

**CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**  
**MARCH 31, 2023**

Monday Council Meeting/Work Session: Our meeting next Monday begins at 6:30 p.m. in the second-floor training room. Our 7:30 p.m. regular session will take place in the council chamber and will be conducted in-person and via Zoom. The agenda is as follows:

**PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
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- III. ROLL CALL
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Status Reports:

- Oakwood Public Safety Department: Bill will comment on the services of our Oakwood Public Safety Department.
- PSO Swear-in: Bill will administer the Oath of Office to Public Safety Officer Joe Dues. Chief Hill will introduce him.
- Citizen Committee Appointments: Bill will ask for a vote to reappoint Nina Anglin to the Personnel Appeals Board; Chuck Ellis, Tim Judge and Judy Steiger to the Property Maintenance Board; and to appoint Dr. Elizabeth Hardy to the Board of Health; Abby Riedel and Phil Wittmer to the Personnel Appeals Board; and Katy Tribble and Scott Fischer to the Property Maintenance Board.
- Proclamation recognizing April as “Fair Housing Month”. Bill will read the enclosed proclamation.
- Proclamation recognizing the week of April 23 as “Arbor Week”. Bill will read the enclosed proclamation.

Visitors:

- Oakwood Inclusion Coalition 2022 Annual Report: Judy Cook, former mayor and vice chair of the OIC, will report on the organization's activities over the last year. Enclosed are the 2022 Annual Report and a Chronology document.
- Pinwheels for National Child Abuse Awareness: Oakwood resident Terri Jones, a volunteer with CARE House, will say a few words about the work of CARE House and the pinwheel project.

Legislation:

- An Ordinance to proceed with the 2024 Street Lighting Program. This is a second reading of the annual ordinance authorizing our street lighting program.
- An Ordinance to levy special assessments for the 2024 Street Lighting. This is a first reading of our standard annual ordinance to levy special assessments with our 2024 street lighting program.
- An Ordinance to proceed with the 2023 Sidewalk Repair Project. This is a second reading of the annual legislation to proceed with our sidewalk repair project.
- An Ordinance adopting the 2024 tax budget. This is a first reading of our annual ordinance adopting the following year's tax budget.
- A Resolution to ratify legislative approval on opioid settlement agreement. This resolution will constitute legislative approval of the opioid settlement as required by the court.

Enclosed are suggested "Introductions for Legislation".

An Oakwood Moment: Rob will present the "An Oakwood Moment" during the regular session on Monday. It will highlight Oakwood Rotary.

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

April 3, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)  
April 17, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)  
May 1, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)  
May 15, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (OCC)  
May 20, Saturday – "That Day in May"  
June 5, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)  
June 26, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)  
July 17, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)

BUSINESS UPDATE:

CITY MANAGER

- Monday Work Session: Enclosed is our agenda for the 6:30 p.m. work session. We will meet in the second-floor training room.
- State of the City: The video and written document are posted to our website.
- City Meetings: Enclosed is a *DDN* article announcing our upcoming public meetings.
- Board of Health: The Board of Health met this past Tuesday. Enclosed are the draft minutes. Lt. Damian Baggett did an excellent job in briefing the Board on our EMS equipment and services.

## FINANCE

- State Tax Burdens: Enclosed is a brief paper that lists the top ten states with the highest and lowest tax burdens. Ohio does not make either list so we are somewhere in the middle.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

- Electric Scooters: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about how we are working with the schools to create videos focused on the safe use of scooters and bikes.
- UD: Enclosed are *DDN* and *Register* articles about the student disturbances last Saturday on the UD campus.

## LEISURE SERVICES

- Brush Chipper: We received delivery of a new brush chipper. It replaces an old unit that no longer meets our needs. Brian Caldwell's crew will be the primary user.



## ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

- Debris Drop-off: Our monthly drop-off event is from 8 – 12 noon tomorrow.
- Leaf Mulch: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about our leaf mulch program beginning on April 8.
- Fire Hydrant Flushing: Starting Monday, we will flush all of our fire hydrants in the next four weeks. As part of the flushing operating, we also inspect every fire hydrant and make repairs as needed. Enclosed are *DDN* and *Register* articles.
- Hazardous Waste Collection: Enclosed is a *Register* article about the quarterly Rotary event on Saturday, April 22.

- Asphalt Costs: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about how rising asphalt prices are forcing cities to reconsider paving work. We opened bids today on our 2023 asphalt resurfacing project. Below are the results:

Engineer's Estimate: \$596,586

Neyra Paving: \$596,353

Barrett Bid: \$718,695

Jurgensen Bid: \$758,045

### LAW

- Energy Purchasing: Enclosed are a few recent examples of energy aggregation mailings being sent in our community. The first, from CleanChoice Energy, is a marketing packet offering CleanChoice as a competitive third-party electricity supplier. This particular company touts that its electricity is "100% clean" from renewable sources...but at a price of 11.3 cents/kWh, which is more than 10% higher than the Standard Choice Offer rate provided by AES. The second and third mailings are from Direct Energy and Spire. These are two of four companies that CenterPoint Energy contracts to deliver natural gas at its Standard Choice Offer rate. In other words, they are the default suppliers for CenterPoint customers and are not competitive third-party retail suppliers. If you look closely you will see that both letters are identical, and both companies claim that they are now my default supplier. Rob Jacques has reached out to CenterPoint and to the Ohio Consumer's Counsel office and has been unable to determine which company is correct and which one is apparently mistaken...so I won't know until I get my next gas bill. I've included these to highlight the importance of paying careful attention to the details of any energy pricing scheme, and also to illustrate how confusing this market can be for consumers.

### PERSONNEL & PROPERTIES

- Leeli & Lou: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the store closing at 2512 Far Hills.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

### ENCLOSURE LIST

TENTATIVE AGENDAS FOR MONDAY

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Legislation

Introductions to Legislation

Proclamations

OIC Annual Report and Chronology Document

*DDN* Article re: City Meetings

BOH Draft Minutes

State Tax Burdens Paper

*DDN* Article re: Electric Scooters

*DDN & Register* Articles re: UD

*DDN* Article re: Leaf Mulch

*DDN & Register* Articles re: Fire Hydrant Flushing

*Register* Articles re: Hazardous Waste

*DDN* Article re: Asphalt Costs

Energy Purchasing Mailings

*DDN* Article re: Leeli & Lou

CITY OF OAKWOOD  
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NEXT REGULAR SESSION SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1, 2023

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- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
  - Court Liaison, Mrs. Hilton
  - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Law & Minutes, Mrs. Hilton
  - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Public Properties, Mrs. Turben
  - Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
  - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
  - Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
  - Community Relations/Promotion/Appointments, Mayor Duncan
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
  - MVCC, Mr. Stephens
  - MVRPC, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Mayors & Managers, Mayor Duncan
  - First Suburbs, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, Mr. Klopsch
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
  - Planning Commission, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Beautification Committee, Mr. Stephens
  - Sister City Association, Mrs. Hilton
  - Historical Society, Mrs. Turben
  - Board of Health, Mayor Duncan
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - Citizen Committee Appointments
  - April 17 Work Session Agenda

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MARCH 6, 2023**

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, met in a work session on Monday, March 6, 2023 in the second-floor meeting room at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The Vice Mayor of the City, Steve Byington, presided.

Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan via remote teleconference, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Rob Stephens, Councilmember Anne Hilton and Councilmember Leigh Turben. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques.

Vice Mayor Byington called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Klopsch reviewed the agenda for the regular session this evening. Thereafter, he led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- **STATUS REPORTS:** Council discussed the following status report that is scheduled for the regular session this evening:
  - Citizen Committee Appointments: Vice Mayor Byington mentioned that he will call for a vote at the regular session this evening to make several reappointments and an appointment.
- **VISITORS:**
  - Chief Customer and Business Development Officer Brandon Policicchio, RTA: Mr. Klopsch noted that Brandon Policicchio will make a presentation about services RTA provides to Oakwood and the region.
- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following items of legislation scheduled for the regular session this evening:
  - A Resolution of Necessity for 2024 Street Lighting Program, Mr. Stephens
  - An Ordinance to Proceed with the 2024 Street Lighting Program, Mr. Stephens
  - A Resolution of Necessity for 2023 Sidewalk Repair Program, Mr. Stephens
  - An Ordinance to Proceed with the 2023 Sidewalk Repair Program, Mr. Stephens
- **STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Klopsch noted that Personnel and Properties Director Jennifer Wilder will deliver a PowerPoint presentation at the regular session this evening.
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
  - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
    - Business District Uses: Not discussed.
  - Public Properties, Mrs. Turben
    - Hollinger Tennis Center: Mr. Klopsch shared that Hollinger now has a 501(c)3 designation from the IRS.
  - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
    - Dogs and Leash Law: Mr. Jacques reported on a dog incident near Harman School where a student was injured.
    - Red Light Violations: Mr. Klopsch noted that he has observed some red light violations in Oakwood and the Dayton region. The Oakwood Public Safety Department is monitoring the situation.

- REGIONAL AGENCIES
  - MVRPC, Vice Mayor Byington
    - 2023 Board Designation: Mr. Klopsch confirmed the 2023 Board appointments.
  - Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, Mr. Klopsch
    - Annual Report to Council: Mr. Klopsch mentioned that representatives from the OIC will attend the April 3 council meeting to deliver the organization's 2022 Annual Report.
  
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - Citizen Committee Appointments: Council discussed the status of addressing 2023 committee needs and a plan for contacting candidates.
  - Electricity and Natural Gas Purchasing: Mr. Klopsch explained that MVCC will receive proposals for aggregated electricity purchasing in late March or April and plans to immediately enter into a service agreement with the lowest and best vendor. Oakwood will have the option to join the aggregation program, as an opt-in or opt-out participant, any time after the contract is signed. MVCC will likely solicit aggregation proposals for natural gas in late summer or early fall.

At 7:06 p.m., Council moved to an executive session for property matters and personnel matters.

At 7:26 p.m., Vice Mayor Byington concluded the executive session and Council moved to regular session.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council



CITY OF OAKWOOD  
STATE OF OHIO  
MARCH 6, 2023

The Council of the city of Oakwood, State of Ohio, met in a work session and an executive session at 6:30 p.m. in the second-floor training room of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, Ohio, 45419. Council then met in a regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood.

The meeting was streamed live from the Oakwood city website, telecast live on Cable Access Channel 6, and was available via remote teleconferencing utilizing the Zoom platform.

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, attended the meeting via remote teleconference and asked Vice Mayor Byington to chair the meeting. Vice Mayor Byington presided, and the Clerk, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded.

Vice Mayor Byington asked all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon call of the roll, the following members of Council responded to their names:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....PRESENT  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON .....PRESENT  
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....PRESENT  
MRS. ANNE S. HILTON.....PRESENT  
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN .....PRESENT

Officers of the City present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager  
Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney  
Mrs. Jennifer Wilder, Personnel and Properties Director  
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following in-person visitors registered:

Mr. Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*  
Mr. Tom Morrow, 14 E. Dixon Avenue  
Mr. Brian Parks, 113 E. Peach Orchard Avenue

There were no Zoom visitors in attendance.

Mrs. Hilton advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the February 6, 2023 regular session, work session and executive session. Mrs. Hilton reported she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Hilton and seconded by Mrs. Turben that the minutes of the sessions of Council aforementioned be approved as written and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORTS

Citizen Committee Appointments – Vice Mayor Byington presented the following list of reappointments and new appointments to various citizen committees:

The reappointment of Cait Botschner (Precinct D) to the Budget Review Committee; Diane Scott to the Board of Health; Jacob Fromholt, Connie Epley and Yury Chorny to the Beautification Committee, and the appointment of Jeanne Boozell (Precinct D) to the Budget Review Committee.

It was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the aforementioned appointments be confirmed. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

VISITORS

Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA) Chief Customer and Business Development Officer Brandon Policicchio shared information about RTA services in Oakwood and the Dayton region.

Mr. Policicchio displayed a rendering of the Oakwood-themed bus as part of its Proudly Serving Project. The Oakwood bus is the 13<sup>th</sup> bus added to the “Proudly Serving” fleet. In total, there will be 21 buses highlighting the different communities served by RTA’s traditional fixed-route bus service.

The Greater Dayton RTA celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing essential public transportation to the greater Dayton community. They have over 500 employees serving Montgomery County with 18 bus routes and over 2,500 bus stops. RTA also provides alternative

forms of transportation such as paratransit, on-demand and the 5310 Program through “RTA Connect.”

Mr. Policicchio reviewed current bus routes and future changes to the bus routes in Oakwood. He explained that the overall system will be improved reaching, within a ¼ mile of all services, roughly 70% of the Montgomery County population. The redesign will also reach 80% of individuals living in poverty, 85% of job locations, and 100% of major hospitals in Montgomery County. In addition, through a combination of programs, service will continue to be available to 100% of the 65 and older population and individuals with disabilities residing in the county. RTA will continue gathering feedback from communities to increase the quality of services through more frequent, direct and easy to use multi-mobility options.

Mr. Stephens asked if the bus route on Shroyer Road will be changing.

Mr. Policicchio confirmed that the Shroyer Road bus route is not changing through Oakwood.

Mrs. Hilton received clarification from Mr. Policicchio regarding several route-specific questions. She shared an idea that she had about changing “The Flyer” bus route.

Mrs. Hilton asked about the problems near the RTA hub in downtown Dayton.

Mr. Policicchio explained that there have been some issues with RTA busing Dayton Public School students. RTA is partnering with Dayton to address the local issues.

Vice Mayor Byington asked if the redesigned route plans are available online.

Mr. Policicchio shared that the information is available on the RTA website.

City Council thanked Mr. Policicchio for his presentation.

Brian Parks, 113 E. Peach Orchard Avenue, shared pedestrian safety concerns due to the operation of electric scooters on sidewalks. He stated that it is dangerous for people to walk on the sidewalk when there are kids riding electric scooters going about 10-15 mph.

Vice Mayor Byington noted that this is not the first time this issue has come up. He asked Mr. Stephens to discuss his work with the Oakwood Junior High School to promote the safe use of scooters around the city.

Mr. Stephens shared that he has been working with the Junior High to create a series of short videos focused on the safe use of scooters and bikes.

Mr. Parks suggested that a dedicated bicycle lane be added to Shafor Boulevard.

City Council thanked Mr. Parks for his feedback.

## LEGISLATION

### A RESOLUTION

BY MR. STEPHENS

NO 1905

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an annual resolution that is the first step of the 2024 street lighting program.

Oakwood is required by law to pass several pieces of legislation to provide street lighting each year. The first is this resolution, declaring the necessity of street lighting throughout the city. The second piece, the “Ordinance to Proceed” for the project, but this will be its first reading and will not be voted on until the April meeting. The third piece of legislation, an ordinance to levy assessments for certain street light costs, will be introduced as a first reading at the April meeting, followed by a final assessment ordinance to be introduced after the project has concluded.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Hilton that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON .....YEA  
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS .....YEA  
MRS. ANNE HILTON .....YEA  
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN .....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4972

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2024 street lighting program. It is the ordinance that authorizes the city to proceed with the project.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion.

A RESOLUTION

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 1906

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF REPAIRING SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON WEST DIXON AVENUE AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME.

A copy of the resolution, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an annual resolution that is the first step of the 2023 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. This year’s program area covers all city streets west of Far Hills that were not repaired as part of last year’s program.

Oakwood is required by law to pass three (3) pieces of legislation in order to carry out this program and assess the sidewalk costs. The first piece is this resolution, which declares the necessity of sidewalk repairs in these parts of the city. The second piece, the “Ordinance to Proceed” for the project will also be introduced. After the project concludes, there will be a third piece of legislation, an ordinance to levy assessments for certain sidewalk costs.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Mrs. Turben that the resolution be passed.

Upon call of the roll on the question of the motion, the following vote was recorded:

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA  
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON .....YEA  
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS .....YEA  
MRS. ANNE HILTON .....YEA  
MRS. LEIGH TURBEN .....YEA

There being five (5) yea votes and no (0) nay votes thereon, said resolution was declared duly passed and it was so ordered.

AN ORDINANCE

BY MR. STEPHENS NO 4973

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE REPAIRING OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, AND PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME.

A copy of the ordinance, having been placed on the desks of each member of Council prior to introduction, was read by title.

Mr. Stephens explained that this is an annual ordinance that is the second step of the 2023 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. Again, this year's program area covers all city streets west of Far Hills that were not repaired as part of last year's program.

This was a first reading of the ordinance, so Mr. Stephens made no motion.

#### STAFF REPORT

Personnel & Properties Report: Mrs. Jennifer Wilder, Personnel & Properties Director, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the following topics: zoning and property maintenance, the pre-sale/rental inspection program, the CenterPoint gas line improvement project, development/construction updates, business updates, an update on the "First Public Library Building" historical marker, and personnel updates.

The Zoning Department exists to protect Oakwood residents. By enforcing the Zoning and Property Maintenance Codes of the city of Oakwood, the city works to protect property values. This is done by reviewing & analyzing land use, zoning proposals and requests, and administering permits for improvements made to properties. The Zoning Department's number one goal is compliance with the Oakwood Zoning Code and Oakwood Property Maintenance Code.

Mrs. Wilder encouraged residents to contact the Zoning Department before taking any steps on property improvement projects. She explained that Mr. Ethan Kroger, the code enforcement officer, will meet residents at their property and walk them through the permitting process so that residents have a clear understanding of the requirements.

The Oakwood Zoning Department issued 359 permits in 2022 for home improvement projects, including 22 permits for solar panel installations, the most in a single year thus far.

The Zoning Department also administers a Pre-sale and Rental Inspection Program. This program was established in 1968 to ensure that properties are code-compliant at the time of sale, or brought into compliance shortly thereafter. This program is especially important to a community like Oakwood with an aging housing stock, further protecting property values by ensuring homes are maintained through the transfer of property. There were 360 pre-sale and rental inspections completed in 2022.

In addition to ongoing property maintenance efforts, the Zoning Department annually conducts a city-wide automobile tour to identify violations of the Oakwood Property Maintenance Code. There were 32 property maintenance violation letters sent in 2022. The most common violations were encroachment and tree trimming. City staff works with property owners who require additional time to correct violations. The city website has helpful information about tree maintenance and tree trimming conducted by utility companies.

Between April and October this year, CenterPoint begins their final year of replacing underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in Oakwood neighborhoods. In all work areas, CenterPoint is installing new polyethylene pipes in place of old steel and cast iron pipes and is moving indoor gas meters to outside wall locations. This is the end of a 13 year CenterPoint infrastructure replacement project in Oakwood. Oakwood residents personally affected by the work will receive detailed information from CenterPoint. Mrs. Wilder presented the CenterPoint project maps and mentioned that they are available on the city website and on CenterPoint's website.

Pointe Oakwood construction began in 2009. There are only two pieces of land still available for residential development in Pointe Oakwood. Element Oakwood remains fully occupied.

Since July of 2022, the following businesses have opened their doors in Oakwood: Remedy Studio, 2541 Far Hills Avenue; Wellness Flow, 2310 Far Hills Avenue; Insomnia Cookies, 6 Oakwood Avenue. 2533-2537 Far Hills Avenue has been undergoing exterior and interior renovations.

The Oakwood Historical Society and the City of Oakwood commemorated Oakwood's first public library building with a historical marker in the sidewalk at the front of 45 Park Avenue. The library served patrons until 1939.

Mrs. Wilder reviewed staff updates and personnel recruitment. Retirements include: Chris North, General Service Worker; Vere Mason, General Services Worker; and Glen Evens, Public Safety Officer. New hires include: Melanie Hornung, Deputy Clerk of Court; J.T. Ferguson, Laborer; Todd White, General Service Worker; Cade Wallace, General Service Worker; Mary Crockett, OCC Receptionist; Asher Carr-Chellman, Laborer; Robert Plummer, Dispatcher; Ben

Bishop, General Service Worker; Mitch Detrick, Groundskeeper; Jack Froehlich, General Service Worker; and Josh Deyak, General Service Worker.

The city is currently recruiting in the following areas: Day Camp Counselors, Boulevard and Smith Gardens Maintenance; Public Works Laborers; Pool Concessions and Lifeguards; Public Safety Officer; and Part-time Laborer. Job descriptions, wage information and applications are available on the city's website.

Mrs. Hilton asked about a yellow flag that has been in her yard for a while.

Mr. Klopsch explained that underground utility lines are marked by different colored flags. The Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) requires that the utility lines be marked after calling 811 prior to any digging. Sometimes the flags are not removed once the work is complete.

CITY MANAGER REPORT – Mr. Klopsch noted that Mrs. Wilder has a unique position overseeing both employees and properties. She continues to do a great job attracting good employees. He shared that Oakwood is a wonderful place to work over the summer and encouraged people to check out the open summer positions.

The City recently sent letters to 130 property owners in the project areas with information about the Far Hills Storm Sewer Project. This is a \$2.2 million dollar project and is one of the largest projects the city has undertaken. Construction is projected to take place in the second, third and maybe fourth quarters of this year.

The annual Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project will take place on the west side of Far Hills Avenue. Public Works staff have begun marking the sidewalks and other concrete structures requiring repair, and residents will be notified in April of their responsibilities.

The entire length of Far Hills Avenue in Oakwood will be resurfaced in 2024. There will be a lot of activity along Far Hills Avenue this year to improve portions of the infrastructure prior to being repaved.

Yard debris can either be taken to the Public Works Center or placed in the tree lawn behind the curb. Yard debris should not be placed in the street.

The Gardner Pool Project is on track for the pool to open on Memorial Day weekend.

The Oakwood Income Tax Department has seen an increase in activity with it being tax season. Income Tax Administrator Linda Merker and her staff are available to answer questions, prepare returns, and/or address other matters relating to taxes.

City staff is working to finalize the 2022 Annual Report. The report will be delivered to every property owner and business in Oakwood at the end of March or at the beginning of April.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Hilton shared that Mrs. Wilder's presentation was great. She noted that the city's website continues to be a great tool with a lot of good information.

Mayor Duncan appreciated the opportunity to participate via Zoom. He said that he looks forward to attending the next work session in person.

The public meeting concluded at 8:31 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF COUNCIL

**MINUTES**  
**OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**MARCH 27, 2023**

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session on Monday, March 27, 2023 in the second-floor meeting room at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the City, William Duncan, presided.

Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington via remote teleconference, Councilmember Rob Stephens, Councilmember Anne Hilton and Councilmember Leigh Turben. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch and City Attorney Rob Jacques.

Mayor Duncan called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. and led the work session by discussing the following items:

- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
  - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
    - Business District Uses: Mr. Jacques shared that city staff is considering possible modifications to permitted and special uses in the business zoning districts. As a Zoning Code text amendment, the matter would first be presented to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation. Mr. Klopsch stated that this will likely take place at the May 3 Planning Commission meeting.
  - Public Properties, Mrs. Turben
    - Hollinger Tennis Center: Mr. Jacques provided a summary of a proposal from the Hollinger Memorial Tennis Center, now a 501(c)3 organization, to enter into a new agreement with the city on the ownership, operation and maintenance of the Hollinger facility.
    - Gardner Pool: Mr. Klopsch announced plans to conduct the May 15 work session at the OCC and to provide a tour of the Gardner Pool facility. The discussion will include a proposal to install a pool liner at Gardner Pool in 2024, and will also include conversation on park improvement projects and OCC programming and memberships.
  - Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
    - 2023 Asphalt Resurfacing Project: Mr. Klopsch reported that the annual asphalt roadway resurfacing project will bid this Friday. He explained the scope of the work.
    - Shroyer Road Median Reflectors: Mr. Klopsch reported that staff is still considering options for reflectors at the noses of the Shroyer Road center medians. The reflectors will improve median visibility during hours of darkness.
- **REGIONAL AGENCIES**
  - MVRPC, Vice Mayor Byington
    - Annual Spring Dinner: Mr. Klopsch noted that Vice Mayor Byington plans to attend the March 31 event, as does he.
  - First Suburbs, Vice Mayor Byington
    - April 26 Strategic Planning Meeting: Not discussed.

- Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, Mr. Klopsch
  - 2022 Annual Report at April 3 Council Meeting: Mr. Klopsch shared that the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition (OIC) is planning to publicly present its 2022 annual report to Oakwood City Council at the April 3 council meeting. Judy Cook, former Mayor and current OIC Vice Chair, will deliver the presentation.
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - 2023 Committee Needs: Council discussed the final committee appointments planned for the April 3 meeting.
  - 2022 Annual Report: Mr. Klopsch confirmed that the annual report is currently being delivered to all Oakwood residential and business addresses.
  - PSO Joe Dues Swear-in – April 3 Council Meeting: Mr. Klopsch noted that the Oath of Office will be administered to new Public Safety Officer Joe Dues at the April 3 meeting. Chief Hill will introduce him.
  - Email Issues: Mr. Jacques provided an overview of problems being encountered with email delivery, particularly relating to automatic email forwarding. A detailed discussion on this topic is planned for the April 17 work session.
  - April 3 Council Legislation: Mr. Klopsch reviewed the legislation scheduled for the April 3 council meeting.
  - June Work Session... 26<sup>th</sup> rather than 19<sup>th</sup>: Mr. Klopsch noted that the June 19 work session is currently scheduled on the Juneteenth holiday. He suggested rescheduling the work session to June 26. Council concurred.

At 6:15 p.m., Council moved to an executive session for property matters and personnel matters.

At 6:45 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session and adjourned the meeting.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

AN ORDINANCE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION I.

That it is hereby determined to proceed with the improvement in the City of Oakwood of the streets designated, between certain termini set forth, in Resolution No. 1905 adopted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

SECTION II.

That said improvement shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 1905 adopted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023, and with the plans, specifications, estimate of cost and profiles heretofore approved and now on file in the office of the Clerk of Council by lighting said streets with electricity for a period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

SECTION III.

That Council hereby finds and determines that no claims for damages resulting from said improvement have been filed.

SECTION IV.

That portion of the cost provided in that above-mentioned Resolution of Necessity to be assessed shall be assessed in the manner and the number of installments provided in said Resolution and on the lots and lands described therein.

SECTION V.

That the estimated assessments heretofore prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk of Council be and the same are hereby adopted.

SECTION VI.

The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Ordinance to the County Auditor within twenty days after its passage.

SECTION VII.

That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION VIII.

This ordinance shall take effect as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED BY COUNCIL this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor William D. Duncan



ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

To the Clerk:  
Please publish in summary form set forth below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

LEGAL NOTICE

On April 3, 2023, Council of the City of Oakwood, passed Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ entitled "DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY."

Lori Stacel  
Clerk of Council  
City of Oakwood

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council of the City of Oakwood, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing summary of the foregoing Ordinance was duly published in the Oakwood Register, a newspaper of general circulation in said City of Oakwood, that said publication occurred on the following date:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

AN ORDINANCE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION I.

That the revised assessments for the cost and expense of improving in the City of Oakwood, Ohio, the streets designated and between the termini set forth in Resolution No. 1905, adopted March 6, 2023, by lighting the same with electricity from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2024 through the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2024, amounting in the aggregate estimated to be \$131,894.35 which were filed with the Clerk of Council the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023 and are now on file in the office of the Clerk of Council, be and the same are hereby adopted and confirmed and such revised assessments are hereby levied and assessed upon the lots and lands bounding and abutting upon said improvement in the respective amounts reported as aforesaid, which assessments are in proportion to the special benefits and are not in excess of any statutory limitation.

SECTION II.

That this Council hereby finds and determines that the revised assessments as now on file in the office of said Clerk of Council are in the same proportion to the estimated assessments as originally filed as the actual costs of the above described improvement is to the estimated cost of the improvement as originally filed.

SECTION III.

That the assessment against each lot or parcel of land shall be payable in cash within thirty (30) days after passage of this Ordinance. All cash payments shall be made to the Director of Finance of this City. All assessments and installments thereof remaining unpaid at the expiration of said thirty (30) days shall be certified by the Clerk of Council to the County Auditor as provided by law to be placed by him on the tax duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected.

SECTION IV.

That the Clerk of Council shall cause a notice of the passage of this Ordinance to be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in this City and to continue on file in her office said revised assessments.

SECTION V.

That the Clerk of Council is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this Ordinance to the County Auditor within twenty days after its passage.

SECTION VI.

That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION VII.

This ordinance shall take effect as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED BY COUNCIL this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

To the Clerk:  
Please publish in summary form below.

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City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

LEGAL NOTICE

The Council of the City of Oakwood, Montgomery County, Ohio adopted Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ entitled "LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY."

Lori Stacel  
Clerk of Council  
City of Oakwood

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council of the City of Oakwood, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing summary of the foregoing Ordinance was duly published in the Oakwood Register, a newspaper of general circulation in the said City of Oakwood, that said publication occurred on the following date:

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Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

AN ORDINANCE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE REPAIRING OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, AND PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

It is hereby determined to proceed with the improvement referred to in the title of this ordinance in accordance with the Resolution of Necessity adopted as No. 1906 on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

SECTION II.

That improvement shall be made in accordance with the provisions of said Resolution of Necessity and the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and profiles previously approved and now on file in the office of the Clerk of Council.

SECTION III.

The Council finds and determines that no claims for damages resulting from the proposed improvement have been filed.

SECTION IV.

The portion of the cost provided in said Resolution of Necessity to be assessed shall be assessed in the manner and the number of installments provided in that resolution against the lots and lands described or referred to in that resolution.

SECTION V.

The estimated assessments previously prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk of Council are hereby approved.

SECTION VI.

The Clerk of Council is directed to deliver a certified copy of this ordinance to the Montgomery County Auditor within twenty days after its passage.

SECTION VII.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in that formal action were in meetings open to the public, to the extent required by the city charter, by the ordinances of this city, and by any applicable state law.

SECTION VIII.

This Ordinance shall take effect as of the earliest date permitted by law.

PASSED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

Please publish in summary form set forth below.

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City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

LEGAL NOTICE

The Council of the City of Oakwood, Montgomery County, Ohio, adopted Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ entitled "AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE REPAIRING OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, AND PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME."

Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council, City of Oakwood

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council of the City of Oakwood, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing summary of the foregoing ordinance was duly published in the Oakwood Register, a newspaper of general circulation in said city and that the publication occurred on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk of Council

AN ORDINANCE

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTING THE 2024 TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 2024.

WHEREAS, the City Manager has prepared the attached tax budget for the city of Oakwood, Ohio, for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, in conformance with the requirements of law and in accordance with Section 6.01 of Article VI of the Charter of the city of Oakwood, which tax budget sets forth all revenues expected to be received for such fiscal year; including but not limited to all general and special taxes, fees, costs, percentages, penalties, allowances and prerequisites; and

WHEREAS, based on preliminary estimates, 2024 operating expenditures are not expected to exceed the 2023 operating expenditure appropriations by more than 3%; and

WHEREAS, based on preliminary estimates, 2024 capital expenditures are not expected to exceed \$4,744,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

The budget described in the above recital paragraph, shall be and is hereby adopted as the official tax budget of the city of Oakwood, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024.

SECTION II.

That this ordinance be and remain in force from and after the earliest date allowed by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this 1st day of May, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

To the Clerk:

Please publish in summary form set forth below.

LEGAL NOTICE

Ordinance \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Oakwood was passed on \_\_\_\_\_, to adopt the 2024 Tax Budget.

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City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

I, Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council of the City of Oakwood, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing summary of the foregoing Ordinance was duly published in the Oakwood Register, a newspaper of general circulation in said City of Oakwood, that said publication occurred on the following date:

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Clerk of Council

# Cities/Villages Tax Budget

Council of the City of Oakwood,

May 1, 2023

To Karl L. Keith, Montgomery County Auditor:

The Council of the City of Oakwood hereby submits its annual Budget for the year commencing January 1st, 2024 for consideration of the Montgomery County Budget Commission pursuant to Section 6.01 of the Oakwood City Charter.

Director of Finance

Fund	Estimated Unencumbered Balance January 1st, 2024	Other Sources	Total
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	8,700,528	11,394,036	20,094,564
<b>MAJOR OPERATING FUNDS</b>			
Street Maintenance and Repair	500,000	1,499,988	1,999,988
Leisure Activity	500,000	1,322,705	1,822,705
Health	163,594	184,940	348,534
Equipment Replacement	1,143,320	1,149,000	2,292,320
Capital Improvement	982,274	2,043,000	3,025,274
Sidewalk, Curb & Apron	200,000	226,700	426,700
Service Center	100,000	769,975	869,975
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>			
Bullock Endowment Trust	50,652	300	50,952
MLK Community Recognition	0	0	0
Special Improvement District Assessment	0	117,306	117,306
Smith Memorial Gardens	400,000	142,115	542,115
Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment	40,748	2,600	43,348
Enforcement and Education	8,575	200	8,775
Law Enforcement	15,272	0	15,272
Drug Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police Pension	0	0	0
Court Clerk Computerization	45,414	8,000	53,414
Court Computerization	36,625	4,200	40,825
Court Special Projects	51,942	7,000	58,942
<b>Sub-Total, Page 1</b>	<b>12,938,944</b>	<b>18,872,065</b>	<b>31,811,009</b>

## Cities/Villages Tax Budget

Fund	Estimated Unencumbered Balance January 1st, 2024	Other Sources	Total
<b>OTHER FUNDS (continued)</b>			
OneOhio	11,500	5,750	17,250
State Highway Improvement	156,252	47,250	203,502
Public Safety Endowment	161,984	1,300	163,284
Special Projects	4,527,598	0	4,527,598
Issue 2 Projects	0	0	0
Public Facilities	0	0	0
Local Coronavirus Relief	0	0	0
Local Fiscal Recovery	0	0	0
Bond Retirement	0	0	0
Electric Street Lighting	100,000	172,400	272,400
Self-Funded Insurance Trust	25,000	17,500	42,500
Fire Insurance Trust	0	0	0
Contractor's Permit Fee	0	2,000	2,000
<b>REFUSE</b>			
Refuse	303,248	1,387,100	1,690,348
Refuse Improve/Equip Replacement	53,713	175,000	228,713
<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>			
Water Operating	515,142	1,134,600	1,649,742
Water Improve/Equip Replacement	112,654	677,000	789,654
Sanitary Sewer Operating	1,057,076	1,883,200	2,940,276
Sanitary Sewer Improve/Equip Replace	318,748	275,000	593,748
Stormwater Operating	322,103	466,600	788,703
Stormwater Improve/Equip Replacement	30,789	250,000	280,789
Sub-Total, Page 2	7,695,807	6,494,700	14,190,507
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20,634,751</b>	<b>25,366,765</b>	<b>46,001,516</b>



**Exhibit of Bonds, Notes, and Certificates of Indebtedness Outstanding January 1st of the Coming Year,  
and Bond Retirement Fund Requirements, for the coming year.**

<b>Purpose of Bonds and Notes</b>	<b>Authority for Levy Outside 10 mill Limit</b>	<b>Date of Issue</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Rate of Interest</b>	<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	<b>Amount Required for Principal &amp; Interest</b>	<b>Amount Required from Sources other than Property Tax</b>	<b>Total Required from General Property Taxes</b>
<b>INSIDE 10 MILL LIMIT:</b>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>XXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXX</b>				
<b>OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMIT:</b>	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX	XXXXX
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>XXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXX</b>				

**SCHEDULE A**

**SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES**

Fund (Include only those funds which are requesting general property tax revenue)	Amount Approved By Budget Commission Inside 10M. Limitation  Column I	Amount To Be Derived From Levies Outside 10 M. Limitation  Column II	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 M. Limit Column III	Outside 10 M. Limit Column IV
<b>GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</b>				
GENERAL FUND	1,267,660	1,550,806		
<b>PROPRIETARY FUNDS</b>				
<b>FIDUCIARY FUNDS</b>				
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>1,267,660</b>	<b>1,550,806</b>		



A RESOLUTION

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CONFIRMING THE CITY OF OAKWOOD’S ACCEPTANCE OF AND PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH ONGOING NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION.

WHEREAS, the city of Oakwood is a Local Government that has adopted The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”), which establishes a mechanism to disburse settlement proceeds from opioid litigation into Ohio’s communities to help abate the opioid crisis, including allocations to Local Governments and Regions through a statewide Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Council understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and potentially earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS settlement proposals have been presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by certain pharmacy defendants including CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart (collectively the “Settling Pharmacy Defendants”), and by certain manufacturer defendants including Teva and Allergan (collectively the “Settling Manufacturer Defendants”), that would resolve governmental entity claims involving these parties in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU; and

WHEREAS, Ohio political subdivisions are required to opt in or out of these settlement proposals no later than April 18, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION I.

Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign and submit, on the city’s behalf, a participation agreement and such other documents as may be necessary to ensure Oakwood’s participation in the above-described settlements with the Settling Pharmacy Defendants and the Settling Manufacturer Defendants, consistent with the provisions of The OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding.

SECTION II.

It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION III.

This resolution shall take effect as of the day of its passage.

PASSED BY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:  
No publication is required.

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City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

**Introductions for Legislation  
4/3/2023 Council Meeting**

**Mr. Stephens**

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

This is an annual ordinance that is the second step of our 2024 street lighting program. It is the ordinance that authorizes the city to proceed with the project. It was introduced with a first reading at our March 6 Council meeting.

**Motion: This is the second reading of this ordinance, and I move that Council adopt it tonight.**

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**Mr. Stephens**

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.

This is the third and final step of our 2024 street lighting program. It allows for the costs of street lighting to be certified to the Montgomery County Auditor for assessment.

**Motion: This is a first reading of this ordinance, so I make no motion at this time.**

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**Mr. Stephens**

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE REPAIRING OF SIDEWALKS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO ON CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI, IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, AND PROVIDING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS REPAIR THE SAME.

This is an annual ordinance that is the second step of our 2023 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. Again, this year's program area covers all city streets west of Far Hills that were not repaired as part of last year's program. It was introduced with a first reading at our March 6 Council meeting.

**Motion: This is the second reading of this ordinance, and I move that Council adopt it tonight.**

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**Vice Mayor Byington**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2024 TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 2024.

To comply with Section 6.01 of the City Charter, this is our annual housekeeping ordinance to estimate the city's revenues and expenses for calendar year 2024.

**Motion: This is the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of this ordinance, so I make no motion at this time.**

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**Vice Mayor Byington**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CITY OF OAKWOOD'S ACCEPTANCE OF AND PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH ONGOING NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION.

Ohio is included in ongoing litigation involving the national prescription opioid epidemic. This is complex, multi-district litigation occurring nationwide, and there are many defendants including opioid distributors and manufacturers.

In 2021 Oakwood signed a document known as the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"). In doing so, we joined with political subdivisions throughout the state to agree on a mechanism for distributing any opioid settlements that may be reached.

In 2021 state-level settlements were reached with several opioid distributors, including AmeriSource Bergen, McKesson, and Cardinal Health. Those settlements are being distributed to local governments according to the terms of the OneOhio MOU.

In late 2022 state-level settlements were reached with several pharmacies, including CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart, as well as two opioid manufacturers, Teva and Allergan. The resolution I am introducing tonight will allow Oakwood to opt in to the local government portion of these settlements, which would then be distributed under the framework already established by the OneOhio MOU. These are structured settlements that will be distributed over a period of six (6) years. The money is restricted for use in abating the opioid epidemic.

**Motion: This resolution will constitute legislative approval of the settlement as required by the court, and I move that Council adopt this resolution tonight.**



**CITY OF OAKWOOD**  
**PROCLAMATION**

**RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS  
FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

WHEREAS, April 11, 2023 marks the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the U.S. Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, which enunciated a national policy of Fair Housing without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability, and encourages fair housing opportunities for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the principle of fair housing is not only law, but a basic human necessity; and an inalienable right inscribed in the constitution of the State of Ohio as adopted in 1851; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center is engaged in passionately pursuing its mission to eliminate housing discrimination in the Miami Valley, the State of Ohio, and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center has been recognized regionally, statewide, and nationally for its creativity and effectiveness in pursuing its mission to eliminate housing discrimination and ensure equal housing opportunity for all people in our region, the State of Ohio, and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc., and the Dayton REALTORS®, are committed to continuing to address housing discrimination in the Miami Valley; and

WHEREAS, April is traditionally designated as FAIR HOUSING MONTH by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the theme this year is “**2023 — Fair Housing — A Tool for Understanding & Addressing Poverty**” in order to highlight the Fair Housing Law, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended,

NOW, THEREFORE, under the power vested in me, I, William D. Duncan, Mayor of the city of Oakwood, in commemoration of the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Fair Housing Act, do hereby urge all citizens to understand and exercise their right to equal housing opportunity, and proclaim the month of April 2023 as

**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Oakwood, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2023.

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William D. Duncan  
Mayor of Oakwood



**CITY OF OAKWOOD  
PROCLAMATION**

**RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2023 AS  
ARBOR WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and is observed in the State of Ohio on the last Friday in April; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, reduce heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakwood has been recognized as a TREE CITY, USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 41<sup>st</sup> consecutive year and desires to continue its tree-planting ways;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, under the power vested in me, I, William D. Duncan, Mayor of the City of Oakwood, do hereby proclaim the week of April 23, 2023 as

**ARBOR WEEK**

in the City of Oakwood, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's urban forestry program, and

**FURTHER**, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the city of Oakwood, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2023.

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William D. Duncan  
Mayor of Oakwood





April 3, 2023

To: Members of Oakwood City Council  
From: Madeline Iseli, Oakwood Inclusion Coalition Chair

Re: Second Annual Report on OIC Activity

Attached are two documents for your review. The first is a summary of how the OIC has continued to fulfill its mission to foster a welcoming community through educational programs and community building. The second document presents a detailed chronology of the OIC's activity from January 2022 to the present.

## Second Annual Report

### OAKWOOD INCLUSION COALITION

#### January 2022 - April 2023

The second year of OIC operations and activities has presented opportunities for the organization to grow, to engage others in the process, and to refine further how the OIC can best accomplish its mission to study, promote, and celebrate Oakwood as an inclusive community.

#### **Administrative Matters**

The OIC continues to work closely with the City of Oakwood, Oakwood Schools, and Wright Library. These connections help the OIC stay abreast of local events and community needs, enabling OIC sustainability and relevancy into the future.

The Leadership Team continues to follow established protocols for all forms of communication and all matters relating to the receipt and disbursement of OIC funds.

The OIC website ([www.oakwoodic.org](http://www.oakwoodic.org)) provides current information about OIC-sponsored events and programs and serves as a repository for the group's establishing documents, guiding principles, and Leadership Team meeting minutes.

The roles of the City, School, and Library Liaisons on the Leadership Team have been appropriately refined in our establishing documents to clarify that the OIC is a citizen-led organization.

The Leadership expanded its team size by four Oakwood residents to deepen its network within the community. New Leadership Team members include Mike Miller, Jacqueline Housel, Joshua Green, and Kate Furmanski. In addition, Brandy Mariani replaced Jeremy Newport as Treasurer.

## Engaging Community Participation

The OIC has worked diligently to engage the community. We have pursued our mission to educate and inform by holding the first OIC annual meeting in 2022, hosting topical programs, sending monthly email notices to our 425 members that detail upcoming events in the community, and submitting frequent articles to the Oakwood Register about Oakwood residents' involvement with building community and expanding inclusion. These events and publications encourage citizens to engage in ongoing work according to their interests and availability.

Through these efforts, OIC members have represented the Oakwood community in many events and programs offered throughout the Dayton area. OIC members attend regional events to demonstrate that Oakwood citizens wish to contribute to Greater Dayton's wellbeing, with a genuine interest in regional solidarity. OIC members participated in the Dayton Region's Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Marches in 2022 and 2023, and attended programs offered by other organizations such as the University of Dayton, Sinclair Community College, Wright Memorial Public Library, Dayton Metro Library, the City of Dayton Human Relations Council, RETREET, Welcome Dayton, and Ladies Interfaith. Program topics included social justice issues in Dayton, tree replanting in areas destroyed by tornadoes, the legacy of redlining, Jewish/Muslim/Christian interfaith discussion, the CODA (child of deaf adults) experience, the value of mediation in collaboration with traditional policing, and regional planning for the recruitment of a diverse pool of K-12 educators. It is through these events that we seek to build lasting connections with other communities.

OIC members also participated in Oakwood-based events and traditions. Several OIC Leaders staffed OIC information tables at the Ice Cream Social and the Oakwood Family Pride Picnic. OIC Leaders also volunteered as docents for the Oakwood Historical Society's Holiday Home Tour, recognizing that this event epitomizes Oakwood's tradition of hospitality and a welcoming spirit. Others placed luminaries in front of their homes to support Lighting Up Oakwood. These events and traditions provide opportunities to celebrate inclusive community-building.

## Achieving Community Impact

In addition to participating in other organizations' programs and events, the OIC has been proud to offer its own program initiatives.

In May 2022, the OIC designed and purchased signs advertising the Oakwood Farmers' Market in English, Spanish, and Mandarin—the languages identified by Welcome Dayton as those most commonly spoken by non-English speaking immigrants in Montgomery County. The signs were placed at bus stops along Far Hills Avenue on Saturday mornings as a visible indication that Oakwood welcomes people outside the community to engage with our local effort to support regional farmers. The OIC has gifted the signs to the City so they can be used every summer.

In June 2022, in response to the Afghan and Ukrainian refugee crises of 2021 and 2022, the OIC organized an informational program on refugee resettlement in the Dayton area. This event, held at Wright Library, attracted about 80 participants in person and another 25 online from throughout the region, as well as coverage in the *Dayton Daily News*. Speakers included leaders from five area organizations serving immigrants and refugees, as well as the office of U.S. Senator Rob Portman.

In September 2022, the OIC hosted an open house to celebrate the installation of "Mapping Equity in Dayton," a month-long exhibit of maps displaying how Dayton communities are still affected by the 1930s practice of redlining. The exhibit was hosted by Wright Memorial Public Library and was developed by students at Sinclair Community College. Sinclair Professor Jacqueline Housel, who had supervised the students, offered guided tours. The OIC also helped to promote the library's accompanying speaker series that month, which highlighted different aspects of the exhibit's findings.

## Realizing the OIC's Mission to Study, Promote and Celebrate

Consensus building has been challenging for Leadership Team members this past year. The Leadership Team seeks a common outcome in the broader sense but, as individuals, we differ in perspectives on how to prioritize and accomplish our goals. We have come to realize that the differing viewpoints of our leadership reflect, to a large extent, those of our citizen population. Furthermore, we have come to realize that it is the successful blending of these differing viewpoints that results in both stronger relationships as well as stronger outcomes for all our endeavors. Understanding the value of this process encourages us to use it, and these relationships, as guidance. An important aspect of our pursuit is the fact that Oakwood has grown significantly more diverse in recent years. The path is established. The resulting positive blend with existing community values such as those

so clearly evident in our city, schools and library has brought increased interest and breadth to our community. As we continue our mission we will follow this path, promoting community values and learning as we seek continued success.

We remain confident in our belief that Oakwood citizens desire to engage in respectful dialogue about the issues confronting our nation, that they are interested in building relationships with people whose backgrounds are different from their own, and that they are committed to making Oakwood welcoming for everyone who chooses to live, work, or visit here.

We remain committed to our nonpartisan mission to study, promote, and celebrate inclusion, equity, diversity and a welcoming environment. We are dedicated to inclusion and making space for many voices by providing forums for dialogue, education, and celebration of all that is good about Oakwood, as well as opportunities to engage with the larger region through service, learning, and sharing with other community organizations and events. And we remain steadfast in our conviction that the entire region – and especially our own Oakwood community – will become stronger through these genuine and authentic interactions.

## Operating with Solid Financial Standing

As of December 31, 2022, no donor-restricted gifts had been received, with a year-end balance of funds of \$16,576.17. The funds are held in two accounts:

- \$14,506.17 in an LCNB National Bank account, serviced through the local Oakwood branch.
- \$2,070.00 in a Dayton Foundation Fund.

Calendar Year 2022 Contributions and Expenses	
<b>Contributions</b>	
Dayton Foundation Donations	\$ 2,030.00
Direct Donations (check/cash)	\$ 7,130.00
<b>Total 2022 Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 9,160.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	
	\$ (950.00)
<b>Net Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 8,210.00</b>

OIC expenses are confined primarily to administrative fees incurred from web hosting, post office fees for maintaining a P.O. Box, and costs to LCNB for maintaining the checking account. The process of creating an annual budget continues as our programming is more clearly defined and community needs emerge.

This year's major expense of \$447.16 co-sponsored the "Mapping Equity in Dayton" exhibit at Wright Library. The OIC also spent \$258.94 to purchase the multilingual signage promoting awareness of Oakwood's Farmers Market and encouraging a diverse population of market visitors.

The OIC continues to seek financial support to enable future events and programs.

## Expressing Appreciation

As private citizens serving as OIC Leaders, we remain extremely grateful for the deep commitment and wise counsel we receive from our liaisons representing the City of Oakwood, Oakwood Schools, and Wright Memorial Public Library and their respective governing Boards. Without their support, we could not continue to evolve as an effective and relevant organization.

We are also appreciative of the support we receive from the Oakwood Register. Without this local resource, we would have no other way to make Oakwood citizens who are not on our membership list aware of our programming and events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Madeline Iseli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Madeline" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Iseli".

Madeline Iseli, Chair  
Oakwood Inclusion Coalition

## Leadership Team Members

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- Judy Cook, Vice Chair
- Allyson Couch, Schools Liaison
- Roger Crum
- Leigh Ann Fulford
- Kate Furmanski
- Joshua Green
- Kristi Hale, Wright Library Liaison
- Jacqueline Housel
- Healy Jackson
- Rob Jacques, City Liaison
- Brandy Mariani
- Mike Miller
- Dan Turben



# Chronology of the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition

## January 2022 - April 2023

### 2022

**Dec. 2021 – Jan. 2022** Kathy Hollingsworth, a founding partner and facilitator with Innovative InterChange, Inc., met with the leadership team several times to refine the OIC's understanding of its mission and develop a strategic framework for 2022.

**January 17, 2022** More than 70 Oakwood residents joined Dayton's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial March.

**January 25, 2022** In response to participant interest, the OIC added a fourth Big Read book club discussion of "The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion" by Jonathan Haidt.

**January 2022** OIC established an account at the Dayton Foundation to facilitate donor giving through a link from the OIC website.

**February 1, 2022** Joshua Green and Kate Furmanski joined the leadership team.

**March 2022** OIC representatives attended a meeting that discussed the results of the City of Kettering's Racial Equity Survey Report conducted by its Board of Community Relations. Team leaders continue to weigh the need to quantify perceptions of racism among Oakwood citizens and to determine the existence or extent of racial inequity in our community.

**March 19, 2022** OIC representatives attended an informational meeting on the report recently released by the American Immigration Council in partnership with the

City of Dayton Human Relations Council entitled “New Americans in Montgomery County and the City of Dayton” to stay current on issues affecting our broader community.

**March 2022**

The OIC Communications Committee begins informing membership in a monthly email about upcoming educational programs and events that fall within the mission of the OIC. This ongoing effort intends to increase awareness and encourage civic involvement.

**April 1-3, 2022**

OIC representatives attended “The Common Good in a Divided City” conference sponsored by the University of Dayton that explored concepts such as the “common good” and “regional solidarity” within a Catholic and Miami Valley framework. Representatives initiated contact with many organizations engaged in social justice work of interest to OIC membership.

**April 4, 2022**

OIC submitted its first written Annual Report to the Oakwood City Council and subsequently to the School Board and the Library Board.

**April 7-8, 2022**

OIC representatives attended the “Imagining Community Symposium 2022: Shaping a More Equitable Dayton,” sponsored by the University of Dayton, that brought together community partners across the Miami Valley to promote education, dialogue, and action. Its purpose was to explore the history, legacy, and impact of Dayton’s racial segregation and how to move toward a more just, equitable, and inclusive Dayton.

**April 13, 2022**

OIC’s first Annual Meeting was held at Wright Memorial Public Library and virtually through Zoom. Forty-seven people attended in person and virtually. OIC officers and new leadership members were elected: Sam Davis, Lisa Wagner, Mike Miller, Brandy Mariani, and Jacqueline Housel.

**April 30, 2022**

OIC members participated in a RETREET tree planting event for community restoration in the wake of the 2019 tornadoes. It was an opportunity for Oakwood residents to connect with other area residents

interested in making the Dayton region a desirable place to live.

**May 3, 2022**

New language amending Article VI of the Establishing Document was adopted to clarify quorum requirements.

**June - September 2022**

OIC purchased signs advertising the location of the Oakwood's Farmers Market in English, Spanish, and Mandarin. The leadership team worked with Welcome Dayton to choose the most common non-English languages for our community. The signs are placed at bus stops along Far Hills Avenue during the market season as a visible sign that Oakwood welcomes people from outside the community to engage with our local effort to support regional farmers.

**June 7, 2022**

Oakwood School Administrators Dr. Kimbe Lange and Mrs. Allyson Couch briefed the OIC leadership team on Oakwood City Schools' Plan for Access and Success for All and the establishment of the Diversity Recruitment of Educators Association for Miami Valley (DREAM) effort.

The Leadership Team reached a consensus on how to encourage OIC members to increase their civic engagement. The plan is to encourage members to participate in and support existing community events in a "meet up" style. Approximately 425 Members will receive a monthly email notice that presents volunteer opportunities and informs about programs happening throughout the Miami Valley that align with OIC's mission to inform and celebrate.

**June 18, 2022**

OIC members attended the Levitt Pavilion's Juneteenth celebration.

**June 19, 2022**

OIC staffed a table at the Oakwood Pride Picnic held at Shafor Park.

**June 29, 2022**

OIC hosted an informational program on the U.S. government's new entry program for Ukrainians fleeing the war and local resettlement services in the Miami Valley at Wight Memorial Public Library. Approximately 80 people attended the forum, and another 25



participated virtually. Representatives from eight agencies working with refugees discussed the challenges involved in resettlement.

**August 2, 2022**

The Leadership Team adopted a revised Communication Protocol governing all OIC communications.

**August 14, 2022**

The OIC had a presence at the Oakwood Ice Cream Social and distributed a new OIC tri-fold brochure.

**September 2022**

The OIC joined Wright Memorial Public Library in sponsoring the “Mapping Equity in Dayton” exhibit produced by Sinclair Community College students. The month-long exhibit was complemented by a series of speakers who presented on topics such as how geographers connect to social and cultural issues, the impact of redlining in the Dayton region, and the success of Dayton’s Mediation Response Unit. It is estimated that 170 people viewed the exhibit or attended one of the three LET’S TALK panel discussions.

**December 11, 2022**

OIC members were encouraged to participate in the City of Oakwood’s “Lighting Up Oakwood” program by placing luminaries in front of their homes to support this inclusive community-building event.

**2023**

**January 16, 2023**

Oakwood residents joined Dayton’s annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial March.

**February 16-18, 2023**

OIC members attended the Second Annual Imagining Community Symposium: Housing Justice and Flourishing Neighborhoods, sponsored by the University of Dayton.

**March 22, 2023**

OIC representatives attended a Braver Angels workshop titled “Curious Conversations” at Wright Memorial Public Library. The workshop taught attendees how to hold curiosity-driven conversations and constructive dialogue in the face of disagreement.

## OAKWOOD

### Oakwood sets public meeting schedule

City Council meets in work session at 5 p.m. Monday, Mar. 27 in the second floor training/community room at 30 Park Ave. On Monday, Apr. 3, council first meets in work session at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor training/community room, then moves to a regular session meeting at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.

The Records Commission generally meets only twice a year. The next meeting is at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 25 in the conference room at 30 Park Ave.

The Board of Health generally meets every other month. The next meetings are Tuesday, March 28 and Tuesday, May 23, both at 5:30 p.m. in council chambers at 30 Park Ave.

The Planning Commission's previously scheduled April 5 meeting has been canceled.

The next meeting is set for 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 3 in council chambers at 30 Park Ave.

The Board of Zoning Appeals' previously scheduled April 13 meeting has been canceled. The next meeting is set for Thursday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m. in council chambers at 30 Park Ave.

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

STAFF REPORT

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, CITY OF OAKWOOD,  
STATE OF OHIO

The meeting was conducted on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 in the council chamber at the Oakwood City Building, 30 Park Avenue, and was also accessible via Zoom.

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Attending in person were:

Dr. Bill Coyne, D.D.S., Vice Chair

Norbert Klopsch, Administrator/City Manager

Mrs. Diane Scott, R.N., Member

Matt Tyler, REHS, Environmental Health Director

Dr. Elizabeth Maimon, DVM, M.P.H., Member

Attending via remote teleconference was Mayor Bill Duncan, President. Also attending the meeting was Oakwood Public Safety Lieutenant Damian Baggett.

Excused absent were Dr. David Denka, D.O., Chair and Dr. Steve Enseleit, M.D., Health Commissioner

Dr. Coyne called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items:

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Dr. Coyne asked that the minutes of the November 22, 2022 meeting be reviewed. There being no requested edits, a motion to approve was made by Dr. Maimon and seconded by Mrs. Scott. Upon viva voce vote, the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report from Chair: No report.

Report from Environmental Health Director: Matt Tyler, REHS, Environmental Health Director commented on the following items:

- Oakwood Jurisdiction Disease Report: So far this year, Flu and COVID-19 cases are low and below historic figures. 2022 was the high year for COVID-19. There have not been any reported flu cases in 2023.
- HB 507: HB 507 was signed by Governor DeWine in January. The bill changes the way the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Ohio Department of Agriculture conduct food surveys for local health departments. The bill will eliminate unnecessarily lengthy surveys and inspections.

Report from Board Administrator/City Manager: Mr. Klopsch commented on the following items:

- Gardner Pool Improvements: Gardner Pool was built in 1968 and needed some major repairs and updates. The improvement plans were approved by the Ohio Department of Health and the proper permits were secured for the construction. The pool work includes demolition and replacement of the entire concrete deck, installation of fencing around the zero depth wading pool (children's pool), installing new pool lifeguard stands and diving boards, and installing a new exterior fence along Patterson Road. The pool will be completely renewed after the work is completed, other than plans to install a new pool liner in 2024.
- ODH Efficiency and Effectiveness Study: A mandated study was included in the 2022/2023 Ohio Biennium Budget to determine the cost effectiveness of local health districts, but study requirements have not been issued by ODH. Oakwood's local health district continues to operate until further guidance is received from the state. Provisions included in the 2022/2023 Ohio Biennium Budget will likely require Oakwood's local health district to merge with Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County. The Oakwood Health Board, under a different name, could continue to serve as a general advisory body to the city on health and safety matters.
- New Board Member: City Council will appoint Dr. Elizabeth Hardy, Ph.D., to the Board of Health at the April 3 meeting. Dr. Hardy is a psychologist and will replace Dr. Sallie Wilson.

- PFAS: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently released proposed standards to regulate PFAS chemicals in drinking water. The proposed maximum level is 4 parts per trillion, which is the lowest detectable level given current testing technology. The aquifer that supplies the drinking water to Oakwood is positioned at an elevation much higher than the aquifer from which Dayton draws its water. The city of Dayton is used as a backup water supply to Oakwood. Fortunately, Oakwood’s eight production wells have produced 100% of Oakwood’s water for the last 15-20 years. About 2 ½ years ago, the Ohio EPA tested Oakwood’s water for PFAS chemicals and none were detected. Mr. Klopsch noted that he would like to see a cost/benefit analysis to determine if the benefits outweigh the costs to monitor and remove PFAS chemicals from drinking water, particularly at such a microscopic level.
- Medic Vehicles: Mr. Klopsch introduced Oakwood Public Safety Lieutenant Damian Baggett and reviewed the highlights of his career. He invited Lieutenant Baggett to share information about Oakwood’s emergency medical services. Lieutenant Baggett spoke about the duties and responsibilities of Dr. John Ewing, the Oakwood EMS Medical Advisor. Oakwood’s emergency medical technicians and paramedics are provided with comprehensive training opportunities to provide exceptional advanced emergency care to the community. Lt. Baggett shared an emergency 9-1-1 medic call where a quick response time and advanced medical training and equipment helped to save the patient’s life. It is essential to have two reliable ambulances, one serving as a primary vehicle and the other serving as a backup. A used medic vehicle was purchased in 2022 to replace an ambulance that was experiencing problems with the brake module that could not be repaired. Oakwood provides mutual aid as needed to Dayton and Kettering. Oakwood assisted other jurisdictions on 41 calls in 2022. In the past five years, Oakwood has only needed assistance from another jurisdiction one time.

Mayor Duncan thanked Lt. Baggett and the Oakwood Public Safety Department for all of their efforts on behalf of the city.

Mr. Klopsch noted that after the elimination of the Ohio estate tax, the fully consolidated public safety concept was questioned by some citizens, suggesting that there may be a less expensive way to provide public safety services. He stated that many examples over the years show that the consolidated operation concept in Oakwood is definitely worth the expense.

Mr. Klopsch reported that Mayor Duncan is recovering from a triple bypass open heart surgery six weeks ago. He’s doing great!

Mayor Duncan chuckled and shared a story from his time in the hospital where an ICU nurse that graduated from Oakwood High School said that she didn’t think Oakwood had a mayor, only a city manager. The nurse grew up across the street from Mr. Klopsch.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

There being no other business, at 6:04 p.m. Dr. Coyne adjourned the meeting.

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Chair

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Secretary

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Commissioner of Health

# These are the states with the highest and lowest tax burdens, a report says

March 30, 2023 4:52 AM ET

By  
[Ayana Archie](#)

This year's federal tax filing deadline of April 18 is quickly approaching, and Americans generally pay some mixture of federal, local, and in most cases, state taxes. But the tax burden of some states significantly outpaces others, [data shows](#).

WalletHub, a personal finance website, released a report this week analyzing total tax burden by state. Tax burden is defined as the proportion of a person's income that goes toward taxes.

It measured a combination of the proportion of property tax, income tax and sales tax that people paid. These were the states with the highest and lowest tax burdens.

## Highest tax burdens

1. New York - 12.47%
2. Hawaii - 12.31%
3. Maine - 11.14%
4. Vermont - 10.28%
5. Connecticut - 9.83%
6. New Jersey - 9.76%
7. Maryland - 9.44%
8. Minnesota - 9.41%
9. Illinois - 9.38%
10. Iowa - 9.15%

## Lowest tax burdens

1. Alaska - 5.06%
2. Delaware - 6.12%

3. New Hampshire - 6.14%
4. Tennessee - 6.22%
5. Florida - 6.33%
6. Wyoming - 6.42%
7. South Dakota - 6.69%
8. Montana - 6.93%
9. Missouri - 7.11%
10. Oklahoma - 7.12%

When broken down by category, the states with the highest burden for property tax were Maine (5.33%), Vermont (4.98%) and New Hampshire (4.94%), while the lowest were Alabama (1.39%), Tennessee (1.66%) and Arkansas (1.68%).

The states with the highest burden for income tax are New York (4.72%), Maryland (4.21%) and Oregon (3.62%). There are seven states with no income tax – Nevada, Washington, South Dakota, Florida, Wyoming, Alaska and Texas.

The states with the highest sales tax burden are Hawaii (6.71%), Washington, (5.66%) and New Mexico (5.62%), while the states with the lowest sales tax burden are New Hampshire (1.07%), Delaware (1.09%) and Oregon (1.11%).

# City, schools aim to reduce bike, scooter safety hazards

Series of videos to address issues residents have raised.

**By Nick Blizzard**  
Staff Writer

OAKWOOD — The city and the school district are seeking to reduce traffic hazards involving bikes and scooters, a source of concern in Oakwood.

A series of videos are planned to better educate students on the laws involving those vehicles in the heavily residential suburb.

One longtime Oakwood resident told city officials recently that bike and scooter riders on sidewalks — and pedestrians as well — can face sudden safety issues.

It's "far more dangerous for these kids on the sidewalks, not

to mention for people like me," said Brian Parks, whose said he's lived in the city about 20 years. "Constantly, we're being confronted with kids that come up behind you just flying down the sidewalks."

Riding a scooter illegally on sidewalks or roads has not resulted in any injury reports or citations being issued, according to Oakwood Safety Department Director Alan Hill.

The city banned shared mobility devices, including commercial scooter fleets, in 2020. Operators of the permitted scooters should "be mindful of other motorists and pedestrians, and are encouraged to wear appropriate safety equipment to prevent against serious injury in case of an accident," Hill said in

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# Scooters

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an email.

Oakwood does not have “an overwhelming situation where we’ve heard from tons of people,” said City Councilman Rob Stephens. “But we’ve had a few citizens contact us, and in our mind ... when you hear from a few citizens, there’s definitely more people who are thinking the same thing.”

Stephens, who has been working with the school district on the issue, said “it’s definitely something we’re concerned about because it’s the safety of children and adults. And our number one thing is to try to keep the streets and sidewalks as safe as possible.”

Parks noted that “it sure seems like it’s getting a lot worse over the last number of years.”

Oakwood has a population of about 9,500, with nearly 3,800 residences across 2.2 square miles, resulting in busy neighborhoods, city officials have said.

“That’s why it’s such a big



A past event in downtown Dayton promotes the use of scooters, but Oakwood officials are seeking to reduce traffic hazards involving bikes and scooters. FILE

concern with us because we have a lot of stop signs and a lot of people out there,” Stephens said. “We have a lot of people walking all of the time and jogging all of the time.”

The videos are set to roll out after spring break and feature “simple” messages for Oakwood Junior High School students about how the rules differ for bike and scooter riders on sidewalks

and streets, city and school district officials said.

Students will have a hand in making – and be featured in – the videos, said Stephens and Traci Hale, Oakwood schools’ spokeswoman. They also will be posted on social media, according to Hale.

If the videos are well received at the junior high, they may be shown at the two elementary schools,

Stephens said.

“If you think about it, unless it’s a parent that educates their child, you don’t get traffic safety until you learn how to drive,” he said. “So that’s why we’re trying to address the kids who aren’t old enough to go to driver’s training.”

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# At least 6 arrested in clash with police near UD campus

Students warned actions could lead to charges or discipline.

**By Eric Schwartzberg**  
Staff Writer

When a large crowd gathered in the University of Dayton campus area for a weekend party, some revelers overturned a car, sparking at least 6 arrests, a large police presence and a scene that has become familiar over the past decade.

The partiers on Saturday afternoon belatedly were celebrating St. Patrick's Day because students had been on spring break the week before.

"A large number of people gathered on Lowes Street during the afternoon," according to a statement from University of Dayton officials.

Most of the people conducted themselves in a peaceful manner, UD officials said.

"At approximately 4:15 p.m., part of the crowd overturned a parked vehicle and got on top of it," the statement said.

Police officers tried to control the situation, but "bottles, cans and other objects were thrown at them."

More officers were called to the scene, and police broadcast orders to clear the street, using police cruisers over a loudspeaker, the statement said.

The arrests happened as officers were clearing the street.

University of Dayton officials told this news outlet Sunday evening that UD public safety will confer with the city and county prosecutor offices

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regarding potential citations or charges for those arrested Saturday.

“The university cannot discuss specific student discipline or medical information because of federal privacy laws,” officials said. “But students were warned before the weekend that violations of university expectations or applicable laws could result in criminal charges, fines and a range of disciplinary actions, including expulsion. We are also aware that a number of people present Saturday were non-students and visitors.”

“While a significant majority of the people on campus Saturday were respectful of our community standards, those that were not put their safety and the safety of others in jeopardy.”

Officials said they appreciate what the university’s law enforcement partners and the first responders who assisted UD Public Safety on Saturday.

**Police stand in formation in an attempt to quell a disturbance on Saturday in the University of Dayton campus area. KEEGAN GUPTA / CONTRIBUTED**



The incident was the latest in a series of clashes between police and students at the private, Catholic research university. Police have responded to the same area to break up a large disturbance at least six times in the past 10 years, with most of the incidents occurring in March.

On March 10, 2020, police officers from multiple departments responded to the UD campus on Lowes Street when a large crowd formed around 11 p.m. “throwing objects and bottles in the street and at police, and jumping on cars,” UD said

at the time.

“Police gave verbal orders to disperse which were ignored,” UD said. “Police initially launched pepper balls, which contain powder with an irritant that disperses quickly, that were unsuccessful in reducing the crowd size.”

Additional Dayton police again gave orders to disperse, and students went back into their housing around 2:15 a.m. At least one person was reportedly injured by a thrown bottle, UD said.

In 2018, police forced back a crowd celebrating St. Patrick’s Day. In that incident,

the crowd threw objects including bottles at police. At the time, the university said the crowd ignored orders from university police to disperse, and several more police agencies were called in to disperse the crowd. No arrests were made.

In March 2015, six people were arrested for rioting, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. One Dayton officer was hurt after he was struck in the head with a full beer can.

That was less chaotic revelry than what happened in March 2014, when police marched down Kiefaber in

riot gear as a crowd celebrated a Dayton Flyers victory in the NCAA tournament. In that instance, 32 people were arrested and eight officers were injured.

In 2013, St. Patrick’s Day celebrations turned violent, leading to 24 non-UD students facing criminal charges and another 45 students facing university discipline. Seven of the 24 non-University students were physically arrested with the remainder charged through the courts, mostly for underage drinking, public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Eleven cars were damaged, and broken glass littered the area after the crowd threw several glass bottles.

That incident also drew response from several police agencies, and prompted a university review of when to schedule Spring Break and whether to allow large gatherings near student housing.

Previous decades also saw similar disturbances, not all of them in March. Two Halloween parties in the 1990s led to fires and arrests.

In March 1992, a crowd

of 700 to 900 people gathered on Lowes Street, some of them setting fire to trash containers and pieces of furniture dragged out of homes. At least three students were injured, none seriously, in the incidents. Two members of UD’s public safety force were injured: one who was struck in the left elbow by a full can of beer, and one struck in the head by a thrown object.

Both officers were treated at a local hospital for their injuries and released, a university spokeswoman said.

UD police said seven UD students were charged with starting fires, and 12 students were cited for drinking-related violations such as underage drinking and distribution of alcohol to minors. Dayton police told UD officials they arrested four people in connection with the disturbance, three of whom were not UD students, a university spokeswoman said.

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## Police respond to belated St. Pat's gathering at UD

Two Oakwood Public Safety Officers responded to the University of Dayton last Saturday answering an officer in need of assistance radio call as Dayton and U.D. police were dispatched to a disturbance on campus.

Students who were off campus over St. Patrick's Day celebrated last weekend after returning from spring

break and a large number gathered in the U.D. "Ghetto" housing area where some party-goers overturned a vehicle.

Dayton police responded in riot gear to control the crowd. Thirteen of the 17 individuals reported arrested at UD last weekend were not affiliated with the university.

"We responded to the signal 99 (officer in trouble) request," Oakwood police chief Alan Hill said. "Two Oakwood PSOs responded. No arrests were made by Oakwood officers." Hill said Oakwood had three other calls related to UD festivities throughout the day - one noise complaint and two parking complaints.

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## OAKWOOD

### Free leaf mulch starts April 8

The city's annual free leaf mulch program begins April 8.

The leaves collected throughout Oakwood last fall have been converted into leaf mulch. The mulch is available to Oakwood residents for spring yard and garden projects.

Citizens have two options for obtaining the leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, the city offers 3 cubic yards for \$100 or 6 cubic yards for \$150. Call 937-298-0777 to place an order.

Mulch deliveries will take place on the five Saturdays from April 8 to May 6. On the same five Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from the Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Mulch recipients must haul it away and provide proof of residency. No commercial vehicles are permitted.

STAFF REPORT

## OAKWOOD

### Flushing of hydrants will start on Monday

The city will be flushing fire hydrants between Monday and May 4.

Some temporary water discoloration is expected, but the water is safe to use and will clear shortly after areas are flushed.

Water customers are urged to check their water for clarity prior to doing any laundry. The current schedule includes:

#### West side of Far Hills Avenue:

- Oak Knoll Drive to West Peach Orchard Road, April 3-4.

- Monterey Road to Park Road, April 5-6.

- Forrer Road/Oakwood Avenue to Harman Avenue, April 6-7.

- Park Avenue to West Thruston Boulevard, April 10.

- Southview Road to Old River Trail, April 11-13.

#### East side of Far Hills:

- Irving Avenue to Look-out Drive, April 17-19.

- East Thruston Boulevard to Patterson Road, April 20-21.

- East Dixon Avenue to

Dellwood Avenue, April 24-25.

- Greenmount Boulevard to Telford Avenue, April 26-27.

- Wiltshire Boulevard to Triangle Avenue, April 28-May 1.

- Orchard Drive to East Drive, May 1-2.

All of Far Hills Avenue, May 3-4.

For more information, call 937-298-0777.

STAFF REPORT

## Oakwood fire hydrant flushing

The city of Oakwood will conduct annual fire hydrant flushing throughout the city between April 3 and May 4. Shown below is the proposed schedule. These dates are for planning purposes only and may be adjusted as the work progresses.

While the hydrant flushing may cause some temporary water discoloration, the water is safe to

use and will clear shortly after areas are flushed. Please check your water for clarity prior to doing any laundry.

Should your laundry become discolored, do not dry clothes until you have had an opportunity to re-wash them in an iron removing detergent. For more information, contact the Oakwood Public Works Department at (937) 298-0777.

### West side of Far Hills Ave.

- Oak Knoll Dr. to West Peach Orchard Rd. ....April 3-4
- Monterey Rd. to Park Rd. ....April 5-6
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- Park Ave. to West Thruston Blvd. ....April 10
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### East side of Far Hills Ave.:

- Irving Ave. to Lookout Dr. ....April 17-19
- East Thruston Blvd. to Patterson Rd. ....April 20-21
- East Dixon Ave. to Dellwood Ave. ....April 24-25
- Greenmount Blvd. to Telford Ave. ....April 26-27
- Wiltshire Blvd. to Triangle Ave. ....April 28-May 1
- Orchard Dr. to East Dr. ....May 1-2
- All of Far Hills Ave. ....May 3-4

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## Rotary offers hazardous waste pickup

Oakwood Rotary volunteers will come to your home on Saturday, April 22, to collect materials that cannot be picked up by weekly trash and recycling routes.

Those items include paint cans, stains, thinners, pesticides, and batteries. Please ensure containers are easily accessible, not leaking, with secure lids. If you have pickup items, call (937) 296-5155 and leave your name and address before noon on Friday, April 21. Items to be collected need to be ready by 9 a.m. on April 22.

While there's no charge for the pickup, we encourage you to make a tax-deductible donation to the "Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation" and leave that with the items in a well-marked envelope. Or you can mail a check to P.O. Box 512, Dayton, OH 45409. All donations support the many Oakwood Rotary charitable projects and community events.

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# Rising asphalt costs squeeze road work budgets in state

By Dean Narciso  
The Columbus Dispatch

When asked how often roads should be resurfaced, engineers and city officials often refer to computer analysis that compiles data on cracks, bumps and potholes to determine paving priorities.

But after the number crunching, what really matters is whether they can afford it and if residents will be satisfied. As the warm weather kicks off another paving season, finance officials and work crews have been preparing.

The Ohio Public Works Commission recently accepted applications for a new round of financial assistance from Columbus municipalities who are eligible for state gas tax and bond money.

Statewide, about 400 projects are approved annually

among Ohio's 19 districts, said Linda Bailiff, OPWC director.

And while there is strict criteria to qualify, aid can vary from urban to rural areas. What is common in all cases is that each community believes that they should be a priority.

"They're saying what their needs are (in the application). But one might be a few cracks and the other might be: 'The pavement is reduced to rubble,'" Bailiff said.

The city of Columbus recently approved spending \$9.7 million to resurface all or portions of 59 streets and install 197 curb ramps for wheelchairs, a first round of repaving for 2023.

Steve Wentzel, assistant director for the Department of Public Service, said, "We typically like to see our streets resurfaced every 20 to 25 years."

That's more than twice as

long as some suburbs, who also use data-driven road analysis to gauge need.

Worthington traditionally has repaved residential streets every 15 years, said John Moorehead, service and engineering director and city engineer.

But between 2018 and 2022, prices for asphalt in the city of about 15,000 have increased by 50%, with a 20% increase last year. This is requiring the city to use more preventative maintenance to extend pavement life, Moorehead said.

City officials have acknowledged that residents in Worthington have a high expectation for good streets and overall great services, spokeswoman Anne Brown said.

But rising asphalt prices may force cities and townships to reconsider how much they can do.

The average bid price for asphalt paving in Colum-

bus has risen in each of the past five years, from a low of \$170.70 per cubic yard in 2020 to \$236.95 this year.

The pricing "may affect the number of streets we are able to repave in our annual street resurfacing program," said Debbie Briner, public service department spokeswoman. "Nonetheless, the program is an important capital investment throughout the city, and we resurface as many streets as we can."

Two years ago, Powell City Council convinced taxpayers to raise the city income tax from 0.75% to 2% because roads had deteriorated, with many close to failing.

Since then, the city created an interactive map grading each street from excellent to failing. Most now are either fair or good. But several are still in poor shape.

When to resurface, patch cracks or do nothing is a complicated calcu-

lus, experts say – part science, part customer service and part financial burden.

More people working from home might mean fewer cars on the road and less degradation of road surface, but those savings haven't been noticeable, said Pat Turnbull, public works director for the city of Centerville and a lobbyist for the Ohio Municipal League.

"It would also take many years for reduced wear and tear to show up," he said in an email response. And, he said, "truck traffic beats up roads a lot more than passenger cars and I believe that form of traffic has been growing even during COVID."

Asphalt bids in Centerville in Montgomery County were 26% higher this year than last, he said.

But fewer motorists filling up means that Ohio's gas tax is reduced, and that pays

for road work, said Matt Bruning, Ohio Department of Transportation spokesman. The growth in popularity of electric vehicles also is squeezing gas tax dollars, experts say.

The mild winter and lack of snow "certainly has been a good thing this winter," said Breanna Badanes, a regional spokeswoman for ODOT. "I'm sure we've saved some money on salt and overtime for our drivers. The condition of the pavement is certainly better than with the freeze-thaw cycles."

In Franklin County, there are four planned repaving projects this year that will cost \$2.1 million, said Brad Foster, chief deputy engineer of operations.

"We try to get 12 to 15 years between repaving," he said. "Our constituents also like to have their roads smooth and resurfaced."



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# Oakwood boutique to close doors today

**By Natalie Jones**  
Staff Writer

Leeli+Lou, an Ohio-based women's boutique, is closing its Oakwood location today.

Owner Elisa Alspaugh told [Dayton.com](https://www.dayton.com) she decided not to renew her lease because of her commute to the store from Cincinnati as well as personal matters.

Alspaugh said she opened the Oakwood store, located at 2512 Far Hills Ave., in March 2019. Just after the store celebrated its one-year anniversary, the coronavirus pandemic began.

"We survived and did great," Alspaugh said. "It's bittersweet. I'm going to miss it so much."

Leeli+Lou was founded by Alspaugh's best friend, Elizabeth Lance, who launched the boutique in Cincinnati. One of their mutual friends, Julie Twyman, opened a store in Oxford.

Alspaugh recalled she



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decided to open a Leeli+Lou store in the Dayton area after she took her daughter to the University of Dayton for a tour. She said the tour guide suggested she open a store here.

"I actually lived in Day-

ton when I was younger and graduated from Troy High School, so it kind of felt like going home," Alspaugh said.

She said when they got home from the tour, she ended up finding the Oakwood spot online and the

rest is history.

Alspaugh said she has enjoyed owning a boutique in the Dayton area and was thankful to have the kindest customers, neighbors and employees.

"I love the interaction with people," Alspaugh said. "I love my employees. It's like I have a bunch of extra daughters."

Alspaugh plans to take a break from the fashion industry and do a little traveling before regrouping and deciding what's next.

Leeli+Lou has several deals leading up to the closure. For more information, visit [www.leeliandlouroakwood.com](http://www.leeliandlouroakwood.com) or the boutique's Facebook page.

Alspaugh confirmed the Cincinnati and Oxford Leeli+Lou locations will remain open.

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