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## **CITY NEWS | Family Fall Festival**

Come to Shafor Park from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, October 9 for the 16th annual "Family Fall Festival" and enjoy an outdoor afternoon of fun games, food, pumpkin painting and other entertainment for the whole family! Also enjoy free hayrides along Shafor Boulevard to see Scarecrow Row. Kids can dress up and join the "Costume Parade" around the park. Don't forget to mark your calendar! Look for more information in the Oakwood Register and on flyers distributed through the schools.



## **SCHOOL NEWS | Oakwood Community Invited to Recognize Ramey, Duwel**

Oakwood community members are invited to a reception to recognize Oakwood Schools Superintendent Dr. Kyle Ramey and Board of Education President Todd Duwel Dec. 19 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The two educational leaders are retiring from their positions within Oakwood Schools after years of service to the community.



## **LIBRARY NEWS | Explore Local History and Look to the Future This Fall**



Presented by the Oakwood Historical Society and Wright Memorial Public Library, the Far Hills Speakers Series shares fascinating tales and topics relating to our rich local history—and this fall, one session will offer citizens an opportunity to discuss the future of Oakwood. Each program is held at Wright Memorial Public Library in the Community Room.





## **Fall Events**

#### **Scarecrow Building Contest**

The Oakwood Community Center is very excited to announce the 20th annual "Scarecrow Building Contest." We encourage families, neighbors, organizations, co-workers and their groups to participate in this special, festive community event. Registration packets are available at the OCC and on the city website. The building and placement of the scarecrows will take place on Sunday, October 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with judging to commence at 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the OCC at (937) 298-0775.

### **Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project**

Under leadership of the Oakwood Beautification Committee, we are again conducting the annual Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and tree species are available at the Oakwood Community Center and on the city website. The trees selected are approximately 2 inches in diameter and are discounted 50% to residents. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at the discounted price. The tree must be planted in the city right-of-way. Trees will be planted by a local nursery in late November or early December. All trees will be wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season. For more details, call Horticulturist Brian Caldwell at (937) 298-0775.

## **Upcoming Events/Classes**

#### **American Red Cross Babysitting Course**

The course will be taught at the OCC on Saturday, October 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students must be at least 11 years of age to enroll.

#### Lighting up Oakwood & Holiday of Lights

The city of Oakwood, with assistance from the Oakwood Beautification Committee, is "LIGHTING UP" Oakwood with luminarias on Sunday, December 11 beginning at 6 p.m. Residents are invited to put luminarias out in front of their house and to consider participating with their neighbors. Then at 6:30 p.m., come to Shafor Park for an evening of community fellowship

come to Shafor Park for an evening of community fellowship with songs, refreshments and, as always, a visit from Santa. Also enjoy free horse drawn carriage rides along Shafor Boulevard to see the beautifully lit night. Luminarias for this event are sold at the OCC beginning Monday, November 14. Cost is \$6 per dozen and includes the white bags, sand and 10-hour candles.

## Oakwood Rotary Hazardous Waste Pickup

There are two ways for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous material. Residents may: 1) drop off the material at the Montgomery County Transfer and Recycling Facility (see www.mcswd.org for more information); or 2) use the quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club Hazardous Waste Collection program. This year's last collection date is scheduled for Saturday, October 22. Call (937) 296-5155 to sign up for the service. It is provided free of charge, but the Oakwood Rotary Club accepts donations. Donations to the "Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation" can be placed in an envelope and left with the items being disposed, or may be mailed to: Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation, PO Box 512, Dayton, OH 45409. All donations support charitable projects and community events led by your Oakwood Rotary!

## City Offices Closed/Modified Trash Schedule



**Veterans Day:** City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Friday, November 11. Trash and recycling pick up for the week of November 7 will be the same as the normal weekly schedule.



**Thanksgiving:** City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25. Trash and recycling pick up for the week of November 21 will be the same as the normal weekly schedule, except that Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday.

## **Fall Leaf Collection Begins October 10**

We will begin our annual leaf collection program on Monday, October 10. As in previous years, the program will provide bi-weekly leaf pickups of all areas throughout the city. The City is divided into ten sections with each being collected on a 2-week interval as shown on the map on page 3. The program is scheduled to continue until Friday, December 16, but will be shortened or extended if conditions warrant. We will make every effort to stay on this schedule, but may vary a bit from time to time based on weather conditions, volume and other factors. Please place leaves in the street gutter, ideally just a day or two before the pick-up. Leaves must be unbagged and spread out along property frontages so that traffic flow is not impeded. Citizens interested in dumping their own leaves may do so 24-7 at the Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-off Facility located at the entrance to the Public Works Yard, 210 Shafor Boulevard. Citizens may also drop leaves directly at the Public Works Yard between 8 a.m. and 12 noon on the following dates:

#### Saturday, October 1 | Saturday, November 5 | Saturday, December 3

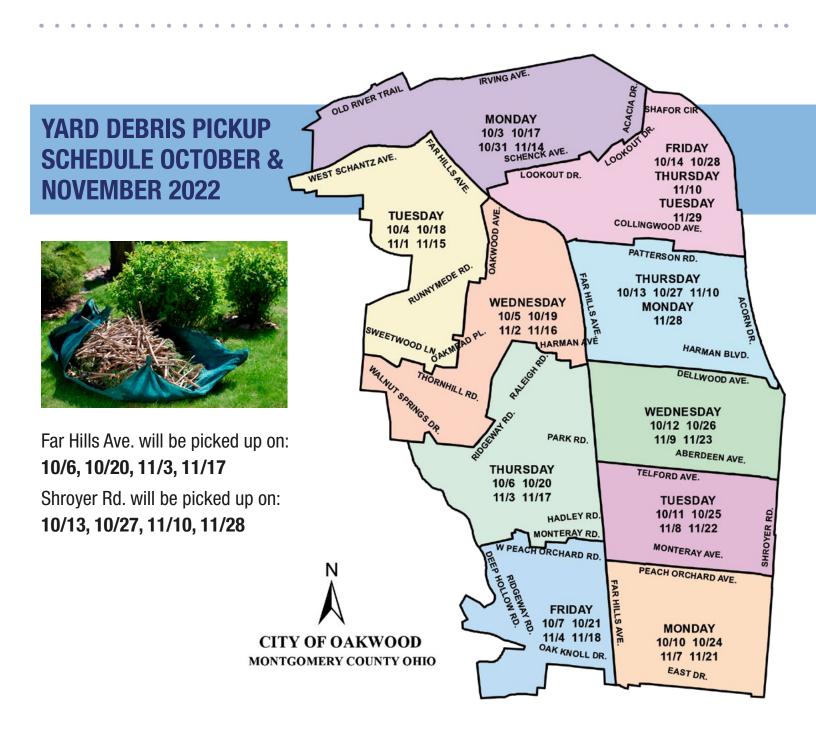
The City will not provide special pick-up service during the ten week leaf collection season. The last day to schedule a special pick-up is on Friday, October 7.



## \$150 Fee for Placing Yard Debris in the Street

City staff continuously addresses illegal dumping of yard debris (green waste) in streets. For decades, the city has operated a city-wide yard debris collection program implemented by the Oakwood Public Works Department, and for decades has enforced a law prohibiting the placement of yard debris in the roadways. The only exception to this law is the placement of leaves along the street gutter during the 10-week leaf collection season conducted annually between the middle of October and late December. Unfortunately, the dumping violations persist. In an effort to obtain compliance with this law, the city will begin imposing a \$150 fee for the disposal of illegally dumped material. This will begin on January 1, 2023. More information on this matter will be included in the next *Oakwood Scene* newsletter.





## **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.



## July 2022 Winners

Ernest Scott Riling & Lisa Cermele, 230 Haver Road James & Julie Biddle, 331 E. Schantz Avenue Gary & Joyce Boens, 197 Lookout Drive Scott & Melissa Pfahler, 295 Hathaway Road Jean Erskine, 210 Greenmount Boulevard Richard & Jena Daprato, 150 Lonsdale Avenue Andrew & Jamie Lewandowski, 20 Telford Avenue Andrew & Anne Jones, 241 Monteray Avenue Michelle Owen, 25 Triangle Avenue Nicholas Klimkowski, 422 East Drive Burton & Linda Mayhew, 2222 Coolidge Drive Doug & Ellie Hammer, 1916 Far Hills Avenue Tracey Schumann, 2415 Roanoke Avenue Stephan & Carolyn Harmon, 95 Forrer Road

## **August 2022 Winners**

Kevin & Deborah Riley, 401 E. Schantz Avenue

James & Alicia Dunlap, 226 Collingwood Avenue

John & Wendy Boucuvalas, 721 Acorn Drive

Jim & Carrie Lennart, 125 Wisteria Drive

Eric & Courtney Deutsch, 106 Spirea Drive

Zach & Lauren Woessner, 819 Harman Avenue

Pat & Jen Prikkel, 930 Harman Avenue

Kurt & Lisa Sanford, 120 Park Road

Scott & Barbara Rife, 138 Greenmount Boulevard

Bill & Donna Meyer, 400 Lonsdale Avenue

Stephen & Linda Sue Charleton, 335 Aberdeen Avenue

Anne Case, 241 E. Peach Orchard Avenue

Joe & Diane Scott, 249 Claranna Avenue

Stefan & Sharon Neumeister, 2415 Hillview Avenue

## **Door-to-Door Solicitation**

The city of Oakwood maintains a "Do Not Solicit" list to regulate certain types of door-to-door solicitation and canvassing throughout our community to protect the safety and privacy of our residents.



We encourage residents to register their address by submitting an online request form

through our website at www.oakwoodohio.gov/door-to-door-solicitation. Once registered, your address will remain on the list for five years. When your five year expiration is reached, we will send a reminder postcard so you can re-register to remain on the "Do Not Solicit" list.

For residents who are on the Do-Not-Solicit list and are solicited, contact the Oakwood Public Safety Department at (937) 298-2122 to report this activity.

For residents who are not on the Do-Not-Solicit list, commercial solicitors have a 6 p.m. solicitation curfew, and canvassers (e.g., religious, political) have a 9 p.m. curfew.

It is important to understand that there are exceptions. Legitimate businesses have the right to advertise, and religious and political organizations and candidates have the right to spread their messages and solicit support. The City respects those rights while also protecting our residents. If persons are merely distributing flyers or literature, and not knocking or making contact with the resident, the Do-Not-Solicit list does not apply. There is also an exemption for youth, under 18, who are doing fundraising activities.

## **Stormwater Management Program**

Oakwood continues to meet the goals of the city stormwater permit which include street sweeping, dry weather screening of stormwater structures, public education and pollution prevention. Here are a few reminders about your storm sewers:



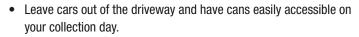
- Stormwater inlets and sewers are direct conduits to creeks and streams in the area.
- Water quality is directly affected by the material that gets into the storm sewers.
- Never place any material into a stormwater inlet (catch basin).
- Do not put any material in the street, the only exception being leaves between mid-October and mid-December.
- Pick up after your pet as the bacteria in pet waste is harmful to downstream wildlife.
- Limit the use of herbicides and pesticides in lawn care as they have a direct impact on the downstream water quality.

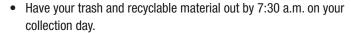
Thank you for your help in preserving our natural resources!

## **Refuse and Recycling** -

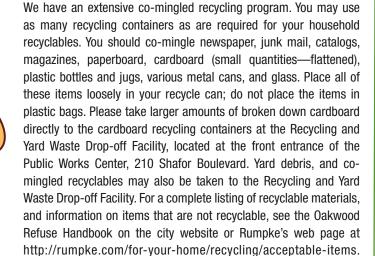
Your city staff works hard to operate an efficient and comprehensive back-door refuse collection program. Please remember to:

- Limit your trash to not more than three cans that are 35 gallons or less and under 60 pounds.
   Containers must have lifting handles and detachable, tight-fitting lids.
- Use as many recycling cans as you need and know what is recyclable, and what is not. Please do NOT use toter-style cans for recycling.





These simple actions will allow us to be as efficient as possible and minimize the properties where we are unable to collect the refuse.



Any questions, please contact Refuse Foreman Chris Harold at

(937) 298-0777.

## Pedestrian Safety: Are you taking the right steps to stay safe?

For your own safety and the safety of others, it is important to practice pedestrian safety.

Here are a few safety tips to protect yourself from potential hazards:

Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.

Walk on sidewalks if available. If there is no sidewalk:

- · walk FACING traffic;
- stay as far from traffic as possible;
- proceed in a single file when traffic is approaching from the front or rear.

Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.

Make yourself visible to drivers.

Between sunset and sunrise, or during inclement weather, pedestrians are required to wear high-visibility safety apparel that is reflective and can be seen clearly from 300 feet.

Per Ohio traffic laws, vehicular traffic must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing in a crosswalk if there is no traffic signal in place or operation, and the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway in which the vehicle is traveling or approaching from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. That said, never assume that a vehicle will yield.

Walking, jogging or running in the street is prohibited at all times on Far Hills Avenue, Patterson Road, Shroyer Road, Schantz Avenue from Oakwood Avenue to the west corporation limits, and on Oakwood Avenue from Far Hills Avenue to the north corporation limits.

Section 371.05 of the Oakwood Traffic Code outlines pedestrian rules and requirements so both motorists and pedestrians can safely use city streets for vehicle travel and recreational activities. This information may be accessed on the City website at https://oakwoodohio.gov/city-ordinances/.



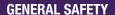


## Halloween and Trick or Treat: October 31

Watch for ghosts and goblins on Monday, October 31 from 6–8 p.m. If you plan to hand out Halloween treats, please turn on your porch or front door lights. If you are driving during those hours, please use extra caution.

## **Halloween Safety**

Halloween is an exciting time of year for children and adults. Enjoy the event, but please keep safety a top priority. Here are a few safety reminders while trick-or-treating:



- · Avoid homes that do not have their outside lights turned on.
- Younger children should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Trick-or-Treat with a group.
- Children should not enter homes; stay on the porch or stoop.
- Stay away from pets. Pets may become frightened and aggressive.
- Children should stay within familiar areas and surroundings.
- · Children should carry and use flashlights and stay on sidewalks.
- Walk, don't run.
- Do not ride bikes, roller-blade or skateboard
- Do not cut across yards or driveways.
- Cross streets at corners/crosswalks and not between parked cars.
- Although tampering with candy is rare, parents should instruct their children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything. Discard all unwrapped or loosely wrapped candy.

#### **COSTUME SAFETY**

- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see, and be seen.
- Use glow sticks and/or reflective tape on costumes and bags for added visibility.
- Wear shoes that fit properly, even if they don't necessarily go with your costume.
- Consider face paint instead of masks, as they can obstruct a child's vision.
- If wearing a mask is a must, ensure the eye holes provide good vision.
- Temporarily remove the mask when crossing streets, or when in heavy traffic.
- Avoid toy weapons; use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid.

Our Oakwood Public Safety Department will conduct extra neighborhood patrols during trick-or-treat hours.

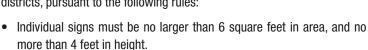
## October/November Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 3 and Monday, November 7. 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. 5.03 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 to the City website at 4 p.m. on the meeting date. Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net for broadcast times. Meeting videos can also be viewed on the City website.



## **Temporary Yard Signs**

With the November 8 election day approaching, it is the season for temporary signs...and you may be wondering, are there any rules about how many signs someone can have in their yard? Title 12 of the Oakwood Zoning Code regulates temporary signage. Temporary yard signs are permitted in residential districts, pursuant to the following rules:



- There is no limit to the number of temporary yard signs that may be placed in a yard, so long as the combined total surface area of the signs is no greater than 12 square feet. For example, a property may display four one-sided signs that measure 18 inches x 24 inches; or three one-sided signs that measure 24 inches x 24 inches; or two one-sided signs that measure 24 inches x 36 inches. If two-sided signs are displayed, the limits, for example, are two signs that measure 18 inches x 24 inches; or one sign that measures 24 inches x 36 inches. All sign faces visible from the public right-of-way are included in calculating the combined total surface area.
- · Signs must be in good condition.

#### The following signs are prohibited:

- Advertising/Commercial signs (e.g., window, roof or HVAC companies, plumbers, electricians).
- Signs in the right-of-way (e.g., boulevards or curb lawns).
- Signs that move.

To comply with the Oakwood Zoning Code, place your sign on private property and away from corners where it could block the view of oncoming traffic. Have further questions? The sign code is available on our website, or you can email us at zoning@oakwoodohio.gov.

## **Sister City Special Events**

Oakwood Sister City Association is planning several special events to celebrate our city's 50th twinning anniversary with Le Vésinet, France, a suburb of Paris, and the 46th twinning anniversary with Outremont, Canada, a suburb of Montreal. International guests and their hosts will be treated to outings at Carillon Historical Park, Hawthorn Hill, Moraine Country Club, and the Miami Valley Hunt & Polo Club, along with possible excursions to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, a local brewery, and a sightseeing river cruise in Cincinnati. Oakwood host families are being sought for the Oct. 20-24 visit. Le Vésinet friends hosted 22 Oakwood delegates this June. Please contact oakwoodsistercity@gmail.com to find out how you can get involved in a wonderful international exchange program for adults and teens that lays the foundations for lifelong friendships. The mission of Sister City International is promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation-one individual, one community at a time.

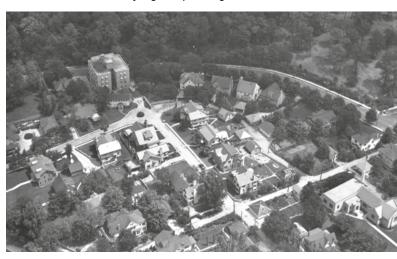


## The Holiday Home Tour— Harman Terrace

Mark your calendars—The Oakwood Historical Society's popular Fourth Annual Holiday Home Tour returns on Saturday, December 3, 12 noon to 3:30.

This year's tour will highlight Oakwood's arguably most charming and unique street—Harman Terrace. This tiny enclave is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year, and affords the perfect venue for this year's tour during the 150th Anniversary of the Town of Oakwood. You'll learn about the terrace's history and varied architecture during our docent-led tours and you will get a chance to visit inside several of these significant homes.

Tour tickets will go on sale in early November. Watch the Society's website at oakwoodhistory.org for upcoming details.



## Fourth Quarter Estimated Tax Payment Due 1-17-2023

If you estimate that you will owe \$200 or more when you file your 2022 City of Oakwood income tax return next year, you may need to remit quarterly estimated tax payments. Under the Ohio Revised Code, you must be 90% paid in by January 17, 2023 or have paid in 100% of your 2021 tax liability. Penalty and interest may be imposed for late or non-payment of your estimated taxes. Payment vouchers are available in the tax office and on the City's website. Contact the tax office at (937) 298-0531 with any questions.



# OSF and Community Partners Award Bi-annual Grants to Oakwood Teachers and Staff!

The Oakwood Schools Foundation, Oakwood Junior High and High School PTO, Harman PTO, and Fine Arts Boosters awarded fall grants to faculty and staff in October. Awarding grants is a way for the Oakwood community to support innovative and exciting ideas that expand on the tradition of educational excellence in Oakwood's classrooms.

To learn more about this year's grant recipients, visit www.oakwoodschoolsfoundation.org/grants

Students at OHS are able to explore scientific concepts more deeply thanks to a 3-D anatomy table, the Anatomage Table.





The Anatomage Table was made possible thanks to a grant from OSF in Spring 2022. The grant was in part thanks to a generous gift from the estate of Ruth Herman, OHS '47, who was an advocate for STEM education.

It is the first Anatomage Table at a public high school in the state of Ohio. It will be available to students in AP Biology, Biology, Forensics.



## **Elementary Students Grow Together** in Timber

Oakwood Schools' elementary students are "Growing Together" through a special program called Timber.

Students meet twice a month with their Timber family, made up of students from multiple grade levels first through sixth. Throughout their time in elementary school, students will stay with the same family of 11 to 15 students, forming connections and building relationships.

"Last year, we had so much fun doing our joy project and spending meaningful quality time together. The best compliment I had was a 6th grader asking me to please have her 1st grade brother join my group when he comes to Smith—that spoke volumes to me," Smith Elementary School Counselor Amber Perrott said.

## LANES OFFER MATCHING GIFT TO SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

Doug Lane, Class of 1963, and Gay Lane are generous supporters of the Oakwood Schools Foundation's FLOURISH Campaign for Oakwood Schools performing and visual arts facilities. No question, the Lanes are a philanthropic couple as the namesakes of the popular Lane Stadium. They currently reside outside of the state but keep Oakwood close to their hearts. Recently Doug and Gay offered to match gifts to the FLOURISH Campaign up to \$500,000, including multi-year pledged commitments.





"We are committed to the success of this special project which will impact students today, tomorrow, and for generations to come. Our hope is that everyone will support the Flourish Campaign. This is an opportunity to preserve the legacy that exists in the Oakwood community to support the public school in such a way that Oakwood residents, friends, neighbors, and alumni can improve the future for the community's children through charitable giving," the Lanes said.

While Doug did not play the sports served by Lane Stadium nor did he participate in the arts in school, he understands the value these activities provide to enrich students' futures. Doug and Gay are hoping those who have not yet decided to help will now step forward in this worthwhile effort.

Of the total match, roughly \$250,000 matching dollars remain. Each and every gift of any size made during the match will double in its impact to help the FLOURISH project advance toward its goal of a December 2022 groundbreaking. The groundbreaking will put into motion the three-phased project, with fundraising continuing for subsequent phases through 2023. "Go Lumberjacks!!", from Doug and Gay Lane.

## **Did You Know?**

Did you know the Class of 2023 will be the 100th graduating class of Oakwood High School? This year's seniors will have special recognition on their graduation gowns to recognize being the 100th class to pass through OHS.

Harman School students meet twice a month with their Timber families to make connections and develop relationships.



Based on this year's theme, "Growing Together," teachers and students will have a variety of activities from which to choose for their time together. The activities and the idea of allowing students to choose came from a survey of students at the end of last school year.

"We asked students and it was evident they loved having the chance to connect with one another through Timber activities. Now, we are letting their voices be heard in our theme and plans for this year," Perrott said.

## **Homecoming Weekend Offers Opportunity to Tour Facilities**

The Oakwood Schools Foundation and Oakwood Alumni Association would like to thank everyone who came to the annual building tours Saturday, Sept. 24. Residents, friends and Oakwood alumni had the chance to tour the junior high, high school and elementary schools.

Class years ending in 2 and 7 celebrated reunions this year, with alumni returning to Oakwood to gather and celebrate with classmates.

Building tours represent the strong bond between the past and present Oakwood Schools.



Current Oakwood High Schools sophomores, juniors, and seniors guided guests on the Homecoming Weekend tours. Participants had the opportunity to visit some of the exciting new additions in Oakwood Schools, including the Anatomage Table in the science department, and learn about the new enhancements coming to the arts programs as part of the FLOURISH campaign.

Thank you to Tastefully Roasted and to Ashley's Pastries for providing coffee and treats for the groups. We look forward to next year's events!



Sponsors as of 9-10-22. For a full list of event sponsors please visit: https://oakwoodschoolsfoundation.org/come-back-lumberjacks/

## **Congratulations to the 2022 Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Inductees:**

- Deborah Coughlin 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

The inductees, as well as previous recipients of the award, were honored at a reception on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022 at the NCR Country Club.

## **Annual Event Brings Community, Alumni Together**

Thank you alumni and community members for joining us Friday, Sept. 23, for The Oakwood Schools Foundation's annual Come Back Lumberjacks event! This year's event was held at a new location, the Moraine Country Club, and was full of the same lively spirit and celebration of Oakwood alumni,



Oakwood Schools, and the Oakwood spirit of past events.

It was a great success and we could not have done it without YOU.

See highlights from CBL 2022 including a complete list of sponsors at www.oakwoodschoolsfoundation.org/come-back-lumberjacks

## 2022-2023 School Year

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OCT.	2022
10	Oakwood Schools Regular Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
NOV.	2022
3	Early Dismissal for Students
4	No School
23-25	No School for Students – Fall Break
28	Classes Resume

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

Stay connected with Oakwood Schools!







## **Explore Local History and Look to the Future this Fall**

## Dorothy Lane Market: A Look Back & Forward - Oakwood Store Director Jerry Post

Sun. | Oct. 16 | 2 p.m.

Jerry Post will detail the early history of Dorothy Lane Market and pivotal moments for the Oakwood store, as well as what lies ahead for this Oakwood staple.

## The Future of Oakwood with Oakwood Vice Mayor Steve Byington

Sun. | Nov. 20 | 2 p.m.

Join us for an interesting look at many of the community forces that will shape and influence the decisions of tomorrow's Oakwood citizens and leaders. We'll take a look forward to envision our community several decades in the future.

# Library Partners with Dayton Literary Peace Prize, Will Host Author Event This Fall

Wright Memorial Public Library is pleased to begin a new partnership with The Dayton Literary Peace Prize to host an author event at the library this fall.



The community is invited to this free event, which will feature an author nominated for the 2022 Peace Prize. Forthcoming details will be available at www.wrightlibrary.org or by calling Wright Library at (937) 294-7171.

Wright Library recently created a permanent section of books nominated for the award. The Dayton Literary Peace Prize, inaugurated in 2006, is the first and only annual U.S. literary award recognizing the power of the written word to promote peace and honor authors whose work promotes peace through literature.

The Dayton Literary Peace Prize invites nominations in adult fiction and nonfiction books published within the past year that have led readers to a better understanding of other cultures, peoples, religions, and political points of view. Both categories award a \$10,000 cash prize.

## Library Honored for Environmental Work

The Greater Dayton Partners for the Environment has selected Wright Memorial Public Library as the recipient of its 2022 Partner of the Year award.

The Partners for the Environment's Partner of the Year Awards celebrate those who work to protect, preserve, and restore the environmental and agricultural resources of the Great Miami River and Little Miami River watersheds. The Awards recognize victories and honors those who provide us with leadership and inspiration.

Wright Library Community Engagement Specialist Kate Chesar and Adult Services Coordinator Elizabeth Schmidt have led several nature-focused projects and programs in the past two years, including:

- The planting of two new native plant pollinator gardens on the library campus
- Educational and community-building nature events
- New partnerships with groups and citizens interested in improving the environment, such as Green Oakwood, a citizen group dedicated to bringing together individuals and organizations passionate about sustainability.

"At every turn, when the library presented an opportunity for education about the environment, local groups and citizens stepped forward and brought it to fruition in a way I could have never predicted. All of the outcomes that this award honors are driven by the amazing community that surrounds Wright Library," Chesar said.

Elizabeth Schmidt, Adult Services Coordinator and Kate Chesar, Community Engagement Specialist at Wright Library



## 4 Ways Wright Library Can Save You Money

- 1. Ditch the subscriptions. Use your card to stream movies, shows, music, and audiobooks for free.
- 2. Borrow an item from WMPL's Library of Things. Need a sewing machine, cake pan, or cones for teaching someone to drive?
- 3. Learn your history. Try Ancestry and other databases for free with your library card.
- 4. Gain a new skill. Access courses on LinkedIn Learning, for free.

For more information on library cards go to wrightlibrary.org/getacard



## **Adult Events**

#### OCTOBER

#### **Crochet Group**

Sun. | Oct. 2 | 3-4 p.m.

Bring your current crochet project to Wright Library to connect with fellow crocheters. All skill levels—from beginner to expert—are welcome! Community Room, Wright Memorial Public Library



#### Innovation Quintet—Wright Library Music Series

Sun. | Oct. 9 | 3-4 p.m.

Behind Wright Memorial Public Library—bring a blanket. In the case of inclement weather concert will be held in the Community Room.

#### **Book Club**

Tues. | Oct. 11 | 7-8 p.m.

In-person and virtual attendance options

### **Genealogy Interest Group**

Wed. | Oct. 10 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

In-person and virtual attendance options, Community Room

### **Far Hills Speaker Series**

Sun. | Oct. 16 | 2-3 p.m.

Dorothy Lane Market: a Look Back and Forward with Oakwood Store Director Jerry Post

#### **Wright Library Poets**

Tues. | Oct. 18 | 7-8:30 p.m.

In-person and virtual attendance options

#### **Adults Read YA**

Mon. | Oct. 24 | 7:05-8 p.m.

Virtual, visit wrightlibrary.org calendar to register for link

#### **Edgar Allan Poe Event**

Tues. | Oct. 24 | 7-8 p.m.

Virtual, visit wrightlibrary.org calendar to register for link

### **Dayton Ghost Stories**

Wed. | Oct. 26 | 7-8 p.m. | Community Room



### NOVEMBER

#### **Crochet Group**

Sun. | Nov. 6 | 3-4 p.m.

Bring your current crochet project to Wright Library to connect with fellow crocheters. All skill levels—from beginner to expert—are welcome! Community Room, Wright Memorial Public Library

#### **Book Club**

Tues. | Nov. 8 | 7-8 p.m.

In-person and virtual attendance options, Wright Memorial Public Library

#### **Genealogy Interest Group**

Wed. | Nov. 9 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

In-person and virtual attendance options, Community Room, Wright Memorial Public Library

### The Corn Drinkers—Wright Library Music Series

Sun. | Nov. 13 | 2-3 p.m.

Behind Wright Memorial Public Library—bring a blanket. In the case of inclement weather concert will be held in the Community Room.

#### **Wright Library Poets**

Tues. | Nov. 15 | 7-8:30 p.m.

In-person and virtual attendance options

### The Future of Oakwood— Far Hills Speaker Series

Sun. | Nov. 20 | 2-3 p.m.

Community Room, Wright Memorial Public Library

#### **Adults Read YA**

Mon. | Nov. 28 | 7:05-8 p.m.

Virtual, visit wrightlibrary.org/calendar to register for link

## **Youth Events** · · · · ·

#### OCTOBER

Regularly scheduled weekly Storytimes, Tween Hangouts, and Teen events

### **Animal Skulls Exhibit**

**Throughout October** 

Explore the exciting science of skulls. Come get hands-on with this exhibit of sixteen animal skulls from Miami University's Hefner Museum of Natural History. Can you guess what species one of the largest skulls comes from? Add your guess



to our mystery jar and receive a sticker! Clues will be released on social media throughout the month. The correct answer will be revealed on October 31.

### **International Observe the Moon Night**

Sat. | Oct. 1 | 8- 10 p.m.

Join the library and the Miami Valley Astronomical Society at Old River for International Observe the Moon Night—an annual NASA-sponsored event. The moon is around its first quarter—ideal for observing. Depending upon conditions and timing, Jupiter and Saturn may be visible through MVAS's telescopes, too. Astronomy-themed books will be available for checkout at the program. All ages are welcome.

#### **Glassblowing Demonstration**

Sat. | Oct. 22 | 2-3 p.m.

A mobile glassblowing studio visits Oakwood!
Come see a demonstration of glassblowing by
Neusole Glassworks. The artists will discuss what
they're doing as they're working, and also answer
questions during and after the demonstration. All ages welcome.



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## **Get Involved in Your Local Government**

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- Board of Health
- Budget Review Committee
- Planning Commission
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Beautification Committee
- Property Maintenance Board
- Personnel Appeals Board
- Tax/Water & Sewer/Assembly Appeals Board
- ADA Compliance Committee



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