

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
APRIL 22, 2022

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

- May 2, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
- May 14, Saturday, 1:30 p.m. – “Town of Oakwood” Marker Unveiling (30 Park)
- May 16, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
- May 17, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC Meeting (30 Park)
- May 21, Saturday – That Day in May
- 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)

BUSINESS UPDATE:

- Perennial Sale: The big event is at the OCC from 3 – 8 p.m. today and 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. tomorrow.
- Pickleball: We do not yet have construction dates for the Orchardly Park pickleball courts, but anticipate that the work will be done sometime in May or possibly June. It will take 7-10 days to complete.
- Oakwood Schools Performing and Visual Arts Project: Enclosed are the renderings and Flourish Project brochure that we discussed last Monday.
- Sidewalk, Curb and Apron Program: Enclosed is the recommendation to proceed with RA Miller, consistent with our discussion last Monday.
- Rotary Hazmat Pick-up: The quarterly Rotary event is tomorrow morning. We have 29 scheduled pick-ups. Enclosed is a *DDN* article.
- FOP Easter Parade: A large number of families participated in the FOP Easter event last weekend. Boy Scout Troop 101 handed out 4,000 eggs! Enclosed are *Register* photos.



- Committee Needs: We are pursuing Deborah Spears for the PMB, and Kate Halpin for the BRC.

- Styrofoam Recycling: The spring Styrofoam recycling event is at the Public Works center tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Enclosed is information from our Montgomery County Solid Waste District addressing Styrofoam recycling. Also enclosed is a *DDN* article.
- May PC & BZA Meetings: The Planning Commission will be meeting on May 2 to review two applications. The first application is a request to extend the evening hours for Insomnia Cookies at 6 Oakwood Avenue, Unit C. The second is an application to review a landscape plan for a demolition at 1227 Oakwood Avenue. The staff memo will be enclosed in next week's newsletter. The May 12 BZA is cancelled due to lack of agenda items.
- Coloring with a Cop: Our first event was yesterday. While the turnout was light, all seemed to have fun. We will join Wright Library to enhance advertising for the next event. Below are the photos that Anne shot.



- Oakwood Academic Decathlon: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon team defending its Division III national title.

- Rotary Awards: I will present the two awards at the Rotary Club meeting next Friday, April 29... the Civic Leadership Award to Harrison Gowdy and the Community Service Award to Captain Mike Jones. The Rotary Club will donate \$350 to The Oakwood Historical Society, in Harrison's name, and \$350 to The Food Bank, Inc., in Mike's name.
- Historic Marker: MVCC will film the May 14 unveiling ceremony.
- Spring BRC Meeting: We will conduct the spring BRC meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17.
- Magistrate Jacqueline Gaines: Jacqueline will join our May 2 work session at 7:15 p.m. for a brief introduction prior to the 7:30 p.m. regular session.
- Montgomery County Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Service: Enclosed is an invitation sent to Bill for the May 6 event. The ceremony will include presentation of a flag honoring Oakwood Patrol Officer Claude McCormick. Captain Kevin Pruszynski will attend. Chief Hill will be out of town that day. I will also be out of town.
- Commendation from Roger Crum: Enclosed is the email from Roger Crum to Chief Hill that I forwarded to you this week recognizing the good work of PSOs Kyle Sewert, Chris Slone and Ross Green.
- Federal COVID Money: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about how local governments are using federal COVID dollars.
- Rising Costs: Enclosed are two more *DDN* articles about the rising costs of public infrastructure projects.
- Virginia Foell: Enclosed is the obituary for Ginny Foell as printed in the *DDN*. I attended the viewing and funeral today at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior on E. Thruston. We sent flowers with a card reading: "Heartfelt condolences from the Oakwood City Council, City Staff and the entire Oakwood community."
- Retirement Lunches: I had two nice lunch events this week to honor retiring employees. On Wednesday, I met with Water Plant Superintendent Gary Dursch and Refuse Foreman Kenneth Perkins. The pandemic prohibited us from celebrating their retirements as we normally would have done. Gary and Kenneth are both doing well. On Thursday, Chief Hill and I met with Captain Mike Jones. Mike's official retirement date was April 18. He too is doing well, while managing his vision issues. Mike declined the traditional retirement celebration that we typically conduct here at the city building... said emotions were too strong. Alan and I had a wonderful time with him. Mike, Kenneth and Gary depart with fond memories of their stellar careers.

- Lt. Chuck Balaj: Chief Hill was informed this week that Lt. Chuck Balaj and the Joint Terrorism Task Force with which he served were nominated for the US Attorney General Award for their work on the Oregon District Shooting. They were selected as award recipients in the National Security Branch. Below is a description of the award, along with the recipients.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FURTHERING THE INTERESTS OF U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

This award recognizes outstanding achievements and contributions towards protecting U.S. National security. Two Excellence in Furthering the Interests of U.S. National Security Awards are presented this year.

AWARD: Outstanding Work in the Investigation and Response to a Domestic Terrorist Attack in Dayton, Ohio

RECIPIENTS: **Dominick S. Gerace**
Assistant U.S. Attorney
Vipal J. Patel
First Assistant U.S. Attorney
Catherine Robillard
Paralegal
Acquanette Lindsey
Victim-Witness Specialist
U.S. Attorney's Office
Southern District of Ohio
Justin Sher
Trial Attorney
Counterterrorism Section
National Security Division
Christina Conrad
Linda James
Victim-Witness Specialists
Cincinnati Field Division
Michael Herwig
Morgan Spurlock
Supervisory Special Agents
Patrick Gragan
T.A. Staderman
Special Agents
Charles Balaj
Brad Meeker
Kyle Metz
A.J. Schweier
Task Force Officers
Joint Terrorism Task Forces
Federal Bureau of Investigation

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

Oakwood Schools Performing and Visual Arts Project Renderings & Brochure

SCA Recommendation

DDN Article re: Rotary Hazmat Pick-up

Register Article re: FOP Easter Parade

DDN Article & Information re: Styrofoam Recycling

May BZA Cancellation Memo

DDN Article re: Academic Decathlon

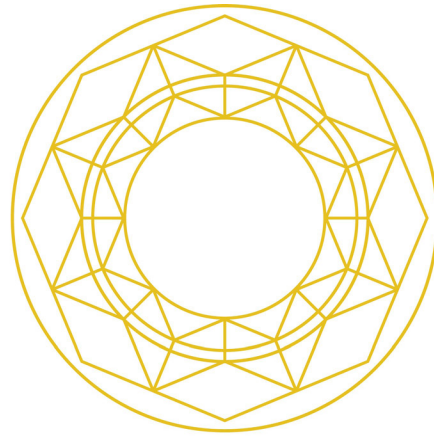
Montgomery County Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Service Invitation

Commendation Email

DDN Article re: Federal COVID Money

DDN Articles re: Rising Costs

Virginia Foell Obituary



FLOURISH

A Campaign for Oakwood's Performing & Visual Arts

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flour·ish : verb

grow or develop in a healthy or vigorous way, especially as the result of a particularly favorable environment.



The Oakwood Schools
FOUNDATION

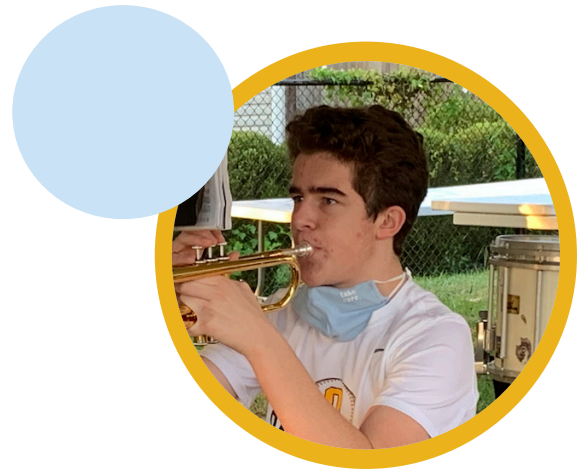
Enhancing Excellence in Education

ENHANCE

The Oakwood Schools Foundation has been **enhancing excellence in education since 1981**. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to **respond to emerging needs of education that may not otherwise be funded**.

Responding to the vision of the school district and the voice of its community, the Oakwood Schools Foundation presents **FLOURISH, A Campaign For Oakwood's Performing & Visual Arts**. The Campaign invites private support for the creation of new and enhanced facilities including **a Performing Arts Wing building addition, renovated Visual Arts Center and Auditorium improvements**.

The essential expansion of art spaces will enrich the daily educational experience for Oakwood students by **providing an aspirational setting that invites creativity, inspires learning, and fosters the continued advancement of academic, social and emotional development**.



Thanks to the commitment of friends like you, the Foundation is more prepared than ever to respond to the emerging needs of Oakwood Schools.

ENRICH

In 2018, the Oakwood Schools Foundation engaged the alumni and regional community through surveys, interviews and roundtable discussions in an effort to learn about community perception and expectations as it pertained to the Foundation fulfilling its mission.

The Arts rose to the top of the collective voice of the participants as a specific need for enhancement. That feedback aligned

with independent audits of Oakwood's Performing and Visual Arts programs and with the commitment affirmed by Oakwood Schools.

An extraordinary opportunity has emerged which will enrich the lives of students, parents and the community.

This project also creates potential to establish deep and meaningful partnerships in our surrounding region and beyond.

The expansion **honors the passion and talent of our faculty and students** while celebrating and honoring the legacy of commitment and success of those who have preceded this moment.



ESSENTIAL

The Challenge

This effort is crucial and **essential**. Today, the **need for new and renewed art spaces is considerable and undeniable**. In independent reviews performed on the related arts programs, the needs were emphasized and affirmed.

While **Oakwood Schools are committed to being a national school system of excellence**, the arts program spaces are not in alignment with this goal and are inadequate in comparison with peers locally and across the state.

In summary, the spaces are **limited in size and amenities**, pressed to capacity, serve too many functions, lack necessary storage, are too crowded.

A tremendous need was identified for practice and performance space designated specifically for music, to improve instruction and experience, with appropriate acoustics.

In addition, the visual arts spaces are “cluttered, inefficient, and do not foster pride in strong programs that are characteristic of Oakwood.”*

The space constraints in the art classrooms restrict both the number of students who can be accommodated in the making of art as well as the kinds of art that can be explored. There is a distinctive lack of space to display and celebrate student work.

Likewise, **the beloved Oakwood Junior High and High School Auditorium needs upgraded technology, equipment and enhancement** to support student use as a multi-media facility of the 21st century.



TOP CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULUMS

All 5 programs are represented in the top 7 Curricular/ Co-curriculum with the highest student participation rates in the Junior High and High School.

1. VISUAL ARTS
2. BAND
3. TRACK
4. CHOIR
5. LACROSSE
6. PLAY/MUSICAL
7. ORCHESTRA



“ I believe Oakwood is a wonderful place to learn and work because the community values the arts! The district does a great job advocating for each student to have a well-rounded education. As a fine arts teacher, I feel supported and needed, which I love! ”

Kristie Savino,
OHS Teacher

*Crum, Roger J, and Susan Martis. “Curriculum Audit of the Visual Arts Program of the Oakwood City School District.” 3 May 2017, pp. 13.

EXPAND

Our Plan: Expanding Student Potential

Now is the time to **create space where dreams can flourish into previously unrealized potential.**

Plans have been made for the Performing Arts Wing building addition, renovated Visual Arts Center space and an Auditorium Improvement Fund.

The following enhancements will be included in the project.

The PERFORMING ARTS WING

- New building addition with Band, Choir and Orchestra spaces including practice rooms, storage and directors' offices
- Each room acoustically tuned for its specific purpose
- Building near Schantz Avenue and Mack Hummon Stadium for ease of transportation of instruments and students
- High visibility on Schantz Avenue, highlighting the importance of the arts in Oakwood Schools



The VISUAL ARTS CENTER

- Renovated second floor, central, high-traffic space in the freshman hallway
- An open art gallery and three art classrooms that will include windows for an interactive view of students at work
- Space will be opened to feature the gallery with installations celebrating students and community art
- Located close to the Auditorium for ease of use by student families and the community when attending school events and performances

THEATER PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS

- An established fund will support improvements to the Auditorium, including audio, visual and equipment needs for the structure to enhance its learning environment for practice and performance needs
- Ample new storage space for the Theater program has been identified within the project scope
- New recital space in the building addition with seating for nearly 200, filling an existing gap in performance space at the Junior High and High School





PERFORMING ARTS WING

New building addition with Band, Choir and Orchestra spaces including practice rooms, storage and directors offices.



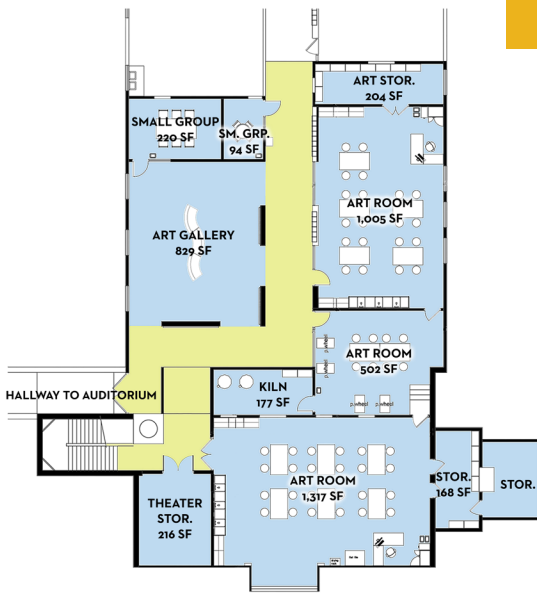
VISUAL ARTS CENTER

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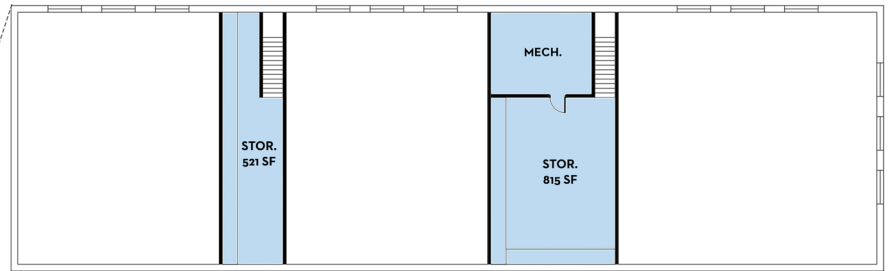


THEATER PROGRAM

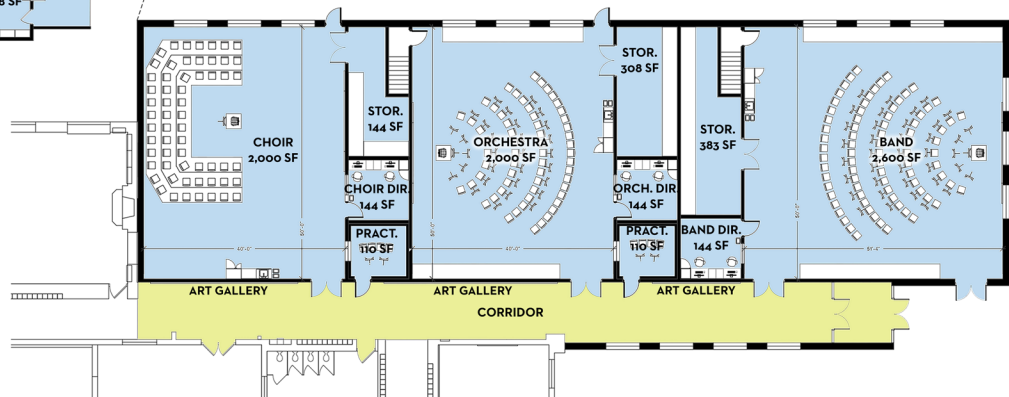
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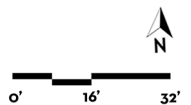
SECOND FLOOR PLAN VISUAL ARTS RENOVATION



SECOND FLOOR PLAN PERFORMING ARTS ADDITION



FIRST FLOOR PLAN PERFORMING ARTS ADDITION



ARTS ADDITION AND RENOVATION OAKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL



“ Art is a place for children to learn to trust their ideas, themselves, and to explore what is possible.

Art is as natural as sunshine and as vital as nourishment. ”

MaryAnn Kohl,
Author



EXPAND

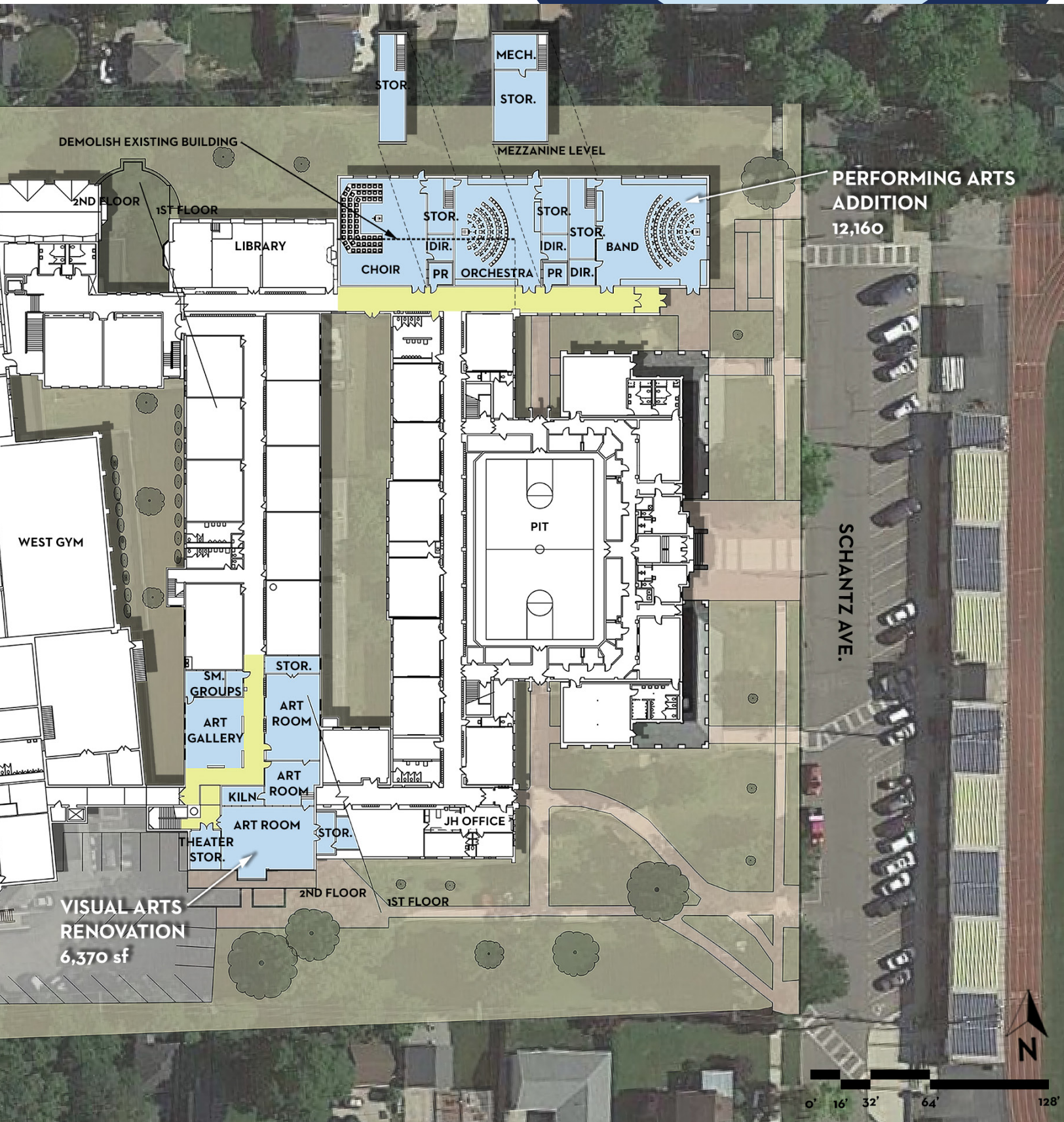
Our Plan: Expanding Student Potential

“ Creativity is an invaluable skill no matter what field you grow into as an adult, and it all begins with shaping the heart and mind with quality arts education as a student.

Adam Koch
OHS Alumni,
Class of 2003

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DEMOLISH EXISTING BUILDING

2ND FLOOR

1ST FLOOR

LIBRARY

STOR.

MECH.

STOR.

MEZZANINE LEVEL

PERFORMING ARTS
ADDITION
12,160

STOR.

STOR.

DIR.

PR

ORCHESTRA

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BAND

WEST GYM

PIT

SCHANTZ AVE.

SM.
GROUPS

STOR.

ART
GALLERY

ART
ROOM

KILN

ART
ROOM

ART ROOM

STOR.

THEATER
STOR.

JH OFFICE

VISUAL ARTS
RENOVATION
6,370 sf

2ND FLOOR

1ST FLOOR



Performing Arts Wing

The Band and Orchestra Rooms will be **substantially larger than the existing rooms**, approximately double the size, with higher ceilings, improved volume and enhanced acoustics.

Adjacent music libraries, directors' offices and shared practice rooms are also included in the spaces.

The Choir Room will be **twice the size of the current space with improved acoustics**. Two practice rooms distributed between Choir, Orchestra and Band will provide **acoustically isolated rehearsal space for individuals or small groups**. Windows will provide a visual connection between practice rooms and rehearsal space.

The arts enhancement project is a **celebration of the impact of the arts' ability to broaden perspective, encourage collaboration, deepen empathy and accelerate vocational exploration**.



ARTS ADDITION - BAND ROOM
OAKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL



ARTS ADDITION - CHOIR ROOM
OAKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL



ARTS ADDITION - ORCHESTRA ROOM
OAKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL



Visual Arts Center

The creation of the newly renovated **6,300 sq. ft. Visual Arts Center** includes an Art Gallery encircled by three remodeled art classrooms. The **expansion represents a 250% space increase** for the Visual Arts.

The high-visibility location of the Center will aid in **transforming the visual arts from the periphery to a central focus in Oakwood Schools**. Being a rarity in a secondary school system, the Art Gallery will serve as a mark of distinction for Oakwood Schools, in alignment with the **commitment to being a national school system of excellence**.

One of the art rooms will be dedicated to pottery and “wet” art, with **pottery wheels and an adjacent kiln firing room**.

There will be **two large additional art rooms with student art tables, stools, sinks and storage**.

Art room hallway windows provide a **visual connection to what is happening inside the classroom** for all students passing by in the corridor.



ARTS RENOVATION - ART GALLERY
OAKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL

“ Arts education in Oakwood Schools provides a tremendous foundation for our students. The value of Oakwood arts education cannot be underestimated.

Krista Caley

Parent of 2018 OHS graduate band member who is a member of The Ohio State Marching Band

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ENSURE

The Momentum Has Begun

Join Us To Ensure Our Future Success

We are actively seeking support from current friends and residents of Oakwood, Oakwood Schools parents, alumni from across the country, current and retired staff, and others who have expressed a vested interest.

With your help, this project will provide Oakwood students with the **significantly enhanced arts facilities they need to remain competitive with peers** and to fully realize their individual potential.

Our total project goal is \$8.8M in private support through fundraising efforts. We can and will reach this goal together with commitment from friends like you.

This project will:

- Enhance the Arts Education experience for Oakwood students, faculty, parents and the community at-large
- Provide Oakwood students the state-of-the-art facilities they need to remain competitive with other area school systems, as well as the ability to showcase their achievements
- Build future appreciation of the arts for generations to come
- Inspire enhanced and increased arts participation and retention
- Increase the accessibility to arts education by creating greater opportunity for curriculum enhancement and creative partnerships
- Enhance the artistic education experience with new programming space that assists both faculty and students in closing the feedback loop
- Encourage artistic expression and pursuit



As a leader and influencer in our community, **your support is critical to the FLOURISH Campaign's success.** This significant and powerful philanthropic effort **will ensure continued progress and a renewed commitment to the value of the arts** in Oakwood Schools. It will build the learning and practice spaces that will **inspire both students and faculty to reach further in their collaborative and creative efforts and it will ignite a passion that only the wonder of art can provide.**

“Creativity takes courage.”

Henri Matisse
French artist

We invite you to join us today as we improve the future for Oakwood students.

For more details and to discuss donation opportunities, please inquire.

Oakwood Schools Foundation

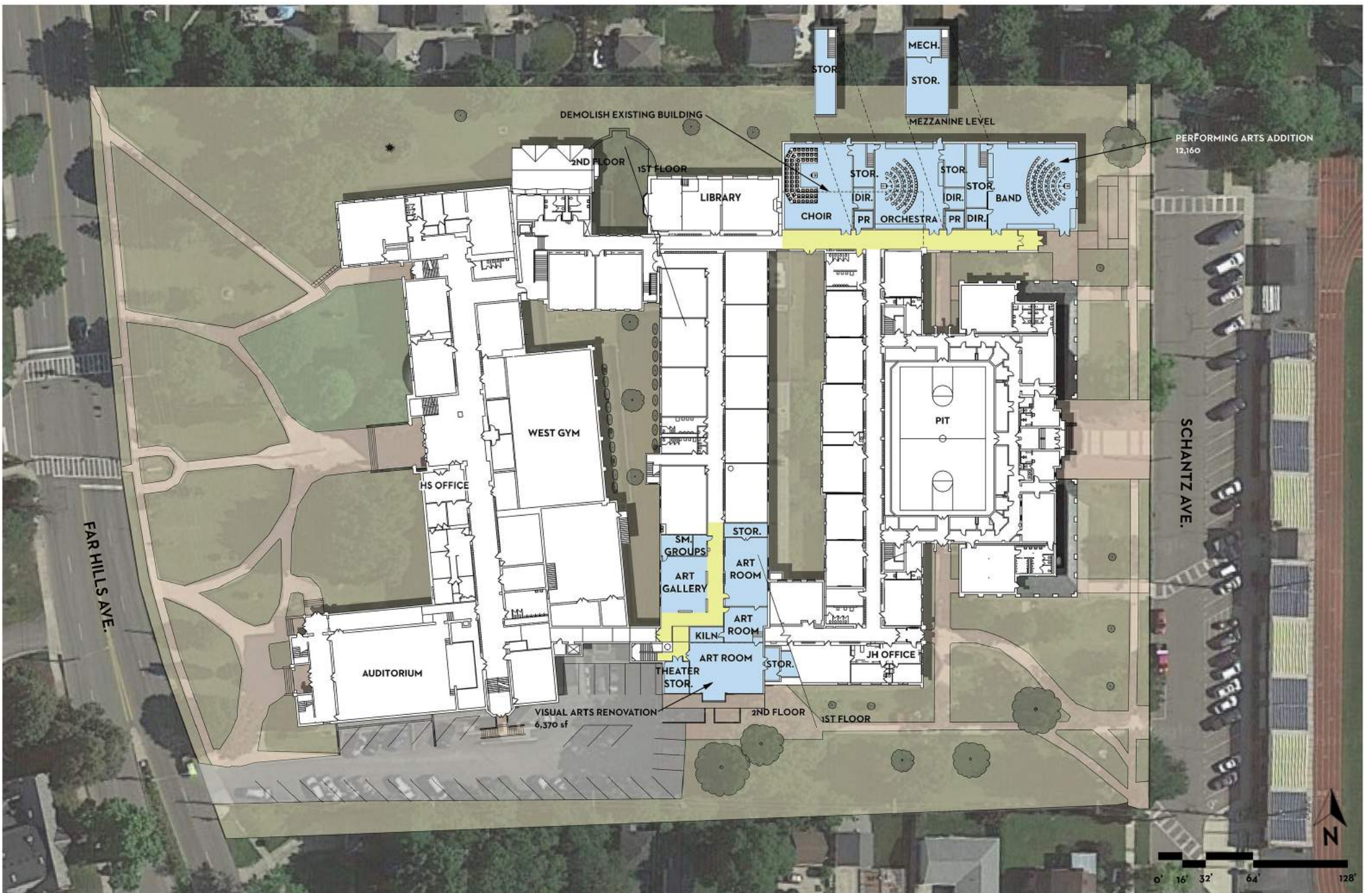
P.O. Box 351
Oakwood, OH 45409
937-297-5332
www.oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org/community/osf

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Brandy McFall, Development Director
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brandy@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org



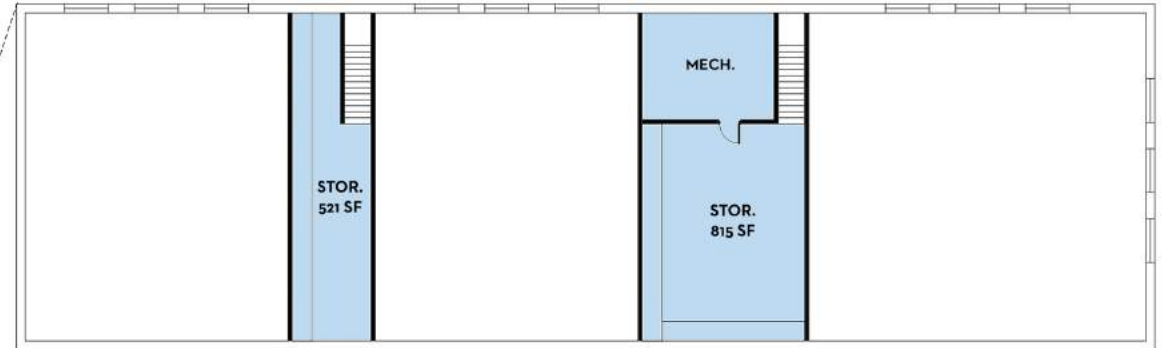
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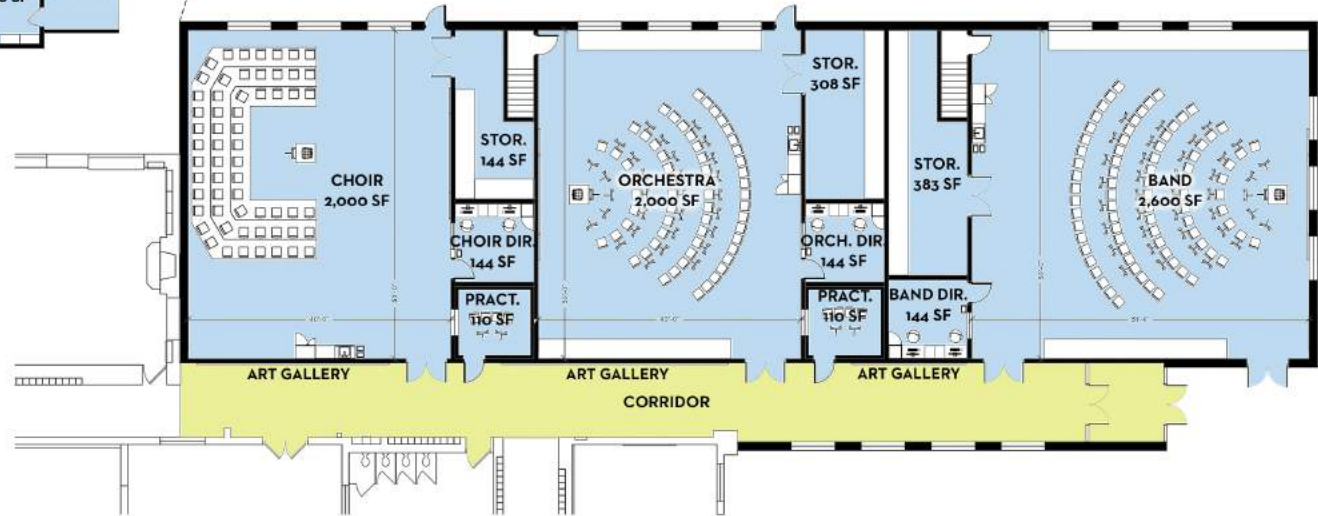
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 OAKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL



**SECOND FLOOR PLAN
VISUAL ARTS RENOVATION**



**SECOND FLOOR PLAN
PERFORMING ARTS ADDITION**



**FIRST FLOOR PLAN
PERFORMING ARTS ADDITION**



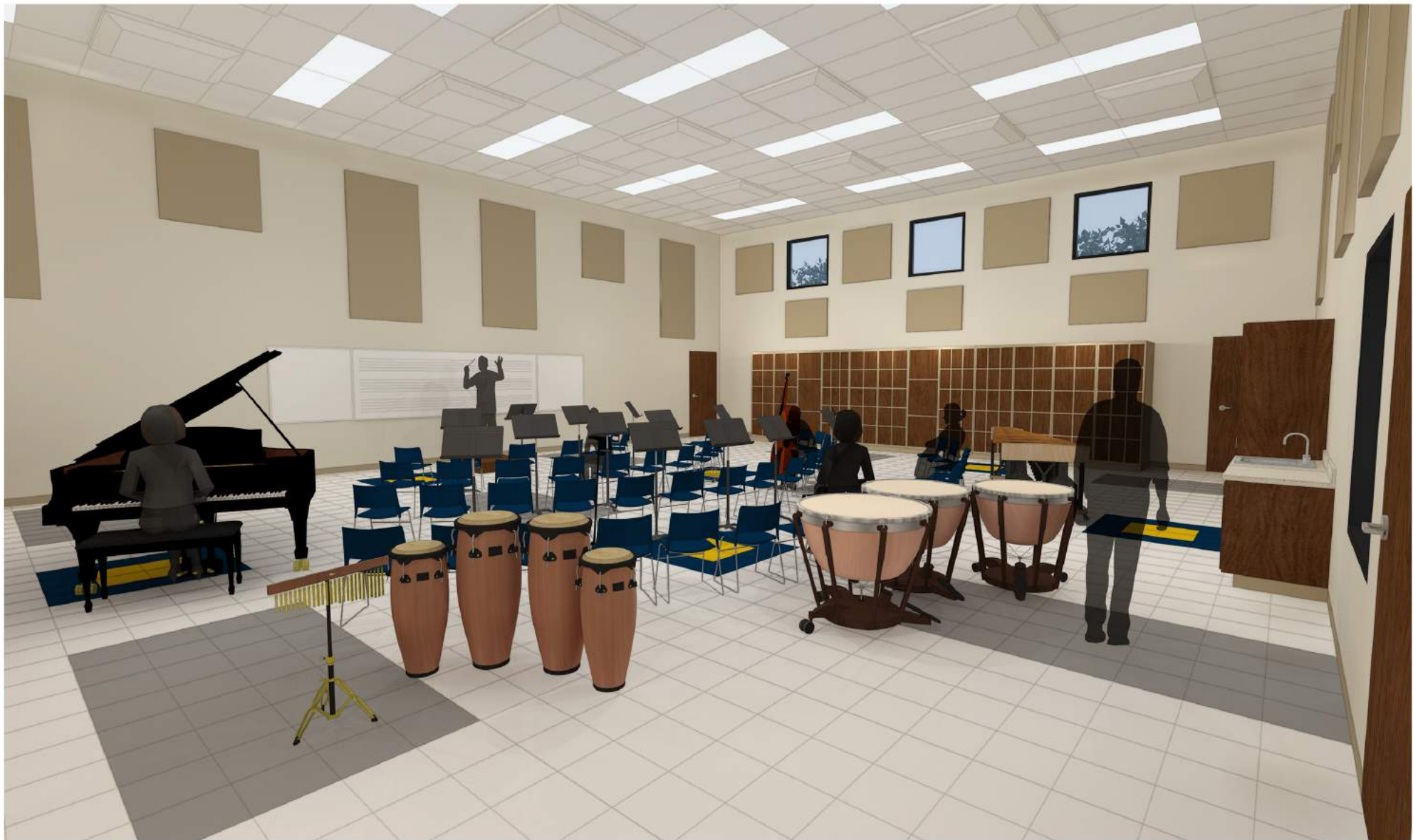
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OAKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL



ARTS ADDITION - BAND ROOM
OAKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL

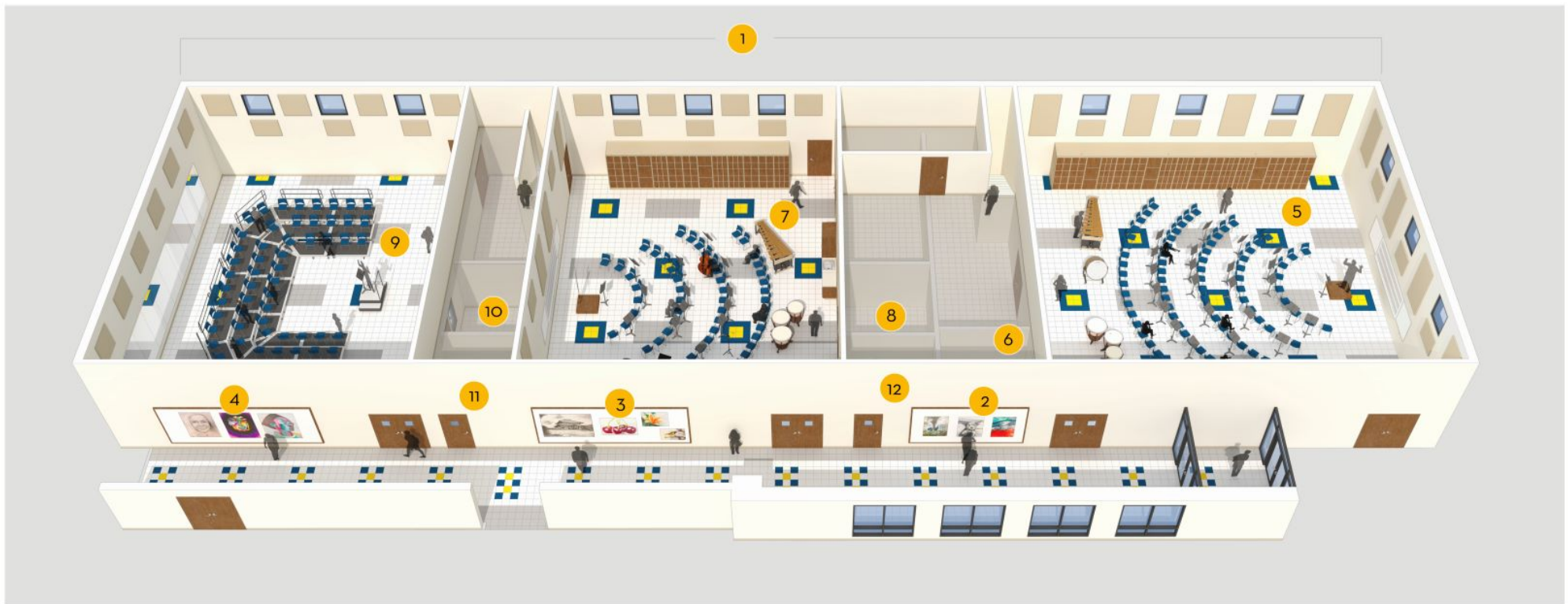








- 1 Performing Arts Addition
- 2 Art Gallery Section 1
- 3 Art Gallery Section 2
- 4 Art Gallery Section 3
- 5 Band Room
- 6 Band Director's Office
- 7 Orchestra Room
- 8 Orchestra Director's Office
- 9 Choir Room
- 10 Choir Director's Office
- 11 Practice Room 1
- 12 Practice Room 2



PERFORMING ARTS ADDITION
OAKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH / HIGH SCHOOL



- 1 Visual Arts Center
- 2 Full Art Gallery
- 3 Gallery Exhibit North
- 4 Gallery Exhibit East 1
- 5 Gallery Exhibit East 2
- 6 Gallery Exhibit South 1
- 7 Gallery Exhibit South 2
- 8 Corridor Exhibit West 1
- 9 Corridor Exhibit West 2
- 10 Corridor Exhibit West 3
- 11 Corridor Exhibit North 1
- 12 Corridor Exhibit North 2
- 13 Art Learning Space 1
- 14 Art Learning Space 2
- 15 Art Learning Space 3
- 16 Small Group Room 1
- 17 Small Group Room 2
- 18 Kiln Room



City of Oakwood
210 Shafor Boulevard
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

To: Norbert Klopsch, City Manager
From: Chris Kuzma, Staff Engineer
Date: April 19, 2022
Subject: 2022 Sidewalk, Curb, & Driveway Apron

The 2022 Sidewalk, Curb & Driveway Apron project bid opening, on March 31, 2022, resulted in receipt of no bidders for the project. Pursuant to section 145.05 of the City of Oakwood Codified Ordinances, the engineering department elected to pursue informal bids for the project in lieu of readvertising and repeating the formal bidding process.

A single bid was received by R.A. Miller, in which unit prices for material cost and labor were deemed reasonable and acceptable for the project, but due to budget and time constraints, it was recommended that we reduce the scope of work to the northwest quadrant of the City. In correspondence with Dusty Miller, president of R.A. Miller, we negotiated a final bid for a total amount of \$264,787.50, which includes all concrete work identified for improvement in the northwest quadrant of the City of Oakwood.

I recommend we award work for the 2022 Sidewalk, Curb & Driveway Apron project to R.A. Miller; the cost should be assigned to the following budget line items:

- 510.510.54510 SCA Repairs by contractor – Resident = \$100,000.00
- 510.510.54511 SCA Repairs by contractor – City = \$75,000.00
- 309.220.54500 Concrete Street Program = \$89,787.50

Attached are an updated bid tab and map of scope of work to be completed by R.A. Miller per their final bid.

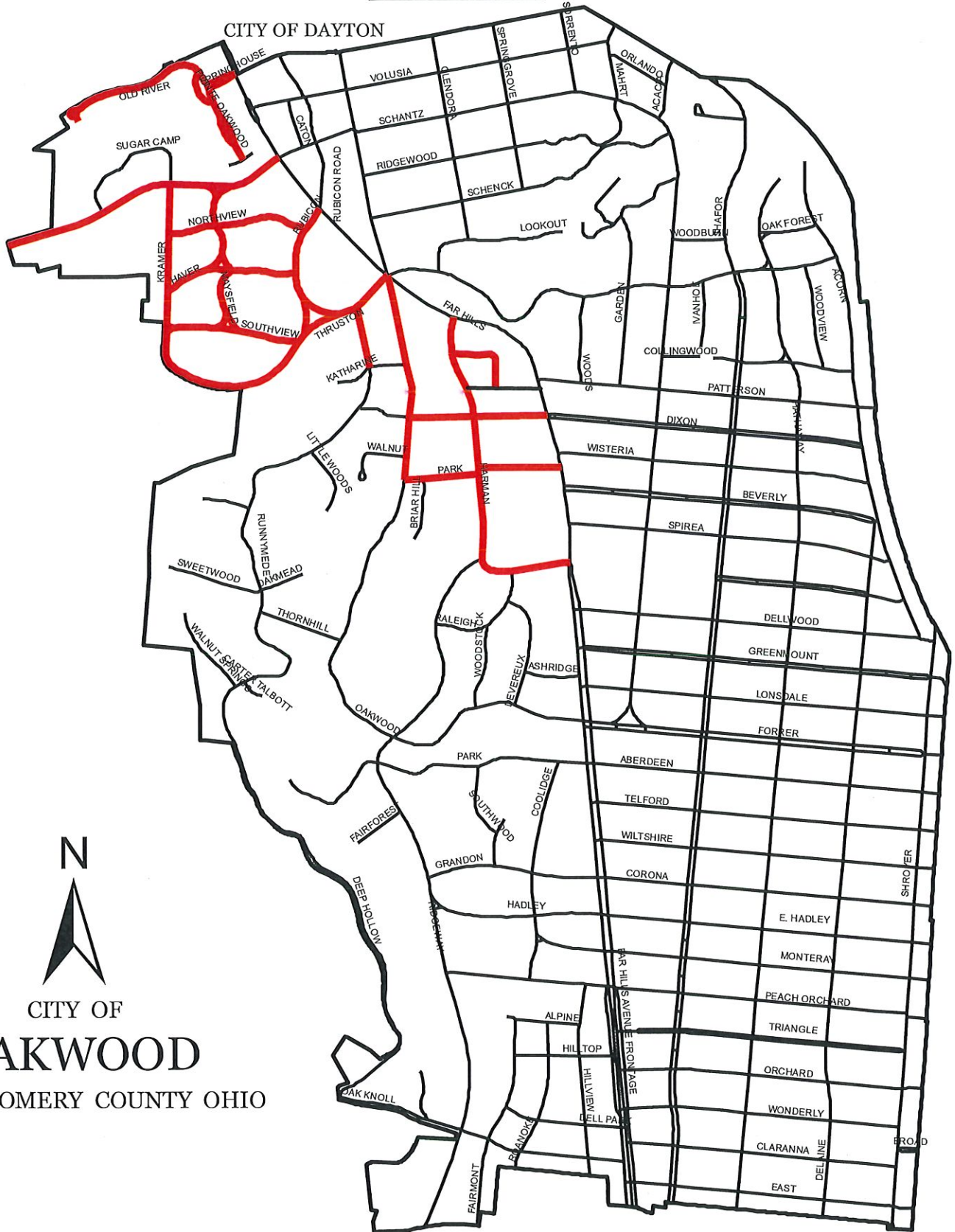
Please review and let me know if you have any questions.


CK

cc: Cindy Stafford
K. Douglas Spitler
David Shuey

CITY OF OAKWOOD

2022 REDUCED SIDEWALK, CURB AND APRON PROGRAM




 CITY OF
OAKWOOD
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY OHIO

LEGEND

— 2022 REDUCED SIDEWALK, CURB AND APRON PROGRAM

2022 SIDEWALK, CURB AND DRIVEWAY APRON PROJECT

BID TABULATION

BID OPENING: March 31, 2022 (NO BIDS); UPDATED: April 19, 2022

BASE BID				Engineer's Estimate		R.A. Miller (rec'd 4/18/2022)	
Item No.	Description	Estimated Quantity	Unit	Unit Price	TOTAL	Unit Price	TOTAL
1	Remove and Replace Concrete Sidewalk, 4" Thick	11,925	S.F.	\$12.25	\$146,081.25	\$14.50	\$172,912.50
2	Remove and Replace Concrete Sidewalk, 6" Thick	975	S.F.	\$16.00	\$15,600.00	\$15.75	\$15,356.25
3	Remove and Replace Concrete Driveway Apron, 6" Thick	1,925	S.F.	\$16.00	\$30,800.00	\$15.75	\$30,318.75
4	Remove and Replace Barrier Curb, Type B	300	L.F.	\$48.50	\$14,550.00	\$55.00	\$16,500.00
5	ADA Ramp	9	EA	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$3,300.00	\$29,700.00
6	Drain Pipe	0	EA	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL PRICE BASE BID:				\$216,031.25		\$264,787.50
	TIME OF COMPLETION:						Winter 2022/Spring 2023
	ESTIMATED START DATE						

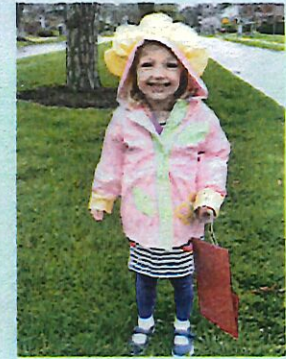
OAKWOOD
Waste collection

The quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club hazardous waste collection program is Saturday.

Oakwood residents are asked to call 937-296-5155 to schedule a free pick-up. While the service is free, the Oakwood Rotary Club accepts donations to be used for club service projects and grants.

STAFF REPORT

DDN 4/21/22



An Egg-cellent Easter Parade

The Oakwood Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 107 and Boy Scout Troop 101 delivered an Egg-cellent Easter Parade as children lined up along Shafor Boulevard in Oakwood on Saturday, April 16. The Easter Bunny waved to the crowd from a city firetruck while Scouts handed out 4,000 eggs to children along the parade route.



OR
4/20/22



EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (“STYROFOAM”)

How is it recycled and what happens to it after it has been recycled?

I have received some questions about: 1) What happens to the Styrofoam at the events we have; 2) Where does it go and 3) What is it made into it. Below are some video’s you can view to learn the answers to these questions.

ECO DEVELOPMENT – Mason, Ohio

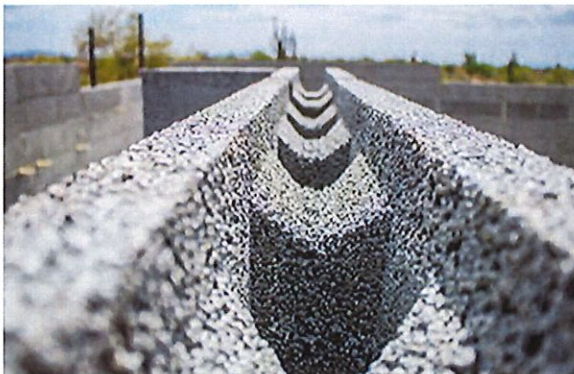
<https://prezi.com/view/eNE3lfBDg9xdEbko5JEO/>
<https://www.ecoenergydevelopment.com/copy-of-commodities>

PLASTIC TECHNOLOGIES, INC. – Indianapolis, Indiana

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtNk7VownCc>
<http://plastic-recycling.net/>

Probably more than what you wanted to know, but for us “recycling geeks”, this is fun. More Information for your foam library:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vb6TLATwj6I>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NefRPyMegXs>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIJ4HJbmXt8>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4Oh0Sa3RMg> (Patent has been received)
<https://www.foamcycle.com/>



<https://thepperfectblock.com/recycling/>



<https://www.azom.com/article.aspx?ArticleID=526>

OAKWOOD

Recycling Styrofoam

Oakwood is partnering with Green Oakwood to provide a spring Styrofoam recycling event. Styrofoam will be collected at the 24/7 public-access recycling facility at the front entrance to the J. David Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard, on Saturday 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. No other Public Works services will be available that day.

STAFF REPORT

DDW
4/22/22

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBERS
FROM: ETHAN KROGER
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF MAY 12 MEETING
DATE: APRIL 20, 2022

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022 has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting is at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2022.

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cc: Members of City Council
Norbert Klopsch, City Manager
Robert Jacques, Law Director
Jennifer Wilder, Personnel and Properties Director

Oakwood academic team again to defend title

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

OAKWOOD — The Oakwood High School academic decathlon team is defending a Division III national title.

Actually, it's the ninth straight year the OHS team will be battling to keep a division country-wide crown, records show.

The competition is scored based on speeches, tests and interviews,

Coach Lori Morris said.

"It's a lot of hard work," Morris said of the United States Academic Decathlon Association® contest, a virtual event for the second straight year that begins today and runs through Saturday.

"It seems mundane because they've had so much success," she added. "But it's a lot of work every year. It's a full-time sport for these kids with the number of hours that they've been pre-

paring."

The competition feature 48 U.S. teams, plus about 10 teams from China, according to Morris.

The USADA is a non-profit corporation founded in 1981 to promote "learning and academic excellence among students of varying achievement levels by developing and providing multidisciplinary academic competitions using academic decathlon curricula," its website states.

Teams are split into four divisions by size of school. Oakwood's highest finish across all divisions was second place in 2018 and 2019, records show. It has placed in the top five overall seven times since 2004, according to national academic decathlon data.

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

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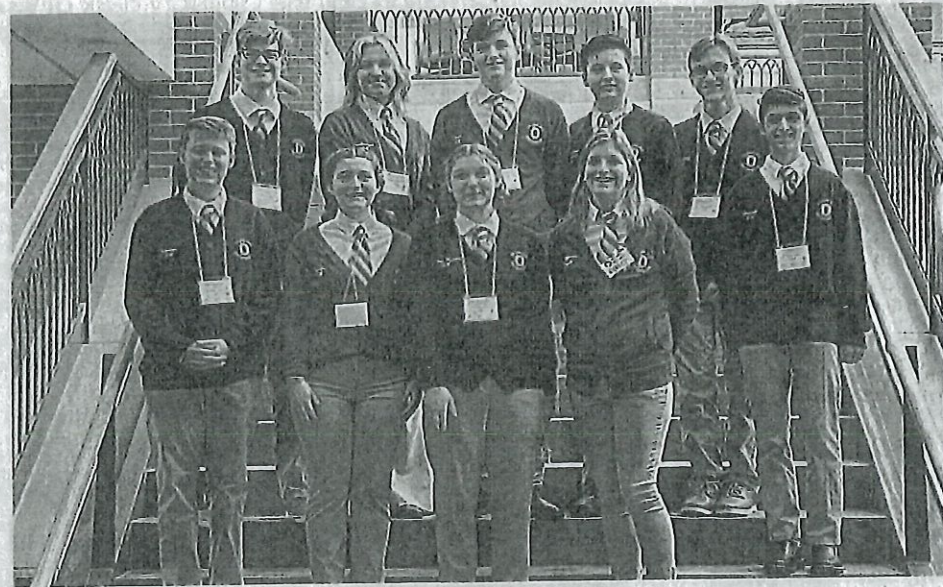
divisions, Morris said.

This year's nine-member squad includes Alex Baals Kall, Rebecca Blumer, Brian Fischer, Rohan Haack, Evan Hardern, Rohan Haack, Soren Kingston, Danny Vasconez and Elizabeth Yarbrough.

Haack, Kulka and Kingston all won Golden Eagle awards at state for the highest overall individual scores in their respective GPA divisions, according to the school district. Kingston was also the highest overall scoring student of the competition, officials said.

At nationals, teams are judged on a different theme each year and the 2022 one is water, Morris said. Teams will examine that topic as it relates to issues such as social science, history, literature, economics, music, art and math, she added.

Oakwood's team will com-



The Oakwood High School academic decathlon team has won nine straight division national titles, records show. CONTRIBUTED

pete via Zoom at the high school, Morris said.

"The kids would much rather prefer an in-person competition," she added. "They much prefer the

energy and the excitement of being around all of these other kids and doing the same competition in person. They miss the interaction with the other students

who are competing in the same activities."

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL INC.



April 2, 2022

To: *Mayor Duncan*

From: Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial Committee

RE: **2022 Montgomery County Memorial Service**

The 15th Annual Montgomery County Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Service will be held on **Friday, May 6, 2022 at 11 am** at the Pavilion at Riverscape Metro Park, 111 E. Monument Ave., Dayton. You are cordially invited to join us to honor the memory of the Officers who have given their lives in service to this community.

The keynote speaker for this year's event will be Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost. AG Yost was elected to office January 14, 2019 with a focus on the opioid epidemic, human trafficking, solving cold-case homicides and sexual assaults, and shielding Ohio consumers from scammers and robocallers. The officer survivor speaker will be Amanda Holloway, wife of DPD Officer Thadeu Holloway. On September 22, 2021, Officer Holloway survived a violent, armed encounter during a fraud investigation. The service, which starts promptly at 11 am, is anticipated to be approximately one hour. Seating will be provided for all officials in attendance. Parking is available at 811 E. Monument St., (east of Meigs St. and Tech Town) for all law enforcement personnel, command staff, elected officials, and government leaders. Shuttle service will be available to and from the parking lot to the procession staging area and the ceremony location. Seating will be provided for all elected officials and government leaders in a designated area next to the stage.

Please mark your calendar and join us on **Friday, May 6, 2022**. Please RSVP with your acceptance or regrets to mcleomoh@gmail.com or 937-361-5785. A Memorial Service flier is enclosed with further information.

Respectfully,

Nancy

Nancy Kramer, Montgomery County Law Enforcement Memorial Committee

Please share this invitation with your City Council members!



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FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022
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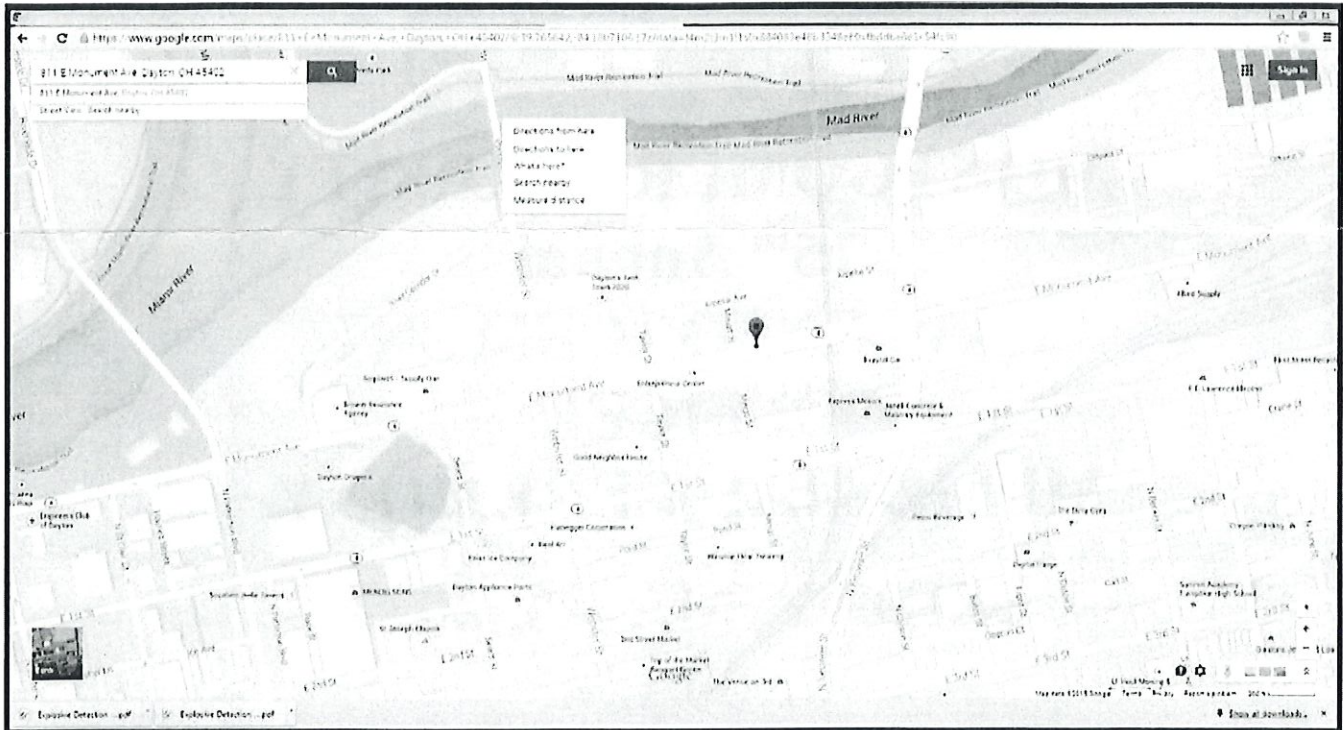
Law enforcement officers, elected officials, public dignitaries, family survivors, and the public are invited to join together on Friday, May 6, 2022, to honor the 40 Montgomery County law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty over the past 142 years. The memorial ceremony will begin at 11:00 A.M. preceded with a procession of officers, retirees, and cruisers arriving at the ceremony site at Riverscape at 10:45 A.M.

The Law Enforcement Speaker is Amanda Holloway, wife of DPD Officer Thadeu Holloway. On September 22, 2021, Officer Holloway survived a violent, armed encounter, during a fraud investigation.

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(ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS & DIRECTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE)

Free parking is available at 811 East Monument Street (east of Meigs Street and Tech Town) for all law enforcement personnel, command staff personnel, elected officials, and government leaders. Shuttle service will be available to and from the parking lot to the procession staging area and the ceremony location. Family survivors will be provided special parking passes. To ensure safety of the vehicles, volunteers will be monitoring this parking lot during the ceremony.



For officers and retirees walking in the procession, you will need to assemble in the parking lot of Temple Israel, 130 Riverside Drive, by 1000 hours. The procession will begin promptly at 1015 hours.

Due to the limited space at Riverscape and Temple Israel, each law enforcement agency is requested to have ONLY ONE marked cruiser in the procession and to stage in the Temple Israel parking lot. THERE IS NO EXTRA PARKING AVAILABLE FOR CRUISERS OR PERSONAL VEHICLES AT TEMPLE ISRAEL.

A complimentary luncheon for law enforcement officers, retirees, and family survivors will follow the ceremony at the Antioch Shrine, 120 East First Street, compliments of Kettering Health Network. Shuttle service will be provided to and from the Antioch Shrine to the parking area.

Klopsch, Norbert S.

From: Roger Crum <rccrum1@udayton.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 8:47 AM
To: Hill, Alan
Cc: Klopsch, Norbert S.
Subject: three of your officers

dear chief hill

this is a note to commend the notably excellent work and admirable demeanors of three of your officers: ross green, chris sloan, and kyle sewert. in the last several days i've had exchanges with all three (with officers green and sloan the other night when i detected a gas leak up in the parking lot immediately to the north of dorothy lane market; and with officer sewert--or is it sewart?---, just this morning as he was watching the smith school intersection at shafor and aberdeen).

as i have always impressed by oakwood officers, i was in this interactions similarly impressed and pleased with these professionals. i know that chris sloan is the senior of the three, having trained---apparently---kyle sewert and now working with ross green.

i know that officer green is quite new on the force (i actually was present for his swearing in at city council in november of last year). i'm pleased to see him doing so well on the force and growing in command of his new duties and collaborative engagement with your other officers and, by extension, oakwood community members.

i thoroughly enjoyed my conversations with all three as they exhibited model demonstrations of community policing and community relations: one of the hallmarks of your excellent work in shaping a first-rate force. so commendations to them, and gratitude to you for the good

work you are doing in overseeing our superb force in oakwood. thank you, and them.

yours, roger crum (159 aberdeen)

Billions in COVID aid: Where is it going?

The Dayton Daily News today launches a project to inform you how billions of COVID aid is being spent. This coverage includes a series of stories examining the issue, and online tools allowing you to see how communities down to the smallest village are spending federal funds.

How federal stimulus dollars are being spent

The city of Dayton is the largest local recipient of American Rescue Plan funds, and Montgomery County was the largest local recipient of CARES Act funds. Here's how Dayton plans to spend \$138 million. How Montgomery County spent \$92.7 million is on A14.

How Dayton is spending \$138 million

\$36M
Maintaining
City Services

Covering
revenue
losses
from the
pandemic



\$10.8M
Catalyzing
Economic Recovery

Plans include investing in
the Wright Factory site

\$21.5M
Enhancing Critical
City Services

Plans
include
building a
new joint
police-fire
station



\$55M
Improving neighborhoods



Plans include
demolishing blighted
structures and
improving housing
conditions

\$7.3M
Aiding Community
and Small Business
Recovery

Plans include assisting
small businesses and
community organizations

\$7.6M
Supporting
Black and
Brown
Business

Plans include
establishing a
racial equity fund
and assisting
Black-owned
businesses

Nationally, relief programs have been plagued by fraud concerns and misspending of funds.

By Josh Sweigart
Staff Writer

Federal lawmakers have pumped more than \$1 billion in federal COVID relief into the Dayton region since the beginning of the pandemic.

It is enough not only to help local governments respond to the health crisis over the past two years, but also – if spent wisely – a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that could transform area communities.

Those COVID relief programs have also been plagued by concerns of fraud and misspending amid the rush to get aid out the door.

“By passing the American Rescue Plan, Congress provided the flexibility local governments asked for to recover from the pandemic and fund essential needs,” said U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio. “Ohioans need to know that the funding Congress passed is being used properly, which is why we implemented strict oversight across various federal agencies.”

Out of \$5 trillion spent nationwide since the pandemic began, up to \$400 billion has been stolen, said U.S. Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, the ranking Republican on a Senate committee that recently held a hearing on COVID relief oversight.

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Dayton Daily News **INVESTIGATES** *Billions in COVID aid: Where it's going*

FOLLOW THE MONEY

We are asking local governments to show how they're spending taxpayer money for pandemic relief. We are examining data and hitting the street to uncover if there's any waste, fraud, abuse or mismanagement. And we are asking readers to follow the money with us as we use Ohio public records law and federal sources to put this information on our website at DaytonDailyNews.com/investigations/billions-in-covid-aid. Your subscription makes this work possible.

ALSO INSIDE

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- » How Montgomery County is spending \$92.7 million, **A14**

COVID aid

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"The unprecedented speed and amount of spending ... has made oversight of these funds incredibly difficult," Portman spokesperson Mollie Timmons told the Dayton Daily News.

"Sen. Portman believes more work needs to be done to identify the scope of fraud, recover stolen money, and implement reforms to prevent fraud from occurring in the first place."

The American Rescue Plan, passed by Congress last year, makes \$718.7 million available to more than 200 local governments in our nine-county region. This follows more than \$300 million already spent by local governments as part of the CARES Act passed in 2020.

Hundreds of millions more flowed into the region through other programs, such as expanded unemployment, the Payroll Protection Program and Restaurant Revitalization Fund.

This story digs into how CARES Act funds were spent and the process governments are using to determine how to spend ARPA funds. Future reporting will examine this spending in closer detail.

The American Rescue Plan Act, or ARPA, was intended to respond to the COVID pandemic. U.S. Treasury in January issued final guidance on how the money can be used, giving governments "substantial flexibility."

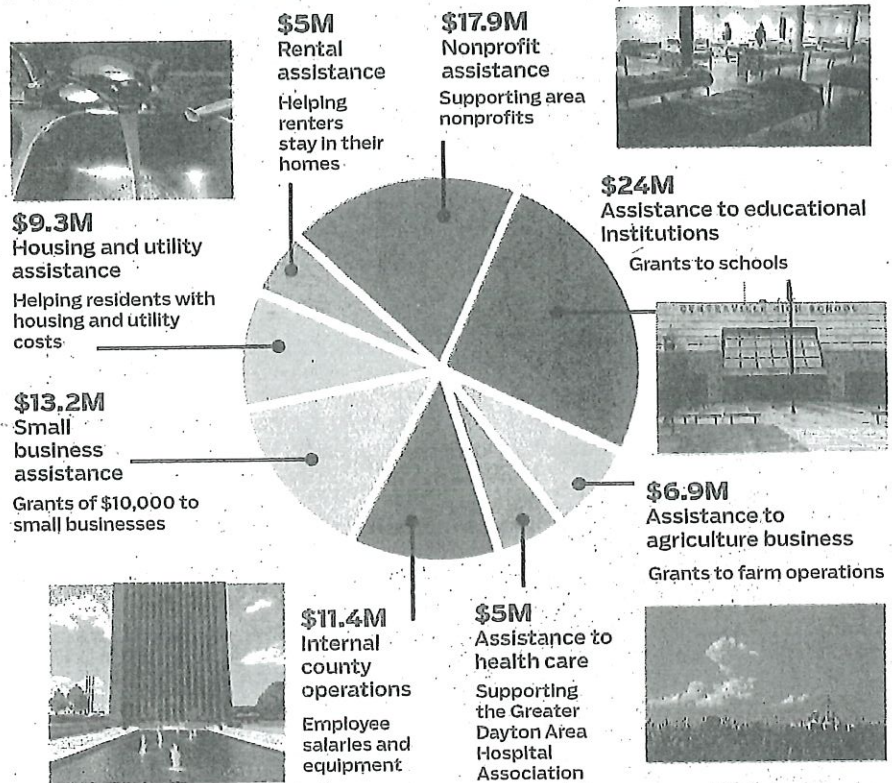
Governments can replace public sector revenue lost due to the pandemic, respond to health and economic impacts of the pandemic, and invest in water, sewer and broadband, among other things.

Examples of ineligible expenses include building jails, offsetting tax cuts, paying down debt, replenishing financial reserves or paying legal settlements.

"Transformative" opportunity

The \$138 million Dayton is getting in ARPA funds — the most in the region — has been heralded as "transformative" by Mayor Jeffrey Mims Jr.

How Montgomery County spent \$92.7 million



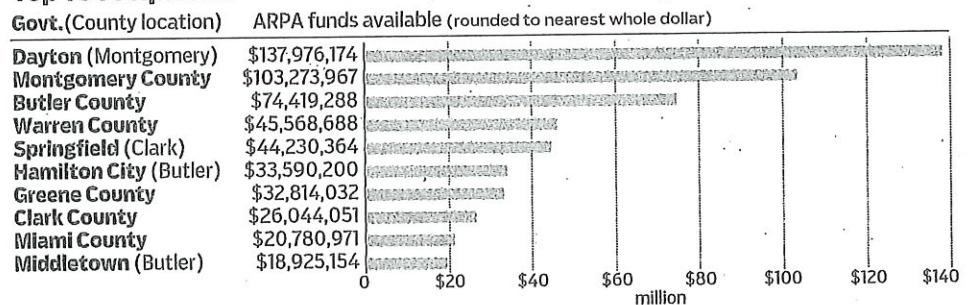
Source: Dayton city manager's proposed Dayton Recovery Plan, Montgomery County

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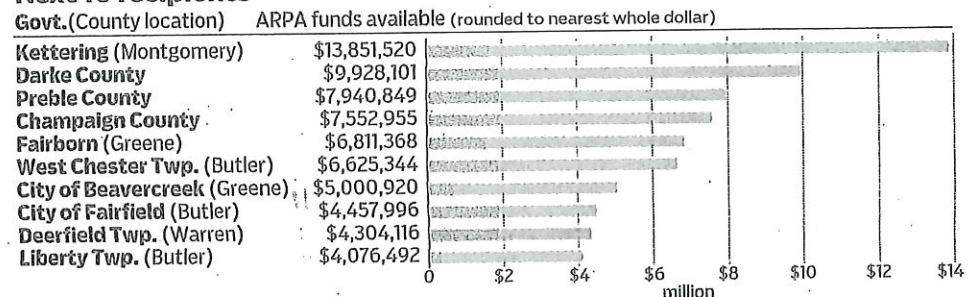
American Rescue Plan funding to local communities

More than 200 local governments in our area, from the largest city to the smallest village, are eligible to receive more than \$700 million combined from the American Rescue Plan. Local leaders will decide how this money is spent, with broad discretion. Below are entities getting the 20-largest amounts. Visit our website for a searchable tool of how much every community is getting, and reporting on how communities are spending it.

Top 10 recipients



Next 10 recipients



Source: Dayton Daily News analysis of state and federal data

It's the largest federal grant in the city's history; more money than the city expects to collect in income taxes this year.

"I am tickled to be the mayor at the time this stuff is happening. If we don't do anything else but manage this process, it's going to be a major, major benefit," Mims said.

City officials came up with a proposed plan for spending the money in December after a monthslong public input process that included a community survey, multiple listening sessions and a public solicitation of suggestions that resulted in \$448 million in proposals.

A Community and Neighborhood Development Advisory Board scored the proposals using criteria including sustainability and social benefit. They narrowed the list to 35 community projects totaling \$19.2 million and seven businesses totaling \$2.5 million. The city is doing another round of reviews before making final awards in the summer.

But critics, including the Dayton Unit NAACP, say the city's process was rushed and unfriendly to entrepreneurs and small nonprofits who might have had great ideas but couldn't navigate the confusing process.

"We really feel that there should have been more time expended for people to apply," said Dayton NAACP President Derrick Foward. "From a timing standpoint, there was simply no need to rush the process when you had two years to turn it in." "The city still has time to reopen the process," Foward said.

Under the current plan, the biggest focus is \$55 million for neighborhood improvement. With this and other funding, the city plans to tear down all 1,025 properties on its nuisance property list. Another \$18.7 million is budgeted for building and repairing homes. These efforts are focused on the neediest census tracts.

Plans also include improvements to sidewalks and parks, a racial equity fund

and supports for Black- and brown-owned businesses and an \$11 million joint police-fire station. The city is also setting aside \$36 million to cover basic city services in the face of lost revenue because of the pandemic.

"That allows us to make sure we take care of basic services," Mims said.

Still working on it

Local governments have until 2024 to spend ARPA funds. And most governments are nowhere near as far into the planning process as Dayton.

Butler County will get \$74.4 million, the third highest in the region, and county commissioners there are working with staff and holding work sessions to winnow down a list of nearly \$150 million in suggested projects.

Miamisburg staff say they plan to discuss uses for the \$2.1 million the city will get at an upcoming meeting.

Fairborn is gathering feedback from the community via a survey and town halls before city council votes on a plan to spend its \$6.8 million.

Of the more than 750 respondents so far to Fairborn's online survey, the highest priority is "Community health, wellness and quality of life by investing in physical and mental health."

Fairborn considered using ARPA money to pay for a mural on the side of its library, but after some community criticism, decided to use general fund money. At this point no ARPA money has been spent.

"One of the goals is to use the money for projects that benefit the most number of people in the community as possible," Fairborn spokeswoman Meghan Howard said.

Warren County Commissioner David Young said with the exception of small business assistance during the shutdown, most of the COVID stimulus has been not only unnecessary, but harmful by increasing the national debt and fueling inflation.

"It's absolutely ludicrous

that the federal government is throwing money around like that," he said.

Young said he would have liked to turn down ARPA money, but if the county did, it would have just been redistributed to some other government.

"I don't want my folks to have to pay for it and not get any benefit from it," he said.

So now Warren County commissioners are looking at a list of about \$60 million in proposals as they discuss how to spend \$45.6 million. Ideas include \$6.9 million for child care costs for working parents under 200% of federal poverty; or contributing \$3.5 million toward an ice and multisport arena.

Warren County also used CARES Act and ARPA funds to cover county services and personnel, bolstering its already healthy reserves. This helps cover the loss from the county giving all property owners a year off from paying county property taxes this year.

Some governments don't take money

In our area seven small local governments in Butler, Champaign, Darke and Warren counties didn't apply for the funds.

The largest not applying was Union Twp. in Champaign County, which passed on \$215,577 in ARPA funds. This would have been a significant portion of the township's \$1.7 million annual operating budget.

Chuck Dooley, president of the Union Twp. trustees, said the program rules changed several times, and they didn't want to risk using the money improperly and getting in trouble.

"We could spend the money, don't get me wrong," he said. "We're not a huge township. It was probably in our township's best interest not to mess with it."

Final program rules gave governments broad discretion on how to use it, basically allowing them to consider the first \$10 million a

reimbursement for lost revenue and allowing them to use it for any legal government purpose. All but 11 local governments got less than \$10 million.

Broad discretion

Greene County is declaring \$10 million of the \$32.8 million in ARPA money it will get as "revenue replacement" under this rule, and putting it toward building a jail, which would otherwise be ineligible.

The second-largest use Greene County will use ARPA funds for is \$9.6 million for broadband expansion. County commissioners on Thursday voted to spend another \$7.3 million on county projects and nonprofit grants. The county has about \$3.1 million left to allocate.

Springboro officials moved relatively quickly last year to spend \$759,860 in ARPA funds. The city covered one month of water, sewer and trash bills citywide in May 2021 – benefiting 6,400 residential properties and 600 businesses.

"The city council deliberated and felt it was the most direct, efficient and effective way to provide some immediate financial relief to the entire community by utilizing the federal dollars for their intended purpose," the city said in a message to residents, urging them to use the money they save to support local businesses and charities.

City officials have not decided how to use the rest of the \$2 million they will get.

'We're going to take our time'

Darke County will get \$9.9 million. County Commission President Matt Aultman said they intend to spend about \$500,000 putting county recorder files online, which will improve service and decrease people coming into the office. They are also looking at hands-free controls for the county jail.

But most of it will go to regular county services, which will free up money in the gen-

eral fund and give them time to consider how best to use it.

"We're going to take our time. We're not going to rush into spending this stuff," Aultman said.

Kettering city commission in March agreed to use the \$13.9 million in ARPA funds to cover public safety payroll, simplifying the federal reporting. The money saved from the general fund will go toward:

- \$2 million in yet-to-be-determined community programs such as mental health, hunger and housing.

- \$4.5 million for capital equipment such as a medic, fire engine and heavy equipment.

- \$7.3 million for capital improvements such as bridge, street, stormwater and park projects.

"The city of Kettering will utilize ARPA funds to assist those who were impacted most by the pandemic," said city spokeswoman Mary Azbill. "Emphasis is also placed on getting back on track with the capital equipment and capital improvement programs that were delayed or cut due to the uncertainty of the pandemic."

Infrastructure common use

The Ohio Municipal League at the end of 2021 surveyed governments across Ohio about how they intend to spend ARPA funds. More than a third of respondents hadn't decided.

Of those who had decided, the most common immediate use was infrastructure improvements such as water and wastewater systems. Another common use was supporting community programs and nonprofits.

Ohio Municipal League Director Kent Scarrett said while some governments are looking at big, transformational projects, many are planning more mundane but crucial or deferred investments in water and infrastructure.

"It really depends on the needs of that community," he said.

Much of the funds will maintain public services otherwise threatened in many cities losing income and lodging taxes during the pandemic, and facing inflation.

"It really was a significant lifeline for communities to

stabilize budgets and not lay off municipal employees," he said.

Huber Height City Manager Bryan Chodkowski said the city plans to spend its \$4 million ARPA allotment on water and sewer expansion to the east. It's something the city had planned to do, he said.

"We knew what we wanted to do, we didn't know how we wanted to pay for it," he said.

Xenia plans to spend its \$2.8 million to cover revenue losses and pay police and fire salaries.

"We're slowly climbing back up to where we were pre-pandemic," City Manager Jared Holloway said of income tax revenues.

The money they were going to spend on police and fire salaries will be set aside to guard against inflation, he said. They have had requests from other groups for money, Holloway said, "but there's been no aggressive conversation" about how to spend freed-up funds.

Montgomery County is spending the majority of its \$103.3 million from ARPA on county services. The largest single expenditure, \$29 million, will cover jail staff salaries over the next two years, followed by \$18.5 million for personnel costs in other county agencies such as juvenile court, public health, the coroner's office and developmental disabilities. More than \$20 million is budgeted for renovations and improvements to county facilities.

"These are necessities for us to continue operating should there be another pandemic or should another crisis come our way ... to make sure we can continue to serve the vulnerable populations we serve," Montgomery County Commission President Carolyn Rice said.

Of course, the county must pay jail salaries anyway. Asked what the county will do with the freed up general fund money, Rice said commissioners have no specific plans but it leaves them "well positioned for the future."

CARES Act money

Montgomery County's use of ARPA differs from how it used \$92.7 million it received in CARES Act money. Most of that money went to direct aid: \$17.9 million to nonprofits, \$13.2 million to small businesses, \$24 million to educational institutions, and \$14.3 million to housing, utility and rental assistance.

"We knew that the economic situation was serious and we needed to use those dollars in all those different sectors," Rice said. "It was pretty much totally a shock to the whole economy that restaurants and small businesses were all of a sudden just shutting down and not knowing then how long this would last, giving them money to help with how COVID impacted their situation, so hopefully they survive."

Local governments were awarded more than \$300 million from the CARES Act. The money had to be spent in 2020 and 2021. Montgomery County received its money directly from the U.S. Treasury. For other local governments, it was passed through the state. Those governments had a mid-February 2022 deadline to report to the state how it was spent.

The Dayton Daily News obtained those reports using Ohio public records law, and made detailed reports by community available on our website.

An analysis of that data found that across southwest Ohio, the most common use of CARES Act funds – totaling more than \$150 million – was for employee payrolls, mostly for health and public safety staff. That money maintained government payrolls despite revenue losses, and bolstered many governments' reserves.

After that came public health expenses, such as office renovations, disinfection and equipment. This totaled \$21 million.

Small business assistance

The next largest category, totaling \$13.7 million in our area, was for small business assistance. That's in addition to the \$13.2 million spent by Montgomery County for that.

Rules for these programs varied by community. Kettering required applicants to

demonstrate a 30% decline in sales from the previous year, and to retain at least one low-to-moderate-income employee. Kettering gave \$5,000 grants to 23 businesses.

Dayton provided \$309,337 in grants of up to \$15,000 for businesses to make physical improvements to protect staff and customers. This included building or expanding patios – in one case buying outdoor igloos for more than \$1,000 each. At least one restaurant has since closed its storefront.

Montgomery County provided grants of \$10,000 each to more than 1,300 small businesses. Program rules initially said recipients couldn't get other federal aid, such as PPP, but that was later revised.

Many businesses benefited from more than one program. The Dayton Daily News cross-referenced recipients of local business programs, the Payroll Protection Program and the Restaurant Revitalization Fund and found numerous businesses appearing on more than one list.

Lebanon Mayor Mark Messer got a \$5,000 grant from Warren County and \$34,400 in PPP funds to cover losses at his personal training gym in Lebanon, MesserFit.

"It basically kept us from going bankrupt," he said. "When the government shuts down a service business for 10 weeks, that's no small feat to try to overcome."

Lebanon gave out grants of up to \$1,800 to 27 businesses. Messer didn't apply for that because he wanted to avoid any conflict, he said. Of the 27 businesses who got aid, 16 reported they applied for other aid as well.

Messer said Lebanon is considering offering another small business or nonprofit assistance program with the roughly \$500,000 left in ARPA funding. Lebanon spent most of the \$2.2 million it received on utility infrastructure, replacing a bridge for the tourism railway, downtown restrooms and park improvements.

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Skyrocketing construction costs hammer sewer project

Bids top \$12M for worked estimated to cost \$9.75M.

By Ed Richter
Staff Writer

It's going to cost Lebanon ratepayers a lot more money to build the new Glosser Road Pump Station and Booster Station project as construction costs continue to soar.

The engineer's estimated cost of the project was listed at \$9.75 million. However, bids from two companies came in at \$12.1 million and \$12.5 million.

Lebanon City Council, after discussions with city staff and its consultant Burgess & Niple, awarded the bid to Dugan & Meyers LLC because it is a critical infrastructure project for the city and was recommended by city staff even though the bids came in high.

Darren Owens, city public works director, said trying to rebid the project could result in a higher project cost as it is also taking vendors and suppliers longer to deliver materials.

City Manager Scott Brunka said the higher prices were the result of more grant money being available, specialty bidders have been busy, and the size of the project.

"We're fortunate to get these two bids," he said. "These are unprecedented times and material costs are going up."

About 80% of the city's sewage is pumped through the Glosser Road Pump system and is treated five

miles away at the wastewater treatment plant on Mason-Morrow-Milgrove Road, Owens said.

The project includes constructing a new 10-million gallon per day pump station; a new coarse screen facility to remove items that cannot be pumped; modifying the equalization basin to increase storage volume by 1.3 million gallons; and constructing a wet weather booster station along the force main route on Columbia Road.

The city received a \$4 million grant from the Ohio Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program and will use a low interest loan from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the project costs.

"We landed on the most risk-adverse path we can take," Brunka said.

Council also approved a supplemental appropriation of \$2.97 million from the sewer fund for the project due to significant increases in costs and the availability of labor and materials, as well as supply chain challenges of obtaining equipment from overseas, officials said.

Council also approved a \$4 million advance from the general fund to the sewer system improvement fund to cover the costs of the project that will be reimbursed through the state grant.

Contact this reporter at 513-594-5067 or email Ed.Richter@coxinc.com.

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Rising costs spell delay for road projects

By London Bishop
Staff Writer

BEAVERCREEK — The city of Beaver Creek is cutting back its road projects planned for this year, citing a spike in material and labor costs.

Several street resurfacing projects have been delayed or reduced in scope, as prices to complete the work soar. Contract bids for the work are up 25% compared to 2021, the city announced Wednesday.

Beaver Creek is planning to resurface approximately 5.67 “center-line” miles of streets in 2022, a drop from nearly 17 miles in 2021. The city paved an average of 13.33 miles of roads from 2015-2020. The city currently allocates \$2.3 million each year to repave and repair streets and curbs.

Rising costs also have caused a delay of a major resurfacing project on North Fairfield Road between Commons and Crossing Boulevards near the mall. The city budgeted \$1.3 million for the resurfacing project, but the lowest bid received was \$2.3 million, leading the city to reject all of the bids and delay the project to 2023.

“The city has 253 center-line miles of roads,” said city manager Pete Landrum. “At this rate, if we are only able to repave the streets included in this year’s program, it would

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take the city nearly 45 years to repair and/or replace every street in Beavercreek, whereas the average lifespan of a road is 20 to 25 years. This calculation does not take into consideration new or widened roads that will be added in the future that the city will also be responsible for maintaining.”

Beavercreek relies heavily on federal and state grants to fund road projects, the city said, but grants don't typically cover routine maintenance and repaving.

Beavercreek's American Rescue Plan Act funding will not be used for the road projects, and the portion the city

will be responsible for will be paid by tax levy dollars, according to Landrum.

The majority of the city's \$5 million in COVID-19 relief funding has been dedicated to infrastructure projects, with a focus on stormwater systems, which currently have no dedicated funding source, he said. The city is currently conducting a stormwater study to determine the number of projects needed and their costs throughout the city.

“We hope to repave additional streets this year, if possible,” Landrum said.

Beavercreek also is asking residents to approve a new 1% income tax in the May 3 election. If that passes, some of the funds raised would go toward infrastructure projects.



The city of Beavercreek has planned to do road work on Factory Road in 2022. FILE

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Beavercreek is not alone with these cost increases, as Huber Heights schools and the cities of Troy, Kettering and Lebanon cited sim-

ilar problems with planned projects in the past month.

Two road-widening projects, on Grange Hall Road and Shakertown Road, are expected to proceed as

planned. Projects for both roads are grant-funded, and the city could lose those grants if the projects are not completed within the expected timeline. Some grants are awarded years before a project is started, so the city is responsible for any increase in costs, including factors of inflation.

The city plans to open bids for Grange Hall Road in 2023. Bids for Shakertown Road will be advertised in the coming weeks. If bids for either of these projects do not fall within the city's budgetary estimates, then the city will be responsible for the increase in costs.

“This is not sustainable,” said Landrum. “Currently, the city does not have any funding for sidewalk replacement

or stormwater projects, so as the costs of street projects increases, so does the city's backlog of infrastructure.”

The city expects to soon receive additional bids for two other projects: the creation of McGrath Way, formerly part of Lantz Road, and replacing all of the traffic signals and poles at two intersections, one along Dayton-Xenia Road, the other along North Fairfield Road.

McGrath Way has already been postponed to 2023 due to a delay in materials, and if bids for the intersections do not fall within the city's budgetary estimates, that project may also have to be delayed.

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FOELL, Virginia Jansen

Age 89, of Oakwood, passed away April 17, 2022. Visitation 11 am to 12 pm, April 22, 2022, at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior. Tobias Funeral Home, Far Hills Chapel, Dayton, OH.

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OBITUARY

Foell, Virginia J. passed away on April 17th, 2022 at age 89. Virginia was born on March 27, 1933 in Syracuse, New York to Raymond and Hazel Jansen. She graduated from Syracuse University in 1954. Wife of 49 ½ years to John David Foell. Dave and Virginia lived in Stuttgart, Germany; Westerville, Ohio; Washington Court House, Ohio; and Oakwood, Ohio. Virginia was active in the Garden Club of Oakwood, Kiwanis Women's Club, and volunteered at Edwin D. Smith School. She was a member of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior for 59 years and was part of many committees in the church, including over 50 years of singing in the church choir. Virginia enjoyed reading, singing, and playing the piano. She greatly enjoyed spending time with family. She is preceded in death by her husband, J. David Foell, and brothers Richard and Sterling. She is survived by her children Eric (Carol) Foell, Janis Wallace, and Julie (Don) Anstaett. She is also survived by grandchildren Lyndsey (Jeff) Barr, Kelsey (Jeff) Jenkins, Ben Wallace, Bayley (Nick) Stauffer, Sarah (Steven) Darnell, Kaylee Anstaett, 7 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Special thanks to the excellent care given to Virginia at Bethany Rehabilitation Center. Visitation will be from 11 am to 12 pm Friday, April 22, 2022 at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior 155 E. Thurston Blvd. Oakwood, OH 45419, followed by a funeral service at 12 pm. Private burial will be at Woodland Cemetery. TOBIAS FUNERAL HOME-FAR HILLS CHAPEL, in care of arrangements. If desired, memorial contributions in Virginia's memory may be made to the Lutheran Church of Our Savior or the Salvation Army at www.salvationarmy.org. Online condolences may be sent to www.tobiasfuneralhome.com.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Virginia Jansen Foell

March 27, 1933 - April 17, 2022



God Hath Not Promised

God hath not promised
Skies always blue
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through
God hath not promised
Sun without rain
Joy without sorrow
Peace without pain
But God hath promised
Strength for the day
Rest for the labor
Light for the way
Grace for the trials
Help from above
Unfailing sympathy
Undying Love

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