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CITY NEWS | Ice Cream Social

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held this year at Shafor Park from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 14. Tickets for this event include a chicken dinner, drink and ice cream. Advance tickets are available for purchase at the OCC. Oakwood Clubs and Organizations may set up a table in the “Avenue of Organizations” by contacting Karen Earley at the OCC. Call (937) 298-0775 for additional information.



SCHOOL NEWS | OSF Welcomes New Trustees

The Oakwood Schools Foundation is welcoming two new members to its Board of Trustees. Ashley M. Hackett and Josh Heid are the newest members to the Board, filling the seats of outgoing Trustees Laura Lee John and Lindsey Deck, who served as Trustees since 2016.

“Josh and Ashley were both highly recommended for their professional experiences and their commitment to Oakwood Schools,” OSF Administrative Director Bre Andrews said. “We could not have asked for two better individuals to fill the hole left by Laura Lee and Lindsey.”



LIBRARY NEWS | Wright Library Foundation to Kick Off 2022 Annual Campaign, Cycling Fundraiser

Through the generosity of its donors, the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation continues to enhance Wright Library’s impact in the community with private philanthropy.

The Foundation’s 2022 Annual Campaign—its largest fundraising effort—begins in late summer. Community members can support the campaign with any level of gift via mail or online giving at www.wrightlibrary.org/foundation.

Recently, Foundation grants have supported the library’s Holds Pickup Locker, local music series, native plant gardens and summer reading program.

Along with the Annual Campaign, the Foundation is also participating in the Tour de Gem Cycling fundraiser for the third year. All proceeds raised by the library’s team during this community-wide bike event in October support Wright Library. Learn more about how to join or support Tour de Gem on the back page of Oakwood Scene.

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Smith Gardens Blanket Concert Series

Murphy/Kelch

Sunday, August 21, 2022—7:00 P.M.

The third and final concert this year features Murphy/Kelch and takes place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 21 at Smith Gardens. 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! In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Oakwood Community Center Great Room at 105 Patterson Road.

Upcoming Events/Classes

Orchardly Park Craft Day

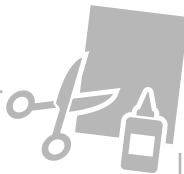
Wednesday, August 10, 2022—1:00–3:00 P.M.

The last Orchardly Park Craft Day will be held on Wednesday, August 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Orchardly Park. Projects are most appropriate for ages 3 to 6, but all ages are welcome. A parent or guardian must be in the park with the participating child during this event. Registration is not required.

Preschool Story Hour at Smith Gardens

Friday, August 26, 2022—10:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M.

The Department of Leisure Services, in conjunction with Wright Memorial Public Library, will have the last Pre-School Story Hour of the season at Smith Gardens on Friday, August 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Spend a magical morning in the gardens with Wright Library Youth Services Staff as they read enchanting stories with your preschoolers. In case of rain, story hour will meet in the garden house.



2022 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project

The 2022 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project is taking place in the area west of Far Hills Avenue from Harman Avenue to the north corporation line at Old River Trail. The purpose of the project is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in a good, safe condition. Construction is expected to begin in September. Property owners with responsibility for sidewalk repairs have received notice from the City. Please call Public Works Foreman David Shuey at (937) 298-0777 if you have any questions about the project.

August/September Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 1 and Monday, September 19. Both meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:30 p.m. The regular sessions are televised live on the City website at www.oakwoodohio.gov, and on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Tuner Ch. 5.203 and AT&T U-verse Ch. 99). The meetings are also accessible via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Links to the meeting will be posted on the City website at 4 p.m. on the meeting date. Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterward. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net for broadcast times. Meeting videos can also be viewed on the City website.

Roadway Resurfacing

The following asphalt streets, alleys and parking lot were repaved over the last few weeks. Prior to the repaving, sections of concrete curb were replaced, water valve repairs were made and trees were trimmed over the work areas.

- W. Schantz Avenue
- Dell Park Avenue
- Beverly Place
- Katharine Terrace
- Park Road
- Little Woods Road
- North/South & East/West Alley between Monterey Avenue & Hadley Avenue
- North/South & East/West Alley between Triangle Avenue & Peach Orchard Avenue
- North/South & East/West Alley between Peach Orchard Avenue & Monterey Avenue
- North/South Alley between Hadley Avenue & Corona Avenue
- North/South Alley between Corona Avenue & Wiltshire Boulevard
- North/South Alley between Wiltshire Boulevard & Telford Avenue
- Creager Field Dog Park Parking Lot



2022 CenterPoint Gas Line Improvements

CenterPoint (formerly Vectren) continues replacing underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in Oakwood neighborhoods. Maps on the city website identify work programmed for 2022. In all work areas, CenterPoint is installing new polyethylene pipes in place of old steel and cast-iron pipes and is moving indoor gas meters to outside wall locations. This is the continuation of a multi-year CenterPoint infrastructure replacement project in Oakwood scheduled to be completed in 2023. Oakwood residents personally affected by the work will receive detailed information from CenterPoint. Contact Public Works Inspector/Foreman Tom Long at (937) 298-0777 with questions about the work, or reference the CenterPoint pipeline projects map at: <https://midwest.centerpointenergy.com/gas-system/map>



Orange Notices on Trash Cans and/or Recycling Containers

Where necessary, the Public Works Department will place orange tags to communicate why your trash and/or recycling containers could not be collected. With our unique back-door collection service, we strive to provide you the service you expect, while keeping our workers safe. The orange tags will list the reason for non-collection such as: vehicle in driveway; locked gate; refuse not out; oversize can; can exceeds 60 pounds; or more than three refuse cans. Once the marked reason is addressed, contact the Public Works Department at (937) 298-0777 so we can come back for collection. The City website provides detailed information on our refuse and recycling guidelines, and our Refuse Handbook is available on the website as well. Please contact the Public Works Center if you have any questions.

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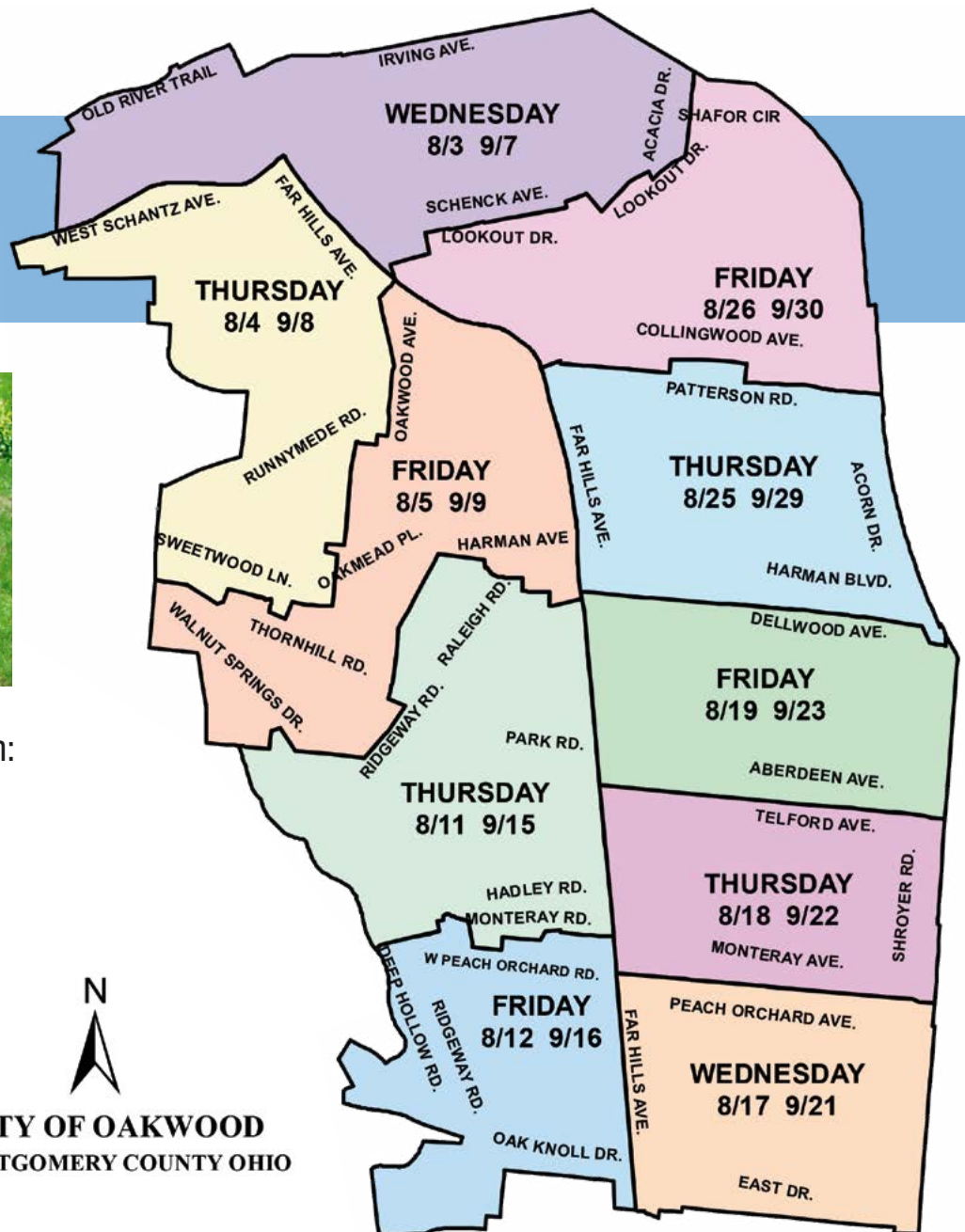


YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2022



Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on:
8/11 & 9/15

Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on:
8/25 & 9/29



CITY OF OAKWOOD
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Oakwood Beautification Awards

The Oakwood Beautification Award Program recognizes property owners who have enhanced the beauty of our community by undertaking exterior improvements to their home, rental property or business. Awards are given during the months of May, June, July and August. Monthly award winners are selected by members of the Property Maintenance Board and will have a sign placed in their yard to recognize their beautification efforts.

May 2022 Winners

Matthew & Emily Cook,
525 Ridgewood Avenue

508 Irving LLC, 508 Irving Avenue

James & Patricia Parrish,
297 Hathaway Road

Steven & Kim Gilbert, 508 Acorn Drive

Jennifer & Andrew Alternberg,
148 Telford Avenue

Mark & Denise Kemper, 315 Wiltshire Boulevard

Kristi Hale, Director, Wright Memorial Public Library

Dan & Kimberly Lemaster, 416 Monterey Avenue

Justin & Erika Sheese, 343 E. Peach Orchard Avenue

Todd Barnhart, 345 Claranna Avenue

Dr. Gary & Pam Ensor, 2606-2610 Shafor Boulevard

Laurie Franz, 17 Lonsdale Avenue

Kyle & Alaina Siefring, 126 Greenmount Boulevard

Matthew & Kacy Ferrara, 1900 Southwood Lane

Pam & Pat Carroll, 351 Fairforest Circle

Dr. Jacob Gibson & Dr. Whitney Sharp, 1101 Ridgeway Road

Matthew Jessup & Mark McEvily, Jessup Wealth Management,
35 Park Avenue



June 2022 Winners

Michael & Jelena Staub, 447 Kramer Road

Dr. Sam & Dr. Gwyn King, 205 Haver Road

Mitchell Detrick, 330 Patterson Road

Ann Carbonell & Robert Gajda, 675 Garden Road

Dr. Erich & Cynthia Mende, 254 Lonsdale Avenue

Dan Turben, 204 Forrer Boulevard

Keith Morris, 225 Monterey Avenue

Tessa & Andrew Stiene, 452 Orchard Drive

Scott & Jennifer Kujawa, 215 East Drive

Kirk & Ann Febus, 235 Spirea Drive

Michael & Angela Armitage, 112 Dellwood Avenue

Dr. Stephen & Lisa Schreck, 2425 Ridgeway Road

Jean Eckert, 1629 Far Hills Avenue

David & Katie Lunne, 718 Oakwood Avenue

Paul Moore, 933-1001 Far Hills Avenue

Lawn Treatment on City-Owned Public Lawn Areas

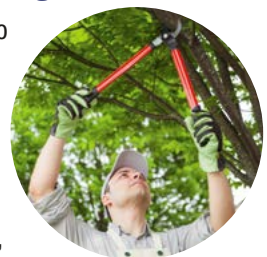
Well-kept lawns and green spaces within the city are an important part of the health of these areas and maintaining Oakwood's ambiance. The City has used Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices for a number of years on the city-owned public lawn areas which include parks, boulevards, athletic fields, and around public buildings. IPM is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long-term prevention of pests or their damage through a combination of techniques such as biological control, habitat manipulation, modification of cultural practices, and use of resistant varieties. Pesticides are used only after monitoring indicates they are needed according to established guidelines, and treatments are made with the goal of removing only the target organism. Pest control materials are selected and applied in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, beneficial and nontarget organisms, and the environment. Our practices include adherence to proper mowing heights and the use of sharp blades on mowers which helps reduce the amount of chemicals used in all of the public areas. The City requires that all lawn care contractors, whether treating for pests or weeds, are properly licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and follow all applicable laws and rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.



In our parks, lawn care treatments require the posting of temporary signage in conspicuous locations at least two days prior to treatment. The day of treatment, the City Horticulturist and/or Recreation Supervisor meet the contractor on-site prior to the application of any treatment. They ensure that children are not present in the area to be treated and that the area is otherwise clear for the application, before allowing the contractor to proceed with lawn treatment. Immediately following treatment, the City verifies that all signs are properly placed, and are then promptly removed 24 hours thereafter. Only areas with weeds and pests are spot sprayed, not the entire green space as this is a part of the IPM practice to limit chemical use yet still keep the community greenspace as healthy as possible. Questions about our maintenance of lawns and green spaces should be directed to City Horticulturist Brian Caldwell at (937) 298-0775.

Brush and Branch Trimming

Please take a few minutes this summer to inspect the trees and shrubs on your property frontage. City ordinances require a clear height of 8 feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet above the street. Also, vegetation should be cut so that it does not restrict your view as you pull out of your driveway. If you live on a corner lot, be sure that motorists have a clear line of sight from each side of the intersection. Citizens residing near stop signs and other street signs must ensure that vegetation does not obstruct the signs.





Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project

The city of Oakwood and Oakwood Beautification Committee will again offer trees for purchase through the Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and the tree species will be available in late September at the OCC and on the City website. Oakwood property owners may choose from four or five varieties of trees. The trees selected will be approximately 2 inches in diameter and will be discounted at 50%. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at the discounted price but must be planted in the city right-of-way (property frontage). Trees will be planted in the latter part of November or early December. They will be planted by a local nursery, wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season. Call Brian Caldwell at the OCC (937) 298-0775 for more information.



Oakwood Farmers' Market

The Oakwood Farmers' Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday through October 15. The market organizers invite the community to join in celebrating another great farmers' market season. The Oakwood Farmers' Market is located at 22 Orchard Drive. For more information, visit www.oakwoodfarmersmarket.org.

Fall Family Photo Sessions at The Oakwood Historical Society

The Oakwood Historical Society will again be offering family photo sessions at the historic Long-Romspert House Museum on Sundays, October 2 and 9, and Saturday, October 8.

For over ten years the Society has offered fall family and individual photo sessions at a very reasonable cost. Many families make this an annual tradition. Each family will be offered a 20 minutes session and will receive photos on a flash drive.

Visit the Society's website at oakwoodhistory.org to schedule your family's photo session.



Recycling and Yard Debris Drop-off Facility

Late last year, the city opened the new Recycling and Yard Debris Drop-off Facility at the entrance to the J.D. Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard. The facility accommodates the 24/7 drop-off of green waste, cardboard, and co-mingled recyclables such as glass, plastics and metal cans. The facility supplements Oakwood's weekly recycling collection program, and the city's monthly yard debris collection program.



The new facility is very heavily used by Oakwood residents, demonstrating our commitment to best practices in recycling and green waste disposal. While most users engage in the proper use of the facility, the city periodically encounters improper and/or illegal dumping. Security cameras were recently installed at the facility to monitor its use. The city will use these cameras to ensure compliance with dumping rules and will take action when necessary to address improper use.

CodeRED® Now Offers Weather Alerts

The Miami Valley Communications Council recently upgraded its CodeRED system to include CodeRED Weather Warning for its participating cities—including Oakwood—in order to provide residents and businesses with automated severe weather alerts.

Oakwood residents have the opportunity to opt-in to receive automated severe weather alerts via a cell phone. The opt-in service will automatically notify enrollees of tornado, flash flood and severe thunderstorm warnings just moments after an alert has been issued by The National Weather Service (NWS)—allowing residents to take immediate action.



CodeRED already reaches the majority of residents who have a landline phone. However, the City encourages residents and businesses to register their phone number if:

- You have moved or changed your phone number in the last 6 months
- You have an unlisted phone number
- You use your cell phone as your primary phone number
- You use TDD/TTY equipment
- You are a business.

Visit the City's website at www.oakwoodohio.gov to register your number for CodeRED. Contact Lori Stacel at (937) 298-0600 or stacel@oakwoodohio.gov with any questions.

Your information will remain completely private and will only be made available to notify you of critical situations.

Back to School Safety Tips

As summer comes to an end and students prepare for a new school year, the Oakwood Public Safety Department offers the following back-to-school safety tips.



TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Drivers need to be aware that school is back in session and students will be walking and riding their bicycles to and from school.

- Watch for children running into the street in and around intersections and always come to a complete stop at stop signs.
- Watch for children entering the street from behind parked vehicles.
- When driving your child to school, deliver and pick them up in a designated area.
- Watch your speed when entering school zones. Traffic safety is one of the cornerstones of law enforcement services provided by the Oakwood Public Safety Department and school zone speed limits are strictly enforced.

TIPS FOR WALKERS

As a walking community, Oakwood pedestrian traffic drastically increases when a new school year starts. Parents and students should be cautious of their surroundings as they commute to and from school.

- Pay attention to all traffic signals.
- If crossing Far Hills Avenue, cross at one of the four designated locations where a crossing guard is located (Far Hills Avenue & Aberdeen Avenue, Far Hills Avenue & Park Avenue, Far Hills Avenue & Patterson Road, and Five Points intersection).
- Plan a safe walking route to school. Choose the most direct route with the fewest street crossings.
- Look both ways when crossing a street, even if you have a green light.

BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Bicycles are a popular way for students in Oakwood to commute to and from school.

- Don't take shortcuts; follow the same path of travel as if you were walking to and from school.
- Always wear a bike helmet that is properly sized.
- Ensure the bike is properly maintained.
- Avoid wearing headphones. Music and podcasts can be distracting and cause a person to ignore potential hazards.

PERSONAL SAFETY FOR KIDS

- Encourage your children to be alert and aware of their surroundings.
- Teach your children to report suspicious persons to you, teachers, police officers or other responsible adults.
- If encountered by a suspicious vehicle or person, children should take notice of the color and model of vehicle, license plate number, detailed description of the subject including clothing, and any other distinguishing marks.

In an effort to keep everyone safe, the Oakwood Public Safety Department encourages parents to discuss these safety tips with your children. Do not assume your child knows what to do.



Labor Day Refuse Collections

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 5 in recognition of Labor Day. Refuse collection will be one day later than usual that week. Monday's route will be collected Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be collected Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be collected Thursday; and Thursday's route will be collected Friday.



Special Pickups

To arrange for a special pickup (furniture, appliances, etc.), complete the online special pickup form on the city website at www.oakwoodohio.gov or call the Public Works Department at (937) 298-0777. Items for special pickup must be placed on a driveway or other paved surface (not in the street), and must be accessible by city equipment. **Special pickups are not available during the fall leaf collection season from mid-October through the end of the year, so please plan your projects accordingly.**



Veteran Memorials in Oakwood

The city of Oakwood has two memorials to recognize and honor the service of our nation's Veterans.

"Veterans Corner" is located under the flags in the northeast corner of Lane Stadium. Under the leadership of Councilmember Rob Stephens, the memorial was established by the Oakwood Rotary Club and dedicated on October 21, 2017.

"Veterans Memorial" is located in the middle of Orchardly Park. The memorial was created by Girl Scout Troop 30149 and was dedicated on November 10, 2018.



Free Community Document Shred Event

It's time to get rid of those papers you've been saving! Bring the items to the J. D. Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafer Blvd. on Saturday, September 24 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Shred-It will be onsite providing document destruction services. In addition to paper products, they have the capability to destroy microfilm, microfiche, and other material of a secure or confidential nature. All material will be destroyed beyond recognition on-site and, if recyclable, will be baled and shipped to paper mills to be manufactured into new paper products. Any non-recyclable material processed will be disposed of in a secure location. If you have confidential papers or other material of a private nature being stored at your home and would like to have it destroyed, please take advantage of this opportunity. There will be individuals on-hand to assist you with unloading your documents. This event is free of charge. Please be prepared to present identification confirming residency.



FLOURISH Campaign Update

Dear friends and neighbors,

Community interest and student participation in the arts have been the driving force behind the FLOURISH Campaign to enhance arts at Oakwood Schools from the beginning. The Oakwood Schools Foundation FLOURISH Campaign was created by and for our community, and is coming to life thanks to generous alumni and community members like you.

FLOURISH is the largest private fundraising project in both the Oakwood Schools Foundation's history, and that of the community. We look forward to the benefits this major \$8.8M effort will create, including much-needed new and enhanced spaces for band, choir, orchestra, visual arts and the performing arts at Oakwood Junior High and High School. The project will enhance every student's experience as they rise through grades K-12 in Oakwood Schools.

The silent phase of the fundraising campaign began in 2020 and overcame both potential and expressed challenges brought by the pandemic. Please visit www.oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org to see our recent donor spotlight and learn more about why OHS Class of 1967 graduates Rick and Jane Flory Schwartz, high school sweethearts, chose to make a major gift to launch the Campaign which led the way for FLOURISH to be where it is today!

Excitedly, we are happy to report that in the past two years, we have raised \$5.8 million thanks to our supportive community. This accomplishment provides a direct example of the strength of our community that is built upon a strong, multi-generational foundation of support for our children and high-quality education opportunities.

Oakwood is a unique and close community, which is reflected in the very special contributions and efforts in support of the Campaign.

A wonderful example of supportive friends of this Campaign are Doug



Lane, Class of 1963, and Gay Lane. The Lanes are a generous Oakwood alumni couple and the namesakes of the amazing Lane Stadium who do not currently reside in the community but keep Oakwood close to their hearts. Doug and Gay have generously offered to match gifts to the FLOURISH Campaign up to \$500,000, this includes multi-year pledge commitments. Of the total match, at the time of this letter, \$250,000 matching dollars remain. Match dollars apply to the full FLOURISH Campaign to help advance the project to its goal of groundbreaking yet this year. Each and every gift of any size made during the match will double in impact. The match dollars cannot be applied to name a space. For more information or with questions about the match, please contact Brandy McFall at brandy@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org.

Another creative alumni and volunteer-led effort is seeking to name the new band room, The Alumni Band Room, by raising \$100,000 from band alumni and current parents. Katy Dalrymple, OHS Class of 1993, is leading the charge as a volunteer, band alum and current band parent herself. To learn more about this effort, visit the Oakwood Schools Foundation's new website and search alumni band room. On this site, you will also find 2021 band seniors and field commanders Lizzi Clock and Cecilia Dalrymple's presentation to the Oakwood Rotary!

The goal for the \$8.8 million fundraising effort is to break ground in December of 2022 with the expectation of completion in Spring 2024, for full integration in the 2024-2025 school year. Due to the generosity of this wonderful community, our momentum is gaining, and we feel confident that with continued support we will reach this goal. More information about the Campaign history, activity and status, please reach out to the Oakwood Schools Foundation. More information is also available at www.oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org/Flourish.

Sincerely,

*Kevin Jones, OHS Class of 1982, FLOURISH Steering Committee Chair
Oakwood Schools Foundation Vice-Chair*

Congratulations to OHS' Newest Graduates

On behalf of the Oakwood Alumni Association, congratulations to the Oakwood High School Class of 2022! These new Oakwood alumni are on their way.



Super Bowl Champ Returns to Oakwood

The future of Oakwood football took the field at the Oakwood Youth Football Camp featuring Super Bowl Champion and OHS Alumnus Michael Hoecht. The 2016 OHS graduate shared his experiences that have taken him from youth football to the NFL.



Athletic Hall of Fame

The Oakwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2022 will be honored at a banquet at the Dayton Country Club Thursday, Aug. 18 at 6:00 p.m. This year's inductees are Robert "Wid" Worthington, OHS Class of 1938, Barbara Nichols O'Hara, OHS Class of 1959, Mary Hochwalt Buerschen, OHS Class of 1977, Ken May, Jr., OHS Class of 1993, and Kelsey Thornton Cafarella, OHS Class of 2002.

The 2009 State Championship boys' golf team will also be recognized. Team members who participated at the state tournament include from the OHS Class of 2010 Ronnie Stump, Patrick Meeks, and Ben Miller, and from the Class of 2011 Corey Weckerling and Adam Bogdan.

The 2022 inductees will also be recognized at halftime of the football game Aug. 19. Tickets for the banquet can be purchased online by visiting the Oakwood Schools website Athletic Hall of Fame page.



Join us...
For friends, music, appetizers, and fun!

This year the event will be at a **new location, Moraine Country Club!**
4075 Southern Blvd. Kettering, OH 45429

Come Back Lumberjacks!

September 23, 2022
7:30-9 PM: Social Hour
9-11 PM: Post-Game Tailgate Party
Alumni and Oakwood Residents Welcome
(Must be 21 or older)



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For more information:
www.oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org

Efforts to Sustain Philanthropy 101 Underway

Building on the program’s popularity, efforts to endow Philanthropy 101 continue.

Oakwood Schools Foundation Trustee Joel Frydman created Philanthropy 101 in 2014, to connect Oakwood High School students with local charities and deepen their knowledge of philanthropic giving.

“Philanthropy 101 teaches and develops important skills for OHS students, such as research, teamwork, and presentation skills, and it educates them on the critical role philanthropy plays in supporting those in need,” Oakwood Schools Foundation Trustee and leader in the endowment effort Lisa Sanford said.

To learn about the current effort to ensure this program lives on into the future, visit oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org.

Ticket Info:

It’s time to cheer on the Oakwood Lumberjacks. Tickets for 2022–2023 Oakwood Schools’ athletic events are now on sale. Single game tickets may be purchased at oakwood.hometownticketing.com/embed/all or on game day at the gate with a credit card. No cash sales will be allowed at the gate.



Passes for students, adults and families are also available online at oakwood.hometownticketing.com/embed/all. Reserved seats for home football, volleyball and basketball games are available for season purchase. Please contact the Oakwood Athletic Office at 937-297-5342 for information.

Oakwood Schools to Honor Former Educators

Oakwood Schools will honor the 2022 inductees to the Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Thursday, Sept. 22 at 4 p.m. at NCR Country Club. Congratulations to the 2022 Hall of Honor inductees:

- Deborah Anderson, Elementary Music Teacher, 1988 - 2011
- Nanci Koepke, Lange School Administrative Assistant, 2000 - 2018
- Doug Schivley, Junior High Social Studies Teacher, Junior High Guidance Counselor and Coach, 1980 - 2005



Please contact Sandi Branham at branham.sandi@oakwoodschoools.org or (937) 297-5332 to make reservations.

2022-2023 School Year

AUG. 2022

- 8 **Oakwood Schools Regular Board Meeting, 7 p.m.**
- 17 **First Day for Students Grades 7-12**
- 19 **First Day for Students Grade 1-6**
- 22 **First Day for Kindergarten and Preschool Students**

SEPT. 2022

- 2 **Early Dismissal for Students**
- 5 **No School Labor Day**
- 12 **Oakwood Schools Regular Board Meeting, 7 p.m.**
- 26 **No School for Students – PD Day**

For the latest list of happenings in the Oakwood Schools go to www.oakwoodschoools.org and check out our calendars.

Stay connected with Oakwood Schools!

 @OakwoodSchools  @Oakwood_Schools  @Oakwood_Schools



Sinclair's Mapping Equity Exhibit Comes to Wright Library

A new, traveling exhibit from Sinclair will be on display during September in the Community Room at Wright Library.

"This exhibit brings the power of maps to bear on our understanding of how and why some of our communities have more or less resources and opportunities than others, and to begin conversations about how we view, conceptualize, and respond to racism," said Dair Arnold, Director of Sinclair's Center for Teaching and Learning.

Jacqueline Housel, professor of Geography, and her team at Sinclair have created the panels as an easily understandable tool for visualizing and examining data about redlining, health, education, and green space in Dayton and the surrounding area. Vestiges of Redlining: Mapping Equity in Dayton represents the collaborative and innovative nature of the work Sinclair Equity Summit Committee is doing to recognize the vestiges of redlining. For more information about the exhibit email schmidt@wrightlibrary.org

Tech Tutoring Returns to Wright Library

Tech tutoring has resumed after a pause in official hours during the pandemic. Inquire at the Main Level Desk on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. for one-on-one assistance with a librarian to solve your tech issues.

First-come, first-served. Can't make the drop-in times? Stop by the Main Level Desk anytime for help or call 937-294-7171 to book a sit-down appointment that will meet your schedule.



*Elizabeth Schmidt,
Adult Services
Coordinator at Wright
Memorial Public Library*

Events at Wright Library

Visit wrightlibrary.org/calendar for details and a complete list of library events in August and September.

The Lion King Junior

Preview by The Children's Performing Arts of Miamisburg. August 6, 2 p.m.

Suicide Prevention Art Exhibit | August 1-31

Painting Positivity

Create art for the GEM Project Art Contest. August 8, 6:30-8 p.m.

Teen Tea Room

August 24, 3:30 p.m.

Wright Library Music Series

Second Saturdays in August and September at 2 p.m.

Far Hills Speaker Series

Resumes on the Third Sunday in September at 2 p.m.



The Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation

presents the 2022

Wright Library Music Series

Second Sundays at 2 p.m.

AUG. 14, 2 P.M.

Blue Heron Trio



SEPT. 11, 2 P.M.

Rude Scholar



OCT. 9, 2 P.M.

Innovation Quintet



NOV. 13, 2 P.M.

Corn Drinkers



Bring a blanket and enjoy live music behind the library in Katharine Wright Park - Community Room in case of inclement weather

Wright Library Adds New Gardens

Two new gardens featuring Ohio's indigenous plants were established this spring thanks to community volunteers and grant funding. The library's recent ecology education programs galvanized support from local civic groups and individuals interested in adding native plants in urban landscapes to support local and migrating pollinators and birds.

"The community has provided wonderful support. Initially, the scope of the project was much smaller, but once we began to seek funding and volunteers, partners emerged from all directions." said Kate Chesar, community engagement specialist who has worked closely with this project.



About the Gardens

Sun Garden: Located on the southeast corner of the library's lot, it consists of 32 different species of plants and meets the qualifications required to become part of the Monarch Waystation Program. Educational signs will be placed within the garden to educate passersby on the importance of pollinators and the benefits of including native plants in the urban landscape.

Shade Garden: Landscaping on the northeast side of the library building will feature shade loving native plants. Pawpaws—the official native tree of Ohio—other understory shrubs and trees, and a variety of Ohio's beautiful spring ephemeral wildflowers and groundcover will be established in the coming months.

Funding and Partners

The gardens have been made possible with funding from the Four Seasons Garden Club, MOMs of Oakwood, Girl Scouts of America, Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation, and Montgomery County as well as many hours of volunteer time and support from the following organizations:

- OSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteers
- Dayton Area Wild Ones
- Girl Scouts of America
- Green Oakwood
- Tadmor Greeneries
- Greater Dayton Partners for the Environment
- Marianist Environmental Education Center



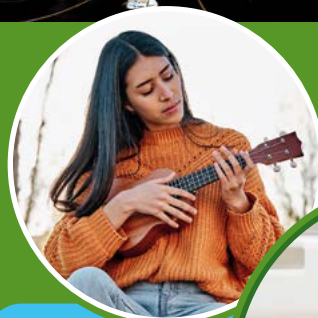
Your Library Card Unlocks Savings & Opportunity

With costs rising, it makes more sense than ever to use your library card. This September is Library Card Sign Up Month, and we're celebrating the power of that little card to deliver big savings and opportunities!

As Oakwood taxpayers, you invest in library access—from a historic building open to the community; to expert librarians; to books, films, video games, audiobooks, ebooks, music, and an entire Library of Things: from ukuleles, to sewing machines, to driving cones to teach your teen to drive. With your library card, you have access to all of this and more. If you haven't used yours in a while or don't have a card, we invite you to get started!

It's true: Library cards provide people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions. And for kids, signing up for their own library card is an empowering experience. Students with a library card have access to the tools they need to succeed in the classroom and learn the responsibility of managing their account along the way. With Wright Library's new app, it's easier than ever for families to manage multiple accounts in one convenient place. Download the app at wrightlibrary.org/apps.

This National Library Card Sign Up Month, celebrate by putting your library card to work for you. As the theme of this year's national campaign proclaims: Let Your Imagination Sing at the Library!



Library of Things to Explore!

City of Oakwood

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Oakwood, Montgomery County
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City Manager's Office
937-298-0600

Personnel & Zoning
937-298-0411

Public Safety (non-emergency)
937-298-2122

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937-298-0777

Finance
937-298-0402

Income Tax
937-298-0531

Leisure Services/Horticulture
937-298-0775

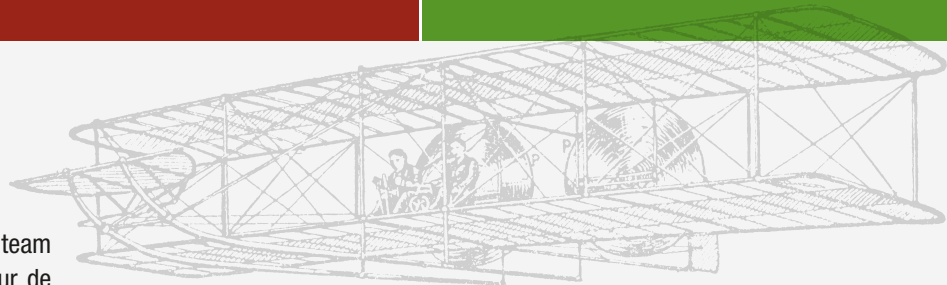
Ride Your Bike to Support the Library This Fall

The Wright Library Book Pedalers are recruiting riders for their team to raise money for the library this fall during the Dayton Tour de Gem: The Wright Brothers Cycling Classic on October 9th.

Oakwood residents Caitlin Benton and Mary Crockett are co-captains of this year's team, which has participated for three consecutive years in this fun event that blends cycling with philanthropy and helps dozens of worthwhile organizations earn funds through bicycling. 100 percent of money raised by our team will support Wright Library!

Sign up for our team, and you will be registered in the October 9th bicycling event, joining us downtown for your choice of ride: 103 miles, 65 miles, 35 miles, or the family path ride. Your registration will also enroll you in the optional two-week virtual ride from September 26th through October 9th.

Not up to riding on the team virtually or in person? Consider making a donation either to our team or to individual riders on the team. To join or sponsor our team, go to <https://www.ms-stride.org/tourdegem/profiles/teamsearch> and click on the Wright Library Book Pedalers. For more information, you may call or text message us at (937) 476-1821, or email us at WPLbookpedalers@gmail.com.



*Caitlin Benton and Mary Crockett, Co-captains of
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