

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 26, 2022

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

September 12, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
September 13, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC (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 9, Sunday, 2 – 5 p.m. – Family Fall Festival/Scarecrow Row (Shafor Park)
October 18, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC (30 Park)
October 24, Monday, 5 p.m. – Council Retreat (Smith Gardens)
November 5, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – New Resident Breakfast (OCC)
November 7, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
November 21, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
November 29, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC Meeting (30 Park)
December 5, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
December 11, Sunday, 6:30 p.m. – Holiday of Lights (Shafor Park)

BUSINESS UPDATE:

- Annual OML Conference: Enclosed is information about the annual OML conference scheduled for October 12 – 14. Please contact Lori if you are interested in attending. I will not attend.
- Mediation Response Unit: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Dayton's mediation responder pilot program that was recommended as part of the Dayton police reform initiative.
- Storm Damage: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about last Sunday's storm damage caused by the high winds and heavy rain. Also enclosed are *Register* photos.
- Broadband: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Point Broadband beginning the fiber installation work in Centerville and Kettering at the end of October or the beginning of November. The article mentions that work will begin in Oakwood, Moraine, Miamisburg and West Carrollton the latter part of next year. I am doubtful that we have capacity for another city-wide underground fiber optic utility.
- Comprehensive Plan: We plan to present the Comprehensive Plan achievements to the Planning Commission at the October 5 meeting... and to include the BZA in that meeting. I had originally planned to do it at the September 7 PC meeting, but we already have three agenda items that day which we believe will take an hour or two to address... and I anticipate needing an hour for the Comprehensive Plan discussion. Another benefit of pushing it back to October is that I will be able to speak about it with the BRC at the September 13 committee meeting, before formally bringing the matter to the PC. We will show you a draft of the PowerPoint presentation at our September 12 work session.
- Native Plant Social: Enclosed is an email from Library Director Kristi Hale announcing the library's "Native Plant Social" to be held at the library from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 22. I plan to attend... and we will inform our Beautification Committee about it.

- Talbots: After some delay, the owner of the Talbots building is moving forward with a \$20,000 project to replace the building awning. Also, this week the property owner repaved the store parking lot at a cost of \$11,000. Below are some fun facts about Talbots, a business that I would say is one of the three original “anchors” of our Far Hills Business District... along with DLM and the Oakwood Club. Max Gutmann was responsible for bringing Talbots to Oakwood. It was a big deal for Talbots to locate in a small community business district. Prior to opening the Oakwood store, Talbots was primarily a larger mall-based retailer. Here is a timeline, as best we can put together, of how Talbots Oakwood came to be:
 - 1983: Application for a Noble Romans Pizza in this location was denied.
 - April-May 1985: Several permits pulled related to the space being remodeled/upfitted for “department store”.
 - July 1985: Sign permits issued to Max Gutmann for Talbots.
 - We believe that Oakwood Talbots opened for business in late 1985 or 1986.
 - 1994: Occupancy Certificate issued for Talbots Petites store.
 - 2003: Talbots leased the former Liberty Savings Bank space for its Talbots Woman store.

- Sidewalk, Curb and Apron Project: R.A. Miller contacted us late last week with good news that their concrete crews are ahead of schedule this summer and are able to begin Oakwood work several weeks before originally anticipated. We conducted a preconstruction meeting with R.A. Miller this week and expect work to begin next week. It will progress from south to north in the areas highlighted in red on the attached map. Starting earlier all but assures us that the work will be completed well before the colder fall weather hits. Engineer Chris Kuzma met with Harman School Principal Sarah Patterson yesterday to talk about the work around Harman School. We concluded that it will be too disruptive and will postpone that portion of the work until next summer.

- Kip Bohachek: Kip retired this week after 29 years of service with the city of Kettering. He served in the Planning and Development Department. I attended a retirement celebration yesterday, along with Jennifer Wilder and Ethan Kroger. Given that we use Kettering for building inspections, Kip spent a significant amount of time in Oakwood inspecting construction work and assisting our citizens, particularly DIY’ers, with building projects. I plan to say a few words about Kip at our September 19 council meeting. Kip mentioned that he plans to step down from the BZA at the end of the year, but is happy to continue as a member of the Property Maintenance Board. He has lived in Oakwood for many, many years.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

OML Conference Information

DDN Article re: Mediation Response Unit

DDN & Register Article re: Storm Damage

DDN Article re: Broadband

Native Plant Social Email

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Ohio Municipal League Annual Conference - 2022

Registration is now open for the Ohio Municipal League's 71st Annual Conference.



Registering for the conference requires a valid email address. **Registration confirmation and materials will be sent to paid attendees on Friday, October 7, 2022.** Please feel free to print out these materials in advance and/or download them to your personal electronic device(s). Some presenters may bring handouts with them that were not made available for distribution prior to the conference.

Please note: Confirmation/material emails are sent through the same software as the OML Legislative Bulletin. Anyone who has unsubscribed from the distribution list must re-subscribe or use a different email address. If you have paid and do not receive your confirmation/materials email by Monday, October 10, please contact Zoë Wade at Zwade@omloho.org.

In order to ensure that the conference materials reach attendees in enough time to prepare, we have set a **registration and payment deadline of October 5, 2022.** Cancellations must be received via info@omloho.org, and any cancellations received after Oct. 5, 2022 are not subject to a refund.

TICKET TYPE	PRICE
OML-member Early Bird Full Conference (Before Sept 19)	\$275
OML-member Full (After Sept. 19)	\$325
Non-member Full	\$400
OML-member Early Bird Wednesday Only (Before Sept 19)	\$140
OML-member Wednesday Only (After Sept. 19)	\$165
Non-member Wednesday Only	\$200
OML-member Early Bird Thursday Only (Before Sept 19)	\$140
OML-member Thursday Only	\$165
Non-member Thursday Only	\$200

WEDNESDAY MORNING STATEHOUSE TOUR

Those attending are invited to participate in a one-hour tour of the Ohio Statehouse on Wednesday, Oct. 12. Participants of the tour will meet at the Renaissance hotel at 10:15 a.m. and will have lunch at the Statehouse prior to the start of the conference sessions. Please note that those on the tour will be walking and standing throughout the tour.

THURSDAY EVENING

The conference will include a dinner on Thursday evening. As an added bonus, attendees will be entertained by a comedian/magician at the close of dinner.

EXHIBITS

One of the most popular places at the conference is the exhibit hall. Companies that provide products and services to cities and villages will be available to meet with attendees when the exhibit area opens on Wednesday evening. The exhibits will close Thursday evening before dinner.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual business meeting of the Ohio Municipal League will take place Friday morning before the general session.

HOTEL AND PARKING

Exhibits, general sessions and workshop sessions will all be held at the **Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel, 50 N. 3rd Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215**. Valet parking is available for overnight stays. One car per room is included in the room rate. All valet parking is based on availability. Those parking for just the day may receive a parking voucher from the OML registration desk.

RESERVATION INSTRUCTIONS

To ensure accuracy, please make your reservation in one of the following two ways:

1. **Booking online through the following link**
Attendee Link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/OML2022>
1. **Calling Renaissance Enhanced Group Reservations at 877-901-6632**
Guests will ask for the **Ohio Municipal League (OML) Annual Conference** to receive the group rate of **\$167** for each room. The rooms will be held until the cut-off date of **Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 5 p.m.**

******Please be aware that there are third-party sites that will claim to manage our hotel's group reservations. You should ONLY be making reservations using the link and phone number above. If you make your reservation using a third party or through a web search, Renaissance cannot manage/change your reservation, and they will not be booked into our block or receive the discounted rate. ******

Dayton mediation option for some police calls lauded, may expand

Pilot program freeing up law enforcement to handle other issues.

By Cornelius Frolik
Staff Writer

Dayton's first-of-its-kind mediation responder program has only been up and running for about three months but some officials say it has been so successful they want to expand it and add more staff.

"We've been talking about this for years, of trying to get to situations quicker in the conflict to try to help out," said Michelle Zarembo, director of the Dayton Mediation Center. "It's been so powerful to have the (Medi-

ation Response Unit) come out to each house and work with people as they're in the middle of this crisis."

Since May 23, the Dayton Mediation Response Unit has been dispatched to nonviolent calls involving conflict such as disputes between neighbors, troubles between family or friends and complaints about noise, pets, juvenile disturbances, loitering, panhandling and other issues.

Unarmed specialists handle these calls instead of police, which gives officers more time to focus on other public safety concerns.

The pilot program also seeks

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to reduce interactions between police and community members that have the potential to escalate, sometimes leading to use of force or other undesirable outcomes.

The program was one of the recommendations of a committee involved in the Dayton police reform efforts.

This program gives Dayton residents new tools to deal with difficult situations without encountering the criminal justice system, said Dayton City Commissioner Chris Shaw, who was co-lead of the police reform committee that recommended creating this new unit.

Many cities across the nation have created alternative responder programs that send non-police first responders to certain kinds of 911 calls and calls for service.

But the programs typically focus on mental and behavioral health issues and crises, while Dayton's program focuses on mediation, which hasn't been done before, said Daniel Kornfield, executive director of Dignity Best Practices, which helped set up Dayton's pilot program.

"No other city in the nation has tried this," he said. "Here now, after three months in the field, I can say it is working."

In the first two months of operation, the mediation response team handled about 210 calls for service, and many were tied to neighbor problems (19% of total calls); noise complaints (14%); and peace officer requests (13%).

Other common types of calls involved disorderly subjects, juvenile concerns, welfare checks, parking complaints, barking dogs and other concerns.

The mediation response unit has responded to about 400 calls for service since launching.

The Mediation Response Unit's budget is about \$1.02



Daniel Kornfield, executive director of Dignity Best Practices, speaks at a Dayton City Commission meeting about the new Dayton Mediation Response Unit program. CORNELIUS FROLIK / STAFF

million, said Raven Cruz Loaiza, Dayton's mediation response coordinator. About \$875,000 comes from the city's general fund, and about \$150,000 is grant funding.

The program currently has the capacity for six responders and one coordinator, said Cruz Loaiza. She said it would cost nearly \$665,000 to add five more responders. Ideally the long-term idea would be to provide 24/7 coverage, every day of the year.

Mediation responders often can get to calls for service about nonviolent conflict more quickly than police can because officers tend to have a backlog of calls and they respond in an order based on urgency and priority level, officials say.

Mediation specialists respond to what tend to be lower-priority police calls.

In one example, the mediation response unit arrived at the scene of a call about a woman loitering on a bench within 15 minutes of receiving it, said Cruz Loaiza.

Unit members spoke with her and learned she had medical issues and was sexually assaulted the night before.

"She was able to be transported to a local hospital to have her sexual assault kit complete," Cruz Loaiza said. "That might not have been connected if maybe there

had been a longer response time or if it had been lower on the list of things to do at that time."

Specialists also helped resolve an ongoing dispute that stemmed from kids regularly retrieving a basketball that kept bouncing into their neighbor's yard.

Mediation unit staff purchased and installed a net for a hoop in the backyard, and the kids started playing there instead, solving the problem, officials said.

Before the pilot program launched, some community members said they were worried mediation specialists might be sent to some potentially dangerous emergencies that urgently required police.

Some people also said it is extremely important that officers respond when citizens request and want police.

But citizens in only 4% of the calls the mediation unit handled asked for police to be dispatched, Kornfield said.

Also, he said, mediation specialists in only 3% of their calls felt the need to request police because they were worried about safety.

Dayton police Major Christopher Malson said the program already has seen "buy in" from the police department, whose members regularly request the mediation response unit's assistance.

When is Mediation the Right Fit?

In response to non-violent 911 dispute calls



Mediation is Best Fit	Police is Best Fit
1. Conflict based calls for service	1. Any violence
2. Neighbor Troubles & Noise Complaints	2. Any weapon
3. Conflicts between families and friends	3. Credible threats
4. Juvenile disturbances	4. Any injury
5. Loitering, begging, and minor trespassing	5. A crime has been committed
6. Animal & Pet complaints	6. Calls inside vacant or abandoned structures or properties
	7. Any TPO or No Contact Order

Mediation, Police, and Fire EMS are connected via the police radio system to call for the other where appropriate.

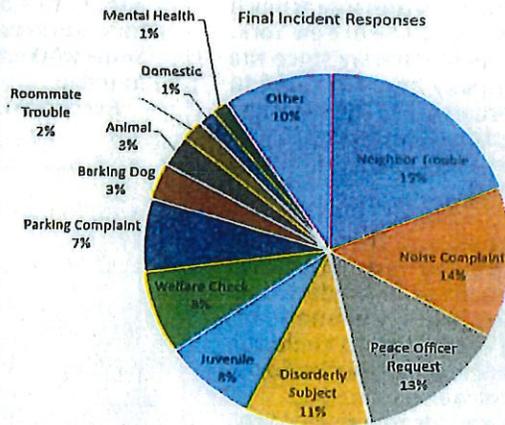
Call Types Served

Significant Variety; Neighbor Trouble is Top



Data as of 7/29

Final Incident Types	Total Responses	% of calls
Neighbor Trouble	40	19%
Noise Complaint	29	14%
Peace Officer Request	28	13%
Disorderly Subject	23	11%
Juvenile	17	8%
Welfare Check	16	8%
Parking Complaint	14	7%
Barking Dog	7	3%
Animal	6	3%
Roommate Trouble	4	2%
Domestic	3	1%
Mental Health	3	1%
Other	20	10%
Total Calls for service	210	



"If you listen to the (police) radio all day, you start hearing police officers asking, 'Is MRU working? Can they stop by this call? Can they help us out?'" he said. "It's good to see this early on."

The Mediation Response Unit currently works between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday to Friday. But that will change to 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. by the end of Sep-

tember.

Officials say they are interested in adding additional two-person teams to provide better geographic coverage and operate the program during more hours of the day.

"I think we're ready to see expansion of the program," said Zaremba, with the mediation center.

One unit covers the east

and west geographic areas of the city, which takes a significant amount of time to travel between, she said.

She said they would like to have units assigned to geographic areas and responders available at other hours as well.

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SEVERE WEATHER



Cleanup was underway Monday after several trees fell onto apartments and a car at the Ketwood Apartments in Kettering Sunday when strong storms passed through the area that prompted a tornado warning. MARSHALL GORBY PHOTOS / STAFF

NWS: High winds, not tornado, caused swath of damage

Strong storms in area prompted tornado warnings Sunday.

By Nick Blizzard and Jen Balduf
Staff Writers

Non-tornadic winds likely up to 70 mph caused damage in Greene and Montgomery counties Sunday, according to findings Monday by the National Weather Service.

A "4.5-mile swath of intermittent wind damage, mainly to trees" in Oakwood, Kettering and Beavercreek was surveyed Monday, according to the NWS office in Wilmington. The weather service said



"damage was broad and sporadic" in Oakwood and centered on Forrer Boulevard, "over a half mile wide at times."

Kettering crews were working Monday after calls of fallen trees and other damage was reported in the city.

"Gaps of more consistent wind damage were evident before

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another area of more concentrated wind damage in Kettering" along Aragon Avenue and Vale Drive, according to the weather service.

Kettering crews were working Monday after calls of fallen trees and other damage was reported in the city.

That Aragon Avenue area, just east of Woodman Drive, was one of the hardest hit. There were several downed

trees at the Ketwood Apartments in that neighborhood. Mary Azbill, community information manager for the city of Kettering, said falling trees damaged vehicles both there and in the Wiles Creek neighborhood slightly to the west.

Kettering police had four calls Monday morning regarding damage caused by the storms on Vale, Aragon and Sutton avenues near Woodman, as well as on Imperial Boulevard in Wiles Creek.

A resident also reported a

tree that fell across the bike path by State Farm Park, also just east of Woodman Drive, Azbill said.

A large tree that fell in the 2600 block of Oakley Avenue, just east of Oakwood, was removed by city of Kettering parks and recreation workers.

Despite the mess created, "little evidence of a concentrated tornadic circulation existed in the tree damage," the NWS report stated.

As the storm moved east, there was another gap in damage before more popped

up in southwestern Beaver creek, where "a house had siding removed from the top of the home and thrown downwind," according to the weather service.

Results of survey "suggest this damage was likely to be non-tornadic ... with maximum speeds between 65 and 70 mph," the report stated.

Rainfall of just 0.33 inches fell at the Dayton International Airport on Sunday, according to the NWS, but other areas closer to downtown Dayton, as well

as to the south and east near Kettering got significant rainfall as the storms passed through.

High water was reported at 6:40 p.m. on Garvin Road north of downtown Dayton, as well as at Stanley Avenue and Keowee Street as the storm moved southeast.

The storm was responsible for a tornado warning that was issued at 5:54 p.m. Sunday for Greene and Montgomery counties, after the NWS said severe thunderstorms capable of producing a tornado were

located over Oakwood, Kettering and Beaver creek. The warning was canceled 15-20 minutes later.

The trees that were uprooted in Beaver creek and the siding that was ripped off a building happened at 6:04 p.m., according to a trained spotter's report to the NWS.

The Dayton area forecast for the next three days calls for nothing but clear skies, with afternoon high temperatures in the low to mid-80s, and overnight lows in the low to mid-60s.

Deal brings more broadband to area cities

Point Broadband another choice in 'how fast they want their internet to be and what they pay.'

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

Wi-Fi-to-home installation is expected to start this fall in Centerville and Kettering in a deal that also includes providing broadband service to Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood and West Carrollton.

The Miami Valley Communications Council's agreement with Point Broadband to give six of its eight member cities more fiber-optic choices for residents and businesses will begin with Centerville and Kettering, MVCC Executive Director Jay Weiskircher said.

"They're looking at probably

the latter part of October or the first part of November," he said.

The business will provide symmetrical internet speeds – the same download and upload speeds – up to 10 Gigabits, along with a suite of enhanced digital voice services, officials have said.

"It's another provider. It's more competition," Weiskircher said. "It's having additional choices

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Installation of broadband is expected to start this fall in Centerville and Kettering in a deal that will eventually provide service to Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood and West Carrollton. STAFF

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for people when it comes to how fast they want their internet to be and what they pay for their internet.

The Georgia-based Point Broadband has a long-term, multimillion-dollar deal with the MVCC to expand its fiber broadband network to those six cities. The business has

a separate deal with Springboro, also a council member.

The Springboro project "is being completed soon and we are ready to expand," Point Broadband Chief Executive Officer Todd Holt said recently in an email to the Dayton Daily News.

For the MVCC project, Holt noted, "we really don't want to set any specific expectations in this supply chain-challenged, infla-

tionary environment we are all living in today.

"There are just too many variables and too much downside to provide dates and locations at this point," he added.

Weiskircher said he spoke Wednesday with Point Broadband officials, who "told us the latter part of next year they hope to get started" in Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood and West Carrollton.

"But I think there's some flexibility in that as well," he added.

There are no contractual issues involving a specific installation timeframe, Weiskircher said. But finishing work in all six cities is "supposed to take about 36 to 42 months once they begin the work," he added.

Weiskircher has said the business is "picking up 100% of the tab" for what he said

was a multimillion dollar, 15-year agreement with two five-year options.

Broadband provides high-speed internet access via multiple types of technologies, including fiber optics, wireless, cable, DSL and satellite.

Point Broadband's network would be an internet option for all in the MVCC's GATEway Public Fiber Network, a \$3 million project

resulting in a 44-mile ring, officials have said, but video components are not part of the deal.

Point Broadband's rates have not been disclosed.

"The best connection is directly from the home," Weiskircher said. And "people will still have the options they have right now."

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Klopsch, Norbert S.

From: Kristi Hale <hale@wrightlibrary.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2022 11:55 AM
To: Klopsch, Norbert S.; Collins, Carol D.; Wilder, Jennifer
Subject: Wright Library Native Plant Social on Thursday, 9/22 at 6:30

Norb, Jennifer, and Carol,

I'd wanted to make you aware of the library's Native Plant Social at the library on **Thursday, Sept. 22 from 6:30-7:30**. We plan to recognize community members and donor groups who made the native plant gardens at Wright Library possible. There will be a brief talk about health benefits of nature and community cooperation by Dr. Scott Hall, followed by a chance to greet fellow attendees and view the gardens.

This has been such a rewarding community project. We've been amazed at how many people have given their time, talent, expertise, and money to make this a reality. We'd love to have you join us if you have time and interest. I also thought the Oakwood Beautification Committee might be interested. Please share if you think it appropriate.

Thanks, and have a great week,
Kristi

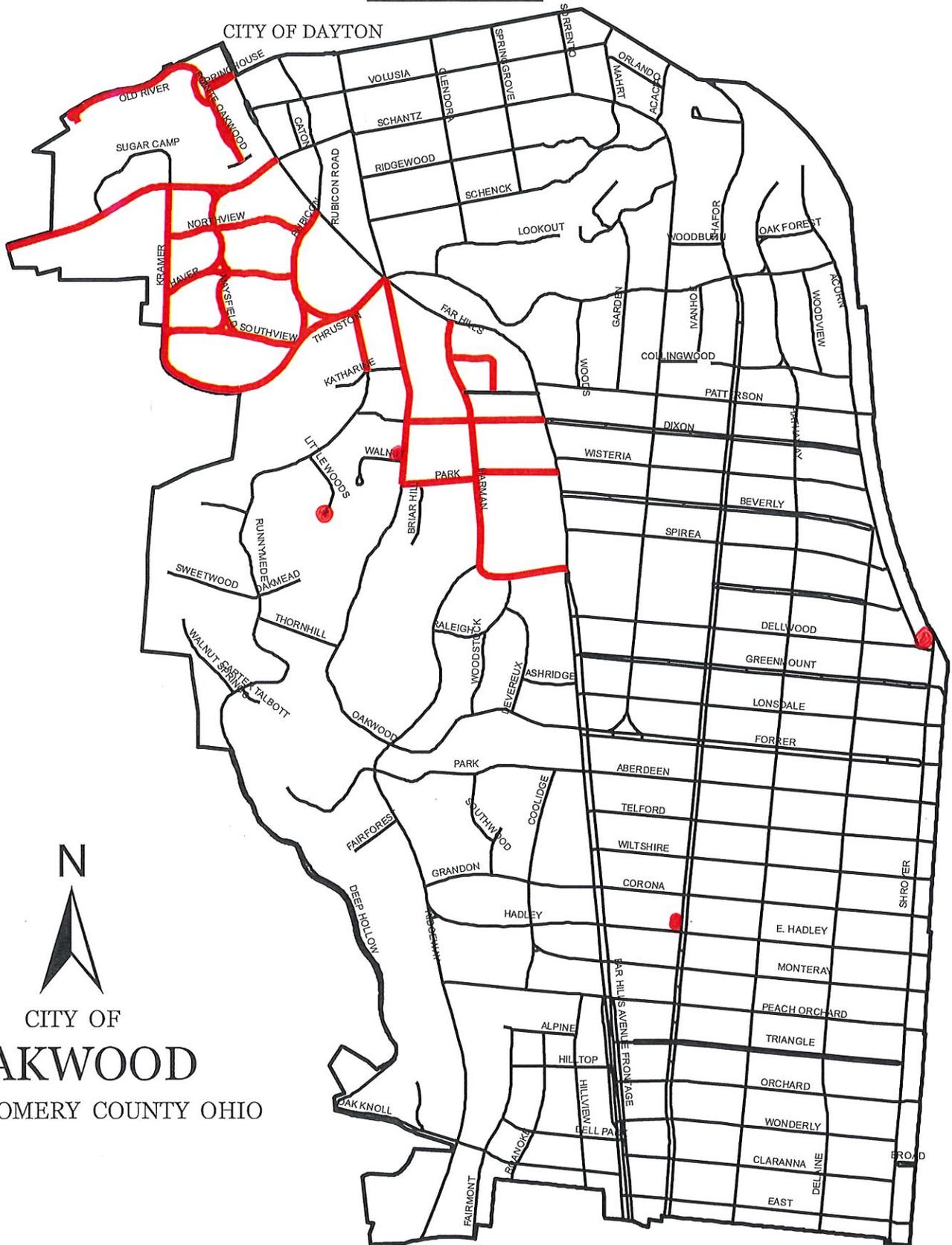


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