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CITY NEWS | “Lighting Up” Oakwood – Sunday, December 11

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. This event brightens the entire community at the onset of the winter holiday season. Luminarias will line the Shafor Boulevard. The committee encourages neighborhood participation and hopes to see many citizens joining in the festive beautification effort.



SCHOOL NEWS | Board Seeks Community Involvement

Oakwood Schools Board of Education has officially begun the search for the next superintendent and they want to hear from you. A series of community meetings have been held to learn what community members hope to see in the District’s next leader.

“The community profile for the Superintendent search is a key indicator of the wants and needs of the community for our schools. We, as a Board, are intentional in seeking out and hearing from all our families, staff, students and community stakeholders about the hopes and future for our beloved Oakwood Schools,” Board Vice President John Wilson said.

Visit the District home page at oakwoodschoools.org to find out how you can be a part of this important process.

LIBRARY NEWS | Community Survey Now Open

Wright Library wants to hear from you! The community can share their opinions on what they need and want in library services through a library survey.

“Now that Wright Library’s renovation is complete, it’s time to put these great spaces to work for our community,” said Library Director Kristi Hale.

The feedback will help inform the library’s next strategic plan.

The survey is open through Monday Dec. 12. It takes about five minutes to finish.

To complete the survey online, visit www.wrightlibrary.org/survey. Paper copies are available at the library.



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Holiday of Lights

On Sunday evening, December 11, the Holiday of Lights festivities will take place at Shafor Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Bill Duncan will open the event, followed by the lighting of the holiday tree. The Oakwood High School Band will perform holiday songs and Santa Claus will arrive on an Oakwood fire truck. Children will be able to talk with Santa after his arrival in the park. Also, there will be horse drawn carriage and wagon rides for citizens to see the beautiful display of luminarias decorating and lining the streets of the community. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this community event.



Luminaria Kits

Luminaria kits are available at the OCC during regular business hours. They are sold at a cost of \$6.00 per dozen. The price includes white bags, sand and 10-hour candles.



Snow Plowing and Salting Policy

The safety of our public roadways and sidewalks is a high priority in Oakwood. In the event of a major snowfall, the City takes the following actions to keep streets, alleys and sidewalks clear:

Street Plowing

During heavy snowfall, we plow every street at least once. Please help us during snowfall events by not parking your vehicle on the streets, unless absolutely necessary.

Street Salting

Major streets and intersections take priority, along with steep hills. Flat residential streets may also be salted, but to a lesser degree due to environmental considerations.

Sidewalk Plowing

When there is an accumulation of approximately 1" or more of snow, we dispatch our sidewalk plows. Plows will typically make one pass through the city. Please remember that while our city offers this unique sidewalk plowing service, under city ordinance *it is the property owner's responsibility to keep sidewalks at their frontage clear of snow and ice.*

Alley Plowing

Alleys are plowed after an accumulation of approximately 4" or more of snow.

Driveway Plowing

If you are plowing your driveway, please make arrangements so that the snow is not pushed into or across the street. Also, please remember that it is the property owner's responsibility to make certain their own driveway is clear of snow and ice to allow the City refuse vehicles to collect the weekly trash in a safe and efficient manner.



Do Not Place Yard Debris in the Street or in Center Medians

The city of Oakwood offers several options for disposal of yard debris. The most popular method is via the monthly yard debris pickup. Residents may place piles of yard debris – brush and branches – into the tree lawn area at their property frontage just behind the curb or edge of pavement for pickup by the city. Residents should not place yard debris in front of other properties, nor should they place yard debris in any roadway center medians.

Under no circumstance should residents place anything in the street or roadway gutter (except leaves in the fall). Debris in the street is an obstruction and disrupts the stormwater collection system by diverting water away from the intended storm drains. Debris in the street can be dangerous to vehicles and is hard to see at night. Debris in the street also interferes with on-street parking and is a danger to pedestrians, joggers, and bicyclists.

Placing anything in the street, other than leaves in the fall, is a violation of Oakwood Codified Ordinance 901.01 (A)(3). The city's code enforcement response to an obstruction in the street has typically consisted of a door-hanger notice (yellow tag), which provides three days for the property owner to remove the obstruction, or the city removes the obstruction and the resident forfeits one of two free special pickups offered per calendar year.

Unfortunately, the volume of yard debris obstructions in the street continues to increase, negatively impacting the community and causing delays in the community-wide pickup schedule.

Beginning January 1, 2023, the city's code enforcement officer will respond to yard debris piles placed in the gutter or street by leaving a door-hanger notice at the property affording two business days to remove the obstruction from the street. After two days, the city will remove the obstruction and will charge the property owner \$150.

Property owners that routinely use the city's monthly collection program and wish to construct a hard surface pad (e.g., concrete, brick, paver) for debris placement should see the city website, or contact the code enforcement officer at (937) 297-2920 for permitting information.

In addition to the monthly pick-up, the city offers other options for disposing of yard debris, such as the 24/7 drop-off facility at the J.D. Foell Public Works Center. Also, residents are provided two free special pickups per year, which can be used for yard debris. Additionally, dumpsters are available to be delivered free of charge for large amounts of green waste. More information on these options is available by contacting the Public Works Center at (937) 298-0777.

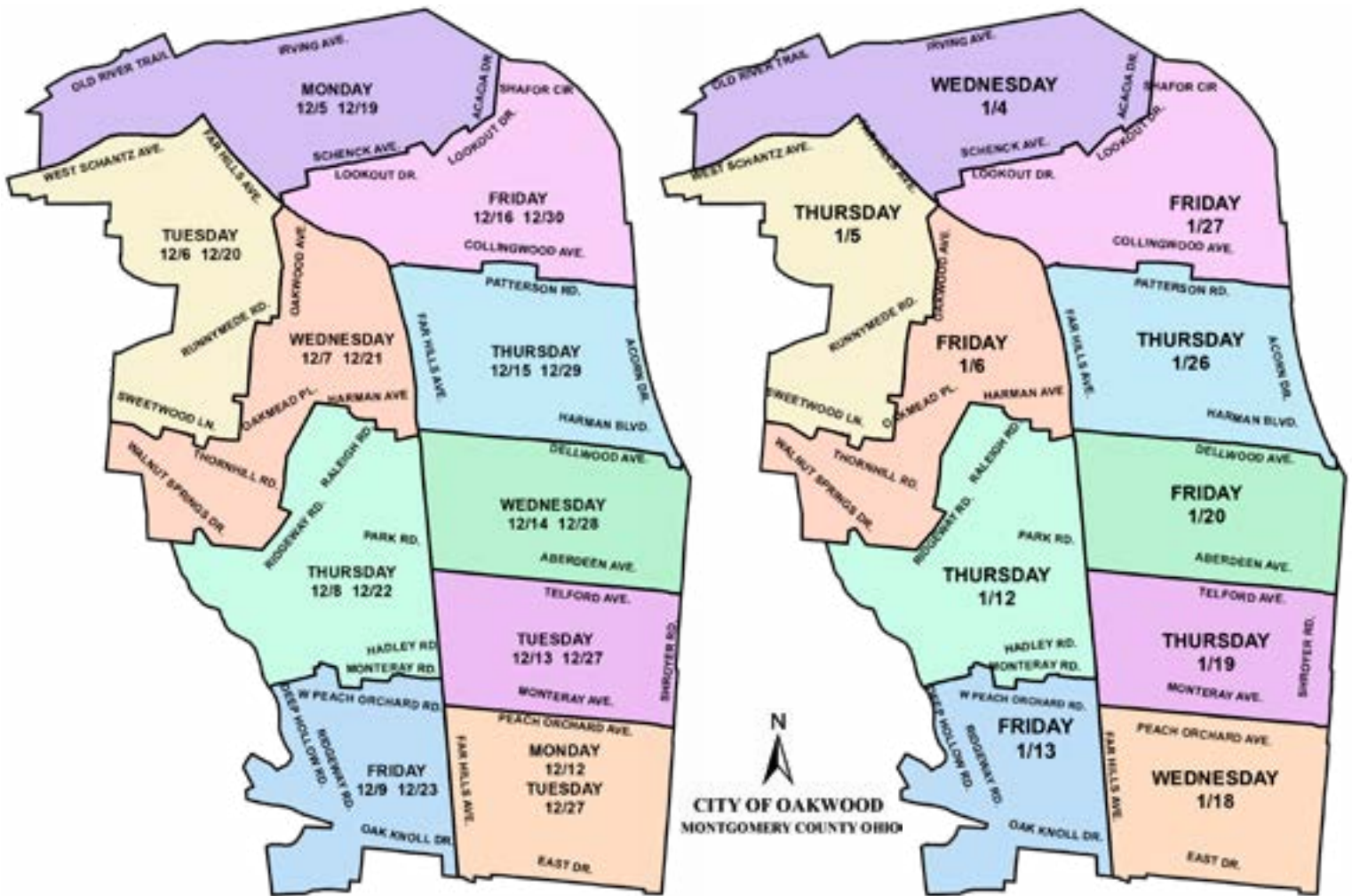
Holiday Refuse Pickups

The refuse collection schedule during holiday weeks is shown below:

WEEKS OF DECEMBER 26 AND JANUARY 2 (Christmas and New Year's)	
REGULAR SCHEDULE	HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

WEEK OF JANUARY 16 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)	
REGULAR SCHEDULE	HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2022 & JANUARY 2023



Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on:
12/8 & 12/22

Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on:
12/15 & 12/29

Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on:
1/12

Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on:
1/26

Leaf Pickup

Autumn leaf pickup service is scheduled to conclude on Friday, December 16. The leaf pickup schedule is the same as the yard debris schedule. Please rake leaves directly to the curb or gutter unbagged, ideally just a day or two before the scheduled pickup. Please spread out large piles to avoid blocking roadways. Also, do not include brush, branches or other yard debris with the leaves. This other yard debris should be placed off the street behind the curb or edge of roadway, or dropped off at the Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-off Facility at the J.D. Foell Public Works Center. Small amounts can be placed in regular household trash cans.



Holiday Tree Disposal

The City will pick up holiday trees according to the normal yard debris collection schedule (see maps on page 3). Trees should be placed at the property frontage as close to the curb (on the property side) as possible. Do not place trees in the street or in center boulevard areas. Please remove plastic covers from trees. Evergreen wreaths and boughs, wires, ribbons and ornamental items should be placed with your regular household refuse items.

Special Pickups

The City's special pickup program is suspended during leaf season, but will begin again on Wednesday, January 4. You may schedule this service on or after January 3 by phoning the Public Works Center at (937) 298-0777 or by scheduling online through the city website.

Recycling and Green Waste Drop-Off at Public Works Facility

The Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-off Facility, located at the entrance to the J.D. Foell Public Works Center, offers 24/7/365 drop off for recyclables, cardboard and green waste. The facility includes multiple dumpsters for disposal of cardboard, one dumpster for comingled recyclables and an area for green waste dumping. Oakwood was the first community in Montgomery County to establish a city-wide recycling program. The recycling program began in 1989 and continues to be a priority service provided by the Oakwood Public Works Department. For more information about the comprehensive Oakwood refuse and recycling program, please see the city website at www.oakwoodohio.gov.



Do You Own an Oakwood Century Home?

The Oakwood Historical Society has launched its new Century Home marker program, celebrating Oakwood's treasured, older homes that make our community so unique.

The Century Home markers will be awarded to homes of 100 years of age or older, and that contribute to the architectural and historical ambience of the Oakwood community. The Society will research date of home and original owners prior to awarding the plaque. The goal of this program is to instill a sense of pride and preservation of Oakwood's beautiful century homes.

Each marker is made of cast solid bronze and measures six inches in diameter. The cost is \$210 for Society members, and \$225 for non-members. A great gift idea for your family to enjoy for many years.

For more information on the Century Home marker and to apply, please visit the Society's website at oakwoodhistory.org.



Holiday Closings



City offices, the Community Center and the Public Works Center will be closed on Monday, December 26 for Christmas and on Monday, January 2 for New Year's.



City offices, the Community Center and the Public Works Center will also be closed on Monday, January 16 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Please refer to the holiday refuse pickup article herein for the holiday refuse collection schedules.

Pre-Sale/Pre-Rental Inspections

Thinking of selling or renting your home? The city of Oakwood has a Pre-sale/Pre-Rental Inspection program. To transfer legal ownership of any real estate premises within the city of Oakwood, or to rent a property, the current owner must obtain a pre-sale/pre-rental inspection and receive a Certificate of Occupancy for the buyer or tenant. This program was established in 1968 to ensure that properties are code-compliant at the time of sale or rental, or brought into compliance shortly thereafter. Inspections are good for one year, so this can be done ahead of time and avoid a time crunch when you have obtained a buyer or tenant. This program is especially important to a community like Oakwood with an aging housing stock. It helps to protect property values by ensuring homes are continuously maintained.



HOW IT WORKS:

- Sellers submit a pre-sale/pre-rental inspection form to the city (available on our website), pay the \$60 inspection fee, and the inspection is scheduled.
- An inspector will meet the property owner (or real estate agent) and perform an inspection of both the interior and exterior of the property for compliance with the building, zoning, and property maintenance codes. You can prepare for this inspection – things we will be looking to confirm include placement of smoke detectors (one in every bedroom, plus one per floor), stairway hand rails, and other safety requirements, functioning plumbing and electrical fixtures and devices, as well as general property maintenance. Also, the inspector will verify that HVAC equipment has been properly installed and inspected through the city of Kettering's building department.
- Once an inspection is complete, and any violations are remedied, the city prepares a Certificate of Occupancy, which is necessary for closing on the property or prior to the move-in of a new tenant.

If you have any questions about the process, or are preparing to sell or rent your home, call the city's Zoning Office at (937) 297-2920, or email us at zoning@oakwoodohio.gov and we will walk you through the process. More information is available on the city's website at <https://oakwoodohio.gov/pre-sale-inspection-program/>.

Vacant House Checks

Are you planning a winter getaway for an extended weekend, for a whole week, or for a month or longer? Please remember that the Oakwood Public Safety Department offers a free Vacant House Check (VHC) program to all Oakwood residents. The VHC program is a crime prevention tool that can be beneficial in protecting your residence. Once enrolled in the program, Public Safety Officers will make periodic checks of your residence while you are away and make notification to your emergency contact number should a problem be discovered.

To take advantage of this program, visit our website at www.oakwoodohio.gov and submit a house check request, or contact the Oakwood Public Safety Department Dispatch Center at (937) 298-2122. You will need to provide the following information: duration of your trip, vehicles parked in the driveway, a local emergency contact person, notification number that you can be reached at while you are away, and the names of anyone who will be at your residence while you are away.



2023 Dog License Information

2023 dog licenses will be sold at the Oakwood city building from Thursday, December 1, 2022 to Tuesday, January 31, 2023. The base fee for an annual license is \$20, the same as last year, but applies to spayed/neutered dogs only. The fee for unaltered dogs is \$24.

There are several exclusions to the \$4 non-spayed/neutered fee:

- If the dog is 9 months old or less.
- If the dog is too old or has a medical condition preventing the dog from being spayed/neutered (the owner must provide a veterinarian's certification).
- If the dog is used or intended to be used for breeding or show (a Breed Registry number is required).
- If the dog is used or intended to be used for hunting (The owner's hunting license number is required).

If veterinarian certification, breed registry number or hunting license number are provided to avoid the \$4 extra fee, the license must be purchased by mail or in person at the Montgomery County Auditor's office or the Animal Resource Center. Multi-year and permanent dog licenses are also available for purchase, but only by mail or in person at the Montgomery County Auditor's office at 451 W. Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45422.



Holiday Safety Tips

The holiday season is upon us and many will be traveling, shopping, or attending special holiday events. This often leads to our homes being unoccupied for extended periods of time during the day and evening hours. Unfortunately, this is also the time of the year when others are looking for the opportunity to take advantage of unoccupied homes or distracted shoppers. The Oakwood Public Safety Department offers the following holiday safety tips:

If you are planning a quick getaway, have a neighbor watch your home and retrieve any packages, newspapers, or mail daily. If planning to be away for an extended period of time, have someone shovel any snow from your walks and driveway. Additionally, leave lights on or set timers. Make your home appear occupied. Accumulating packages, newspapers, mail, a dark house, and snow covered driveways all make your home an easy target for would-be burglars casing a neighborhood. Lastly, whether going on a quick getaway or extended vacation contact the Oakwood Public Safety Department by calling (937) 298-2122 and request officers conduct a Vacant House Check on your residence.

Shop during daylight hours when possible. If you must shop at night, consider going with a friend or family member. Dress casually, avoid wearing expensive jewelry, do not carry large amounts of cash, and avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to maintain clear visibility and freedom of motion.

Additionally, don't allow yourself to get easily sidetracked and lose awareness of what is happening around you. Be cautious of strangers approaching you for any reason, such as handing out fliers, asking for directions or where a store is located. Many criminals use this simply as a method to distract you. Keep your purse or wallet in your immediate sight at all times and secure your credit cards after every transaction.

If shopping during the late afternoon or evening hours, park in a well-lit space, or an area that will be well-illuminated once it is dark. Also, if possible, park near the store or malls main entrance. After shopping, end your cell phone conversation before walking to your vehicle. Walk with a purpose to and from your destination. Have your keys ready and lock your doors immediately upon entering your vehicle. Remember, when making multiple stops, place shopping bags and gifts in the trunk or out of plain view. Breaking into an empty car isn't worth a thief's time.

Please heed these safety tips and have a safe and happy holiday season.



Oakwood Sister City Annual Holiday Party

OSCA's annual holiday party is a public event. Come one, come all – and bring a friend. Kids are welcome; activities are provided.

WHEN: Saturday, December 3, 2022 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Community Room

DELICIOUS FOOD: We provide the ham, plates, utensils, etc. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share, as well as your own drink.

WHITE ELEPHANT: Please bring a \$10-15 wrapped gift for EVERY person who wishes to participate in the raucous gift exchange. Be prepared to have your gift stolen!



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.



Remote Workers

Oakwood residents who are working remotely, at home, during 2022 should review their paystubs and year-end W-2 to ensure that Oakwood tax is being withheld. In 2022, remote workers may only claim credit on their Oakwood return for work city taxes.

If taxes are being withheld from your wages for another city that you did not work in, you will have to file for a refund from that city. Refund requests should be filed early so that you will receive your refund before filing the 2022 Oakwood income tax return. If you need assistance, the Tax Department will prepare the necessary refund request for you.

December/January Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5 and Monday, January 9. 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.



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.



Introducing: The FLOURISH Finale Committee

Meet the FLOURISH Finale Committee — a group of dedicated community members, parents and volunteers who jumped in feet first to get involved with The Oakwood Schools Foundation’s **FLOURISH - A Campaign for Oakwood’s Visual & Performing Arts**. These individuals made the commitment for numerous reasons — because their families value the arts, they or their children participate or have participated in the arts, and because they believe in the value of supporting important projects to enhance our school’s learning environment and student experiences. The group is excited about The Oakwood Schools Foundation’s commitment to this special fundraising project and the Foundation’s strong partnership with the Oakwood Schools, a partnership that will bring this vision to life. Groundbreaking on the first phase is scheduled for December.

Formed in August, the Finale Committee is making a difference by supporting The Oakwood Schools Foundation in an advisory role for the campaign, showcasing the effort to the community and at special events. In addition, members play an active role in outreach to Oakwood Schools families, sharing information and resources as needed.



FLOURISH Finale Committee meets at Wright Library. Committee members L to R, include: Amy Martin, Caitlin Buck, Tracy Staley, Laura Woeste, Jamie Mhaskar, Heather Jackson (Not pictured: Lindsey Deck, Meghan Ewing, Kelly Pleiman)

“Band has proved to be a change maker for my son and so many other students, now and to come. This campaign is more than bricks and buildings — it’s a critical investment in children, teens and our future,” Finale Committee member Tracy Staley shared.

The FLOURISH Finale Committee is in the process of planning additional events. If you would like more information, please contact OSF Development Chair Amy Martin at amy@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org.

Tours Highlight OJH-OHS Student Experience, FLOURISH

Every Homecoming weekend, one of the highlights for alumni returning for class reunions is a walk down memory lane at the weekend’s Homecoming Tour event of Oakwood’s Junior High and High School. Each year, the event is open to visiting alumni, parents and community members who are interested in walking the halls again — or even for some, for the first time.

The Oakwood Schools Foundation and Oakwood Alumni Association coordinated a team of student tour guides to show alumni and the families around the school. Among the favorite stops on the tour this year were the library and the new grant-funded Anatomage anatomy table, but the real gem of the tour was the band room with Mr. U and student musicians performing their greatest hits. The tours ended with refreshments and pastries donated by Ashley’s Pastry Shop, and excitement and conversation about the new opportunities the FLOURISH Campaign will provide students.



“It is essential that young people have opportunities to express themselves. We’re so glad our child, and children throughout the Oakwood community, will have even more places and means to do this through the improvements that the FLOURISH Campaign will bring,” Oakwood Schools parent Michele Berry said.

The Oakwood Schools Foundation welcomes the community’s interest in the campaign. If you would like more information about the FLOURISH Campaign for Oakwood’s Performing and Visual Arts, visit FlourishCampaign.org or email OSF Executive Director Brandy McFall at brandy@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org.

“As a new resident to Oakwood, I was overwhelmed with the quality of OJH and OHS in and of itself. As an advocate for the arts, I found the FLOURISH Campaign to be an exceptional example of a school putting the performing arts as a priority. The future is bright for OHS!”
— Kimberly Sundaram

Introducing the 2022 - 2023 Oakwood High School Student Alumni Ambassadors

Student Alumni Ambassadors connect alumni to the schools through various projects and communications.

FRESHMEN: Emily Bryant, Maggie Xie **SOPHOMORES:** Annie Mhaskar, Charlotte Powell, Natalie Riedel, Natalia Rubin-Alvarez, Kate Ruetschle

JUNIORS: Noah Boyce, Claudia Butler, Sarah Connell, Erin Goeller, Maeve Lynch, Kate Makkas, William Mhaskar, Abby Spitzmiller, Aoife Sullivan
SENIORS: Emerson Davis, Tyler Goolsby, Alana Horne, Yetta Krummel Adkins, Claudia Schnell, Sofia Wiegand, Caroline Woessner

KEEP IN TOUCH: Connecting with friends, teachers and Oakwood Schools is easier than ever. Visit the District website at oakwoodschoold.org and search alumni. You can also email us at alumni@oakwoodschoold.org or call (937) 297-5332.

Brandy McFall promoted to Executive Director of Oakwood Schools Foundation



The Oakwood Schools Foundation (OSF) is excited to announce the promotion of Brandy McFall from Director of Development to Executive Director.

With more than 10 years of experience as a non-profit development professional, McFall has been with the Foundation for two and a half years and is instrumental to the development and implementation of the FLOURISH Campaign for Oakwood's Visual & Performing Arts, the largest campaign in Oakwood's history. As Director of Development, which was a newly created role for the Foundation in 2020, McFall contributed greatly to the Foundation by advancing major development and strategic growth efforts.

"I am continually blown away by the impact of the Oakwood community's generosity — our neighbors, friends and committed alumni, near and far, believe in the power of giving back to improve the future. I look forward to continuing to advance the Foundation's mission together," McFall, who calls Oakwood home with her husband, Patrick, and their two children who attend Oakwood Schools, said.

As Executive Director, and in partnership with the Foundation's Trustees, McFall will provide strategic and operational leadership, overseeing all aspects within the organization, and will serve as chief development officer to support fundraising for the Oakwood Schools. The Oakwood Schools Foundations' Board of Trustees congratulates McFall on her promotion and looks forward to the opportunity it brings for the Foundation's continued growth.

Celebrate Oakwood Alumni — Nominate Distinguished Alumnus Today

In 2021, the Oakwood Alumni Association celebrated five incredible alumni who have made contributions near and far, to their communities and in their careers. We look forward to celebrating another outstanding group in September 2023.

The Distinguished Alumni Award celebrates alumni who have made significant accomplishments in their careers or dedicated themselves to service while maintaining high standards of personal integrity and character. The only requirement is the individual must have graduated more than 15 years ago. This year we will accept nominees from classes 2008 or earlier. We hope to recognize our alumni who are achieving greatness at every stage of their careers and lives.

The 2023 Distinguished Alumni Awards event will be a fun evening with friends and family of the recipients sharing stories and recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of our fellow alumni. Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are honored with a plaque hanging outside of the OHS auditorium as well as one for themselves. They are also recognized at the Homecoming football game the following evening.

Please consider nominating an OHS alum! Nominations are due March 31, 2023. For nomination information, visit oakwoodschoools.org and search alumni or contact Katelyn Brohman at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org.



2022-2023 School Year

DEC. 2022

12 Oakwood Schools Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.

22-30 No School/Holiday Break

JAN. 2023

2-3 No School/Holiday Break

4 Classes Resume

9 Oakwood Schools Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

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Adult Events

DECEMBER

Live concert by Dayton Guitar Society

Sat. | Dec. 3 | 2 p.m.

The final concert of the 2022 Wright Library Music Series will feature solo and duo classical guitar. Made possible by support from the Wright Library Foundation.

Shop Local Authors

Sun. | Dec. 10 | 1-3 p.m.

Stop by Wright Library to shop for the Holidays and support local authors at the same time. Dayton is home to many talented writers whose signed books make wonderful and unique gifts. If you're part of a book club, this is also a great chance to learn about books and connect with authors who may be able to meet with your group. Featured authors include Ann Hagedorn, Erin Flanagan, and many others.



JANUARY

Alice's Ordinary People

A discussion with Director Craig Dudnick

Tues. | Jan. 24 | 7-8 p.m. Virtual | Registration Required

Get an overview of the Civil Rights Movement and discuss the documentary, *Alice's Ordinary People*, available to view on Kanopy with your library card.



The film profiles Alice Tregay, a woman who fought for African American civil rights in Chicago. Her remarkable story spans the historic period from the marches of Dr. King to the election of Barack Obama. Her unique contributions in the field of politics is the thread that connects the two.

Stream the film *Alice's Ordinary People* on Kanopy (free with your library card) before or after the event.

Winter Challenge For Adults and Teens

Jan. 17- Feb. 18

Wright Library will be adding some novelty to winter by hosting a Novel-tea Winter Challenge from January 17th to February 18th. Read books, listen to audiobooks, or watch films. Then spin a "Tea-riffic" Prize Wheel to win prizes, including a variety of gourmet tea like Harney & Sons' best sellers variety box, tea/coffee from Equal Exchange, Boba tea kits, and snacks that go with tea. There will also be reading themed prizes for non-tea fans. Separate Prize Wheels and guidelines for Teens and Adults.



Youth Events

DECEMBER

Hanukkah Crafts

Sun. | Dec. 4 | 1-2:30 p.m.

Ages 4-8

Visit the library to make a happy assortment of Hanukkah-themed crafts.



A Christmas Carol presented by Madcap Puppets

Sun. | Dec. 11 | 2-3 p.m.

If you think you know the story of miserly old Scrooge, think again! Madcap Puppets turns this Christmas ghost story into a fantastically funny tale, bringing your favorite Dickens characters to life with giant puppets and exciting new twists.



E.D. Smith Elementary 3rd Grade Choir Performances

Dec. 8 | 10 a.m.

Dec. 13 | 1 p.m.

Dec. 14 | 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

In the North Reading Room.

Teen Exam Break

Dec. 19, 20, 21 | 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Grades 7-12

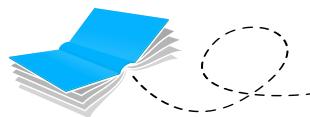
Stop by the library for snacks and to decompress between exams.



Regular weekly programs for kids and teens resume on January 9. See wrightlibrary.org/calendar for details on storytimes, Tween Hangout, Teen Hangout, Teen Writing Club, and Let's Go Lego.

Service Feature: BookFlights

Like a flight of delectable bites, a Wright Library BookFlight is a carefully selected sampler of great books for you to try based on your preferences. Made to order for kids, teens, or adults, visit wrightlibrary.org/bookflight.



Help Us Finish Strong: A Year-End Gift to the Wright Library Foundation

When a child grins ear-to-ear with pride after earning that summer reading prize book.

When an award-winning author shares insights from around the globe.

When you work late, but the library's vestibule stays open even later and you can grab your stack of books from the library's holds locker

That's when you are seeing the Wright Library Annual Campaign at work. As the year ends, the Foundation is closing in on its \$40,000 goal.

"The library is a place of opportunity, and through your donations, we are able to be innovative and offer truly exceptional programs and services to the community," said Library Director Kristi Hale.

Your donations go directly into the community through library services and programs that reach all ages.

The Foundation has recently funded the new holds pickup locker, prize books for summer readers, a vibrant pollinator garden, live local music, and the Dayton Literary Peace Prize author visit from Jordan Ritter Conn.

While making year-end gifts to your favorite charities, consider supporting literacy and lifelong learning with a donation to the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation. To make a donation, visit wrightlibrary.org/foundation or scan the QR code.



This September, children were able to build and launch rockets thanks to a program grant from the Library Foundation.

Holiday Help: Save Money, Entertain, Craft, Shop, and More

Let Wright Library help you through the holidays with weekly tips that will make your life easier! Each week through January 3rd, Wright Library will share tips for money saving opportunities, gift ideas, and free entertainment options for you, your family, and visiting guests.

Follow along at wrightlibrary.org/holiday-help and our social media channels for money saving opportunities, gift ideas, and free entertainment options for your family and visiting guests. See the first five tips below!

Tip 1: Specialty Cake Pans & Cookbooks

Wright Library offers high quality specialty cake pans that can be checked out with your library card. They are beautiful and perfect for holiday baking. Pair them with cookbooks from Wright Library's extensive collection for upcoming holiday feasts!

Tip 2: Families & Politics

Worried about the conversations with family this holiday season? We've gathered a list of books about family conflict and paired it with an online workshop with Braver Angels, a citizens' organization uniting red and blue Americans in a working alliance to depolarize America, designed to bring families closer together.

Tip 3: Vet Your Shopping List

Use your library card to access to Consumer Reports for free when you log in through wrightlibrary.org.

Tip 4: Homemade Gifts

Make gifts for your family and friends with some help from the library: check out our collection of craft books, hobby and craft database, or even check out our sewing machine and Cricut machine.

Tip 5: Holiday Shopping

Let Wright Library help you with your holiday shopping:

- Shop Local Authors at Wright Library Dec. 10, 1-3 p.m.
- Staff Holiday Book Buying Guide
- Plus: Booklists – Christmas Mysteries & Christmas Romances

Check wrightlibrary.org/holiday-help for more tips, links to booklists, events, and resource details!

We Want to Hear from You!

Please set aside 5 minutes to complete this brief library survey.

The survey will close at 9 p.m. on Dec. 12. Your input is critical to identifying community priorities and guiding the library's strategic plan.



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Finance
937-298-0402

Income Tax
937-298-0531

Leisure Services/Horticulture
937-298-0775

Making A Difference

After more than 30 years in education and serving Oakwood Schools since 2013, Superintendent Dr. Kyle Ramey is retiring. Ramey has been a teacher, coach, principal, director and superintendent, making a difference in the lives of thousands of students, families and staff during his tenure.

"He truly stands for 'doing what is best for students' and recognizes stakeholders define that differently. He solicits input from others and then is willing to make the decision, even when it is hard," Educational Services Director Allyson Couch said.

A native of Heath, Ohio, Ramey, who has a doctorate in educational leadership, is also an adjunct professor at the University of Dayton and serves on the executive board of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators. He and his wife Phyllis have lived in Oakwood for nearly 30 years and have two daughters who graduated from Oakwood High School.

As an educator, Ramey has helped the District grow and continue to excel. Oakwood Schools is ranked among the top districts in the state with students graduating "prepared, proud and poised." As a leader in the District, he has also supported a talented team to develop new initiatives, while respecting the District's traditions, and provide innovative educational opportunities to students.

"Dr. Ramey is a transformational leader. He values collaboration among his staff and community stakeholders. He personally invests in the growth of his administrative team. He is the glue that binds us, pushes us to be better and challenges us to see the bigger picture across the district," Smith Elementary Principal Chrissy Elliott said.



"He has supported staff in reflecting and learning to ensure we stay steadfast in our practices that continue to meet the needs of our students while always remaining open to innovation and growth necessary to prepare our students for the world that awaits them," Harman School Principal Sarah Patterson said.

Oakwood Schools Board of Education President Todd Duwel, who is also stepping down from his role on the Board, says Ramey's impact will be felt for generations to come.

"Much like the oak trees that dot Oakwood's landscape, Kyle has planted many seeds that will mature over time and provide comforting shade to our community for decades. Much of his best work was quiet but very intentional and will only become broadly visible after his departure. He inherited a strong foundation from Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo but strengthened the district organizationally and worked hard to strengthen relationships to amplify the growth and innovation that continues to exist in our district."

In a letter to the community, Ramey said he is confident about the future of Oakwood Schools. "I believe the future of Oakwood Schools is in very capable hands and everything possible will be done to facilitate a smooth passing of the baton, ensuring the ongoing progress of our great district and community. The past nine years we have seen extraordinary accomplishments and I am confident our schools and community will continue to grow and thrive."

The community is invited to a reception to honor Ramey and Duwel Monday, Dec. 19 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Oakwood Community Center.