

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
MAY 20, 2022

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

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

BUSINESS UPDATE:

- **That Day in May:** The big event is tomorrow. The Rotary Club selected Mike Jones to be the Grand Marshal of the parade. Enclosed is the parade line-up. Also enclosed is a map with the event layout, along with the schedule of events as printed in the *Register*. Please meet at Orchard and Shafor around 11:30 a.m. for the parade lineup. Here is the parade timeline:
- The parade line-up begins at 11:30 a.m. on Shafor Blvd.
 - City Council will gather at Shafor and Orchard at 11:30 +/- . (Anyone wishing to climb onto the truck via a fixed staircase, rather than a step ladder, should meet at the public works yard at 11:15 a.m. The truck driver, Dave Carmean, will be ready to assist.)
 - The truck will arrive at Shafor and Orchard at around 11:30 for position in the front of the parade.
 - We will have a step ladder in the truck for those loading up on Shafor.
 - Those wishing to exit the truck at the end of the parade may do so via the step ladder. Those wishing to use a fixed staircase will ride the truck to the public works yard for dismount.
- **Historical Marker Unveiling Ceremony:** The unveiling ceremony this past Saturday was wonderful. Enclosed is a *Register* article.



- BRC Meeting: We had a good meeting last Tuesday. There were 15 committee members present, and four members attending via Zoom.
- CARE Walk: Enclosed is a *Register* article about the 20th CARE Walk last Saturday. I enjoyed participating. It was the final CARE Walk, at least in the form that we have seen over the past 20 years. Big kudos to Leigh Ann Fulford for creating such a wonderful and important event... and for leading it for all these years.
- Electric Aggregation: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Beaver Creek's electric aggregation program. We will discuss this at our June 6 work session.
- Fireworks: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Fairborn continuing their fireworks ban.
- Wright Library Arrest: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the Dayton man that was arrested at Wright Library.
- Mail Thefts: Enclosed are *DDN* articles about mail thefts in Beaver Creek, Dayton and Kettering, and the arrests in Kettering.
- TOHS Annual Event: Enclosed are *DDN* and *Register* articles about the Oakwood Historical Society's "Wine & Cheese Fête: A Taste of the Mediterranean" tomorrow from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Long-Romspert House Museum.
- Rushlow Retirement: Enclosed is a *Register* article about Theresa Rushlow, our utility clerk retiring after 22 years. Theresa is training her replacement, Hannah Thirey. We wish Theresa all the best in her retirement, and look forward to working with Hannah!
- Insomnia Cookies: A ribbon cutting is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 16.
- High Schools Graduation: Photo signs recognizing the graduating seniors will be placed in the Shafor Boulevard median from Sunday, May 29 to Tuesday, June 7. The vehicle parade with graduates is set for 7 p.m. on Friday, June 3.
- Thank you Notes: Enclosed are a couple nice thank you notes that Linda Merker recently received. It's something when the Tax Administrator receives thank you notes in the mail!!! Big kudos to Linda.
- Anti-lawn: Enclosed is the *DDN* article we spoke briefly about in our work session last Monday.
- April Safety Report: Enclosed is the April report.
- Board of Health: The Board of Health meets next Tuesday. Enclosed is the meeting packet.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

Line-up, Map & *Register* Article re: That Day in May
Register Article re: Historical Marker Unveiling Ceremony
Register Article re: CARE Walk
DDN Article re: Electric Aggregation
DDN Article re: Fireworks
DDN Article re: Wright Library Arrest
DDN Article re: Mail Thefts
DDN & *Register* Articles re: TOHS Annual Event
Register Article re: Rushlow Retirement
Thank you Notes
DDN Article re: Anti-lawn
April Safety Report
Board of Health Meeting Packet

TDIM 2022 -- Parade Line-Up



Orchard

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Oakwood Police
Oakwood Fire Truck



1. **Enterprise Roofing** – Sponsor
2. **Berkshire Hathaway Realty** – Maura Schmitt
3. **Grand Marshal** – Capt Mike Jones
4. **Oakwood City Council**
5. **Rotary President** – Adam Snyder
6. **Academic Decathlon OHS** – Lori Morris
7. **Girl Scout Tri Oak** – Stacy Baber
8. **Schoen for Judge** – Ashley Kochel
9. **Daniel Cooper DAR** – Debbi Riley
10. **Oakwood Register** – Gary Mitchner
11. **Julie Bruns** – Cmte to Elect
12. **Oakwood Schools Foundation** – Brandy McFall
13. **Patterson Park Softball** – Trisha Greear
14. **Oakwood Beautification Cmte** – Carol Collins

15. **Wright Library** – Kate Chesar
16. **Electric Cars** – Tim Benford
--KIA Soul EV – Joe Fulford
--Tesla Model Y – Karen McGinnis
--Hyundai Kona – Becky Bowman
--Tesla Model 3 – Tim Benford
17. **Oakwood Water Polo** – Kristen Pennington
18. **Hanseman For Judge** – Bob Hanseman
19. **1953 Yellow Caddy** – Keith Freimark
20. **SRO 4-H Club** – Katy Dalrymple
21. **OHS Band** – Adam Uhlenhake
22. **Oakwood Youth Cheer** – Jennifer Brown
23. **Kona Ice** – Molly Eaton

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24. **STANCE PT** – Jess Smith
25. **Steve Abshire/Juvenile** Court Judge
26. **2 Bicycles** – Theodore Hale
27. **1918 Model T** – Leonard Folz
28. **Oakwood Historical Society** – Linda Pearson
29. **Brookdale** – Susan House
30. **Irongate Realtors** – Samantha Gibbs
31. **Mike Foley** – Mont Cty Clerk of Courts
32. **1961 Nash Metropolitan** – Larry Suttman
33. **National American Miss** – William Medina
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35. **Cub Pack 151** – Matt Hylton

36. **Oakwood Farmers Market** – Whitney Kling
37. **Addison Caruso / State Rep**
38. **"67 GTO** – Paul Meyer
39. **Class Act Drama** – Karla Giese
40. **Luxe Omni Real Estate** – Jenni Thompson
41. **Hollinger Tennis** – Nancy Shelton
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Oakwood Public Works
Other Police Squads

Shafor

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End of Parade / Drive E-Dayton on Shafor Blvd

Battle of the Bands Stage??

Dog Parade & Costume Contest

Dog Parade registration at concessions

Car Show

Stadium Entrance

SICSA Wagtown

5k/10k Finish Line

Fire Department Smokehouse / Static Display

Tables & Chairs

Band Snacks Stand

Booth

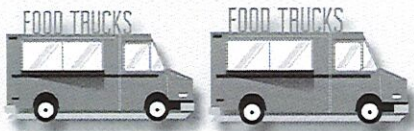
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Games/Bounce House Ticket Sales

BHHS

Kettering HEALTH



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Lemon Shake-Ups

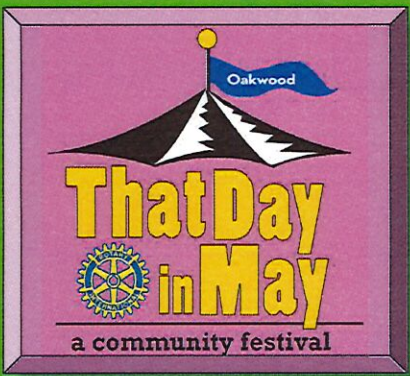
Kids Games

Booth

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Dunk Tank

Oakwood Rotary Command Post



Junior High School

Pancake Breakfast (Cafeteria)

TBD

Bounce Houses (in 'The Pit')

Entrance

Entrance



Dellwood Ave





That Day In May

The Rotary Club
of Oakwood



That Day In May returns May 21 with a full slate of weekend fun, festivities

For the first time in three years, That Day in May, Oakwood's Community Festival, returns with all the fun activities that Oakwood residents have come to enjoy at this family friendly event.

The Rotary Club of Oakwood has been the host of That Day in May for more than forty years. Unfortunately, the pandemic created challenges for many community events over the last two years. Last year, Rotarians were able to safely bring a modified TDIM event back to Oakwood but this year marks the full return that has something for everyone.

On Saturday, May 21, the smell of pancakes will fill the Oakwood High School Cafeteria as Rotarians serve up hot pancakes and all the fixins' beginning at 8 a.m.

Just outside the High School, near Mack Hummon Stadium, runners will gather for the start of the Fun Run for kids and families at 8:30. The 5K and 10K races follow at 9 a.m.

At noon, Shafor Boulevard from Orchard Drive to the Oakwood High School will be filled with fun-loving residents participating in the return of Oakwood's Community Parade.

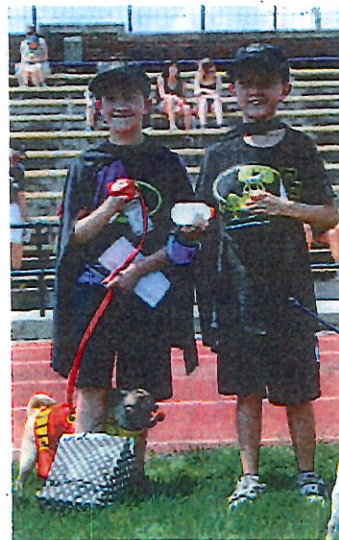


Post-parade, That Day in May festivities continue at Mack Hummon Field at 12:30 p.m. with numerous games along Schantz Avenue between Oakwood High School and the Stadium, plus lots of inflatable fun inside the high school in "The Pit."

Rumor has it there will also be a Dunking Booth with some of your favorite community personalities perched for the plunge!

Members of the Oakwood Safety Department will also be on hand to feature their "Smokehouse" and give instruction on fire safety preparedness.

Another community favorite is the Dog Parade and Costume Contest



inside Mack Hummon Stadium as numerous dog owners dress their dogs in their favorite "Literary Character" theme this year beginning at 1 p.m.

Auto enthusiasts will be treated to an array of classic vehicles this year lining up in the second block of



Dellwood Avenue from 1-4 p.m.

Day two of That Day in May is designed for golfers as Oakwood Rotary will host the 2nd Annual Rotary Club of Oakwood Golf Outing Monday, May 23, at Dayton Country Club.

That Day in May Co-Chair Joe Scott invites everyone to enjoy this historic course, "For the weekend golfer, this is a unique opportunity to play on one of the finest golf courses in our area." Foursomes are filling up, so be sure to sign up today!

Scott also encourages everyone to participate in the Silent Auction during the golf event. Interested bidders are invited to stop by all day long to place

their bids. Attendees at the cocktail party will also have an opportunity to bid on the many unique items.

"Nearly 100 Oakwood Rotarians are excited to bring this staple of spring back in full force this year. Our volunteers log nearly one thousand hours of service towards this event which reaffirms our commitment to give back to the Oakwood community," Scott adds.

Visit www.TDIM.org to register for golf or make a reservation.

Run registration and payment are online only.

Applications for the parade and dog show can be found online at www.TDIM.org.

Tickets for the pancake breakfast can be purchased at the Oakwood Community Center, from members of the Rotary Club of Oakwood and at the door.

TDIM proceeds go to the Oakwood Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of the Rotary Club of Oakwood distributing nearly \$700,000 to assist charitable and humanitarian projects throughout the Dayton region since 1988.

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TDIM Pancake Breakfast

That Day In May Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Oakwood Rotary Club, will be serving breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, May 21, in the Oakwood High School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for

children, and may be purchased in advance at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Rd.

For more information, visit our website at www.OakwoodRotary.org or visit www.tdim.org.



That Day In May Golf Outing, Silent Auction

The Rotary Club of Oakwood's That Day in May Community Celebration is fast approaching!

It's also year two of the That Day in May Golf Outing and Silent Auction, held at the beautiful Dayton Country Club on Monday, May 23.

Golf Outing Chair Timothy Ippisch says this second year offers even more fun and urges golfers to register. "This is a great opportunity to golf on one of the area's oldest and most challenging private golf courses designed by legendary Don Ross. It's also an excellent chance for the avid golfer to play at DCC."

The Second Annual Rotary Club of Oakwood Golf Outing will have a few new fun twists including 110-yard



hole-in-one and putting challenges for \$1,000.

Your entry fee includes 18 holes of golf and cart, a \$10 golf shop credit, lunch buffet and two drink tickets to be used on the course or at the

19th hole Cocktail Party.

Beginning at 10 a.m., anyone can stop by the DCC to bid on fabulous auction items.

Auction Chair Polly Petricola says many items are unique Oakwood Experiences that can be enjoyed with your neighbors, "We have Rotarians offering monthly bread baking events, backyard pizza parties for 12 as well as neighborhood sing a-longs, a day of Trout fishing at the exclusive Spring Run Club in Enon, not to mention over 40 crafted baskets like wine and bourbon, scotch and cigars and Golf Outing packages to DCC and NCR."

For more information just go to www.TDIM.org.

All proceeds from That Day in May benefit the Dayton Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of The Rotary Club of Oakwood.



That Day in May

is only days away!



The Rotary Club of Oakwood is honored to host a day filled with family fun. Much of the activity will take place on the grounds of Oakwood High School.

Saturday 5/21 activities

- **Pancake Breakfast - 8-11am** Hot pancakes and bacon! Tickets available at the door or in advance at the Oakwood Community Center.
- **Fun Run/5k & 10k Run - Starts at 8:30am** Walk-up registration available!
- **Community Parade - Starts at Noon** On Shafor Blvd. at Orchard Dr. and moves north on Shafor Blvd. to Oakwood High School.
- **Dog Parade and Costume - 1pm** See the canines dressed up as literary characters. Have you signed up your pooch yet?
- **Games, games, games... and bouncy houses - 12:30pm** Kids' games return with bouncy-house activities in "The Pit."
- **Antique Auto Show - 1pm** See your favorite cars from yesteryear on Dellwood Ave.
- **EV Car - 12:30pm** Drive Electric Dayton will have electric cars and EV 101 literature to share.
- **Dunking Booth - After the Community Parade** Take a throw and try to dunk Oakwood's personalities... get there early, lines will be long!
- **Still more...** Food trucks, lemon shake-ups, battle of the bands, and a few more surprises.

Monday 5/23 activities

- **Silent Auction - Starts at 10:30am** Join us at the Dayton Country Club for a Bid on 40+ baskets, items, and services!
- **Golf Scramble - 12:00 (noon) tee off**
- **Cocktail Party - Around 4:30pm** After the second annual Golf Outing concludes, please join us at the DCC. Tickets online.

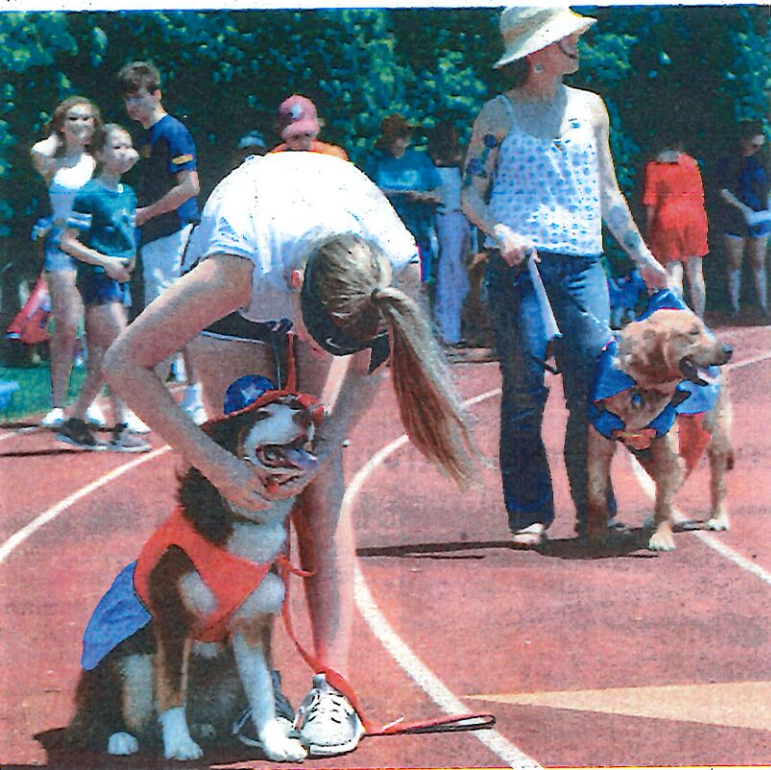
For details on That Day in May activities, go to www.tdim.org

That Day in May is made possible through the generosity of sponsors who support this wonderful community event and by those who also support the Oakwood Rotary Foundation.





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That Day In May Dog Show, Costume Contest

The Rotary Club of Oakwood .. er .. Oakwood has planned a special Dog Show and Costume Contest for Saturday, May 21, at Mack Hummon Stadium following the Community Parade.

Rotarian Peter Davies, who heads up this year's competition and is a bit of a Thespian himself, invites dog owners to dress their dogs in their favorite Literary Character and share in the furry festivities.

Registration begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, with the Parade of Dogs and judging beginning at 1:30.

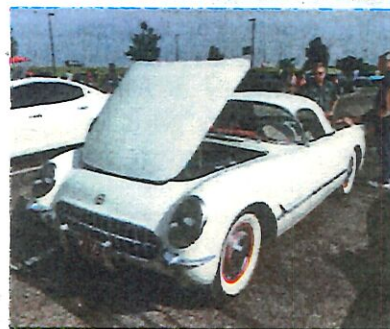
Pre-registration is just \$10 online at www.TDIM.com.





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Car Show returns to That Day In May

After a hiatus of several years, a car show will be included in the That Day In May festivities on Saturday, May 21. Approximately 20 automobiles will be on exhibit along Dellwood Avenue next to Mack Hummon Field from 1-4 p.m. Saturday.

The cars will range from vintage

classics to special interest vehicles. There will also be a display of modern electric vehicles presented by Drive Electric Dayton for a glimpse into the not-so-distant future of automobiles.

Among the cars due to be on display are a rare 1909 Packard, one of only two left in the world, a 1942

Packard convertible, a 1954 Corvette, 1970 Jaguar XKE and 1936 Cord convertible.

The car show is being organized by Peter Davies of Oakwood Rotary and Oakwood resident Mark Risley who has arranged several car shows in the Dayton area over the years.

Town of Oakwood marker



Debra Edwards, president of the Oakwood Historical Society, and Mayor Bill Duncan unveil a historical marker May 14 at the City Building commemorating the 150th anniversary of the platting of the "Town of Oakwood." The marker, sponsored by John and Mj Gray, is the first in a planned series of plaques to be placed by the Oakwood Historical Society designating significant sites or historical events in the city.



CARE Walk marks 20 years, final fundraiser with most successful effort yet

OK 5/10/2022

By Leigh Ann Fulford

The 20th Anniversary CARE Walk, held Saturday, May 14 in Oakwood, has made more than \$26,000 so far and we haven't sold all the cookies yet, so this is our most successful CARE Walk money-wise. We had approximately 200 participants on a beautiful sunny morning - not the 800 of years past. The continued low attendance even after two years of Covid has confirmed that our wonderful sponsors and people in the community love what we do, but they are too busy to attend a 5K event in May, which is a busy month to have a walk!

Where do we go from here? Perhaps someone will take over our CARE Walk 5K or adapt it into something else, like a CARE Challenge or something that continues to support local folks. Our CARE Walk team members

and hopefully others in the community will support the 5Ks and events of the other local organizations who help women with breast cancer diagnoses. Fortunately, there are many to choose from now that weren't around 20 years ago when we started the CARE Walk 5K. Breast Wishes, Living with Lymphedema, Noble Circle, Norma J. Ross Foundation, Maple Tree Cancer Alliance, and the Pink Ribbon Girls all support the breast health of women in Dayton.

CARE Walk has had a great 20 years, and we should all be proud of our community for raising more than \$300,000 for the underserved and uninsured in our community. Just because this is our leadership team's last CARE Walk 5K does not mean that breast cancer has been defeated or that people don't need support. I



learned yesterday that medical studies have shown that isolation and stress caused by Covid has increased the rate of breast cancer in women. I hope everyone will support the many organizations devoted to breast health in

our community in the future and I continue to dream of a world without cancer so these walks are not needed anymore.

It is bittersweet to say goodbye to CARE Walk, but my new focus that currently needs more local support than ever is suicide prevention. Covid has wreaked havoc on many people's mental health, and we are losing too many people to suicide. Suicide does not discriminate: suicide kills our students, teachers, medical staff, first responders, veterans, bankers, veterinarians, LGBTQ+, religious, secular, men, women, senior citizens, children...everyone! Breast cancer used to be the "silent disease" I was fighting but thanks to pink ribbon campaigns and community support, breast cancer is something everyone knows about. Now, the "silent disease"

is suicide, which takes too many lives too early. We must reduce the stigma and talk about suicide, educate everyone about mental health, and fund professionals and facilities that help people with mental health conditions. If folks would like to learn about my new initiative "The GEM Project" to help people here in Dayton, please go to www.gemprojectdayton.org. We are looking forward to hosting our second Art Contest for Suicide and Substance Abuse Prevention this fall and need donations and sponsors.

Thank You to everyone for the 20 years of CARE Walk, and I truly appreciate all the support of and passion for making Dayton and the world a better place for future generations. It is important to all of our mental health to feel we are making a positive difference.



Electric aggregation can save you money

Contributed

The city of Beavercreek is reminding residents about its electric aggregation program through Dynegy, following reports that AES Ohio will soon be raising its elec-

tric rates that customers pay.

The goal of the city's aggregation program is to save Beavercreek residents and small business owners money on their electric bills. Currently, those who are enrolled in the city's program receive a rate

of 4.580 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh), which is secured through the last meter read in August 2023.

A spokesperson with AES Ohio recently announced their customers will see AES rates increase by 6 cents per kWh

beginning in June. This means their customers will end up paying more than 9 cents per kWh – double the rate of the city of Beavercreek's program.

The city's electric aggregation program automatically enrolls residents, but residents

have the option to opt-out. If you are a city of Beavercreek resident who has opted-out of the program, but would like to rejoin, you can do so any time by calling Dynegy at 877-331-3045. Be sure to mention the city of Beavercreek's Elec-

tric Aggregation Program. No contracts are required and residents can cancel at any time without penalty.

For additional information about Beavercreek's electric aggregation program, visit beavercreekohio.gov.

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Fairborn votes to keep fireworks ban in place after Ohio changes law

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

FAIRBORN — The city has voted to keep its fireworks ban, opting out of an Ohio law allowing them on a limited basis.

The Fairborn City Council voted unanimously on the issue Monday night after a recommendation from its police chief. It joins Beaver Creek and Dayton among area cities continuing to outlaw

fireworks, while others consider similar measures.

Fairborn Mayor Paul Keller has cited several reasons to maintain the ban, including concerns for public safety and military veterans who have issues with loud noises.

The vote came after a public hearing during which Fairborn residents who said they enjoyed fireworks understood the action.

But “maybe we could provide some better justification or rea-

son that we’re doing this,” Nathan Haskell said.

“I’d be willing to bet that the fire chief has a plethora of information and statistics about the potential dangers of fireworks being used in the city,” he added.

Resident Jo Collins cited similar reasons expressed by Keller, saying the city should “take consideration and be respectful,” especially of veterans who have “flashbacks” or PTSD.

Loud noise “upsets them so much,” she said. “The more I talked with the veterans — we have a lot in this town — they don’t want to speak about war. They don’t want to think about war.”

Collins said the impact on pets also is disruptive.

“The neighbors are tranquilizing their dog. The dogs are running amok,” she said.

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Fireworks

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Fairborn’s legislation states “the possession, discharge, ignition and/or the exploding of fireworks poses a danger to the public and may cause injury or property damage, especially in densely residential and business areas.”

Last year, Gov. Mike DeW-

ine signed House Bill 172. Starting July 1, the law will allow the discharge of consumer-grade fireworks on private property except in communities choosing to opt out, according to the state.

Dayton opted out within weeks and Beaver Creek followed this spring. Germantown and Oakwood are among those considering similar legislation. Riverside

has also discussed it.

The law will permit people to set off fireworks on specific days, including the Fourth of July, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day, records show.

They can’t be used by people in possession “or control of, or under the influence of, any intoxicating liquor, beer, or controlled substance,” according to the state.

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Child pornography charges for man

A 59-year-old Dayton man indicted Monday was caught by staff earlier this month printing sexually explicit images of children at Wright Memorial Library in Oakwood, police say.

Octavious Davidson VIII is scheduled to be arraigned Thursday in Montgomery County Common Pleas following his indictment by a county grand jury on 30 felony charges, including 24 counts of illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material or performance; four counts of pandering sexually oriented material involving a minor; and two counts of pandering obscenity involving a minor.

Library officials notified the Oakwood Public Safety Department on May 2 that a patron was printing images of suspected child exploitation at the library, 1776 Far Hills Ave. The library provided police with copies of 11 images, including several that appeared to show nude or partially nude girls. The following day the library provided copies of nine additional images that had been printed after the responding officer left, according to the criminal complaint filed in Oakwood Municipal Court.

The library patron was identified as Davidson through print logs, and police said he also had been seen by staff printing the images.

Davidson was detained May 5 after library staff notified police that he had returned to the library. He was taken for questioning to the Oakwood Public Safety Department and subsequently arrested.

"During his interview, Davidson admitted to having 50 to 100 images of underage females at his home. Davidson further stated he prints off the child sexual exploitation material at the library," the court record stated.

Davidson remains in the Montgomery County Jail.

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5/17/2022

More mail thefts in Beavercreek, Dayton, Kettering; van eludes police

Police report indicates mail drop boxes were not forced open.

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

An unknown number of checks were stolen this weekend at post office drop boxes in Beavercreek, Dayton and Kettering, in what police said is the latest in a rash of mail crimes.

Postal inspectors and police are investigating the thefts at post offices with outdoor boxes in those cities – and possibly others – that occurred between noon Friday and 2 a.m. Saturday, Kettering Police Department Detective Vince Mason said.

Beavercreek police saw at least one person flee the Dayton-Xenia Road post office in a minivan at about 1:45 a.m. Saturday, records show. An officer was unable to catch the vehicle after a short chase in which the

USPS TIPS

- Drop off mail at slots inside post office buildings, many of which have 24-hour lobby access. Customers can find lobby hours online at <https://tools.usps.com/find-location>.
- Do not mail cash.
- Contact the post office inspection service with any information related to this investigation or report mail theft activity to its 24/7 hotline, 1-877-876-2455, or at its website, www.uspis.gov. It also has a direct email set up for its Cincinnati office at CFOMT@uspis.gov.

driver ran a red light after leaving “at a high rate of speed” on Research Park Boulevard, a

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Police say drop boxes at post offices in Beavercreek, Kettering and Dayton are subjects of investigations after recent incidents. JIM NO-ELKER / STAFF

Mail thefts

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police report states.

All four drop boxes were later found open with two nearby “mail totes” empty except for one envelope, according to the police report.

“It is unknown how much mail was stolen from the mailboxes since the last collection time was” 5 p.m. Friday, the Beavercreek police report states.

“There was no damage or pry marks on the drop boxes,” according to the report, and an alert was later issued with area law enforcement for what the officer believed to be a maroon Chrysler Town & Country.

A postal employee later told police “that all U.S. Post Office mailboxes utilize the same generic key for locks,” the police report states.

“The investigation is still very early on,” Kettering’s Mason said. “We do have a lead on a couple of possible suspects. I don’t know how good of a lead it is. But we’re going to follow it until it runs out.”

The thieves used a key to gain access to Kettering’s Forrer Boulevard post office drop boxes and apparently later disposed of any mail that did not contain checks, he said.

“Through some outside sources we were able to track where they threw away a bag of torn up envelopes. And anything that wasn’t a check, it looks like they didn’t keep,” Mason said.

Drop boxes outside of post offices are not surveilled by cameras, authorities have said.

The postal inspection service “is working jointly with our local law enforcement partners to follow up investigative leads pertaining to the events that occurred overnight” Friday and Saturday, postal inspector Spokeswoman Nicole Lutz said in an email.

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"I cannot discuss specifics due to maintaining the integrity of the investigation," she added.

The Dayton Daily News also reached out to Dayton police but did not hear back.

An estimated 1,000 envelopes – including graduation cards and wedding invitations – found in a Dumpster were being examined Monday in Kettering, Mason said.

Mason said police are using return addresses on the discarded envelopes to help find possible victims. Anyone who suspects they may have had mail stolen from the Forrer site can call him at 937-296-2583.

The USPS is encouraging the public to contact its inspection service in this investigation by using its 24/7 Hotline, 1-877-876-2455, or through its website, www.uspis.gov, Lutz said.

A direct email is set up for the public to contact its Cincinnati office at CFOMT@uspis.gov, she added.

Kettering police had not received any complaints as of Monday morning "because I don't think anybody knows their mail has been stolen yet," Mason said.

Earlier this year, thefts were reported from outdoor post office drop boxes in Kettering, Oakwood and Beavercreek, authorities said.

At least \$38,000 was stolen in 40 reported cases – only one in Beavercreek – in those instances, officials said.

Similar crimes reported in Kettering in 2021 have resulted in charges against four defendants, including a Dayton man.

Thousands are arrested each year in connection with mail thefts, according to the USPS website. In fiscal year 2018, postal inspectors arrested nearly 2,500 suspects for stealing mail and packages, the website states.

Postal officials declined Monday to provide information on the conviction rates in those cases.

Indicted in connection with 2021 Kettering thefts were Michael E. George, of Cincinnati; Craig A. Ross, of Dayton; and Brittany L.

Kinder and Daniel L. Yates, both of Newport, Kentucky, according to Montgomery County Common Pleas Court records.

They are suspected of stealing and passing about 30 checks totaling around \$100,000 last year, Mason has said.

George, 64, and Ross, 29, are charged with forgery and theft, while Kinder, 30, and Yates, 26, face grand theft and forgery charges, court records show.

The attorney for Ross has filed for intervention in lieu of a conviction and his next court date is May 23, documents state. The three others have been given conditional releases, but no future court dates are listed in records.

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A local resident uses a mailbox at the post office on East Fifth Street in Dayton on Wednesday. The mailbox was one of several in the Dayton area from which items were reported stolen. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

Police say stolen key 'unlocks all mailboxes in the Dayton area'

Thousands of dollars in checks have been taken from drop boxes.

By Nick Blizzard and Parker Perry
Staff Writers

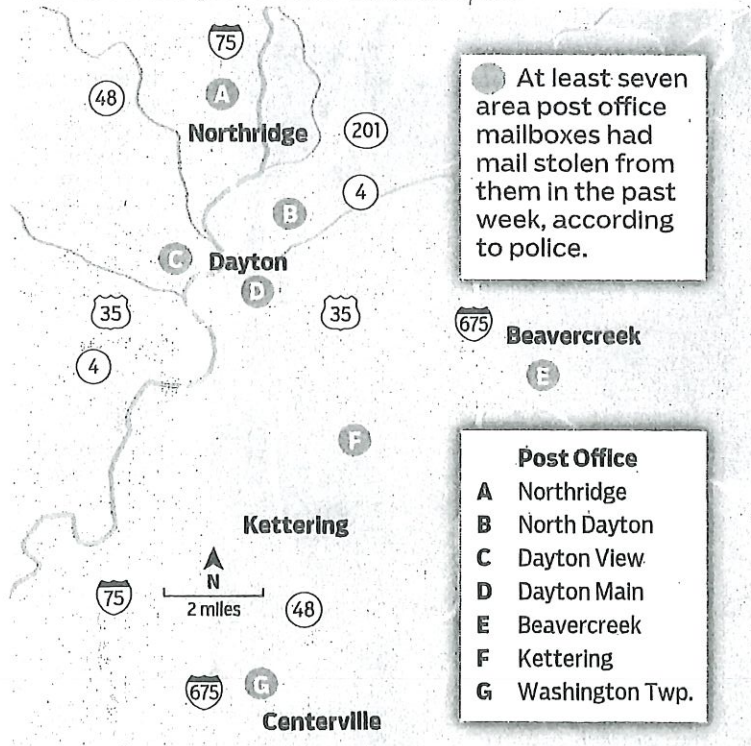
DAYTON — A postal service key that unlocks “all Dayton-area mailboxes” was stolen recently, police records show, leading to what authorities say is a growing number of check thefts from many urban and suburban post offices.

Items were reported stolen after being mailed this weekend at outdoor drop boxes at seven post offices in Beavercreek, Dayton, Kettering and the Centerville/Washington Twp. area, police said Wednesday.

Postal service officials are investigating, but they declined to comment on a Dayton police report obtained by this news organization regarding the stolen key. They also declined to comment on any security issues taken after the key's theft.

The key, the May 14 police report states, was stolen “a week

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back," days before the Dayton Daily News was first to report on a series of postal service drop box thefts in Beavercreek, Dayton and Kettering.

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office said it has received reports of 26 check thefts from outdoor mailboxes since February — many of them involving the Washington Twp. post office on Paragon Road — including one Monday, Capt. Mike Brem said.

In Kettering and Riverside instances reported this week, nearly \$75,000 in stolen checks were later cashed by parties they were not issued to, police said.

"I had one victim tell me \$50,000 has already passed through (their company's) checking account and not (by) the people they wrote the checks to," Kettering Detective Vince Mason said.

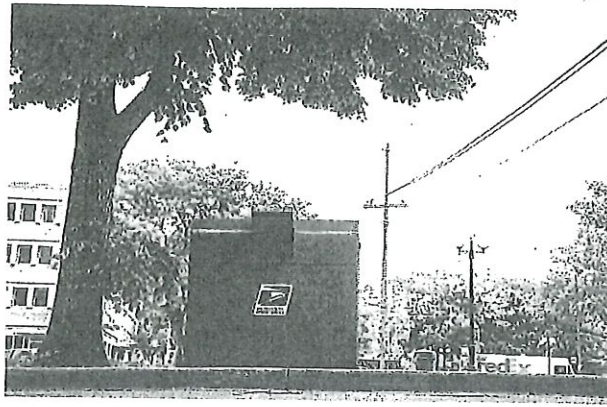
The Dayton police report was filed after a post office manager notified authorities at 2:30 a.m. Saturday that he discovered the drive-up mailbox was open at 1111 E. Fifth St. building.

The post office manager said the key "unlocks all mailboxes in the Dayton area" and "that several mailboxes have been opened around different locations in the city since the key has been stolen," the police report states.

The post office manager said "the mailbox had not been damaged and he was unsure if any mail was stolen," according to the police report.

But Mason said Wednesday morning the Dayton main post office was one of the sites named by at least one of five victims he had contacted so far. Evidence he had gone through at that point included about 90 business and individual potential victims, but was likely to grow to "closer to 200."

No arrests have been made in the Beavercreek or Kettering cases, officials said. Dayton police had not responded to a similar inquiry by late



A mailbox sits ready for use outside the postal office on East Fifth Street in Dayton. A postal service key that unlocks all Dayton-area mailboxes was stolen recently, police records show. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

Wednesday afternoon.

The early Saturday morning call to Dayton police came less than an hour after Beavercreek and Kettering law enforcement reported mail thefts from drop boxes outside post offices in those cities, documents show.

Beavercreek police saw at least one person flee the Dayton-Xenia Road post office in a minivan at about 1:45 a.m. Saturday, records show. An officer was unable to catch the vehicle after a short chase in which the driver ran a red light after leaving "at a high rate of speed" on Research Park Boulevard, a police report states.

All four drop boxes were later found open with two nearby "mail totes" empty except for one envelope. An alert was issued to surrounding law enforcement, according to the police report.

About 2:10 a.m. Saturday, Kettering police responded to a post office at 1490 Forrer Blvd. on a theft complaint, documents show.

The thieves used a key to gain access to Kettering's Forrer post office drop boxes and apparently later disposed of any mail that did not contain checks, Mason said.

Postal inspectors have "an active investigation going on, and I cannot comment on specifics due to ensuring the integrity of that investigation," USPS spokeswoman Nicole Lutz said Wednesday in an email.

"The U.S. mail remains one

of the most secure means of transmitting information. Some preventive tips we provide postal customers is to try and place outgoing mail in the USPS blue collection boxes before the last pickup time for the day," she said.

"This ensures the outgoing mail will be processed that day," Lutz said. "Customers can also walk into any post office and place their outgoing mail inside a mail receptacle or hand to a postal clerk over the counter."

The sheriff's office is "pointing everybody to go inside the drop-off locations because there is so much uncertainty," Brem said.

He said the checks that have been changed after the thefts have a combined value of tens of thousands of dollars. Some checks, Brem said, have been cashed, but others were flagged before being processed.

It's unclear exactly how much has been stolen at this time.

A check stolen and cashed for \$24,000 was reported Wednesday by a business in Riverside, Maj. Matthew Sturgeon said.

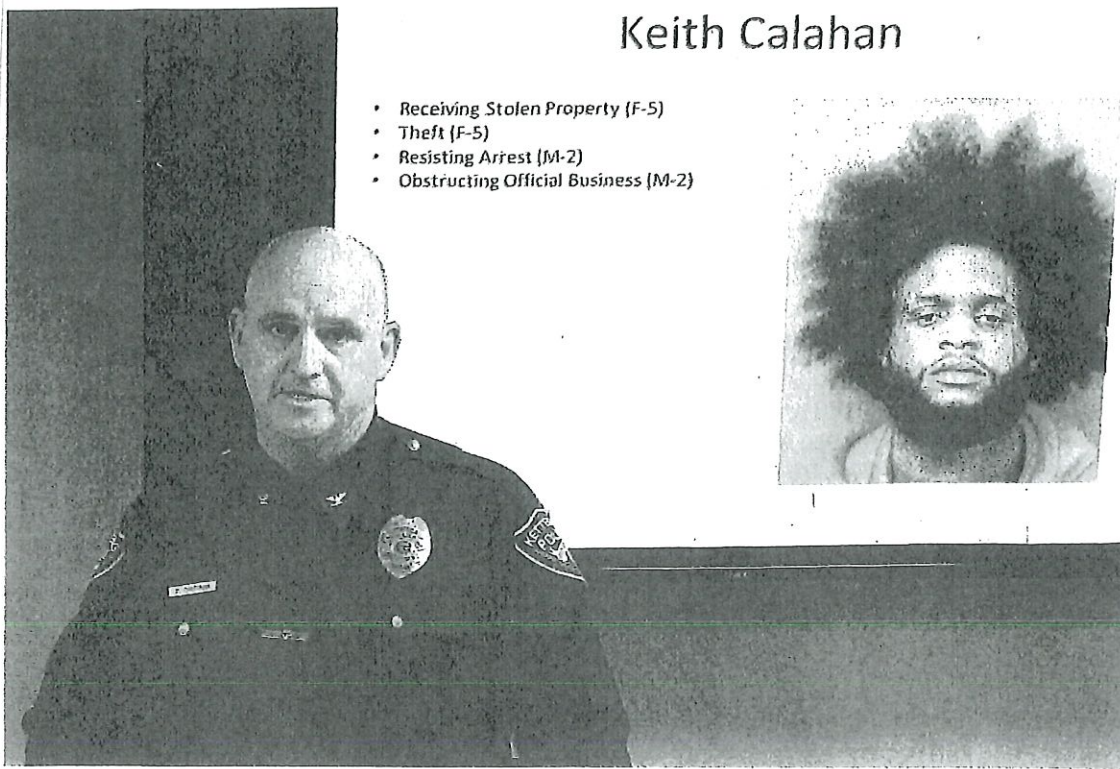
The check was dropped into an outside box at the Washington Twp. post office, Sturgeon said.

Staff writers Ed Richter and Eric Schwartzberg contributed to this report.

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Keith Calahan

- Receiving Stolen Property (F-5)
- Theft (F-5)
- Resisting Arrest (M-2)
- Obstructing Official Business (M-2)



During a press conference Thursday, Kettering Police Chief Chip Protsman said four men were arrested early Thursday morning, at an apartment on Gracemore Avenue, Kettering, in connection to mail thefts. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

Mailbox theft arrests made; police believe more people involved

Four men held in connection after being found in Kettering.

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

KETTERING — Four men were arrested at a Kettering apartment early Thursday in connection with Forrer Boulevard post office outdoor mailbox thefts in which a stolen key was used, police said.

The arrests came about 2 a.m. as part of investigations by the U.S. Postal Service and local police into thefts — many including checks — from outdoor drop boxes involving at least seven post offices in Beavercreek, Dayton, Kettering and Washington Twp., police said.

Keith D. Calahan, 23, of Dayton; Leonard A. Blackstone, 19, of Kettering; Jeff Weaver, 22,



Clockwise from top left: Amond Turner, Jeff Weaver, Leonard Blackstone III and Keith Calahan.

of Centerville; and Amond N. Turner, 22, of Trotwood; were arrested in the 3200 block of Gracemore Avenue on preliminary theft and receiving stolen property charges, Kettering Police Chief Chip Protsman said.

Calahan was also booked on

resisting arrest and obstructing official business.

The four were being held Thursday in Kettering and Montgomery County jails, Protsman said. But investigators believe more people are involved in the thefts and they are encouraging residents to not use outdoor mail drop boxes at this time.

“Instead, wait until business hours, go inside and give them directly to an employee,” Protsman said.

Police are asking people who used the Forrer post office outdoor drop boxes between 5 p.m. Wednesday and 1:30 a.m. Thursday to call Detective Vince Mason at 937-296-2583.

The suspects were arrested about 1:50 a.m. for thefts completed by using a key reportedly stolen from a postal worker, Protsman said.

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It is not clear how they got the key. Investigators also believe there is another key being used to steal mail.

A postal service key that unlocks "all Dayton-area mailboxes" was stolen recently, according to a May 14 Dayton police incident report. Following the key theft, post office drop boxes in Beavercreek, Dayton, Kettering and Washington Twp. were all hit since Saturday, according to police.

The thefts are happening "in this entire region and I'm guessing across the country," Protsman said.

"We know from other incidents, they steal checks, they alter the checks and then cash those. So, it's a fraud also," he added.

Protsman said Kettering police "have not discussed" with USPS officials any possible security changes at area post offices. The postal inspectors' office in Cincinnati has not addressed questions by the Dayton Daily News involving keys or possible security changes.

Outdoor drop boxes typically are not monitored by cameras, according to the authorities.

Thousands of dollars in checks have been reported stolen from outdoor post office mailboxes in Montgomery County, Kettering and Riverside this year.

A rash of thefts was reported last weekend in Kettering, Dayton and Beavercreek. In Beavercreek, four drop boxes were found open with "mail totes"

nearby, according to police.

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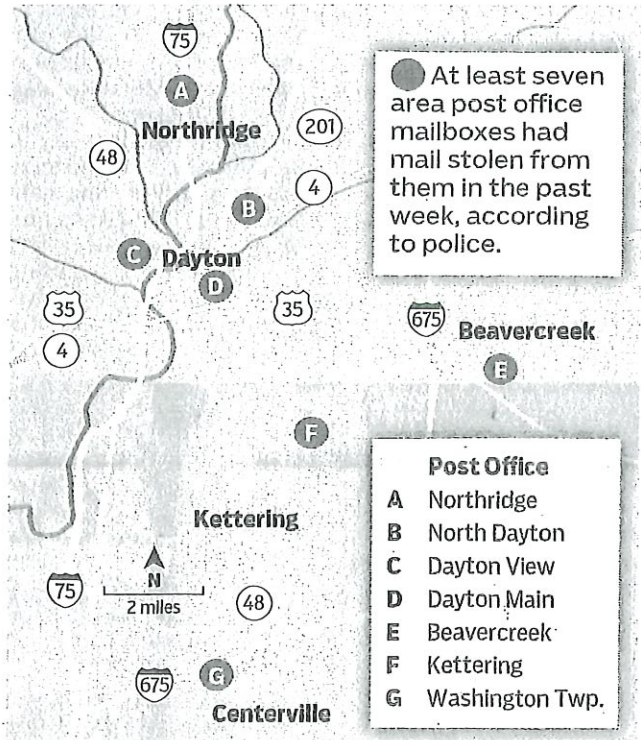
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Lead sales associate Theresa Warych empties the mailboxes in front of the Post Office on Stroop Road in Kettering on March 30. Outdoor drop boxes typically are not monitored by cameras, authorities said. Kettering police have not discussed with USPS officials possible security changes at area post offices. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

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OAKWOOD

Wine & Cheese Fête

Join the Oakwood Historical Society on Saturday from 4 to 7 p.m. for the annual Wine & Cheese Fête: A Taste of the Mediterranean.

You can kick back and relax after the That Day in May festivities at the Long-Romspert House Museum and enjoy the best of wine pairings from Spain and Italy. These will be paired with cheeses and hors d'oeuvres hailing from Southern Europe.

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 and more.

To register for this event, go to <https://www.oakwoodhistory.org/>.

NICK BLIZZARD, STAFF WRITER

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Rushlow retiring from Finance



Theresa Rushlow, left, a familiar face to many bill payers at City Hall, will be retiring after 22 years from the Oakwood Finance Department on July 8. In the final weeks of her tenure she'll be training Hannah Thirey, right, as her replacement. Rushlow said she and her husband are planning to travel cross-country after she retires.

THE OAKWOOD REGISTER May 18, 2022

[REDACTED]
Dear Linda,

Thank you for your help with tax advice of Mary Kate's ^{city of Dayton} return. You give accurate advice & explain the concepts very well. Somehow I feel better, even when it costs me money. You are an asset to Oakwood & a true civil servant. Hope to see you at our reunion (if we don't end up dropping off or picking up a daughter.)

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

Dear Ms Merker,

Your compassion, and professional courtesy will always be appreciated. From all sincerity and gratitude - thank you.

I am officially paid-in-full with the City of Oakwood.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]



A row house in New Rochelle, N.Y., has a front yard full of flowers and other plants, while neighboring houses have lawns of grass. Many people are converting parts of their lawns into planting beds for a variety of flowers, perennials and edible plants. AP PHOTO/JULIA RUBIN

The anti-lawn takes root

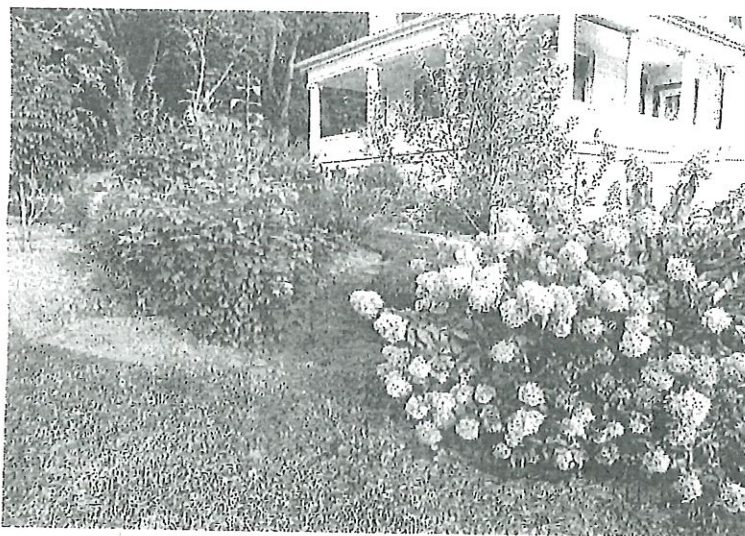
Surge of homeowners see evil in carpets of grass.

By Julia Rubin
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — LeighAnn Ferrara is transforming her small suburban yard from grass bordered by a few shrubs into an anti-lawn — a patchwork of flower beds, vegetables and fruit trees.

It didn't happen all at once, said the mother of two young kids. "We started smothering small sections of the lawn each year with cardboard and mulch and planting them, and by now the front yard is probably three-quarters planting beds," she says. "Every year we do more."

Her perennials and native plants require less upkeep and water than turf grass does. And she doesn't need herbicides or pes-



This 2021 image provided by LeighAnn Ferrara shows Ferrara's small yard in White Plains, N.Y. The remaining grass lawn is now mostly a path between flower beds, vegetables and fruit trees. Pictured plants include hydrangea and viburnum. Many people are converting parts of their lawns into more diverse plantings. LEIGHANN FERRARA VIA AP

ticides – she’s not aiming for emerald perfection.

For generations, the lawn – that neat, green, weedless carpet of grass – has dominated American yards. It still does. But a surge of gardeners, landscapers and homeowners worried about the environment now see it as an anachronism, even a threat.

Like Ferrara, they’re chipping away at it.

“America is unique in its fixation on the monoculture lawn,” said Dennis Liu, vice president of education at the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation in Durham, North Carolina. “Our English inheritance is our own little tidy green space.”

Now, drought, crashing insect populations and other environmental problems are highlighting – in different ways, in different places – the need for more kinds of plants in spaces large and small.

Some people are experimenting with more “eco-friendly” lawns, seed mixes you can buy with native grasses that aren’t as thirsty or finicky. Others are mowing less and tolerating old foes like dandelions and clover. Still others are trying to replace lawns, entirely or bit by bit, with garden beds including pollinator-friendly and edible plants.

It all leads to a more relaxed, wilder-looking yard.

“The more you can make your little piece that you’re a steward of go with nature’s flow, the better off everyone is,” said Liu.

In states with water shortages, many homeowners long ago swapped out turf grass for less-thirsty options, including succulents and gravel.

Elsewhere, the pandemic has speeded the trend away from lawns. Gardening exploded as a hobby, and many non-gardeners spent more time at home, pay-

ing more attention to the natural world around them.

Municipalities across the country are handing out lawn signs with “healthy yard” bragging rights to homeowners who forgo lawn chemicals or mow less often. Many towns are slapping regulations on common tools like gas-powered leaf blowers and mowers, mostly because of noise.

“For people interested in gardening, a lot have come to the realization it can’t just be ornamental anymore. It has to serve some other purpose, whether food, habitat ... pack in as many uses as you can,” said Alicia Holloway, a University of Georgia Extension agent in Barrow County. “It’s a shift in thought, in aesthetics.”

Monrovia, a major grower of plants for nurseries and other outlets, has seen lots of interest in a “Garden of Abundance” trend – a more “alive-looking” yard with a variety of plants, said company trend watcher Katie Tamony. She said it’s a way of thinking about your yard “as not just being yours, but part of a more beautiful, larger world that we’re trying to create.”

Plants that attract pollinators were the category most sought-after in a survey of Monrovia’s customers, she said.

And yet. The lawn isn’t disappearing anytime soon.

Many homeowners associations still have rules about keeping yards manicured. And lawn services tend to be geared toward maintaining grassy expanses.

Andrew Bray, vice president of government relations for the trade group National Association of Landscape Professionals, said lawns are still the mainstream choice. People want neat outdoor spaces for relaxing, playing and entertaining.

He said his group supports the goal of making lawn care more environmentally friendly, but believes some recent ordinances, like those against gas-powered blowers and mowers, have created a “fraught political environment.” He said electric alternatives to those tools aren’t feasible yet for the big lawns that professionals handle.

The landscapers’ trade group set up a new public platform this year, Voices for Healthy Green Spaces, to present its side of things. “Whether people want to have a large yard, plant a forest of trees in their backyard, or want a meadow and unstructured plantings,” all are green options, he said.

Those concerned that grass lawns fall short in helping pollinators and other species face another problem. “A lot of people don’t want bees – there’s fear of nature,” said Holloway, the Georgia extension agent. “I think that’s changing, but it still has a long way to go.”

Replacing grass also takes patience. “One of the best parts of my job is site visits. I go to backyards that people have been working on for 20, 30 years, and it’s helped me get over the mindset that everything has to be done all at once. It really takes time” to create a yard that’s got plantings, rather than just lawn, Holloway said.

And it’s hard to overcome tradition and neighborhood expectations. A lawn “looks tidy, and it’s easy to keep doing what you’re doing,” Liu said. But “once you’ve established the new equilibrium, it’s easier; it pays all these benefits.”

Some neighbors might see a yard without a lawn “and think, there’s the crazy person,” he said. “But a lot of people will just think it’s so cool.”

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

APRIL 2022

Submitted by Chief Alan Hill

LAW ENFORCEMENT

PART 1 CRIMES: There were fifteen Part 1 crimes reported during the month of April. These included twelve thefts and three breaking and entering calls.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT: During the month of April, 103 traffic violations were cited and 48 parking citations were issued.

DETECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS:

22-001160	200 Blk W Thruston	Theft	Under Investigation
22-001209	500 Blk Hathaway Rd	Breaking and Entering	Under Investigation
22-001212	500 Blk Woodview	Theft from vehicle	Under Investigation
22-001213	100 Blk Acacia	Theft from vehicle	Under Investigation
22-001214	100 Blk Shafor Cir	Theft from vehicle	Under Investigation
22-001215	300 Blk Telford	Theft from vehicle	Under Investigation
22-001216	800 Blk E Schantz	Theft from vehicle	Under Investigation
22-001217	500 Blk Hathaway	Theft from vehicle	Under Investigation
22-001219	700 Blk Shafor Blvd	Theft from vehicle	Under Investigation
22-001235	300 Blk Shafor Blvd	Theft from vehicle	Under Investigation
22-001306	300 Blk Triangle	Theft	Under Investigation
22-001407	300 Blk Triangle	Unruly Juvenile	Cleared By Arrest
22-001443	300 Blk Triangle	Unruly Juvenile	Cleared By Arrest
22-001448	2400 Blk Far Hills	B&E/Theft	Under Investigation
22-001458	100 Blk Aberdeen	Theft from vehicle	Under Investigation
22-001475	200 Blk Peach Orchard	Breaking and Entering	Under Investigation
22-001492	Patterson/City Limits	Underage Cons.	Cleared By Arrest

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

TEEN COURT: There were four cases referred to the Montgomery County Juvenile Court during the month of April.

FIRE

FIRE: There were four total fire responses in April, all were to Oakwood. These included three odor investigations and one false alarm.

APPARATUS: During the month of April, Medic 26 has been out of service for a variety of mechanical problems.

FIRE INSPECTIONS: There were two fire inspections conducted during the month of April.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

REMOVALS: There were 36 total calls for emergency medical services in April including three mutual aid requests from the Dayton Fire Department. Seven patients refused medical treatment and/or transportation. All other patients were transported to area hospitals for treatment.

MISCELLANEOUS

DARE: The DARE Officer taught six classes during the month of April.

TRAINING

Public Safety Officers, Lieutenants, Dispatchers, and Command Staff completed a total of 366 hours of police, fire, and EMS training during the month of April.

The bulk of the training hours completed this month were accumulated by the semi-annual "fire tower" in-service training at the Dayton Fire Training Center. The purpose of this training was to improve efficiency and effectiveness on the fire ground through live burn scenarios, self-rescue tactics, and forcible entry drills.

During the month of April, department members completed EMS online CE training covering Critical Decision Making and Pregnancy.

Police training consisted of an online course through OPOTA online covering Response to Sexual Assaults.

On April 7 and 8, Officers Ryan Wells and Matt Staley attended a two day Surviving Injured Engagements class.

On April 21 and 22, Detective Ballinger attended a two day Social Networking class for investigations.

Dispatchers completed state mandatory training covering Amber Alert, 9-8-8, and Radio Communication and Interoperability.

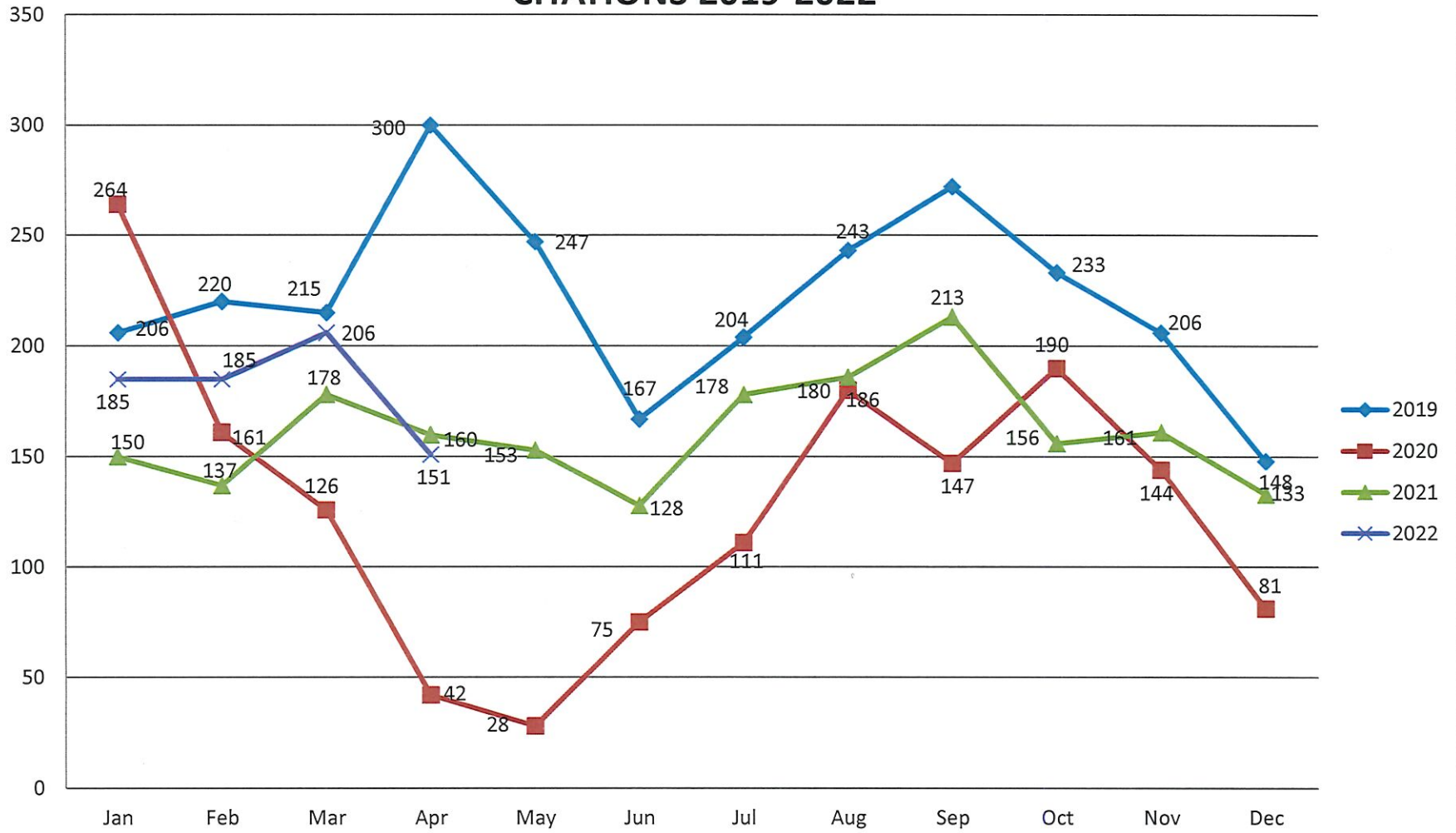
Lastly, on April 12 and 13, Officers McElroy and Smith attended monthly SWAT training.

OFFICER ACTIVITY

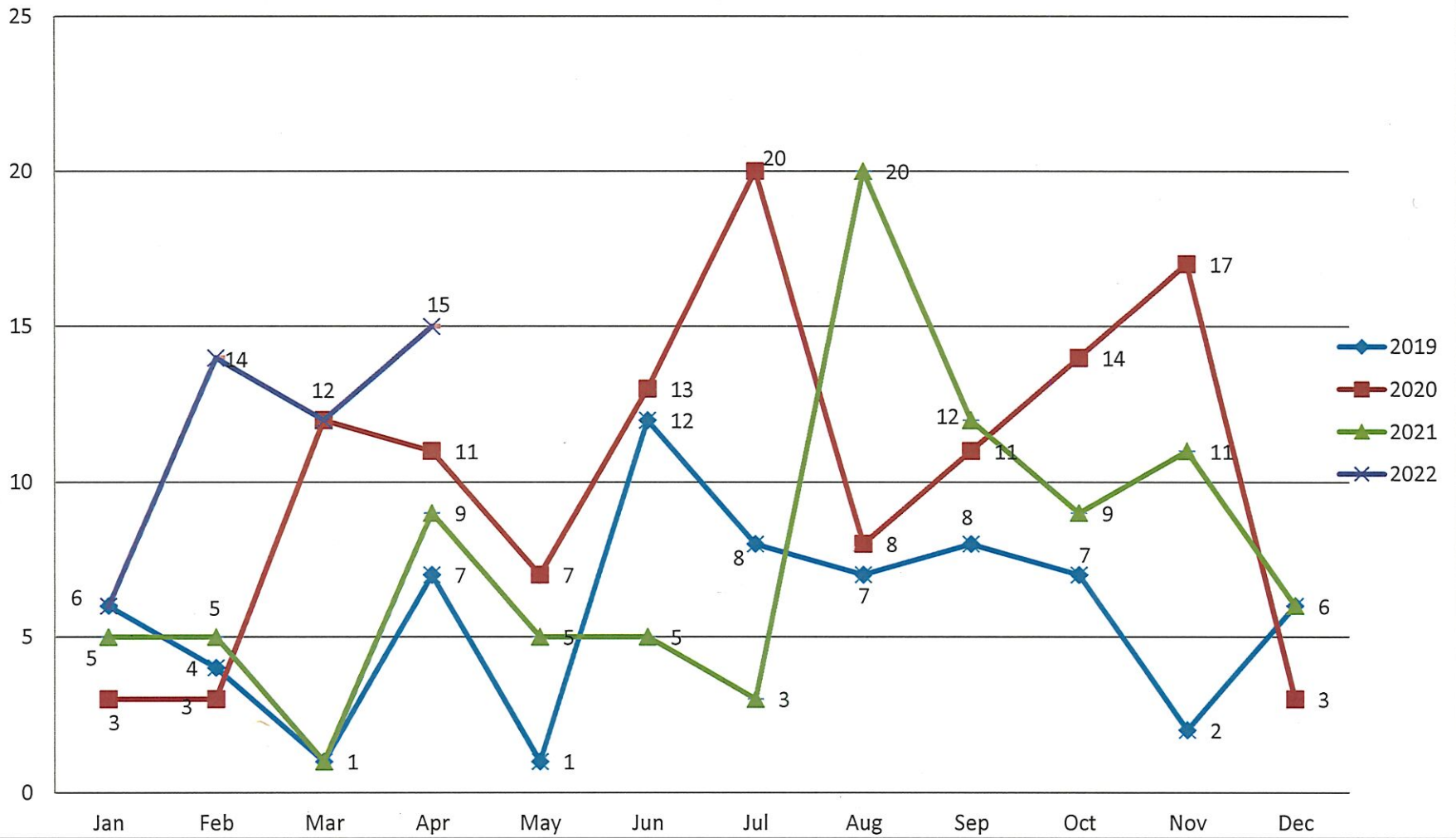
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TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS CITED		WARNINGS	
White	46	White	98
Black	43	Black	43
Indian	1	Indian	3
Asian	1	Asian	2
Hispanic	6	Hispanic	3
Middle Eastern	0	Middle Eastern	4
Unoccupied Vehicle/Other/Unknown	6	Unoccupied Vehicle/Other/Unknown	48
TOTAL	103	TOTAL	201
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White	7	White	6
Black	5	Black	4
Indian	0	Indian	0
Asian	1	Asian	0
Hispanic	0	Hispanic	1
Middle Eastern	0	Middle Eastern	0
Other/Unknown	2	Other/Unknown	0
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CITATIONS 2019-2022



PART 1 CRIMES 2019-2022



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Greetings from City Hall!

Attached is the meeting packet for next Tuesday that was mailed to you today. I will email to you the fee schedule tomorrow (Exhibit A to Resolution 22-1).

Below is the Zoom link for those wishing to participate remotely.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83165569419?pwd=bGJVZ2Y4dmtYzkNkeFpKVU5GeW93UT09>


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See you next Tuesday.

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Norbert S. Klopsch
Oakwood City Manager
(937) 298-0600

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS
FROM: NORBERT KLOPSCH 
SUBJECT: MAY 24, 2022 MEETING
DATE: MAY 19, 2022

Greetings from City Hall!

We meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24 in the council chamber at the city building. For those wishing to participate via Zoom, below is the access information:

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Enclosed are:

- The meeting agenda.
- Minutes of our March 22, 2022 meeting.
- Resolution 22-1 Fees for Food Establishment and Service Operations.

Our other meetings this year are scheduled as follows:

5:30 pm. Tuesday, July 26
5:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 27
5:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 22

cc: Mayor William Duncan, President
Dr. Steve Enseleit, Health Commissioner
Dr. John Ewing, Assistant Health Commissioner/Medical Director
Paul Scaglione, REHS, Environmental Health Director

BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA
MAY 24, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
- III. REPORT FROM CHAIR
- IV. REPORT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR
- V. REPORT FROM HEALTH COMMISSIONER
- VI. REPORT FROM ADMINISTRATOR/CITY MANAGER
 - 105 Monterey Avenue
 - Harman School UST
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
 - Resolution 22-1 Fees for Food Establishment and Service Operations
- IX. ADJOURN

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

The meeting was conducted on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 in the council chamber at the Oakwood City Building, 30 Park Avenue, and was also accessible via Zoom.

In attendance were:

Dr. David Denka, D.O., Chair
Dr. Bill Coyne, D.D.S., Vice Chair
Mrs. Diane Scott, R.N., Member

Norbert Klopsch, Administrator/City Manager
Paul Scaglione, REHS, Environmental Health Director

Attending via remote teleconference utilizing the Zoom.com platform was Dr. Elizabeth Maimon, DVM, M.P.H.

Excused absent were Dr. Sallie Wilson, D.O., Member and Dr. Steve Enseleit, M.D., Health Commissioner.

Dr. Denka called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items:

Annual Organization Meeting: Dr. Denka noted that this was the annual organization meeting and the Board needed to elect a chair and vice chair for 2022. Motion by Mrs. Scott to nominate Dr. Denka as chair and Dr. Coyne as vice chair; second by Dr. Maimon. Upon viva voce vote, motion passed.

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Dr. Denka asked that the minutes of the November 23, 2021 meeting be reviewed. There being no requested edits, a motion to approve was made by Dr. Coyne and seconded by Mrs. Scott. Upon viva voce vote, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report from Chair: No report.

Report from Environmental Health Director:

- **Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Food Establishment Survey:** Mr. Scaglione shared that the Ohio Department of Agriculture completed a survey of Oakwood City Health Department's Retail Food Establishment (RFE) Licensing and Inspection Program. Oakwood Health Department was again approved. The survey report should be available in 40 days.
- **Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Pool Survey:** Mr. Scaglione reported the state of Ohio Department of Health is requesting to survey the pools in Oakwood. There are four pools in Oakwood that are subject to state health regulations.

Report from Health Commissioner:

- **COVID-19 Update:** Mr. Klopsch shared information provided by Dr. Enseleit in his absence about the current status of COVID-19. The COVID-19 cases are down and there are very few hospitalizations.

Report from Board Administrator/City Manager:

- **2021 Annual Report:** Mr. Klopsch confirmed that Board members and Dr. Enseleit were sent the 2021 Health District Annual Report. There were no questions or concerns about the report.

- BOH Status: Mr. Klopsch commented on the Ohio Revised Code accreditation requirement for local health districts. In order to receive funding from the Ohio Department of Health, health districts must complete a study (protocols yet to be determined) by October 26, 2022. To meet all of the standards of accreditation is not a fiscally responsible endeavor given the nature of Oakwood’s small local health department. Mr. Scaglione added that accreditation for a small health department like Oakwood would cost as least \$100,000, plus ongoing costs. The Oakwood Health Department receives about \$1,700 per year from the Ohio Department of Health. Mr. Klopsch shared that he plans to meet with Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County Health Commissioner Jennifer Wentzel about this matter.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no other business, at 5:44 p.m. Dr. Denka adjourned the meeting.

Chair

Secretary

Commissioner of Health

**OAKWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH
RESOLUTION**

NO. 22-1

TO ADJUST FEES FOR THE LICENSURE OF RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS (RFEs) AND FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS (FSOs), BOTH FIXED AND MOBILE, PURSUANT TO THE STATE-MANDATED COST METHODOLOGY FOR CALCULATING THE SAME

WHEREAS, the Oakwood Board of Health has heretofore adopted a state-mandated cost methodology for the calculation of licensing fees for Retail Food Establishments (RFEs) and Food Service Operations (FSOs), both fixed and mobile, as provided under Ohio Revised Code Section 3717.07; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the statutory cost methodology, the City Sanitarian has determined that such licensing fees should be increased for 2023, as shown on the attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3717.25(A), the Board is authorized to establish and collect fees for such licensing services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

Section I.

Exhibit A, which sets forth licensing fees for the 2023 licensure year as calculated pursuant to the state-mandated cost methodology for calculation of licensing fees for RFEs and FSOs, both fixed and mobile, is hereby incorporated by this reference.

Section II.

The Board hereby adopts and establishes the licensing fees set forth on Exhibit A, to take effect for the 2023 licensure year and to remain in effect until further action by the Board.

Section III.

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

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

David Denka, D.O., Chair
Oakwood Board of Health

ATTEST:

Secretary

TO THE SECRETARY:

Please publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the Oakwood Health District, such publication to be made once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks.

City Law Director

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Subject: RE: May 24 Board of Health Meeting
Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:30:40 AM
Attachments: [Oakwood City Fee Schedule 2023.doc](#)
[Oakwood FSO & FE Fee history 2019 - 2023.docx](#)

Attached is Exhibit A, and a spreadsheet with a little history of our fees. Norb

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Subject: May 24 Board of Health Meeting

Greetings from City Hall!

Attached is the meeting packet for next Tuesday that was mailed to you today. I will email to you the fee schedule tomorrow (Exhibit A to Resolution 22-1).

Below is the Zoom link for those wishing to participate remotely.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83165569419?pwd=bGJVZ2Y4dmtYzkNkeFpKVU5GeW93UT09>

Meeting ID: 831 6556 9419
Passcode: 047321

See you next Tuesday.

EXHIBIT A

2023 DRAFT

Oakwood City Health Department Fee PROPOSED Schedule for Food Service Operations (FSO) and Retail Food Establishments (RFE)

Commercial FSO & RFE	2022/2023	Non-Commercial FSO & RFE	2022/2023
<25,000 Sq. ft.	Oakwood Fee*	<25,000 sq. ft.	Oakwood Fee*
Risk Level 1	\$70.00/ \$95.00	Risk Level 1	\$35.00/ \$47.50
Risk Level 2	\$78.00/ \$105.00	Risk Level 2	\$39.00/ \$52.50
Risk Level 3	\$150.00/ \$210.00	Risk Level 3	\$75.00/ \$105.00
Risk Level 4	\$191.00/ \$270.00	Risk Level 4	\$95.50/ \$135.00
>25,000 Sq. Ft.		>25,000 Sq. Ft.	
Risk Level 1	\$101.00/ \$140.00	Risk Level 1	\$50.50/ \$70.00
Risk Level 2	\$106.00/ \$145.00	Risk Level 2	\$53.00/ \$72.50
Risk Level 3	\$377.00/ \$540.00	Risk Level 3	\$188.50/ \$270.00
Risk Level 4	\$400.00/ \$570.00	Risk Level 4	\$200.00/ \$285.00

Temporary Event Food license: \$15.00 Non-Commercial
 (Fee per event) \$30.00 Commercial

Mobile food service license fee: \$42.00*

* Local fee only. Does not include state transmittal fee of \$28 for commercial operations and \$14 for non-commercial operations.

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Oakwood Food Service and Food Establishment Fee history 2019 - Proposed 2023

Risk Level	2019 FEE	% Change	2020 FEE	% Change from 2019	2021 FEE	% Change from 2020	2022 FEE	% Change from 2021	2023 FEE Max allowable	% Change from 2022	% Change from 2019	2023 Suggested Fee for 2023
1S	\$93.00	-	\$59.44	-36.0%	\$70.00	+17.8%	\$70.00	0%	\$106.00	+51.4%	+14.0%	\$95.00
2S	\$105.00	-	\$67.14	-36.1%	\$78.00	+16.2%	\$78.00	0%	\$119.00	+52.6%	+13.3%	\$105.00
3S	\$209.00	-	\$129.66	-38.0%	\$150.00	+15.7%	\$150.00	0%	\$223.00	+48.7%	+6.7%	\$210.00
4S	\$267.00	-	\$164.78	-38.3%	\$191.00	+15.9%	\$191.00	0%	\$282.00	+47.6%	+5.6%	\$270.00
1L	\$137.00	-	\$86.54	-36.8%	\$101.00	+16.7%	\$101.00	0%	\$151.00	+49.5%	+10.2%	\$140.00
2L	\$145.00	-	\$91.16	-37.1%	\$106.00	+16.3%	\$106.00	0%	\$159.00	+50.0%	+9.7%	\$145.00
3L	\$534.00	-	\$326.78	-38.8%	\$377.00	+15.4%	\$377.00	0%	\$554.00	+47.0%	+3.7%	\$540.00
4L	\$567.00	-	\$346.50	-38.9%	\$400.00	+15.4%	\$400.00	0%	\$587.00	+46.8%	+3.5%	\$570.00
Mobile	\$32.00	-	\$39.85	+24.5%	\$42.00	+5.4%	\$42.00	0%	\$66.00	+57.1%	+106.3%	\$42.00
Temporary	\$30.00	-	\$30.00	0%	\$30.00	0%	\$30.00	0%	\$48.00	+60.0%	+60.0%	\$30.00

Time spent in the program used for fee calculations was inflated over a normal year due to time spent accommodating 2 State surveys being conducted by ODH & ODA in calendar year 2021. The suggestion would be to NOT create new fees that are at the maximum allowable by ODH/ODA Cost Methodology but to increase fees somewhere more in line with expected norms closer to 2019 levels.

The suggestion would also be to NOT change temporary or mobile fees at all.