

# CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

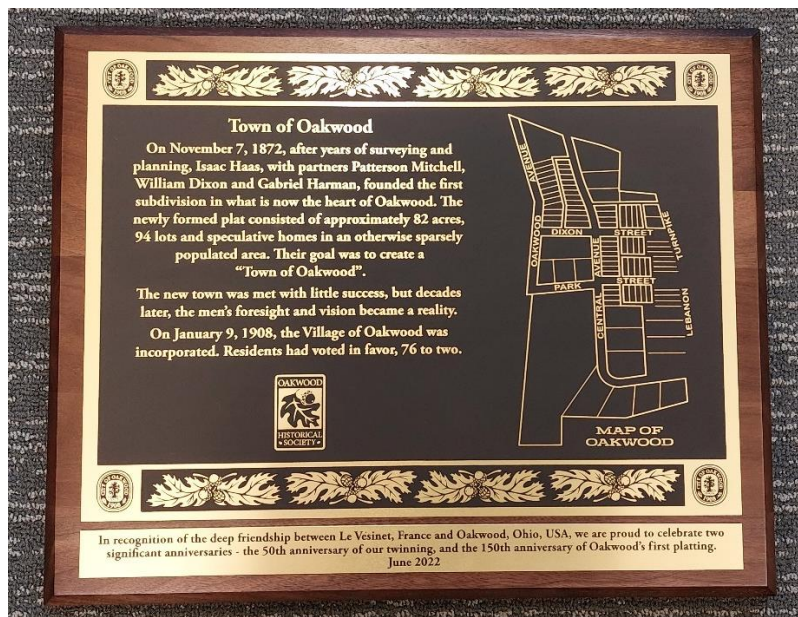
## JUNE 17, 2022

### IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

- July 18, Monday, 6:00 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:

- Juneteenth Holiday: City offices are closed on Monday. Enclosed are *DDN* and *Register* articles.
- Work Sessions: As a reminder, our June 20 work session is cancelled. At this point, I do not think that we need to have another meeting until July 18. Please plan to start that July 18 meeting at 6 p.m., rather than 6:30 p.m. That will give us 90 minutes for the work session before moving to regular session. We will have ample time to discuss procedures for the August 1 public hearing and any other issues that arise.
- Safety Department Report: Enclosed is the May operations report.
- Le Vésinet 50<sup>th</sup>: Leigh and Dan fly to Paris next Tuesday. Below is the plaque that Leigh will present. Enclosed are the English and French versions of the speech that Leigh will deliver on behalf of Bill and City Council. Leigh will present the English version and Kirsten Halling the French version.



- “Inclusive Oakwood”: There is a new Facebook page called “Inclusive Oakwood.” Their Facebook page is private, but we discovered the group when they posted the enclosed message to the “Citizens of Oakwood” Facebook page.
- Fireworks: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Kettering upholding its fireworks ban. Also enclosed is a *Register* article about our ban.

- New Gun Laws: Enclosed is a *Register* article about the new gun law in Ohio. Brian Barr interviewed Chief Hill for the article.
- City Managers: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Kettering recruiting prospects to replace Mark Schwieterman when he retires at the end of the year. The article also reports on the long tenure of local city managers, including David Foell's 30-year service and my 22-year service... although I've only been city manager for 20 years. ☺
- Citizen Police Academy: Enclosed is another *Register* article about this year's CPA.
- Brock Turner: Enclosed is a *Register* article about Brock Turner living in Oakwood.
- KMO Chamber: Ann-Lisa Allen confirmed that she is available to attend our August 15 work session to talk about the work of the KMO Chamber of Commerce.
- Oakwood Club: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the Stewart family selling The Oakwood Club to The One ESCA Group, a Dallas-based restaurant management group. One ESCA also owns Corner Kitchen in the Oregon District and Spaghetti Warehouse in downtown Dayton.
- School Levy: Enclosed are *DDN* and *Register* articles about the Oakwood Schools planning to place a 1.8 mill permanent improvement levy renewal on the November 8 ballot.
- EV Police Car: Chief Hill and Captain Pruszynski went to Logan, Ohio this week and met with Chief Jerry Mellinger and a representative from Model PD regarding their Tesla Police Vehicle. Model PD is a third party vendor that works with Tesla to develop the Tesla version of an electric police car. Logan PD was one of the first departments in the nation to have a Tesla police vehicle. Chief Hill will share the information he learned during the August 15 work session.



- July PC & BZA Cancellation: The July 6 PC and July 14 BZA meetings are cancelled. Enclosed are the cancellation memos.
- PFAS Chemicals: Enclosed is another *DDN* article about PFAS chemicals in drinking water. It reports that the USEPA issued this week “non-binding health advisories that set health risk thresholds for PFOA and PFOS to near zero, replacing 2016 guidelines that had set them at 70 parts per trillion.” PFOA and PFOS are two compounds in the PFAS family. Also enclosed are the following:
  - Results of the testing done of our Oakwood water in September 2020 showing no detectable PFAS.
  - Information about PFAS chemicals posted on the Dayton website.

We continue to operate our Oakwood water system with the goal to produce 100% of our own water... which we have done so far this year.

- RETREET: Enclosed is a nice *Register* article about Dan Turben organizing a group of residents to assist with tree planting in Trotwood and North Dayton.
- Vacation: I will be out of the office from June 22 through 27 celebrating Dad's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in Sacramento.



Baby Hans held in 1932 by father Siegfried, with mother Frieda holding brother Wilhelm, and Grandpa Ernst seated.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

*DDN* Article re: Juneteenth Holiday  
 May Safety Department Report  
 Le Vésinet 50<sup>th</sup> Speech  
 “Inclusive Oakwood” Facebook Post  
*DDN & Register* Articles re: Fireworks  
*Register* Article re: New Gun Laws  
*Register* Article re: Citizen Police Academy  
*DDN* Article re: City Managers  
*Register* Article re: CPA  
*Register* Article re: Brock Turner  
*DDN* Article re: Oakwood Club  
*DDN & Register* Articles re: School Levy  
 July PC & BZA Memos  
*DDN* Article re: PFAS Chemicals  
 September 2020 Water Results  
 PFAS Information  
*Register* Article re: RETREET

**OAKWOOD**

**City offices to close**

Oakwood city offices are closed on Monday, June 20 in recognition of the Juneteenth federal holiday. Trash pickup for all routes the week of June 20 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 Klopsch, City Manager, at 937-298-0600 or [klopsch@oakwoodohio.gov](mailto:klopsch@oakwoodohio.gov).  
STAFF REPORT

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## City offices to close June 20 for Juneteenth holiday

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# Juneteenth has some city offices closed on Monday

**By Almee Hancock**  
Staff Writer

A year after Congress made June 19 into the Juneteenth federal holiday, a slight majority of the Dayton-area's larger governments are observing the day by closing government offices, while some have yet to designate it as a paid employee holiday.

Juneteenth, which commemorates the end of slavery, has been celebrated in a variety of communities throughout the country since 1865. The Juneteenth National Independence Day Act was signed by President Joe Biden on June 17, 2021, officially recognizing the date as a national holiday, though many states had already adopted the date of June 19 as a state holiday.

**Juneteenth** continued on B8



Freedom Schools scholars, their families and staff joined together for singing, cheers and chants in celebration of Juneteenth at the Richard Allen School in Dayton in 2020.

MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF / FILE

## Juneteenth

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“Juneteenth celebrates the first day of freedom for ALL Americans,” said Montgomery County Commission President Carolyn Rice. “We are proud that the federal government is observing this significant time in our history.”

Many municipalities in the region made Juneteenth a regular holiday like Memorial Day or Labor Day. Others acknowledge the occasion by allowing employees an extra paid personal day, rather than shutting down entire offices for a day.

This includes the city of Lebanon, which offers its employees an additional paid personal day, known as a “floating holiday,” in place of closing its offices. Other local governments, like Butler Twp. (which will be open) and the city of Piqua (which will be closed), observe holidays based on what has been outlined in collective bargaining agreements.

According to Butler Twp. Administrator Erika Vogel, township employees get 11 federal holidays, though these are not all observed on the actual holiday. The

### MORE DETAILS

#### OFFICES CLOSING MONDAY

**Counties:** Greene, Montgomery, Miami, Warren

**Townships:** Clearcreek, Franklin, Harrison, Miami, Turtlecreek, Washington, Wayne

**Cities:** Bellbrook, Dayton, Fairborn, Huber Heights, Kettering, Oakwood, Piqua, Trotwood, Xenia

**Other:** Dayton Metro Library

#### OFFICES OPEN MONDAY

**Cities:** Beavercreek, Brookville, Carlisle, Centerville, Clayton, Franklin, Lebanon, Miamisburg, Riverside, Springboro, Tipp City, Troy, Union, West Carrollton

**Township:** Butler Twp.

city of Piqua observes 10 holidays, which were negotiated within collective bargaining agreements and codified in city ordinance.

West Carrollton is similar, according to spokes-

woman Heidi Van Antwerp, who said the city’s designated holidays had already been determined for 2022 via labor negotiations that took place prior to Juneteenth becoming nationally recognized. The city’s holiday designations could change during city council’s next round of negotiations.

Beavercreek is among the cities where government offices will be open Monday. City spokeswoman Katy Carrico said Beavercreek doesn’t recognize all federal holidays, also staying open on Columbus Day, and having only certain departments closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Veterans Day.

For some cities, the office closures will affect trash pick-up. In Dayton and Oakwood, garbage and recycling collection will be delayed by one day throughout the week of Juneteenth. In Moraine, collection will move from Friday, June 24, to Saturday, June 25. In Jefferson Twp., collection is delayed one day, and bulk and recycling pick-up will move from Friday, June 24, to Saturday, June 25.

Residents can visit their city’s website or call city offices to confirm the trash collection schedule.

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

**MAY 2022**

Submitted by Chief Alan Hill

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**PART 1 CRIMES:** There were eight Part 1 crimes reported during the month of May. These included five thefts, one auto theft, one burglary, and one domestic violence call.

**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:** During the month of May, 96 traffic violations were cited and 38 parking citations were issued.

**DETECTIVE INVESTIGATIONS:**

22-001513	1700 Blk Far Hills Ave	Pandering	Cleared By Arrest
22-001514	1200 Blk Far Hills Ave	Unruly Juvenile	Cleared By Arrest
22-001517	300 Blk Triangle	Runaway Juvenile	Cleared By Arrest
22-001536	1200 Blk Far Hills Ave	Criminal Trespass	Cleared By Arrest
22-001598	300 Blk Triangle	Runaway Juvenile	Cleared By Arrest
22-001644	200 Blk Shafor Blvd	Theft	Under Investigation
22-001811	1200 Blk Far Hills Ave	Corruption of a Minor	Under Investigation
22-001869	100 Blk Old River Trail	Burglary	Under Investigation

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

**TEEN COURT:** There were no cases for Teen Court, and one case was referred to the Montgomery County Juvenile Court during the month of May.

**FIRE**

**FIRE:** There were seven total fire responses in May, including two AMARS calls to Kettering. The Oakwood responses included two alarm investigations, one residential structure fire causing an estimated \$75,000 in damage, and two smell of smoke investigations.

**APPARATUS:** During the month of May, Medic 27 had the deck gun repaired.

**FIRE INSPECTIONS:** There was one fire inspection conducted during the month of May.



## EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

REMOVALS: There were 46 total calls for emergency medical services in May including five mutual aid requests from the Dayton Fire Department. Six patients refused medical treatment and/or transportation. All other patients were transported to area hospitals for treatment.

## MISCELLANEOUS

DARE: The DARE Officer taught fifteen classes and two bike classes during the month of May.

## TRAINING

Public Safety Officers, Lieutenants, and Command Staff completed a total of 380 hours of police, fire, and EMS training during the month of May.

During the month of May, all Public Safety Officers completed Range training covering rifle qualifications that included the new upgrades to the rifles. Officers also completed Legal Updates training through OPOTA Online.

Fire training consisted of a department training covering Pump Operations. This was a follow up training to last month's Fire Tower Training and coincided with the department's annual hose testing. Each member who attended the training had to demonstrate proficiency on the Job Performance Requirement.

EMS training covered two courses assigned through 24/7. These courses were Interpreting Vital Signs and MVC Management.

Dispatchers completed an online training covering UCONNECT by Chrysler and how to respond to calls associated with this service.

On May 24, 2022 Chief Hill, Lt. Benson, Officers J. Wells, McElroy, Ortel, and Pond attended a Blue Card refresher class.

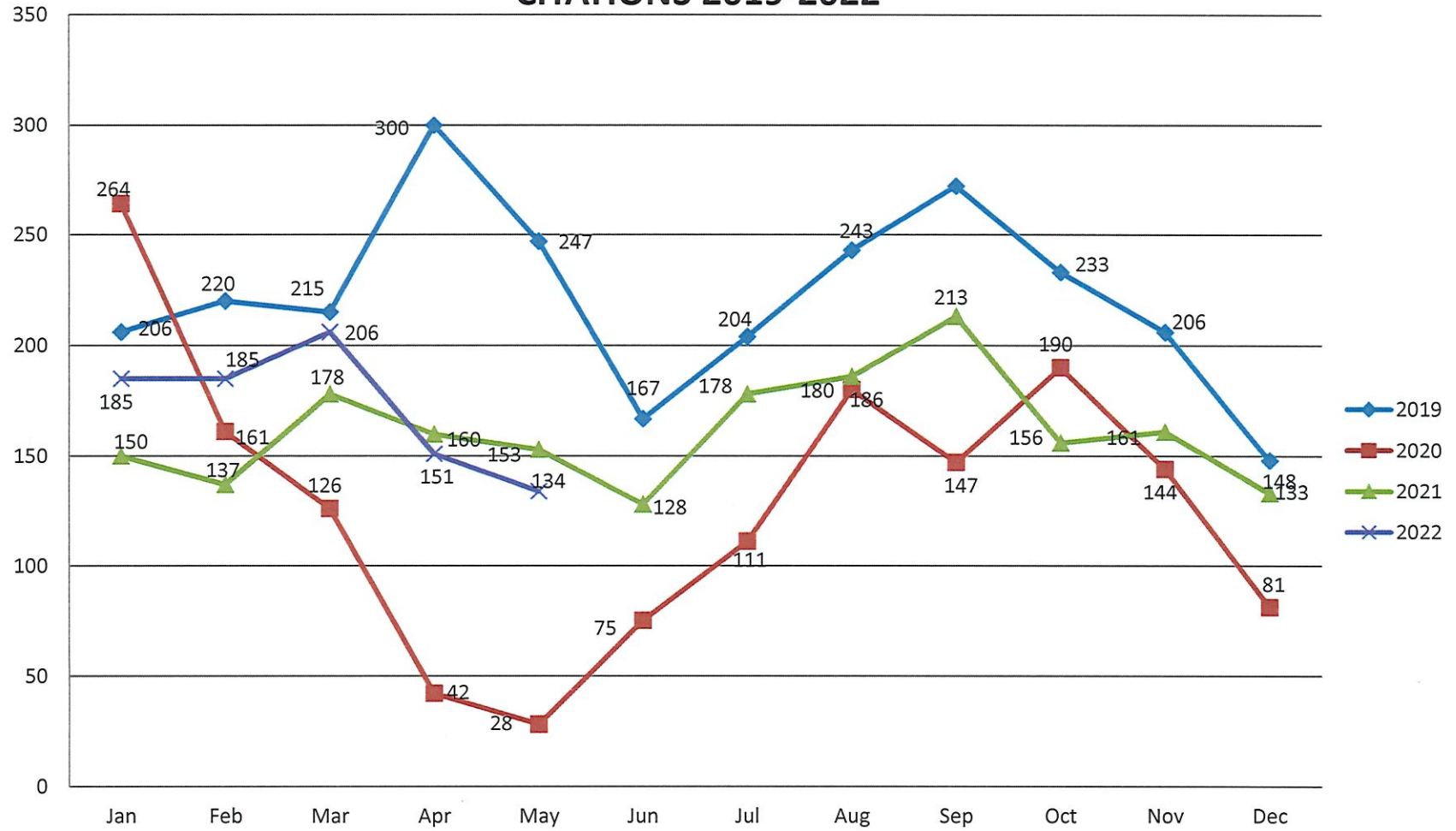
Lastly, on May 10 and 11, Officers McElroy and Smith completed monthly SWAT training.

## OFFICER ACTIVITY

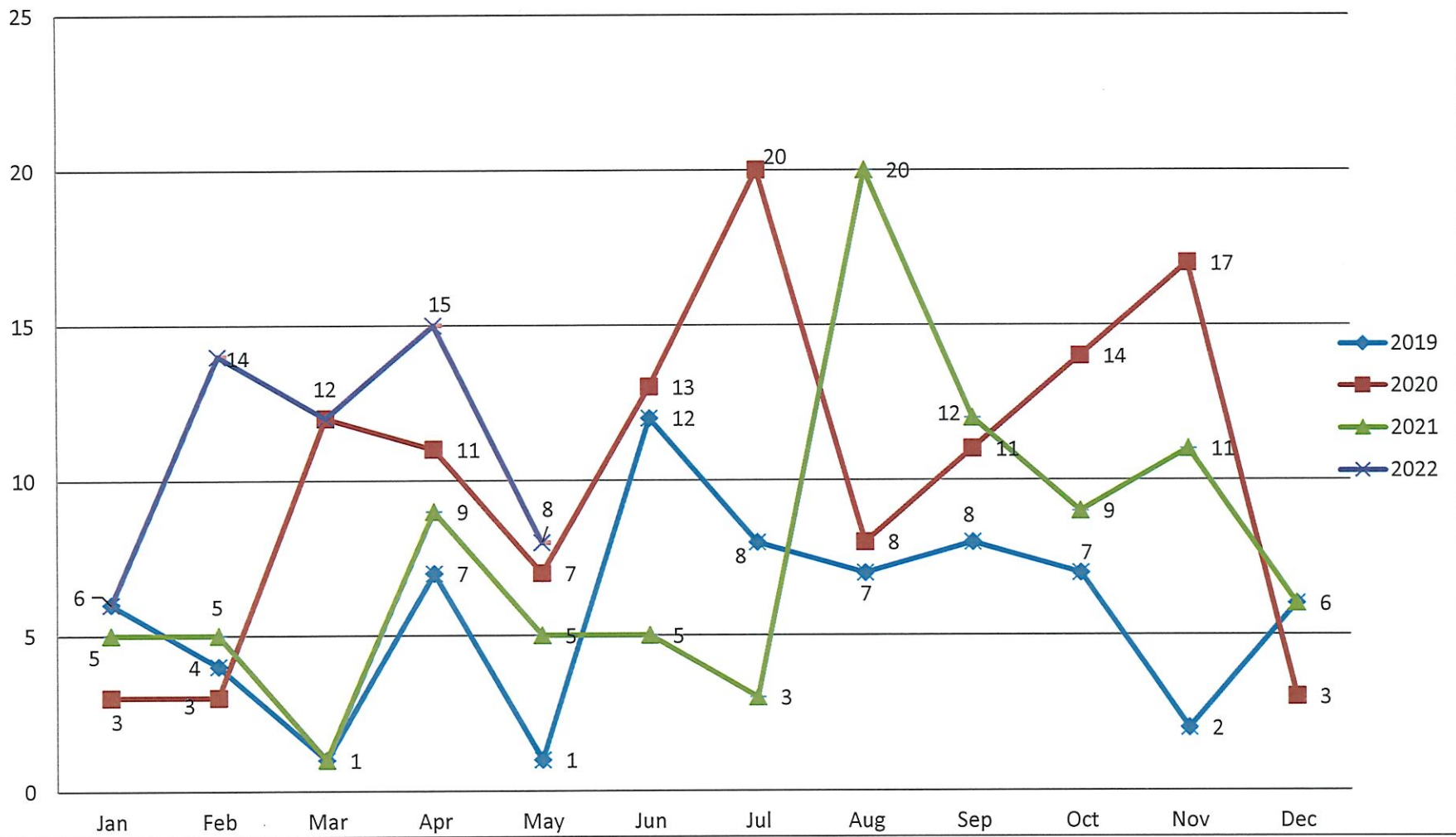
	ARRESTS	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS CITED	OVI	FIELD REPORTS	REPORTS TAKEN	PARKING	WARNINGS	VHC	COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE
Staff	0	8	0	0	11	3	21	10	0
1	5	38	0	5	51	12	60	90	1
2	2	30	0	2	35	10	40	86	4
3	2	20	0	1	35	13	33	49	4

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS CITED		WARNINGS	
White	46	White	65
Black	41	Black	33
Indian	0	Indian	0
Asian	2	Asian	0
Hispanic	0	Hispanic	3
Middle Eastern	0	Middle Eastern	1
Unoccupied Vehicle/Other/Unknown	7	Unoccupied Vehicle/Other/Unknown	52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154</b>
FIELD INVESTIGATIONS		ARRESTS	
White	7	White	4
Black	1	Black	4
Indian	0	Indian	0
Asian	0	Asian	0
Hispanic	0	Hispanic	0
Middle Eastern	0	Middle Eastern	1
Other/Unknown	0	Other/Unknown	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

### CITATIONS 2019-2022



# PART 1 CRIMES 2019-2022



## MAYOR'S SPEECH

(Delivered by Councilmember Leigh Turben)

### OAKWOOD/ LE VÉSINET 50<sup>TH</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 90<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with you, and our 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Outremont, Canada.

## DISCOURS DU MAIRE D'OAKWOOD, BILL DUNCAN

Lu en anglais par Leigh Turben, Membre du Conseil Municipal d'Oakwood

Lu en français par Kirsten Halling, Présidente de l'Association de Jumelage  
d'Oakwood

OAKWOOD/ LE VESINET 50<sup>E</sup> ANNIVERSAIRE DE JUMELAGE

25 JUIN, 2022

Monsieur Bruno Coradetti et représentants élus, Anne-Marie Borderie et membres de l'Association de jumelage, résidents du Vésinet, et tous nos chers amis de cette belle communauté :

En tant que membre du Conseil Municipal d'Oakwood, c'est à moi qu'il revient de vous transmettre les salutations et les vœux chaleureux du maire d'Oakwood Bill Duncan, du maire-adjoint Steve Byington, des membres du conseil municipal Rob Stephens et Anne Hilton, du Directeur municipal Norbert Klopsch, et de tout le personnel, les citoyens et les commerces d'Oakwood, Ohio, USA. Mon mari Dan et moi sommes ravis de pouvoir nous joindre à vous pour fêter cette grande occasion, la célébration du cinquantième anniversaire de notre rapport officiel et inestimable.

En effet, nous sommes très émus de pouvoir commémorer nos 50 ans d'amitié. C'était en 1972 où nos deux villes ont signé une convention de jumelage qui nous unirait pour toujours. À Oakwood, nous reconnaissons Charles et Ann Simms pour leur vision et leur dévouement à l'idée de créer des liens internationaux dans le cadre des jumelages. Ce sont Anne et Charles qui ont trouvé Le Vésinet, la ville partenaire parfaite. C'est avec tristesse que je vous annonce le décès récent d'Ann Simms à l'âge de 84 ans. Son mari Charles Simms vient de fêter ses 90 ans le 26 mai, un jour que notre maire a déclaré « Journée Charles Valentine Simms » à Oakwood. En dehors de son travail comme pionnier des jumelages d'Oakwood, Charles a aussi servi comme membre élu de notre Conseil Municipal de 1967 à 1972 et membre du Conseil de comté de 1973 à 1976.

Pour ma part, je ne trouve nulle autre époque plus importante que la nôtre pour soutenir et entretenir le réseau de jumelages dans le monde. Avec la mission de « promouvoir la paix à travers le respect, l'entente, et la coopération mutuels un

individu, une communauté à la fois », les associations de jumelage offrent les moyens de créer des connections personnelles et de bâtir des rapports globaux qui ne font qu'améliorer notre monde. Dans nos efforts constants de faire face aux challenges régionaux, nationaux, et mondiaux, nous sommes chanceux de pouvoir profiter de nos forts liens pour surmonter ensemble tout obstacle. Ensemble nous devons travailler pour préserver l'excellente qualité de vie dont nous bénéficions et pour laisser un monde meilleur à des générations futures.

Dan et moi, avec Kirsten Halling et toute la délégation d'Oakwood, vous remercions du fond du cœur de votre accueil chaleureux et de votre aimable hospitalité. Nous sommes profondément reconnaissants de votre amitié précieuse.

Maintenant, de la part de la Ville d'Oakwood, j'ai l'honneur de vous présenter ce cadeau qui symbolise notre profonde amitié et respect mutuel. Cette plaque commémorative est une réplique d'une borne historique en bronze qui se trouve aujourd'hui au centre de notre ville. Elle reconnaît le 150<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la publication de la première carte urbaine d'Oakwood, Ohio. Nous sommes très heureux de pouvoir fêter deux anniversaires significatifs cette année : le 150<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la première carte urbaine d'Oakwood et le 50<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de notre jumelage avec Le Vésinet. Nous vous remercions de votre amitié continue et votre engagement fidèle à notre jumelage. *Merci beaucoup.*

(Présenter le cadeau)

Avant de conclure, je profite de l'occasion pour vous inviter à Oakwood du 20 au 24 octobre pour la suite de notre célébration de nos 50 années du jumelage et de notre 47<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de jumelage avec Outremont, Canada. Nous serons très heureux de pouvoir vous recevoir de notre côté de l'Atlantique avec tous les honneurs et toute la gentillesse que vous nous avez montrés ici chez vous.



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**Inclusive Oakwood**  
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Celebrate PRIDE MONTH with a sign on your front lawn.

Signs are \$10 each with proceeds donated to inclusive organizations at Oakwood Schools.

Signs are sturdy double sided corrugated plastic with a lawn stake. It will last for many seasons.

Venmo @inclusiveoakwood

Order using the link below and it will be delivered to your home and placed in your front lawn (Oakwood residents only for delivery).

Organizer is a parent of Oakwood students.

Follow this link to order your sign(s)

<https://docs.google.com/.../1hT5K8xWOaQUUiHpPr26d.../edit...>



Erik Greathouse  
That's my house. 🇺🇸 🇺🇸 4

Like Reply 16h



Amy Minser  
No thx 🙄 ...

Like Reply 16h



Angie Griesinger Stroud  
I'd love one! Ordering it now. 🇺🇸

Like Reply 16h



Sarah Gwinnup  
I'll be ordering one! Thanks!! 🇺🇸 🇺🇸

Like Reply 16h



Abigail Shepherd Trittschuh  
On it! 🇺🇸

Like Reply 14h

## KETTERING

# Kettering moves to maintain its fireworks ban

By Nick Blizzard  
Staff Writer

KETTERING — Another city is moving to keep its fireworks ban before Ohio law changes next month to allow them in limited use.

Kettering is considering changes to reaffirm its ban, similar to actions taken by Beavercreek, Dayton, Fairborn, Germantown and Oakwood.

A measure set to go before Ket-

tering City Council on Tuesday night addresses Ohio House Bill 172, which Gov. Mike DeWine signed last year.

Dayton took action in 2021 to uphold its ban, followed this year by Beavercreek and Fairborn. Germantown and Oakwood approved legislation earlier this month.

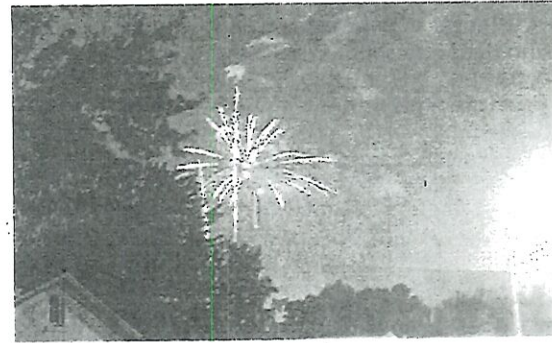
"I think we're keeping in step with what was going on in Columbus without rushing it," Kettering Mayor Peggy Lehner said.

"It wasn't a question of holding it back or waiting for anything to occur."

Lehner, a former state senator, said she has been against expanding fireworks use "for a number of years."

She said her position is based on Ohio General Assembly testimony of "numerous health organizations," including Prevent

Fireworks continued on B4



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 Department of Commerce. FILE

## Fireworks

continued from B1

Blindness. That organization "provided pretty convincing evidence when I was in the legislature" that non-professionals setting off fireworks leads to serious accidents among youth.

"I have not been the person pushing (the ban) in Kettering," Lehner said. "But certainly, I support it."

Kettering has banned the discharge and sale of fireworks in the city since 1956, except exhibitions "by responsible persons permitted by the city," records show.

It has traditionally hosted fireworks displays during Independence Day celebrations at Delco Park and plans to do so this year.

Kettering's proposal uses language similar to other communities, stating unsafe fireworks use "continues to pose a significant danger to the public and can cause serious injuries as well as significant property damage ... in densely populated residential and business areas."

Starting July 1, Ohio will allow the discharge of consumer-grade fireworks on private property except in communities choosing to opt out, according to the state.

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.

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

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6/14/22

## Despite change in state law, Oakwood reimposes ban on discharge of fireworks in city

Oakwood City Council last week voted to reimpose the city's more-than-100-year-old prohibition on fireworks following passage of a state law which goes into effect July 1 making it legal for Ohio residents to set off fireworks on certain holidays, unless restricted by local laws.

Ohio House Bill 172 makes it legal for most state residents to possess and discharge consumer grade fireworks on designated holidays - specifically New Year's Eve and Day, Chinese New Year, Cinco de Mayo, Memorial Day weekend, Juneteenth, July 3, 4, and 5 and the Fridays, Saturdays, and

Sundays preceding and following the July 4 holiday, Labor Day weekend and Diwali - unless prohibited by local laws.

Citing 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" in residential and business districts, Oakwood City Council on June 6 unanimously voted to reimpose a ban on discharging or possessing fireworks in the city. Under the new ordinance only a licensed exhibitor may discharge fireworks in Oakwood.

OR 6/15/22

# Oakwood police chief encourages training for those opting to carry concealed firearms under new law

Ohio's new concealed carry law went into effect this week, allowing anyone who can legally own a handgun to carry a concealed weapon without a permit. Previously, anyone legally carrying a concealed firearm in Ohio had to complete formalized training and apply for a concealed carry permit issued by a county sheriff's department. Ohio is also an "Open Carry" state, meaning residents may carry a non-concealed weapon openly if they are permitted by law to own that weapon.

Ohio Senate Bill 215, which took effect on June 13, removes the requirement for Ohio residents to obtain a concealed carry permit, commonly known as a CCW permit, if carrying a concealed handgun on their person or in a vehicle.

"Most of the previous law remains," Oakwood police chief Alan Hill said of the change in statute. "The rules of where you can and cannot carry [a firearm] remains unchanged. The difference is you are no longer required to participate in or undergo classroom or live fire training in order to carry a concealed weapon in Ohio. You are not required to have a permit

as long as you are a qualified adult. As long as you are 21 years of age or older and not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm by law, you can carry a firearm concealed and loaded without a permit."

Federal regulation prohibits the sale of handguns to anyone under 21 years of age, although rifles or so-called "long guns" may be purchased by individuals 18 years of age or older. No one under 21 years of age is allowed to carry a concealed weapon under the new state statute.

Under the previous concealed carry regulation a CCW permit holder was required to identify themselves as a permit holder if they were carrying a firearm during a legal encounter with a law enforcement officer. The new law removes that requirement, and instead requires that anyone carrying a concealed firearm must truthfully indicate whether they are armed, if asked by a law enforcement officer, Hill noted.

"I think it's important for people to know that under the new law if a law enforcement officer asks if you are carrying [a firearm], a citizen is required to truthfully answer whether

or not they are carrying a firearm on their person or in their vehicle. Failure to do so is a criminal charge, it's a second-degree misdemeanor."

Hill also urges anyone electing to carry a handgun under the new law to seek safety training, especially if they unfamiliar with firearms. "I would encourage anyone who is going to carry a firearm for personal safety and security to undergo formal training," he said. "Responsible gun ownership is paramount. Guns needs to stored and carried in a safe manner and all gun owners, particularly those who are unfamiliar with firearms, should educate themselves on the risk associated with firearms before carrying a firearm for personal protection."

Hill also noted that gun owners who carry concealed weapons under the new law need to be aware of prohibited areas - typically government buildings or school safety zones where it is illegal to possess a weapon. Private business or property owners may also ban concealed firearms from their premises with signage clearly visible to the public, and gun owners

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could incur legal liability if they carry a concealed weapon into a business or establishment marked as a no-carry zone. "If you are carrying [a firearm] in a restricted or prohibited area you can subsequently be charged," Hill noted. "A private business owner has the right to restrict your ability to

carry a concealed weapon. You could potentially face criminal charges for ignoring that."

CCW permits will continue to be issued in Ohio, though no longer required by law. Residents who complete classroom and live fire training may continue to apply for a permit through their local sheriff's

department or a sheriff's department in any county adjacent to their county of residence.

Hill said one advantage to holding a state-issued concealed carry permit is that it is recognized by other states which have established reciprocity with the Ohio Attorney General's office.

"The new law in Ohio allows you, as long as you are a qualified adult, to carry concealed in Ohio. It does not grant you reciprocity in reciprocal states. If you have a concealed carry permit in Ohio, you do have reciprocity within any state that recognizes an Ohio permit." Under current reciprocity agreements, an individual

with a valid concealed carry permit issued in Ohio may legally carry a concealed firearm in all but 11 other states - Oregon, California, Hawaii, Minnesota, New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Connecticut and Maryland, according to the Ohio Attorney General's office.

OR

6/15/22

# Kettering begins rare city manager search

Dayton's largest suburb has had two occupy that position over the past 32 years – hardly the norm.

By Nick Blizzard  
Staff Writer

KETTERING — Kettering is starting a process it has undertaken only twice since 1990 — hiring a city manager.

A few other Dayton-area cities have had similar stability in

their top administrative jobs, but such longevity is “very unusual,” a Wright State University public administration professor said.

“The tenure for city managers in general is not very long,” said Daniel Warshawsky, director of WSU’s master of public administration program.



Kettering City Manager Mark Schwieterman is leaving the job at year's end.

Kettering has contracted with a Georgia management consulting firm to recruit possible replacements for Mark Schwieterman, who is leaving as the city's top



Norbert Klopsch has served as Oakwood city manager for 22 years.

administrator when his contract expires at the end of the year.

Schwieterman replaced Steve Husemann in 2006 with both serving about 16 years as city man-

ager of Montgomery County's most populous suburb.

The Ohio City/County Management Association does not have records on the longest tenured city managers in one job, that organization's Sandra Miller said in an email.

However, Centerville, Miamisburg and Oakwood (three city managers each) are among the

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few area cities with similar top administrative stability the past 32 years, Dayton Daily News' research found.

That includes Oakwood's David Foell serving a three-decade tenure starting in 1963 and Norbert Klopsch's ongoing 22-year service as that city's manager.

In Centerville, Darryl Kenning ran day-to-day operations from 1974-92, then his replacement, Greg Horn, ran the city for a term spanning 24 years before he retired six years ago, records show.

Miamisburg City Manager Keith Johnson was hired in 2009, being promoted from city planning and development jobs he had held since 1994, according to DDN records.

But that type of longevity is increasingly uncommon, Warshawsky said.

City managers have told Warshawsky and his students that “it has been shifting toward shorter tenures ... so you don't really see that as often, folks who are going to stay for a long period,” he said.

For instance, Dayton has had no fewer than six city managers in the past 30 years. Shelley Dickstein has held that job since 2016 following an interim role, after serving as assistant city manager since 2009, records show.

Part of the reason for the shorter tenures is the limited number of senior administrative jobs in the public sector and a desire for professional growth, Warshawsky said.

“They often get a position, use that experience and then move elsewhere for another opportunity,” he added.

Another factor for the lack of long-term stability, Warshawsky said, is that city

managers in Ohio hold jobs in which “responsibilities are non-political,” but they are appointed by a group of local legislators who are elected.

“So, there is kind of the political component,” he said. “But, of course, you have to implement and speak to what the politically elected officials might want. So, there's always that tension between the political and the non-political. That's just the nature of the job.”

Sometimes, Warshawsky said, longevity in the job is based on the “nature of the governance” in the community.

“In some places, you're going to find that the council and the city manager get along very well, other places maybe not so much,” he said. “And that's also going to then reflect how long people stay.”

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# Oakwood Public Safety Department will offer Citizen Police Academy Sept. 7-Nov. 9

The Oakwood Public Safety Department is accepting applications for the 2022 Citizen Police Academy

(CPA), which will be held Sept. 7 through November 9. The CPA will consist of a 10-week curriculum educating participants about the functions of the Oakwood Public Safety Department. Classes will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. every Wednesday starting Sept. 7 at the City Building, located at 30 Park Ave. in Oakwood.

Representatives from the Oakwood Safety Department will instruct a different subject each week with the goal of creating greater understanding of modern policing and its challenges, and an introduction to fire prevention. Topics to be covered include a Safety Department orientation, patrol operations, traffic enforcement, use of force, evidence collection, and fire prevention and 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.

"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," Oakwood Public Safety Chief Alan Hill said.

Applications may be obtained at the Safety Department or on the city's website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov). The deadline to register is Aug. 5.

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



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## Sheriff's Office: Brock Turner residing in Oakwood

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office has posted notification to area residents that convicted sex offender Brock Allen Turner, 26, a former standout swimmer at Oakwood High School and one-time Olympic hopeful, has returned to Oakwood, taking up residence in the 900 block of Acorn Drive.

Turner went to Stanford University on a swimming scholarship after graduating from OHS in 2014. In January 2015, while a 19-year-old freshman at Stanford, he was accused of sexually assaulting 22-year-old Chanel Miller. Turner was convicted on three counts of sexual offenses on June 2, 2016, and sentenced to six months in jail, three years' probation and ordered to register as a Tier III sex offender for life.

Turner was released from jail in California in December 2017 after serving three months of his six-month sentence. Turner later appealed his conviction, but that appeal was denied in 2018.

Turner's case drew international attention and his sentencing, which many critics said was too lenient, sparked a recall vote against the judge in the case, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Aaron Persky, in 2018. The case also was cited as the California legislature moved to require longer prison terms for rape of unconscious victims and added digital penetration to the legal definition of rape.

In an 11-page statement to the court Turner maintained that the victim had given verbal consent to the encounter prior to losing consciousness.

The identity of the victim in the case, Chanel Miller, was originally shielded by the court - she remained anonymous throughout the proceedings and was referred to in court documents, simply as "Emily Doe" - but she released a memoir entitled "Know My Name" in September 2019, which won a National Book Critics Circle Award for autobiography, and the case resulted in a national conversation regarding sexual assault on college campuses.

Turner was subsequently barred from the Stanford campus and banned for life by U.S. Swimming, the sport's national governing body. After his release from jail in September 2016, Turner resided with his family in Sugarcreek Township and was placed on probation in Greene County.

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# Dallas-based management group takes over iconic Dayton-area restaurant

By **Natalie Jones**  
Staff Writer

OAKWOOD — A longtime Dayton-area restaurant has been sold after 60 years of being independently owned by the Stewart Family, according to a post on the restaurant's Facebook page.

The Oakwood Club, at 2414 Far Hills Avenue in Oakwood, was purchased by The One Esca Group, a restaurant management group based in Dallas,

Texas, on June 10.

"When I visited The Oakwood Club for the first time, I absolutely fell in love with the restaurant and the people. Now, as the new owner, I am so proud to be a small part of the continuation of this legacy that has spanned more than half a century in the Dayton community," Michael Kim, president of The One Esca Group, said.

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The One Esca Group also owns Corner Kitchen in the Oregon District and Spaghetti Warehouse downtown.

"While the ownership has changed, everything else will remain the same," John Minoughan, general manager of The Oakwood Club, told Dayton.com in a statement. "Our commitment to the values that have resonated with our customers continues. Providing an outstanding customer experience founded on high-quality service and culinary excel-

lence will go unchanged."

Minoughan and Executive Chef Nate Young will continue to lead their staff and culinary teams.

Kim said his goal is to support the local team in any way necessary as they maintain what has been established over many generations.

"We encourage their continued presence and engagement with the Dayton community and with their very loyal customers," Kim said.

Lance Stewart, the former owner of The Oakwood Club, is the son of the founders of the Oakwood Club.

Ray and Margie Stewart opened The Oakwood Club

in 1962.

"They took a small lunch-style restaurant and turned it into a fine dining steakhouse," Lance Stewart wrote in the post. "Over the last 30 years my co-workers and I have helped maintain the standards set before us and worked to elevate our restaurant to even greater heights."

Stewart said in the post that the restaurant has grown into an institution and is bigger than any one individual.

"I am truly confident that The Oakwood Club will continue to thrive under the new ownership," Stewart said. "I have been assured that everything that you have loved and enjoyed about The

Oakwood Club will remain the same."

Minoughan said the new ownership is "deeply committed" to honoring and respecting the legacy of The Oakwood Club.

Stewart thanked many people for the memories made at the restaurant.

"I want to thank our customers, co-workers and vendors for all the tears, joys and memories we have shared over the last 60 years," Stewart said. "It has been the experience of a lifetime."

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# Oakwood green lights tax renewal for ballot; Kettering vote expected

Oakwood voters can expect to see a school levy renewal on the ballot this fall while Kettering's board of education also plans to seek more tax money. FILE



By Nick Blizzard  
Staff Writer

Oakwood voters can expect to see a school levy renewal on the ballot this fall while Kettering's board of education also plans on voting to seek more tax money.

Oakwood's board Monday night unanimously approved asking to keep a 1.8-mill levy for permanent improvements.

If approved by voters, the five-year renewal would not

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increase taxes, officials said. It would cost a homeowner whose property is valued at \$100,000 about \$50 per year, Oakwood Treasurer Tiffany Hiser said.

The tax is expected to generate about \$534,000 in revenue in its first year, records show. That money helps fund "any capital asset," including vehicles, roofing, asphalt, pavement, HVAC, electrical systems and textbooks, Hiser said.

It does not go toward salaries or "ongoing operational expenses," she said.

Voters in the school district have approved the levy each time it has been on the ballot since the late 1970s, officials have said. That includes four elections since 2000, all of which saw at least 70% of the ballots cast in favor of the renewal.

One of three levy options had been expected to be recommended to Kettering's school board Tuesday night,

board President Toby Henderson said earlier.

However, Kettering Treasurer Cary Furniss said Tuesday morning only three of the five board members were able to attend.

A two-thirds vote of the full board is required, pushing back the recommendation until July 12, he said.

Furniss earlier outlined the following options after the district's five-year forecast showed projected operating deficits through June 2026:

- A 5.99-mill issue estimated to last three years.

- A 5.49-mill tax with the same lifespan.

- A 4.99-mill levy projected to last two to three years.

Furniss declined to indicate which option he would suggest. When a recommendation comes, Henderson told the Dayton Daily News, "I would anticipate the board would make a decision" to allow the Montgomery County Auditor's Office to certify the issue before a final board vote.

Projections have Kettering schools' \$104.8 million budget showing a \$3.16 million deficit next fiscal year with expenditures at \$117.45 million and revenues at \$106.3 million in the following fiscal year, records show.

Furniss has said passage of a fall levy this year will allow the district to maintain current programs and services.

The board is not considering any cuts, Henderson has said. But it did talk at length about "making sure we are being very judicious with taxpayer money" and "delivering the services that taxpayers have asked us to as leanly as possible," he added.

A recommendation at the next meeting will allow an early August vote to place a levy on the ballot, Furniss said.

Ohio election records show Aug. 10 is the filing deadline to have local issues on the November ballot.

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## Oakwood Board of Education to place 1.8-mill renewal levy before voters on Nov. 8 ballot

The Oakwood Board of Education on Monday approved placing a 1.8-mill, five-year permanent improvement renewal levy on the Nov. 8 ballot.

The current 1.8-mill permanent improvement levy was initially approved by Oakwood voters on May 2, 2017, with revenue from the tax levy funding repairing, maintaining, equipping and rebuilding structures, equipment and grounds in the school district. The levy costs city property

owners 18 cents for each \$100 dollars of property valuation.

If approved by voters, the levy is expected to generate approximately \$534,159 for the school district annually based on assessed city property values of more than \$372 million. The school board must certify the resolution to place the renewal levy on the November ballot to the Montgomery County Auditor's office no later than Aug. 10.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS  
FROM: ETHAN KROGER  
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF JULY 6 MEETING  
DATE: JUNE 17, 2022

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The Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting is at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 3, 2022.

EK:ls

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBERS  
FROM: ETHAN KROGER  
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF JULY 14 MEETING  
DATE: JUNE 17, 2022

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The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2022 has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting is at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2022.

EK:ls

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

# EPA: PFAS pose risk even at very low levels

By Matthew Daly  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The Environmental Protection Agency is warning that two nonstick and stain-resistant compounds found in drinking water are more dangerous than previously thought — and pose health risks even at levels so low they cannot currently be detected.

The two compounds, known as PFOA and PFOS, have been voluntarily phased out by U.S. manufacturers, but there are a limited number of ongoing uses and the

chemicals remain in the environment because they do not degrade over time. The compounds are part of a larger cluster of “forever chemicals” known as PFAS that have been used in consumer products and industry since the 1940s.

The EPA on Wednesday issued nonbinding health advisories that set health risk thresholds for PFOA and PFOS to near zero, replacing 2016 guidelines that had set them at 70 parts per trillion. The chemicals are found in products including cardboard packaging, carpets

and firefighting foam

At the same time, the agency is inviting states and territories to apply for \$1 billion under the new bipartisan infrastructure law to address PFAS and other contaminants in drinking water. Money can be used for technical assistance, water quality testing, contractor training and installation of centralized treatment, officials said.

Several states have set their own drinking water limits to address PFAS contamination that are far tougher than the federal guidance. The toxic industrial compounds

are associated with serious health conditions, including cancer and reduced birth weight.

“People on the front-lines of PFAS contamination have suffered for far too long,” EPA Administrator Michael Regan said in a statement. “That’s why EPA is taking aggressive action as part of a whole-of-government approach to prevent these chemicals from entering the environment and to help protect concerned families from this pervasive challenge.”

PFAS is short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances,

which are used in nonstick frying pans, water-repellent sports gear, stain-resistant rugs, cosmetics and countless other consumer products. The chemical bonds are so strong that they don’t degrade or do so only slowly in the environment and remain in a person’s bloodstream indefinitely.

The revised health guidelines are based on new science and consider lifetime exposure to the chemicals, the EPA said. Officials are no longer confident that PFAS levels allowed under the 2016 guidelines “do not have

adverse health impacts,” an EPA spokesman said.

While the new guidelines set acceptable risk below levels that can currently be measured, as a practical matter EPA recommends that utilities take action against the chemicals when they reach levels that can be measured — currently about four parts per trillion, a senior administration official told reporters Tuesday night.

The EPA said it expects to propose national drinking water regulations for PFOA and PFOS later this year, with a final rule expected in 2023.

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## Klopsch, Norbert S.

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**From:** Dursch, Gary  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:57 AM  
**To:** Schnieber, Tim  
**Cc:** Klopsch, Norbert S.; Spitler, Doug  
**Subject:** RE: PWS Sampling - OAKWOOD CITY (SPRINGHOUSE PLANT and WATER SOFTENING PLANT)

Good Morning Tim,

We should be good to go for 9:30 September 2. If you have any questions please call me on my cell listed below.

Thanks,

Gary

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**From:** Schnieber, Tim [<mailto:Tim.Schnieber@tetrattech.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:49 AM  
**To:** Dursch, Gary  
**Cc:** Klopsch, Norbert S.  
**Subject:** PWS Sampling - OAKWOOD CITY (SPRINGHOUSE PLANT and WATER SOFTENING PLANT)

Hi Gary,

Tetra Tech is a contractor of Ohio EPA and we'll be sampling the OAKWOOD CITY (SPRINGHOUSE PLANT and WATER SOFTENING PLANT) PWS sites for perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). We would like to complete the sampling Wednesday Sept. 2 at 9:30am and wanted to confirm your availability for access. We'll be collecting two samples (a raw sample and an entry point sample), so we anticipate being onsite for about 30-45 minutes per site.

Sampling will be conducted with a single Tetra Tech sampler and they'll be taking appropriate COVID-19 safety precautions including social distancing, face mask coverings, and monitoring health symptoms daily including temperature checks.

Please reach out at your earliest convenience to confirm this day/time. I'll also try giving you a call later today or tomorrow if I don't hear back.

Thank you!

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## Klopsch, Norbert S.

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**From:** Marissa.Ganzfried@epa.ohio.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, November 6, 2020 12:34 PM  
**To:** Marissa.Ganzfried@epa.ohio.gov  
**Subject:** PFAS Sample Results

Hello,

Ohio's Statewide PFAS Action Plan for Drinking Water calls for Ohio EPA to gather data from public water systems statewide to determine if PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) are present in drinking water. Under this plan, your water system was sampled for 6 individual PFAS contaminants: PFOA, PFOS, GenX, PFBS, PFHxS, and PFNA. **PFAS were not detected in samples collected from your public water system.** All results were below the reporting limit. To view and download your systems data, please go to [the State of Ohio PFAS Action Plan Interactive Dashboard and Map](#). You may view your system under the *Test Results* tab or you may download results using the [Click to Download Data](#) link in the upper right hand corner and then clicking on the "data tab". Results will be posted within five business days.

All water systems are encouraged to revise and implement a source water protection plan as a critical part of their Asset Management Program to ensure your vital water source remains protected from future emerging contaminants and other threats. All water systems are encouraged to communicate results to their customers as soon as possible. Community public water systems are reminded to include their results in their 2020 CCR. Ohio EPA has developed a PWS Toolkit for PFAS and resources are available on [pfas.ohio.gov](http://pfas.ohio.gov). For more information, please visit [pfas.ohio.gov](http://pfas.ohio.gov).

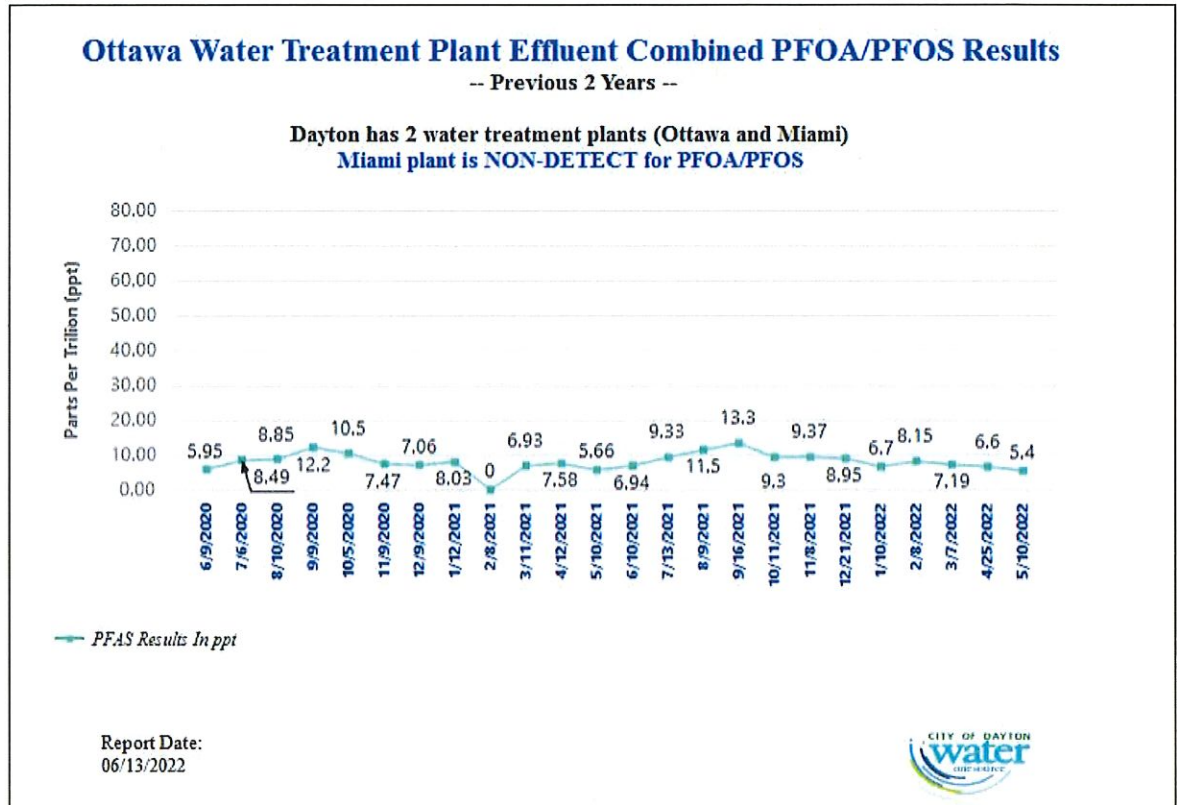
### Marissa Ganzfried

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# INFO ABOUT PFAS AND DRINKING WATER



## WHAT ARE PFAS?

PFAS – or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances – are a group of manmade chemicals including PFOA and PFOS found in a wide range of everyday products. These products are used by consumers and industry. For example, PFAS have been used in coatings for textiles, paper products and cookware, so most people have been exposed to these chemicals at very low levels. They have also been used to make some firefighting foams, in the aerospace and aviation industries and at military bases across the nation. For detailed information about PFAS, go to the U.S. EPA’s website on PFAS, <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>. Information is also at the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. Its website is <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/index.html>.

## ARE PFAS HARMFUL TO ME? CAN I GET CANCER?

The health effects of PFAS exposure at low levels in people are uncertain. The early stages of animal studies suggest that exposure to high doses of PFAS may lead to adverse health effects in people. Even so, the substances have been used for years in many common products, such as fast-food wrappers, stain-resistant carpets and rugs, non-stick cookware, water-resistant clothing, cosmetics, and dozens of other items. So, most people have probably already been exposed to it. For detailed information about PFAS, go to the U.S. EPA's website on PFAS, <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>. Information is also at the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. Its website is <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/index.html>.

## IS MY WATER SAFE?

The water we deliver to our customers meets all regulatory requirements. The EPA does not recommend using bottled water instead of tap water based on the new health advisory levels.

- In fact, PFAS have been found in bottled water. A recent study, published in the journal *Water Research* and led by Johns Hopkins University, found PFAS in 39 out of about 100 water bottles tested.
- If you have questions about your water and its potential effect on your health, we strongly encourage following the [U.S. EPA's guidance, Questions and Answers: Drinking Water Health Advisories for PFOA, PFOS, GenX Chemicals and PFBS | US EPA](#), which includes contacting your health care provider.

Dayton uses monitoring wells to provide early warning of possible risks. These wells ensure the quality of our water. They do not send water to our customers. This monitoring well network allows scientists and water professionals to act before contaminants reach drinking water.

Testing of monitoring wells detected PFAS at low levels in some of the wells. Dayton took quick action. Dayton shut down 8 nearby production wells. Production wells send the water to the treatment plants. This was a precautionary action and did not affect our water customers. The aquifer has over 1.5 trillion gallons of water. Dayton customers only use about 60-65 million gallons of water each day.

We are proud of our extensive monitoring well network consisting of over 500 wells. We are proud of the safety steps we take. We are proud of our high-quality water.

The chart at the top of this page provides the levels of PFOA/PFOS compounds in the effluent at our Ottawa Water Treatment Plant. The levels of PFOA/PFOS compounds at our Miami Water Treatment Plant are non-detect.

## HOW DID PFAS GET IN THE GROUNDWATER?

PFAS gets into the groundwater through the runoff of substances with PFAS in them. PFAS in the groundwater has been identified at multiple sites. The migration of the PFAS in the groundwater toward the City's wellfields is carefully monitored.

## HOW IS DAYTON ENSURING THAT MY WATER CONTINUES TO BE SAFE?

The City operates a robust early warning monitoring system discussed above. In fact, the system detected the new PFAS contaminant. We acted, including shutting down production wells closest to possible PFAS sources.

Our source water protection program is nationally recognized. In 2019, the program received its 25<sup>th</sup> award as a Groundwater Guardian Community. The award, from The Groundwater Foundation, is for programs that protect groundwater. For information about The Groundwater Foundation, go to: <https://www.groundwater.org/>

Dayton proactively and aggressively tests for contaminants. Dayton acts on the information. Dayton communicates with its customers.

## WHAT IS THE CITY DOING ABOUT PFAS?

The City has been taking action for years. The City samples its water more than required. We test extensively to make sure that our water meets or exceeds all drinking water standards.

We have more than 500 groundwater monitoring wells placed around the City's production wells and wellfields. These monitoring wells are used to identify groundwater contaminants. They do not produce water used by customers. Production wells produce water used by customers. The system is designed so that monitoring wells can detect contaminants in groundwater before it even reaches the production wells.

Our water distribution system is tested daily from many locations within the city. Also, water treatment plant employees perform process control testing every two hours around the clock.

We share the results of our testing with the Ohio EPA monthly. We voluntarily and continually work with the Ohio EPA to address PFAS. We work to stop PFAS-tainted groundwater from reaching monitoring and production wells.

For the protection of all, we have proactively shut down production wells close to potential PFAS sources. In addition, we work to use the smartest approaches to pumping in our well fields to ensure our customers receive the highest quality water. In conjunction with the U.S. and Ohio EPA, we've studied, we've evaluated, and we're in the final stages of deciding on the most cost-effective and safest steps to getting to our goal of no PFAS in our drinking water.

## HOW DOES TESTING FOR PFAS WORK AND HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

U.S. EPA has developed testing protocols. We have worked closely with Ohio EPA. We are following those procedures. This is necessary so that samples are collected without introducing outside contaminants, such as sunscreen, cleaning products, bug spray, food packaging, etc. Samples may be sent to a certified laboratory for analysis. Results from outside laboratories are generally available in 6-8 weeks.

The City purchased special equipment to perform PFAS testing in its Water Quality Lab and has been certified to run the PFAS tests. This equipment gives us the ability to obtain results in a day.

PFAS test results are shared with the EPA and key stakeholders.

## WHO WILL PAY TO FIX THIS PFAS PROBLEM SINCE THE WATER SYSTEM IS FUNDED BY RATEPAYERS?

Dayton is looking to be repaid for fixing the PFAS issue by those who caused the problem. We have already begun that process by filing federal lawsuits against several organizations. These organizations made, used and/or sold products that leached PFAS into the aquifer.

Dayton looks forward to pursuing newly available state and federal funding to address PFAS.

## HOW IS INFORMATION SHARED WITH OTHERS?

One way is through open communication on this website.

We have and will continue working with our stakeholders. Our stakeholders include wholesale and retail customers. Wholesale customers include Brookville, Clayton, Greene County, Montgomery County, Oakwood, Trotwood, and Vandalia. The Ohio EPA is also a stakeholder.

The City regularly meets with the Ohio EPA and key stakeholders. These meetings work on sampling, testing, and monitoring. The meetings also work on how to contain PFAS migration.

**Click this link:** [Water Emergency Preparedness](#) for information about Water Emergency Preparedness.

# OIC volunteers assist Dayton RETREET planting as neighborhoods recover from 2019 tornadoes

By Healy Jackson  
Oakwood Inclusion Coalition

Dan Turben serves on the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition leadership team. A resident of Oakwood for the last 35 years, Dan has served the community through his work with Oakwood Rotary, the Oakwood Historical Society, and House of Bread. Dan

and several other Oakwood residents recently participated in a RETREET tree planting event for community restoration in the wake of the 2019 tornadoes. Here is how Turben responded to several questions:

*How did you hear about the RETREET event, and why did you decide to sign up?*

I heard about the event from another member of the OIC leadership team. There are sixteen of us on the leadership team now, and between us, we have a lot of connections with other community groups. We knew this would be a good opportunity for people from Oakwood to connect with other area residents interested in making the Dayton region a desirable



place to live. The Oakwood Inclusion Coalition aims to benefit the Oakwood community, certainly, but part of promoting an inclusive and welcoming

Oakwood is connecting with groups in other neighborhoods. We want to help more people outside Oakwood see that Oakwood residents are involved in good work throughout the region and that we're interested in connecting with others who share our commitment to building a better community for all. We want to support each other's work and share ideas to demonstrate our concern for the whole region. So my team and I went to Trotwood and

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North Dayton to learn how to plant trees along with people from all over the county.

*What does planting trees have to do with community building and inclusion?*

I often hear people say that they choose to live in Oakwood because it's such a beautiful city, and I think a good deal of its beauty comes from the many large trees that we have here. Mature trees make a neighborhood look well established and well cared for, which helps the housing stock keep its value. Trees have social benefits too: a friend in the geography department at Sinclair told me that denser tree coverage is linked to closer social ties within a neighborhood, greater life satisfaction among residents, and lower crime rates. The

shade that trees cast also keeps homes cooler in the summer and minimizes air conditioning use.

Here in Oakwood, we are now enjoying trees that were planted decades ago by the people who lived here before us. We were fortunate enough to be outside the tornado area this time, but some of our neighbors to the northwest lost their trees. Replanting large shade trees is a way to help those neighborhoods preserve their desirable appearance, which will help them keep their property values up over time.

*What have you learned from this experience?*

Now that I know how important trees are to a neighborhood, I've been noticing how different the landscape looks in other parts of the Dayton area. There are plenty of neighborhoods around here that weren't hit

by tornadoes that still don't have as many trees as Oakwood has. Driving around in the summertime, you can see that the wealthier areas look shady and cool, but when you leave those neighborhoods, the trees get sparser and smaller.

And this is not just in Dayton but in cities all over the country. Most large trees within city limits are in communities where wealthier residents or a wealthier city can afford to put the trees in and keep them properly trimmed as they grow. So I hope we can keep working to plant and maintain large native trees in the Dayton area to help our neighbors enjoy the same kind of beauty, housing value, and cooling shade that we have here in Oakwood. RETREET will be hosting another planting event in this area in late October; go to [www.retreet.org](http://www.retreet.org) for details.

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