

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 21, 2022

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

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:

- **Council Retreat:** We meet at Smith Gardens at 5 p.m. on Monday. We will begin with dinner and then start the discussion on current issues, financial matters and strategic planning around 5:30. Enclosed is the agenda.
- **Sister City Visit:** Today's welcoming ceremony and luncheon at Hawthorn Hill were wonderful... a great start to a special celebration.
- **BRC Meeting:** We had 16 committee members in attendance... 13 in person and 3 via Zoom. The information was well received... and no objections were raised on what we proposed for the 2023 budget.
- **November PC & BZA Cancellation:** We do not have any applications, so the November 2 PC and November 10 BZA meetings are cancelled. Enclosed are the cancellation memos.
- **2533 Far Hills Avenue:** We approved a zoning/building permit request for the exterior of the existing structure at 2533 Far Hills. Below is a rendering of the enhanced exterior, including paint, awnings and landscaping. The building owner does not yet have tenants, but as interior remodeling continues and the exterior changes start taking place, we anticipate that tenants will emerge.



- Hazardous Waste Collection: The last hazardous waste collection event of the year is tomorrow. There are 37 addresses scheduled for pick-up.
- New (used) Medic: We took delivery of the medic vehicle this week and it is already in service as the secondary unit... so, we are officially back up and running with a second fully functional vehicle in the event the primary vehicle is in the shop, and are able to respond with two medic teams simultaneously, if necessary. Next week, we will send the vehicle to have decals changed. We are very pleased with the unit.



- Trick-or-Treat: The event is from 6 – 8 p.m. on Monday, October 31. Enclosed is a *Register* article.
- Oakwood Schools Superintendent: Enclosed is a *Register* article about the search for a replacement for Dr. Ramey.
- School Incident: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the incident this week involving the Kettering Fairmont student.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

November PC & BZA Memo

Register Article re: Trick-or-Treat

Register Article re: Oakwood Schools Superintendent

DDN Article re: School Incident

MEMORANDUM

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS
FROM: ETHAN KROGER
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF NOVEMBER 2 MEETING
DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2022

The Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

EK:ls

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

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBERS
FROM: ETHAN KROGER
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF NOVEMBER 10 MEETING
DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2022

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2022 has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting is at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022.

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Oakwood ghouls, goblins will Trick-or-Treat on Oct. 31

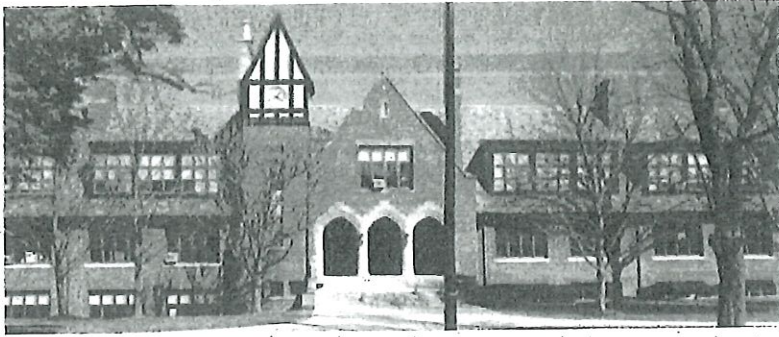
The city of Oakwood has set
Trick-or-Treat hours from 6-8 p.m.
on Monday, Oct. 31.

Motorists are encouraged to

exercise caution and watch for
children crossing streets in resi-
dential neighborhoods on the
evening of Oct. 31.



OR 10/19/22



Oakwood Schools set to begin search for new Superintendent

Oakwood Schools will officially begin the search for its next superintendent in November, replacing outgoing superintendent Dr. Kyle Ramey, who will retire Dec. 31.

The official job posting will be released statewide on Nov. 10, district officials said last week, "to ensure the district is well-positioned to attract an exceptional candidate pool." The district is working with K12 Business Consulting to conduct the search.

Representatives from K12 met with Oakwood Schools Board of Education members in executive session on Monday, Oct. 10, to discuss the search process and schedule. District officials said a key component to the process is community engagement.

The first step in the search process will be to create a Superintendent Profile, identifying the characteristics, experience and requirements the community and the district is looking for in potential candidates. To create the profile, K12 will partner with district and community groups to identify individuals who represent a cross-section of Oakwood and its many interests.

Those individuals will be invited to participate in a series of K12 facilitated focus group meetings beginning in early November.

Additional opportunities are also planned throughout November to ensure interested individuals have at least one opportunity to provide input. Specific details and dates of these additional meetings will be shared at the school board's Nov.

7 meeting. K-12 will publish and present the Superintendent Profile at the school board meeting on Dec. 12.

The Board of Education will also take official action on Nov. 7 Regular Meeting to name Allyson Couch, the current Oakwood Schools Director of Educational Services and Human Resources, as the district's interim superintendent to serve Jan. 1 through the start date of the next superintendent. Officials said the district has established an operational strategy to ensure all educational services and human resource needs are administered and accomplished during the interim term.

The superintendent job posting will close on Jan. 6, 2023, after which the search process will move into the screening and assessment phase. Information regarding the search process and how community members can participate will be available on the district website starting Nov. 7. School board vice president John Wilson says he and other BOE members believe partnering with the community will provide the district with the best leader to continue to move forward.

"The Oakwood Board of Education puts community involvement first and foremost in the search for our new superintendent. We have developed a plan that provides multiple opportunities for all community members and stakeholders to share their thoughts and hopes for the future. We look forward to working together to write the next chapter of our community's schools."

OR 10/19/22

Kettering, Oakwood probe school shooting threat deemed not credible

Police weigh charging Fairmont student, 17, with inducing panic.

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

KETTERING — Criminal charges are being considered after a shooting threat was reported to Kettering and Oakwood schools, resulting in police investigations from both cities, records show.

Officials said they have identified a 17-year-old Kettering female student as the person making the threat, which was deemed not credible.

The student admitted to the threat, which was found in a Fairmont High School restroom, according to district spokeswoman Kari Basson.

“(School board) policy will be followed in pursuing discipline with the student involved,” Basson said in an email Thursday

afternoon. “In addition, the district will ... cooperate with the Kettering Police Department as they work with the prosecutor’s office to determine if any charges will be filed as a result of this incident,” she added.

A letter to Fairmont parents Wednesday afternoon stated the suspect was under adult supervision and referenced a possible inducing panic charge. On

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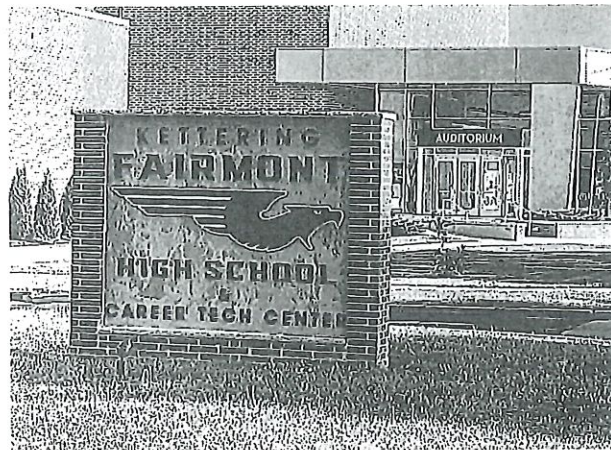
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Thursday, Fairmont officials said they determined the student acted in isolation and had no intention of harming others.

That said, they added that the student in question was “not in school” at this point.

The threat reported to Fairmont and Kettering police “was one and the same” fielded by Oakwood police Wednesday, a report from Oakwood’s safety department states. In the Oakwood case, a social media post had an image with similar wording to the threat found at Fairmont.

The Dayton Daily News has requested a copy of the Kettering police report. It was still being compiled Thursday afternoon and “will be sent to the juvenile prosecutor’s office with the request to review for charges,” KPD spokesman Tyler Johnson said in an email.



Threats at Fairmont High School and on social media, deemed not credible, resulted in investigations by Kettering and Oakwood police. NICK BLIZZARD / STAFF

A statement posted on Oakwood City Schools’ website Thursday morning said “recent disturbing social media posts threatening violence at a school” as not being linked to Oakwood.

The social media threat “was circulating in the area,” Oakwood schools spokeswoman Traci Hale said in

an email.

“Our goal was to thank our families, students and staff for reporting their concerns and to let them know there was not a threat to their safety,” she added.

Fairmont officials cited similar action in the email to parents. “We commend the response and actions of

our students, staff, administration and KPD,” the letter said.

The Oakwood police report indicated a Snapchat threat stated someone would “shoot up the school on October 20th 9:30 am” without referencing a specific school or district.

A Kettering officer told Oakwood police Wednesday “there was no longer any threat ... as far as they were aware of,” according to the Oakwood document.

The threat was reported to the Fairmont administration by staff and students, according to the letter.

Oakwood police arrived at the home of a city resident shortly before 6 p.m. Wednesday. The woman said her son had showed her the Snapchat message, but he was unable to provide any “usable information to obtain the origination” of the message.

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