

**CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER**  
**APRIL 14, 2023**

**IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:**

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)  
August 7, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)  
August 13, Sunday, 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Ice Cream Social (Shafor Park)  
August 21, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)

**BUSINESS UPDATE:**

- April 17 Work Session: We meet at 5 p.m. on Monday in the upstairs training room. Enclosed is the agenda. Chief Hill will join us at the beginning of the meeting for discussion on matters relating to Scooter/Bike/Pedestrian Safety and our Parking Permit Policy. Jennifer will join us at the end of the meeting for the executive session.
- Perennial Sale: Our annual Smith Gardens Perennial Sale is next weekend. Enclosed is a *Register* article.
- Gardner Pool: The exterior fence along Patterson Road looks great! Next comes some beautiful landscaping.



- BRC: Our mid-year BRC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 16 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. I will confirm this date early next week.

- PMB New Members: Jennifer Wilder spent an hour today with Katy Tribble and Scott Fischer giving a new member orientation of the Property Maintenance Board.
- Rotary Hazmat Pick-up: The quarterly Rotary event is next Saturday. Enclosed is a *Register* article.
- Postal Theft: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about recent postal theft convictions in Kettering. The article also mentions the USPS mailbox key that PSO Ross Green discovered during a recent traffic stop.
- Wright at Home: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the “Wright at Home” event on Sunday, April 23.
- “Handle with Care”: Our Public Safety Department is partnering with Oakwood Schools by taking part in the “Ohio Handle with Care” program. The program strives to create a support system at school for children that have been exposed to abuse or trauma. Enclosed are an information sheet about the program; a certificate acknowledging our participation in the program; and *Register* and *DDN* articles. These programs are needed now more than ever since the reported child abuse cases have increased, per the enclosed *DDN* article.
- Dorothy Lane Closure: Kettering had a portion of Dorothy Lane (between Far Hills and Shroyer) closed this week to work on a new water main. Enclosed is a *DDN* article.
- FOP Easter Parade: Enclosed are fun *Register* photos from the FOP Easter event last weekend.
- Styrofoam Recycling Event: Enclosed is *Register* article about the April 22 Styrofoam event.
- “Oakwood” RTA Bus: We learned this week that “our” bus is completed and should hit the RTA routes in the next few weeks! It is scheduled to participate in the That Day in May parade... and will be positioned right behind City Council.
- Parking Permit Policy: With all the construction workers on Dorothy Lane, we had a parking issue in a 2-hour restricted zone on East Drive. The issue may result in a neighborhood petition for a permitted parking system. We will discuss it in work session on Monday. Attached is our council policy addressing this topic.
- PFAS in Drinking Water: Enclosed is a letter that the Dayton Water Department sent recently to all of their customers. I will comment on this in work session on Monday.
- Five Rivers MetroParks: CEO Becky Benná retires at the end of this month. Enclosed is a *DDN* article announcing her replacement, Karen Hesser. Given Hills & Dales MetroPark is on our western border, we interact fairly regularly with Five Rivers. Becky was always a joy to work with... very much the professional and team player.
- Noxious Weeds, Turf Grass and Vegetation: Enclosed is the annual legal notice published in the *Register* that is required for us to implement our program to control noxious weeds, turf grass and vegetation.

- Far Hills Storm Sewer Bid: We opened bids this week. The results are as follows:

Kinnison Excavating = \$1,843,159  
Performance Site Development = \$1,938,742  
Majors Enterprises Inc. = \$2,194,203  
Outdoor Enterprise = \$2,245,532

The engineer's estimate was \$1,882,934.35. We are checking references on Kinnison and plan to announce the project award next week.

- 2023 Earth Day: Enclosed is a schedule of the Earth Day Weekend event being held at Wright Library from Friday, April 21 to Monday, April 24. It includes the "Recycling Update" panel discussion that Doug Spitler will participate in that is set for 3:30 – 4:30 pm on Saturday, April 22.
- OIC: Enclosed is an OIC email sent yesterday that announces upcoming programs and events in the Dayton area.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

April 17 Work Session Agenda

*Register* Article re: Perennial Sale

*Register* Article re: Rotary Hazmat Pick-up

*DDN* Article re: Postal Theft

*DDN* Article re: Wright at Home

Info Sheet, Certificate and *Register* & *DDN* Articles re: "Handle with Care"

*DDN* Article re: Child Abuse

*DDN* Article re: Dorothy Lane Closure

*Register* Photos re: FOP Easter Parade

*Register* Article re: Styrofoam Recycling Event

Parking Permit Policy

PFAS in Drinking Water Letter

*DDN* Article re: Five Rivers MetroParks

*Register* Article re: Noxious Weeds, Turf Grass and Vegetation

2023 Earth Day Event Schedule

OIC Email

COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA  
APRIL 17, 2023

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
  - Court Liaison, Mrs. Hilton
  - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
    - 2024 Budget
  - Law & Minutes, Mrs. Hilton
  - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Public Properties, Mrs. Turben
  - Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
    - Water and Wastewater Services
    - PFAS in Drinking Water
    - Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project
  - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
    - Scooters, Bicycles and Pedestrian Safety
    - Parking Permit Policy
  - Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
  - Community Relations/Promotion/Appointments, Mayor Duncan
  
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
  - MVCC, Mr. Stephens
    - Energy Purchasing in Ohio/Aggregation
  - MVRPC, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Mayors & Managers, Mayor Duncan
  - First Suburbs, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Oakwood Inclusion Coalition, Mr. Klopsch
    - April 4 Annual Meeting
  
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
  - Planning Commission, Vice Mayor Byington
  - Beautification Committee, Mr. Stephens
  - Sister City Association, Mrs. Hilton
  - Historical Society, Mrs. Turben
    - Historic Marker Program
  - Board of Health, Mayor Duncan
  
- MISCELLANEOUS
  - Email Issues/Problems
  - April 22 Earth Day Program
  - May 2023 National Tennis Month
  - That Day in May Parade

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL MATTERS

## Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale

The Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale will be held on Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road. Sale hours are from 3-8 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Over 100 varieties of plants will be available including perennials, hostas, ferns, herbs, ornamental grasses, wildflowers, natives and some annuals.

All plant material is Ohio grown. All of the growers are known for high quality plants.



Plant material will arrive in Oakwood the day of the sale, so all the plants are fresh from the growers.

A complete listing of plants for sale is available for pick up at the Community Center or by calling the OCC at (937) 298-0715.

This fundraising event is open to the public with proceeds going to the care and maintenance of Smith Gardens. The prices of the plant material are very reasonable and support this beautiful community treasure.

April 12, 2023 THE OAKWOOD REGISTER

## Rotary offers hazardous waste pickup on April 22

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.

There is no charge for the pickup, but residents are encouraged to make a tax-deductible donation to the Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation and leave that with the items in a well-marked envelope. Or mail a check to P.O. Box 512, Dayton, OH 45409. All donations support charitable projects and community events.

April 12, 2023 THE OAKWOOD REGISTER

# Police used GPS-tagged mail to catch, convict men in Kettering postal theft

By Nick Blizzard  
Staff Writer

A string of mailbox thefts has frustrated the Dayton area for the past year, and it's not over. But federal court records show how local police used technology in one case to track suspects and make arrests, surprising the men

as they carried stolen checks out of an apartment.

Kettering police "became aware very early in the investigations into the post office drop box thefts that the perpetrators of these crimes were taking the entire contents of the drop boxes and sorting everything after the fact," patrolman and department spokesman Tyler

Johnson said in an email.

Detectives got the postal service's permission to place three GPS devices inside the drop boxes starting in March 2022, so they would be alerted when the devices moved, Johnson added.

The Kettering police "dummy" parcels were "packaged and marked to appear as a legitimate

piece of mail ... inside each of the three blue collection boxes" at the Forrer Boulevard post office, which had been targeted in previous thefts, a signed affidavit by U.S. Postal Inspector Brett Yenger states.

GPS tracking from a first theft

Postal theft continued on B8

## Postal theft

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around 1:30 a.m. May 14 wasn't processed until the next morning. It revealed that one dummy parcel was discarded within a few minutes, while the other two were driven to a Beavercreek post office, from which the suspects fled at 119 mph, according to Yenger. The third parcel stayed with the suspects through a 2:17 a.m. Waffle House run and a two-hour stop at a West Dayton house before being dumped in Harrison Twp.

Police recovered the GPS parcels and put them back in the same mailboxes. On May



A postal worker removes mail from an outdoor Kettering postal mailbox. There has been a rash of postal mailbox thefts in the Dayton area. JIM NOELKER/STAFF

19, they were alerted that the trackers were on the move again. Police tracked the

mail to an apartment building on Gracemore Avenue in Kettering near The Greene,

where they became stationary, according to Yenger's affidavit.

While police were conducting surveillance of the building, Leonard Blackstone III walked out carrying a "a number of personal checks in various names." When police approached him, he dropped the checks, according to court documents. Jeffrey Weaver Jr. exited the same building with a small bag that contained checks and a firearm. Keith Dujuan Calahan left the building carrying two black trash bags that were found to contain mail and two of the GPS parcels.

A search warrant was then executed at the apartment

they left. It revealed blank check templates, personal checks in various names not belonging to the individuals, two firearms, a printer, and opened mail in various names not belonging to the men, according to Yenger.

After months of court proceedings, U.S. Attorney's Office officials said the three pleaded guilty earlier this year in federal court. Blackstone, of Kettering, pleaded to obstruction of mail; Dujuan Calahan, of Dayton, pleaded guilty to receipt and unlawful possession of stolen mail; and Weaver, of Centerville, pleaded guilty to receipt and unlawful possession of stolen mail.

U.S. Attorney spokesman

Fred Alverson said obstruction of mail carries a sentence of up to six months incarceration, while receipt of stolen mail carries a sentence of up to five years.

Problems with theft from Dayton-area postal mailboxes continues. Two men were arrested in Oakwood on March 31 in possession of a postal service collection box key, or "arrow key," as well as opened and unopened mail not addressed to or from either of them, according to Oakwood police.

Over the past year, Kettering police have urged residents not to use outdoor postal mailboxes, but to physically go into their post office to send mail.

## OAKWOOD

### Hawthorn Hill tour set

The Oakwood Historical Society and Dayton History have announced the return of Wright at Home.

The tour is scheduled from noon to 5 p.m. April 23. It will feature an open-house style experience of Hawthorn Hill in which knowledgeable docents are positioned throughout the home where the Wrights - Orville, Katharine and their father, Bishop Milton - lived.

They will share stories about the Wright family and about some of the home's famous visitors, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Charles Lindbergh among them.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.daytonhistory.org](http://www.daytonhistory.org). Proceeds from this event will

directly benefit Dayton History and the Oakwood Historical Society. Call the Oakwood Historical Society at (937) 299-3793 for more information.

STAFF REPORT



# HANDLE WITH CARE

Building resiliency through relationships.



- An officer responds to the scene of a potentially traumatic event where a child is present.



- Using a phone or computer the officer accesses Cordata, Handle With Care's notification system, at [mobile.cordatahealth.com/hwc](https://mobile.cordatahealth.com/hwc).
- The officer enters all required information and submits a notice.
  - In the Agency Identifier space, enter an ORI Number.
  - If the school is not listed on the dropdown list, use the open text option to type in the school name.



- Cordata routes the notice to at least 3 identified school administrators.
- School administrators forward the notice to any staff the child may interact with. This include teachers, bus drivers, and other support staff.



- Trauma informed strategies are practiced in the classroom.
- The child is monitored and additional support is provided as needed.

## TRAINING TYPES

- **Training of Trainers** is a two-hour session which certifies individuals to facilitate HWC training sessions.
- **Certified School Staff Training** is a one-hour training for teachers and school administrators. Participants are provided an overview of trauma, details on HWC processes, and information on how to response to notices.
- **Classified School Staff Training** is a 30 minute training for school support staff. Participants are provided an overview of HWC processes and information on how to respond to notices.
- **First Responder Training** is a 30 minute training for law enforcement and first responders. Participants are provided an an overview of HWC processes and information on how to send notices.

# CONGRATULATIONS

HANDLE WITH CARE LAUNCH

IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO:

*Oakwood City Schools &*

*Oakwood Public Safety Department*

For implementing multitiered, trauma informed care to  
the residents and students of our community.

  
Emily Mongelli, OCPS



4-5-2023

April 5, 2023



## Oakwood Schools partnering with community groups to aid families

Oakwood Schools is partnering with Oakwood Safety to provide another layer of protection for students who have experienced a traumatic event.

With support from the Montgomery County Educational Service Center, the school district is participating in the Ohio Handle With Care program, a collaborative effort between schools, law enforcement and mental health agencies aimed at ensuring children who are exposed to adverse events receive appropriate assistance and are successful at school. The district created a similar partnership between families and the schools last year.

"Our internal Handle with Care initiative allows families to reach out to the Social Emotional Learning team as a way of requesting additional care and support for their student. Working with Oakwood Safety is an additional layer to this process to ensure the continuity of care for our students," Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Coordinator Amy Samosky said.

With the state's program, Oakwood Safety will notify Oakwood's SEL team if an Oakwood Schools student is exposed to violence or trauma. The student's teachers will be alerted to the student's name along with a message that simply reads "Handle with

Care." No specific information on the situation will be provided. Teachers can then observe the student and provide support as needed.

"While we will not be receiving specifics about the situation, knowing the student was involved in an adverse event will allow our teachers to be more mindful and intentional with the student. Our teachers have been trained to reach out to counselors or the SEL team should they observe behaviors that appear to be out of the norm for the student," Samosky said.

If students need additional services, the district can work with the family to make sure the student has the tools and resources necessary to be successful in the educational setting despite the traumatic circumstances they may have endured. Samosky believes this new tool will allow Oakwood Schools to partner with families and first responders to continue to do what is best for students.

"Having an internal system in which parents and caregivers can reach out to the district along with an external system in which the district will receive notifications from Oakwood Safety will allow us to meet the needs of the whole child, prioritizing social-emotional, physical and safety needs along with academic achievement."



**Pictured, back row: Bridget Fiore, Oakwood Schools, and Lt. Chuck Balaj, Oakwood Public Safety. Front row: Amy Samosky, Oakwood Schools, Officer Sarah Whitaker, Oakwood Public Safety, and Emily Mongelli with the Montgomery County Educational Service Center.**

## Schools, police team on trauma program

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STAFF REPORT

# HANDLE WITH CARE



Oakwood schools and the city's safety department are part of the Ohio Handle With Care program. Pictured are Amy Samosky and Bridget Fiore of Oakwood schools, Officer Sarah Whitaker and Lt. Chuck Balaj of the Oakwood Safety Department and Emily Mongelli of the Montgomery County ESC. CONTRIBUTED

# Reports of child abuse rising post-pandemic

County prosecutor issues reminder to community to be vigilant: 'If you see something, say something.'

By **Samantha Wildow**  
Staff Writer

Reports of child abuse have risen after a decrease during the pandemic, and officials are asking residents to watch out for possible warning signs.

"I want to remind the community that if you see something, say something," said Montgomery County Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr. "We all have the responsibility to help however we can when we witness or suspect child abuse

or neglect."

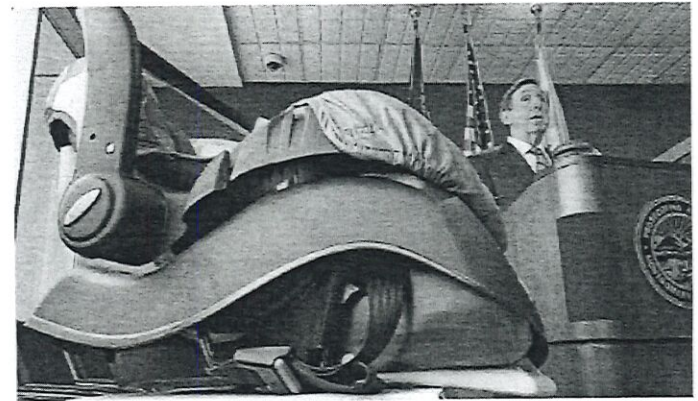
Individuals reporting suspected child abuse is the only way for law enforcement to know about the abuse, Heck said. Reports decreased during the pandemic because kids were around fewer people, including those who are required to report child abuse if they suspect it.

When more children were going back to in-person learning or going back to daycare, Heck said officials saw an uptick in reports of suspected child abuse.

A federally sponsored national data collection program on child abuse, the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), found that in 2020 there were 3,476,000 children screened due to a report of abuse or neglect, including 5,681 from Montgomery County.

One in four children will be abused or neglected at some point before reaching adulthood, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In 2022, the assistant prosecutors at CARE House, the local child advocacy center, reviewed 115

Child abuse continued on B2



Montgomery County Prosecutor Mat Heck, Jr., talked about child safety during a news conference last week. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

## Child abuse

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cases of felony child abuse or neglect presented by law enforcement.

In cases of child abuse just reported to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, which does not include cities with their own police departments, there have been eight reports made of suspected child abuse this year so far, according to the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office investigated 11 in 2022, 12 in 2021, 11 in 2020, 10 in 2019, and 19 in 2018.

Parents should also be aware of who their kids are spending time with and what they are doing, both in person and online, Heck said. "Be aware of what your

children are doing online, what games they are playing," Heck said. "Know the signs of child abuse and report."

If you have a concern about child abuse or neglect, report it to your local law enforcement agency or call Children Services at 937-224-KIDS (5437) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has launched 855-O-H-CHILD (855-642-4453), an automated telephone directory that will link callers directly to a child welfare or law enforcement office in their county. Reports can be anonymous.

Contact this reporter at 937-503-5305 or email [samantha.wildow@coxinc.com](mailto:samantha.wildow@coxinc.com)

## KNOW THE SIGNS OF CHILD ABUSE

Child abuse can take the form of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and/or substance abuse. According to Dayton Children's Hospital, kids who are being abused might:

- Have frequent bruises, especially in places kids don't usually get bruises from play.
- Have stories to explain injuries that don't make sense or keep changing.
- Not want to go home.
- Avoid being with the abuser.
- Avoid being with others.
- Show signs of emotional trauma, like fear, anger or trouble relating to or trusting others.
- Be sad or depressed.
- Bully others.
- Hurt themselves, like cutting.
- Have nightmares or trouble sleeping.
- Act out in class, have trouble paying attention, or be hyperactive.
- Use drugs.

Additionally, parents who abuse children may also show signs. For example, parents or adults who abuse children may:

- Always talk negatively about the child or call the child worthless.
- Try to keep the child away from others.
- Have a hard time talking about their children's injuries or behavioral problems.
- Show little concern or affection for the child.

## KETTERING

# Section of Dorothy Lane in Kettering closing for water line work next week

By Nick Blizzard  
Staff Writer

KETTERING — Part of East Dorothy Lane will be closed to through traffic for several hours Monday through Friday next week for Montgomery County water main work.

A \$1.3 million project to replace a main installed in the mid-20th century is expected to close East Dorothy from Far Hills to Avenue to Shroyer Road

each day from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., officials said.

Through traffic for that stretch — which averages about 15,530 vehicles a day — will be detoured to Far Hills, East Stroop Road and Shroyer, Kettering officials said.

Residents in the construction zone have been notified with letters and door hangers, and will have access to the homes, officials said.

**Dorothy Lane** continued on B6

## Dorothy Lane

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The closure is the most efficient way to connect about 65 homes to the new water main, which is eight inches wide and has already been installed, officials said. It is two inches in diameter larger than the current one, which is prone to rupture due to age, said county Project Manager Ed Schlaack.

"Because of the condition of the main and the number of breaks that have occurred ... the cost of time and inconvenience to the traveling public when we were out there trying to fix these main breaks, it has been a real burden," he said.

"Primarily, we're trying to get it done and get out of everybody's way," Schlaack added.

The new line is expected to last 75 to 80 years, Schlaack said.

The work is schedule during the day because it is expected to create sufficient noise that would not be appropriate for overnight hours when many are sleeping, he said.

The road's materials need to be broken up, creating considerable "banging ... breaking up the concrete in small enough pieces to get it out of the trench," Schlaack said.

The work will be done in three phases, starting at Far Hills and moving west to east, Schlaack said.

An Ohio Public Works Commission grant is funding about \$630,000 of the project's cost.

Contact this writer at 937-610-7438 or email Nick.

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# Egg-cellent Easter Parade



The Oakwood Egg-cellent Easter Parade, sponsored by FOP 107 and the Scouts, handed out thousands of Easter eggs to kids along Shafor Boulevard on Saturday, April 8. Oakwood's finest escorted the Easter bunny in a fire truck to the delight of kids and parents.

Photos by Leon Chuck, Pressbox Photo, & Staff

April 12, 2023

## **Styrofoam recycling event slated for April 22**

The next Montgomery County Styrofoam (expanded polystyrene) recycling event is scheduled on Saturday, April 22, at the Rose Music Center in Huber Heights from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For a limited time between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Green Oakwood volunteers will be accepting styrofoam from Oakwood residents at Foell Public Works and shuttling it to the county recycling event. Please do not leave styrofoam outside of these times, as it will not be collected, nor stored and it presents a litter hazard to neighboring roads and residents.

Acceptable items include styrofoam peanuts (in sealed bag), white or colored styrofoam (not black), and clean styrofoam food containers, trays, dishes, cups and egg cartons.

### **Not Acceptable:**

- Black styrofoam and food containers with visible food contamination.
- Corn starch foam (if it dissolves in water it is not styrofoam) - please dissolve or compost these items.
- EPE (Expanded Polyethylene foam which is "squashable").
- Film-like foam

Due to limited volunteer availability, you may be asked to provide proof of Oakwood address, and residents with large quantities may be invited to go directly to the county location.

The county recycling event will be checking for food contamination and correct product, and may refuse to receive items. Green Oakwood volunteers may do so, too.

Eco Development in Mason processes the styrofoam for recycling into items such as insulation and buoyancy aids.



## PARKING PERMIT POLICY

City Council hereby adopts the following procedural policy with respect to the consideration of any parking permit system within the city.

Council understands that from time to time, residents in a particular neighborhood, geographic area, or district may request the establishment of a permit parking system, or the amendment of an existing permit parking system, to address traffic or parking problems. To be considered by Council, such proposals should meet the following requirements:

1. Due to the difficulty of enforcing permit parking where the permit zone boundaries are subjective or not well-defined, permit parking systems will only be considered for entire blocks or districts.
2. Blocks or districts will only be considered if they are contiguous to, or in close proximity to, a business or institutional facility that regularly attracts non-local vehicular traffic or parking. "Non-local," in this context, means vehicular traffic or parking that comes into the area from outside the immediate neighborhood or vicinity.
3. Council will only consider permit parking systems that exempt permit holders from posted parking time limits. Council will not consider parking permit systems that would exempt permit holders from the 18 hour limit, snow removal restrictions, or any other special limits ordered by the Public Safety Department.
4. Council will consider traffic or parking problems in terms of their overall impact on areas surrounding or contiguous to a business or institutional facility. A permit parking system will only be considered when the impact is significant and is experienced 5 or more days per week over a period of at least 3 months.
5. Proposed parking permit systems must be constitutional and consistent with Ohio law.

Proposals should be submitted to Council in writing, and should include descriptions, diagrams, and any other relevant information sufficient to show that the proposal meets the requirements set forth above. Council will forward the proposal through the City Manager to the Department of Public Safety and to the Law Director for review before placing the proposal on the agenda for consideration at a public meeting of Council.

Final approval of any proposal must be made by Council.

Adopted on January 9, 2023.



Dear Valued Water Customer:

On March 14, 2023, the U.S. EPA issued Draft Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for PFAS in drinking water (<https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>). These Draft MCLs will be used for guidance until the final regulations are enforceable. PFAS are human-made chemical substances that have been detected in water systems across the nation and are also present in many everyday products such as non-stick cookware, carpets, firefighting foams, and paint. We are still studying to gain a better understanding of the U.S. EPA's new proposed MCLs of 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFAS in drinking water.

Dayton's PFAS Strategy involves continuing to work closely with the U.S. EPA and the Ohio EPA to position the City to meet the MCLs once they are enforceable. U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, and City of Dayton share the same goal: Protecting public health by removing PFAS contaminants from drinking water. Currently, the EPA is not recommending using bottled water in place of tap water based on the Draft MCL. In fact, many bottled water brands have been found to contain PFAS.

In Dayton, we're ahead of many in addressing PFAS. We are following U.S. EPA guidance for dealing with PFAS in drinking water by performing additional water sampling, working closely with state authorities such as the Ohio EPA, limiting exposure by closing potentially contaminated wells, and providing consumers with consistent, accurate information about water tests. Additionally, we've taken legal action against organizations that we know are the source of PFAS.

The U.S. EPA also recommends studying the latest technology. In conjunction with the U.S. and Ohio EPA, we've studied, evaluated, and are deciding the most cost-effective and safest steps to achieving no PFAS in our drinking water.

Those solutions are costly. We're also eager to work with the EPA and other organizations to secure funding and to protect our ratepayers while removing these contaminants from our drinking water once and for all. To support our PFAS Strategy, the City is aggressively seeking funding to assist with Emerging Contaminant projects. In 2022, we nominated and received approval from Ohio EPA for \$14.9 Million to fund projects identified in our strategy to address PFAS. In 2023, we nominated projects totaling \$28 Million for additional funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to address PFAS. Our goal is to secure funding for the technological solutions identified to protect our ratepayers while also removing these contaminants from our water, once and for all.

To learn more about PFAS and our water, please visit our [website](http://www.daytonohio.gov/775/PFAS-and-Drinking-Water) for more information:  
[www.daytonohio.gov/775/PFAS-and-Drinking-Water](http://www.daytonohio.gov/775/PFAS-and-Drinking-Water)

We drink the same water you drink – as do our loved ones, friends, and neighbors. Nothing is more important to us than the health and welfare of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Michael Powell  
Director, Department of Water

# Five Rivers MetroParks names its next CEO

By Eileen McClory  
Staff Writer

The Five Rivers MetroParks board has named Karen Hesser as its next CEO and plans to confirm her appointment at its meeting today.

Hesser is chief of operations for MetroParks and came to the region in 2012, when she was hired as the director of park services and legislative affairs. She previously worked in parks departments in Glendale, Arizona



Karen Hesser

and Chester County, Pennsylvania.

"I literally moved here because of Five Rivers MetroParks and what they provide," Hesser said. "Knowing what I know and what I've experienced in other areas of the country, it really is an exceptional agency."

Rebecca Benná announced last year she plans to retire from her position this spring. She has led the organization since March 2011.

Karen Davis, the Five Rivers MetroParks board president, said Hesser was selected after a national search. Because the region's parks are so widely known, Davis said there was a good deal of interest in the position, but they picked Hesser due to her experience and leadership.

"Her ability to not only manage and work with the budget but also lead workgroups and the cross-functional teams has really, really been stellar," Davis said.

Davis also cited Hesser's knowledge of the levy that

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provides MetroParks with 80% of its funding, last re-upped in 2018. That levy costs taxpayers about \$5 per \$100,000 in property value, and brought in about \$19.7 million in 2022, according to the Montgomery County

Auditor's Office.

Hesser and Davis said the importance of the parks was highlighted in 2020 and 2021, when many people felt unsafe leaving the home and socializing with others but felt safe to recreate in parks.

Hesser said current projects, such as a \$500,000 grant to improve wetlands in

Trotwood, can help improve the parks.

Davis noted the demand for parks has increased, and people want high-quality, close, safe parks.

But with the increase in demand for parks also came a decrease in volunteers, Hesser said, mostly because MetroParks had to shut down volunteer pro-

grams for a while and the volunteers may have drifted away.

She said there are plans to reengage volunteers, including a website to get those interested to sign up and an event April 22 to adopt a park. She said hours can be more flexible, such as a Thursday night after work, rather than during the day

when staff are working or on weekends.

Hesser said her priority will be working on the strategic plan for the area, which includes equity and inclusion and sustainability goals. That includes making sure everyone in the community feels welcome in the parks and the outdoors, and making sure the MetroParks

system is financially viable for decades.

"So making sure that we have and we're applying our resources, whether it's financial or personnel, to the places and spaces that the public enjoys," she said.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**CITY OF OAKWOOD  
LEGAL NOTICE**

**ANNUAL NOTICE TO CUT  
WEEDS, TURF-GRASS,  
AND VEGETATION:** In  
accordance with Chapter  
551 of the Codified  
Ordinances of the City of  
Oakwood, notice is here-  
by given to **ALL OWNERS  
OF REAL PROPERTY  
WITHIN THE CITY OF  
OAKWOOD** as follows:

All properties within the  
City of Oakwood must be  
maintained in accordance  
with Section 551.01 of  
the Codified Ordinances  
of the City of Oakwood,  
which prohibits weed and  
turf-grass growth in excess  
of eight (8) inches, and  
requires vegetation be  
managed or maintained.  
Should the owner of any  
real property fail to comply  
with Section 551.01, the  
City of Oakwood will cause  
the weeds, turf-grass, or  
vegetation to be cut at the  
owner's expense. The City  
will invoice the owner for  
all costs thereof, including  
administrative costs, and if  
unpaid, will place a lien on  
the property for the amount  
owed, in accordance with  
local ordinances and Ohio  
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# Wright Library Earth Day Weekend 2023

## Friday April 21

### **Give Your Garden Some Ecological Clout**

2:00-3:00 PM | In-Person

Your garden is a place to grow plants, relax, and connect with nature. Just spending time around plants can ease stress for many people. You can also join the growing trend to regenerate and create new habitat for the creatures with which we share the planet. Learn which native plants might work in your garden and what steps you can take to invite not just butterflies but also a wider web of insect and animal life that promotes a diverse ecosystem into your yard.

Presented by Kathleen Tiller of Montgomery County OSU Extension Master Gardeners.

## Saturday April 22

### **Landscape Design with Native Plants**

10:30-11:30 AM | In-Person

Join Five Rivers MetroParks educator, Betty Hoevel, to learn more about the design potential of native plants. Natives are not only good for the environment, they are beautiful and come in many colors, textures, and forms that will complement your existing landscaping. This workshop will focus on the aesthetics of adding these hardy, pollinator-friendly plants to your yard. Bring your questions!

### **Foster Habitat in Your Own Backyard**

12:30-1:30 PM | In-Person

Replacing invasive species with natives and mimicking regional ecosystems can help re-establish vital habitat. Regional ecosystems like prairies, wetlands, and forests are also typically carbon sinks, meaning they accumulate and store carbon, which is good for the planet.

Join Tim Pritchard, Sustainability Manager with Five Rivers MetroParks to learn practical steps you can take to help restore habitat and make your yard not only beautiful, but wildlife and climate friendly.

### **Because We Love This Earth: Eco-Poetry for Earth Day**

2:00-3:15 PM | In-Person

Cathryn Essinger and Betsy Hughes, both award-winning poets and lifelong nature lovers, will read poems about the natural world and environmental challenges. Bring your own earth-loving poems to share at the open mic. Book sale/signing to follow.

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# Wright Library Earth Day Weekend 2023

## **Recycling Update (April 22)**

3:30-4:30 PM | In-Person

Get the latest Oakwood recycling news at this panel discussion featuring local experts:

- City of Oakwood Recycling Program - Doug Spitler, Oakwood Public Works Director
- Charitable Recycling - Steve Binder, Green Oakwood
- Dorothy Lane Market & Unity Garden Project – Bruce Kidney, Green Oakwood
- Styrofoam and Wishcycling – Joleen Cook, Green Oakwood
- Smith School Eco Action Team

## Monday April 24

### **Climate Change: Beyond Hopelessness**

7:00-8:30 PM | In-Person

The problems associated with climate disruption are enormous and multifaceted, it can be challenging to know where to take effective action. This presentation helps people make connections between things they care about and the possibilities available to help ensure a resilient future. Presenters will work interactively with the audience to quickly see the long-term effects of the global climate policies and actions they imagine.

We'll be using the En-ROADS global climate simulator. This tool allows users to explore the impact of roughly 30 policies—such as electrifying transport, pricing carbon, and improving agricultural practices—on hundreds of factors like energy prices, temperature, air quality, and sea level rise.

Developed by Climate Interactive, the MIT Sloan Sustainability Initiative, and Ventana Systems, En-ROADS is a system dynamics model carefully grounded in the best available science, and has been calibrated against a wide range of existing integrated assessment, climate, and energy models. En-ROADS runs on an ordinary laptop in a fraction of a second, is freely available online, offers an intuitive user-friendly interface, and is available in over a dozen languages. Please come and envision a livable planet together. In partnership with [Green Oakwood](#).

[Citizens' Climate Education \(CCE\)](#) is a nonpartisan grassroots organization that empowers people from diverse backgrounds to educate key stakeholders, policymakers, and the general public about effective solutions to climate change. This powerful corps of climate advocates builds political will for long-lasting climate solutions at the federal and state level.

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Dear Friends,

How fortunate we are to live in a community that offers so many cultural, educational, and volunteer opportunities! We appreciate the many area residents who work to make these events happen, and we hope that each of you will seize your chance this month to engage with some of these challenging topics and fun activities.

Please join the **International Peace Museum** this **Saturday, April 15, from 2-4pm** for a dialogue that ties in to the museum's new exhibit, **The [Dis]information Age**. Questions to be explored include: What's the difference between misinformation and disinformation? How can we spot propaganda and conspiracy theories? And what are the best tools for countering these threats to democracy? Presented in partnership with the University of Dayton Human Rights Center. 10 N. Ludlow Street, Courthouse Square, Dayton. Please contact [info@daytonpeacemuseum.org](mailto:info@daytonpeacemuseum.org) for more information.

**Celebrate Ramadan at Dayton Metro Library** this **Saturday, April 15, from 1-3pm**. Participants will enjoy hands-on activities and food. Fun for the whole family! This event is at the Miami Township Branch, 2718 Lyons Road, Miamisburg 45342. For more information, contact [library staff](#).

Public Health Dayton and Montgomery County present the **Greater Dayton Minority Health Month Expo** on **Wednesday, April 19 from 10:30am-2pm** at Dayton Metro Library's Main Branch, 215 E. Third Street, Dayton. This free event will focus on understanding various health disparities that impact minority populations in Montgomery County and will provide an opportunity to examine cultural differences. [Registration is required.](#)

**I Love West Dayton**, a nonprofit whose mission is to bring restoration and innovation to West Dayton by working alongside residents to organize group clean-ups and promote community beautification and development, is hosting its first clean-up event of the season on **Saturday, April 22, from 8:30-11am**. Volunteers should expect to pick up litter, meet new friends, and eat! Meet at Revival Center Ministries, 3011 Oakridge Drive, Dayton 45417. For more information and to see the full schedule of events, [click here](#).

The Church of the Ascension (2001 Woodman Drive, Kettering 45420) is hosting **Fiesta Latina**, a benefit for its sister parish in Lima, Peru, on **Sunday, April 23 from 4-6pm**. Enjoy entertainment by the Orgullo Mexicano Dancers and food from Los Reyes Mexican Restaurant. There will also be cultural displays, music, and a piñata for the children. Admission is \$12 per adult.

The City of Kettering's Board of Community Relations and the Hall Hunger Initiative invite you to participate in the **Racial Wealth Gap Simulation**, an engaging exercise that explores how historical policies have limited access to opportunities and resources for generations and how they continue to



affect lives today. The free workshop takes place on **Monday, April 24, from 3-4:30pm** at the Wilmington-Stroop Branch of the Dayton Metro Library, 3980 Wilmington Pike, Kettering. Registration is required; please sign up [here](#).

On **Monday, April 24, at 7pm**, the Human Race Theater Company presents **TRANS AM**, a daring new one-woman rock musical by Lisa Stephen Friday, featuring the music of Lisa Jackson & Girl Friday and presenting themes of social challenges, tolerance, and LGBTQ+ acceptance. Tickets are available for \$10 [here](#).

Dayton Metro Library's **Social Justice Speaker Series** continues as Mr. Kurt Russell, the 2022 National Teacher of the Year, will speak at the Main Branch (215 E. Third Street, Dayton) on **Tuesday, April 25, from 6-7pm**. As National Teacher of the Year, Mr. Russell plans to advocate for classrooms to better reflect the students within them, from a curriculum that reflects their backgrounds and identities to a more diverse teaching profession.

The next **Dayton RETREET**, a tree planting event for community restoration in the wake of the 2019 tornadoes, will be held on **Saturday, April 29 from 12 noon to 7pm**. Volunteers will be taught proper tree-planting techniques, then arranged into small groups that will be sent to home sites in Harrison Township, Beavercreek, Beavercreek Township, and Old North Dayton to replant large native trees. A free dinner for volunteers will follow the planting. Holes will be dug by hand, so volunteers should come prepared to work. Tools will be provided. [Please register here](#). You can read about OIC Leadership Team member Dan Turben's experience at last year's RETREET [here](#).

On **Tuesday, May 9, from 7-8pm**, join Wright Library and the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition to discuss ***On Juneteenth*** by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Annette Gordon-Reed. This slim 150-page volume recounts the sweeping story of Juneteenth's integral importance to American history, weaving together American history, dramatic family chronicle, and searing episodes of memoir. In-person and virtual attendance options will be available. [Please register here](#).



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