

**CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**  
**MAY 27, 2022**

**IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:**

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

**BUSINESS UPDATE:**

- **Memorial Day:** City offices are closed on Monday. Enclosed are *DDN* and *Register* articles.
- **American Flags:** The small Memorial Day flags went up along Shafor Boulevard today, and come down on Monday evening. We also placed the large flags along Far Hills and will leave them in place through Veterans Day. Enclosed is a *Register* article asking for volunteers to place the flags.



- **Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies:** We have two upcoming ribbon cutting ceremonies. The EV Station ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. next Tuesday, May 31. The ribbon cutting for Insomnia Cookies is at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 16.

- EV Station: The charging system is up and running. Enclosed is the memo explaining how we set the charging fee. Here is our plan for the ribbon cutting:
  - Bill opens the event with welcoming comments and some introductions.
  - Matt Lindsay, MVRPC Manager of Environmental Planning, comments on the Ohio EPA grant and other regional efforts to develop the EV infrastructure.
  - Tim Benford, Chapter President for Drive Electric Dayton (and longtime Oakwood resident), comments on the growing EV industry.

Then we'll cut the ribbon and close the event. We invited Representative Andrea White, but she is unable to attend.

- Gardner Pool Opening: The pool opens tomorrow! Everything is ready to go.



- That Day in May: It was a great festival last Saturday. Enclosed are *Register* photos and a *DDN* article.
- Board of Health: We met on Tuesday. Enclosed are draft minutes.
- June BZA Meeting: We have no applications, so the June 9 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting is cancelled. Enclosed is a memo to our BZA members.
- “Crisis Hero Award”: Our OCC was once again presented with a “Crisis Hero Award” from the Community Blood Center for hosting blood drives. Enclosed is a *Register* article.
- Styrofoam Recycling: Enclosed is a letter to the editor from Cheryl Lloyd on behalf of Green Oakwood thanking residents for their recycling efforts.
- Short-term Rentals: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about West Carrollton extending their moratorium on short-term rentals for six more months.

- SWAT Team Tactical Vehicle: Next week, we take delivery of the new tactical vehicle that we purchased through MVCC. Each of the eight member communities paid a portion of the cost. Pictured with the vehicle are two of the current SWAT officers (not Oakwood PSOs) along with Lieutenant Chuck Balaj. They are in Massachusetts inspecting the vehicle.



- Leaf Mulch Program: A total of 640 cubic yards of leaf mulch was used in this year's leaf mulch program. The net cost of the program is about \$4,100 and 45 property owners were delivered mulch while many other residents self-loaded the mulch this year. This program continues to be a valued investment in our community.
- Farmers' Market: The Oakwood Farmers' Market opens next Saturday, June 4 and will continue through October 15.
- Consumer Confidence Report (CCR): Enclosed is our annual Drinking Water CCR. It was submitted to the Ohio EPA and is posted to our website. It is also mentioned in the June/July *Oakwood Scene*.
- Landscape Management: Enclosed is the final draft of our proposed amendments to the code addressing landscape management. Jennifer Wilder sent this draft to Cheryl Vargas ("The Wild Ones") for her review and comment. We are planning to have this on the June 6 council agenda for a first reading.

- 988 Crisis Now Center: Enclosed is a press release from RI International, along with a *DDN* article, announcing that the company has signed a lease agreement with Elizabeth-Place to house the Crisis Now Receiving Center. We remain concerned about how the center will communicate with local law enforcement agencies, particularly during events when the Mobile Crisis Response Teams are deployed. This will be the topic of discussion amongst the MVCC city managers and police chiefs at a June 13 meeting.
- Charlie Simms Proclamation: Enclosed is a proclamation that Bill presented to Charlie Simms yesterday at his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Bill said that it was a very nice event with 35-40 people attending.
- Mark Schwieterman: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Kettering City Manager Mark Schwieterman speaking at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council... and addressing details about his near-death experience.
- Virginia Foell: Enclosed is an obituary that was printed in the *Register* this week.

HAVE A GREAT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!



TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

- DDN & Register* Articles re: Memorial Day
- Register* Article re: American Flags
- EV Station Memo
- Register* Photos & *DDN* Article re: That Day in May
- Board of Health Draft Minutes
- June BZA Cancellation Memo
- Register* Article re: “Crisis Hero Award”
- Register* Article re: Styrofoam Recycling
- DDN* Article re: Short-term Rentals
- 2021 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)
- Draft Landscape Management
- Press Release & *DDN* Article re: 988 Crisis Now Center
- Charlie Simms Proclamation
- DDN* Article re: Mark Schwieterman
- Register* Obituary re: Virginia Foell

**OAKWOOD**

**Memorial Day  
holiday office closing**

Oakwood city offices are closed on Monday, May 30 in recognition of Memorial Day. Trash pickup for all routes the week of May 30 will be one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday; and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

For additional information, contact Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager, at 937-298-0600 or [klopsch@oakwoodohio.gov](mailto:klopsch@oakwoodohio.gov).

STAFF REPORT

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5/24/22

## City offices close for Memorial Day, trash service revised

Oakwood city offices are closed on Monday, May 30, in recognition of Memorial Day.

Trash pickup for all routes the week of May 30 will be one day later than usual. Monday's

route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday; and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

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## Volunteers needed to place Flags for Memorial Day holiday

Volunteers are needed to help set up flags along Shafor Boulevard on Thursday, May 26. Flags will be available for distribution beginning at 6 p.m. at the shelter at Shafor Park. If you are able to set up flags but would like to pick them up earlier than 6 p.m. please email Laura Hart at [bamaflyer534@gmail.com](mailto:bamaflyer534@gmail.com)

Take down will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 30, weather permitting.

This project cannot happen without volunteers. Please consider spending one hour of your time on Thursday evening to help set up the flags or Monday evening to help take the flags down.

Having a hammer or cordless drill with a 3/8-inch or 1/2-inch drill bit is helpful but not required to volunteer. If you have any questions, contact Laura Hart at [bamaflyer534@gmail.com](mailto:bamaflyer534@gmail.com).

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager

**FROM:** Jennifer S. Wilder, Director of Personnel & Properties

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation for Pricing EVCS User Fees

**DATE:** May 18, 2022

The costs to the city for purchasing, installing, managing and maintaining an Electric Vehicle Charging Station (EVCS) will be about \$7,000 (after receipt of OEPA grant of \$15,000) over the next 5 years. During that time, the city will also incur electricity costs of \$.08-\$0.12 per kwh. While it is highly unlikely that the EVCS will generate enough income to offset these costs, I recommend that a modest user fee be charged.

I have researched several local and regional public charging station user fees and included that information below. A commercial charging station uses about 6.6 kW per hour of charge, so our cost is estimated to be \$.53 - \$.79 per hour of charge.

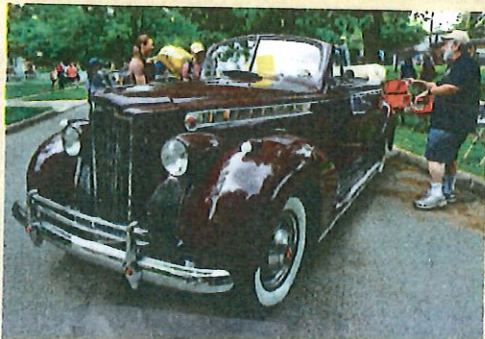
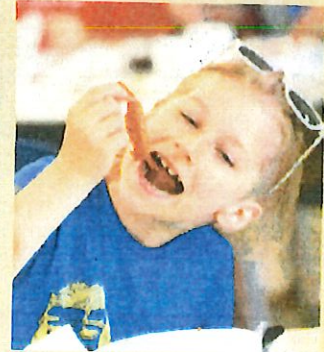
It is my recommendation that the city of Oakwood set pricing for the EVCS based on energy use plus an incentive to move the vehicle when it becomes fully charged:

**\$.30/kwhr charging plus  
\$5.00/hr thereafter parking**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Cost</b>
DLM	Private	Free
Delco Park	Kettering	\$.30/kwhr
Oregon District	Unknown	\$.30/kwhr
E. Dixie	West Carrollton	\$1/hr for 4 hours \$5/hr thereafter
District 7 Garage	ODOT	\$.30/kwhr
Government Center	Tipp City	Free
Government Center & Uptown Business Area	Centerville	\$1/hr
Business District	Upper Arlington	\$.10/min first 30 mins \$.20/min thereafter
Government Center	Hilliard	\$.40/kwh charging plus \$1/hr first 2 hrs parking \$5/hr thereafter parking
Government Center	Westerville	\$.08/kwhr plus \$0 parking while charging \$5/hr after 30 mins grace period
Business District	New Albany	Free



# That Day In May festivities



Oakwood Rotary welcomed back an annual rite of spring with the return of That Day In May festivities last weekend. After a hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic, and a limited return last year, Oakwood was treated to a community parade, pancake breakfast, dog show, races, car show and fun and games for all ages. A golf outing and auction at Dayton Country Club wrapped up the fun-filled schedule of events. Proceeds from That Day In May benefit the Oakwood Rotary Foundation.



Photos by Leon Chuck, Pressbox Photo

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# Longtime parade returns today for first time since 2019

## EVENTS

### Saturday

- 8-11 a.m.: Pancake breakfast, Oakwood High School
- 8:30 a.m.: Fun run, Mack Hummon Stadium
- Noon: Parade, Shafor Boulevard
- 12:30-4 p.m.: Games and bouncy houses, The Pit, Oakwood HS
- 1-2 p.m.: Dog parade and costume contest, stadium
- 1-4 p.m.: Auto show, 100 Dellwood Ave.

### Monday

- 10 a.m.: Golf outing, Dayton Country Club. Silent auction runs until 6 p.m.
- 4:30 to 7 p.m.: Cocktail party, DCC.

By Nick Blizzard  
Staff Writer

OAKWOOD — Oakwood's That Day in May celebration, a community tradition for decades, will feature its centerpiece parade today for the first time since 2019.

About 35 floats and/or groups have registered for the Shafor Boulevard procession from Orchard Drive to Oakwood Junior High/High School, said Joe Scott, That Day in May's chair.

That area of Shafor will be closed shortly before the noon parade start today, Oakwood Safety Director Alan Hill said.

Most of that section will reopen after the parade, which will likely last about an hour, he added. But the block behind the

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## Parade

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Far Hills Avenue school — the hub of TDIM activities — will remain closed until about 4 p.m., Hill said.

The traffic inconvenience is a worthwhile trade off, said Scott, a member of the Oakwood Rotary Club, which organizes the event.

"We're pretty excited about it," he said of the return of the event's centerpiece. "The parade's a big deal ... and one part of a community-wide event."

Also back for the first time in three years is the sit-down pancake breakfast at the



The parade is set to return today for That Day in May in Oakwood for the first time since 2019. CONTRIBUTED

school. TDIM proceeds go to the Rotary's foundation, which gives funds to local nonprofits and charitable

organizations serving the needy in the Miami Valley, Scott said.

The event continues Monday with a golf outing, a silent auction and a cocktail party at the Dayton Country Club.

Scott began attending about 30 years ago, and the event has been a mainstay for generations of his wife's family.

Weather permitting, Scott said he expects roughly 3,000 to 5,000 people as high 80-degree temperatures are forecast.

"The kids have fun," he said. "And we have enough diversity in activities (that) there's something for everybody."

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

The meeting was conducted on Tuesday, May 24, 2022 in the council chamber at the Oakwood City Building, 30 Park Avenue, and was also accessible via Zoom.

**DRAFT**

Attending in person were:

Dr. Sallie Wilson, D.O., Member

Norbert Klopsch, Administrator/City Manager

Paul Scaglione, REHS, Environmental Health Director

Attending via remote teleconference utilizing the Zoom.com platform were Dr. Elizabeth Maimon, DVM, M.P.H., Member; Mrs. Diane Scott, R.N., Member; and Dr. Steve Enseleit, M.D., Health Commissioner.

Excused absent were Dr. David Denka, D.O., Chair and Dr. Bill Coyne, D.D.S., Vice Chair.

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Mr. Klopsch asked that the minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting be reviewed. There being no requested edits, a motion to approve was made by Mrs. Scott and seconded by Dr. Wilson. Upon viva voce vote, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report from Chair: No report.

Report from Environmental Health Director:

- Food Establishment and Service Operations Fees: Mr. Scaglione reviewed the process by which the 2023 license fees were calculated.

Report from Health Commissioner: No report.

Report from Board Administrator/City Manager: Mr. Klopsch commented on the following items:

- 105 Monterey Avenue: The house at 105 Monterey has had an ongoing issue with a broken water meter. City staff has attempted to communicate with the property owner with no success. Following standard protocol, the water was shut off and the house was condemned and deemed no longer inhabitable. This action is very infrequent in Oakwood.
- Harman School Underground Storage Tank (UST): A large UST was discovered approximately 6 – 8 weeks ago at Harman School between the west side of the building and the alley. There is no record of the tank, but Oakwood School officials believe it was an old fuel oil tank that has not been used in over 50 years. Harman School is located in the City's Well Field Protection area, so there are stringent rules addressing the tank and requirement that it be removed. A certified contractor will be removing the tank sometime in July.
- That Day in May: The event last weekend went very well. It was another wonderful community festival.
- Gardner Pool Inspections and Opening: Gardner Pool opens this Saturday, May 28. Mr. Scaglione noted that pool inspections will be completed accordingly.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Resolution 22-1, Fees for Food Establishment and Service Operations, First Reading: The Board conducted a first reading of this resolution. A second reading will be conducted at the next Board meeting. In advance of that meeting, Mr. Scaglione will see that the required public notification is completed, as well as individual letters sent to all impacted parties.

There being no other business, at 5:40 p.m. Mr. Klopsch adjourned the meeting.

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Chair


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Secretary

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Commissioner of Health

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBERS  
FROM: JENNIFER WILDER   
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF JUNE 9 MEETING  
DATE: MAY 23, 2022

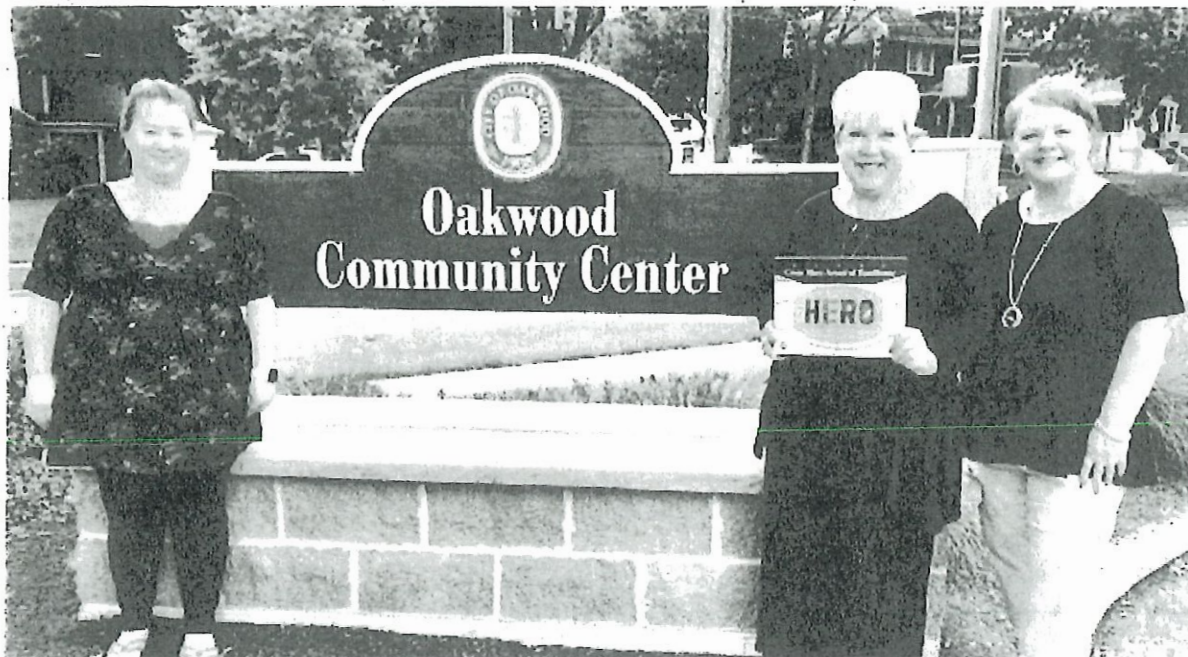
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The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022 has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting is at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2022.

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cc: Members of City Council  
Norbert Klopsch, City Manager  
Robert Jacques, Law Director  
Ethan Kroger, Code Enforcement Officer

## CBC honors OCC as Crisis Hero



The Community Blood Center recently honored Oakwood blood donors and the Oakwood Community Center as dedicated blood drive partners. The Oakwood Community Center hosts monthly CBC blood drives, including the Wednesday, May 18 blood drive that topped 109 percent of goal with 39 donors making 36 donations. CBC honored the OCC with the Crisis Hero Award for its dedication to hosting blood drives during the pandemic. CBC's Donna Teuscher presented the award to blood drive coordinators Corrie Taylor, Carol Collins and Lori Stanley. Not pictured: Pam Goelz.

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## Green Oakwood thanks recycling supporters

On Saturday, April 23, in the Foell Public Works recycling center, Green Oakwood volunteers ran their usual community shuttle service to the quarterly Montgomery County styrofoam recycling event. This time Green Oakwood volunteers (a total of 6 drivers) experienced an event of very mixed blessings.

On the positive side, of the 21 declared Oakwood vehicles delivering

to the Rose Music Center in Huber Heights, Green Oakwood launched 19 - predominantly pick-up-sized vehicles and absolutely packed full. Short on drivers for the 'magic porridge pot' pile which constantly replenished over the 2 hour period, it quickly became clear that quantities being received were way in excess of any experienced previously, and even allowing for multiple runs (one vehicle did four

trips) our capacity was not meeting the styrofoam requirement.

Consequently, seven visitors agreed to go direct and even consented to their own vehicles being loaded to capacity - many thanks to one unknown driver plus Mike Williams, Liz and Graham Foley, Mike Gray and Penny Park, Gigi Griffiths, as well as the long-suffering Paul Harmer who stepped up on

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the day to help for the second time!

The huge increase was revealed to be a result of drop offs from residents of surrounding cities (one car came to us from as far away as Brookville), in part directed by an ambiguously worded statement in a Dayton newspaper. Consequently, there were attendees who, unaware that this was

a volunteer run service specifically for Oakwood residents, were frustrated at the lack of transportation. Regrettably, due to lack of capacity, at the very end of the window we had to refuse the large loads of 2 vehicles and hope that they are holding on to their styrofoam until the next event.

In sum, it was a fantastic win in the prevention of 19 loads of styro-

foam going to the landfill, but Green Oakwood will be reviewing its procedures for the next Montgomery County event which will be held on July 16 at the U.D. Welcome Stadium. Thanks once again to Green Oakwood's Matt Middleton, Don O'Connor, the Cook and the Lloyd family for the 12 shuttles they ran to Huber Heights.

*Cheryl Lloyd*

OR 5/25/22

# City extends moratorium on short-term rentals

West Carrollton studying impact those rentals have on community; state legislation is also pending.

By Eric Schwartzberg  
Staff Writer

West Carrollton is extending its moratorium on using buildings as short-term rentals (fewer than 30 days) for another six months. That includes, but is not limited to online platforms like Airbnb,

Vrbo and HomeAway.

The extension, which was unanimously approved at West Carrollton City Council's most recent meeting, is meant to allow council members to study and review the possible long-term impact on the city, as well as the implications of Ohio House Bill 563, according

to Lori Denlinger, the city's law director/prosecuting attorney.

City council previously passed a resolution to oppose that legislation, which is advancing at the Ohio Statehouse after clearing a preliminary committee vote earlier this month. It would dictate how communities can regulate short-term rental properties, Denlinger said, including limiting their number, or regulating how long or frequently they can

be rented.

"House Bill 563, as written, would limit our ability to regulate those properties and it would actually prohibit us from banning them outright," Denlinger told council members.

HB 563 also stipulates that governments in cities, townships and villages may still regulate "to protect public health, safety, and welfare related to fire and building safety, property maintenance,

sanitation, traffic control, hazardous waste, or noise; providing the rules are the same as those applicable to traditional long-term rentals."

"The purpose of that moratorium was to determine whether or not that business model would be a good business model for the city," Denlinger said, not expressing itself as for or against

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Airbnbs and other short-term rentals. "While the staff was researching short-term rental properties and whether or not this would be a good fit for the city ... House Bill 563 was introduced."

If the bill is approved as written, "it's going to be a

problem for cities regulating them as they choose."

Currently, there are no regulations by the state on short-term rentals.

"Our regulations and our zoning, would just be the current zoning, whatever we have, you know, noise ordinances, property maintenance, that type of thing," she said.

Bigger cities like Chicago and Columbus, when they've

looked into and enacted regulations for short-term rentals, have found themselves part of "an ongoing process," one that has seen regulations evolve "because they've had a lot of fight, as you can imagine, with the Airbnbs," she said. "They don't want the regulations."

Contact this reporter at eric.schwartzberg@coxinc.com.

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# CITY OF OAKWOOD

## Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report

### For Calendar Year 2021



## Introduction.

May 26, 2022

The city of Oakwood prepared this report to provide information to you, the consumer, on the quality of our drinking water. This report includes general health information relating to drinking water; a description of the Oakwood water system; general information about water quality; Oakwood water quality test results; information on how to participate in decisions concerning your drinking water; and water system contacts.

The city of Oakwood owns and operates a public municipal water system that serves the residents and businesses throughout the community. The system is comprised of eight production wells, three water treatment plants, 44 miles of underground water lines, 352 fire hydrants and a 1.5 million gallon water tower. The Director of Engineering and Public Works oversees the operation of the public water system. The Water Plant Superintendent is charged with the day-to-day operation of the wells, water tower and water treatment plants.



Springhouse Water Treatment Plant



Shafor Water Treatment Plant



Softening Units at Shafor Water Treatment Plant

## Source water information.

Oakwood receives its drinking water from groundwater pumped through eight production wells. These wells draw water from tributary aquifers flowing towards the Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer. The city's system produced 99.78% of the total city water demand in 2021. Had additional water been needed, it would have been supplied from the city of Dayton water system.

Oakwood has two reserve water connections with the city of Dayton and one with Montgomery County. During 2021, Oakwood produced 500.856 million gallons from the eight Oakwood water wells. We purchased 1.119 million gallons of water from the city of Dayton. This report does not contain information on the city of Dayton water quality but a copy of the Dayton Consumer Confidence Report can be obtained by contacting the city of Dayton, Division of Environmental Management, at (937) 333-6093 or by viewing the Dayton website at [www.daytonohio.gov/documentcenter/view/12266/2021-Water-Quality-Report](http://www.daytonohio.gov/documentcenter/view/12266/2021-Water-Quality-Report)

The aquifer that supplies drinking water to Oakwood has a moderate susceptibility to contamination, due to the sensitivity of the aquifer in which the drinking water wells are located and the existence of several potential contaminant sources within the protection zone. This does not mean that the wellfield will become contaminated, only that conditions are such that the groundwater could be impacted by potential contaminant sources. Possible contamination may be avoided by implementing protective measures. For this reason, Oakwood has an Ohio EPA endorsed Source Water Assessment and Protection Program. See page 6 of this report for information on how you can help protect our water supply. More detailed well field protection information can be obtained by calling the Water Plant Superintendent at (937) 298-0777.

## **City of Dayton Source Water Assessment**

The Ohio EPA conducted a source water assessment of Dayton's water source. The assessment concluded that the aquifer supplying water to the city of Dayton's well fields has a high susceptibility to contamination. This determination is based on: the influence of surface water recharge to the aquifer; the presence of a relatively thin protective layer of clay overlying the aquifer; the shallow depth of the aquifer; contaminant plumes in Dayton's well field protection area; the presence of significant potential contaminant sources in the protection area; and the presence of contaminants in treated water. More information about the source water assessment or what consumers can do to help protect the aquifer is available by calling the city of Dayton Division of Environmental Management at (937) 333-3725.

### **What are sources of contamination to drinking water?**

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include: (A) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife; (B) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; (C) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; (D) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and (E) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Federal Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791.)

### **Who needs to take special precautions?**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infection.

These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791.)



High Service Pumps  
at Springhouse



#8 Well



Control Panel at Springhouse



Chlorine Pump at Springhouse

## About your drinking water.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with water service lines and home plumbing. Oakwood is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. A list of laboratories certified in the State of Ohio to test for lead may be found at [www.epa.ohio.gov/ddagw](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ddagw) or by calling (614) 644-2752. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

The EPA requires regular sampling to ensure drinking water safety. Oakwood conducted sampling for bacteria, nitrates, total trihalomethanes (TTHM), haloacetic acids (HAA5), synthetic organic chemicals (SOC) and lead and copper during 2021. Over the past three years, samples were collected for a total of 125 different contaminants, most of which were not detected in the city of Oakwood's water supply. The Ohio EPA requires Oakwood to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently.

As the data shows, Oakwood complied with all Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) standards for drinking water during 2021. Oakwood softens its water from approximately 27 grains per gallon to an average of 12 grains per gallon. In 2021, Oakwood had an unconditioned license to operate the public water system as issued by Ohio EPA.

## Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) information.

All water systems were required to begin compliance with a new rule, the Revised Total Coliform Rule, on April 1, 2016. The new rule maintains the purpose to protect public health by ensuring the integrity of the drinking water distribution system and monitoring for the presence of total coliform bacteria, which includes E. coli bacteria. The USEPA anticipates greater public health protection under the new rule, as it requires water systems that are vulnerable to microbial contamination to identify and fix problems. As a result, under the new rule there is no longer a maximum contaminant level violation for multiple total coliform detections. Instead, the new rule requires water systems that exceed a specified frequency of total coliform occurrences to conduct an assessment to determine if any significant deficiencies exist. If found, these must be corrected by the Public Water System.

## How do I participate in decisions concerning my drinking water?

Public participation and comments on any city issues, including our public water system, are encouraged. This can be done by contacting city staff or by attending regular meetings of Oakwood City Council. City Council typically meets at the City Building, 30 Park Avenue at 7:30 pm the first Monday of every month. Please check the city website [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov) to verify meeting dates and times.

For more information on your drinking water, contact Scott Loper, Water Plant Superintendent, or Doug Spittler, Director of Engineering and Public Works, at (937) 298-0777.

## Definitions of terms contained within this report.

**Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Parts per Million (ppm) or Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)** are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per million corresponds to one second in a little over 11.5 days.

**Parts per Billion (ppb) or Micrograms per Liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )** are units of measure for concentration of a contaminant. A part per billion corresponds to one second in 31.7 years.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L):** A common measure of radioactivity.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Not Detected (ND):** The level of contaminant was below the level detectable with current testing technology.

**The < symbol:** A symbol which means less than. A result of <5 means that the lowest level that could be detected was 5 and the contaminant in that sample was not detected.

Listed below is information on those contaminants that were found in the Oakwood drinking water.

## TABLE OF DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

Contaminants (Units)	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detections	Violation	Sample Year	Typical Source of Contaminants
<b>Bacteriological</b>							
Coliform Bacteria (% positive/month)	0	5%	0	Not detected	No	Monthly	Naturally present in the environment
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>							
Fluoride <sup>1</sup> (ppm) 210 Shafor 120 Springhouse	4	4	0.27 0.22	0.22- 0.27	No	2021	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Barium (ppm) 210 Shafor 120 Springhouse	2	2	0.143 0.0554	0.0554 - 0.143	No	2021	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; Discharge of drilling wastes.
Cadmium (ppb) 210 Shafor 120 Springhouse	5	5	ND ND	ND	No	2021	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from metal refineries; Runoff from waste batteries and paint; Corrosion of galvanized pipes.
Nitrate (ppm) 210 Shafor 120 Springhouse	10	10	ND ND	ND	No	2021	Fertilizer runoff/natural geology.
<b>Regulated in the Distribution System</b>							
Trihalomethanes (ppb)	N/A	80	9.4	4.3-9.4	No	2021	By-products of chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	N/A	60	ND	ND	No	2021	By-products of chlorination
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants – Unregulated</b>							
Bromoform (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	No	2021	By-products of chlorination
Chloroform (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	No	2021	By-products of chlorination
Bromodichloromethane (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	No	2021	By-products of chlorination
Dibromo-chloromethane (ppb)	N/A	N/A	ND	ND	No	2021	By-products of chlorination
<b>Residual Disinfectants</b>							
Chlorine (ppm) <sup>2</sup>	MRDL= 4	MRDLG= 4	0.7	0.5-0.7	No	Weekly	Water additive to control microbes

**Table of Detected Contaminants Footnotes**

1. The City of Oakwood does not add fluoride supplements to the water it produces.
2. Level found is the highest running annual average.

<b>Lead and Copper</b>						
Contaminants (Units)	Action Level (AL)	90% of test levels were less than	Individual Result over the AL	Violation	Year Sampled	Typical source of Contaminants
Lead (ppb)	15	4.6	1	NO	2021	Corrosion of household plumbing material
	1 out of 20 samples was found to have a lead level in excess of the action level of 15 ppb					
Copper (ppm)	1.3	0.262	0	NO	2021	Corrosion of household plumbing material
	0 out of 20 samples were found to have copper levels in excess of the action level of 1.3 ppm					

# EASY THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER SOURCES



## Properly dispose of hazardous products

## Use and dispose of harmful materials properly

Don't dump hazardous waste on the ground. It can contaminate the soil, which could also contaminate the ground water or nearby surface water. A number of products used at home contain hazardous or toxic substances that can contaminate ground or surface waters, such as:

- Motor oil
- Pesticides
- Leftover paints or paint cans
- Mothballs
- Flea collars
- Household cleaners
- A number of medicines

Don't overuse pesticides or fertilizers. Many fertilizers and pesticides contain hazardous chemicals. These can travel through the soil and contaminate ground water. If you feel you must use these chemicals, please remember to use them in moderation.

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

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**CROSS REFERENCES**

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

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**551.01 PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Ornamental plant" means grasses, perennials, annuals, and groundcovers purposefully planted for aesthetic reasons.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

- (1) All properties within the City of Oakwood must be maintained in accordance with Section 551.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Oakwood, which prohibits *turf*-grass or weed growth in excess of eight inches.
- (2) Should the owner of any property fail to comply with Section 551.0402, the City will cause the weeds or *turf*-grass to be cut at the owner's expense.
- (3) The City will invoice the owner for all costs thereof, including administrative costs, and if unpaid, will place a lien on the property for the amount owed in accordance with Ohio R.C.731.54.
- (4) Contact information for the appropriate City department.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~(c) — Setback requirement. Managed natural landscaped areas shall be set back a minimum of five (5) feet from all property lines, sidewalks, roads, alleys and/or driveways, provided however that if the property is abutted by a fence, wall or similar barrier separating it from adjoining residential properties, then the natural landscaping may be planted up to such barrier, inside the sidewalk, with no setback requirement. The setback area shall be comprised of turf-grasses and/or low groundcover vegetation not exceeding eight (8) inches in height.~~

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

**551.99 PENALTY.**

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

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



## RI International Signs Lease for Crisis Now Receiving Center

For Immediate Release

May 26, 2022

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OH** – [RI International](#) has signed a lease with [Elizabeth-Place](#) for the location of the Crisis Now Receiving Center. Renovations to the space will begin immediately with a planned opening date in the fall of 2022.

“The Crisis Now Receiving Center is the third phase of our implementation of the Crisis Now model of delivering mental health and substance use services to Montgomery County residents. The Crisis Now Hotline began answering crisis phone calls on January 1, 2022, with more than 3,500 calls answered through April 2022,” said Paul Galdys, Deputy CEO of RI International. “We are pleased to provide this new 24/7 level of care to those in the Greater Dayton region.”

The [Crisis Now](#) model includes three phases: someone to call, someone to come to you, and somewhere to go. The second phase includes Mobile Crisis Response Teams who travel to the person experiencing the crisis to de-escalate and connect the individual to mental health and substance use providers in the community. Mobile Crisis Response Teams have been responding to those in need since January 2022 and can be accessed by calling the Montgomery County Crisis Now Hotline at 833-580-2255.

The Crisis Now Receiving Center is the third and final phase and is somewhere to go for those experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis. This additional level of care will feature 16 recliner chairs in which individuals can be surrounded by a team of behavioral health professionals to receive the care they need.

“Montgomery County is leading the way in Ohio, in terms of offering the Crisis Now model to our residents. This innovative approach to providing behavioral health services will give hope to those who are searching for help and provide a new resource to families looking to connect their loved ones to available services,” said Helen Jones-Kelley, Executive Director of Montgomery County ADAMHS.

RI International Ohio Director Vincent Sabino will be available for interviews in Dayton on May 26, 2022. Email him at [Vincent.Sabino@riinternational.com](mailto:Vincent.Sabino@riinternational.com) or call 614-598-1821 (text message is preferred).

# New center that aids people in crisis finds Dayton property to call home

Receiving Center at Elizabeth Place likely to open this fall.

By Cornelius Frolik  
Staff Writer

The search for a site for a new crisis center is over, just two months after Dayton's zoning board rejected a request to place it in a property in the midtown area, just south of downtown.

RI International and Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) have found a home for the Crisis Now Receiving Center, which will serve people in the throes of a mental health or substance abuse crisis.

The center will open at Elizabeth Place in the Carillon neighborhood, likely in the fall.

"We like this property because (it) has easy access for law enforcement and first-respond-

ers to drop off people who are in crisis," Vincent Sabino, RI International's state director of Ohio. "It is a central location where people can easily get to from all parts of the community. Finally, it is a good location because it is close to many community partners and referral sources that allows us to give a warm hand-off."

The center at 601 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd. will have 16 recliner chairs for patients so they can

receive treatment from behavioral health professionals.

The 7,500-square-foot center is the final piece of a model that gives community members in crisis someone to call (the Montgomery County Crisis Now Hotline at 833-580-2255); someone to come to them (Mobile Crisis Response Teams) and, soon, somewhere to go (the crisis center).

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## Center

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"This innovative approach to providing behavioral health services will give hope to those who are searching for help and provide a new resource to families looking to connect their loved ones to available services," said Helen Jones-Kelley, executive director of Montgomery County ADAMHS.

The hotline already has received more than 3,500 calls from people seeking help, and mobile teams, with trained professionals, were dispatched to a small number of calls when the crises could not be handled over the phone.

Soon, people in need of immediate services and care will be taken to the crisis center.

"I am so thankful that RI



The Crisis Now Receiving Center, which will serve people in the throes of a mental health or substance abuse crisis, will open at Elizabeth Place. FILE

International has expanded CrisisNow services to Montgomery County, and that they will continue to support the critical mental health needs of our citizens through the new Crisis Now Receiving Center," said Barbara Marsh, COO of OneFifteen, which operates

a crisis stabilization unit at Kindred Hospital on the same block.

RI International and ADAMHS originally wanted to put the 24/7 protective care facility at the former AAA building at 825 S. Ludlow St.

But zoning variances

were required because the property was located within 1,000 feet of a school (Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School) and another protective care facility (Daybreak's emergency shelter).

In late March, the Dayton Board of Zoning Appeals denied the request, which came after critical comments from some residents and school supporters.

They said there was no reason the center needed to be at that property, and they claimed it would harm the school and oversaturate the area with social service providers.

Critics, including some residents and school supporters, said there was no good reason why the center needed to be at that property, and they claimed putting it there would harm the school and oversaturate the area with social service providers.

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CITY OF OAKWOOD  
PROCLAMATION

**RECOGNIZING MAY 26, 2022 AS CHARLES VALENTINE SIMMS DAY**

**WHEREAS**, Charles Valentine Simms was born on May 26, 1932. He graduated from Oakwood High School in 1950 and Georgetown University in 1954; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles served as a First Lieutenant and pilot for the United States Air Force in West Germany from 1955 to 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles and Elizabeth Ann Simms were married for 64 years until her passing in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Simms founded Charles V. Simms Development Corporation in 1958 and Simms Management Corporation in 1989 to construct single family homes and apartments and to provide property management services to these communities. He served as President of the Ohio Home Builders Association in 1967 and the Dayton Home Builders Association in 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Simms is the proud and wonderfully supportive father of four children: Elizabeth Simms Gutmann, Charles Henry Simms, Leslie Simms Nagel, and Jennifer Peck Simms. He is the grandfather of 12 grandchildren: Claire, Sandy, Robi, Will, Jeffrey, Crosby, Grady, Madeline, Charlie, Sunny, Lexi and Riley; and Great Grandfather to four: Satya, Sapphire, Louisa, and Henry; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Simms served as a member of Oakwood City Council from 1967 to 1972, and as a Montgomery County Commissioner from 1973 to 1976; and


**WHEREAS**, Charles and Ann Simms were recipients of the Oakwood City Schools 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Simms' substantial philanthropic activities have benefitted Dayton Habitat for Humanity, the Dayton Foundation, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakwood City Schools, as well as numerous other organizations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, under the power vested in me, I, William D. Duncan, Mayor of the City of Oakwood, hereby congratulate Charles Valentine Simms on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and proclaim Thursday, May 26, 2022 as Charles Valentine Simms day in the City of Oakwood.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Oakwood, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.



  
William D. Duncan



# City manager finally explains near-death event, rescue by EMS

Schwieterman had 'major cardiac event' while golfing in 2019.

By Nick Blizard  
Staff Writer

DAYTON — Mark Schwieterman has ultimately been in charge of Kettering's emergency medical services since 2006. But this week, on Tuesday, the longtime city manager revealed publicly for the first time how EMS crews and other medical personnel saved his life.

Schwieterman said he collapsed Dec. 1, 2019, while playing golf with a friend, a trained safety worker who happened to be steps away. That friend asked to remain unidentified.

"I suffered a major cardiac event. I was gone," said the

University of Dayton grad not known for hyperbole. "My friend brought me back. EMS providers brought me back. The hospital staff brought me back."

Schwieterman's first public comments about his health ordeal — what he said became known in private circles as "an incident" — were made at the Greater Miami Valley Emergency Medical Services Council's 50th anniversary event.

The council includes about a dozen southwest Ohio counties, Butler, Clark, Champaign, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Warren among them.

"This council and its members saved my life," Schwieterman said. "I'm grateful for that every minute."

The regional group "is a

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Kettering City Manager Mark Schwieterman (center) speaks on Tuesday at the 50th anniversary meeting of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council at the Montgomery County Business Solutions Center in Dayton. He tells of his 2019 collapse and near-death. Kettering police Chief Chip Protsman is at right. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

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## Near-death

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vital part of (the) success” of operations for area EMS, which has an “impact on so many people every day,” the 57-year-old said.

“My story is not unique. It is not uncommon,” Schwieterman added. “EMS providers respond every day to everyone.”

Schwieterman said he lost all memory of the 30 days before the collapse and the three weeks or so after it. “But we spent a lot of time in (my) inner sanctum rehashing what took place.”

### ‘Strokes of luck’

He shared with the audience several “strokes of luck” that December day, many of them combining to keep him alive. They included:

■ Being with a friend who is “well-trained at saving lives.”

■ His playing partner driving and picking up Schwi-

eterman.

■ Schwieterman’s friend being within feet of him, being able to hear – but not see – him before “he turned to find me face down on the ground.”

■ His playing partner called 9-1-1, started CPR and “flagged down help, all in a matter of seconds.”

■ The friend’s 9-1-1 cell phone call going to Riverside, while the golf course staff’s 9-1-1 landline call went to Beavercreek, prompting both jurisdictions to respond.

Schwieterman said he spent 46 days in hospitals, being taken by helicopter to the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center after four days at Soin Medical Center in Beavercreek. For about three weeks, he was on a ventilator.

“My lungs were shot. My kidneys were shot,” Schwieterman said. “Hoses were everywhere and my heart was, frankly, the least of my worries.”

Schwieterman recovered

for more than four months before returning to work in April 2020, just weeks after the COVID-19 pandemic hit worldwide.

### Worst day, best day

What Schwieterman called “probably the worst day of my life, which turned out to be the best day of my life” started with errant shots off the first tee that put the playing partners within feet of each other.

“Had he been 50 yards or 100 yards away from me – which he would have been if we hit decent drives – it would have been too late and the outcome would have been different,” Schwieterman said.

That day, he said with his eyes tearing up, Riverside Fire Department’s Paula Balcom played a key role in his rescue. Schwieterman said he can’t recall the 2019 encounter and “didn’t actually meet her for probably 60 days later.”

A Riverside ambulance

crew used a Beavercreek chest compression machine on the way to Soin, he said.

“The service was timely, swift, efficient and – most importantly – effective,” Schwieterman said, noting that he was later told fewer than 10% who suffer such episodes outside of medical facilities survive.

“The hospitals did a great job. And God was awesome, no doubt,” he said. “But without my friend, without Riverside and without Beavercreek (EMS), the ending to this story would have been much different.”

Balcom called the response an example of the “collaboration from the first responders to the EMS coordinators to the physicians – to every player within the system that makes a difference in the outcome.”

The regional council coordinates efforts of fire/EMS/private ambulance service “pre-hospital care providers, hospital emergency department, staff and con-

sumers for pre-hospital medical care” for sudden illness or injury victims, according to its website.

### ‘Impeccably trained heroes’

Schwieterman said his playing partner later drove to the city manager’s home, relaying to his wife – also a friend – the news about her husband.

“I can’t imagine how difficult it was ... to tell my wife,” Schwieterman said. “I know that she is grateful for the way he handled that situation, a way that he had been trained to do so.”

The next day, at a previously planned joint meeting, officials in the Montgomery County suburbs talked privately with hushed concern about the condition of a colleague for whom they’ve gained a deep respect through the years.

That Tuesday night, Kettering City Council appointed Assistant City Manager Steve Bergstresser acting city man-

ager until further notice.

At the time, Kettering officials said only that Schwieterman experienced “a recent medical condition” and further details were not released publicly.

Schwieterman has announced he will step down as Kettering’s top administrator when his contract expires in late December, ending a 33-year career with the city.

“I’m still here because of the impeccably trained heroes who came to my rescue,” he told the EMS council. “My story is not extraordinary because of who I am or what I do for a living. It is extraordinary because of who you are.”

Local officials and hospitals must continue “to make sure that we do not lose focus on what is important,” Schwieterman said. “We must provide (EMS) to our community and in an exceptional way. Lives depend on it. Frankly, mine did.”

## Virginia J. Foell

Virginia J. Foell passed away on April 17, 2022, at age 89. Virginia was born on March 27, 1933, in Syracuse, N.Y., 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, 8 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Special thanks to the excellent care given to Virginia at Bethany Rehabilitation Center. Services were held at The Lutheran Church of Our Savior on Friday, April 22, 2022.

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