01, shall not apply to the extent land has been

designated by the City as a public park nature area or ~~has been designated as a private lot nature area under this chapter.~~

**551.03 NOTICE TO CUT; NOTICE OF VIOLATION.**

(a) Written Notice to the Public. On or about April 15 of each calendar year, or sooner or later as warranted by weather conditions and vegetation growth, the City Manager shall cause a notice to appear in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, informing the property owners within the City of the requirements contained in Section 551.01. The notice shall contain the following information:

- (1) All properties within the City of Oakwood must be maintained in accordance with Section 551.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Oakwood, which prohibits *turf*-grass or weed growth in excess of eight inches.
- (2) Should the owner of any property fail to comply with Section 551.01, the City will cause the weeds or *turf*-grass to be cut at the owner's expense.
- (3) The City will invoice the owner for all costs thereof, including administrative costs, and if unpaid, will place a lien on the property for the amount owed in accordance with Ohio R.C.731.54.
- (4) Contact information for the appropriate City department.

(b) Placard. Upon verification that those weeds and/or *turf*-grasses described in Sections ~~551.01 or 551.02 or 551.03~~ exist, the City Manager or his designee shall conspicuously post a placard on the front door or in the front yard of the property for a period of five (5) calendar days. The placard shall be of a size, shape and color so as to be clearly visible and shall contain the following information:

- (1) The nature of the Code violation;
- (2) An order to cut the weeds or *turf*-grass within five (5) calendar days;
- (3) A statement indicating that should the property owner fail to comply with the order, the City will cause the weeds or *turf*-grass to be cut at the owner's expense, and the City will place a lien on the property for the amount owed in accordance with Ohio R.C. 731.54;
- (4) The penalties provided for removing the placard before bringing the property into compliance; and
- (5) Contact information of the appropriate City department.

(c) A placard, once posted, shall remain on the property until the property is brought into compliance with Section 551.02. Removal of the placard before the property complies with Section 551.02 shall constitute a minor misdemeanor.

(d) Only one written, published notice need be made per calendar year, as described in Section 551.03(a). It shall be the responsibility of each owner or any person, firm or corporation having the care of or in charge of any lot of land within the City to maintain the property thereafter in accordance with Section 551.02. *Similarly, only one placard notice per lot or parcel, need be issued per calendar year. Thereafter, if the City Manager or his or her designee determines that a subsequent violation of this chapter has occurred, the City may proceed with the remedies set forth in Section 551.04 without further notice.*

#### **551.04 FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH NOTICE.**

(a) If the owner, occupant, or other person or entity having charge or care of any lot or land within the City fails to comply with the notice provided for in Section 551.03(a), and fails to remedy such non-compliance during the 5-day period following the posting of a placard upon such lot or land pursuant to Section 551.03(b), the City shall cut the weeds or grass to bring that lot or land into compliance with this Chapter, at the expense of the owner(s) thereof.

(b) The City may, in its sole discretion, undertake such weed removal and/or grass cutting by its own employees or through an independent contractor. In calculating the expense to be charged to an owner of property under Section 551.04(a), chargeable expenses shall include all expenses actually incurred in removing weeds and/or cutting grass at such lot or land, including, without limitation, charges for the use of direct labor and administrative City employees, charges for equipment, fuel, and the like, and any independent contractor costs that may be incurred, all of which shall be assessed against said lot or land.

#### **551.05 COLLECTION OF COSTS.**

(a) Written notice of assessment shall be served by the City Manager or his designee upon the owner(s) of the lot or land by ordinary US mail, addressed to the then-current tax mailing address of the owner(s) then on file with the Montgomery County Auditor, and shall be effective upon mailing. In the event that the notice is returned as undeliverable, a City representative may make service by posting the notice upon the assessed premises, and shall make a return thereof. The amount of the assessment shall be paid and delivered to the City within ten (10) calendar days after service of the notice is perfected by mailing or posting.

(b) If the City has not received full payment of the assessment within those ten (10) calendar days, the City shall make a written return or certification to the Montgomery County Auditor of the amount of the unpaid assessment, including with that certification a proper description of the premises. The assessed amount shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and shall be a lien upon such land from and after the date of the entry and shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the City with the General Fund.

(c) Nothing in this Section 551.05 shall be construed to require the City to make separate assessments or issue separate notices of assessment or certifications to the Montgomery County Auditor for each weed removal or grass cutting that may occur with respect to any particular property. In the case of vacant properties or other lots or lands that may incur multiple assessments within a single growing season, the City may elect to combine assessments, notices of assessment, and/or certifications to the Montgomery County Auditor with respect to any particular property, in monthly or other convenient intervals, so long as each assessment is separately itemized.

**551.06 DESIGNATION OF NATURE AREAS; APPEALS.**

(a) The City Manager shall designate which portions, if any, of publicly owned and privately owned land within this City are to be deemed public park nature areas and private lot nature areas. No area shall be so designated unless the City Manager shall find with regard to such area:

- (1) That the establishment and maintenance of that area will not be detrimental to or will not endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, convenience or general welfare;
- (2) That the nature area will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, and that the nature area will not substantially diminish or impair property values within the neighborhood; and
- (3) That the establishment of the nature area will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted as to such property.

(b) Appeal of the City Manager's Decision. If dissatisfied with a decision of the City Manager to designate or not designate particular land as a nature area, a party may appeal the decision to the General Appeals Board established under Chapter 169 of the Codified Ordinances of the City. Standing to file such an appeal shall be limited to the owners or occupants of the subject property and the owners or occupants of any property located within 200 feet of the subject property.

Any appeal shall be made by delivering written notice of the appeal to the office of the City Manager within 14 days after issuance of the Manager's decision. The notice of appeal shall satisfy the following requirements:

- (1) It must specify the name and address of the appellant, the decision from which an appeal is taken, and the location of the subject property and prospective nature area; and
- (2) It must cite specific error by the Manager and any other grounds relied upon in support of the appeal.

Any such appeal shall be made and processed in accordance with appeal procedures set forth in Section 1007 of the ordinances of this City with regard to appeals to the Zoning Appeals Board.

Upon receipt of a timely notice of appeal, the Building Commissioner shall schedule a date for a public hearing thereon before the General Appeals Board. The Building Commissioner shall give written notice of the appeal and of public hearing on that appeal to the applicant and to each owner of real property within 200 feet of the lot on which the nature area, or the desired nature area, is or is proposed to be located. For the applicant, notice of the public hearing shall be sent by ordinary US mail to the address set forth on the notice of appeal. For all other parties entitled to notice of the public hearing, it shall be sufficient to provide notice by ordinary US mail addressed to the party's then-current tax mailing address on file with the Montgomery County Auditor, or by any other method reasonably calculated to reach the intended recipient.

(c) Determinations by the City Manager that public or private property is or is not to be designated as public park nature area or private lot nature area shall be effective for one year at a time plus such additional number of days, weeks or months as may elapse until a new determination is made.

#### **551.07 MANAGED NATURAL LANDSCAPE AREAS.**

(a) *An owner, authorized agent, or authorized occupant of any privately owned lands may, consistent with this subsection and all other applicable laws, statutes, rules, and ordinances, install and maintain a managed natural landscape area, provided that no such area may be installed or maintained upon the right-of-way strip between the sidewalk and street.*

(b) *Height requirement. The height restrictions provided in Section 551.02 shall not apply to natural plants, other than turf-grasses or noxious weeds, on privately owned, occupied residential property and properties contiguous to the privately owned, occupied residential property provided that such contiguous properties are owned by the same individual, when such natural plants are part of a managed natural landscape area. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to permit plant material of a height that causes an obstruction to appropriate roadway visibility, as regulated by Section 907 of the Oakwood Streets and Public Services Code, or plant material that by reason of its height is otherwise unsafe or hazardous to the public health, safety, and welfare.*

(c) *Overhanging vegetation. Managed natural landscaped areas shall not be permitted to overhang or encroach onto any public or private properties, or public sidewalks, streets, or alleys adjacent to the lot, tract or parcel on which they are planted. With the exception of trees, all vegetation in the right-of-way strip between the sidewalk and street must be kept at a height of less than eight (8) inches.*

#### **551.99 PENALTY.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 501.99 for penalties applicable to any misdemeanor classification.)

**Legislative history:** Ord. 27, passed 7-20-1908; Ord. 3203, passed 4-20-81; Ord. 3453, passed 10-15-84; Ord. 3462, passed 11-19-84; Ord. \_\_\_\_\_, passed 5-6-2013.

**Introductions for Legislation  
6/6/2022 Council Meeting**

**Mrs. Hilton**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CURRENT SECTION 549.01, *SALE OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS*, OF THE OAKWOOD GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, AND ENACTING NEW SECTION 549.01, *SALE OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS*, OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING THE PROVISIONS OF H.B. 172 CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF MUNICIPALITIES TO RETAIN REGULATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS ON THE DISCHARGE, IGNITION AND EXPLODING OF FIREWORKS THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF H.B. 172.

The Governor of Ohio recently signed H.B. 172, which amends state law to legalize the discharge of fireworks on private property on certain designated days of the year. H.B. 172 also provides that pursuant to its constitutional home rule authority, a city may choose to restrict the days and times that a person may discharge consumer grade fireworks or may impose a complete ban on the use of consumer grade fireworks.

Oakwood is almost entirely residential, and has nearly 4,000 housing units within 2.2 square miles. Given this density, fireworks pose a significant risk to persons and property, and the Director of Public Safety has recommended that Council opt out of H.B. 172 and reaffirm Oakwood's existing ban on possessing, selling or discharging fireworks. Of note, Oakwood has prohibited fireworks for over 100 years, dating back to 1920.

The ordinance will update and reaffirm Oakwood's ban on fireworks before the new state law takes effect on July 1, 2022.

**Motion: This is the second reading of this ordinance, and I move that Council adopt it tonight.**

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**Mr. Stephens**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 551, *WEEDS*, OF THE OAKWOOD GENERAL OFFENSES CODE BY UPDATING THE TITLE THEREOF TO *LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT*, ADDING RELEVANT DEFINITIONS, REORDERING EXISTING PROVISIONS, AND INCORPORATING NEW PROVISIONS TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MANAGED NATURAL LANDSCAPE AREAS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY.

This is an ordinance to update our laws on noxious weeds and mowing. It does not make significant changes to our existing requirement that grass and weeds be mowed or maintained at a height of 8" or less. However, Council recognizes that there is a growing movement to think about landscaping in new or non-traditional ways, particularly with regard to the use of native plants, rain gardens, and butterfly gardens. These kinds of plantings have always been permitted

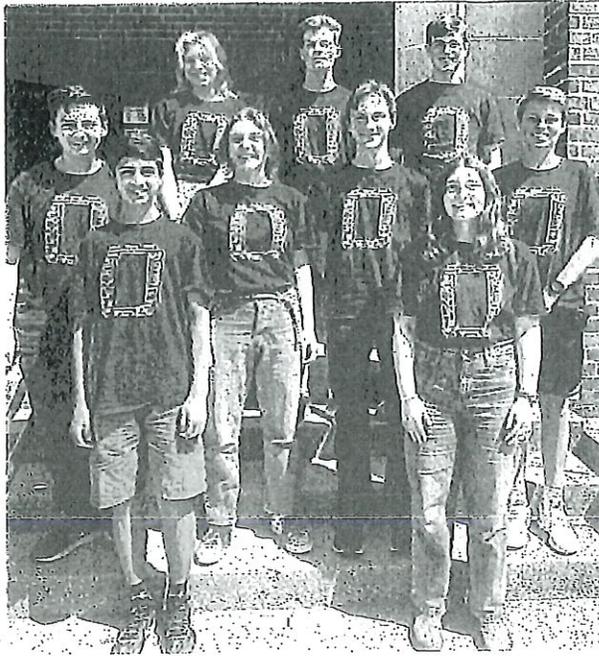
in Oakwood, but have not been clearly addressed in our Code, which is the purpose of the ordinance I am introducing tonight.

This ordinance makes the following changes:

1. It updates the title of the chapter from “Weeds” to “Landscape Management.”
2. It adds relevant definitions, as well as a statement of purpose that reads:

“The purpose of this chapter is to encourage the use of vegetation throughout the City to maximize ecological and aesthetic benefits while respecting existing community values regarding landscaping to include well-maintained yards, preservation of sight lines, compatibility with existing structures, and public safety. Ecological benefits of “managed natural landscapes” include enhancement of pollinator support habitat, stormwater management, carbon sequestration, erosion control, and preservation of biodiversity.”
3. It eliminates the species-specific list of weeds contained in the current ordinance. Instead, it defines “weed” in a manner that encompasses any type of vegetation that is neglected or overgrown.
4. For properties that are placarded due to high grass or weeds and mowed by the city, the new ordinance will allow a streamlined notice process that makes it easier to deal with subsequent violations after the first violation.
5. It adds provisions to expressly authorize property owners to establish “managed natural landscape areas” on their property. It is important to note that this does NOT give homeowners permission to neglect their yards or allow them to “go wild.” The key concept behind a managed natural landscape area is that it must be “managed and maintained” as required by the new ordinance.

**Motion: This is a first reading of this ordinance, so I make no motion at this time.**



The Oakwood High School academic decathlon team has won 10 straight division national titles. CONTRIBUTED

# Oakwood team claims its 10th straight U.S. title

By Nick Blizzard  
Staff Writer

OAKWOOD—Oakwood High School's academic decathlon team has won its 10th consecutive national title in its division.

OHS team members earned eight out of the nine possible top spots in Division III for overall individual cumulative scores, according to the school district.

The United States Academic Decathlon National Competition was a four-day virtual event ending Saturday.

The competition featured 48 U.S. teams, plus about 10 teams from China, coach Lori Morris said. Scoring was based on speeches, tests and interviews, she said.

Evan Hardern, Charli Kulka and Soren Kingston achieved the top overall scores in their GPA divisions. Rebecca Blumer received the Most Valuable Team

Member award.

Other team members were Alex Baals Kall, Brian Fischer, Rohan Haack, Danny Vasconez and Elizabeth Yarbrough.

OHS team members earned 55 individual medals for high scores in the competition's individual areas – essay, music, art, math, interview, literature, economics, science, social science and speech. They received more than \$7,000 in scholarship funds for their achievements.

Teams are split into four divisions by size of school. Oakwood's highest finish across all divisions was second place in 2018 and 2019. It has placed in the top five overall seven times, according to national academic decathlon data.

Oakwood teams have won 12 straight Ohio titles, which requires a first-place finish among all divisions, Morris said.

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## OHS Academic Decathlon wins 10th consecutive National Title

Oakwood High School is once again celebrating a national win. The OHS Academic Decathlon team captured its 10th consecutive Division III national title in the United States Academic Decathlon National Competition, which was held virtually April 20-23.

Competing on the team were Alex Baals Kall, Rebecca Blumer, Brian Fischer, Rohan Haack, Evan Hardern, Soren Kingston, Charli Kulka, Danny Vasconez and Elizabeth Yarbrough.

OHS team members earned eight out of the nine possible top spots

in Division III for overall individual cumulative scores. Hardern, Kulka, and Kingston achieved the top overall scores in their GPA divisions. Rebecca Blumer received the Most Valuable Team Member award.

Additionally, team members earned 55 individual medals for high scores in select areas and received more than \$7,000 in scholarship funds for their achievements.

OHS teacher Lori Morris is the Academic Decathlon coach, now in her 16th year as coach.

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**Niraj Antani**  
State Senator  
6th District

William D. Duncan  
30 Park Avenue  
Oakwood, OH 45419

5/23/2022

Dear Mayor Duncan,

Thank you for your letter. I work very hard to learn about each issue, and always appreciate the input of my constituents.

I oppose House Bill 563 and I plan to vote against it.

If you have any additional comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Niraj Antani  
State Senator

**OAKWOOD**

**Oakwood regular public meetings**

**Council:** Unless otherwise noted, regular-session meetings of Oakwood City Council are held the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m., and work sessions are held the third Monday of the month at 5 p.m. at 30 Park Ave. On Monday, June 6, regular session is at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers (work session begins at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room).

**Records Commission:** Unless otherwise noted, Records Commission meetings are held the 4th Tuesday at 2 p.m. in January and July each year at 30 Park Ave. On Tuesday, July 26, the commission meets at 2 p.m. in council chambers.

**Board of Health:** Unless other noted, Board of Health meetings are held the fourth Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. every other month at 30 Park Ave. (January, March, May, July, September, November). On Tuesday, July 26, the board meets at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.

**Planning Commission:** Unless otherwise noted, Planning Commission meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at 30 Park Ave. The Wednesday, June 1 meeting has been canceled, so the next session is Wednesday, July 6 at 4:30 p.m. in council chambers.

**Board of Zoning Appeals:** Unless otherwise noted, Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at 30 Park Ave. On Thursday, June 9, the BZA meets at 4:30 p.m. in council chambers.

For additional information, contact Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council, at 937-298-0600.

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WEST CARROLLTON

## City repeals fireworks laws to not conflict with Ohio law

By Eric Schwartzberg  
Staff Writer

West Carrollton this week repealed its laws prohibiting the possession, use and sale of fireworks to not be in conflict with the state law going into effect this summer.

Gov. Mike DeWine signed House Bill 172 last year, completely changing the fireworks law for the state. Starting July 1, the law will allow the discharge of consumer-grade fireworks on private property on specific days, including the Fourth of July, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

An ordinance introduced by West Carrollton repealed the city's laws, allowing it to

go along with Ohio's changes.

"It is City Council's desire to follow the state law regarding fireworks and since our ordinance banned them, we had to revoke those sections," Heidi Van Antwerp told this news outlet.

City council voted 4-1 to approve the ordinance during Tuesday's regularly scheduled meeting. Council members Rick Dobson and Jill Tomlin were not present.

West Carrollton's move runs counter to what cities like Fairborn, Beavercreek and Dayton recently did: enact ordinances choosing to opt out of Ohio's new law. Germantown and Oakwood are among those considering similar legislation. Riv-

erside has also discussed it.

City Manager Keith Townsend said council decided to follow the new state law this year and re-evaluate it next year.

Amanda Zennie, the sole member of West Carrollton City Council member to vote against the ordinance, said she did so because constituents to whom she spoke told her they don't want the state's fireworks law.

"Our houses are so close together, they didn't want that, that extra 20 days a year and full weekends of fireworks going off," Zennie told this news outlet Tuesday following the meeting.

I get where (city council is) coming from, but for me,

I felt like I needed to listen to what I was being told."

Zennie said people likely will misinterpret the state law to mean they can ignite fireworks whenever they want.

"Maybe they're not aware of the stipulations of the 20 days, then you're going to have them going off in the neighborhoods all the time," she said. "I've heard (of) people with animals, people with PTSD, neighbors that have damage to their property, the siding, the roofing, their cars getting hit with fireworks. They just don't want that."

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DIGGING DEEPER

# How to shop around for lower electricity rates

PUCO website offers 'apples to apples' look at alternative providers.

By Thomas Gnau  
Staff Writer

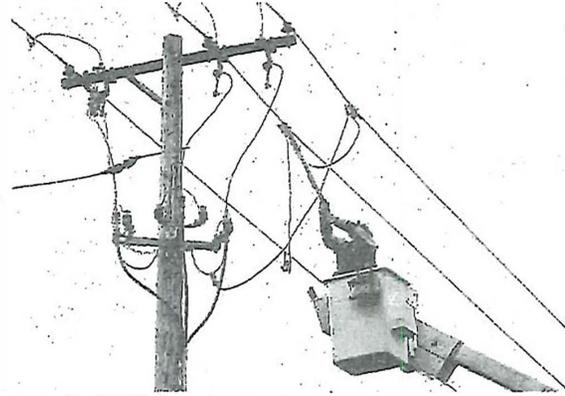
The price of electricity is going up everywhere, but one state utility regulator thinks it's still worth the effort to shop around.

"I think there are competitive rates out there that people can

shop for," said Barbara Bossart, chief of the reliability and service analysis division at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Ohio's regulator of electric and other utilities.

Inflation, natural gas cost increases, supply chain problems and other factors, like growing post-pandemic demand for power, complicate the picture. Electricity is simply more expensive these days.

**Electric rates** continued on A7



The current AES Ohio price of 4.805 cents per kilowatt-hour will more than double to 10.91 cents per kilowatt-hour starting June 1.

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## Electric rates

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But AES Ohio's planned increase appears to be dramatic. The current AES Ohio "standard offer" price is 4.805 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). Starting June 1, the price will be 10.91 cents. That's a monthly increase of more than \$60, if you're using 1,000 kWh a month.

That will be the price paid by AES Ohio customers who have not chosen an alternative supplier or who aren't in a community aggregation program.

A kilowatt-hour is how much energy you need to run a 1,000-watt appliance for an hour. A 100-watt bulb takes 10 hours to use a kilowatt-hour of energy. A 2,000-watt appliance takes 30 minutes.

American Electric Power in Columbus is set increase its rate by about 2 cents per kWh, the Columbus Dispatch reported. Duke Energy and FirstEnergy also are looking at increases.

Bossart acknowledges that alternative rates "may not be as low as they have been in the past, just due to the market. But there are some competitive rates out there."

If you're comparing prices, you're not alone.

Kettering City Councilman Bruce Duke said city leaders are starting to explore joining an electricity aggregation program to set lower rates for residents.

"Citizens are calling council people and saying, 'Hey look, what are we doing about this?'" Duke said. "We see Dayton has done it, Beavercreek has done it, why can't we do it?"

City Manager Mark Schwieterman agreed that Kettering is hearing questions. The city is only starting to examine its options, beginning talks with the Miami Valley Communications Council, which has eight member cities. Schwieterman said he also has met with representatives of the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council.

Last year, Dayton joined that council, a nonprofit group of governments that works to secure fixed-term electric rates.

In March this year, in AES Ohio service territory, competitive suppliers served 234,789 customers who shopped around for service, according to PUCO customer counts. In the same month, 299,821 customers were served by AES Ohio's standard service offer.

### Prices rise in June

Mary Ann Kabel, a spokeswoman for AES

Ohio, emphasized that the higher standard service prices will be in effect for just one year. And she said the company has no control over the price that resulted from this year's energy auction.

Local electric utilities like AES Ohio hold auctions to provide the electricity needed to serve retail customers, typically residents and small businesses who have not switched to another retail provider. Wholesale suppliers who bid the lowest prices win the auctions.

This year's auction yielded the new, higher rate.

Kabel said as well that AES Ohio has the lowest rates in the state with regard to delivery charges, bringing electricity to homes via poles, wires and other infrastructure. (She referred customers to a company web site on the issue, <https://www.aes-ohio.com/comparing-energy-prices>.)

AES Ohio offers customers what it calls "budget billing." The company calculates bill amounts based on a household's usage history. The household is billed the same amount each month. In August, customers settle up with either a credit or balance due.

"We are working diligently to continue iden-

tifying and implementing ways to keep energy reasonable," Kabel said.

In response to questions from this newspaper, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel said it has found that, in the aggregate, consumers generally save money by enrolling in the utilities' standard offers as compared to enrolling with energy marketers.

### 'Do your homework'

When shopping, you'll want to compare alternative supplier offers with the "Price to Compare" shown on your electric bill.

Bossart advises people to know some basics before shopping. Who is your electricity supplier and what is your "price to compare?" The easiest way to do that is to have your bill handy, she said.

She points to language on the AES Ohio customer bill that says: "In order for you to save money off of your utility's supply charges, a supplier must offer you a price lower than AES Ohio's price of 4.8 cents per kWh, for the same usage that appears on this bill."

In June, that price rises from 4.8 cents to 10.9 cents per kWh.

Armed with that information, go to the [energychoice.ohio.gov](http://energychoice.ohio.gov) website (sometimes called the "apples to

apples" website), Bossart said.

She points first-time visitors to the "frequently asked questions" section at the top right. Then, go to "compare offers" at the top of the site's front page. Click on "compare electric offers."

Next, if you're a residential customer, bring down the menu on "residential" at the top. AES Ohio customers looking to shop around can click on "AES Ohio."

Scroll down to see a chart with available offers from an array of suppliers, as well as contact information for those companies, including phone numbers.

The first number you might want to see is easy to spot. Looking at the chart, notice that in the column next to listed suppliers are kilowatt-per-hour rates.

Following that is the rate type (fixed or variable) and information on whether there's an introductory rate, length of contract and other variables.

If you want to narrow down your options, click on a number of companies, then hit "click to compare" at the top, which should put that shorter list of suppliers in a new window.

### Questions to ask

When switching, Bossart says consumers should be aware of introductory

rates which are followed by higher rates. They should also look for termination fees.

PUCO offers shoppers a list of questions they should ask new suppliers.

Two of the first questions to ask new suppliers: Is your price fixed or does it change? Does an introductory rate rise later on?

"Consumers should beware of short-term 'teaser' rates offered by marketers," the Consumers' Counsel's office said. "Teaser rates may at first look good, but can be subject to later significant price increases."

"Do your homework," Bossart said.

To sign up, call a new supplier at the phone number provided on the chart. Be sure to read and understand any new contract. Your new supplier will contact your current supplier.

Your local electric utility should send you a letter confirming the supplier you have chosen. If the information is correct, you're set. If it isn't, contact the utility and request that the switch be stopped. You have seven days from the postmark date of the letter to make changes.

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# Charging-Station Progress Is Slow Going

U.S. will give states \$7.5 billion, but past EV-funding effort ran into some problems

By JENNIFER HILLER

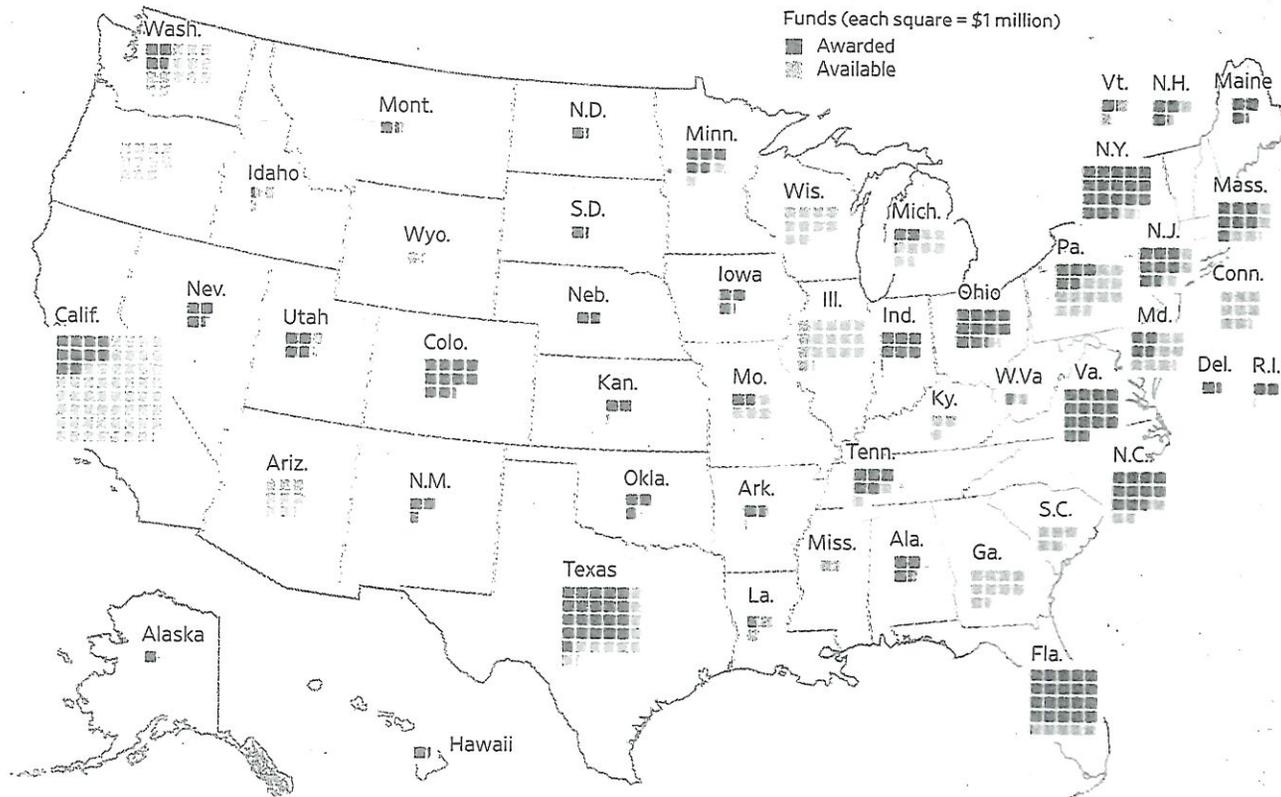
U.S. efforts to build a national network of electric vehicle charging stations are moving slowly as states figure out how to fairly dole out public funding to kick-start a new service industry.

As the Biden administration prepares to give states \$7.5 billion for new charging stations, a similar recent effort suggests a difficult path is ahead. States received \$424 million that could be used for charging stations as part of a \$2.8 billion settlement by Volkswagen AG to resolve allegations that it cheated on diesel emissions tests. So far, more than four years later, they have spent about 48% of those charging dollars.

Six states including Illinois and Connecticut that say they plan to use VW settlement money on chargers have yet to disburse any funds. Four states say they plan to use the money for other projects such as lower-emissions bus fleets, according to data from Atlas Public Policy, a Washington, D.C., research firm that tracks the electric-vehicle industry. Thirty states have distributed most of their available charging money, including Hawaii, New Mexico, South Dakota and New York.

Texas gave out \$21 million of the VW money for chargers on a first-come, first-served

Funds for EV charging projects from Volkswagen settlement, awarded vs. available



basis last November. The money was all gone within one minute, records show. Out of 251 applications, two companies won 85% of the funds: Oil giant Shell PLC and Buc-ee's Ltd., a rest-stop chain.

"We were shocked. And we were, in hindsight, a little slow," said Kevin Smartt, the chief executive of Austin-based TXB convenience stores, which had hoped to add fast chargers to 12 to 15 existing sites but didn't email quickly enough to

receive any of the money.

New chargers are needed across the U.S. to meet expected demand as major auto makers from General Motors Co. to Ford Motor Co. speed up their plans to go electric following the success of Tesla Inc. President Biden has signed an executive order calling for half of all cars to be electric or alternative-fuel vehicles by the end of the decade.

U.S. sales of EV and plug-in hybrids doubled to more than

600,000 last year, and sales figures show that EVs have reached 6.6% of total cars sold in recent weeks as gasoline prices rise to their highest levels in years, according to Atlas Public Policy.

But outside of California, the network of chargers needed to service millions of EVs doesn't exist yet. Environmentalists and auto analysts alike call it a "chicken or the egg" problem and a hurdle to getting more Americans into EVs.

data. Private investment has thus far fallen short, in part because there aren't enough EVs on the road yet for most charging stations to turn a profit.

Early internal-combustion vehicles faced similar growing pains. Drivers initially bought containers of fuel from pharmacies and hardware stores before gasoline stations and convenience stores emerged as the dominant way to fuel up.

The challenge for states is that public funding for EV charging inherently helps shape early winners and losers in a new market. In Indiana, some critics raised concerns that the state's decision to give \$5.5 million of the VW funding to utilities could help them extend their old electricity monopolies into new markets in the 21st century. State officials said the utilities could build the chargers across most of the priority roadways and at a lower cost per location.

Scot Imus, executive director of the Indiana Food & Fuel Association, said gas stations want to enter the EV-charging market but wonder if they can fairly compete with the utilities they rely on for electricity. "For retailers it's not a profitable opportunity right now," Mr. Imus said.

Fast chargers, which repower a battery in about 30 minutes, are particularly in short supply across the U.S. While market leader Tesla built a fast-charger network for its own drivers, the U.S. has fewer than 5,000 locations with 10,000 individual fast chargers that anyone can use, according to government data.

While most EV charging happens at home, thousands of public plug-in spots to allow charging are needed in communities that don't have many—or any—chargers. The Biden administration wants 500,000 public chargers by 2030; McKinsey & Co. estimates that as many as 1.2 million are needed.

So far, the U.S. has around 93,000 public chargers, most of which take hours to repower a car, according to government

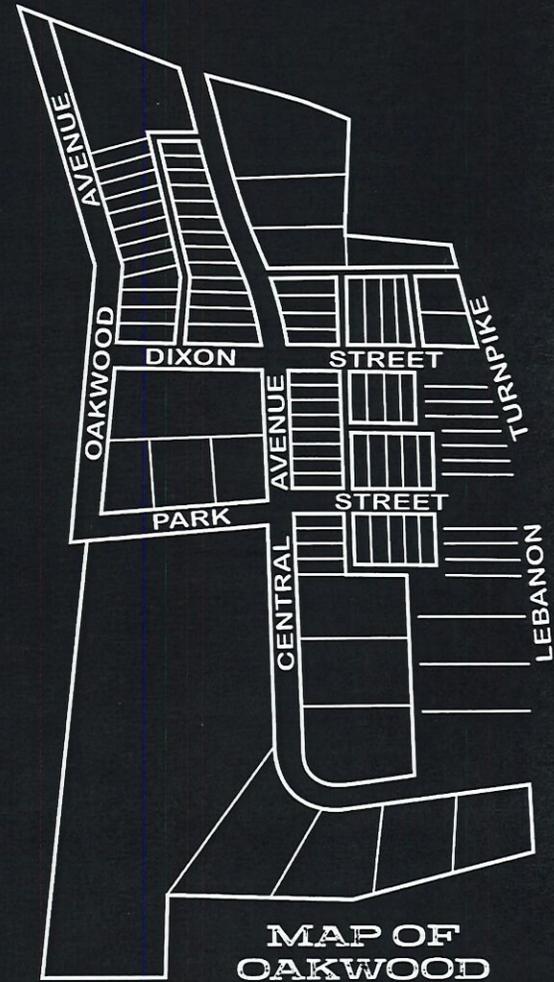


## Town of Oakwood

On November 7, 1872, after years of surveying and planning, Isaac Haas, with partners Patterson Mitchell, William Dixon and Gabriel Harman, founded the first subdivision in what is now the heart of Oakwood. The newly formed plat consisted of approximately 82 acres, 94 lots and speculative homes in an otherwise sparsely populated area. Their goal was to create a "Town of Oakwood".

The new town was met with little success, but decades later, the men's foresight and vision became a reality.

On January 9, 1908, the Village of Oakwood was incorporated. Residents had voted in favor, 76 to two.

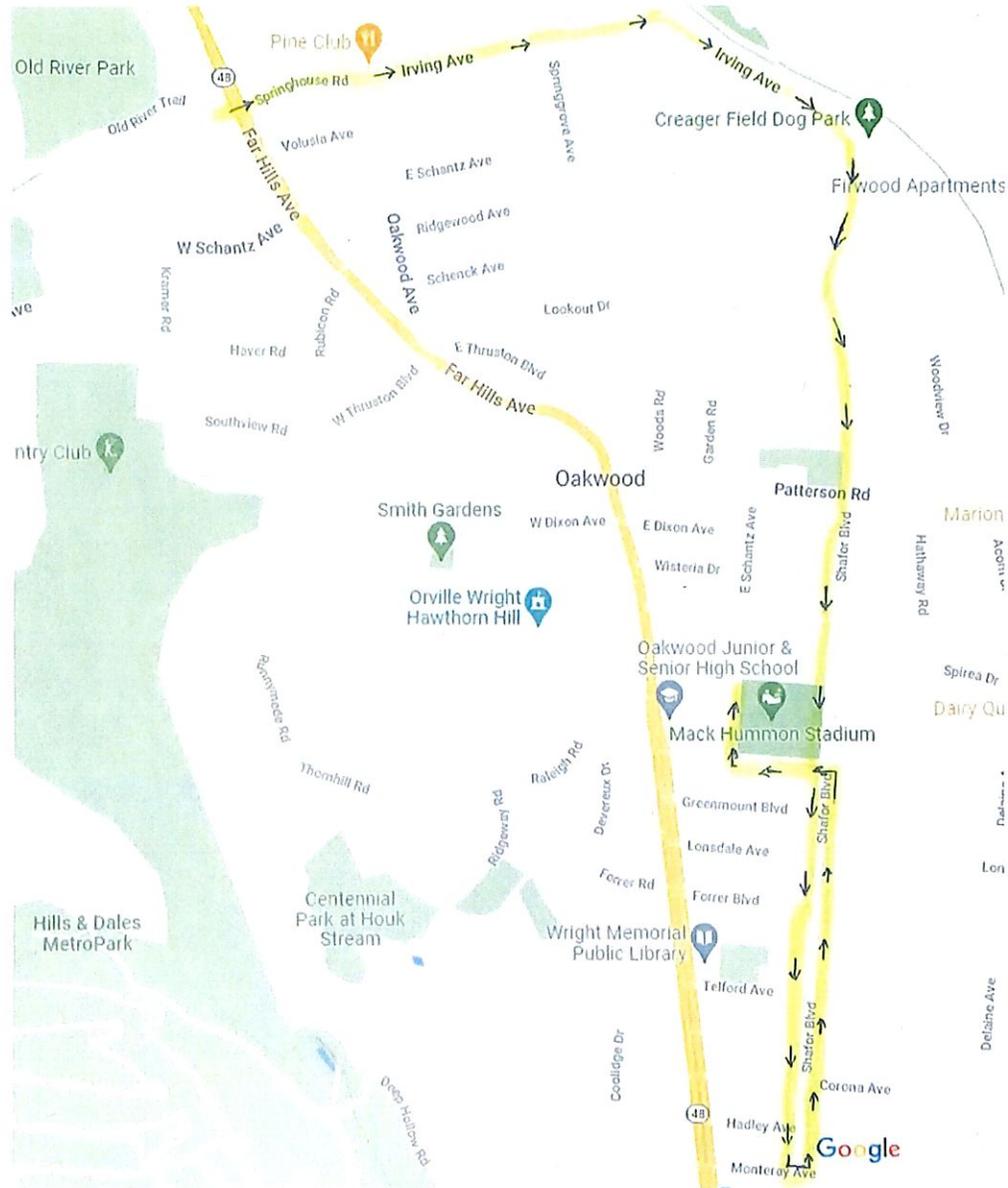


In recognition of the deep friendship between Le Vésinet, France and Oakwood, Ohio, USA, we are proud to celebrate two significant anniversaries - the 50th anniversary of our twinning, and the 150th anniversary of Oakwood's first platting.  
June 2022

# Oakwood Schools



Community members are invited to participate in the third annual **OHS Senior Parade Friday, June 3 at 7 p.m.** The event, which begins at Lane Stadium, will honor the graduating seniors of the OHS Class of 2022. Line the parade route and cheer on these soon-to-be graduates as they wind through Oakwood on their way to Mack Hummon Stadium.



**Commencement for the Class of 2022** will be held at the **University of Dayton Arena Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m.** The event will be streamed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/t1whOdmYxxQ>.

You can also read profiles of some of the members of the OHS Class of 2022 on the [District website](#). Find out how these students made the most of their time at OHS and what comes next.

**Class of 2022 Profiles**

# Even in death, legendary coach keeps working Oakwood magic



**Tom Archdeacon**

More than ever, "the magic's in the hat."

Some 2½ years after his death, Howard "The Hat" Sales — thanks to efforts spearheaded by two of his former Oakwood football players, 1983 co-captains Bruce Harlamert and Jeff Hartley — is still helping student-athletes at the school.

In 1968, Sales — known for the floppy cloth fishing hat he always wore — took over a Lumberjacks program that had won four of its last 28 games. His teams promptly had six straight winning seasons. In his 19 years as head coach, the Lumberjacks went 112-74-5 and won two Southwestern Buckeye League titles, and he twice was named SWBL coach of the year.

"The magic's in the hat" was big back in my day," said Hartley, who was a

quarterback, running back and defensive back.

And the magic act continued Tuesday evening during the Oakwood High virtual awards ceremony that included the announcement of the five student-athletes awarded the inaugural Howard Sales Memorial Scholarship.

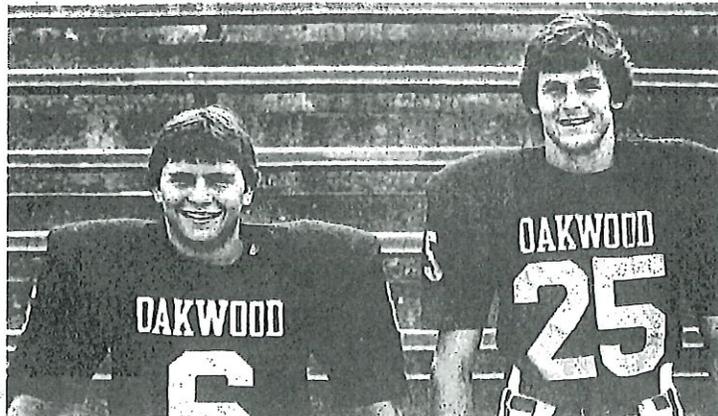
Those receiving the \$1,000 scholarships included: Malory Moran, who played field hockey, softball and track and had a 3.54 GPA; Abigail Kraft, a golfer with a 3.69 GPA; Cade Zorin, a football and lacrosse player with a 3.46 GPA; Rebecca Blumer, who played field hockey and had a 3.7 GPA; and Emily Lloyd, a soccer player with a 3.75 GPA.

This afternoon, they'll be honored at a social gathering at the Oakwood High library.

The fact that just one was a football player and four are girls speaks to the scope of Sales' influence when he was at Oakwood.

"The cast of people he touched went well beyond football," Harlamert said. "He was a girls track coach,

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Oakwood football players Jeff Hartley (left) and Bruce Harlamert.

# Archdeacon

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a health teacher and was the athletics director. There haven't been many figures – if any – who had such a broad and deep reach with student-athletes of any gender or sport.”

## Trademark hat

Sales died Dec. 2, 2019. At his memorial service, Hartley and Jamie Greer, a Lumberjacks defensive tackle in the early 1980s and now a local attorney, talked about the impact their coach had in their lives.

They thought he should be remembered with some kind of permanent memorial, and they presented the idea to the players from Sales' 19 teams. They raised more than \$50,000 from the group.

They decided a fitting tribute would focus on Sales' trademark hat, upon which his wife Patsy would embroider "JACKS" across the front of each rendition.

Mounted on a pedestal, it could serve as a good luck totem, much the way the fabled piece of quartzite called Howard's Rock does for Clemson football players who touch it on their way to the field.

Former Oakwood player Greg Lauterbach, now an Oregon District architect, designed the memorial that includes a bronze likeness of the hat. It stands outside the Lumberjacks' dressing room, enabling players to touch it on their way to Mack Hummon Stadium.

The new fixture brought back some old fortune. The memorial was dedicated before the season opener last August, and the Lumberjacks promptly roared back from a 16-0 defi-

cit with 20 fourth-quarter points for a 20-16 victory.

The next weekend they beat Valley View at home. They would edge visiting Waynesville, 21-20, and make the state playoffs for the second time since 2008.

A few months before that dedication ceremony, Harlamert – who had a stellar football career at Denison and now lives in Wenham, Massachusetts, north of Boston, and is involved in real estate, especially in the Dayton area – contacted Hartley.

While he liked the memorial idea, he thought the tribute could be expanded to include a scholarship in Sales' name.

They decided to table the idea until the memorial project was finished, and at the dedication ceremony, Harlamert made a brief presentation about his idea.

Since then, he and Hartley have led the scholarship efforts. Although no formal campaign has been launched, they have managed to collect about \$30,000 and decided to begin the scholarship this year.

The project is run through the Dayton Foundation. Harlamert and Hartley hope to raise at least \$100,000 and have the scholarship fund endowed.

"Howard Sales was all about honesty, integrity, character and kindness, and those became bullet points for this scholarship," Hartley said. "We considered lots of things for the student-athletes who applied – GPA, community service, financial need and work."

They ended up with 11 applicants who submitted resumes and wrote essays.

"I was blown away by everything they all had

done," Harlamert said. "The all had a high GPA, and now they're going to go to college and give sports some kind of shot."

## Learning from sports

After 27 years at Oakwood High, Sales – an Army veteran who had been stationed on the DMZ in Korea before he went to Wooster on the GI bill – spent a decade as an assistant coach with Mike Kelly at the University of Dayton.

Sales made such an impact that, since then, the UD football coaches present a Howard the Hat award each year to a former Flyer who has made a mark as a high school, college or pro coach.

Harlamert got the same lessons playing for Sales at Oakwood. He talked of the coach instilling the principles of teamwork, accountability and respect for each other.

That's why they want the recipients of the Sales' scholarship to pursue a sport in college, whether it's for four years or at least for their first season.

Some of the winners will play a varsity sport, others a club sport. Most weren't getting athletic scholarship money before this.

"We hope this propels them into participating in a sport," Harlamert said. "What they learned through athletics and academics at Oakwood High will help them in college, too."

Hartley agreed: "We believe it will help them grow and succeed."

And that will be further proof that The Hat still brings the magic.

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Oakwood, Ohio  
May 17, 2022

The Oakwood citizen Budget Review Committee (BRC) met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022. The meeting took place in the council chambers at the city building, 30 Park Avenue, and was available via the Zoom.com remote teleconferencing platform.

The following people attended:

Budget Review Committee

*In-person:*

Dave Dickerson, Chair  
Bill Frapwell, Vice Chair  
Ellen Fodge  
William Meyer  
Pete Luther  
Kristina Marcus  
Kate Halpin  
Steve Brooks  
Howard Boose  
Bill Rieger  
Mark Risley  
Erika Endsley  
Michael Vanderburgh  
Mike Ruetschle  
John Gray

*Via Zoom:*

Megan O'Leary  
Nicole Motto  
Yusaku Kawai  
Amanda Malusky Krauss

Oakwood City Council

*In-person:*

Vice Mayor Steve Byington  
Councilmember Rob Stephens  
Councilmember Anne Hilton  
Councilmember Leigh Turben

City Staff

*In-person:*

City Manager Norbert Klopsch  
Leisure Services Director Carol Collins  
Finance Director Cindy Stafford  
Public Safety Director Alan Hill  
Law Director Rob Jacques  
Personnel & Properties Director Jennifer Wilder  
Engineering & Public Works Director Doug Spitler  
Staff Engineer Chris Kuzma

Vice Mayor Steve Byington opened the meeting with a welcome and word of thanks to the committee for their service to the city. He invited Mr. Klopsch to make opening comments and to deliver the meeting presentation.

Mr. Klopsch began by introducing new BRC member Kate Halpin (Precinct G.) He then asked each person to make a self-introduction.

Mr. Klopsch confirmed that all committee members had received a copy of the minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting. Mr. Klopsch noted that the minutes will be updated to reflect the attendance of Mr. Boose and asked if there were any other edits. There being no other edits, Mr. Klopsch asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Motion to approve by Mr. Dickerson; second by Mr. Frapwell. Upon viva voce vote, motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Mr. Klopsch began the meeting by discussing the following recent events and City projects:

- 2020 Census: Oakwood gained 370 residents... rising from 9,202 in 2010 to 9,572 in 2020. This is mostly attributed to the Pointe Oakwood residential development, including Element Oakwood.
- Home Sales: In 2021, 91% of homes sold above appraised value, and 97% of homes sold above appraised value so far in 2022, through April.
- “Town of Oakwood”: The Oakwood Historical Society, along with Oakwood City Officials, conducted an unveiling ceremony of Oakwood’s first historical marker last Saturday. The first historical marker commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of when the first Oakwood homes were built in an area near the Oakwood City Building on 30 Park Avenue in 1872, and the four men who first envisioned a “Town of Oakwood.” Mr. Klopsch thanked John and MJ Gray for their generous donation in support of the historical marker.
- Hillview Fire: The Oakwood Public Safety Department responded to an evening fire a few days ago on Hillview Avenue. The fire started on a gas grill and extended to the garage. Thanks to the quick response of the public safety department the fire was extinguished, there were no reported injuries, and the home was saved.
- Inflation: Gasoline and diesel prices continue to rise due to the high rate of inflation, as well as equipment and other items purchased by the city. City staff continues to monitor the increases.
- Infrastructure Projects: In 2020, political jurisdictions deferred infrastructure projects due to the pandemic which has created a backlog of work. There is a shortage of construction trades contractors to meet the work demand.
- Traffic Enforcement: Daily traffic enforcement in Oakwood remains a high priority for the safety department.
- EV Charging Station: Mr. Klopsch invited Mrs. Wilder to share information about the EV Charging Station. Mrs. Wilder reported that an electric vehicle charging station has been installed in the municipal parking lot on Orchard Drive. Oakwood joined several other area jurisdictions in obtaining an Ohio EPA grant through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. The grant pays for about \$15,000 of the \$24,000 cost. A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for next week.
- Native Gardens/Anti-lawns: City staff is working on a code amendment that achieves an appropriate balance between meeting the desires of those residents wishing to cultivate natural areas/native gardens and those who prefer traditional landscaping within their neighborhoods and the Oakwood community.
- Personnel: Organizations are finding it more challenging to find employees, including seasonal employees.
- Gardner Pool: The pool was filled this week and city staff continues to prepare for the May 28 opening.
- Spring in Oakwood: Oakwood is beautiful during the springtime as everything comes into full bloom.
- Finances: Oakwood is in good shape financially, even given the impact of the coronavirus.

- Green Oakwood: There are approximately 800 followers on the “Green Oakwood” Facebook page. City staff is in regular contact with the group and partners with them to provide additional recycling services to the Oakwood community.
- Le Vésinet... 50<sup>th</sup> and Outremont... 45<sup>th</sup>: Oakwood has two sister cities: Le Vésinet, France, a suburb of Paris, and Outremont, Canada, a suburb of Montreal. Council Member Leigh Turben and her husband Dan will be representing Oakwood City Council next month for a 50<sup>th</sup> twinning celebration in Le Vésinet, France. Oakwood will also be celebrating a 45<sup>th</sup> twinning anniversary with Outremont in October. Oakwood also has a friendship pact with Unterhaching, Germany, a suburb of Munich.
- Oakwood Inclusion Coalition: The Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC) mission focuses on removing all stereotypes and negative perceptions about Oakwood that may still exist, and to promote an inclusive, equitable, diverse, and welcoming environment and community for all. Current OIC Leadership Team members include:

Madeline Iseli	Josh Green
Judy Cook	Leigh Ann Fulford
Healy Jackson	Kat Furmanski
Roger Crum	Lisa Wagner
Dan Turben	Jacqui Housel
Kristi Hale	Mike Miller
Kyle Ramey	Brandy Mariani
Norbert Klopsch	Sam Davis

Mr. Klopsch invited Mrs. Stafford to deliver the following finance presentation:

- 2021 FINANCIAL AUDIT: Mrs. Stafford reported that the audit of the 2021 city finances was recently completed by Plattenburg & Associates. No items were noted and an unqualified “Clean” opinion is forthcoming.
- 2021 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS: Mrs. Stafford reviewed the following 2021 highlights:
  - Total spending for General City Services was \$13.42 million.
  - General City Services receipts were 115.94% for the year and disbursements were 94.31% of budget. The City received \$468,000 of unbudgeted revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act and the economy continues to rebound positively impacting income tax receipts.
  - Refuse Fund receipts were 101.76% for the year and disbursements were 95.98% of budget. The budget included capital expenditures for the purchase of a new refuse packer and four new refuse scooters.
  - Enterprise Funds receipts were 100.62% for the year and disbursements were 95.03% of budget. The Enterprise Funds include Water, Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater. She explained that most of the sewer costs are driven by Montgomery County and the city of Dayton for wastewater treatment services.
- 2022 FINANCIALS THROUGH APRIL: Mrs. Stafford noted that General City Services receipts through April are at 41.37% of budget, while disbursements and encumbrances are at 48.84% of budget. Refuse Fund receipts through April are at 34.48% of budget and disbursements and encumbrances are at 47.44% of budget. Enterprise Fund receipts through April are at 29.91% of budget and disbursements and encumbrances are at 44.67% of budget.

Mr. Klopsch delivered the following presentation:

- AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN/LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND: The city received about \$500,000 in CARES Act money in 2020, and will receive about \$1,000,000 in American Rescue Plan Act money, half was received in 2021 and half will be received this year.
- 2022 CAPITAL PROJECTS/EXPENSES: The following capital expenses are in the 2022 Budget. Those shown in yellow are already completed or are in the process of being completed.
  - General City Services
    - S-22 1994 John Deere Tractor Replacement: \$25,000
    - S-33 1996 Wacker Pavement Roller Replacement: \$35,000
    - S-86S 2003 Henderson Salt Spreader Replacement: \$30,000
    - S-24 2001 Tennant Sweeper/Scrubber Replacement: \$40,000
    - Gardner Pool Improvements: \$316,750
    - Marked Public Safety Vehicle #60: \$59,000
    - S-71 2008 Pickup Truck Replacement: \$30,000
    - Asphalt Street Program: \$450,000
    - Concrete Street Program: \$100,000
    - Creager Field / Dog Park Parking Lot: \$55,000
    - Sidewalk, Curb & Driveway Apron Program: \$175,000
  - Refuse Utility
    - S-64 2000 Kramer Allrad Loader Replacement: \$90,000
    - S-05 2004 Refuse Scooter Replacement: \$23,000
    - S-10 2002 Refuse Scooter Replacement: \$23,000
    - S-77 2000 Crane Refuse Packer Refurbishment: \$60,000
  - Water Utility
    - W-12 2007 Pickup Truck Replacement: \$28,000
    - Well #6 Fence Replacement: \$30,000
    - Springhouse Water Plant Main Door Replacement: \$15,500
    - Wellhouse Roof Repairs: \$18,000
    - Water Line Repairs: \$50,000
  - Sanitary Sewer Utility
    - S-63 1996 New Holland Backhoe Replacement: \$100,000
    - Sanitary Sewer Repairs: \$50,000
  - Stormwater Utility
    - Far Hills Stormwater Inlet Repairs: \$130,000
    - S-30 1998 ODB Leaf Vacuum Replacement: \$75,000
- POSSIBLE 2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS/EXPENSES: The following is a list of possible capital projects and/or expenses being evaluated for 2023:
  - Far Hills Storm Sewer: \$1.9M
  - Salt Storage Building: \$42,000 – \$100,000
  - Asphalt Repaving: \$450,000
  - Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Aprons: \$175,000

Mr. Gray commented on reports about students that are leaving or are considering leaving Oakwood City Schools and the possible impacts to the community.

Mr. Risley asked for an update about the fiber optic projects in Oakwood.

Mr. Klopsch shared that there are two different fiber projects in Oakwood. The Miami Valley Communications Council, in cooperation with the Miami Valley Educational Computer Association is working to build a large municipal fiber ring for intergovernmental communication. Also, other individual for-profit companies are adding fiber in area communities, including Oakwood.

Mrs. O'Leary thanked Green Oakwood for participating in the Styrofoam recycling event. She shared that that since the inception of program, about 10,000 pounds of Styrofoam has been repurposed.

There being no other business, at 6:44 p.m. Vice Mayor Byington and Mr. Klopsch thanked the committee members for their service and the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

# Ponder what veterans' sacrifice has meant for you

Dulce et decorum est... Rows of white marble markers cross beautifully maintained ground at U.S. veterans cemeteries. Since the end of the Civil War through Afghanistan and Iraq, American service members can be buried in national cemeteries. Not all Arlingtons, but just as precious.

Antietam in Maryland is forever the home of 4,776 Union soldiers. They are only part of the dead of the bloodiest day in American history, when 23,000 men were killed and wounded. ... Antietam was the victory that Lincoln needed to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, a military



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order that led to the Thirteenth Amendment abolishing slavery. These Union dead gave their last full measure so that others could be free, a legacy few of us will achieve in our lifetime. ...

In 1975, as a young Army Lt., I stumbled into an American cemetery near the French fortress at Verdun. The Aisne-Marne Cemetery is the final resting place of 2,189 doughboys who were sent to France to make the world safe for democracy. On the walls

of the chapel, there are the names of another 1,060 soldiers listed as missing. ... My father's brother enlisted the day after the declaration of war by Congress and went to France with the 35th Division, a National Guard outfit from Missouri and Kansas. He was gassed and shell-shocked and died within a few years of coming home from France. He lies in the cemetery at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Above Normandy, at Colleville-sur-Mer lie 9,387 GIs killed crossing the killing zone to liberate France. ... In Luxembourg, George Patton's grave is with that of 5,074 of his fellow soldiers. He is the only 4-star

general buried at an American Battle Monuments Commission Cemetery.

In Hawaii, the Punchbowl contains the remains of 53,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines. The missing are scattered in unknown graves throughout the Pacific.

The National Cemeteries also are the final resting places of veterans of Korea. Men fed piecemeal and outnumbered into dozens of delaying actions on the way to Pusan. Marines who broke the stalemate with a brilliant landing at Inchon. And men who battled in the cold and heat for three years to buy a fictional line with their blood. The num-

bers of the missing from Korea is heartbreaking.

Draftees and volunteers who gave their best for all of us in Vietnam are scattered throughout the country at various cemeteries. A New York Times op-ed summed up the frustrations of the war when Robert McNamara published his memoirs, "The ghosts of those un-lived lives circle close around Mr. McNamara, Surely he must in every quiet moment hear the ceaseless whippers of those poor boys in the infantry dying in the tall grass, platoon by platoon for no purpose...."

Dayton National Cemetery cradles the bodies

of 59,000 veterans. You should take your kids there and ponder what their sacrifice has meant for you. We cling to the remnants of democracy because of the sacrifice of others. It is fitting soldiers are buried with soldiers because there are things only they can understand.

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Regular Monday contributor Thomas Suddes' column is available on our website.

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David Madden is a retired trial attorney, a mentor at the University of Dayton Law School and a spokesperson for the ACLU. He was an Infantry platoon leader and LTC in the JAG Corps.

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5/30/22

# Financial Reports



**thru the Month of May  
Fiscal Year 2022**

**Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances  
for the period ended May 31, 2022  
GENERAL CITY SERVICES FUNDS**

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
<b>General Fund</b>												
101	General	9,094,949	92,767	9,187,716	7,318,350	16,506,066	8,404,442	8,101,624	507,251	7,594,373	(1,086,092)	(1,500,576)
<b>Major Operating Funds</b>												
220	Street Maintenance and Repair	500,000	73,527	573,527	686,673	1,260,200	617,137	643,063	143,063	500,000	69,536	-
228	Leisure Activity	500,000	29,663	529,663	646,126	1,175,789	438,512	737,277	195,589	541,688	207,614	41,688
230	Health	144,263	3,350	147,613	137,001	284,614	72,762	211,852	9,699	202,153	64,239	57,890
510	Sidewalk, Curb & Apron	213,971	200	214,171	11,057	225,228	725	224,503	504	223,999	10,332	10,028
308	Equipment Replacement	1,126,162	439,968	1,566,130	509,086	2,075,216	83,096	1,992,120	570,945	1,421,175	425,990	295,013
309	Capital Improvement	1,026,256	375,539	1,401,795	1,500,000	2,901,795	125,582	2,776,213	1,229,929	1,546,284	1,374,418	520,028
707	Service Center	100,000	77,719	177,719	404,194	581,913	281,055	300,858	200,858	100,000	123,139	-
<b>Other Funds</b>												
208	Bullock Endowment Trust	51,021	500	51,521	44	51,565	500	51,065	-	51,065	(456)	44
209	MLK Community Recognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210	Special Improvement District Assessment	-	-	-	58,653	58,653	55,853	2,800	2,800	-	2,800	-
211	Smith Memorial Gardens	400,000	2,742	402,742	61,568	464,310	42,856	421,454	14,467	406,987	18,712	6,987
212	Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment	37,371	-	37,371	1,365	38,736	-	38,736	-	38,736	1,365	1,365
213	Enforcement and Education	9,875	-	9,875	-	9,875	-	9,875	-	9,875	-	-
214	Law Enforcement	10,574	-	10,574	-	10,574	1,000	9,574	-	9,574	(1,000)	(1,000)
215	Drug Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
216	Police Pension	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
217	Court Clerk Computerization	42,980	-	42,980	3,157	46,137	1,948	44,189	2,754	41,435	1,209	(1,545)
218	Court Computerization	39,995	-	39,995	1,375	41,370	143	41,227	2,047	39,180	1,232	(815)
219	Court Special Projects	47,331	-	47,331	2,357	49,688	2,076	47,612	44	47,568	281	237
224	State Highway Improvement	137,296	2,030	139,326	18,996	158,322	6,289	152,033	23,384	128,649	12,707	(8,647)
240	Public Safety Endowment	214,862	-	214,862	188	215,050	125	214,925	22,451	192,474	63	(22,388)
250	Special Projects	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	1,503,043	3,503,043	-	3,503,043	-	3,503,043	1,503,043	1,503,043
310	Issue 2 Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
311	Public Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
312	Local Coronavirus Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
313	Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	468,028	-	468,028	1,868	469,896	-	469,896	-	469,896	1,868	1,868
414	Bond Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
508	Electric Street Lighting	100,000	27,880	127,880	152,409	280,289	69,782	210,507	103,733	106,774	82,627	6,774
706	Self-Funding Insurance Trust	25,000	-	25,000	6,799	31,799	5,828	25,971	971	25,000	971	-
810	Fire Insurance Trust	-	37,559	37,559	-	37,559	-	37,559	37,559	-	-	-
811	Contractors Permit Fee	-	-	-	1,200	1,200	-	1,200	-	1,200	1,200	1,200
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,289,934</b>	<b>1,163,444</b>	<b>17,453,378</b>	<b>13,025,509</b>	<b>30,478,887</b>	<b>10,209,711</b>	<b>20,269,176</b>	<b>3,068,048</b>	<b>17,201,128</b>	<b>2,815,798</b>	<b>911,194</b>

CHART NE1

**Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates  
for the period ended May 31, 2022  
GENERAL CITY SERVICES FUNDS**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
<b>General Fund</b>											
101	General	13,158,604	7,318,350	56	(5,840,254)	-	-	-	13,158,604	7,318,350	56
<b>Major Operating Funds</b>											
220	Street Maintenance and Repair	621,250	242,274	39	(378,976)	764,244	444,399	58	1,385,494	686,673	50
228	Leisure Activity	510,600	277,885	54	(232,715)	818,062	368,241	45	1,328,662	646,126	49
230	Health	160,195	137,001	86	(23,194)	-	-	-	160,195	137,001	86
510	Sidewalk, Curb & Apron	70,000	11,057	16	(58,943)	142,733	-	-	212,733	11,057	5
308	Equipment Replacement	-	9,086	-	9,086	500,000	500,000	100	500,000	509,086	102
309	Capital Improvement	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	100	1,500,000	1,500,000	100
707	Service Center	289,596	158,633	55	(130,963)	422,964	245,561	58	712,560	404,194	57
<b>Other Funds</b>											
208	Bullock Endowment Trust	300	44	15	(256)	-	-	-	300	44	15
209	MLK Community Recognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210	Special Improvement District Assessment	111,720	58,653	53	(53,067)	-	-	-	111,720	58,653	53
211	Smith Memorial Gardens	55,350	37,776	68	(17,574)	60,590	23,792	39	115,940	61,568	53
212	Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment	2,600	1,365	53	(1,235)	-	-	-	2,600	1,365	53
213	Enforcement and Education	200	-	-	(200)	-	-	-	200	-	-
214	Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
215	Drug Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
216	Police Pension	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
217	Court Clerk Computerization	8,000	3,157	39	(4,843)	-	-	-	8,000	3,157	39
218	Court Computerization	4,200	1,375	33	(2,825)	-	-	-	4,200	1,375	33
219	Court Special Projects	7,000	2,357	34	(4,643)	-	-	-	7,000	2,357	34
224	State Highway Improvement	47,250	18,996	40	(28,254)	-	-	-	47,250	18,996	40
240	Public Safety Endowment	1,300	188	14	(1,112)	-	-	-	1,300	188	14
250	Special Projects	4,800	3,043	63	(1,757)	1,500,000	1,500,000	100	1,504,800	1,503,043	100
310	Issue 2 Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
311	Public Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
312	Local Coronavirus Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
313	Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	468,030	1,868	-	(466,162)	-	-	-	468,030	1,868	-
414	Bond Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
508	Electric Street Lighting	130,000	121,509	93	(8,491)	30,900	30,900	100	160,900	152,409	95
706	Self-Funding Insurance Trust	-	-	-	-	17,500	6,799	39	17,500	6,799	39
810	Fire Insurance Trust	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
811	Contractors Permit Fee	2,000	1,200	60	(800)	-	-	-	2,000	1,200	60
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,652,995</b>	<b>8,405,817</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>(7,247,178)</b>	<b>5,756,993</b>	<b>4,619,692</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>21,409,988</b>	<b>13,025,509</b>	<b>61</b>

**Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates  
for the period ended May 31, 2022  
GENERAL CITY SERVICES FUNDS**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
<b>General Fund</b>													
101	General	9,398,375	3,891,949	41	507,251	4,399,200	47	5,571,909	4,512,493	81	14,970,284	8,911,693	60
<b>Major Operating Funds</b>													
220	Street Maintenance and Repair	1,280,657	514,154	40	143,063	657,217	51	178,364	102,983	58	1,459,021	760,200	52
228	Leisure Activity	1,354,965	436,404	32	195,589	631,993	47	3,360	2,108	63	1,358,325	634,101	47
230	Health	169,890	70,654	42	9,699	80,353	47	3,360	2,108	63	173,250	82,461	48
510	Sidewalk, Curb & Apron	176,900	725	-	504	1,229	1	-	-	-	176,900	1,229	1
308	Equipment Replacement	808,968	83,096	10	570,945	654,041	81	-	-	-	808,968	654,041	81
309	Capital Improvement	1,566,789	125,582	8	1,229,929	1,355,511	87	-	-	-	1,566,789	1,355,511	87
707	Service Center	790,279	281,055	36	200,858	481,913	61	-	-	-	790,279	481,913	61
<b>Other Funds</b>													
208	Bullock Endowment Trust	1,000	500	50	-	500	50	-	-	-	1,000	500	50
209	MLK Community Recognition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
210	Special Improvement District Assessment	111,720	55,853	50	2,800	58,653	53	-	-	-	111,720	58,653	53
211	Smith Memorial Gardens	118,682	42,856	36	14,467	57,323	48	-	-	-	118,682	57,323	48
212	Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-
213	Enforcement and Education	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-
214	Law Enforcement	3,000	1,000	33	-	1,000	33	-	-	-	3,000	1,000	33
215	Drug Law Enforcement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
216	Police Pension	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
217	Court Clerk Computerization	8,500	1,948	23	2,754	4,702	55	-	-	-	8,500	4,702	55
218	Court Computerization	9,000	143	2	2,047	2,190	24	-	-	-	9,000	2,190	24
219	Court Special Projects	5,500	2,076	38	44	2,120	39	-	-	-	5,500	2,120	39
224	State Highway Improvement	40,130	6,289	16	23,384	29,673	74	-	-	-	40,130	29,673	74
240	Public Safety Endowment	42,000	125	-	22,451	22,576	54	-	-	-	42,000	22,576	54
250	Special Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
310	Issue 2 Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
311	Public Facilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
312	Local Coronavirus Relief	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
313	Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
414	Bond Retirement	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
508	Electric Street Lighting	188,780	69,782	37	103,733	173,515	92	-	-	-	188,780	173,515	92
706	Self-Funding Insurance Trust	17,500	5,828	33	971	6,799	39	-	-	-	17,500	6,799	39
810	Fire Insurance Trust	37,559	-	-	37,559	37,559	100	-	-	-	37,559	37,559	100
811	Contractors Permit Fee	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>16,135,194</b>	<b>5,590,019</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3,068,048</b>	<b>8,658,067</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>5,756,993</b>	<b>4,619,692</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>21,892,187</b>	<b>13,277,759</b>	<b>61</b>

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of May 31, 2022:

\$ 31,260

CHART NE3

# GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

## 5-YEAR HISTORY

YTD at May 31, 2022

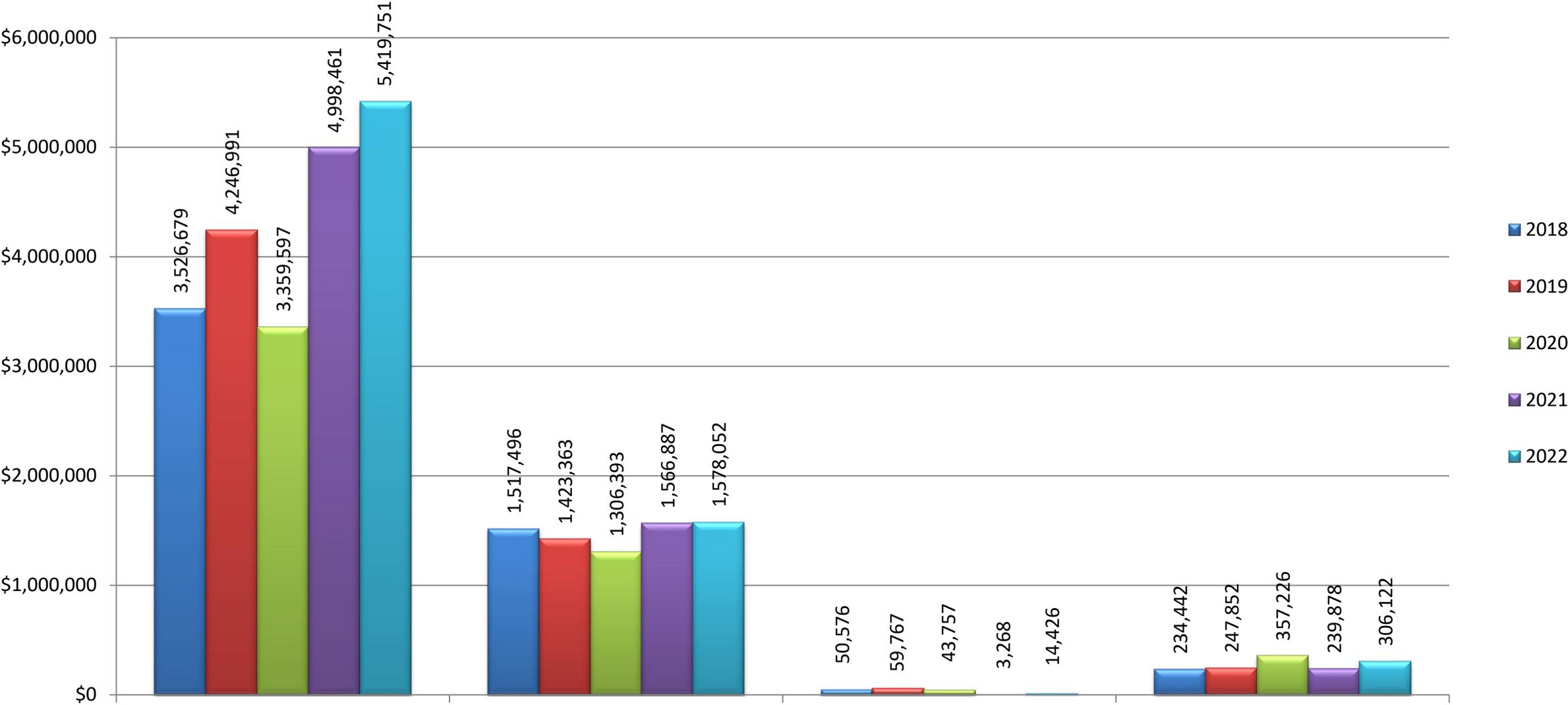
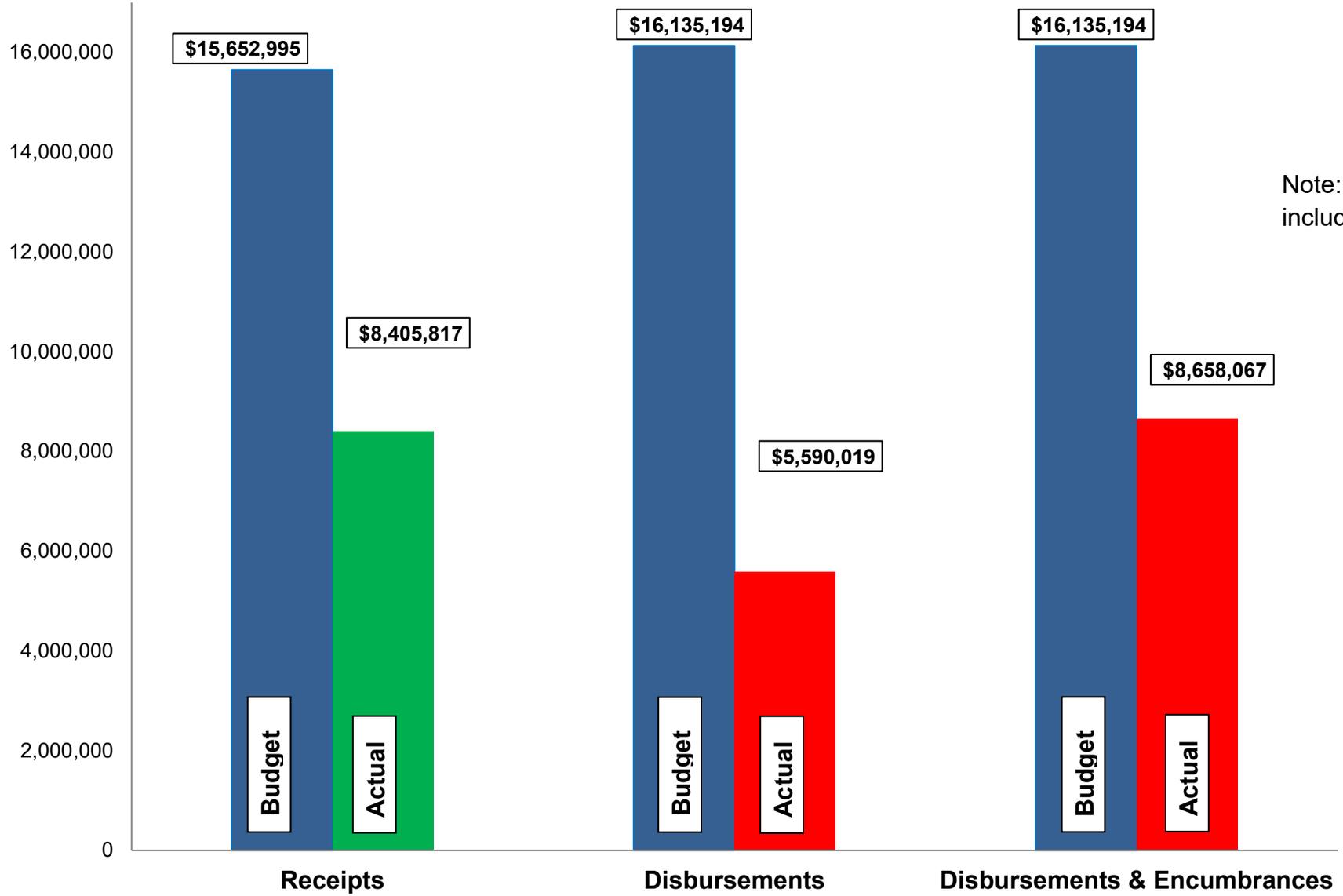


Chart NE4

**Budget, Revenues & Expenditures  
as of May 31, 2022  
GENERAL CITY SERVICES  
(Excludes Internal Transfers)**



Note: Disbursements and Disbursements & Encumbrances bars include \$1,163,444 appropriated from prior year budgets.

**CHART NE5**

**Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances  
for the period ended May 31, 2022  
REFUSE FUND**

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
205	Refuse	504,123	7,983	512,106	591,525	1,103,631	723,541	380,090	125,882	254,208	(132,016)	(249,915)
206	Refuse Equipment Replacement	104,713	-	104,713	150,000	254,713	120,055	134,658	8,700	125,958	29,945	21,245
	<b>Total</b>	<b>608,836</b>	<b>7,983</b>	<b>616,819</b>	<b>741,525</b>	<b>1,358,344</b>	<b>843,596</b>	<b>514,748</b>	<b>134,582</b>	<b>380,166</b>	<b>(102,071)</b>	<b>(228,670)</b>

**Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates  
for the period ended May 31, 2022**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
205	Refuse	1,378,600	591,525	43	(787,075)	-	-	-	1,378,600	591,525	43
206	Refuse Equipment Replacement	-	-	-	-	150,000	150,000	100	150,000	150,000	100
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,378,600</b>	<b>591,525</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>(787,075)</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,528,600</b>	<b>741,525</b>	<b>49</b>

**Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates  
for the period ended May 31, 2022**

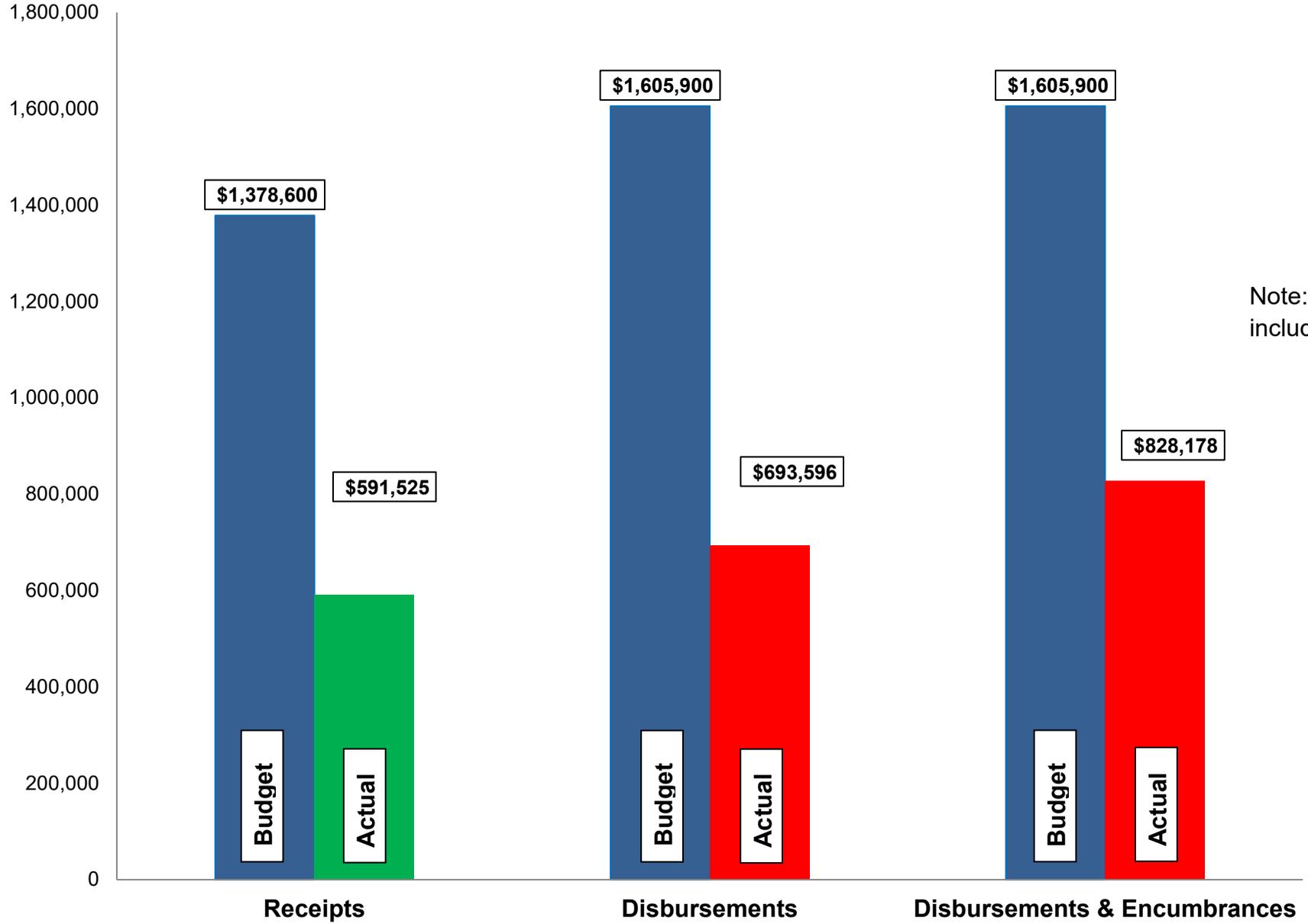
#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
205	Refuse	1,409,900	573,541	41	125,882	699,423	50	150,000	150,000	100	1,680,552	849,423	51
206	Refuse Equipment Replacement	196,000	120,055	61	8,700	128,755	66	-	-	-	196,000	128,755	66
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,605,900</b>	<b>693,596</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>134,582</b>	<b>828,178</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,876,552</b>	<b>978,178</b>	<b>52</b>

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of May 31, 2022:

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CHART R1

# Budget, Revenues & Expenditures as of May 31, 2022 REFUSE FUNDS



Note: Disbursements and Disbursements & Encumbrances bars include \$7,983 appropriated from prior year budgets.

CHART R2

**Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances  
for the period ended May 31, 2022  
WATER FUNDS**

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
602	Waterworks	1,073,026	44,138	1,117,164	417,998	1,535,162	704,197	830,965	220,758	610,207	(286,199)	(462,819)
603	Water Improve/Equip Replace	327,942	40,712	368,654	200,000	568,654	27,078	541,576	80,723	460,853	172,922	132,911
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,400,968</b>	<b>84,850</b>	<b>1,485,818</b>	<b>617,998</b>	<b>2,103,816</b>	<b>731,275</b>	<b>1,372,541</b>	<b>301,481</b>	<b>1,071,060</b>	<b>(113,277)</b>	<b>(329,908)</b>

**Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates  
for the period ended May 31, 2022**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
602	Waterworks	1,209,500	417,998	35	(791,502)	-	-	-	1,209,500	417,998	35
603	Water Improve/Equip Replace	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000	100	200,000	200,000	100
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,209,500</b>	<b>417,998</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>(791,502)</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,409,500</b>	<b>617,998</b>	<b>44</b>

**Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates  
for the period ended May 31, 2022**

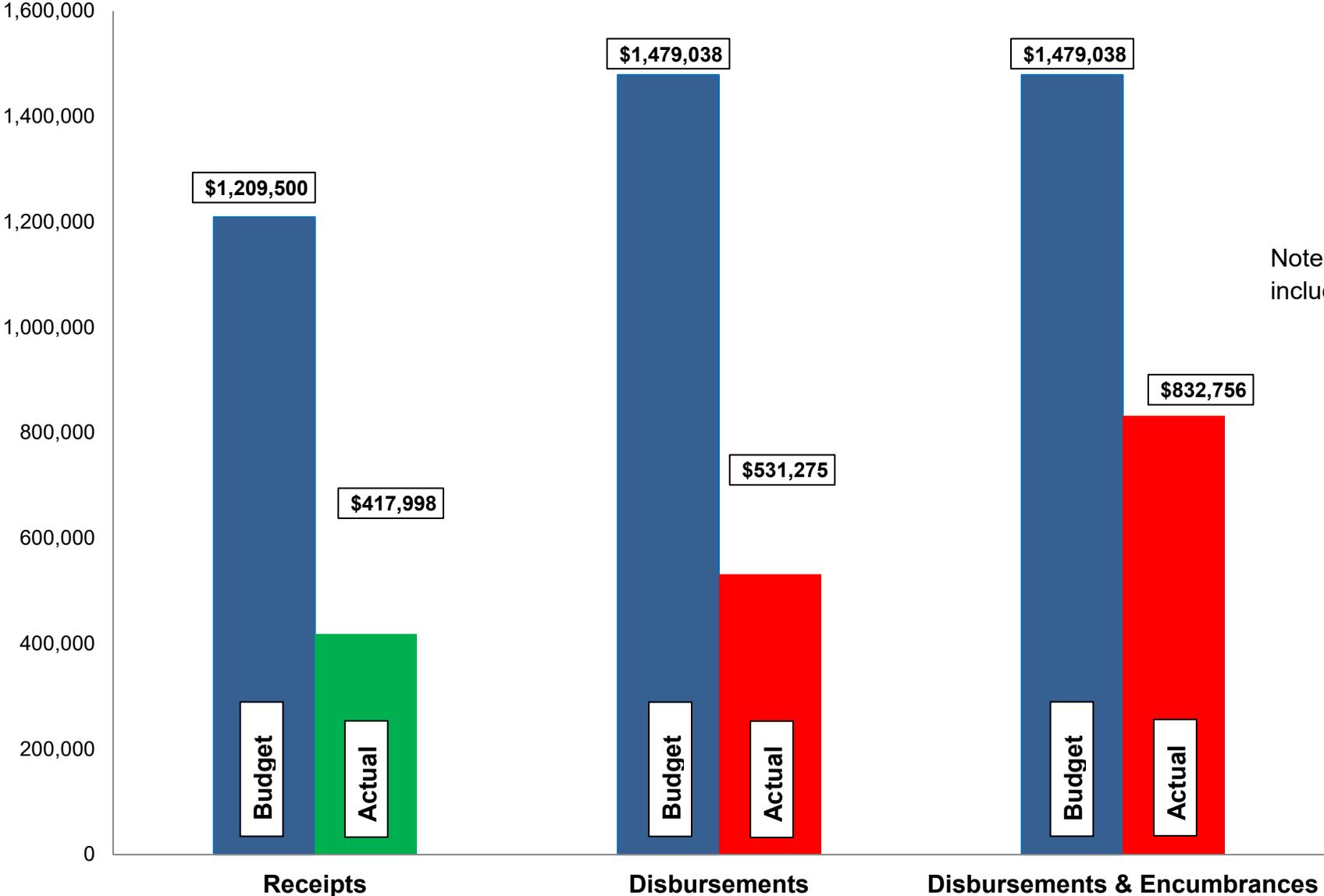
#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
602	Waterworks	1,296,826	504,197	39	220,758	724,955	56	200,000	200,000	100	1,577,690	924,955	59
603	Water Improve/Equip Replace	182,212	27,078	15	80,723	107,801	59	-	-	-	182,212	107,801	59
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,479,038</b>	<b>531,275</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>301,481</b>	<b>832,756</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,759,902</b>	<b>1,032,756</b>	<b>59</b>

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of May 31, 2022:

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CHART W1

**Budget, Revenues & Expenditures  
as of May 31, 2022  
WATER FUNDS  
(Excludes Internal Transfers)**



Note: Disbursements and Disbursements & Encumbrances bars include \$84,850 appropriated from prior year budgets.

**CHART W2**

**Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances  
for the period ended May 31, 2022  
SANITARY SEWER FUNDS**

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
607	Sanitary Sewer Disp. and Maint.	1,568,368	249,380	1,817,748	729,905	2,547,653	1,024,947	1,522,706	36,164	1,486,542	(295,042)	(81,826)
608	Sewer Improve/Equip Replace	263,748	187,146	450,894	200,000	650,894	93,077	557,817	196,568	361,249	106,923	97,501
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,832,116</b>	<b>436,526</b>	<b>2,268,642</b>	<b>929,905</b>	<b>3,198,547</b>	<b>1,118,024</b>	<b>2,080,523</b>	<b>232,732</b>	<b>1,847,791</b>	<b>(188,119)</b>	<b>15,675</b>

**Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates  
for the period ended May 31, 2022**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
607	Sanitary Sewer Disp. and Maint.	1,913,200	729,905	38	(1,183,295)	-	-	-	1,913,200	729,905	38
608	Sewer Improve/Equip Replace	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000	100	200,000	200,000	100
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,913,200</b>	<b>729,905</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>(1,183,295)</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,113,200</b>	<b>929,905</b>	<b>44</b>

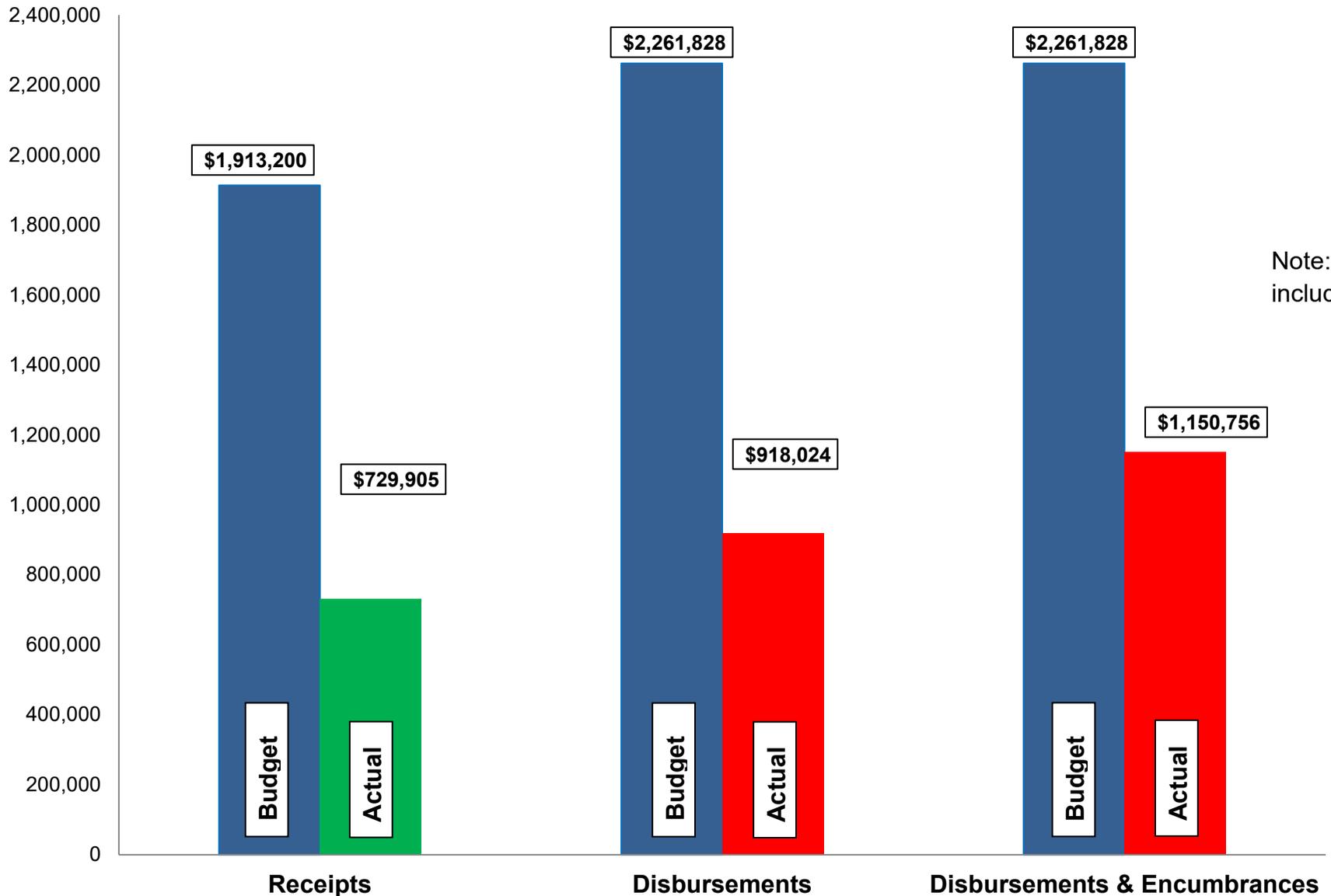
**Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates  
for the period ended May 31, 2022**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
607	Sanitary Sewer Disp. and Maint.	1,924,682	824,947	43	36,164	861,111	45	200,000	200,000	100	2,163,464	1,061,111	49
608	Sewer Improve/Equip Replace	337,146	93,077	28	196,568	289,645	86	-	-	-	337,146	289,645	86
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,261,828</b>	<b>918,024</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>232,732</b>	<b>1,150,756</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,500,610</b>	<b>1,350,756</b>	<b>54</b>

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of May 31, 2022: \$ -

CHART S1

**Budget, Revenues & Expenditures  
as of May 31, 2022  
SANITARY SEWER FUNDS  
(Excludes Internal Transfers)**



Note: Disbursements and Disbursements & Encumbrances bars include \$436,526 appropriated from prior year budgets.

**CHART S2**

**Fund Balance Report Reflecting Year-to-Date Receipts and Expenditures, including Prior-Year Obligations and Encumbrances  
for the period ended May 31, 2022  
STORMWATER FUNDS**

#	Fund Name	Beginning Unencumbered Balance	Encumbrances	Beginning Cash Balance	Y-T-D Total Receipts	Available Funds	Y-T-D Total Disbursements	Ending Cash Balance	Encumbrances	Ending Unencumbered Balance	Change in Cash Balance	Change in Unencumbered Balance
615	Stormwater Utility	386,356	29,892	416,248	194,105	610,353	328,760	281,593	37,684	243,909	(134,655)	(142,447)
616	Stormwater Improve/Equip Replace	109,390	70,000	179,390	200,000	379,390	-	379,390	70,000	309,390	200,000	200,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>495,746</b>	<b>99,892</b>	<b>595,638</b>	<b>394,105</b>	<b>989,743</b>	<b>328,760</b>	<b>660,983</b>	<b>107,684</b>	<b>553,299</b>	<b>65,345</b>	<b>57,553</b>

**Current Revenue as Compared to Annual Estimates  
for the period ended May 31, 2022**

#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Receipts	YTD Outside Receipts	% of Budget	Net Difference (\$)	Budgeted Transfer Receipts	YTD Transfer Receipts	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Receipts	YTD Total Receipts	% of Budget
615	Stormwater Utility	466,235	194,105	42	(272,130)	-	-	-	466,235	194,105	42
616	Stormwater Improve/Equip Replace	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000	100	200,000	200,000	100
<b>Total</b>		<b>466,235</b>	<b>194,105</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>(272,130)</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>666,235</b>	<b>394,105</b>	<b>59</b>

**Current Disbursements, including Encumbrances, as Compared to Annual Estimates  
for the period ended May 31, 2022**

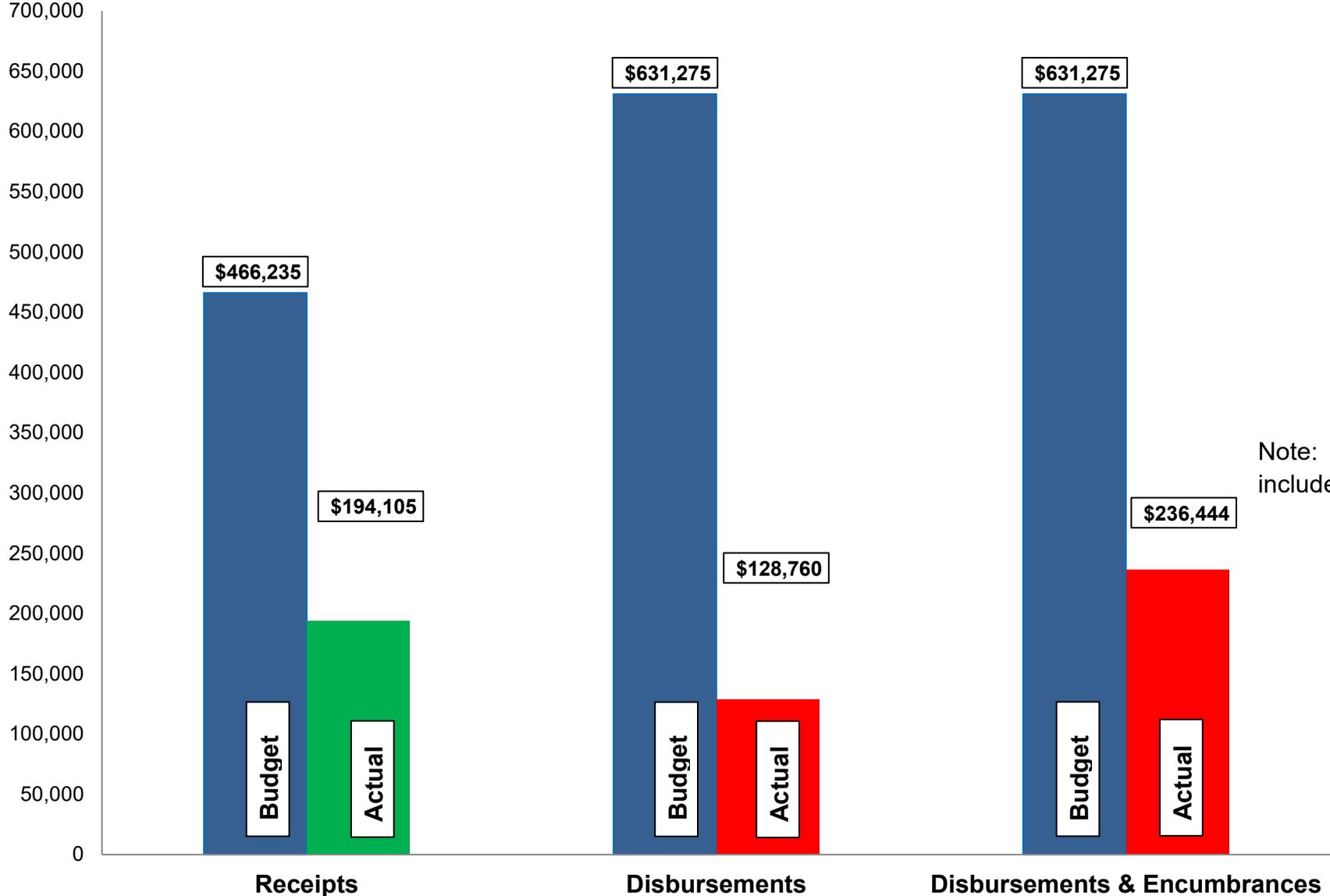
#	Fund Name	Budgeted Outside Disbursements	YTD Outside Disbursements	% of Budget	Encumbrances	YTD Outside Disbursements & Encumbrances	% of Budget	Budgeted Transfer Disbursements	YTD Transfer Disbursements	% of Budget	Budgeted Total Disbursements	YTD Total Disb., Enc. & Tfrs	% of Budget
615	Stormwater Utility	356,275	128,760	36	37,684	166,444	47	200,000	200,000	100	580,573	366,444	63
616	Stormwater Improve/Equip Replace	275,000	-	-	70,000	70,000	-	-	-	-	275,000	70,000	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>631,275</b>	<b>128,760</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>107,684</b>	<b>236,444</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>855,573</b>	<b>436,444</b>	<b>51</b>

(1) Prior years encumbrances closed (money not spent) as of May 31, 2022:

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CHART ST1

**Budget, Revenues & Expenditures  
as of May 31, 2022  
STORMWATER FUNDS  
(Excludes Internal Transfers)**



Note: Disbursements and Disbursements & Encumbrances bars include \$99,892 appropriated from prior year budgets.

**CHART ST2**

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Subject: Monthly Financials – May

The following are the items to note when reviewing May's financials:

General City Services:

- Gross Income Tax collections are at 55.37% of the budgeted \$10.00M. April and May are normally our largest collection months. The gross and net 2022 collections are more than YTD May 2021 by 8.87% and 8.43%, respectively.
- Our Real Estate tax collections total \$1,578,052; 56.84% of budget.
- General Fund revenues are 56% of budget and total General City Services revenues are 54% of budget.
- General Fund expenditures, including encumbrances, are 47% of budget and total General City Services expenditures, including encumbrances, are 54% of budget.
- Budgeted disbursements for General City Services include \$14,821,750 in original appropriations plus the following supplemental appropriation:
  - \$150,000 approved February 7, 2022 for engineering costs related to the Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project.
- No unusual items in the month of May.

Refuse Fund:

- Refuse revenues are approximately 43% of budget. Expenditures, including encumbrances, are approximately 52% of budget.
- Budgeted disbursements for Refuse include \$1,597,917 in original appropriations.
- No unusual items in the month of May.

Enterprise Funds:

- Water revenues are approximately 35% of budget. Expenditures, including encumbrances, are approximately 56% of budget.
- Budgeted disbursements for Water include \$1,394,188 in original appropriations.
- Sewer revenues are approximately 38% of budget. Expenditures, including encumbrances, are approximately 51% of budget. 68% of our 2021 costs were a result of payments to Dayton and Montgomery County for wastewater treatment.
- Budgeted disbursements for Sanitary Sewer include \$1,825,302 in original appropriations.
- Stormwater revenues are approximately 42% of budget. Expenditures, including encumbrances, are approximately 37% of budget.
- Budgeted disbursements for Stormwater include \$531,383 in original appropriations.
- No unusual items in the month of May.

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**INCOME TAX COMPARISON - GROSS RECEIPTS**

2020 through 2022

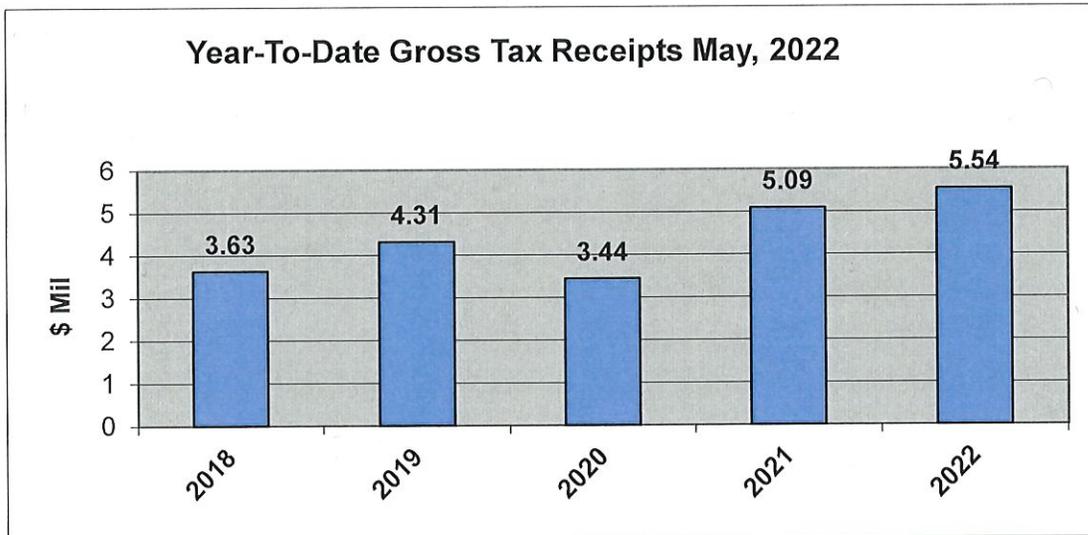
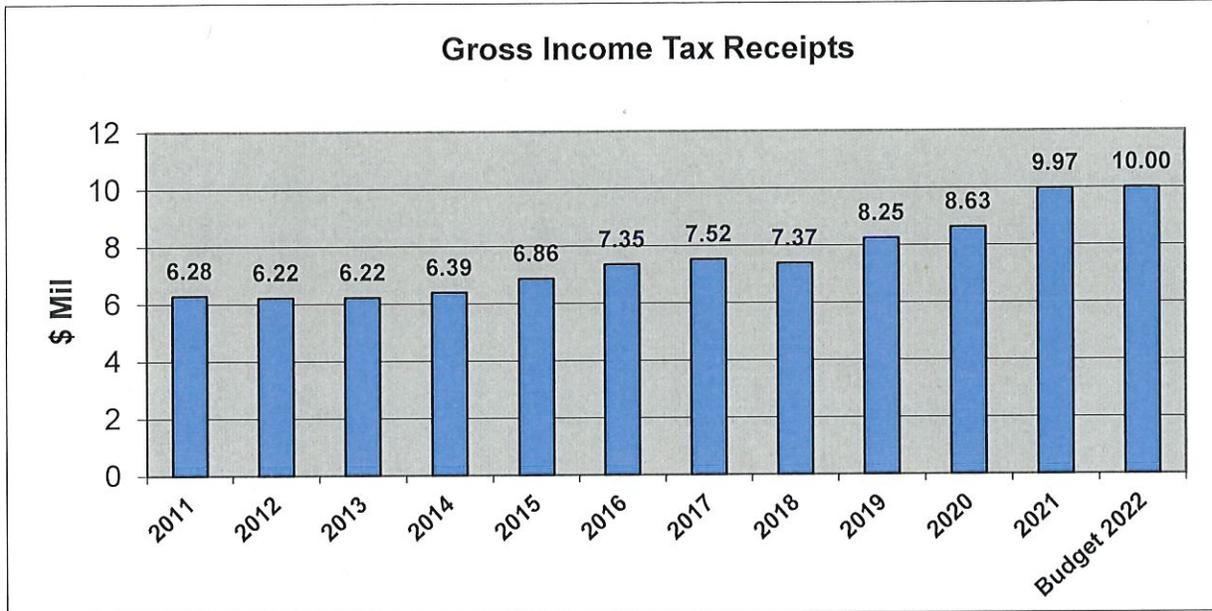
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>DAILY</u> <u>INCR / DECR</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u> <u>INCR / (DECR)</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u> <u>INCR / (DECR)</u>
JANUARY	\$923,155.30	\$1,178,107.88	\$1,206,895.03	N/A	\$28,787.15	\$28,787.15
FEBRUARY	\$687,202.57	\$562,861.33	\$589,786.40	N/A	\$26,925.07	\$55,712.22
MARCH	\$557,963.20	\$707,232.33	\$774,848.77	N/A	\$67,616.44	\$123,328.66
APRIL	\$783,531.09	\$965,250.67	\$1,525,835.38	N/A	\$560,584.71	\$683,913.37
MAY	\$484,912.96	\$1,672,604.34	\$1,439,747.23	N/A	(\$232,857.11)	\$451,056.26
JUNE	\$790,436.66	\$1,030,290.33		N/A		
JULY	\$1,436,657.02	\$601,035.27		N/A		
AUGUST	\$543,942.08	\$582,800.20		N/A		
SEPTEMBER	\$741,854.28	\$783,154.97		N/A		
OCTOBER	\$586,290.99	\$616,709.11		N/A		
NOVEMBER	\$474,997.55	\$651,147.77		N/A		
DECEMBER	\$620,059.84	\$618,792.43		N/A		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,631,003.54</b>	<b>\$9,969,986.63</b>	<b>\$5,537,112.81</b>			

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>DAILY</u> <u>INCR / ( DECR)</u>	<u>MONTHLY</u> <u>INCR / (DECR)</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u> <u>INCR / (DECR)</u>
<b>MAY</b>						
1	25,173.47	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$683,913.37
2	0.00	0.00	29,161.26	\$29,161.26	\$29,161.26	\$713,074.63
3	0.00	56,662.65	109,773.72	\$53,111.07	\$82,272.33	\$766,185.70
4	6,005.60	17,331.84	89,304.57	\$71,972.73	\$154,245.06	\$838,158.43
5	41,991.76	166,338.60	74,754.48	(\$91,584.12)	\$62,660.94	\$746,574.31
6	16,641.28	37,083.14	70,887.69	\$33,804.55	\$96,465.49	\$780,378.86
7	21,835.62	38,647.36	0.00	(\$38,647.36)	\$57,818.13	\$741,731.50
8	11,093.61	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$57,818.13	\$741,731.50
9	0.00	0.00	70,127.72	\$70,127.72	\$127,945.85	\$811,859.22
10	0.00	42,817.44	58,779.72	\$15,962.28	\$143,908.13	\$827,821.50
11	46,821.02	58,943.97	79,700.86	\$20,756.89	\$164,665.02	\$848,578.39
12	14,459.19	62,978.24	61,260.14	(\$1,718.10)	\$162,946.92	\$846,860.29
13	42,324.50	81,147.04	141,894.70	\$60,747.66	\$223,694.58	\$907,607.95
14	7,698.30	71,693.49	0.00	(\$71,693.49)	\$152,001.09	\$835,914.46
15	98,636.40	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	\$152,001.09	\$835,914.46
16	0.00	0.00	50,990.17	\$50,990.17	\$202,991.26	\$886,904.63
17	0.00	57,188.89	31,347.16	(\$25,841.73)	\$177,149.53	\$861,062.90
18	25,132.39	362,630.49	51,599.03	(\$311,031.46)	(\$133,881.93)	\$550,031.44
19	33,941.72	90,784.08	211,447.18	\$120,663.10	(\$13,218.83)	\$670,694.54
20	2,099.01	112,576.99	45,393.39	(\$67,183.60)	(\$80,402.43)	\$603,510.94
21	8,063.20	66,352.26	0.00	(\$66,352.26)	(\$146,754.69)	\$537,158.68
22	12,867.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$146,754.69)	\$537,158.68
23	0.00	0.00	76,347.71	\$76,347.71	(\$70,406.98)	\$613,506.39
24	0.00	91,357.39	104,379.79	\$13,022.40	(\$57,384.58)	\$626,528.79
25	0.00	52,019.71	10,129.72	(\$41,889.99)	(\$99,274.57)	\$584,638.80
26	6,320.39	85,521.82	8,166.97	(\$77,354.85)	(\$176,629.42)	\$507,283.95
27	30,566.63	58,269.92	21,476.88	(\$36,793.04)	(\$213,422.46)	\$470,490.91
28	2,466.44	62,259.02	0.00	(\$62,259.02)	(\$275,681.48)	\$408,231.89
29	30,775.43	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$275,681.48)	\$408,231.89
30	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$275,681.48)	\$408,231.89
31	0.00	0.00	42,824.37	\$42,824.37	(\$232,857.11)	\$451,056.26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$484,912.96</b>	<b>\$1,672,604.34</b>	<b>\$1,439,747.23</b>	<b>NEED</b> <b>\$232,857.11</b> <b>TO MATCH</b> <b>MAY '21</b>		

# TAX REVENUE ANALYSIS

## 2022

The following graphs depict total income tax receipts and do not include tax refunds issued.



### Year-To-Date Gross Collections vs Prior Year

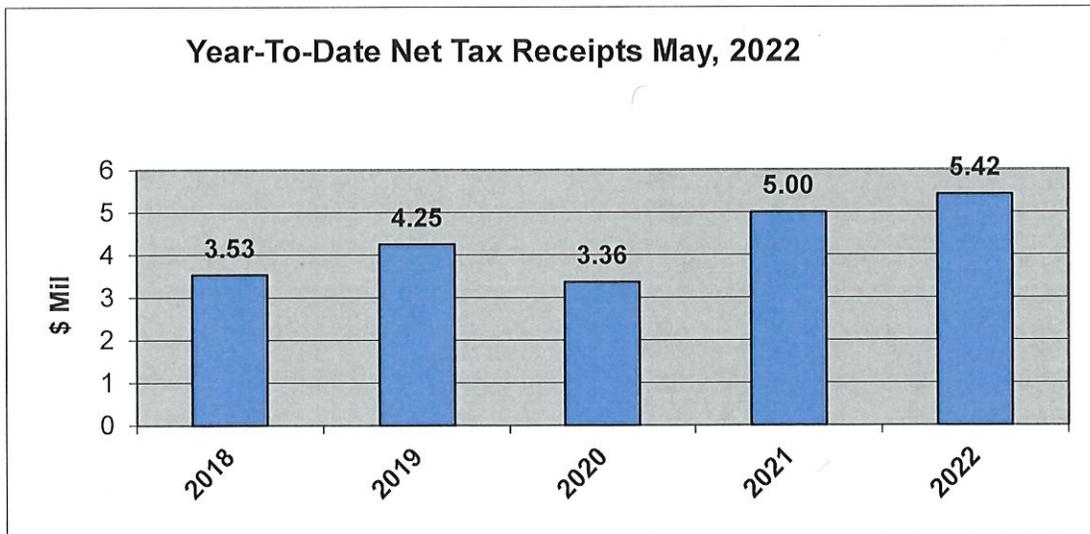
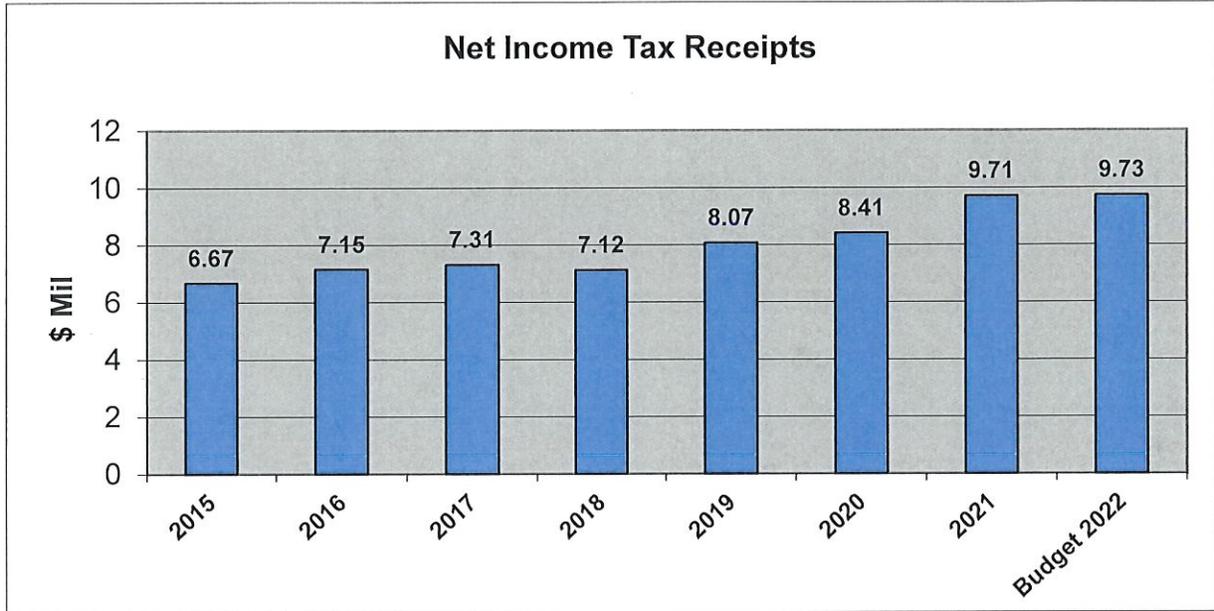
2021	\$5,086,056.55
2022	\$5,537,112.81

Change	8.87%
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# TAX REVENUE ANALYSIS

## 2022

The following graphs depict total income tax receipts less refunds issued.



### Year-To-Date Net Collections vs Prior Year

2021	\$4,998,460.89
2022	\$5,419,750.54
Change	8.43%



The Blue Leaf's Band



Madcap Puppets



Murphy/Kelch

## Friends of Smith Gardens Blanket Concert Series returns for summer performances

The Friends of Smith Gardens and the City of Oakwood 2022 Blanket Concert Series will present three performances this summer.

The series is a community favorite and this year's schedule offer something for everyone. Bring your blanket and join the fun at Smith Gardens. In case of rain, the concerts will be held at the Oakwood Community Center. All concerts are free and open to the public.

### Madcap Puppets: Pinocchio

7 p.m. Sunday, June 5

Madcap Puppets, based in Cincinnati, is nationally recognized for engaging audiences through their original children's theatre productions that include life-size puppets. They work to entertain and educate children and adults.

For this show you will join Geppetto's beloved puppet on a thrilling quest to become a real boy. Pinocchio is lured into every prank and scheme imaginable as giant puppets and audience participation are woven into this cherished classic tale. This

life size play is sure to delight audiences of all ages. This is something the whole family will enjoy!

### The Blue Leaf's Band

7 p.m. Sunday, July 24

The Blue Leaf's, a star of the Dayton music scene, is a 4-piece rock band reviving the sounds of the 1960s, 70s and 80s for modern audiences. The Blue Leaf's brand of "Throwback Rock n Roll" has been described as a marriage of artists like Queen, Billy

Joel, and the Beatles into an unforgettable showcase of the classic rock sound.

Praised by fans for their ability to pull off difficult harmonies in songs like "Bohemian Rhapsody", "Mr. Blue Sky" and "Band on the Run," The Blue Leaf's feature their vocals above all else.

While vocals take the forefront, instrumental proficiency follows close behind, with songs like "Great Balls

of Fire," "Wipeout!" and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" prominently featuring displays of instrumental mastery likely to entertain anyone. The group is very excited to bring their music to Oakwood's Summer Concert Series for the first time!

### Murphy/Kelch

7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21

After playing locally in numerous bands for decades, Steve Kelch (hand percussion / vocals) and Jim Murphy

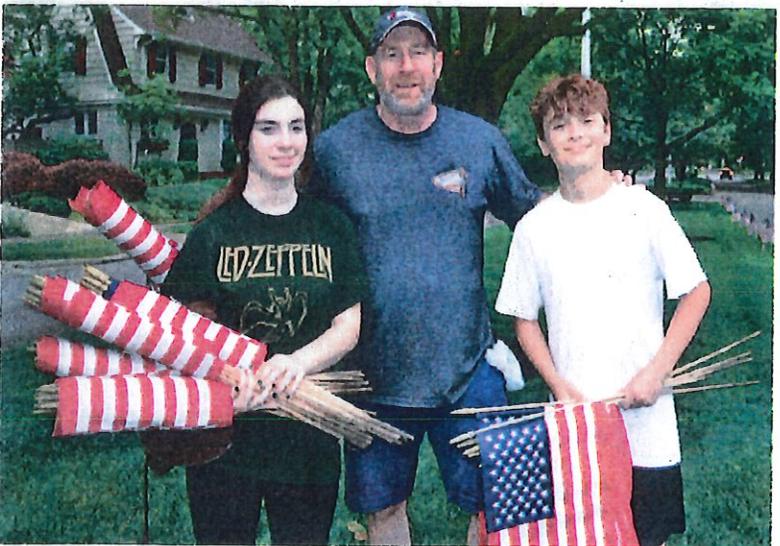
(guitar / vocals) have been entertaining folks for the past six years as an acoustic duo.

They have and currently are playing at local beer and wine venues, restaurants, festivals, private parties and fundraising events.

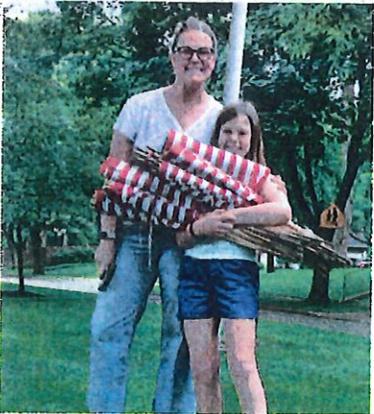
Their repertoire consists of classic rock, folk and blues songs that everyone will recognize and want to sing along to. You don't want to miss this performance!



**Remembrance**  
Avery Lau, age 9, helps place American flags along Shafor Boulevard on Thurs., May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. The effort to decorate the boulevard with flags was led by Oakwood resident Laura Hart.



Brian Williamson with his children Emily and Brian.



Avery and Heather Lau.



David Lendt lends a patriotic helping hand.

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# Tree dedication at Oakwood Community Center



Noted for her constant calls to "keep moving," Lois Milligan will always be remembered at the Oakwood Community Center to be as strong as this Princeton Elm and as beautiful as an elm on a spring day. After retiring as a registered nurse, she dedicated herself on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1991 through 2021 to helping scores of others to make their lives healthier and longer. Now retired again, she succeeded far beyond expectations. "We, her last class of Easy Exercise, thank her and wish her good health in all the years to come."



OR 4/11/22

## KETTERING

# Police probe new post office mailbox theft

Residents urged not to use boxes outside post offices.

By Parker Perry  
Staff Writer

Kettering Police are investigating a new mail theft from an outdoor post office mailbox last week, committed after a recent rash of incidents in area com-

munities that led to four people being arrested in May.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office also said it has handled new mail theft cases, the most recent one reported May 23.

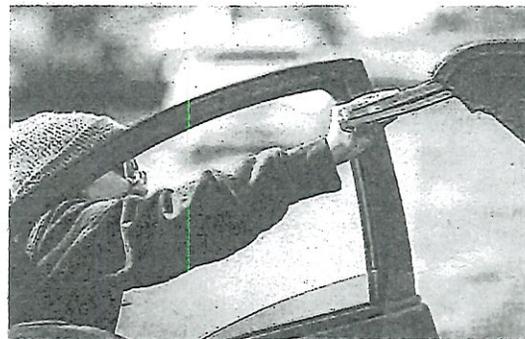
"KPD urges people to not use the drop boxes, and to walk their outgoing mail into the post office to hand to an employee," Kettering police officer Tyler Johnson said.

Kettering police officers went

to the post office at 1490 Forrer Blvd. on May 25 for a theft complaint, according to police. Johnson said a postal worker found the exterior mail drop boxes open when they arrived to work. Exactly what was stolen from the mailbox is still being looked into.

"KPD is currently working with the postal inspector on this investigation, and it is ongoing," Johnson said.

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A customer drops off mail at the U.S. Post Office on East Stroop Road in Kettering. Dozens of cases of check theft have been reported this year from USPS drop boxes in local communities. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

## Drop boxes

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son said.

A postal service key that unlocks "all Dayton-area mailboxes" was stolen, according to a May 14 Dayton police incident report. Following the key theft, post office drop boxes in Beavercreek, Dayton, Kettering and Washington Twp. were all hit, according to police. Johnson said it is unclear how many keys are out there and what the post offices will do to secure their mailboxes.

Questions about how many keys exist and what is being done to either collect them or render them useless weren't immediately answered by the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office on Monday.

Four people were arrested May 19 in the 3200 block of Gracemore Avenue on preliminary theft and receiving stolen property charges, Kettering Police Chief Chip Protsman said. The four have not been charged,

according to online court records.

Four people were charged in March in connection to a string of check thefts from mailboxes. Michael E. George of Cincinnati, Brittany L. Kinder and Daniel L. Yates, both of Newport, Kentucky, face charges and the cases against them are pending, according to online court records. Meanwhile, records show a motion for treatment in lieu of conviction was granted last week for Craig A. Ross of Dayton.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office previously reported it is investigating numerous incidents since February of checks stolen from outdoor mailboxes. There have been 34 reports filed, mostly coming from the Washington Twp. post office.

Capt. Mike Brem also recommended that people drop the mail inside post offices and not use the mailboxes outside.

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# Police recruits sought after high turnover

Dayton tackles what a sergeant calls a multi-pronged issue.

**By Cornelius Frolk**  
Staff Writer

DAYTON – The Dayton Police Department already has seen nearly two dozen officers resign or retire this year, which is more than any recent full year, according to city data.

Police officials say staffing levels and retention could remain a challenge moving forward, and some community members who were involved in police reform efforts say it's vital to get more residents interested in police work.

Police work is hectic and stressful, especially for officers who work in urban communities like Dayton, and the Dayton Police Department is losing some personnel to other cities that pay more and have less serious crime, said police Chief Kamran Afzal.

"These are men and women who ... are willing to put their lives in danger for total strangers," he said.

As of May 24, the Dayton Police Department had 332 sworn officers, which is down from 354 at the end of 2021.

The police department on average tries to have at least

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365 officers on the force.

So far this year, 23 officers have retired or resigned, which is two more than in all of 2021 and six more than in all of 2020, according to department data.

No more than 22 officers have left the department in any full year since at least 2015, the data show.

Some officers are retiring, and others are leaving the profession for another career field, Afzal said, but the department also is losing officers to other police agencies.

Officers who leave often accept jobs in suburban communities across the region, some of which offer better pay and have fewer critical incidents that officers must respond to, Afzal said.

Afzal said he agrees that police with urban departments also may face more critical scrutiny than officers with other types of departments, and he knows some Dayton officers feel the good work they do day in and day out is not acknowledged.

The community should be concerned about losing a large amount of people in professions where they are called to serve, protect and even educate, said Gerald Parker Jr., a Montgomery County Common Pleas Court judge who was co-lead of the Dayton police reform committee focused on recruitment and promotion.

Dayton's police reform efforts led to the creation a new unit focused on recruiting, as well as new policies and recommendations on how to increase interest in Dayton police jobs, with special attention given to boosting diversity.

Parker said he is confident the police department is doing all it can to improve officer retention and strengthen the recruiting process.

But today's climate is an issue, Parker said, and young people don't seem to have careers in law enforcement anywhere near the top of



SWAT officers from the Dayton Police Department assist the Riverside Police Department at the scene of a triple shooting Jan. 17 in Riverside. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

their future job wish lists.

"Personally, I have always been an advocate for continually educating and even training our youth about different professions, such as a police officer, both early and often," Parker said. "It is the most effective way to sell the idea of joining the police force and encourage it in the future."

Dayton police officers received lots of gratitude, support and praise after a Ku Klux Klan-affiliated hate group rally, the Memorial Day tornadoes and the Oregon District shooting, all of which took place in 2019, said police Sgt. Kyle Thomas, who is the president of the Dayton Fraternal Order of Police, the police union.

But the death of George Floyd in Minnesota the following year led to a major shift in the climate, he said, and many Dayton police officers no longer feel supported.

The Dayton Police Department is now one of the lowest-paying police agencies in Montgomery County, Thomas said, and other departments are luring seasoned officers away by offering better wages and benefits and sometimes a more welcoming environment.

"The solution is difficult, because this is a multi-pronged problem, and it's taken years to get to where we're at," Thomas said.

Police want more support from local leaders, and the city should evaluate police wages and benefits because Dayton went from having some of the highest compensation levels to having

some of lowest, Thomas said.

Afzal said the police department is hiring, and applications from potential recruits will be accepted through July 31.

The current police recruit class (the 111th) is expected to graduate 25 people in June, and the next one is scheduled to start this summer. Officials hope that class will seat close to 30.

"Come join us," he said. "We have openings."

Afzal said he would like the city to convene two police academies per year, instead of just one, to help with staffing.

He also supports allowing police officers from other Ohio police agencies to join the department without going through the full academy, and instead doing a shorter training program.

The police academy training program generally lasts six months.

The Rev. David Fox, a member of the recruitment police reform committee, said he thinks officers feel unappreciated and are pursuing employment opportunities at other departments.

The Rev. Fox said he fears the police force is understaffed, which places a greater workload on officers.

But the Rev. Fox said Chief Afzal's proposals for two police academies per year and lateral transfers will be "game changers."

The recruitment website is [www.joindaytonpd.com](http://www.joindaytonpd.com). That website lists the starting salary for an officer who completes the police academy at \$60,112.

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### MAY 2022 OAKWOOD PROPERTY SALES

<b>SALES ABOVE APPRAISED VALUE</b>					
<b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE SOLD</u></b>	<b><u>SALE PRICE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE LAST SOLD</u></b>	<b><u>LAST SALE PRICE</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTY APPRAISED VALUE</u></b>
430 E SCHANTZ AVE	5/9/22	\$ 850,000	11/8/19	\$ 680,000	\$ 534,270
1350 RUNNYMEDE RD	5/23/22	\$ 768,160	12/4/20	\$ 600,000	\$ 529,750
420 SCHENCK AVE	5/27/22	\$ 750,000	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	\$ 575,330
460 KRAMER RD	5/26/22	\$ 675,000	7/18/17	\$ 575,000	\$ 476,560
118 LOOKOUT DR	5/18/22	\$ 650,000	3/15/21	\$ 551,000	\$ 381,780
58 SPIREA DR	5/17/22	\$ 630,000	2/27/18	\$ 530,000	\$ 441,730
910 HARMAN AVE	5/5/22	\$ 488,858	11/7/19	\$ 320,000	\$ 318,670
100 SPRINGGROVE AVE	5/31/22	\$ 480,000	6/8/20	\$ 385,500	\$ 341,490
349 CLARANNA AVE	5/5/22	\$ 400,000	1/4/19	\$ 299,900	\$ 260,580
304 RIDGEWOOD AVE	5/12/22	\$ 389,900	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	\$ 301,580
112 W SCHANTZ AVE	5/4/22	\$ 388,000	11/7/11	\$ 165,000	\$ 260,920
171 THRUSTON BLVD E	5/24/22	\$ 376,000	10/10/19	\$ 273,500	\$ 285,650
336 WISTERIA DR	5/3/22	\$ 260,000	3/19/93	\$ 135,900	\$ 205,090
2317-2319 SHAFOR BLVD	5/9/22	\$ 250,000	3/19/02	\$ 180,000	\$ 226,150
915 FAR HILLS AVE UNIT 4	5/23/22	\$ 235,000	5/19/14	\$ 168,000	\$ 166,590
247 TELFORD AVE	5/13/22	\$ 234,000	3/22/07	\$ 168,000	\$ 172,350
243 EAST DR	5/27/22	\$ 215,000	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	\$ 160,800
<b>89% ABOVE APPRAISED VALUE</b>					
<b>SALES BELOW APPRAISED VALUE</b>					
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128 DELL PARK AVE	5/23/22	\$ 210,000	3/5/97	\$ 153,000	\$ 221,000
337 MONTERAY AVE	5/9/22	\$ 120,000	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	\$ 131,250
<b>11% BELOW APPRAISED VALUE</b>					



**Matthew & Emily Cook**  
525 Ridgewood Avenue



**508 Irving LLC**  
508 Irving Avenue



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297 Hathaway Road



**Steven & Kim Gilbert**  
508 Acorn Drive



**Jennifer & Andrew Alternberg**  
148 Telford Avenue

# Oakwood Beautification Awards May 2022



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 have a sign placed on their property to recognize their beautification efforts.

***Congratulations!***



**Mark & Denise Kemper**  
315 Wiltshire Boulevard



**Kristi Hale, Director**  
Wright Memorial Library  
1776 Far Hills Avenue



**Dan & Kimberly Lemaster**  
416 Monterey Avenue



**Justin & Erika Sheese**  
343 E. Peach Orchard Avenue



**Todd Barnhart**  
345 Claranna Avenue



**Dr. Gary & Pam Ensor**  
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**Matthew Jessup & Mark McEvily**  
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35 Park Road



**Kyle & Alaina Siefing**  
126 Greenmount Boulevard



**Matthew & Kacy Ferrara**  
1900 Southwood Lane



**Pam and Pat Carroll**  
351 Fairforest Circle



**Dr. Jacob Gibson & Dr. Whitney Sharp**  
1101 Ridgeway Road



**Laurie Franz**  
17 Lonsdale Avenue

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