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CITY NEWS | Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale

It's Back!! Finally, it's back! The Friends of Smith Gardens "Perennial Sale" will be held on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23 at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road. The hours are from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Prices are great so hurry in to purchase your plants!

A complete listing of plants for sale is available at the OCC, on our website, or by calling the OCC at (937) 298-0775. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. Please contact Carol Collins at (937) 298-0775 to help.

Please come and support this wonderful event. All proceeds go toward the care and maintenance of Smith Gardens, Oakwood's Community Treasure.

SCHOOL NEWS | FOUNDATION GRANTS TOTAL SURPASSES \$1 MILLION TO OAKWOOD SCHOOLS

Thanks to the Oakwood Schools Foundation's donors, since 1991 the Foundation has granted more than \$1 million to teachers and staff at Oakwood Schools. The grants have ranged from requests for the fine arts to sciences and have come from each of the districts five schools. In its latest grant cycle, which closed in January 2022, the Foundation supported more than \$100,000 in grant requests, the largest grant cycle in its history.

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LIBRARY NEWS | Celebrate a Revitalized Library

Wright Memorial Public Library is thrilled to invite the community to celebrate and explore the library's renovations.

A community open house is scheduled for 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. April 2.

Inside this edition of Oakwood Scene, learn more about the open house, features such as new meeting room options, and a glimpse into how the community helped modernize Wright Library while maintaining its historical integrity.

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Memorial Day Holiday Closing



City offices, including the OCC and Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, May 30. The OCC Office and Health Center will be open from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 28 and from 12 – 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 29.

Memorial Day Trash Pick-up

Trash pick-up for all routes the week of May 30 will occur one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

Summer Employment Opportunities

The city of Oakwood is currently accepting applications for summer employment in the following areas: Pool Concessions; Lifeguarding; Boulevard Maintenance; Smith Gardens Maintenance; General Maintenance (including roadways, water system and refuse collection); and Day Camp Counselors. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment in order to be eligible for the Boulevard, Smith Gardens, General Maintenance and Day Camp Counselor positions; the minimum age for all other positions is 16. Employment applications are available at the City Building, the Community Center and the City website. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Recycle Ink Cartridges & Phone Cases at the OCC!

In an effort to offer more recycling opportunities within our community, Green Oakwood has provided a collection box for ink cartridges, cell phone cases and pop sockets at the Oakwood Community Center (OCC). The collection box is located near the front desk window at the OCC. Ink cartridges will be taken to Target (or another retailer) and cell phone cases will be recycled through TerraCycle.

Happy Recycling!



Oakwood Community Center Events

The Leisure Services Department continues to monitor the status of COVID-19 and reviews upcoming events on a case-by-case basis, which may result in possible adjustments or cancellations. Protecting the health of our community is our number one priority. We appreciate your understanding.

April/May City Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 4 and Monday, May 2. Both meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:30 p.m. The regular sessions are televised live on the City website at www.oakwoodohio.gov, and on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Tuner Ch. 5.203 and AT&T U-verse Ch. 99). The meetings are also accessible via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Links to the meeting will be posted to the City website at 4 p.m. on the meeting date. Meeting videos will be rebroadcast on television for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net for broadcast times. Meeting videos can also be viewed on the City website at any time.

That Day in May

The Oakwood Rotary Club is developing the plan for this annual event scheduled for Saturday, May 21. Details about the event will be posted to the City website once they are available.



SPONSORED BY THE OAKWOOD ROTARY CLUB

Saturday, May 21st

Pancake Breakfast: 8:00—11:00 AM
In the Oakwood High School Cafeteria
Purchase tickets in advance at the Oakwood Community Center (OCC)

Fun Run: 8:30 AM

5K & 10K Run: 9:00 AM

All runs start on Dellwood Ave., just South of Oakwood High School
Register at <http://www.speedy-feet.com/races.php>

Community Parade: 12:00 (noon) - 12:30 PM

On Shafar Blvd., from Orchard Dr. to the Oakwood High School Stadium

Dog Parade & Costume Contest: 1:00 PM

Immediately following the Parade in the Oakwood High School Stadium

Games and Bouncy Houses: 12:30 PM—4:00 PM

On Schantz Ave. and in "The Pit" in the Oakwood Junior High School

Auto Show: 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

In the second block of Dellwood Ave.

Monday, May 23rd

Golf Scramble - 12:00 (noon) tee off

With cocktail hour afterwards at the Dayton Country Club
To Register visit: <https://tdim.org>

Silent Auction - 10:00 AM—6:30 PM

Inside Dayton Country Club

Parade

Food

Bouncy Castles

Games

Care Flight

Dog Show

Auto Show

5k & 10K Run

Pancakes

Lemon Shake-Ups

Golf Scramble (May 23)

Silent Auction (May 23)

For more information, visit our website at <http://OakwoodRotary.org> or visit <https://tdim.org>

Proceeds from That Day in May (TDIM) support the Oakwood Rotary Foundation which supports many charitable groups, school events and community projects throughout the year. Your support of That Day in May will help our community.

2022 Asphalt Roadway Resurfacing

The 2022 asphalt repaving project will take place on the streets identified below. The City Public Works Department will do some utility work and tree trimming on these streets in advance of the repaving. Property owners on these roadways will receive direct notification from the city regarding the repaving schedule. The repaving project typically takes about one week to complete.

- W. Schantz Avenue (All)
- Dell Park Avenue(All)
- Beverly Place (All)
- Katharine Terrace(All)
- Park Road (All)
- Little Woods Road (All)
- North/South & East/West Alley between Monterey Avenue & Hadley Avenue
- East/West Alley between Triangle Avenue & Peach Orchard Avenue
- North/South Alley between Triangle Avenue & Peach Orchard Avenue
- North/South & East/West Alley between Peach Orchard Avenue & Monterey Avenue
- North/South Alley between Hadley Avenue & Corona Avenue
- North/South Alley between Corona Avenue & Wiltshire Boulevard
- North/South Alley between Wiltshire Boulevard & Telford Avenue
- Creager Field Dog Park Parking Lot (All)

2022 CenterPoint Gas Line Improvements

CenterPoint (formerly Vectren) continues replacing underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in Oakwood neighborhoods. The maps on the city website identify work programmed for 2022. In all work areas, CenterPoint is installing new polyethylene pipes in place of old steel and cast iron pipes and is moving indoor gas meters to outside wall locations. This is the continuation of a multi-year CenterPoint infrastructure replacement project in Oakwood scheduled to be completed in 2023. Oakwood residents personally affected by the work will receive detailed information from CenterPoint. Contact Public Works Inspector/Foreman Tom Long at (937) 298-0777 with questions about the work, or reference the CenterPoint pipeline projects map at: <https://midwest.centerpointenergy.com/gas-system/map>.

Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

The annual fire hydrant flushing will begin the week of April 4 and last approximately four weeks. Please check the City website for the dates of flushing in your neighborhood.

2022 Concrete Street Repairs

Repairs will be made to several concrete streets throughout Oakwood, which may include concrete replacement or asphalt patching. The City will inform impacted property owners prior to the start of work.

Point Broadband City-wide Fiber Installation Project

Point Broadband, a private internet and telecommunications provider, announced their arrival to the region as a new utility provider that will offer fiber-to-the-home service. Construction permits have been requested in Oakwood. The City will continue to share information about the project as it progresses via the City website, Facebook page, and at public meetings. After final city permits are issued, residents can expect to see crews identifying underground utilities and marking their location with temporary paint and flags. Point Broadband work will take place in the public right-of-way (including curb lawns) and in utility easements as they install utility cabinets and pedestals, as well as the fiber optic cable. 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 as required by city code. 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:



Ground Level Closure Pedestal

Size: 18.5 inches tall

Number of pedestals in Oakwood:
Approximately 200



Distribution Hub Cabinet

Size: 7 foot tall

Number of cabinets in Oakwood: 7



Handhole Fiber Junction Box

Size: Flush-mounted and Inground

Number of boxes in Oakwood:
Approximately 2,000

Upcoming Leisure Services Department Events/Classes

- Kite Nite: Sunday, April 24, 4 – 6 p.m. at Old River Sports Complex
- Friday Night Fun: Ages 4-10, Friday, April 8 and May 13, 7 – 10 p.m.
- Decorate your own Easter Cookie Kit: Cookie kit includes baked cookies, icing, and all the decorations needed to create your own cookie masterpiece. Pick up available on Friday, April 15.
- DIY Mother’s Day Cake Kits: Cake kit includes a two-layer yellow 6” cake mix with all the trimmings. Pick up is on Friday, May 6.
- Coffee and Classes with Experts: Wednesday, April 13 and May 11, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

For more details and information about these events, please contact the Community Center at (937) 298-0775.

Gardner Pool Hours

We plan to open Gardner Pool on Saturday, May 28 and to operate the pool like a normal year. That includes establishing all guidelines and protocols based on directives from the Ohio Department of Health. Pool hours are from 12 noon to 8 p.m. daily.

Membership Rates

The following are the rates for the 2022 pool season. You must be an Oakwood resident to be a member.

OCC Member				Non-OCC Member			
OCC Member Early Bird Discount By April 30, 2022		OCC Member After April 30, 2022		Non-OCC Member Early Bird Discount By April 30, 2022		Non-OCC Member Oakwood Residents After April 30, 2022	
Single	\$135.00	Single	\$180.00	Single	\$175.00	Single	\$225.00
Family	\$235.00	Family	\$285.00	Family	\$310.00	Family	\$360.00
Senior	\$75.00	Senior	\$105.00	Senior	\$115.00	Senior	\$145.00

Prescription Drug Drop-off Box

A locked prescription drug drop-off box is available in the lobby entrance to the city building located at 30 Park Avenue. This drop box offers a way for residents to conveniently dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs and is accessible to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The items that are accepted for safe disposal include: prescription medications, medication patches, over-the-counter-medications, vitamins, medication samples, and unwanted medications for pets. Items that cannot be accepted include: liquids of any kind, gels, ointments, needles, inhalers, aerosol cans, and medications from businesses or clinics. This program is not designed for commercial use. Businesses should dispose of medications according to state and federal guidelines. All items collected from the drop box are processed for destruction according to state and federal law.



Is Your Garage Sale Sign in the Right Spot?

With spring approaching, it is time for garage sale signs to start appearing, so here are a few reminders.

- Signs advertising for a garage sale are permitted at the garage sale location only.
- No directional or lead-in garage sale signs are permitted in the City’s right-of-way or on any property that is not the premises of the garage sale.
- Signs in violation of this regulation will be removed.

Garage sales are permitted in residential zoning districts from 8:00 a.m. to sundown on weekdays and Saturdays, and from 9:00 a.m. to sundown on Sundays and holidays. Garage sales do not require a permit, but may only be held for three (3) consecutive days, with a limit of two garage sales in a calendar year.

Spring Crime Prevention Tips

The Oakwood Public Safety Department offers a few tips to keep yourself and your home safe during the spring and summer months.

- With the arrival of warmer temperatures, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and doors before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Remember to lock any shed, storage unit, or garage you have on your property.
- Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or salesman, investigate the company before making the decision to do business with that person.
- If a utility representative comes to your house, request identification. True representatives will carry their identification and they will gladly show it to you.



If necessary, contact the company or Oakwood Public Safety Department for verification.

- Historically, during the warmer weather months, personal property crimes increase. Residents tend to leave items such as bicycles, gardening tools, lawnmowers, and other yard tools out in the open. Make sure you lock up your personal property when unattended. It does not take long for someone to quickly take your property that has been left in the yard.
- Always remember to roll up your car windows and remove valuables, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.
- Being a good neighbor can be one of the best crime prevention tools. If you observe any unusual or suspicious activity, please contact the Oakwood Public Safety Department at (937) 298-2122.



2021 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Due April 18

The city of Oakwood has a mandatory filing requirement for all residents. Every individual, 18 years of age or older, who resides in Oakwood, must file an Oakwood City income tax return, whether or not there is any taxable income to report. Retired residents who have income derived exclusively from non-taxable sources (interest, dividend, social security and/or pension income, etc.) must first file a final return in order to be exempt from the filing requirement.

If you have filed for an extension of time to file your federal return, you will automatically receive an Oakwood extension. You should attach a copy of your federal extension to your return when filing so that you will not be charged a late filing penalty. Your extended return is due the same date as your extended federal return – October 17, 2022. If you do not have a federal extension, you may still obtain an Oakwood extension. Simply complete an extension request form, located on the City's web site, and submit your request by April 18, 2022. As always, an extension of time to file your returns does not extend the time to pay your taxes. All taxes paid after April 18, 2022 will be subject to a 15% late payment penalty and interest.

The 2021 Oakwood income tax return is available on the City's web site at www.oakwoodohio.gov. If you do not have internet access, forms will be made available at the City administrative offices, Wright Memorial Public Library and the Oakwood Community Center.

Full-year residents with W-2 wage income only will be able to file their 2021 City of Oakwood income tax return online. Visit the City's website for additional information.

Important Note for Remote Workers: Remote work (also known as work from home or telecommuting) is a type of flexible working arrangement that allows an employee to work from a remote location outside of corporate offices. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this arrangement has become increasingly popular. If you were working at home during all or part of 2021, yet your form W-2 shows that your wages were withheld for another municipality, you are entitled to a refund for the taxes withheld to that city and will shift your tax dollars to Oakwood; you may also reduce your overall local tax liability. You are only subject to the other city's income tax for the time actually worked in that city.

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood return, please contact the Tax Department at (937) 298-0531 to schedule an appointment. Normal business hours for the tax office are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided April 13-15, when the office will be open until 6:00 p.m.

Spring Styrofoam Recycling Event

The city of Oakwood is partnering with Green Oakwood to provide a spring Styrofoam recycling event for the Oakwood community. Styrofoam will be collected at the 24/7 public-access recycling facility located at the front entrance to the J. David Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard, on Saturday, April 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Green Oakwood will transport the collected Styrofoam to the Montgomery County Environmental Services Styrofoam recycling event.

Aside from Styrofoam recycling, the Public Works Center will be open that day for mulch pickup consistent with the article below. No other Public Works services will be available that day.

Refuse Program

One of our primary city services is collection and disposal of refuse including household trash, recyclables, bulk items, and green waste. Given the enormous number of trees in Oakwood and the extensive landscaping throughout our city, we generate a very large amount of green waste (yard debris). Roughly 20-25% of the cost to operate our refuse program is related to the green waste collection and disposal. Visit the City website at www.oakwoodohio.gov for details about our comprehensive refuse program.

Picking Up After Your Pets

Dogipot stations are available throughout the City to help pet owners with an easy and safe clean-up (see city website for location map). There are few things that aggravate neighbors more than a pet owner who does not clean up after their pet. Besides being an unsightly mess, a number of common diseases can be transmitted to pets and people through feces. Failing to clean up after your pet is fineable under the Oakwood General Offenses Code. Please be a responsible pet owner and help keep our Oakwood community clean.

Leash Law

Dogs are required to be securely leashed and under the reasonable control of the owner, keeper or agent thereof whenever they are on public sidewalks, streets or any other public rights-of-way. This applies to all dogs in Oakwood, but there are certain exceptions for service animals and for dogs using the Creager Field Dog Park. Oakwood is densely populated and we have a very large number of dogs... around 1,000 registered in Oakwood, where we have nearly 4,000 homes. The leash law is designed to mitigate the unpredictability of dogs and to protect both citizens and other animals from unexpected and unwanted encounters.

Even the most well-trained dogs, under the right set of circumstances, can be unpredictable. Citizens should be able to move about the public sidewalks and rights-of-way freely and without concern or fear from unleashed dogs.



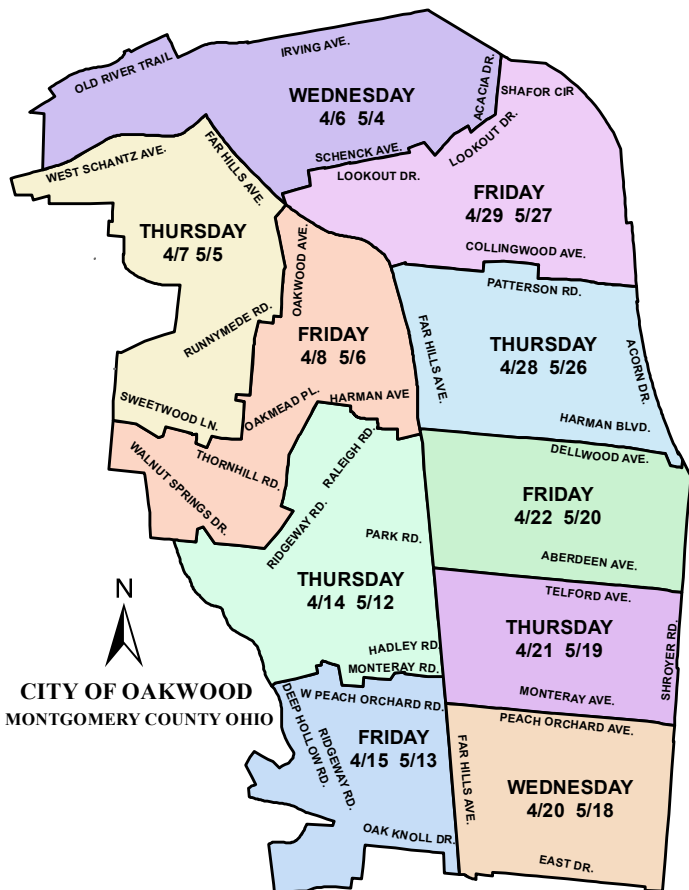
2022 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project

The 2022 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project will take place in the area west of Far Hills Avenue. The purpose of the project is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. We have inspected the areas and marked sections of concrete requiring repairs. Residents affected by the work will receive personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call Public Works Foreman David Shuey at (937) 298-0777 if you have any questions. For those who choose to do the repair work themselves, please remember to obtain a permit in advance and that all work must be completed and inspected by May 13.

Leaf Mulch Program

Citizens have two options again this year for obtaining leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cubic yards for \$100 and 6 cubic yards for \$150. Please call (937) 298-0777 to place an order. Mulch deliveries will take place on five Saturdays from April 9 to May 7. On the same five Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from the Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., but must haul the material themselves and must provide proof of residency. The free mulch is for Oakwood residents only and no commercial vehicles are permitted.

YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE APRIL AND MAY 2022



FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 4/14 & 5/12
SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 4/28 & 5/26

Oakwood Rotary Hazardous Waste Pickup

There are two ways for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous material. Residents may: 1) drop off the material at the Montgomery County Refuse Transfer Station (see www.mcswd.org for more information); or 2) use the quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club Hazardous Waste Collection program. The 2022 collection dates are Saturday, April 23, Saturday, July 23 and Saturday, October 22. Call (937) 296-5155 to sign up for the service. It is provided free of charge, but the Oakwood Rotary Club accepts donations. Donations to the "Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation" can be placed in an envelope and left with the items being disposed, or may be mailed to: Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation, PO Box 512, Dayton, OH 45409. All donations support charitable projects and community events led by your Oakwood Rotary!

Oakwood Sustainability Measures

Over the past several decades, the city of Oakwood has implemented numerous measures to address matters of the environment and provide for the betterment of Oakwood and the greater community. See the city website for a detailed list of the measures.

Lawn Treatment on City-Owned Public Lawn Areas

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

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

Is Your Home Ready for Spring?

Warm weather is upon us and, with it, a need to look over your property after the winter months. Please consider the following questions to determine if and what exterior repairs are needed in order to remain in compliance with Oakwood's Property Maintenance Code.



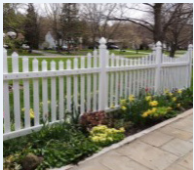
Yard

- Are all weeds and grass less than 8 inches in height?
- Is the yard free from overgrown, uncontrolled vegetation, and fallen tree branches?
- Is the yard free from miscellaneous storage, debris, and refuse?
- Are sidewalks clear of plant overgrowth?
- Are all vehicles licensed, operable, and parked on a paved surface?



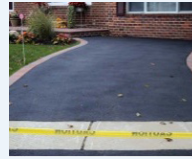
Exterior Walls & Garages

- Do they have any holes or cracks, or are they in need of paint?
- Is siding in need of cleaning from algae, mildew, or mold?



Accessory Buildings (sheds, fences, etc.)

- Are fences and shed walls, doors, and roofs in good repair?
- Do sheds or fences need to be painted?



Driveway & Walkways

- Are they free of potholes and raveling?
- Are they free from debris, storage, and refuse?



Porches

- Do the steps, railings, or floorboards need to be repaired or replaced?
- Is it free from debris, storage, and refuse?



Gutters & Downspouts

- Do they need to be painted or repaired?
- Do they direct water away from the primary building?



Windows & Doors

- Are they weather tight and operable?
- Is any glass broken or missing?
- Do the screens need to be repaired or replaced?
- Do the sashes and/or trim need to be repaired or repainted?



Spring Yard and Garden Cleanup

The City collects yard debris from property frontages monthly from January through September, and bi-weekly from October through December. Refer to the enclosed map for your scheduled pickup days and please plan your work accordingly. Here are a few things to remember:

- Place larger piles of yard debris including brush and branches in the tree lawn area just behind the curb. Branches should be no longer than 6 feet and should be placed in manageable piles. Do not place these piles around trees, fire hydrants, cable TV boxes or posts/poles.
- Do not place any yard debris in the street or gutter line, except leaves during the fall leaf collection season.
- Under no circumstance should you place anything except yard debris for pick-up in the tree lawn area.
- The City will not pick up contractor generated yard debris.
- If you have a large amount of yard debris, please call for a free dumpster, but remember that this dumpster must only include yard debris.
- Do not stack loose yard debris around or on top of your garbage cans.
- Please remember the 35 gallon and 60-pound limits on trash cans and that all cans must have lids.
- Grass clippings are not accepted, either with regular trash or curbside yard debris collection, or at the recycling and yard waste drop-off site. Please use a mulching mower or home composting.

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Not only is the Foundation committed to supporting grants individually, it also builds partnerships with other school-based organizations to amplify the impact grants can have on Oakwood students. Since 2019, the Oakwood Schools Foundation has streamlined the grants application process in partnership with the Oakwood Fine Arts Boosters, the Harman PTO, the Smith PTO, and the Oakwood Junior High and High School PTOs. This partnership has simplified the process for the faculty, bringing in more applications and innovative ideas and allowing the Foundation to partner with other organizations to help make a bigger impact together.

The Foundation also strives to support a variety of projects through grants, ensuring each student is given the opportunity of an excellent and innovative educational experience. In the Winter 2022 cycle, the Foundation was able to grant funds for an innovative and exciting 3-D Anatomy Dissecting table. While outside of the Foundation's grant endowment budget, the Trustees recognized that this opportunity complemented the late Ruth Herman's legacy. Ruth was an Oakwood Schools Foundation Dream Builder and committed OHS Class of 1947 alum. In honor and memory of the pioneer for women in the sciences and in the spirit of her endless pursuit of learning, the Foundation Trustees voted to release funds from Ruth Herman's undesignated bequest gift to the Foundation to cover the anatomy table. This table will be the first of its kind for a public school in Ohio and will give students an opportunity to learn about anatomy and physiology at an advanced level.

To learn more about grants or how to become a Legacy Dream Builder, visit: www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org

Encouraging Love of Music: FLOURISH to Expand Space for Oakwood Orchestra Students

Oakwood Schools' elementary students can grow their love of music by participating in a number of different activities. In the sixth grade, students have the opportunity to try something new and join the orchestra.

Many students continue with orchestra throughout their school years, making it one of the most popular co-curricular activities at Oakwood High School. With so many students participating in orchestra, the current room lacks the practice space and storage facilities to accommodate students' high participation rates and programming needs.

"Having a dedicated space that has been carefully and intentionally designed for stringed instruments will greatly impact our program. Students will be able to hear across the room more easily and this space will provide more opportunities for taking on bigger projects. It will be a very exciting space," Oakwood Schools Orchestra Director Jordan Millard said.

FLOURISH, the Oakwood Schools Foundation's campaign for the visual and fine arts, was created to directly address these needs and support students in the arts at Oakwood Junior High and High School, while inspiring the next generations as they rise through elementary school. The orchestra room will be one of the classrooms in the newly constructed arts wing. The new space will be acoustically tuned, and include more area for practice and class activities as well as expanded storage space for instruments and instruction.

With the community's support, construction on the new arts wing which will be located on the Northeast corner of campus is slated to begin this summer. For more information about the plans for this amazing addition and other exciting enhancements of the campaign, visit www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org.

In Response to Growth, Oakwood Schools Foundation Debuts New Website

As the Oakwood Schools Foundation continues to grow and mature, so does its web presence. Oakwood Schools has hosted the Foundation's website for the last several years but now the latest information about the organization's activities can be found at www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org.

The new website includes the latest updates about the Foundation's many programs to enhance education for Oakwood Schools' students, including scholarships and grants. There's also information on how you can support the Foundation's worthwhile work. Come check it out!



Join us...

For friends, music, appetizers, and fun!

This year the event will be at a new location,
Moraine Country Club!
4075 Southern Blvd. Kettering, OH 45429

Come Back Lumberjacks!



September 23, 2022
7:30-9 PM: Social Hour
9-11 PM: Post-Game Tailgate Party
Alumni and Oakwood Residents Welcome
(Must be 21 or older)



The Oakwood Schools FOUNDATION
Enhancing Excellence in Education

For more information:
www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org

Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts New Class

The Oakwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame is welcoming its latest class. Earlier this year, Jim Reston, Tom “Blitz” Creager, Bob Brundige, Wendy MacIlwaine Bendersky, Jen Lohmeyer and the 1972 wrestling team were inducted into the Hall of Fame. To learn more about the latest inductees, visit the Oakwood Schools website at oakwoodschoools.org/community/athletic-hall-of-fame.



Reunion Planning Time is Here

Have you and your classmates started planning your upcoming reunion? Oakwood Alumni Association is here to help. Contact Oakwood Alumni Association Director Katelyn Brohman at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org for assistance is planning these special events.

Keep in Touch

Connecting with friends, teachers and Oakwood Schools is easier than ever. Make sure your contact information is updated by visiting the Oakwood Alumni website at <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/alumni>. You can also email us at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org or call (937) 297-5332. Visit [oakwoodschoools.org/community/alumni/update-your-contact-information](https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/alumni/update-your-contact-information).

SAVE THE DATE: The Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor

The Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor is schedule for Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 at the NCR Country Club. Please watch for more details or contact Sandi Branham at (937) 297-5332, Extention 11180.

Oakwood Students Celebrate Academic Wins



Oakwood Schools’ students are finding success in a number of academic activities this school year.

For the 11th consecutive year, Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon is celebrating a Regional competition victory.

Team members Rohan Haack, Charli Kulka and Soren Kingston placed 1st overall in their GPA divisions, with Kingston achieving the highest overall individual score of the entire competition.

It was a successful competition season for the OHS Academic Team. The team finished the SWBL regular season with a perfect record of 12-0, OHS’ third straight undefeated SWBL season.

And the Oakwood Junior High’s 8th grade Power of the Pen team placed first in its virtual District Tournament. All six writers qualified for the Regional competition.

Four writers from the 7th grade team also advanced to the Regional competition.

2021-2022 School Year

APR 2022

1 No School – Spring Break

4 Classes Resume

11 Oakwood Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

MAY 2022

9 Oakwood Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

27 Early Dismissal for Students

30 No School – Memorial Day

For the latest list of happenings in the Oakwood Schools go to www.oakwoodschoools.org and check out our calendars.

Stay connected with Oakwood Schools!

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Special Events

Sat., Apr. 2

Community Open House, 2-4 p.m.

Sun., Apr. 3

Author Visit with Ann Hagedorn, 2 p.m.

Sun., Apr. 10

Chris Rowlands Concert, 2 p.m.

Live Music at the Library



Join Chris Rowlands is an Audubon educator and musician who uses fun songs, puppets, and colorful props to create educational, dance-in-the-aisle good times for children and families.

Concert is free and open to all. Weather permitting, the concert will be held outdoors near the library's Park Entrance in Katharine Wright Park. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside to the library's meeting room.

Sun., Apr. 24

Far Hills Speaker Series: Becoming a Community: The Platting of Oakwood, 2 p.m.

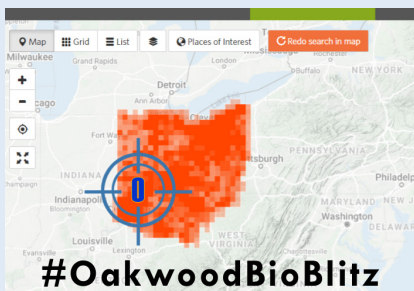
Fri., Apr. 29 - Tue., May 8

Oakwood BioBlitz - Good for You, Good for Science, Good for Earth

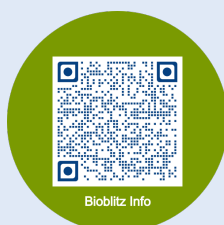
Did you know that mounting evidence links spending time in nature with both cognitive benefits and improvements in mood, mental health and emotional well-being? A bioblitz offers a great purpose to go outside and a great excuse for naturalists, scientists, and curious members of the public to meet in person in the great outdoors and have fun!

A bioblitz is a community driven citizen-science effort. The goal is to record as many species within a designated location and time period as possible.

Join this community wide effort brought to you by a partnership between Wright Library, Green Oakwood, University of Dayton Insect Ecology Lab, and Students of Project Dragonfly at Miami University.



Find details at wrightlibrary.org/events



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A Renovated, Refreshed Wright Library

In Spring 2020, it became clear that it was the right time to begin a construction project at Wright Library: taxpayers passed an operations levy; the lower level was already closed because of COVID, interest rates were at an all-time low, and there were concerns that construction costs were going to rise. With infrastructure aging out, it was time to begin the work. The move proved fiscally important, as building closures related to the pandemic allowed the work to be finished more quickly.

The project was taken to a new level as private donors emerged: first, a \$500,000 gift from former Oakwood resident David Flory. Other significant gifts followed, allowing Wright Library to modernize the building while maintaining its beloved historic integrity. (Read more about the gifts that supported this project at wrightlibrary.org/foundation.)

This spring, Wright Library emerges as a renewed, refreshed community anchor.

- New technology-enhanced meeting spaces create opportunities for the community to collaborate and connect.
- The building is more accessible than ever, with improved walkways to both the Main and Park Level entrances, as well as new ADA and family-friendly parking along Aberdeen Avenue. A Holds Pick Up locker in the new Park Level vestibule allows borrowers to pick up materials anytime between 6 a.m. to midnight.
- The new children and teen spaces are bright and open spaces for collaboration, reading, and learning.
- Computers on both levels of the library provide spaces for quiet and louder work.
- A new Children's Terrace creates a vibrant area for outdoor activities.
- With a wall removed on the Main level, that space is now open and light-filled.

Thank you to all who helped make this project possible: Oakwood citizens, donors, the City of Oakwood, our construction and architecture teams, staff and volunteers, and many others.



Community Open House

April 2 | 2-4 pm

Wright Library's renovations are complete, and it's time to celebrate!

Enjoy entertainment. **Tour** new spaces for kids, teens, and adults. **Discover** library services such as notary, passports, and Bookflights, our custom book service. **Explore** the library's diverse collection of print and digital books, movies and videos games, and maker tools.

Event made possible by a grant from the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation
wrightlibrary.org/foundation

Host Your Next Meeting at Wright Library

Meeting rooms are now available to civic, cultural, or educational groups ranging from 3 to 80 people. All rooms are equipped with a tv display with and wired (HDMI) connections. The Community Room will also include a writable projection surface and projector, and wireless (AirMedia).

There is no charge to use a room, but groups are responsible for setting up the room for their meeting and for returning the room to the arrangement and condition in which it was found. A group representative is responsible for completing the log sheet at the Main Level desk before using the room. To reserve a library meeting room, make a request in person, by phone, or online at wrightlibrary.org/services/meeting-rooms



Lester Eidemiller Community Room

This room can be reserved for groups of 8-80 people. Podium, microphone, and videoconferencing equipment can be requested.



Aberdeen Conference Room

This room can be reserved for groups of 3-8 people.



Joanne G. Shank Conference Room

This room can be reserved for groups of 3-10 people.

City of Oakwood

30 Park Avenue
Oakwood, Montgomery County
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

CITY OF OAKWOOD DEPARTMENT NUMBERS

City Manager's Office
937-298-0600

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937-298-0411

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937-298-2122

Engineering & Public Works
937-298-0777

Finance
937-298-0402

Income Tax
937-298-0531

Leisure Services/Horticulture
937-298-0775

The Town Of Oakwood — the 150th Anniversary

Join the Oakwood Historical Society and the City of Oakwood as we celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the first platting of the "Town of Oakwood" on Saturday, May 14, 1:30 pm in front of the City Building on Park Avenue.

We will be unveiling the first of our historic markers commemorating the 1872 platting of Oakwood.

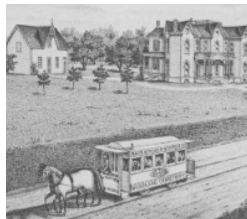
Free docent led historical walking tours of the "town" will be offered immediately following the unveiling.

Wright Memorial Library will be on hand with their Book Peddler, filled with books on Oakwood and Dayton history topics— celebrating Oakwood's first library building across from the City Building.

The newly revised Town of Oakwood booklet, sponsored by the Oakwood Rotary, will be available for only \$5.

All are invited to this exciting community event, where you'll learn more about this often forgotten history, and the four men who first envisioned a "Town of Oakwood".

For more information— visit the Society's website at oakwoodhistory.org.



The Oakwood Historical Society's Annual Wine & Cheese Fete Returns



Join the Oakwood Historical Society on Saturday, May 21, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. for our annual Wine & Cheese Fête: South of the Equator.

You can kick back and relax after the That Day in May festivities at our Long-Romspert House Museum and enjoy the best of wine pairings featuring the fine wines to be found below the Equatorial Line. Wines from South Africa, South America and Australasia will be presented for the lover of viticulture. This will be paired with international cheeses hailing from the Mediterranean.

Tickets are only \$25 per person, with all profits going to the Society's mission of preserving, recording and sharing Oakwood's history. The fun evening will also include lawn games for all participants.

Visit our website at oakwoodhistory.org for more information and to purchase your tickets. Tickets are limited, so hurry!