

**CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 28, 2022**

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

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:

- **Sister City Celebration:** By all accounts, the events of last weekend were fabulous. Big kudos to Carol and Lori for all their good work... and to all the other hands that were involved in planning and executing the various events, and especially to our honored guests from Le Vésinet and Outremont.

From Le Vésinet:

Didier Guérémy, Maire Adjoint (Vice Mayor) and Vie Culturelle et Associative (Chair of Cultural and Associative Life)

Agnès Guérémy – Didier's wife

Julie Guérémy – daughter of Didier and Agnès

Anne-Marie Borderie, Président Le Vésinet Twinning Committee

Véronique Pennaneac'h, Webmaster Twinning Committee

From Outremont:

Francine Unterberg, President, Outremont Twinning Committee

Brigitte Unterberg, Vice-President, Outremont Twinning Committee

Enclosed is the Outremont/Unterhaching/Oakwood "Partnerschaftserklärung" that I read at the welcoming ceremony. Also enclosed is a paper that we found in our Sister City files that summarizes the beginnings of the association and our relationships with Le Vésinet, Outremont and Unterhaching.



- City Meetings: Enclosed is a *DDN* article announcing our upcoming public meetings.
- Trick-or-Treat: The event is from 6 – 8 p.m. on Monday, October 31. Enclosed is a *Register* article. Also enclosed is a *Register* article about Halloween safety.
- Oakwood Schools Interim Superintendent: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Allyson Couch being appointed interim superintendent.
- Chris Kuzma: Chris is getting active in the Dayton Chapter of ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers.) He is currently serving as the co-chair of the young member group. Below is the ASCE website posting:

Young Member Group Co-Chair, Chris Kuzma, P.E.

Agency: City of Oakwood

Phone: 937-298-0777



Chris graduated from the University of Toledo in 2016 with a Bachelor in Science in Civil Engineering. He worked previously with CESO Inc. before moving to South Carolina, with his family to work as a Project Design Coordinator for Seamon Whiteside & Associates. In 2020, a newborn son and a worldwide pandemic brought the Kuzma family back to southwest Ohio where Chris is currently the City Staff Engineer for the City of Oakwood. Chris' experience includes: Site and drainage design, stormwater modeling, and water system modeling. Alongside his engineering experience, Chris brings a love for mentoring and teaching and is excited to bring these passions to his role as the Young Member Group Chair.

- Hazmat: The Rotary hazmat collection event last Saturday was a huge success. Dr. Tom Hardy and I had our largest load ever. We were one of four or five collection teams.



- Johnny Appleseed: Enclosed are *DDN* and *Register* articles about our 2022 Johnny Appleseed tree planting program.
- Veteran Memorials, Historical Markers and Commemorative Plaques: Lori recently completed a neat project of creating a page on our city website where we present information about the Veteran Memorials, Historical Markers and Commemorative Plaques located around Oakwood. Search “memorials” and you will find it. We are planning to add Memorial Benches to the website as well.
- LED Street Lights: Below is a draft of an article that we will include in the Dec/Jan *Oakwood Scene* newsletter.

LED Street Lights

The city contracts with Miami Valley Lighting (MVL) for street lights. Prior to 1998, the vast majority of Oakwood street lights consisted of incandescent bulb fixtures, with some mercury vapor fixtures. In 1998, Dayton Power & Light completed a city-wide conversion to High Pressure Sodium (HPS) lights. Consistent with the current MVL contract, as HPS fixtures fail, LED lights are installed. At present, there are roughly 15-20 LED fixtures in Oakwood. In 2023, MVL will embark on a city-wide project to replace about 500 HPS fixtures, nearly all of the residential street lights in Oakwood. The city selected the 2700 Kelvin fixture as it provides illumination in the warm or soft white range, as opposed to the bright white light often seen with LEDs. More information about the project and construction schedule will be included in the next edition of the *Oakwood Scene*.



- Street Light History: Speaking of street lights, did you know that little old Oakwood, Ohio was a trailblazer way back in December, 1952? We installed the first, presumably in the nation, Form 206 Fluorescent Luminaires (see enclosed article/ad from the June 1953 edition of *The American City* magazine.) Rob Jacques gave it to me... his father found it some years ago. I googled Form 206 Fluorescent Luminaires and found another article/ad about it, that also cited Oakwood and included the photo of Far Hills Avenue in our business district... with the old center herringbone parking arrangement.
- CARE Walk: Enclosed is a *Register* article about the 20th and final CARE Walk raising more than \$40,000. Leigh Ann Fulford has done an amazing job leading this event to raise significant funds to help cancer survivors.
- School Threat Tipline: Enclosed is a *Register* letter to the editor about the Safer Ohio School Tipline to report concerns for student safety. The author, Amanda Krauss, is a BRC member... and my neighbor.
- OHS Holiday Home Tour: The Oakwood Historical Society is again planning a Holiday Home Tour. Enclosed is an email with details about the December 3 event.

- New Board Member: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about Debbie DiLorenzo taking the place of Todd Duwel on the Oakwood Schools Board of Education.
- Joan Lunden (Blunden): Enclosed is the *DDN* article about Joan Lunden and the Ribbon of Hope event that I mentioned at our retreat this week... and below is the photo of yours truly, circa October 1980 when Valerie and Walter Waters, my next door neighbors, visited me at West Point. Mr. and Mrs. Waters were good friends of Joan's parents. We all lived in Fair Oaks, CA. Mrs. Waters was a retired attorney... a very bright and accomplished woman. If not for her, I would not have attended the US Military Academy and my life would certainly have been very different.



HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

Sister City "Partnerschaftserklärung" & Summary

DDN Article re: City Meetings

Register Articles re: Trick-or-Treat

DDN Article re: Oakwood Schools Interim Superintendent

DDN & Register Articles re: Johnny Appleseed

Street Light History

Register Article re: CARE Walk

Register Article re: School Threat Tipline

Register Article re: RTA

OHS Holiday Home Tour Email

DDN Article re: New Board Members

DDN Article re: Joan Lunden (Blunden)

PARTNERSCHAFTSERKLÄRUNG

Die drei Städte: Le Vesinet, Yvelines in Frankreich, Oakwood, Ohio in den Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika und Outremont, Quebec in Kanada unterhalten eine Partnerschaft, die getragen wird von dem Ziel einer internationalen Freundschaft unter ihren Bürgern, Behörden und Verwaltungen.

Um sich weiteren Kulturen zu öffnen, ist die Stadt Le Vesinet eine Partnerschaft mit der deutschen Stadt Unterhaching, Bayern formell eingegangen.

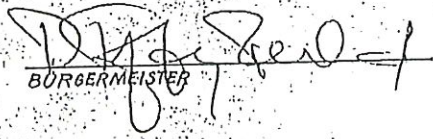
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Deshalb erklären wir hiermit im Namen unserer Städte diese freundschaftliche Partnerschaft mit unserer Unterschrift am dritte Juli, 1992.

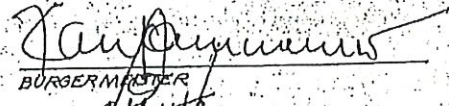
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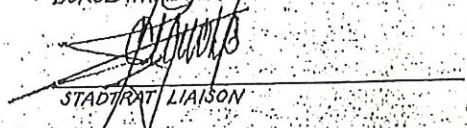

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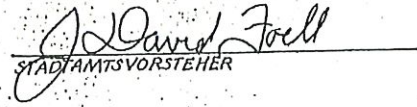
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A SUMMARY OF OAKWOOD'S SISTER CITY PROGRAM

The Oakwood Sister City Association began as a project of a group of interested citizens in 1971. These Oakwood residents had heard about the opportunities provided by a sister city pairing and became more informed as a result of talking with other communities that had a sister city relationship. One such enthusiastic citizen was Styliane Anderson who is French by birth and who lived in Oakwood at the time. She was very much involved in the founding of the organization. Early on, it was decided that a French sister city would be an appropriate "twin" for Oakwood.

After considerable study, LeVesinet, a small city 20 miles west of Paris was chosen because of its many similarities to Oakwood. Charles Simms, an Oakwood Councilman, Mr. Jan Steen, representing the Oakwood Kiwanis traveled to Washington DC where contact was made with the French Ambassador. They both returned excited about the possibility of twinning with LeVesinet and with considerably more information on how to accomplish exactly that.

In June, 1972, a group from the Oakwood Sister City Committee visited LeVesinet and a charter of Jumelage (twinning) was signed. In the spring of 1973, a delegation from LeVesinet came to Oakwood to further celebrate the twinning and to enjoy the hospitality arranged by city officials and the sister city committee. Later that year, Oakwood won the *Reader's Digest* award for the best overall program for a city of its size. Also, in 1973, the Oakwood Sister City Committee became the Sister City Association of Oakwood, a non-profit membership organization dedicated to the sister city ideal. The program grew and flourished and both adult and student exchanges began to take place.

In 1975, it was decided to establish a sister city relationship with Outremont, Quebec, Canada, a suburb of Montreal. Outremont had already allied with LeVesinet and the association became a unique triangular one. In March, 1976, two councilmen from Outremont came to Oakwood and an agreement to "twin" was reached. In May of that year, Janett Cavender of the Oakwood City Council, and Linda Lombard, President of the Association, traveled to Outremont and another charter of "jumelage" was signed. In July, Oakwood hosted delegations from both sister cities for the U.S. Bi-Centennial.

The relationships among the three cities have grown and flourished over the years throughout exchanges and contacts at many levels. Numerous students have visited Oakwood from Outremont. Also, many student exchanges between families have been made possible between LeVesinet and Oakwood through the Oakwood Sister City Association. Oakwood delegations have visited both LeVesinet and Outremont many times. There have been many youth and adult exchanges and lasting friendships have been formed. Through the Oakwood Sister City Association, many Oakwood students have had the opportunity to visit France and Canada to improve their understanding and appreciation of both the French language and culture.

Funds for the association are derived primarily through membership dues and organized fundraisers which have ranged from flea markets to the annual scholarship champagne brunch. The Oakwood Sister City Association is funded primarily through membership dues and private donations. A variety of fundraisers from white elephant sales to long-standing scholarship brunch, has added to the associations programming dollars. Membership in the Oakwood Sister City Association is open to all, including non-residents. The enthusiasm and dedication of the membership; which now includes more than 100 families and individuals, has kept the sister city idea alive and well in Oakwood.

In 1999, the City of Oakwood partnered with the Sister City Association in sponsoring an autumn LobsterFest. The fundraiser was patterned, in part, after Outremont's special OysterFest which takes place in September of each year. Oakwood's LobsterFest has been a success and has afforded the Sister City Association an avenue for both fundraising and encouraging continuation and expansion of the association membership.

In these days of an ever-changing global landscape, the ties to our sister cities of LeVesinet and Outremont remain strong. A third city, Unterhaching, Germany, has now twinned with Le Vesinet and has been included in sister city activities both in Outremont and Oakwood.

We are grateful to the vision of those concerned citizens who realized the importance of the exchange of ideas among cultures. On this anniversary celebration, we are benefiting from their hard work. It is our goal to see to it that the seeds they planted continue to bear fruit.

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City council meetings

Upcoming Oakwood City Council meetings are scheduled at 30 Park Ave., unless otherwise noted.

■ Monday: Executive session for council retreat, 5 p.m., at Smith Gardens.

■ Nov. 7: Work session at 6:30 p.m. in the second-floor training/community room, followed by regular session at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.

■ Nov. 21: Work session, 5 p.m. in the second-floor training/community room.

■ Dec. 5: Work Session at 6:30 p.m. in the second-floor training/community room, followed by regular session at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.

■ Board of Health meetings are scheduled Nov. 22 and Jan. 24, both at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers.

■ Planning Commission meetings: The Nov. 2 meeting has been cancelled, and the body will meet at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at in council chambers.

■ Board of Zoning Appeals Meetings: The Nov. 10 meeting has been cancelled, and the both will meet at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in council chambers.

For additional information, contact Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council, at 937-298-0600.

STAFF REPORT

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Trick-or-Treat set for 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 residential neighborhoods on the evening of Oct. 31.

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All About Kids!

HALLOWEEN HEALTH & SAFETY TIPS

Kee these tips in mind to help ensure your children have a healthy and safe Halloween.

Costumes

- Plan costumes that are bright and reflective. Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility.

- Make sure that shoes fit well, and that costumes are short enough to prevent tripping, entanglement, or contact with flame.

- Look for "flame resistant" on the costume labels. Wigs and accessories should also clearly indicate this.

- Consider non-toxic makeup and decorative hats as safer alternatives to masks. Makeup should be tested ahead of time on a small patch of your child's skin to ensure there are no unpleasant surprises or allergic reactions on the big day. Toxic ingredients have been found in cosmetics marketed to teens and tweens.

- Hats should fit properly to prevent them from sliding over eyes and blocking vision.

- Avoid any sharp or long swords, canes, or sticks as a costume accessory. Your child can easily be hurt by these accessories if he or she stumbles or trips.

- Do not use decorative contact lenses without an eye examination and a prescription from an eye care professional. While the packaging on decorative lenses will often make claims such as "*one size fits all*," or "*no need to see an eye specialist*," getting decorative contact lenses without a prescription is both dangerous and illegal. This can cause pain, inflammation and serious eye disorders and infections, which may lead to permanent vision loss.

Pumpkins

- Never allow small children to carve pumpkins. Children can draw a face with markers. Then parents can do the cutting. For the best control while carving, the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (AAHS) recommends adults use a small pumpkin saw

(sold with other Halloween goods) in small strokes, directing the blade away from themselves and others. The AAHS advises against using larger blades, which can become lodged in the pumpkin and cause injuries when pulled out. If injured by a blade, here are some guidelines to help you determine whether or not stitches are needed.

- Consider using a flashlight or glow stick instead of a candle to light your pumpkin. If you do use a candle, a votive candle is safest.

- Do not place candlelit pumpkins on a porch or any path where visitors may pass close by. They should never be left unattended.

At home

- Remove tripping hazards to keep your home safe for visiting trick-or-treaters. Keep the porch and front yard clear of anything a child could trip over such as garden hoses, toys, bikes and lawn decorations.

- Check outdoor lights and replace burned-out bulbs.

- Sweep wet leaves from sidewalks and steps to prevent anyone from slipping on them.

- Restrain pets so they do not jump on or bite a trick-or-treater.

On the Trick-or-Treat Trail

- Always accompany young children on their neighborhood rounds. If your older children are going alone, plan and review the route that is acceptable to you. Agree on a specific time when they should return home and get flashlights with batteries for everyone. If Halloween doesn't start until after dark where you live and you have younger children, check with your town or park district for Halloween activities offered earlier in the day.

- Only go to homes with a porch light on and, ideally, a well-lit pathway.

- Never enter a home or car for a treat. Notify law enforcement authorities immediately about of any

suspicious or unlawful activity.

- Review with children how to call 9-1-1 if they ever have an emergency or become lost or is prone to wander. See "Help Prevent Your Child from Going Missing" for tips.

- Know how to reduce your child's risk of a pedestrian injury—the most common injury to children on Halloween.

- Stay in a group and communicate where they will be going.

- Remember reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags.

- Carry a cell phone for quick communication.

- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk.

- If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the roadway facing traffic.

- Never cut across yards or use alleys.

- Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks (as recognized by local custom). Never cross between parked cars or out of driveways.

- Don't assume the right of way. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters. Just because one car stops, doesn't mean others will!

Be Safe, Be Seen on HALLOWEEN

DID YOU KNOW?



Twice as many kids are killed while walking on Halloween than any other day of the year.

Walk Safely



- Cross at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again.
- Use sidewalks.
- Watch for cars turning or backing up.

Drive Safely



- Watch out for kids crossing mid-block.
- Slow down and be especially alert.
- Look for kids who might be trying to cross mid-block.
- Keep phones down so you are not distracted.

Healthy Halloween

• Give your child a good meal prior to parties and trick-or-treating; this will discourage filling up on Halloween treats.

• Consider offering non-edible goodies to trick-or-treaters visiting your home. Halloween is one of the trickiest days of the year for children with food allergies. Food Allergy Research & Education's Teal Pumpkin Project, which promotes safe trick-or-treating options for food-allergic children, suggests items such as glow sticks, spider rings, vampire fangs, pencils, bubbles, bouncy balls, finger puppets, whistles, bookmarks, stickers and stencils.

• Keep an eye on what your child has in their mouth at all times while on the trick-or-treat trail. Wait until children are home to sort and check

treats. Though tampering is rare, it can happen. A responsible adult should closely examine all treats and throw away any spoiled, unwrapped, or suspicious items. Once your child is ready to enjoy treats at home, keep in mind that babies and toddlers should not have any hard candies, caramel apples, popcorn, gum, small candies (jelly beans, etc.), gummy candy, pumpkin seeds, or anything with whole nuts. Candy wrappers, stickers, small toys or temporary tattoos can be

a choking hazard, as well. As all parents know, babies and toddlers will put just about anything into their mouths!

• Try to ration treats for the days and weeks following Halloween. If you keep candy guidelines realistic, consistent, and positive, your Halloween is less likely to be about arguing or controlling candy. Make a plan together so everyone knows what to expect. It's also a great opportunity to teach your kids about moderation, balance and healthful indulging.

Oakwood schools to name ex-principal to serve as interim superintendent

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

OAKWOOD — An interim superintendent for Oakwood City Schools is expected to be appointed next month.

The Oakwood Board of Education will vote Nov. 7 to approve Director of Educational Services and Human Resources Allyson Couch, a University of Dayton graduate, as the temporary replacement for Kyle



Allyson Couch

Ramey, who is retiring Dec. 31.

Ramey became the district's superintendent in 2013. Before he came to Oakwood schools, Ramey was in Kettering City Schools for 20 years as a teacher, principal and director.

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Couch will begin the interim role on Jan. 1 and serve until the next superintendent begins, district officials said.

Attempts to reach Couch for comment were unsuccessful.

She has been employed by the Oakwood school district since 2009 and previously served as Harman Elementary School's principal, records show. She was named head of educational services in 2014.

Couch earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Wilmington College in 1995 and a master's degree in educational administration from UD in 2001.

Oakwood said the process to find a permanent successor for Ramey is expected to start next month and run through July 2023.

Community feedback will play an important role in the selection of the next superin-

tendent, district officials said.

"The Oakwood board of education puts community involvement first and foremost in the search," board Vice President John Wilson said in a statement. "We have developed a plan that provides multiple opportunities for all community members and stakeholders to share their thoughts and hopes for the future."

The district's board has engaged K-12 Business Consulting Inc. to help with the search. A job posting will be released statewide Nov. 10 and will run through Jan. 6, 2023, according to the district.

K-12 will host focus groups in early November to create a superintendent profile, which is expected to be presented in December, officials said.

More information regarding the search process and community participation will be available starting Nov. 7, according to the district.

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

OAKWOOD

Tree planting project

Under the leadership of the Oakwood Beautification Committee, once again the annual Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project will be held. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and tree species can be found at: <https://oakwoodohio.gov/beautification-committee/>.

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 Brian Caldwell at 937-298-0775.

NICK BLIZZARD,
STAFF WRITER

Trees are available from city

The City of Oakwood's fall Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project is now underway. Applications and detailed brochures describing the trees are available at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road, or by mail. This award-winning project is offering six trees to homeowners at a 50 percent discount. The size of the trees will be 2-inches in diameter. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site. Trees must be planted in the city right of way at the discounted rate and will be wrapped, staked, mulched and guar-

anteed by the nursery for one growing season. Planting will take place in late November or early December. Homeowners may also purchase a tree at 100 percent of cost if a second tree is needed or the homeowner wants to plant a tree on private property. All tree varieties were chosen because of their excellent landscape characteristics including fall color, height, rate of growth, shape of tree, texture and landscape value.

Call the Oakwood Community Center at (937) 298-0775 for a brochure or more information.

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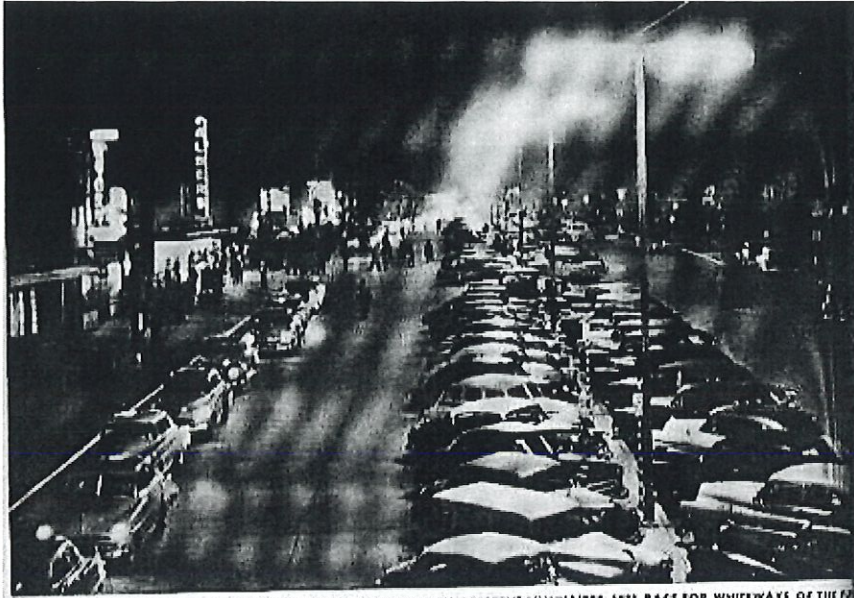
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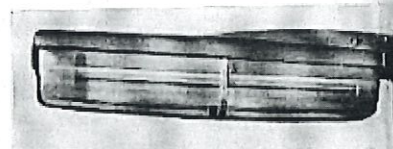
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CARE Walk distributes more than \$40,000 to area organizations from final event

By Leigh Ann Fulford

CARE Walk Director

CARE Walk is thrilled to announce the recipients of more than \$40,000+ from the 20th and last 5K for breast cancer held on May 14.

Breast Wishes Foundation (www.breastwishesfoundation.org) will

receive \$20,268.69; Living with Lymphedema (www.lwlymphedema.com); \$10,000; the Norma J. Ross Foundation (www.njrnf.org) will receive \$7,500; and Noble Circle (www.noblecircle.org) \$2,500.

The work that these folks do in our community is commendable with the services they provide to the

underserved. Since this was our last CARE Walk, we hope everyone will consider supporting these wonderful organizations with time and/or donations in the future.

We would also like to remind everyone that early detection is the best protection because breast cancer affects many people and does not

discriminate - even men get breast cancer! Because October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, it is hard to forget self-exams and mammograms right now, but honestly, we should all be on top of our health 365 days a year. Thankfully, pink ribbons adorn shirts, water bottles, license plates, and countless other things, so hopefully

we will all remember to take care of ourselves.

A sincere thank you for all the support (more than \$300,000!) and love you have given to CARE Walk and those in the community over the last 20 years. It takes a village to take care of one another, and we live in a great one!

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Letters to the Editor



Safer Ohio School Tipline offers an opportunity to report potential school threats

I am writing to encourage parents and adults in the community to convey to students the importance of "seeing something, saying something," and to make the community more aware of the Safer Ohio School Tipline that is in place at Oakwood Schools. The tipline number is 844-SaferOH (844-723-3764), and it is a free and anonymous reporting system that accepts both calls and texts 24 hours a day.

The tipline, which is operated by Ohio Homeland Security, can be used to report any threat to student safety, whether it involves a threatened mass incident or harm to a single student (including self-harm or suicidal sentiments). Immediately after receipt of the tip information, if determined appropriate, the operator will forward the information to Oakwood Schools and law enforcement for further action and follow-up.

Tragically, at the forefront of many of our minds is the threat of school shootings. Research on past school shootings, some of which I summarize below, has shown that there were typically indicators and warning signs before the attacks. I'm tremendously grateful for the culture in our

community that encourages students to directly tell a parent or school representative about any concerns; we should foremost promote that open line of communication. However, the reality is that some students may prefer to utilize a hotline that offers an anonymous option. I feel very strongly about the importance of anonymous reporting hotlines, and have seen first-hand the benefit of them in my career dealing directly with hotlines and whistleblowers while conducting investigations into white collar crimes and other investigative matters. With the stakes so high, we should ensure that our students have, and are aware of, a variety of reporting mechanisms so that they can immediately elevate any concerns they may come across.

According to the United States Secret Service and United States Department of Education's "The Final Report and Findings of the Safe School Initiative: Implications for the Prevention of School Attacks in the United States":

- 93 percent of school attackers planned the attack in advance.
- For 93 percent of school attackers, there was evidence from the attacker's

behavior prior to the attack that the attacker had a plan or was preparing to harm the target(s).

- In 81 percent of the incidents, at least one person had information that the attacker was thinking about or planning the school attack.
- In 59 percent of the incidents, more than one person had information about the attack before it occurred. In nearly all (93 percent) of these cases, the person who knew was a peer—a friend, schoolmate, or sibling.
- Some peers knew exactly what the attacker planned to do; others knew something "big" or "bad" was going to happen, and in several cases knew the time and date it was to occur.
- An adult had information about the idea or plan in only two cases.

According to "Protecting America's Schools: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Targeted School Violence":

- All attackers in studied cases exhibited concerning behaviors. Most elicited concern from others, and most communicated their intent to attack.
- In all but two of these cases (94 percent), concerning behaviors were

displayed at school.

• In 66 percent of the attacks, there was at least one communication by the attacker about his or her intent to attack, or another observed threatening behavior, to which there was not a response.

The Safer Ohio School Tipline is being promoted more heavily by Oakwood Schools and I commend them for this. To support the schools in sharing this message, I encourage

those reading this letter to have conversations with the children in their lives. Stress the importance of "seeing something, saying something" - to a parent, trusted adult, school official, or by contacting 844-SaferOH (844-723-3764).

More information on the tipline can be found at www.ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov/pre-k-12-schools/safer-ohio-school-tip-line.

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School Tip Line

844.723.3764

Report concerns for student safety

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Subject: Oakwood Holiday Home Tour 2022



Mark Your Calendars!

The Oakwood Historical Society's popular
Holiday Home Tour is

Saturday, December 3, 2022

This year the Holiday Home Tour will feature homes in the Harman Terrace area which is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Check in at St. Paul's Church, with a reception following the tour.

As a token of our appreciation, we are giving members the opportunity to purchase tickets before we open the event to the general public.

**Ticket sales open for members only at 8:00 a.m. on October 31, 2022.
(General ticket sales open November 3.)**

This event sells out fast, so don't miss this opportunity for early purchase.

Follow this link to make your reservations!

<https://holidayhometour2022.eventbrite.com>

(Remember, the link will not work until 8:00 a.m. on October 31, 2022)

We are also looking for a few more volunteers, so if you enjoy talking with people and like history-- let us know!

Email dedwards@oakwoodhistory.org for more information on volunteer opportunities.

OAKWOOD

District names school board member

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

OAKWOOD — The next new Oakwood City Schools Board of Education member has been a part of the community for 20 years and a PTO leader at multiple levels.

Debbie DiLorenzo has served on Wright Memorial



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Public Library boards for several years and has four children who are Oakwood High School graduates.

DiLorenzo was named this week to replace Todd Duwel, the

school board president who earlier announced his resignation effective Dec. 31, ending an 11-year tenure due to relocation.

“Oakwood is such an amazing community with many assets, but the one that really stands out is the school system,” DiLorenzo said in her application letter.

“I have experienced the greatness of the school system through the lives of my four children ... It would be my honor to contribute my skills toward the continuation of excellence in our schools,” she added.

DiLorenzo was selected over 10 other candidates: Julie Smith Cannon, Greg Derus, Will Erwin, Kristine (Tina) Kuroiwa-Bazzan, Rose Lounsbury, Nathan Reiter, Allison Silvain, David Suich, Tory Tomlinson and Raya Mafazy Whalen, the district said.

In the selection announcement Wednesday, school board

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Vice President John Wilson noted “strong community interest,” but said DiLorenzo “emerged as the best fit” for the current board.

“Her pride for Oakwood schools was apparent. She arrives ready to lend a strong voice and commitment to doing what is best for students on day one,” Wilson added.

DiLorenzo will be sworn in before the Jan. 9 school board meeting and will serve the remainder of

Duwel’s term, which expires Dec. 31, 2023, officials said.

DiLorenzo is an active volunteer in the schools and has served the community in many capacities, officials said.

She has served as PTO president at Harman Elementary and Oakwood Junior and Senior High School, and has volunteered at the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity, according to her letter.

DiLorenzo was a member of the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation board for two terms and a member of its board of trustees for one term.

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Ex-TV host: Screenings should not be about money

Lunden advocates for women, testing at annual luncheon.

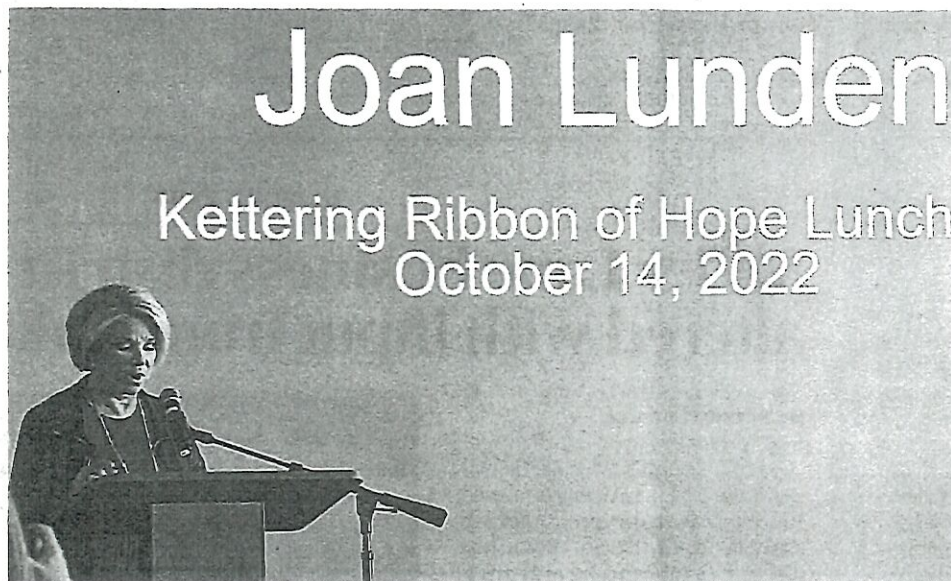
By Samantha Wildow
Staff Writer

Early detection is key when it comes to a cancer diagnosis, but getting that early detection can also mean undergoing the correct kind of testing, which is what Joan Lunden, a former host of ABC's Good Morning America, found out when she was diagnosed with triple-negative breast cancer.

Lunden spoke at Kettering Health's 20th annual Ribbon of Hope luncheon Friday at the Sinclair Ponitz Center in Dayton, where she talked about how an interview with Dr. Susan M. Love, an American surgeon and a prominent advocate of preventive breast cancer research, led Lunden to finding out she needed to undergo an ultrasound in addition to getting an annual mammogram due to Lunden having dense breast tissue.

"Cancer shows up white on a mammogram, so does dense breast tissue," Lunden said about Love's recommendation to get an ultrasound in addition to a mammogram. "It's like looking for a snow ball in the middle of a giant snow storm. And dense breast tissue can really, really mask cancer."

In June 2014, Lunden got



Former Good Morning America host Joan Lunden speaks about breast cancer awareness at Kettering Health's 20th annual Ribbon of Hope luncheon on Friday.

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a clean, 3-D mammogram that appeared to be free of cancer, but because of her interview with Love, Lunden asked for an ultrasound, as well. That was when doctors discovered the tumor, which was one of the most aggressive forms of breast cancer, on her chest wall. She would not have noticed it through a self breast exam – and it did not appear on the 3-D mammogram – but the ultrasound that she had to request did catch the cancer in time to get treatment.

After her triple-negative breast cancer diagnosis, Lunden

underwent 16 rounds of chemotherapy, two blood transfusions, six weeks of radiation and surgery before she was cancer free.

Lunden has since become an advocate of breast cancer awareness, particularly advocating for legislation that would require radiology labs to inform women if they have dense breast tissue and if a mammogram may not be the sufficient screening tool. Over the past decade, 38 states and the District of Columbia have passed some form of that legislation, Lunden said.

"It's not surprising that

surveys show that most women in America do not know their breast density," Lunden said. "You only find out your breast density from a mammogram, and most women also do not know that it can mask cancer in a mammogram or that it is a risk factor."

In 2019, federal legislation was approved, which directed the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to ensure breast density information is included in all mammography reports, no matter what state a woman lives in, Lunden said. She

GET INVOLVED

The American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 2022 Dayton 5K Walk kicks off at 9 a.m. today at Day Air Ballpark at 220 N. Patterson Blvd., in Dayton.

So far, the American Cancer Society has raised \$165,647 of its \$250,000 goal.

added, though, a timeline was not included in that legislation, so radiologists are still operating off of what their current state law is in regard to reporting requirements. Ohio is one of the states with a breast density notification law.

"We couldn't even get all of the female senators to sign on to that legislation, even though there was no financial (requirement)," Lunden said. "It simply said we had to tell women if they have dense breasts, but (they knew it was) the first domino that would go down and it would eventually require insurance companies to pay for the tests."

Lunden said the issue of informing women about their breast density and offering additional testing, like ultrasounds, for breast cancer screenings comes down to cost and insurance coverage.

"It seems like whenever the subject of mammograms comes up, there are so many questions and so many conflicting opinions. When should we start them? Does reporting density increase

anxiety? Come on, we're big girls," Lunden said. "Does adding an ultrasound increase false positives? And of course, with any of these questions, it always brings us back around to the same issue and the issue then is cost. And insurance coverage."

Lunden said the focus on breast cancer screenings cannot be about money, but it has to be about the women.

"It has to be about saving lives," Lunden said.

Friday's event also contributed support to Kettering Health Foundation's Women's Wellness Fund, which provides breast imaging services and other women's cancer care to uninsured or underserved women in the Dayton area. Since 1995, the fund has raised \$2.2 million, helped more than 15,000 women, and provided nearly \$1 million to support the purchase of new tomography units at multiple Kettering Health Breast Center locations.

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