

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 7, 2022

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

January 24, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
February 7, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
February 28, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
March 7, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
March 21, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
April 4, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)

BUSINESS UPDATE:

- Annual Staff Memo: Enclosed is my annual memo to department heads detailing some general responsibilities and expectations.
- New Precinct Map: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the pending increase in the number of precincts in the Montgomery County.
- Debris Drop-off: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about our monthly drop-off event from 8 am to 12 noon tomorrow.
- Public Meetings: Enclosed is a *DDN* article with a list of our upcoming public meetings.
- Mary Jo Scalzo: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the passing of Mary Jo Scalzo at the age of 71. Also enclosed is the obituary as printed in the *DDN*.
- MVCC: If we ever wanted to plan and execute a takeover... this might be our year!!! 😊
 - Rob Stephens is serving as chair of MVCC.
 - I am serving as vice chair of GovTech.
 - Chief Hill is serving as chair of TCSU.
- Cardboard: Enclosed is a graph showing how our cardboard recycling volume has increased over the past ten years.
- MLK Day: The annual MLK Memorial March takes place on Monday, January 17. The OIC is working to assemble a group of Oakwood residents to participate. The event begins at 9:30 am at 1323 W. Third Street and ends at the Sinclair College campus, where a short program will take place. Enclosed is a photo of Leigh Ann Fulford displaying banners to be carried by OIC members.
- Town of Oakwood Historical Marker: Enclosed is a rendering of the bronze plaque to be installed in front of the city building. The Oakwood Historical Society selected Saturday, May 14 as the tentative date for an unveiling event. More details to follow.
- Point Broadband: We anticipate that Point Broadband will submit paperwork next week for the Certificate of Registration needed to install their fiber utility in our public right-of-way. Thereafter, they will apply for the permits needed to begin construction. They are planning to conduct two open house events in February, probably in the OCC Great Room, with construction to begin in early March. At this point, they plan to have one crew working in Oakwood (versus the 6+ they told us early on), which will make the job much easier for us to monitor and control. Enclosed is the draft of an article that we will include in the Feb/Mar Oakwood Scene.

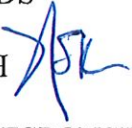
- Elected Officials Program: Enclosed is information about the annual MVCC/MVRMA Elected Officials Program. Bill is again speaking on the topic of Effective City Councils.
- Police Body Cams: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about two more area police departments considering the purchase of body cameras... Lebanon and Franklin. We continue to be very pleased with how our cameras, both car and body, have performed.
- Tim Benford: As mentioned in an email yesterday, I had a nice conversation with Tim this week. Enclosed is information on how to become a "Power A Clean Future Ohio" (PCFO) community. Rob Jacques is preparing a memo with details on this for discussion at our January 24. Also enclosed is a *DDN* article about the new Tesla Service Center opening in Moraine. Tim is very excited about it.
- Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association (GDMMA): Bill is serving as a GDMMA Board Member this year. The past two years Bill served as Immediate Past President. Enclosed is the list of 2022 GDMMA Committee Appointments.
 - Bill is serving as a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) & Solid Waste Management Policy Committee (SWMPC)... and I am his alternate.
 - I am serving as the GDMMA representative to the Montgomery County 911 Planning Committee .
- Lawrence Brooks: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the passing of Lawrence Brooks, the oldest US veteran of WWII. Oh, to have spent a couple hours on the front porch with Mr. Brooks!

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

ENCLOSURE LIST

Annual Staff Memo
DDN Article re: New Precinct Map
DDN Article re: Debris Drop-off
DDN Article re: Public Meetings
DDN Article & Obituary re: Mary Jo Scalzo
 Cardboard Graph
 MLK Event Photo
 Historical Marker Rendering
 Point Broadband Scene Article
 Elected Officials Program
DDN Article re: Police Body Cams
 Power A Clean Future Ohio Information
DDN Article re: Tesla Service Center
 2022 GDMMA Committee Appointments
DDN Article re: Lawrence Brooks

MEMORANDUM

TO: DEPARTMENT HEADS
FROM: NORBERT KLOPSCH 
SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS
DATE: JANUARY 7, 2022

This memo announces the 2022 schedule for staff reports to City Council and provides reminders on some other routine responsibilities and expectations.

STAFF REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL

Attached is a schedule for department head reports to City Council. If your assignment creates a scheduling conflict, let me know so we can make an adjustment. Please inform me of your presentation plan a few days before the report.

BUDGET

As you know, the VIP finance software package allows department heads to continually monitor the status of all of the line items within our city budget. Below is a list showing the funds/accounts for which each department head has direct responsibility. Please inform me throughout the year of any funds and accounts that you believe may potentially exceed the budget. This will give us advance notice of when we may need to cut or defer some expenses, or ask council for a supplemental appropriation.

Carol:

- Beautification/Parks/Gardens
- Leisure Activity
- Pool Operation
- Smith Memorial Gardens

Cindy:

- Administration, Finance and Personnel
- Municipal Court
- Advances/Transfers
- Equipment Replacement
- Capital Improvement
- Special Improvement District Assessment
- Police Pension
- Court Clerk Computerization
- Court Computerization
- Court Special Projects
- Issue 2
- Public Facilities
- Local Coronavirus Relief
- Local Fiscal Recovery
- Bond Retirement
- Electric Street Lighting
- Water Administration

- Sanitary Sewer Administration
- Council
- Regional Co-operative Endeavors
- Citizen's Advisory
- Contingency
- Health
- Bullock Endowment Trust
- Special Projects
- Public Facilities

Rob:

- Law Department

Alan:

- Police
- Fire
- Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment
- Enforcement and Education
- Law Enforcement
- Drug Law Enforcement
- Public Safety Endowment

Jennifer:

- Government Buildings and Grounds
- Self-Funded Insurance Trust
- Fire Insurance Trust
- Contractor's Permit Fee

Doug:

- Engineering
- Street Maintenance and Repair
- Sidewalk, Curb & Apron
- Service Center
- State Highway Improvement
- Refuse Operating
- Refuse Improvement/Equipment
- Water Production and Distribution
- Water Improvement/Equipment
- Sanitary Sewer Disposal
- Sanitary Sewer Improvement/Equipment
- Stormwater Operating
- Stormwater Improvement/Equipment

MONTHLY MEETINGS

I will conduct monthly meetings as follows:

Carol – Third Thursday of month at 10 a.m. at the OCC.

Cindy – Third Wednesday of month at 10 a.m. in the admin conference room.

Rob – Second Tuesday of month at 4:30 p.m. in the admin conference room.

Alan – Third Thursday of month at 3 p.m. in the public safety conference room.

Jennifer – Third Tuesday of month at 4 p.m. in the admin conference room.

Doug & Chris – Second Thursday of month at 4 p.m. at the Public Works Center.

STAFF MEETINGS

Our regular staff meetings will take place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The meetings begin at 2 p.m. and will normally last around one hour.

CITY MANAGER'S ABSENCE

In my absence, Carol Collins will serve as acting city manager. In the event that both Carol and I are unavailable at the same time, Cindy Stafford and in her absence, Alan Hill are to act on my behalf. Unless otherwise stated, I will have my city cell phone (937-608-1608) and/or personal cell phone (937-750-2055) with me when I am away from the office. Also, unless otherwise stated, I will routinely monitor email and voicemail when I am away.

"WHILE YOU WERE GONE" MEMOS

Whenever I am out of the office for three full days or more, please provide a written communication informing me of significant events that took place in my absence and highlighting issues you believe should be brought to my attention.

CITY MANAGER NEWSLETTER

Notes for the Friday newsletter packet to council are due to Lori by no later than 1:00 p.m. each Thursday. Prior to council's regular session each month, we will prepare a more comprehensive newsletter with sections for each department. All department heads should contribute something to each of these comprehensive newsletters.

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

Each department head is responsible for ensuring that Lori and I are informed of upcoming legislation at least one week in advance of the council meeting where it is being introduced. Generally, council will only act on legislation at the first meeting of the month – the regular session – so please plan accordingly. Except under unavoidable circumstances, draft legislation should be submitted to Lori no later than close of business on the Wednesday before the meeting, preferably earlier. Also, each department head is to ensure that Rob Jacques has either prepared or reviewed the proposed legislation prior to submission to Lori.

BENEVOLENT FUND

Lori coordinates distributions from our employee benevolent fund (e.g., flowers, gift baskets, donations). Each department head is responsible for notifying her when an applicable event has occurred. Please provide to Lori the following information:

- Employee name.
- Type of gift to be sent.
- Event for which a gift is to be sent.
- Full name, including proper spelling, of person for which a gift is to be sent.
- Relation of person to employee.
- Complete address of location to send gift and contact number.

CONTACT WITH THE MEDIA

Please let me know whenever you or a member of your department have communicated with the media regarding city business, unless the contact is for standard recurring business or events.

PRESS RELEASES/ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION

Please provide for my review drafts of press releases or any other items you intend to submit to the media or for other public distribution.

OAKWOOD SCENE NEWSLETTER

Each department should contribute articles to every bi-monthly *Oakwood Scene* newsletter. These must be sent to Lori in advance of the announced deadlines. When the final version of each newsletter is ready, Lori will e-mail it to each department head. Department heads shall proofread articles pertaining to their departments and confirm that they are correct and ready for publication.

CONTACT WITH CITY COUNCIL

Other than minor incidental communications, please let me know whenever you have contact with a member of city council that involves our work as city employees.

NSK:ls

cc: Chris Kuzma

January 5, 2022

STAFF REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL

2022 Council Meeting Dates

January 3 – No Staff Report
February 7 – Alan
March 7 – Jennifer
April 4 – Doug
May 2 – Cindy
June 6 – Carol
July 18 – Alan
August 1 – Jennifer
September 19 – Doug
October 3 – Cindy
November 7 – Carol
December 12 – No Staff Report

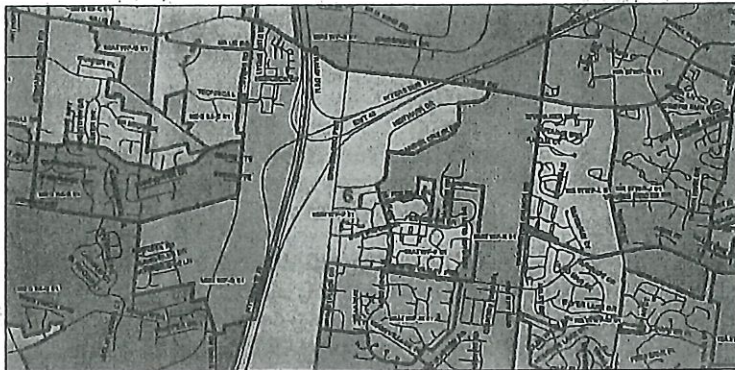
Board OKs tentative new precinct map

Montgomery BOE adds 21 precincts; court challenges pending.

By Almee Hancock
Staff Writer

The Montgomery County Board of Elections approved a newly drawn precinct map Thursday following the statewide redistricting of Ohio House, Ohio Senate and U.S. Congressional districts.

This statewide redistricting served as an opportunity for local election boards to review precinct lines and re-balance precincts based on population shifts across the county, while also assigning voters to their districts and election day polling locations, said Sarah Greathouse, Montgomery



The Montgomery County Board of Elections approved a newly drawn precinct map on Dec. 30. Voters will receive postcards with the new information before the May 22 primary, according to officials.

County Board of Elections deputy director.

The Montgomery County map approved Thursday, which takes

into account the proposed new Ohio House and Senate districts,

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is tentative because multiple legal challenges to those state-level districts are still pending before the Ohio Supreme Court.

The pending map, according to county BOE officials, would increase the number of precincts in Montgomery County from 360 to 381.

"This map will remain pending until the litigation currently being heard before the Ohio Supreme Court is completed," Greathouse said.

Once the court cases are over, the Board of Elections will mail each voter a post-

card listing their new state legislative district, as well as their polling location, which could change in 2022.

"The impact on voters is that, very roughly speaking, around 25% of Montgomery County voters will be notified of a precinct change, nearly 100% will have an Ohio House/Senate district change, and in some cases also a change in polling location," Greathouse said. "Voters can look for the postcard from the BOE before the May 2022 primary and the November 2022 (election)."

The newly drawn Montgomery County map will be released in full within the next few weeks, according to Board of Elections offi-

cial, and residents will be able to view it on the county BOE website.

People planning to run for office or circulate petitions for any office for the May 2022 primary – the deadline for which is Feb. 2, 2022 – are "strongly encouraged" to contact the BOE office for guidance "on which areas are the most likely to provide qualified signatures for any office," Greathouse said.

"We know that all of this is quite complex and can be confusing, and we are going to do our best to help," she said.

Montgomery County candidates can call 937-225-5656 at any time with questions or for clarification.

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OAKWOOD

Public Works Center

In observance of the New Year's Day holiday, refuse self-dumping at the Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard is moved from Saturday, Jan. 1, to Saturday, Jan. 8. The public works yard will be open from 8 a.m. to noon that day.

Residential debris may be dumped, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

■ Hazardous Wastes (e.g., paints, oils, fuels, pesticides, herbicides, batteries, etc.) are not permitted. Residents should deliver these items to the Montgomery County Transfer Station or register for a pickup by the Oakwood Rotary Club. See Oakwood website at www.oakwoodohio.gov for details.

■ Tires are not permitted. Tires can be taken to the Montgomery County Transfer Station. See www.mcswd.org.

■ Weekly household trash is not permitted. This is collected through the city's regular refuse collection program.

■ Items containing Freon (e.g., air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers) will only be accepted if they include a tag certifying proper extraction of the Freon.

■ Grass clippings are not permitted.

■ Water Heaters are permitted if they include a copy of the permit issued for installation of the new water heater.

■ Construction debris (e.g., lumber, drywall, cabinetry, sinks, toilets, carpet) is permitted, but only for homeowner projects. Debris from contractor projects will not be accepted.

For additional information, contact K. Douglas Spitler, Director of Engineering and Public Works, at 937-298-0777 or spitler@oakwood.oh.us.

STAFF REPORT

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OAKWOOD

City meetings

Oakwood City Council Meetings: Regular sessions 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.

■ Monday, Jan. 24 - Work Session 5 p.m. - Second floor Training/Community Room

■ Monday, Feb. 7 - Regular Session 7:30 p.m. - Council Chambers (Work Session begins at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor Training/Community Room)

■ Monday, Feb. 28 - Work Session 5 p.m. - Second floor Training/Community Room

Records Commission Meetings: Records Commission meetings are held the fourth Tuesday at 2 p.m. in January and July each year at 30 Park Ave.

■ Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m. - Council Chambers

■ Tuesday, July 26, 2 p.m. - Council Chambers

Planning Commission Meetings: Planning Commission meetings

are held the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at 30 Park Ave.

■ Wednesday, Jan. 5 - CANCELLED

■ Wednesday, Feb. 2, 4:30 p.m. - Council Chambers

Board of Zoning Appeals Meetings: Board of Zoning Appeals meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at 30 Park Ave.

■ Thursday, Jan. 13, 4:30 p.m. - CANCELLED

■ Thursday, Feb. 10, 4:30 p.m. - Council Chambers

Board of Health Meetings:

Board of Health meetings are held the 4th Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. every other month at 30 Park Ave. (January, March, May, July, September, November)

■ Tuesday, Jan. 25, 5:30 p.m. - Council Chambers

■ Tuesday, March 22, 5:30 p.m. - Council Chambers

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

STAFF REPORT

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1/4/2022

Former Oakwood superintendent dies at age 71

By Thomas Gnau
Staff Writer

A former Oakwood schools superintendent died Dec. 25 at Sycamore Hospital at age 71.

Mary Jo Scalzo was born on Dec. 3, 1950 in Wheeling, West Virginia, to the late Edward J. and Eleanor (nee Gompers) Hannel.

She graduated from St. Joseph Central Catholic High School and earned her bachelor's, master's and Ph.D degrees from the University of Dayton.

Scalzo served in both public and non-public school systems for 41 years, as a teacher, principal, curriculum director and superintendent. Twenty-one of those years were at Oakwood City Schools, where she retired as superintendent in 2013.



Former Oakwood City Schools Superintendent Mary Jo Scalzo speaks during the Oakwood High School commencement in the Schuster Center in June 2008.

Scalzo told the Dayton Daily News in an October 2012 interview that it had been a privilege to serve in her home community for

more than half of her 41 years in education, and she hoped then to transition to another role in education.

"Even though I am retiring

from Oakwood and as a district-level K-12 practitioner, I am looking forward to contributing to this exciting and transformative period

in education in other ways," she said in 2012.

Then-Oakwood Board of Education President Sam Davis said at the time that Scalzo had worked "tirelessly and unselfishly" for local students and their families.

"Her leadership and dedication have inspired us to be better stewards of Oakwood's educational legacy," Davis said at the time.

"Mary Jo finished off her impressive career as the executive director at High Aims, a consortium of 30+ public school districts in southwest Ohio from 2013-2018," her obituary says.

She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Springboro. She also belonged to the Association of Supervision and Curriculum, Buckeye

Association of School Administrators, the Oakwood Rotary Club and served on the University of Dayton board of trustees.

Scalzo is survived by her husband of 41 years, Rick; sisters, Kathy Mulshine (nee Hannel) and Judy Josselyn (nee Hannel); six nieces and nephews and nine great nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial is set for 10 a.m. Jan. 8 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 9579 Yankee Road, Springboro.

Inturnment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Dayton. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date, her obituary says.

Contact this reporter at 937-681-5610 or email tom.gnau@coxinc.com.

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SCALZO, Mary Jo

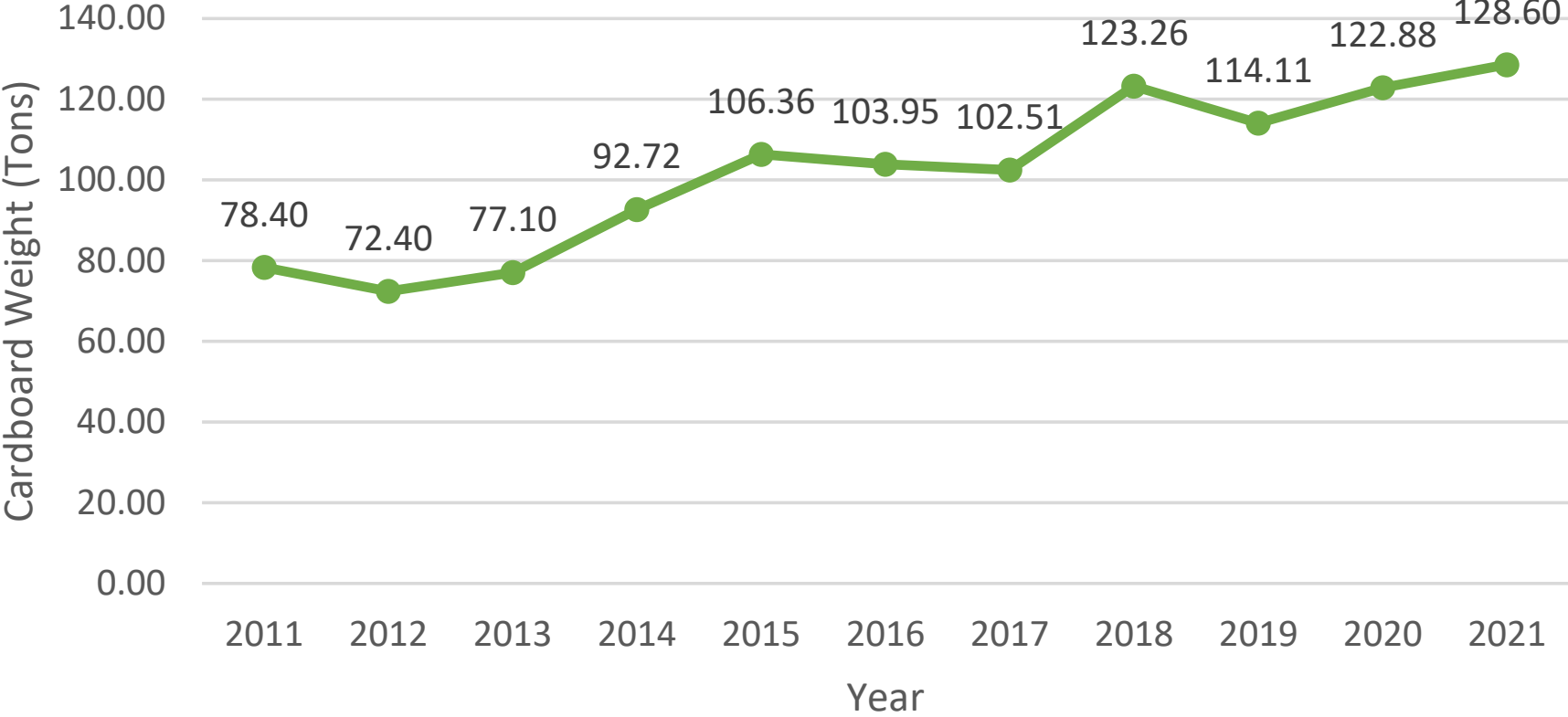
Age 71, of Springboro, passed away at Sycamore Hospital on Saturday, December 25, 2021. Mary Jo was born on December 3, 1950, in Wheeling, WV, to the late Edward J. and Eleanor (nee Gompers) Hannel. She graduated from St. Joseph Central Catholic High School and earned her BS, MS, and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Dayton. Dr. Scalzo served in both public and non-public school systems for forty-one years, as a teacher, principal, curriculum director, and superintendent. Twenty-one of those years were devoted to the Oakwood City Schools where she retired as superintendent in 2013. Mary Jo finished off her impressive career as the Executive Director at High Aims, a consortium of 30+ public school districts in southwest Ohio from 2013-2018. She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Springboro. She also belonged to the Association of Supervision and Curriculum, Buckeye Association of School Administrators, the Oakwood Rotary Club, and sat on the University Of Dayton Board Of Trustees. She enjoyed tennis and golf and was an avid UD Flyers basketball fan. Mary Jo loved traveling to Amelia Island, FL, during the winter and made memories on several European cruises in between her Sudoku puzzle sessions. She is survived by her loving husband of 41 years, Rick; beloved dogs, Boz and Kendall; sisters, Kathy Mulshine (nee Hannel) and Judy Josselyn (nee Hannel); 6 nieces and nephews, David (Renee) Mulshine, Barbara (Mike) Keefe (nee Mulshine), Maggie (Craig) Frye (nee Mulshine), Sara (Kyle) O'Hara (nee Mulshine), Meagan Josselyn, and Ryan (Hilary) Josselyn; 9 great-nieces and nephews. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10AM on January 8, 2022, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Parish, 9579 Yankee Rd, Springboro. Inurnment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Dayton. A Celebration of Mary Jo's life will be held at a later date. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Ohio's Hospice and Kettering Home Care for their excellent care of Mary Jo. Memorial contributions may be made in Mary Jo's name to Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Ave, Dayton, OH 45420 or SICSA, 8172 Washington Church Rd., Washington Twp., OH 45458. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be made at



www.routson.com

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Annual Cardboard Weight



WE ARE BORN MAKERS.
WE MOVE WHAT WE'RE
LEARNING FROM
OUR HEADS TO OUR HEARTS
THROUGH OUR HANDS.
~Brene Brown

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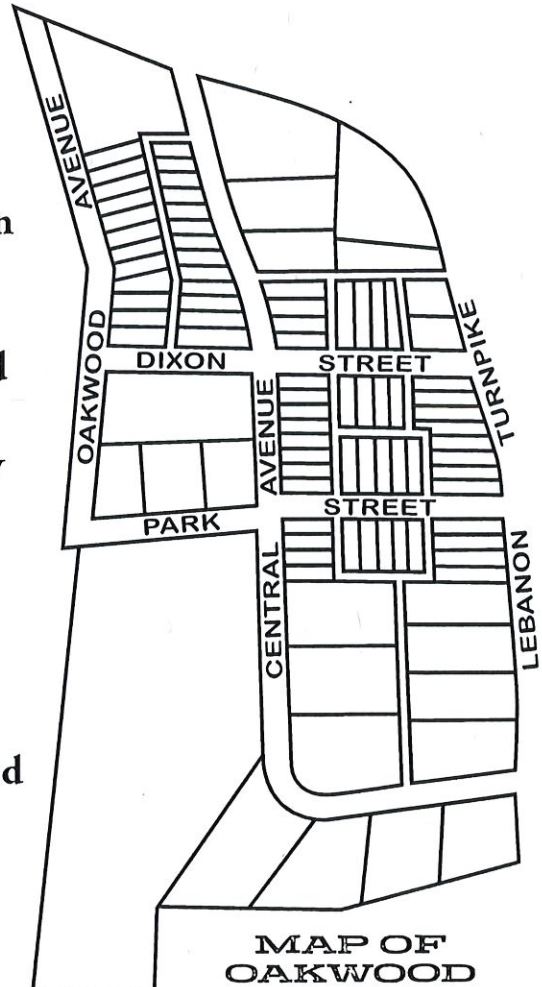
Town of Oakwood

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.

The Oakwood Historical Society
City of Oakwood, Ohio - 2022



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Point Broadband City-wide Fiber Installation Project

Point Broadband, a private internet and telecommunications provider, announced their arrival to the broadband market in the region as a new utility provider that will offer fiber-to-the-home service. Construction has already commenced in Springboro, and Point Broadband has advised that Oakwood is their next target market, with plans to soon begin construction here. The City will share information about the project in the coming months via the City website, Facebook page, and at public meetings. After permits are issued, residents can expect to see crews identifying underground utilities and marking their location with temporary paint and/or flags. Point Broadband work will take place in the public right-of-way (including curb lawns) and other utility easements as they install utility cabinets and pedestals, as well as fiber optic network. Point Broadband will announce when construction will begin in neighborhoods via a series of messages which may include letters, postcards, and yard markers. City staff will work with Point Broadband to ensure restoration and screening are completed. Point Broadband will conduct open house events to provide information about the project in advance of starting work. The dates and times of these open houses will be announced on the City's website and Facebook pages. Construction is expected to take place on every Oakwood street and will include installation of underground fiber lines, and various above ground appurtenances as shown below:

Distribution Hub Cabinet



Size: 7 foot tall

Number of cabinets: 7

Ground Level Closure Pedestal



Size: 18.5 inch tall

Number of pedestals:
Approximately 200

Handhole Fiber Junction Box



Size: Flush-mounted and
Inground

Number of boxes:
Approximately 2,000



The **Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC)** is a municipal service and technology organization representing the eight member cities of Centerville, Germantown, Kettering, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Springboro, and West Carrollton. The council also has affiliate membership agreements with thirty-one other Miami Valley communities. The mission of the Communications Council is to manage the operations and programming of the Council's three public access television channels, to develop and implement intergovernmental projects and cooperative programs designed to strengthen member cities' capacity to deliver services more efficiently and effectively, and to provide residents and business within our member communities enhanced access to new technologies.

www.mvcc.net

Jay Weiskircher, Executive Director
Jodi Martin, Training Coordinator

The **Miami Valley Risk Management Association (MVRMA)** is a property/casualty "insurance pool" for cities in southwestern Ohio. The mission of the Miami Valley Risk Management Association is to deliver high quality risk management services to its member municipalities in a manner which provides long-term financial stability, minimization of risks, and protection of mutual interest. MVRMA's members include Beaver Creek, Bellbrook, Blue Ash, Centerville, Englewood, Fairfield, Indian Hill, Kettering, Madeira, Mason, Miamisburg, Montgomery, Piqua, Sidney, Springdale, Tipp City, Troy, Vandalia, West Carrollton, Wilmington, and Wyoming.

www.mvrma.com

Thomas Judy, Executive Director
Starr Markworth, Loss Control Manager
Sandy Caudill, Office Manager



MIAMI VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL
AND
MIAMI VALLEY RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

2022
Elected Officials
Program

7:30am - 4:15pm
Wednesday March 9, 2022

City of Centerville
Yankee Trace Golf Course
10000 Yankee Street
Centerville, OH 45458

Elected Officials Program

7:30-8:00	Registration/ Breakfast	Jodi Martin Municipal Training Academy, MVCC Starr Markworth Loss Control Manager, MVRMA
8:00-8:05	Opening & Introductions	Starr Markworth, MVRMA Jay Weiskircher, MVCC
8:05-9:00	Council/Manager Form of Government	Wayne Davis, City Manager City of Centerville
9:00-9:45	Government Finance	John Green, Finance Director City of Tipp City
9:45-10:00	Break	
10:00-10:45	Ohio Ethics	Phil Callahan, Law Director City of Miamisburg
10:45-11:30	State Legislative Update	Kent Scarrett, Executive Director Ohio Municipal League
11:30- -12:30	Lunch, Networking, and Media Relations	
Noon-12:30	Media Relations	Kate Bostdorff, Communications Dir. City of Centerville

12:30-1:15 -	Regional Economic Development	Jeff Hoagland, President & CEO Dayton Development Coalition
1:15-2:00	Planning and Zoning	Tom Robillard, City Planner City of Kettering
2:00-2:15	Break	
2:15-3:00	Sunshine Law: Open Meetings and Records	Jerry McDonald, Law Director City of Vandalia
3:00-4:00	Effective City Councils	William Duncan, Mayor City of Oakwood
4:00-4:15	Evaluations and Closing Remarks	Starr Markworth, MVRMA Jodi Martin, MVCC

**A special thank you to all of the speakers who
generously shared their time and expertise.**

**Look for future training opportunities online at
www.mvcc.training and www.mvrma.com**

Police propose implementing body cameras for officers

Lebanon and Franklin departments considering adding the technology.

By Ed Richter
Staff Writer

Lebanon City Council will consider an emergency ordinance next week to outfit the police department with body cameras for officers and in-cruiser camera systems.

Police Chief Jeffrey Mitchell told council during a work session on Tuesday that the time is now to implement the new technology.

"It's the environment we're in and a body camera program is important for the agency to protect the community and the officers," he said.

Other than the Ohio State Highway Patrol, no law enforcement agency in Warren County is using body camera technology. In addition to Lebanon, Franklin announced in October that it is seeking out state funding for body camera programs.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol's Lebanon Post is implementing body cameras and installing in-cruiser cameras and a portion of the troopers using the new equipment,

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Body cameras

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according to Sgt. Jeff Staples. He said another eight cruisers are scheduled to have the new equipment installed in the next several days.

"It's not a huge change for us," Staples said. "It's a neat system once it's understood."

Lebanon's proposed plan would be to contract with a company, Axon, to provide the 31 officers with body cameras, and 14 marked police cars with in-cruiser cameras.

The proposed 10-year contract includes the equipment, software, cloud storage, and accessories such as chargers will cost a total of \$541,783. The body cameras cost \$348,516 and the in-cruiser cameras \$193,266.

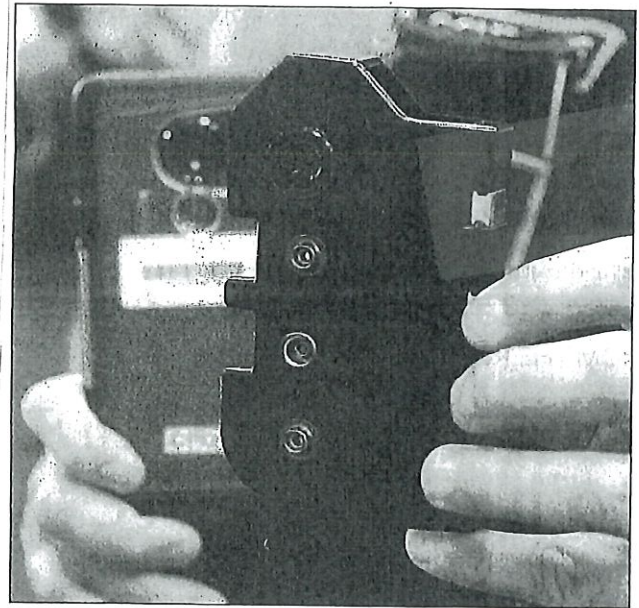
Advocates of the body camera technology say it helps law enforcement officers collect evidence, monitor police activity and resolve conflicts between police officials and the public. The body cameras have also helped to exonerate officers in some use of force incidents in the Dayton region recently.

Englewood was the first area department to use them, starting in 2014, and officers there are on their third generation of cameras. Other agencies in the region are using body cameras that are connected to cruiser cameras.

Mitchell said using body cameras would help to build public trust, strengthen police accountability, improve transparency, resolve officer-involved incidents, identify and correct internal problems, strengthen officer performance, prevent confrontational situations, and improve evidence documentation.

Mitchell said Axon, formerly known as TASER, was selected as the vendor because the city has been a customer for the past 15 years. He said data from the highway patrol was reviewed and that Axon has a line of integrated products including tasers, camera systems, evidence and records management systems.

Mitchell said he's hoping council approves the request so that a contract can be signed on Wednesday. He said the lead time to obtain the body cameras



Lebanon City Council will consider an emergency ordinance next week to outfit the police department with body cameras for officers and in-cruiser camera systems. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

is about three months and six to seven months for the in-cruiser cameras.

Franklin police Chief Adam Colon said he used the body camera technology when he was with Riverside police. He said the city is waiting to see if they will be awarded a state grant that they applied for last fall to determine how much the city will need to spend.

He said the Axon system Franklin is considering will be able to redact private information automatically and has the ability to blur

faces. In addition, when a back-up officer arrives, their body cameras are automatically activated as well.

Officers will also be able to turn the body camera off when they are on break and other times permitted when the policy is developed, he said.

Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims said there no plans to equip deputies with body cameras "anytime soon."

Sims said his department is pleased with the current in-cruiser camera system.

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BECOME A Power A Clean Future Ohio COMMUNITY TODAY

Your community is invited to **JOIN the Power a Clean Future Ohio campaign** to build momentum now for a clean, prosperous future for all Ohioans. Power A Clean Future Ohio is empowering local leaders with tools and resources to create carbon reduction plans and implement them in ways that are achievable, measurable, equitable, and economical.

Our coalition of expert organizations wants to share our technical expertise and resources with your community. Building a clean energy future that provides equitable opportunities for all Ohioans requires an all-hands-on-deck approach and we want your community to lead the way.

THE GOALS OF THE CAMPAIGN ARE TO:



Reduce the carbon footprint
of local communities across Ohio.



Attract clean energy
development to the state to create
careers for Ohioans.



Implement equitable policy solutions
supported by local communities.



Reduce energy costs
for cities, businesses, and residents.

WE WANT TO PARTNER WITH YOUR COMMUNITY TO:

- build more renewable energy locally
- create new career opportunities for local residents in the renewable energy, energy efficiency, and electric vehicle industries
- implement equitable energy policy to support frontline communities
- reduce energy waste in homes, workplaces, and government operations
- provide and preserve quality greenspace for residents that also serve as carbon sinks
- make our communities cleaner, healthier, more vibrant and sustainable for all

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BECOME A PCFO COMMUNITY?

As a PCFO Community, we will recognize your city on our website and we will highlight your policy actions on social media and through campaign communications to the public, business community, and advocates across our state. By joining the campaign as a PCFO Community, your community will have access to a panel of technical experts and supportive organizations that will help you develop and implement equitable policy actions that support Ohio's clean energy future.

As communities progress in this work, we want to recognize their efforts and achievements. Review the requirements below and reach out to schedule your initial meeting and receive your community survey.

PCFO BRONZE LEADING COMMUNITY

A PCFO Bronze Leading Community level is the entry point to working with the campaign and accessing resources and technical expertise. The requirements to become a Bronze Leading Community are:

- Introductory meeting with the PCFO campaign team
- Complete the PCFO community survey
- Identify a PCFO coordinator for your local government
- Introduce a resolution declaring that the local government entity is officially joining the campaign, and issue a statement of support/proclamation from executive or highest-ranking elected official
- Identify two policy areas to pursue that reduce emissions locally, and at least one policy action, to be implemented with PCFO's guidance, that ensures a more inclusive and equitable approach to sustainability in the community moving forward, and ensures access for all community members to the benefits of a clean energy future

PCFO SILVER LEADING COMMUNITY

A PCFO Silver Leading Community is actively working to reduce carbon emissions in its operations and larger community. The requirements to become a Silver Leading Community are:

- Complete the Bronze Leading Community requirements
- Formally pass/adopt the PCFO participation resolution
- Work with PCFO team to create a simple work plan for implementing selected carbon reduction policies, including creating an equitable process for at least one policy action
- Present the carbon reduction policy plans to local government legislative body as appropriate
- Begin conversations with PCFO team and community stakeholders on what longer-term carbon reduction policies to start planning for in future budgets

PCFO GOLD LEADING COMMUNITY

A PCFO Gold Leading Community is the standout in the growing network of local governments across the state that are committing to grow their local economy while reducing their carbon footprint. The requirements for a Gold Leading Community are:

- Completed all previous PCFO leading community steps
- Have already begun implementing equitable policy solutions to reduce carbon emissions
- Develop a climate action or sustainability plan and/or begin implementing actions to meet clean energy or carbon reduction targets
- Introduce and pass a resolution or mayoral proclamation committing to reducing community-wide carbon emissions by a minimum of 30 percent by 2030 if one is not already in place
- Engage with the local business community to discuss opportunities for collaboration to reduce emissions and grow the local clean energy economy
- Provides information and participates in dialogues with other PCFO communities to share best practices and lessons learned
- Have identified at least two additional carbon reduction strategies with significant impact that they want to implement with the assistance of the PCFO team



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Moraine will be home to Tesla service center

By **Eric Schwartzberg**

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Tesla plans to open a new service center in Moraine, the fifth Ohio location for the company and its first in the Dayton area, according to the city.

A remodeling effort is transforming the former Staples store at 1927 W. Dorothy Lane into the new service center, according to Moraine City Manager Michael Davis.

Moraine is "enthusiastic" about being the first community in the overall greater Dayton market to welcome a Tesla Service Center to the region, he said.

"Moraine is centrally located, has a strong history of being business friendly and embraces the

technology advances that this brings to our community and region," he said. "With the current construction of the new West Carrollton Schools building and the WinSupply Richard Schwartz Innovation Center, along with a new Chipotle, we continue to see robust investment in the northeastern quadrant of the city and we look forward to welcoming Tesla as part of said investment."

The building was purchased by KDP Dayton LLC for a little more than \$1.2 million on Sept. 23, 2021, according to Montgomery County Auditor's Office records.

Davis confirmed the new location will have bays, in which technicians will work on vehicles and that charging stations will be

installed in the center's parking lot.

Construction permit investment value will be more than \$800,000, Davis said. No specifics are available regarding the center's opening data, he said.

Tesla has service centers in Ohio in the Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo areas.

The Dayton Daily New has reached out to the company for more information on the Moraine location.

The purchase of the building in September was followed by the purchase of more than three acres of nearby commercial land at 1925 W. Dorothy and a retail structure at 1689 W. Dorothy for \$3.45 million, this news outlet previously reported.

GDMMA 2022 Committee Appointees

- **Montgomery County Convention Facilities Authority**
 - Clayton Mayor Michael Stevens
 - Huber Heights Mayor Jeff Gore

- **Montgomery County 911 Planning Committee**
 - Oakwood City Manager Norb Klopsch

- **Montgomery County Community Development Advisory Committee**
 - Union City Manager John Applegate
 - Huber Heights Mayor Jeff Gore
 - Miamisburg City Manager Keith Johnson
 - Brookville City Manager Sonja Keaton
 - Englewood City Manager Eric Smith

- **Emergency Management Executive Committee**
 - Brookville Mayor Charles Letner
 - Union City Manager John Applegate

- **Human Services Levy Council**
 - Kettering Mayor Peggy Lehner

- **Hazmat Advisory Board**

- Vandalia City Manager Dan Wendt

- **OPWC District 4 Public Works Integrating Committee**

- Englewood City Manager Eric Smith
- **Alternate** – Union City Manager John Applegate
- West Carrollton City Manager Brad Townsend
- **Alternate** – Miamisburg City Manager Keith Johnson

- **EDGE Advisory Committee**

- Village of Farmerville Administrator Derek Shell
- City of Germantown Economic Development Director Pat Higgins
- City of Trotwood Deputy City Manager Stephanie Kellum
- City of Vandalia Assistant City Manager Amber Holloway

Note – With populations exceeding 50,000 both Dayton and Kettering have one appointee each.

- **Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)& Solid Waste Management Policy Committee (SWMPC)**

- Miamisburg Mayor Michelle Collins **Alternate** – Keith Johnson
- Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton **Alternate** – Pat Turnbull
- Dayton Mayor Jeffrey Mims Jr. **Alternate** – Fred Stovall
- Oakwood Mayor Bill Duncan **Alternate** – Norb Klopsch

Lawrence Brooks, oldest U.S. veteran of WWII, dies

By Leah Willingham
and Rebecca Santana
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Lawrence N. Brooks, the oldest World War II veteran in the U.S. — and believed to be the oldest man in the country — died on Wednesday. He was 112.

His death was announced by the National WWII Museum and confirmed by his daughter.

Most African Americans serving in the segregated U.S. armed forces at the beginning of World War II were assigned to noncombat units and relegated to service duties, such as supply, maintenance and transportation, said Col. Pete Crean, vice president of education and access at the museum in New Orleans.

"The reason for that was outright racism — there's no other way to characterize it," Crean said.

But Brooks, born on Sept. 12, 1909, was known for his good-natured sense of humor, positivity and kindness. When asked for his secret to a long life, he often said, "serving God and being nice to people."

"I don't have no hard feelings toward nobody," he said during a 2014 oral history interview with the museum. "I just want everything to be lovely, to come out right. I want people to have fun and enjoy themselves — be happy and not sad."

On sunny days, Brooks was known for sitting on the front porch of the double shotgun house he shared with daughter Vanessa Brooks in the Central City neighborhood of New Orleans. Neighbors



World War II veteran Lawrence Brooks holds a photo of him from 1943, as he celebrates his 110th birthday at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans in 2019. Brooks, who died Wednesday, was 112. GERALD HERBERT AP

would call out to the local celebrity, wave and bring him soda and snacks.

Brooks was passionate about the New Orleans Saints football team and never missed a game, his daughter said. His church, St. Luke's Episcopal, was also close to his heart and he never missed a Sunday service until the coronavirus pandemic hit.

Originally from Norwood, Louisiana, near Baton Rouge, Brooks' family moved to the Mississippi Delta when he was an infant. He was one of 15 children, and lived too far from the nearest school, so his parents taught him what they could at home.

Brooks was working at a sawmill when he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1940. After Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, he was assigned to the mostly Black 91st Engineer General Service Regiment stationed in Australia.

Later in the war, troop losses virtually forced the military to begin placing

more African American troops into combat positions. In 1941, fewer than 4,000 African Americans were serving in the military. By 1945, that number increased to more than 1.2 million.

The 91st, where Brooks served, was an Army unit that built bridges, roads and airstrips for planes. Brooks was assigned as a caretaker to three white officers. His job was to cook, drive and take care of their clothes.

Brooks did not often speak publicly about the discrimination he and other Black soldiers faced in the war, or the discrimination his family faced in the Jim Crow Deep South, his daughter said.

Crean, who got to know Brooks and his family through his work at the museum, said Brooks did talk about noticing how much better he was treated as a Black man in Australia compared with the U.S. But Brooks told Crean thinking about it would make him angry, so he tried not to.

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