

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
JUNE 10, 2022

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

July 18, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
August 1, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
August 14, Sunday, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Ice Cream Social (Shafor 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:

- June 6 Council Meeting: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about our fireworks ban, and about Germantown also banning fireworks.
- Citizen Committees: Enclosed are the following items:
 - A letter that we mailed this week to Kate Halpin who was appointed at last Monday's council meeting.
 - Applications that we received from Victoria Hix and Curtis Farnell, and acknowledgement letters from Lori.
 - Summary of our 2022 appointment/reappointments.
 - 2022 committee membership booklet. The booklet is also available on our website under Council Resources. Contact Lori if you need the website password.
- CPA: Enclosed is a press release distributed this week with information about our 2022 Citizen Police Academy.
- Energy Rates: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about how MVCC and its member cities are exploring options to reduce utility costs. This topic will be on the MVCC GovTech agenda next Monday.
- Blanket Concerts: Enclosed is a *Register* article about the Smith Gardens blanket concerts in July and August.
- Electric Vehicles & EV Charging Station: Enclosed are the following:
 - A *Register* article about our electric vehicle charging station ribbon cutting.
 - A nice *Register* letter to the editor from Tim Benford.
 - A *DDN* article about electric vehicles and EV charging stations. Tim Benford is heavily featured.
- Ashley's: Congratulations to Theresa and Greg Hammons and Ashley's Pastry Shop on 40 years of business in Oakwood! Enclosed is a *Register* article. Also enclosed is a proclamation that we presented in 2012 recognizing their 30th anniversary. We will plan to present a proclamation recognizing the 40th at our July 18 council meeting.
- Green Oakwood: Enclosed is a *Register* letter to the editor from Green Oakwood about lawn treatment. Frankly, what the letter is describing about clover and dandelions is what I remember seeing as a kid growing up in Northern California in the 1960's and 1970's.

- Sustainability Measures: We will periodically update our paper detailing the many measures that we have implemented over the years relating to sustainability. In addition to a few minor edits, we added the following two new bullet points. The updated paper is posted to our website.
 - Annual Youth Arbor Day Event: Each year in the month of April or May, the Oakwood Beautification Committee (OBC) leads 3rd graders from both Harman School and Smith Elementary on a “Treasure Hunt” to find different species of trees in Oakwood. All 3rd graders receive a native tree seedling to plant on their property. The children learn about the Emerald Ash Borer, Asian Long-Horned Beetle, Tree City USA and why trees are beneficial. In 2022, a coloring contest, sponsored by the Oakwood Community Center and the OBC, was also held with over 90 entries from Kindergarten through 6th grade students.
 - Oakwood Farmers’ Market: City staff works with a group of Oakwood citizens organized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit to plan and operate an annual community farmers’ market. The first Oakwood market opened in 2013. Its mission is to create an educational, entertaining, and inclusive market for the residents of Oakwood and surrounding Dayton communities to gather and support local businesses including local farmers, gourmet food vendors, and artisans.

Next month we will add a bullet point about our updated Landscape Management code.

- Dogipot: At the request of Hollinger, we added a Dogipot on the west side of the Hollinger property, just off E. Schantz Avenue. We will post to our website the updated map showing locations of the 15 stations.



- RTA Route Changes: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the pending route changes, along with Anne’s email providing highlights.
- Organization Chart: Enclosed is an updated copy of our Organization Chart. It is posted to our website.
- Leigh Ann Fulford: Enclosed is a nice article from the latest edition of the *Dayton Foundation* newsletter recognizing the many volunteer efforts of Leigh Ann Fulford.

- Oakwood/Le Vésinet 50th: Enclosed is the speech that Leigh will deliver at the formal ceremony on June 25.
- SWAT Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV): TCSU received the ARV today. Our share of the \$286,291 cost is \$15,196... see enclosed.



- Family Pride Picnic: Sam Dorf rented the picnic shelter at Shafor Park to host a Family Pride Picnic tomorrow beginning at 3 p.m. Enclosed is a posting from the Citizens for a Better Oakwood Facebook page. Sam contacted me a couple weeks ago informing me of the planned event, wanting to ensure that our Safety Department was aware, just in case. There may be one or two food trucks stationed on Collingwood Avenue.
- Dick Cummings: Dick passed away last Saturday. Enclosed are *DDN* and *Register* obituaries. Amongst many other things, Dick was a very active Oakwood Rotarian... for nearly 40 years. He was a wonderful man, a true gentleman.
- Mary Jo Scalzo: Enclosed is another *Register* obituary for Mary Jo. It announces the Celebration of Life to be held at the Dayton Country Club from 2 – 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 26.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

DDN Article re: June 6 Council Meeting
Citizen Committee Letters & Applications
2022 Committee Appointments Summary
2022 Committee Booklet
CPA Press Release
DDN Article re: Energy Rates
Register Article re: Blanket Concerts
Register & DDN Articles re: EV Charging Station
Register Article re: Ashley's
30th Anniversary Proclamation
Register Article re: Green Oakwood
Sustainability Measures
DDN Article re: RTA Route Changes & Anne's Email
Organization Chart
Dayton Foundation Article re: Leigh Ann Fulford
Oakwood/Le Vésinet 50th Speech
SWAT Armored Rescue Vehicle (ARV) Cost Share
Family Pride Picnic FB Post
DDN & Register Obituaries re: Dick Cummings
Register Obituary re: Mary Jo Scalzo

2 more area cities keeping ban on fireworks

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

Two more local cities have voted to keep their ban on fireworks before a state law allowing them on a limited basis starts July 1.

The Germantown and Oakwood city councils Monday night both approved legislation to continue outlawing fireworks. Similar moves were previously approved in Dayton, Beavercreek and Fairborn.

Germantown passed the measure 6-0 after a public hearing that did not draw any comments. The ordinance reaffirms "the ban on discharging, igniting or exploding fireworks" in that city.

The ban on fireworks in Oakwood has been in place since 1920, officials said.

Changes were approved in that city's ordinance "for the purpose of addressing the provisions of House Bill 172," which Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine signed last year, Councilwoman Anne Hilton said.

The law allows cities to opt out and ban fireworks.

"Council finds that the possession, sale, or discharge of fireworks poses a significant danger to the public and may cause serious injuries as well as significant property damage, especially in residential and business areas," the measure approved by Oakwood states.

"Oakwood is almost entirely residential," Hilton said, with nearly 4,000 housing units in about 2.2 square miles "and with this density, fireworks pose a significant risk to persons and property."

Fireworks continued on B6

Fireworks

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Starting next month, Ohio will allow the discharge of consumer-grade fireworks on private property except in communities choosing to opt out, according to the state.

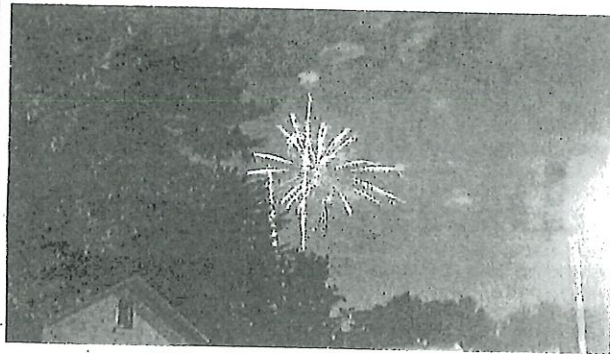
Dayton opted out within weeks, being joined by Beavercreek and Fairborn this spring. Riverside has also discussed it.

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.

Contact this reporter at: 937-610-7438 or email Nick.Blizzard@coxinc.com.



On July 1, the discharge of consumer-grade fireworks in Ohio will be legal on private property except in communities choosing to opt out, according to the Ohio

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City of Oakwood

Government Administration

Mayor

June 7, 2022

Kate Halpin
1320 Far Hills Avenue
Oakwood, OH 45419

Dear Kate:

At the June 6 public meeting, Oakwood City Council appointed you to the Budget Review Committee. Thank you for agreeing to serve. It is through the dedication of our citizen volunteers that we are able to provide first-class and cost-effective services to our residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William D. Duncan".

William D. Duncan
Mayor

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cc: Members of City Council
Norbert Klopsch, City Manager

5-27-2022

CITY OF OAKWOOD
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT APPLICATION

Name:	Victoria E. Hix		
Home Address:	1211 Far Hills Avenue #314, 45419		
Years of Residency:	60+	Registered Voter:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Birth Date (Optional):			
Employer Name:	Wright Memorial Public Library		
Employer Address:	1776 Far Hills	City:	Oakwood State/Zip: 45419
Preferred Mailing Address:	<input type="checkbox"/> Employer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home	
Home Phone:	937-671-4802		
Office Phone:	937-294-7171	Fax:	
E-Mail:	victoria.hix@gmail.com		

COUNCIL APPOINTED STANDING COMMITTEES

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4	ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5	PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11	BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	PLANNING COMMISSION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10	BOARD OF HEALTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BOARD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8	PUBLIC FACILITIES TASK FORCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7	BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3	TAX/WATER & SEWER/ASSEMBLY APPEALS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 9	HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION		

Please check in order of preference, i.e., #1 first choice, #2 second choice, etc. See attached information for description of each committee.

Educational/Technical Background:

High School
 Post High School
 College Degree
 Post Graduate
 Computer Literate
 Bilingual (minor Russian)

Recent Work History:

Employer	Job Title	Years
Wright Library	Adult Services	16
Dayton Metro Library	Staff Development Asst	6

Civic Participation, Interests & Activities:

OIC, Oakwood Rotary, Oakwood Historical
Polling Location Supervisor (PLS) Mont. County
Citizens Police Academy Graduate 2021 BOE CLASS

Other committees on which you serve or on which you have served:

Memberships Chair - Rotary

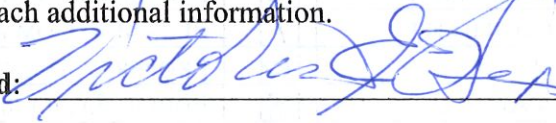
Scribe - Rotary

Remarks on background, experience and interest:

Lifelong resident of Oakwood, attended Smith
+ Junior High & High Schools. interested in
being of service to the community -

Please feel free to attach additional information.

Signed:



Date:

5.27.22

NOTICE

Ohio Senate Bill #187 requires that all prospective volunteers be made aware of the law passed on March 22, 2001 regarding volunteers with "unsupervised access to children on a regular basis." Although your volunteer position will likely never require work with children, the City of Oakwood is notifying all prospective volunteers of the law.

This law is "for organizations and entities that have volunteers who regularly have unsupervised access to children...to provide for warnings to such volunteers that they might be subjected to criminal records checks, and to provide parental notification in certain circumstances regarding the outcome of criminal records checks of such volunteers."

Organization or entity means a religious, charitable, scientific, educational, athletic, or service institution organization or local government entity that provides care, treatment, education, training, instruction, supervision, or recreation to children.

Unsupervised access is defined as the person in question having access to a child and that either:

- 1) No other person eighteen years of age or older is present in the same room with the child,
- 2) If outdoors, no other person eighteen years of age or older is within a 30 yard radius of the child, or has visual contact with the child.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lori Stacel at (937) 298-0600.

**CITY OF OAKWOOD
COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT APPLICATION**

CITY OF OAKWOOD

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Name: Curtis Farnsel	
Home Address: 153 Lonsdale Ave. Oakwood, OH 45419	
Years of Residency: 3	Registered Voter: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Birth Date (Optional): 10/30/1985	
Employer Name: University of Dayton	
Employer Address: 300 College Park	City: Dayton State/Zip: OH, 45469
Preferred Mailing Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Employer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home
Home Phone: 419-345-3581	
Office Phone 937-229-4184	Fax:
E-Mail: curtis.farnsel@gmail.com	

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[5]	ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE	[]	COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING COMM
[2]	BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE	[]	PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD
[]	BOARD OF HEALTH	[]	PLANNING COMMISSION
[]	BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS	[4]	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BOARD
[1]	BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE	[3]	TAX/WATER & SEWER/ASSEMBLY APPEALS

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Educational/Technical Background:

[] High School [] Post High School [] College Degree [] Post Graduate
 [] Computer Literate [] Bilingual

Recent Work History:

Employer	Job Title	Years
University of Dayton	Assistant Professor - Accounting	2019 - Present
University of Oklahoma	Research Assistant / Instructor - Accounting	2014 - 2019
Ernst & Young, LLP	Auditor	2009 - 2014

Civic Participation, Interests & Activities:

My civic interests are focused on responsible financial management to achieve community objectives while ensuring a sustainable future. I am seeking my first formal civic leadership position through this committee application. I believe that my experience, particularly in state and local government accounting, would be an asset to the community.

Other committees on which you serve or on which you have served:

I currently serve on several committees at the University of Dayton. For example, I am a member of the Masters of Professional Accountancy Committee and several curriculum committees. Notable prior committee experience includes serving as a Finance Chairman for the Marathon Classic LPGA tournament in Toledo, OH.

Remarks on background, experience and interest:

While I am interested in serving the community on any committee needed, my interests and background particularly qualify me to contribute in finance and accounting roles. I have attached a condensed resume that details my professional accounting experience and qualifications as a CPA, CMA, and PhD in accounting. I will highlight here that I currently teach a graduate level class at UD on the accounting for state and local governments.

Please feel free to attach additional information.

Signed: Curtis Tarnal Date: 6/2/22

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CURTIS A. FARNSEL, PhD, CPA, CMA

153 Lonsdale Ave. Oakwood, OH 45419 | (419) 345-3581 | curtis.farnsel@gmail.com

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Accounting), University of Oklahoma	2019
M.Acc (Accounting and Auditing), Bowling Green State University	2009
BSBA (Accounting and Finance), Bowling Green State University	2008

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Ohio, #47650
Certified Management Accountant (CMA), #37939

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Accounting

University of Dayton

Aug. 2019 - Present

Dayton, OH

- Teach graduate level “Accounting for Community” which covers accounting for state and local governments, not-for-profit organizations, and ESG reporting. Also currently teach Intermediate Financial Accounting with previous experience teaching Managerial Accounting.
- Classified as “Sustainability Scholar” due to my research on the interaction of sustainability and financial accounting. My research has been published and recognized with state level awards.

Senior Auditor

Staff Auditor

Ernst and Young LLP.

Oct. 2011 – Aug. 2014

Sept. 2009 – Oct. 2011

Toledo, OH

- Lead senior on the audit team of a Fortune 500 manufacturing client ensuring the efficient and thorough completion of audit while monitoring performance against budget
- Experienced in analysis and preparation of client financial statements
- Perform technical accounting research and communicate findings
- Experienced in risk assessment and internal controls

SELECTED RECENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Beta Alpha Psi, Faculty Advisor
- Master of Professional Accountancy Committee Member
- Multi-Ethnic Education and Engagement Center Navigation Program, Mentor
- University of Dayton School of Business Administration Undergraduate Curriculum Task Force, Member

SELECTED RECENT HONORS AND AWARDS

• Best Research Paper Award – AAA Spark: Meeting of the Regions, Ohio Region	2021
• American Accounting Association FARS Excellence in Reviewing Award	2020
• University of Oklahoma Price College of Business Student Teaching Award	2019
• AAA/Deloitte/J. Michael Cook Doctoral Consortium Fellow	2017



City of Oakwood

Government Administration

June 8, 2022

Curtis Farnsel
153 Lonsdale Avenue
Oakwood, OH 45419

Dear Curtis:

We received your application to serve on an Oakwood citizen committee. Thank you for volunteering. Oakwood City Council has already addressed all of the 2022 committee appointments. We will keep your application on file for consideration as committee vacancies arise next year and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Stacel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Lori Stacel
Clerk of Council

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cc: Members of City Council
Norbert Klopsch, City Manager



City of Oakwood

Government Administration

June 8, 2022

Victoria Hix
1211 Far Hills Avenue #314
Oakwood, OH 45419

Dear Victoria:

We received your application to serve on an Oakwood citizen committee. Thank you for volunteering. Oakwood City Council has already addressed all of the 2022 committee appointments. We will keep your application on file for consideration as committee vacancies arise next year and beyond.















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Lori Stacel
Clerk of Council

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Norbert Klopsch, City Manager

2022 YEAR END COMMITTEE NEEDS						
					 February 7	
					 March 7	
<u>Committee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Appt</u>	<u>New Term</u>	
					<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Planning Commission	4	Harrison Gowdy, Vice Chair	(937) 416-5991	3/2008		
Board of Health	5	Sallie Wilson, Vice Chair	(937) 298-2607	6/2016		
		Bill Coyne	(937) 299-8763	9/2016		
Budget Review	4	(A) Sarah Waechter	(513) 227-4699	1/2018		
		(B) Howard Boose	(937) 293-1332	1/1994		
		(B) Frederick Dudding	(937) 294-6611 (h) (937) 294-2228 (o)	1/1990		
		(E) Jim Broz	(937) 299-7592	1/2014		
		(F) Susie Elliott	(937) 298-3656	1/2014		
		(G) Rob Connelly	(937) 299-6444 (h) (937) 456-8414 (o)	3/2009		
Property Maintenance	5	(see attached)				
Personnel Appeals Board	3	Jill Kendall	(937) 293-3570	12/1991		
Tax, Water & Sewer, Assembly Appeals Board	3	Jan Scheid	(937) 293-7462	3/1997		
		Ellen Fodge	(937) 299-3816	11/2015		

Budget Review Committee

- Mark Risley and Erika Endsley recently moved from Precinct C to A.

Personnel Appeals Board

- John Ferneding will replace Jill Kendall.

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

<u>PRECINCT A</u>	<u>PRECINCT B</u>	<u>PRECINCT C</u>
Dan Ferneding John Jervis Sarah Waecter Amanda Malusky Krauss Kristina Marcus	Dave Dickerson Howard Boose Bill Frapwell Frederick Dudding Jeff Woeste	Yusaku Kawai Elizabeth Kussman Megan O'Leary Megan Kavanaugh
<u>PRECINCT D</u>	<u>PRECINCT E</u>	<u>PRECINCT F</u>
Michael Vanderburgh Steve Brooks Heidi Edwards Cait Botschner	Michael Hayes Ella Himes Ellen Fodge Doug Kinsey Jim Broz	Susie Elliott William Meyer Bill Rieger Chas Kidwell
<u>PRECINCT G</u>	<u>PRECINCT H</u>	
John Gray Pete Luther Beth Ritzert Kate Halpin	Mike Ruetschle Mark Risley Erika Endsley Nicole Motto	

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE BOARD

Effective February 7, 2022, the Property Maintenance Board will be aligned with Oakwood's eight precincts. The Property Maintenance Board will consist of three members in each precinct, for a total of 24 board members.

The table below shows the current board members in their new precincts. There are several vacancies, so potential candidates submitted by Anne are listed.

<u>PRECINCT A</u>	<u>PRECINCT B</u>	<u>PRECINCT C</u>
Brian Wright, 349 E. Schantz Gwyn King, 205 Haver Sidney Bieser, 235 Volusia	Chuck Ellis, 529 Hathaway Kathy Luckett, 34 Shafor Kip Bohachek, 86 E. Dixon	Judy Caruso, 325 Wiltshire Alex Heckman, 142 Forrer Tim Judge, 108 Lonsdale
<u>PRECINCT D</u>	<u>PRECINCT E</u>	<u>PRECINCT F</u>
Jeanne Boozell, 2 Wiltshire Blvd Amanda Koch, 1906 Far Hills William McCarty, 221 Monterey	Kirsten Halling, 415 Triangle Tracy Staley, 316 Claranna Deborah Spears, 2707 Shroyer	Judy Steiger, 420 Lonsdale John Donnelly, 222 Beverly Bill Draper, 7 Beverly
<u>PRECINCT G</u>	<u>PRECINCT H</u>	
Larry Lamb, 66 W. Peach Orchard Michael O'Connell, 55 Park Amy Honaker, 114 Hadley	Susan Herman, 34 W. Dixon Alison Davis, 1100 Ridgeway Joanie Haverstick, 1001 Far Hills	

Note: Polly Petricola resigned from the PMB.

PRESS RELEASE



The City of Oakwood
30 Park Avenue
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

Subject: Citizen Police Academy

Date: June 8, 2022

OAKWOOD, OHIO:

The Oakwood Public Safety Department is excited to announce that we are accepting applications for our 2022 Citizen Police Academy (CPA), September 7, 2022 through November 9, 2022. The CPA will consist of a ten-week curriculum educating the participants about the functions of the Oakwood Public Safety Department. Classes will be held from 6:30pm to 8:45pm every Wednesday starting September 7 at the City Building, 30 Park Avenue.

Representatives from the Oakwood Safety Department will instruct a different subject each week with the goal creating greater understanding of modern policing and its challenges, and an introduction to fire prevention. Topics to be covered include: Safety Department Orientation, Patrol Operations, Traffic Enforcement, Use of Force, Evidence Collection, and Fire Prevention / Education.

The CPA is free of charge, and class size is limited to the first 12 applicants. Applications will be processed as they are received. Applicants must be an Oakwood resident or employed in the city of Oakwood, at least 21 years of age and pass a limited background check. Automatic disqualifying criteria would include any prior felony conviction, sex-related offense, or conviction for a defined misdemeanor crime of violence.

Chief Alan Hill stated, "The purpose of this program is to create a unique opportunity for citizens to better understand the job of a public safety officer and also serve as a way for Safety Department personnel to hear the needs and expectations of the community."

Applications can be obtained at the Safety Department or on the city's website, www.oakwoodohio.gov. The deadline to register is August 5.

For additional information about the CPA, please contact Lieutenant Chuck Balaj at (937) 298-2122.

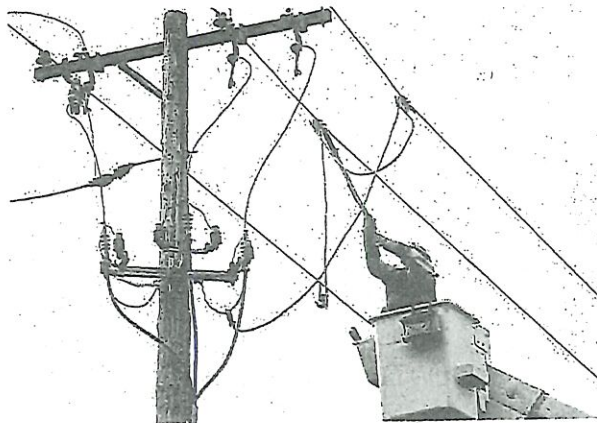
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

Alan Hill, Director of Public Safety
(937) 298-2122
Hill@oakwood.oh.us

Dayton-area suburbs explore energy options as rates rise in 'volatile' market

South suburban cities are working on options that may trim utility costs for residents and businesses amid rising electricity rates.

MARSHALL
GORBY / STAFF



By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

Dayton-area south suburbs are working on options that may trim utility costs for residents and businesses amid rising electricity rates.

Kettering is working with the Miami Valley Communications Council and surrounding cities to research the "best options" for residents, including an electricity aggregation program, City

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Energy rates

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Manager Mark Schwieterman said Monday.

While the study is in its early stages, "the goal of the proposed aggregation plan would be a competitive rate utilizing the value of bulk buying not a guaranteed savings from what residents are currently paying," Schwieterman said in an email.

Centerville City Council has had "very limited discussion" on the issue in recent weeks, one official said. But the MVCC's eight members are set to discuss the issue next week, according to Miamisburg and Oakwood city managers.

With energy, "I think a lot of people are concerned because the markets are so volatile," said Jay Weiskircher, executive director of the council.

"I know some communities are hearing from residents who are inquiring about aggregation and whether their communities are involved in any programs," he added.

MVCC members also include Germantown, Moraine, Springboro and West Carrollton.

"We are looking into it with other cities in this region to see if we can utilize larger buying power to create a bet-

ter rate," Schwieterman told Kettering officials recently.

Schwieterman stressed what is being explored is "not a short-term solution" and will likely take "a few months – if not longer – to create an aggregation program and make it available for our community."

Weiskircher expressed similar thoughts, noting "it's not something you can set up overnight."

The price of electricity

has risen nationwide and inflation, natural gas cost increases, supply chain problems and other issues – like growing post-pandemic demand for power – are complicating factors, officials have said.

As of June 1, AES Ohio's price became 10.91 cents per kWh (kilowatt-hour), up from its "standard offer" price of 4.805 cents.

A kilowatt-hour is how much energy you need to

run a 1,000-watt appliance for an hour. A 100-watt bulb takes 10 hours to use a kilowatt-hour of energy. A 2,000-watt appliance takes 30 minutes.

Schwieterman has said he also met with representatives of the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council.

Last year, Dayton joined that council, a nonprofit group of governments that works to secure fixed-term electric rates.

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Summer Fun

Free Friends of Smith Gardens Blanket Concert series performances continue July 24, Aug. 21

The Friends of Smith Gardens and the City of Oakwood 2022 Blanket Concert Series will present two remaining performances this summer, one each in July and August. The series is a community favorite and this year's schedule offers something for everyone. Take your blanket and join the fun at Smith Gardens. In case of rain, the concerts will be held at the Oakwood Community Center. All concerts are free and open to the public.

The Blue Leaf's Band

7 p.m. Sunday, July 24

The Blue Leaf's, a star of the Dayton music scene, is a 4-piece rock band reviving the sounds of the 1960s,

70s, and 80s for modern audiences. The Blue Leaf's brand of "Throwback Rock n Roll" has been described as a marriage of artists like Queen, Billy Joel, and the Beatles into an unforgettable showcase of the classic rock sound. Praised by fans for their ability to pull off difficult harmonies in songs like "Bohemian Rhapsody", "Mr. Blue Sky" and "Band on the Run," The Blue Leaf's feature their vocals above all else. While vocals take the forefront, instrumental proficiency follows close behind, with songs like "Great Balls of Fire," "Wipeout!" and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" prominently featuring displays of instrumental mastery likely to entertain anyone. The group is very excited to bring their

music to Oakwood's Summer Concert Series for the first time!

Murphy/Kelch

7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21

After playing locally in numerous bands for decades, Steve Kelch (hand percussion / vocals) and Jim Murphy (guitar / vocals) have been entertaining folks for the past six years as an acoustic duo. They have and currently are playing at local beer and wine venues, restaurants, festivals, private parties and fundraising events. Their repertoire consists of classic rock, folk and blues songs that everyone will recognize and want to sing along to. You don't want to miss this performance!



Pictured from left to right at charging station ribbon cutting are Council members Anne Hilton and Leigh Turben, Matt Lindsay, manager of Environmental Planning at Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission, Tim Benford, president of Drive Electric Dayton, Oakwood Mayor William Duncan, Council member Rob Stephens, and City Manager Norb Klopsch.

City dedicates new EV charging station

The City of Oakwood dedicated a new dual-port electric vehicle (EV) charging station at the municipal parking lot at 22 Orchard Drive in Oakwood on Tuesday, May 31.

Oakwood participated in a regional grant application process in 2020 and was awarded a grant in 2021 to install the charging station. The grant covers \$15,000 of the \$22,000 cost for a dual electric vehicle charging station, according to Jennifer Wilder, director of Personnel and Properties for the City of Oakwood.

The unit was purchased from EVunited and provides publicly accessible EV charging for motorists in the Shops of Oakwood business district. The station is available via multiple EV networks including ChargePoint, Plugshare, and Google and Apple maps, and literally puts Oakwood on the map as an EV-friendly community.

EV users will pay \$0.30 per kwh while charging at the Orchard Drive Station, and parking is free while charging. There is a fee of \$5 per hour for EVs that remain parked in

the designated EV parking spots after charging is complete, which will encourage movement for use by others. The city will monitor use of the EV charging station before determining any additional future renewable energy-related infrastructure projects, city officials said.

Tim Benford, president of Drive Electric Dayton, said the charging station will also benefit apartment dwellers in Oakwood who may not have the benefit of recharging electric vehicles at their residences.

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EV charger important to city

The ChargePoint charger installed in the Oakwood Farmers Market parking lot that officially opened last week will enable residents of local apartments who own an electric vehicle (EV), or want to own one, but don't have access to charging, to charge up near home.

It will also enable EV owners who want to come in from out of town and

visit the Shops of Oakwood to get a charge before making their return trip.

Finally, as this charger will appear on the PlugShare and ChargePoint apps and Google and Apple Maps, everyone across the nation will know that if you visit the Shops of Oakwood, you can charge your EV.

So, we can all be very grateful that

the City of Oakwood has installed its first charger to prepare the city for the coming surge in EV adoption.

Kudos to the City Manager and staff and the Oakwood City Council for taking this initiative!

Tim Benford
President, Drive Electric Dayton
www.driveelectricdayton.com

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Electric vehicle supply, charging locations lag as gas prices rev up

States can submit an EV infrastructure plan to get federal funds.

By London Bishop
Staff Writer

Record-high gas prices have led more consumers to consider buying a battery-electric vehicle, but Ohio adopters may have to wait a bit longer for the market to spool up production, while federal investments also aim to make charging stations more ubiquitous.

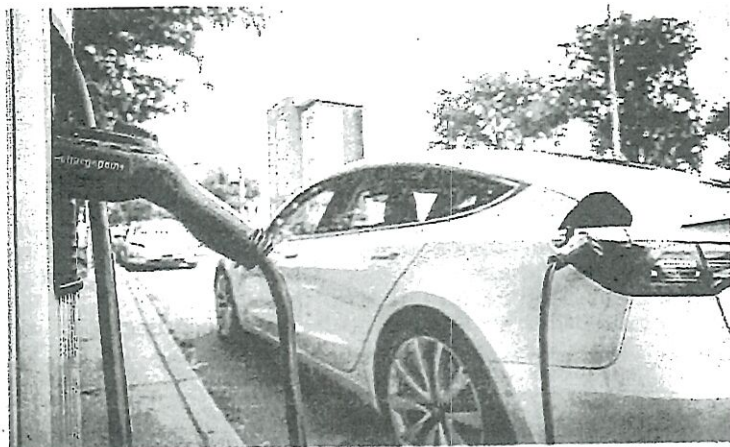
A total of \$140 million is coming to Ohio to develop electric vehicle charging stations over five years. As part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, The National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program will provide a total of \$5 billion for EV charging infrastructure nationwide.

Initial funds must go toward building EV chargers along so-called Alternative Fuel Corridors, designated by the Federal Highway Administration,

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Electric car admirers at Dayton Cars & Coffee at Austin Landing on June 4. CONTRIBUTED



This EV charging station is in downtown Dayton at Monument Avenue and Patterson Boulevard. About \$140 million is coming to Ohio to develop charging stations. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

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particularly along interstates. But local organizations say there should be considerations for other areas of life, including apartment complexes and businesses.

"It should mainly be spent on places that don't have charging now," said Tim Benford, president of Drive Electric Dayton. "People without garages at home can't do what I do, which is plug in and press on. Highways and major shopping centers, where folks from out of town will visit (are areas of need)."

Roughly 40% of federal funding will be dedicated for clean energy infrastructure in disadvantaged communities, in accordance with the Justice40 Initiative, according to guidance from Clean Fuels Ohio. States must submit an "EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan" to the federal government by Aug. 1, detailing how they intend to apportion the formula funding in a way that ensures "affordable, reliable, and equitable access to EV charging for all users."

Establishing charge points along major highways is vital to enabling long-distance travel. Benford, who drives a Tesla Model 3, primarily charges his car at his Oakwood home for day-to-day driving, but he made use of highway-side EV chargers on a recent trip to New Orleans. The Model 3 has a range of about 300 miles.

"This is the only time you really have to think about charging, the rest of the time you're plugging in at home," he said.

However, lack of home-ownership can be a barrier to owning an electric car. Though they could install chargers at apartments, some landlords won't.

"It's a lot of trouble, it costs them money," Benford said. "They probably don't think it's necessary. But landlords need to be prepared, if we're going to encourage people to drive and buy EVs, the infrastructure is going to have to be built out in advance."

Last year, several local cities began implementing their own electric vehicle chargers through Ohio Environmental Protection Agency grants, primarily in public spaces. Publicly available Level 2 chargers were



Tim Benford, chapter president of Drive Electric Dayton, charges his electric car at his home in Oakwood.

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funded through Ohio's \$3.25 million portion of the Volkswagen Clean Air Act violation settlement, including sites such as Austin Landing, the Dayton Art Institute, Miami Valley Hospital, the Oregon District, Caesar Creek State Park and the Rose Music Center.

AES Ohio has also made \$5.1 million in electric vehicle charging rebates available for businesses, apartments, and local and state governments. Level 2 Chargers can be installed at workplaces, apartment complexes, and DC Fast Chargers must be installed in areas that are available to the public.

"Our smart grid modernization plan supports the adoption of EV charging," said AES Ohio spokeswoman Mary Ann Kabel.

Autotrader.com reviewed the pros and cons of electric vehicles. Pros include potentially thousands of dollars in annual savings on gas, oil changes and other maintenance; a reduced carbon output; and tax credits for purchasing. Cons include how far you can drive on a charge and how long it takes to recharge; higher purchase prices for some models; and expensive battery replacement if you keep the car for a decade.

As gas prices continue to

climb, Drive Electric Dayton events have been packed, Benford said, but new consumers interested in buying electric vehicles will probably have to wait. Consumer adoption of electric vehicles has been hamstrung by a shortage of computer chips. An electric car typically requires twice the number of semiconductors that a gas-powered vehicle does.

Last September, auto industry consulting firm AlixPartners predicted that 7.7 million units of vehicle production would be lost in 2021, due to this and other supply chain woes. The prediction is up from 3.9 million in May, costing the industry \$210 billion globally in lost revenue.

"You're going to have to wait until November if you ordered one today," Benford said.

Semcorp, a Shanghai-based producer of electric vehicle battery components, plans to invest \$916 million in a manufacturing plant in Sidney to make separator film for lithium-ion batteries.

"Ohio definitely needs to take the lead, so we're manufacturing and driving more EVs," Benford said.

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Theresa Hammons of Ashley's Pastry Shop

Ashley's Pastry Shop celebrates 40th anniversary on June 15

Ashley's Pastry Shop at 21 Park Ave. will mark its 40 anniversary in Oakwood on June 15.

After baking countless birthday, wedding and graduation cakes, not to mention cookies and other tasty treats, for the past four decades, owner Theresa Hammons says she can't imagine doing anything else. "There's nothing better," she says. "Being in business for 40 years, we're going on four generations of families who have been our customers. Great-grandparents, grandparents, we've had people who worked for us when they were younger now bringing their own children into the bakery, so it's just been tremendous to watch it all."

Hammons and her husband Greg purchased the bakery in 1982 as they

were expecting their first child - Ashley.

"Forty years ago I was eight-and-a-half months pregnant, that's where the name came from, my husband had been in the food service business for many, many years, he ran the bakery for Rike's for years, and his family owned bakeries in Cincinnati, so he got his start that way," she recalls. "I worked for Procter & Gamble, so between the two of us we had experience as far as all of the food and baking aspect, and I had the marketing experience. We were in Detroit and we were ready to have our first child, we wanted to get home closer to family, so when this opportunity came along we took the plunge and jumped, we

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bought the bakery and never looked back.”

Hammons says the shop was successful from the outset, thanks in part to the fact that they stepped into a well-established location. “There’s always been a bakery on this site,” she notes. Prior tenants included Oakwood Bakery and Servatii Bakery. “We were very fortunate, the community is wonderful, the location is great, and since there was always a bakery here we were able to build on that.”

Today, Ashley’s is a near round-the-clock operation with a staff of 22 employees. Baking commences at 11 o’clock each night and continues through the day across three shifts. “So we’re baking all night and all day,” Hammons says. “Originally we did a lot of baking through the night and into

the early morning, but now we pretty much go through the entire day.”

To give you some idea of the scale of the operation, Ashley’s bakes between 30 and 40 dozen Sand Tart cookies, one of the shop’s most popular items, on a daily basis. The Sand Tart has been a standard for bakeries in Oakwood, even before Ashley’s opened, she says. “They’re a staple that has been at this bakery for ever. In fact when my husband and I took over the bakery we didn’t even know what they were and had to get the recipe. We had to search and find formulas and recipes, but it’s a cookie that people absolutely love. We ship them all across the country.”

Ashley’s Sand Tarts regularly made it onto the set of the television drama “The West Wing” which featured three actors — Rob Lowe, Martin Sheen

and Allison Janney — with Dayton and Oakwood ties. Hammons says the shop sold and shipped 785 dozen Sand Tarts (that’s over 9,400 cookies) after Janney won her Best Supporting Actress Oscar in 2018.

For younger customers, Hammons keeps an old-fashioned account book behind the counter allowing school-children to purchase cookies or cupcakes on credit, with the parents settling up when they happen to stop by the shop. “A lot of parents like the convenience of having an account for their children so they don’t have to worry about change or making sure their children have money in the morning,” she says of her hometown style of doing business. And Ashley’s remains a favorite when those children head off to college or get married and move out-of-state. “Once they

go away to college or move away a taste of home is so special, so we’re very fortunate that we’re able to ship product all across the country to people who miss or just want to remember home,” she says, adding that the bakery saw a marked increase in the number of outgoing shipments during the pandemic.

“We really believe that community is what leads and drives our success. We start out with really young school kids coming here on their way to school or for a special cookie when they get a great grade on their report card, so they are truly the next generation of our shoppers and we’re fortunate to have that sort of relationship. Ashley’s is a daily stop for people of all ages, whether they’re looking for coffee and a treat in the morning, or children on their way

home from school.”

She’s thankful, too, for the small business community in Oakwood. “Not only do we feel that the community itself is tremendous but the businesses that we’re surrounded by, we all complement each other very well. We’re always very supportive of each other and the support we get from the city, it really makes running a business here in Oakwood a real treat.

“We’re very, very fortunate. Running a business is always a struggle, there are always things that happen on a daily basis, but we’re surrounded by an amazing staff and I can’t imagine doing anything else.”

Hammons says Ashley’s Pastry Shop will feature cupcakes for everyone and special giveaways to celebrate their 40th anniversary on June 15.

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TO RECOGNIZE ASHLEY'S PASTRY SHOP
ON ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, on June 15, 1982, Greg and Theresa Hammons opened a pastry shop at 21 Park Avenue in the city of Oakwood; and

WHEREAS, the Hammons named the pastry shop, Ashley's, in honor of their newborn daughter; and

WHEREAS, for the past 30 years, the Hammons have work tirelessly and today, Ashley's Pastry Shop has a thriving retail and wholesale business that focuses on paying attention to the details and providing exceptional customer service; and

WHEREAS, Ashley's Pastry Shop provides baked goods for some of the Dayton area's most established and respected restaurants and institutions including The Pine Club, The Oakwood Club, Old Hickory Barbeque, Cooper's Deli, Dayton Country Club, Moraine Country Club, Premier Health Partners and the Marriott Hotel; and

WHEREAS, the Hammons have shared their success by generously supporting many local organizations, including the Children's Medical Center, Oakwood Rotary, Dayton Public Radio, The Muse Machine, Catholic Social Services, Muscular Dystrophy, The Red Heart Gala, Dayton History, Daybreak along with many local schools and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to cookies, cupcakes, cakes of all kinds, pastries, donuts, breads and rolls, Ashley's Pastry Shop has received local and national acclaim for its Sand Tart – a brown sugar cookie topped with meringue and a sprinkle of cinnamon sugar – which became a mainstay for several former Daytonians on the set of the NBC hit drama, *The West Wing*; and

WHEREAS, much of the success of Ashley's Pastry Shop is attributable to a host of very talented and loyal employees who have worked for the Hammons for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, as Ashley's Pastry Shop celebrates its 30th anniversary, the city of Oakwood, on behalf of its residents and everyone in the area who enjoy its consistently delicious fare, extends its congratulations upon this historic occasion and best wishes to the Hammons family for continued success.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and caused to be affixed
the Seal of The City of Oakwood, this 16th day of July, 2012.

William Duncan
Mayor

Steven Byington
Vice Mayor

Stanley Castleman
Council Member

Rob Stephens
Council Member

Anne Hilton
Council Member

Norbert Klopsch
City Manager

Dandelion bracelets and fireflies: A brief history of the American lawn

Do you remember the lawn of your childhood? Perhaps you remember making dandelion bracelets, catching fireflies, and sitting on soft patches of green clover with tiny white flowers. What happened to the backyards of our past? How did clover and dandelion become the bane of our existence? So much so that we will risk our health to rid ourselves of these beneficial plants.

Today, lawns occupy 40 million acres, or 2 percent of the land in the U.S. The upkeep of these lawns is supported by more than 70 million pounds of lawn chemicals each year. This includes various pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers that kill pollinators, degrade soil quality, and wash into streams where they do more damage. In addition, these chemicals end up in our homes at dangerously high levels. There are many things you can do in your yard and community to protect human health, pets, wild animals, and pollinators—starting with managing lawns and landscapes organically and planting flowers favored by pollinators.

The definition of a weed is, "any plant growing where it's not wanted," therefore a rose growing in a cabbage patch might be considered a weed. Most homeowners have little knowledge of native plants. So-called "weeds" can tell you a lot about the condition of your lawn and indicate what you need to do in order to grow healthy grass that is naturally resistant to unwanted weeds and pest problems. Learn to read your "weeds" for what they indicate about your lawn care practices and soil conditions, and

you'll be on your way to creating a healthy lawn that will be less work in the long run.

Did you know that prior to World War II, clover and dandelion were intentionally added to the seed mixes used to plant American lawns? This diversity actually created a natural and self-contained method of fertilization. As a legume, clover makes its own nitrogen and supplies nitrogen to the soil and grass without the need to add synthetic fertilizer. Additionally, clover thrives in poor soil, is drought tolerant, and stays green from early until late in the season. Clover is also a necessary part of the pollinator life-cycle. Similarly, dandelions improve lawn health through their ability to lay down deep roots, uptake nutrients, and share those nutrients with surrounding plants. Their root systems also aid in aerating the soil as they loosen compacted ground. Like clover, Dandelions are also a favorite food for pollinators and one of the first foods they look for in the spring. Unfortunately, the chemical industry has managed to convince the average American that the only good lawn is a lawn lacking any diversity, one that is made up purely of turf grass and fueled by a plethora of life-harming chemicals.

A growing body of evidence in the scientific literature shows that pesticide exposure can adversely affect neurological, respiratory, immune, and endocrine systems in humans, even at low levels. Pets and children are especially sensitive to pesticide exposure because they take up more pesticides

(relative to their body weight) than do adults, and children and puppies have developing organ systems that are more vulnerable to pesticide impacts and less able to detoxify harmful chemicals. Studies conducted at both Duke and Tufts show significant increases in malignant lymphoma in both humans and pets exposed to common lawn chemicals. The rates of lymphoma in the U.S. have risen by 80 percent since 1973 and now represents the fifth most common cancer in people. Additionally, increased rates of mammary and bladder cancer were found in dogs exposed to these chemicals. Disturbingly, one need not apply these chemicals to their own lawns to be affected. It is virtually impossible to avoid these chemicals when they are applied throughout our communities in neighboring lawns, public spaces, and nearby agriculture sites. In fact the average American tests positive for a majority of lawn chemicals on the market today.

Studies show that hazardous lawn chemicals are drifting into our homes where they contaminate indoor air and surfaces, exposing children to levels ten times higher than pre-application levels. Is this necessary and what can we do to stop or prevent this kind of contamination? It is critically important to make people aware of the hazards associated with the pesticides and herbicides that are a part of traditional cosmetic lawn care. This is especially true today as we are living in a time where there is increased availability of safer

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alternative practices and products.

On the other hand, synthetic fertilizers and chemical pesticides and herbicides lead to undesirable conditions, which restrict water and air movement in the soil. High nitrogen fertilizers disrupt nutrient balance, accelerate turf growth, increase the need for mowing and contribute to thatch buildup. Pesticides harm microorganisms, insects and earthworms that are essential to maintaining healthy soil, and therefore, healthy turf. Lawns that are treated with pesticides are actually "sick" lawns. They require increasing amounts of chemical life-support each year, thus creating a vicious cycle and the constant need for corporate fertilizer companies to keep taking your money.

When we spray, we are not only spraying our own lawn, those chemicals drift into neighbors' lawns, and gardens affecting children and pets. In recent years it has become fashionable to have sterile, pure grass lawns, but is

it really fair to those that live around us who do not wish to expose their family and homes to these toxic chemicals? Many people in Oakwood are cancer survivors, have family members that are dealing with cancers or are themselves at high risk and this is a very unnecessary burden for them. I think empathy is a key word here. Can we empathize with the pollinators, wildlife, pets, children, cancer survivors and extend our compassion and support to those who are attempting to reduce their chemical exposure, by reviewing how we approach our lawns?

How can we effect change on our own lawn? The first step is to create a pesticide-free space for your family and pets and encourage neighbors to do the same. There are plenty of resources to help! An organic lawn requires a holistic paradigm shift, not a product-for-product swap. Here are a few resources to get started. See www.gardeningknowhow.com/lawn-care/lawn-substitutes/lagen/

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For mosquitos reconsider the spray companies and instead use a bucket of water with hay or grass and a "mosquito dunk" that you can find at any hardware store.

In sum, the reduction of chemicals in our lawns, through the use of effective, less toxic, less costly and more environmentally friendly lawn management practices, can potentially improve the health and safety of humans, pets and wildlife. This may mean a period of educating ourselves on alternatives, and an adjustment to what we have come to accept as beautiful in a lawn (i.e. moving from the clinical to a combination of low growing wildflowers, clover and grass) but surely a return to those halcyon days of flower chains, chasing butterflies and fireflies, and loved ones safely lying in the grass is worth it.

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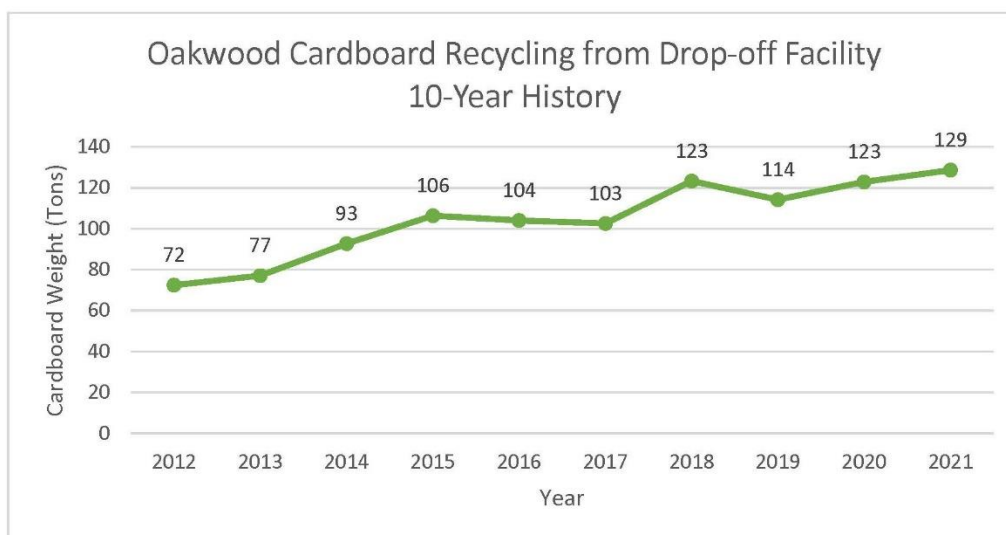
Oakwood Sustainability Measures

June 8, 2022

Over the past several decades, the city of Oakwood has implemented numerous measures to address matters of the environment. These measures have provided for the betterment of Oakwood and the greater community. Below is a list and brief description of each measure:

Recycling:

- **Cardboard:** About 30 years ago, the city began collecting cardboard for delivery to local cardboard recyclers in two ways. One is through the single stream process where the cardboard is co-mingled with other recyclables (glass, plastics, metal cans, newspaper, etc.) and picked up by the city with the weekly refuse removal. The second is through the single product cardboard drop-off at the city's yard debris and recycling drop-off facility located at the entrance to the J.D. Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard. The preferred method for cardboard recycling is for Oakwood residents to bring their cardboard to the single product drop-off containers at the recycling facility. As a single product, it has the most value and is most efficiently recycled. The graph below illustrates how cardboard volumes have increased over the past ten years demonstrating the community's growing interest in and commitment to recycling.



- Co-mingled Products: In 1989, Oakwood started city-wide weekly collection of co-mingled recyclables, and it continues to this day. It is a voluntary program, but nearly all Oakwood residents participate. At the outset of the program, about 60% of Oakwood residents participated. Based on a survey completed in November 2021, about 92% of Oakwood residents participate.
- Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-off Facility: On November 30, 2021, the city opened a new facility for the 24/7 drop-off of green waste (yard debris), cardboard, and co-mingled recyclables such as glass, plastics and metal cans. The city recycling facility also accommodates the drop-off of seasonal items such as holiday string lights and provides space for Styrofoam drop-off under a new Montgomery County program conducted quarterly. The city works with the Green Oakwood citizen group to implement the holiday string light and Styrofoam programs. The recycling drop-off facility supplements Oakwood's weekly recycling collection program conducted in conjunction with trash collection, and replaces a facility formerly operated from the Creager Dog Park parking lot. The new location provides for a more efficient drop-off operation and a much more user-friendly environment for facility users. The total project cost was about \$380,000, with \$72,000 paid through a grant from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District under the 2021 District Incentive Grant Program. The grant recognizes and acknowledges Oakwood's continuing commitment to recycling.
- Other: The city maintains numerous recycling containers at parks, in public natural areas, and in city buildings.

Leaf Collection and Reuse: For over 30 years, the city has collected leaves throughout the community each fall, and converted the leaves to yard mulch. The yard mulch is offered to Oakwood residents each spring. In 2021, the city picked up over 7,000 cubic yards of leaves, an enormous amount of leaves for a city of just 2.2 square miles in total land area.

Green Waste Collection and Disposal: Oakwood residents have two convenient ways to dispose of green waste without adding it to the weekly household trash. For several decades, and in addition to the fall leaf pick-up, the city has operated a year-around green waste collection program. The program is heavily used for the disposal of brush, branches and all other types of yard waste. Residents can place the green waste at their property frontage for periodic pick-up by the city. The

second way is for residents to drop off the green waste at the 24/7 recycling drop-off facility.

Stormwater Management: The city manages stormwater runoff in several ways.

- Stormwater Management Utility: In 2013, Oakwood established a stormwater utility for managing stormwater in compliance with federal and state EPA standards under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). One of the requirements of the NPDES permit involves public education on stormwater matters, education that can lead to pollution prevention. The city routinely addresses this with articles published in the bi-monthly *Oakwood Scene* newsletter. In 2019, the city completed a program to install “No Dumping” placards on all stormwater inlets (catch basins) throughout the city. This project was done as a volunteer effort through Little Miami Watershed Network and The University of Dayton River Stewards, at no cost to the city.



- Stormwater Drainage Ordinance: Several decades ago, Oakwood City Council adopted a drainage ordinance to address additional stormwater runoff generated by home and business improvement or expansion projects. The drainage ordinance requires that property owners take steps to mitigate the additional runoff created by their projects. The steps involve either stormwater retention or detention to: 1) protect downstream property; 2) protect downstream rivers and other waterways; and 3) reduce negative impacts to the flow capacity of the stormwater discharge infrastructure.

- **Rain Garden:** In 2008, the city built a parking lot on the former site of a 4-unit apartment building on Orchard Drive to address parking needs in the Far Hills Avenue Business District. The parking lot design included construction of rain gardens to accommodate the stormwater runoff generated by building the additional hard surface area.

Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal: In 2008, the Oakwood Rotary Club launched a Hazardous Waste Collection Program. Four Saturdays each year, volunteer Oakwood Rotarians travel around the city and collect household hazardous materials such as oils, pesticides, paints, batteries, etc. and transport them to the Montgomery County Refuse Transfer Station where they are properly disposed. Residents call a phone number at the Public Works Department to register for a pick-up. The Public Works Department compiles a list of quarterly pick-ups and provides the list to the team of Rotary volunteers. This has been a highly successful program, removing large amounts of hazardous material from the community both making it safer and keeping the material out of our landfills.

Prescription Drug Drop-off: In 2017, the city installed a drop-off box for the safe and proper disposal of prescription drugs. The container is located at the entrance to the city building, 30 Park Avenue, adjacent to the public safety dispatch office. It is available 24/7.



Lawn Maintenance: The city maintains numerous public lawn areas including parks, gardens and boulevards. For over 20 years, the city has used an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program for maintaining the public grass and landscaped areas. All city mowers have mulching blades, and city staff is instructed to set the mower at a high cut setting. Best IPM practices indicate that the taller the turf the

less weed infestation and thus the less need for lawn treatment. Use of mulching blades returns nutrients to the lawn and helps keep the grass healthy.

Dogipot Stations: In 2008, the city began installing stations throughout the city for disposal of dog waste. There are currently 15 stations maintained throughout the city for convenient and proper disposal of dog waste. These stations are heavily used, keeping the waste out of our waterways. A map of the station locations is available on the city website.

Wellfield Protection: In 1994, Oakwood City Council adopted a wellfield protection program in compliance with recommendations from the US and Ohio EPAs. The program includes: 1) an Aquifer Characterization and Protection Area Delineation Study; 2) a Potential Pollutant Source Inventory Report; and 3) a Drinking Water Source Protection Plan. The program included establishment of two new zoning districts... the Wellhead Operation District and the Well Field Protection Overlay District. The purpose of the program is to protect the aquifers from which the city's water is drawn. It is fully endorsed by the Ohio EPA.

Electronic Communication and Document Storage: The city has taken multiple steps over the years to embrace the digital age, continuously looking for ways to operate the local government administrative functions in a manner that has the least impact on our environment. As an example, between 2009 and 2013 the city implemented electronic purchase orders, utility e-bills, direct deposits of payroll and emailing of paycheck stubs; and began routinely saving reports in pdf format rather than printing and maintaining hardcopies.

Solar Power Electricity Generation: The city embraces the entrance of residential solar power generating systems in Oakwood and offers a simple and efficient permitting process for property owners interested in solar power installations. There are currently about 26 residential installations in Oakwood.

Eradication of Invasive Plants: The city works continuously to remove Honeysuckle and other invasive plants from public properties.

Trees:

- Johnny Appleseed Program: In 1979, the city established the Johnny Appleseed street tree planting program. Over 3,200 new trees have been planted through this program. The program offers a systematic and continuous way of renewing Oakwood's expansive tree inventory.
- Far Hills Avenue Business District: In 2014 and 2015, the city replaced nearly all of the center median and curbside trees in the Far Hills Avenue Business District, renewing this primary component of the business district landscaping. In total, 164 new trees were planted. The city also planted 10 new trees in the Orchard Drive parking lot mentioned above.
- Shroyer Road: In 2017, the city converted the 1.1 mile stretch of Shroyer Road from a 4-lane asphalt street to a 3-lane asphalt street with 16 raised center medians. The project included planting 56 trees in the newly created center median. The medians reduced by 5% (12,205 square feet or 0.28 Acres) the hard surface area of Shroyer Road in Oakwood.
- Emerald Ash Borer Treatment: In 2008, the city began protecting the Ash trees against the devastating impact of the Emerald Ash Borer. The city treats a majority of the Ash trees on public property annually.
- Tree City USA: This year, Oakwood will be recognized for the 40th consecutive year as a Tree City USA community. This is a designation by the National Arbor Day Foundation recognizing Oakwood's continuous commitment to maintaining and improving the city's tree inventory.
- Annual Youth Arbor Day Event: Each year in the month of April or May, the Oakwood Beautification Committee (OBC) leads 3rd graders from both Harman School and Smith Elementary on a "Treasure Hunt" to find different species of trees in Oakwood. All 3rd grader receive a native tree seedling to plant on their property. The children learn about the Emerald Ash Borer, Asian Long-Horned Beetle, Tree City USA and why trees are beneficial. In 2022, a coloring contest, sponsored by the Oakwood Community Center and the OBC, was also held with over 90 entries from Kindergarten through 6th grade students.

Walkable and Bikeable Community: Oakwood is a highly walkable and bikeable community with schools, shops, houses of worship, parks, and community services all within blocks of one another. The city continuously looks for ways to promote and maintain a safe environment for walking and cycling.

- **Sidewalk Maintenance:** The city places great emphasis on the maintenance of public sidewalks. Each year, 25% of the city sidewalks are inspected and repaired or replaced as needed. Also, the city's Code Enforcement Officer conducts routine inspections to identify locations where trees or vegetation are encroaching public sidewalks.
- **Shroyer Road Improvements:** The 2017 Shroyer Road improvement project included construction of dedicated bike lanes on both sides of the street between the roadway and adjacent curb. The project significantly improved the safety performance of Shroyer Road for all transportation modes (e.g., vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle). Vehicle speeds dropped dramatically, as did the number of accidents.
- **Public Transportation:** The city supports the efforts of the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA) in promoting public transportation.

Deicing Salts: Oakwood is committed to minimizing the use of traditional rock salt for deicing public roadways, alleys, and other public properties.

Composting and Native Plants: Through the Oakwood Community Center, the city periodically offers educational programs on topics including composting and use of native plants.

Parks and Natural Areas: The city maintains Smith Gardens as one of the finest public gardens in Ohio. The city maintains and renews public natural areas using saplings, native plants and eco smart hardwood mulch. In 2017, the city accepted a 0.6-acre parcel of greenspace from the Oakwood Investment Group at the northwest corner of West Schantz Avenue and Far Hills Avenue. As a condition of the donation, this property shall remain a public greenspace in perpetuity. In 2007, the city purchased 3.1 acres of land adjacent to Houk Stream. This land had been established as a buildable lot in 1995 when an 11.4 acres estate property was subdivided. The purchase was made to significantly enhance the public natural area around Houk Stream.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: On May 31, 2022, the city opened a two port, Level 2 electric vehicle charging station in the Orchard Drive public parking lot. The city joined several other Miami Valley communities in an Ohio EPA grant application to help fund the project. The application was submitted through the

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. Oakwood was awarded \$15,000 towards the \$24,000 project. Several years ago, Dorothy Lane Market built an electric vehicle charging station in its parking lot.

Battery Operated Equipment: The city continuously evaluates battery powered equipment to see if and when it is practicable to replace existing gasoline powered equipment.

Oakwood Farmers' Market: City staff works with a group of Oakwood citizens organized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit to plan and operate an annual community farmers' market. The first Oakwood market opened in 2013. Its mission is to create an educational, entertaining, and inclusive market for the residents of Oakwood and surrounding Dayton communities to gather and support local businesses including local farmers, gourmet food vendors, and artisans.

RTA to run some bus routes more often, permanently eliminate others

By **Cornelius Frolik**
Staff Writer

The Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority will start to make a series of service changes in 10 days that officials say should better connect people to jobs and health care, while also addressing a bus driver shortage and reduced ridership.

Greater Dayton RTA has permanently canceled about 10 bus routes that stopped running

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Greater Dayton RTA CEO Bob Ruzinsky at the Wright Stop Plaza Transit Center in downtown Dayton in April. CORNELIUS FROLIK / STAFF

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The Greater RTA Board of Trustees this week approved some short-term and long-term service changes that will be implemented in phases, beginning on Sunday, June 19.

The agency is permanently abolishing some bus routes that were temporarily eliminated during the pandemic nearly a year ago. This includes routes 3, 5, 23, 24, 64, 65, 66, X1A, X1B and X5.

RTA also will realign routes 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 34 and 43, according to agency documents.

RTA buses on routes 14, 16, 17, 18 and 19 will begin arriving every 50 minutes on Mondays through Saturdays, until 6:30 p.m. Buses on these lines previously showed up at stops every 100 minutes.

Buses on Route 11 also will show up more frequently Monday to Saturday until 6:30 p.m. (every 60 minutes, instead of every 90), and Route 22 buses also will arrive slightly more frequently.

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Buses at the Greater Dayton RTA hub in downtown Dayton on Wednesday.

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The RTA hopes to make another round of service changes this fall, including changing route schedules so buses operate at the same times seven days a week, Ruzinsky said.

The agency has long operated a weekday bus schedule, a Saturday schedule and a Sunday schedule.

"As more folks are working varied schedules, which often include weekends, RTA is changing to meet their changing needs," Ruzinsky said. "Operating the same schedule seven days a week will make it more convenient for riders and better serve our community."

The RTA's service plan changes were developed after analyzing ridership data and identifying bus routes with low utilization, said Sharon Howard, a member of RTA's board of trustees.

The agency also considered more than 90 public comments that were received over the course of a couple of months, she said.

Future service changes will depend on bus-driver staffing levels and will be structured to connect people to jobs, health care and education, Howard said.

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Greater Dayton RTA also currently has more than 50 job openings for big-bus drivers (commercial drivers license required) and 35 openings for small-bus drivers (non-CDL positions), the agency said.

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Route modifications will improve access to health care providers while serving major employers such as Walmart, Kroger, and Costco, RTA said.

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Klopsch, Norbert S.

Subject: FW: RTA Public Hearing in March / Upcoming Changes

From: Anne Hilton <annelhilton@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 9, 2022 9:35 AM

To: Klopsch, Norbert S. <Klopsch@oakwood.oh.us>; Byington, Steve <byington@oakwood.oh.us>; Turben, Leigh <turben@oakwood.oh.us>; Duncan, William <duncan@oakwood.oh.us>; Stephens, Rob <stephens@oakwood.oh.us>

Subject: RTA Public Hearing in March / Upcoming Changes

This article is in today's DDN. The changes I outlined below (from the March Public Hearing, then referred to as "proposed changes") will be implemented.

Oakwood will lose access to three routes (5, 11, and 17) and will be left with one (14). This really stinks, but I do appreciate that the ridership numbers don't lie.

The good news is that for the #14, the wait time between buses will be 50 minutes, rather than the 100 minutes it is now (pre-pandemic weekday wait time was roughly 37 - 46 minutes).

The RTA Flyer (runs from Kiefaber through parts of UD and then to/through downtown Dayton) is still available (every 10 minutes!) and still free.

I suggested to Dan that the Flyer route be extended 4 blocks south to go west on Schantz and north on Patterson Blvd (maybe stopping at Carillon) and then to Stewart before doing the downtown loop. This would restore access to Kettering Medical Center, etc. (Flyer to #11) and increase awareness of Carillon Park.

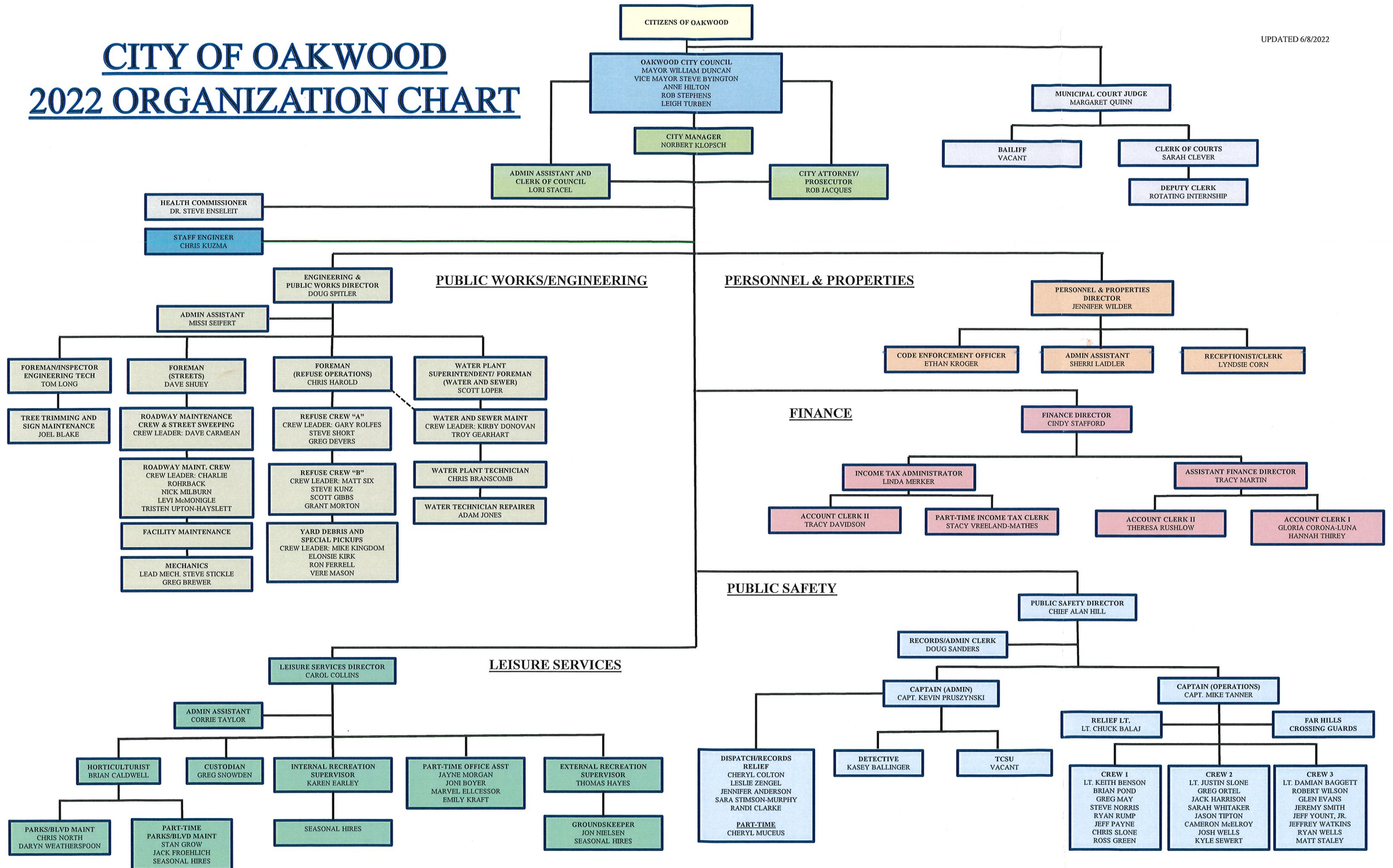
Dan said he had already thought of that 😊, but that the bus wouldn't have ample room to turn around - or something like that. I think I will ask again!

Anne

CITY OF OAKWOOD

2022 ORGANIZATION CHART

UPDATED 6/8/2022



Longtime Donor, Community Volunteer Believes that "Happiness Is Rooted in Helping Others"

When faced with adversity or loss in life, oftentimes individuals are paralyzed with grief and find difficulty moving forward. For longtime community volunteer and Dayton Foundation donor Leigh Ann Fulford, however, the opposite is true. Some of her darkest hours have inspired her to create efforts that are helping others navigate life-changing events like the ones she has experienced.

One of these efforts is CARE Walk, a breast cancer fundraising event held in Oakwood each May, which she started when she lost two aunts to breast cancer following the birth of her first child.

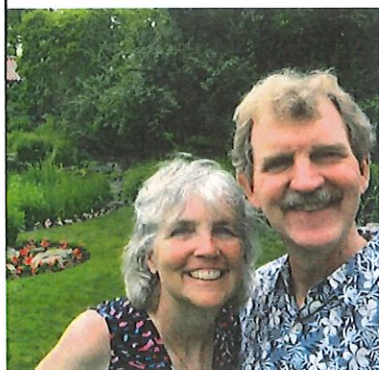
"When I became a mother and responsible for the care of three little beings, I worried about things that might prevent me from seeing my children grow up. I participated in a three-day, 60-mile walk where I learned a lot about breast health and taking care of myself. I also found out about the lack of funding for research and education for breast

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—Leigh Ann Fulford, Dayton Foundation donor

cancer in the U.S. and how many services and treatments are not covered by insurance," Leigh Ann said. "Encouraged by the local physical education classes and my walking buddies, I started CARE Walk to empower kids to make a difference in our community."

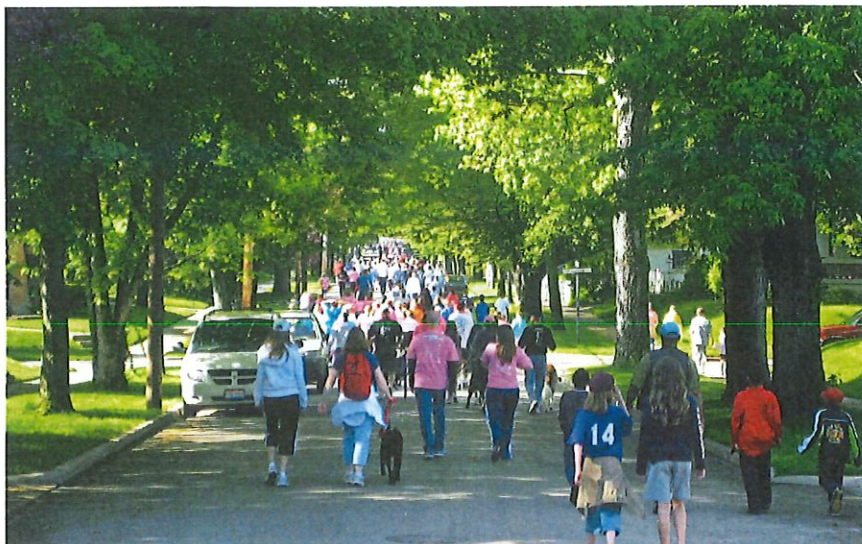
CARE Walk has raised more than \$300,000 since 2002 and has made its



Leigh Ann and Joe Fulford

mission to keep that money local. The leadership team set up charitable funds in 2012 through The Dayton Foundation to make accepting donations and distributing grants easier.

"The Dayton Foundation is Dayton's best kept secret! Not only does it support so many wonderful nonprofits here in our community, it also offers a way for folks to easily manage their



charitable giving," Leigh Ann said. "The Foundation creates positive change in our community. I have found the staff to be wonderful resources for meaningful giving."

Because of team members who have retired or moved, the recent 2022 event was the final 5K organized by Leigh Ann and the leadership team. "We are hopeful someone will take it over. Fortunately, Dayton now has several organizations that help women in the area in regards to breast cancer, such as Breast Wishes and Living with Lymphedema," she said. "I will continue to support them and encourage others to do the same."

Leigh Ann actively is involved in the community, volunteering her talents for projects and nonprofit organizations, such as David's Place at Daybreak, Montgomery County Ohio College Promise and the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition. But the one most near and dear to her heart came to fruition as a result of losing her sister, Lynda, to suicide in 2005. Her passion to ensure that no one goes through the pain that her family and friends experienced inspired her to create GEM Project Dayton, which stands for Goal: Everyone Matters. The group's mission is to encourage peer-to-peer support in suicide prevention. Leigh Ann established a Charitable Checking Account™ through The Dayton Foundation in 2015 to support its activities.

"The pandemic has taken a toll on people and shed light on mental health problems that have gone largely unaddressed for too many years. Young adults are working harder than ever, but they're barely making ends meet or taking on incredible debt just to get by. You can see why many have lost hope," Leigh Ann said. "Many of our children are overwhelmed, depressed and anxious. Unfortunately, they cope

CARE Walk has raised more than \$300,000 for breast cancer awareness and support programs since 2002.

in unhealthy ways, because we haven't taught them how to identify, treat or live with mental health issues that have been caused or exacerbated by the financial, social, etc., pressures put on them. Talking about suicide is the only way we can reduce or eliminate it. Education is key to suicide prevention, and that's what GEM Project Dayton is about."

Leigh Ann believes that education is what "makes you more aware of the community you live in," and credits



Leigh Ann Fulford (back right) poses with the GEM Project Dayton leadership team.

her parents, who were the first in their families to go to college, for instilling this in her. They also taught her to look for the good in people and to lend a helping hand – philosophies that drive her and her husband, Joe, to volunteer their time and give back through their Dayton Foundation funds.

"Helping others makes me feel like I'm making a difference in the world," Leigh Ann said. "One of my most favorite children's books is *Yertle the Turtle* by Dr. Seuss. Yertle can't be satisfied and keeps wanting more and more at the expense of all the other turtles in the pond. In the end, Yertle's world literally comes crashing to an end because his never-ending wish list was unsustainable. Happiness comes from within, not from status or things, and my happiness is rooted in helping others." 🌱

MAYOR'S SPEECH

(Delivered by Councilmember Leigh Turben)

OAKWOOD/ LE VÉSINET 50TH ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 25, 2022

Monsieur Bruno Coradetti and elected officials, Anne-Marie Borderie and Sister City representatives, other leaders of Le Vésinet, and all of our dear friends in this beautiful community.

I bring warmest greetings to you today on behalf of Mayor Bill Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmembers Rob Stephens and Anne Hilton, City Manager Norbert Klopsch and all of the staff, citizens and businesses of Oakwood, Ohio, USA. What a thrill it is for Dan and I to be with you on this very special occasion, the celebration of the 50th anniversary of our treasured Sister City relationship.

It is indeed very special for us to commemorate 50 years of deep friendship. It was in 1972 when our two communities met and learned of one another. In Oakwood, we credit Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Ann Simms for having the vision to build a Sister City relationship and for finding LeVesinet, a perfect match for Oakwood. Sadly, Ann Simms passed away in 2019. She was 84. I am happy to report, though, that Charles is alive and well. He celebrated his 90th birthday on May 26. Mayor Bill Duncan proclaimed that day "Charles Valentine Simms Day" in Oakwood. In addition to his work in pioneering our sister city relationship, Charles also served as an elected member of Oakwood City Council from 1967 to 1972, and our county commission from 1973 to 1976.

I can think of no more important time in our world to nurture and sustain Sister City relationships. With the mission "*to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation one individual, one community at a time*", Sister Cities International provides the platform for making personal connections and building global relationships that can only improve our world. As we all struggle mightily to address local, national and worldwide challenges, we can only benefit from the strong connections we have with one another. Together, we will surely meet the challenges and take the necessary actions to continue the fine things we enjoy in our lives today, and actions needed to ensure that we leave behind a promising world for future generations.

Dan and I, along with Kirsten Halling and our entire contingent from Oakwood, thank you all very much for your warm welcome and gracious hospitality. You are truly our dear and treasured friends.

Now, on behalf of the City of Oakwood, it is my honor to present you with this gift that symbolizes our deep friendship and respect. The plaque is a replica of a bronze historical marker which now stands in front of our town center recognizing the 150th anniversary of the first platting of Oakwood, Ohio. We are most pleased to be celebrating **two significant anniversaries this year** - the 150th anniversary of Oakwood's first platting and the 50th anniversary of our twinning with Le Vésinet. Thank you for your ongoing friendship and meaningful commitment to our sister city relationship. Merci beaucoup.

(Present Gift)

In closing, I extend to all of you an invitation to join us in Oakwood in late October for a grand celebration, a joint celebration of our 50th anniversary with you, and our 45th anniversary with Outremont, Canada.

Adjusted Tactical Vehicle Costs By City

The following contribution amounts are based upon a purchase price of \$286,291 and include applying the \$30,000 in the seizure fund account towards the purchase price.

- **Kettering (55,103) – \$93,254**
- **Centerville (23,772) – \$40,227**
- **Miamisburg (19,941) – \$33,744**
- **Springboro (18,794) – \$31,803**
- **West Carrollton (12,914) - \$21,853**
- **Oakwood (8,980) - \$15,196**
- **Moraine (6,442) - \$10,901**
- **Germantown (5,504) – \$9,314**

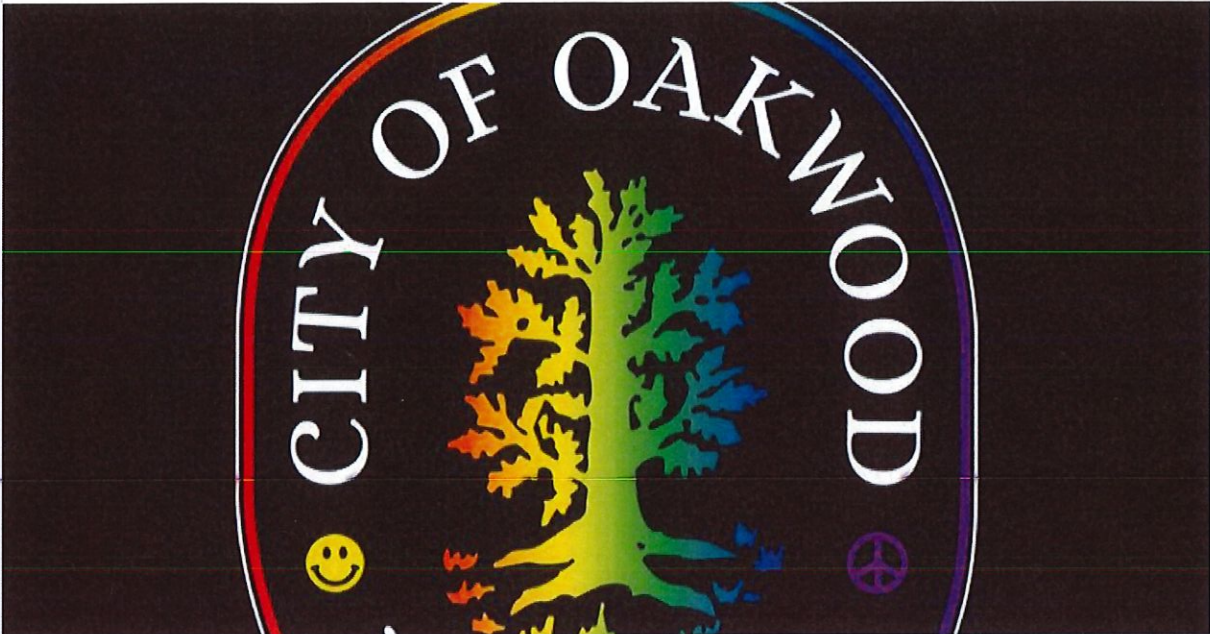


Citizens for a Better Oakwood

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Who is excited for a Family Pride Picnic on June 11th at Shafor Park?



SAT, JUN 11 AT 3 PM

Oakwood Family Pride Picnic 2022

Oakwood

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CUMMINGS, Richard Cromwell "Dick"

Age 90, of Dayton, passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Family will greet friends following the 2:00PM Funeral Services held on Sunday, June 12 at Carillon Park Museum (Eichelberger Pavilion), 1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton, OH 45409. Private committal will be held Monday at Woodland Mausoleum. Services are in the care of ROUTSONG FUNERAL HOME, KETTERING. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to: Dayton History, 1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton, OH. 45409 in Richard Cummings name. For complete remembrances and to share your condolences with the family please visit www.routsong.com.

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Richard Cromwell 'Dick' Cummings

Richard Cromwell "Dick" Cummings, age 90, of Dayton, passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Richard was born in Dayton, Ohio, on September 16, 1931, to the late Lewis and Ruth Cummings. He attended Fairview Elementary School and Fairview High School. Beginning in the fall of 1949, Richard attended The Ohio



State University. He was a member of Phi Kappa Tau and Delta Sigma Delta dental fraternity. Richard graduated from the OSU College of Dentistry in 1955, and in August of that year he entered the United States Air Force. Stationed first at New Castle County Airport (ADC) then at Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa. He was kept in the Ready Reserve until November of 1972. During the last three months of duty at Kadena he was in command of the 17 dentists

there and also the 18th Tactical Hospital Dental Clinic. In February 1958, he began private practice until his retirement in 2007. Richard married Dorothy Jean Mullen Creager on Feb. 14, 1968, and they merged their families. Preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Dorothy Jean Cummings in 2017.

Survivors include his children Dawn (Wendell) Creager Glaspey; Richard C. (Michael) Cummings II; Joan (Leonard) Creager Folz; Joël Creager Hatmaker and Jessica (Anibal) Cummings Urteaga. Grandchildren Mark (Nicole) Tarziers; Trisha Baxter; Joshua Tarziers; Tara (Tyler) Johnson; Bret (Lauren) Glaspey; Earl (Megan) Hatmaker; Isabella Urteaga and Michaela Urteaga. great grandchildren Laney; Brady; Presley; Tinley; Logan; Reid; Noah; Quentin; Eleanor; Lincoln; Wade; Emerson;

Iris; Atwood and Marigold. His brother Fred Cummings, and many nieces and nephews. Dorothy was interested in antiques, as was Richard, which became their hobby for the 49 years. Richard (Dick) was a member of the Montgomery County Historical Society and became an avid member of Dayton History at Carillon Park. Dorothy and Dick donated The Toys Made in Dayton exhibit at the park. The exhibit was built by the volunteers of the Restoration Crew which was founded by Dick. Prior to this Dick had organized a group to build the Gazebo at Patterson Homestead. When the Deeds Barn was relocated to Carillon Park along with three other buildings, the Restoration Crew restored it along with the other buildings. The Restoration Crew has completed over 100 major and minor projects since 2007. Prior to the work at the Park, Dick belonged to the God Squad organized by Burt Sidel which completed the main Ark at Temple Israel. He then went on to make many projects for various religious groups including, but not limited

to: Muslim, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish Congregations. One proud project was the building of the conductors podium used at the Schuster Center. Dick has been as proud member of the Oakwood Rotary (Paul Harris Fellow) since 1982 and served many years as co-chairman of the Pancake Breakfast of That Day in May. In 2017 he was the Grand Marshall of TDIM parade. Dick was also a member of Sons of the American Revolution. Dick was involved as a founder and vice-president of Nu View for Dayton View, which for years worked to make that area of lower Dayton View a better place to live. He also was on the board of the Oakwood YMCA while it existed. He served on the board of the Oakwood Historical Society. He was also a past President of the Dayton Antique Study Club. For two years he was the Oakwood Rotary member at large on the Oakwood Rotary Foundation. He was a member of the Boucher Society at the Ohio State University and a member of the Western Ohio Academy of Dental Practice Administration, the ADA,

ODA, and the Dayton Dental Society. He was the co-author of the book the History of Dayton Ohio Toy Makers which he had spent 30 years studying. He and Dorothy belonged to the Madison, Indiana Historical Society, where they restored a house built in 1849. Dick also helped Dorothy organize the Goodwill Antique Shows and also their Folk Art Shows, as well as those for Dayton History at the Patterson Homestead. Beside the above Dick was one of the early franchisees of Duff Smorgasbord owning three in Kentucky. They were also minor owners of four Stacy's in Florida. Family will greet friends following the 2 p.m. Funeral Services held on Sunday, June 12, at Carillon Park Museum in the Eichelberger Pavilion, 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH 45409. Private committal will be held Monday at Woodland Mausoleum. Services are in the care of Routsong Funeral Home in Kettering. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to: Dayton History 1000 Carillon Blvd. Dayton, Oh. 45409 in Richard Cummings name.

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Mary Jo Scalzo

Mary Jo Scalzo, age 71, of Springboro, passed away at Sycamore Hospital on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021. Mary Jo was born on December 3, 1950, in Wheeling, W. Va., to the late Edward J. and Eleanor (nee Gompers) Hannel. She graduated from St. Joseph Central Catholic High School and earned her BS, MS, and Ph.D.



degrees from the University of Dayton. Dr. Scalzo served in both public and non-public school systems for forty-one years, as a teacher, principal, curriculum director, and superintendent. Twenty-one of those years were devoted to the Oakwood City Schools where she retired as superintendent in 2013.

Mary Jo finished off her impressive career as the Executive Director at High Aims, a consortium of public school districts in southwest Ohio from 2013-18. She was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Springboro. She also belonged to the Association of Supervision and Curriculum, Buckeye Association of School Administrators, the Oakwood Rotary Club, and sat on the University Of Dayton Board Of Trustees. She enjoyed tennis and golf and was an avid UD Flyers basketball fan. Mary Jo loved traveling to Amelia Island,

FL during the winter and made memories on several European cruises in between her Sudoku puzzle sessions. She is survived by her loving husband of 41 years, Rick; beloved dogs, Boz and Kendall; sisters, Kathy Mulshine (nee Hannel) and Judy Josselyn (nee Hannel); 6 nieces and nephews, David (Renee) Mulshine, Barbara (Mike) Keefe (nee Mulshine), Maggie (Craig) Frye (nee Mulshine), Sara (Kyle) O'Hara (nee Mulshine), Meagan Josselyn, and Ryan (Hilary) Josselyn; 9 great nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Mary Jo's life

will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, with remembrances at 3 p.m. at Dayton Country Club, 555 Kramer Road, Dayton. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Ohio's Hospice and Kettering Home Care for their excellent care of Mary Jo. Memorial contributions may be made in Mary Jo's name to Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Ave, Dayton, OH 45420 or SICSA, 8172 Washington Church Rd., Washington Twp., OH 45458. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be made at www.routson.com.

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