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# OAKWOOD SCENE

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## CITY NEWS | Five Points Intersection

The city conducted open house events on June 14, June 29 and July 11 to share information about a potential roundabout at the intersection of Far Hills Avenue (SR 48), Oakwood Avenue and Thruston Boulevard, often referred to as Five Points. The events were held at the Oakwood Community Center and were well attended, with about 200 citizens participating.

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## SCHOOL NEWS | We Can Go Farther Together

Hello Oakwood! My name is Dr. Neil Gupta and I am honored to serve as the Oakwood Schools superintendent. I am enjoying the transition to Oakwood Schools and, along with my wife, am embracing living in this wonderful and welcoming community.

Oakwood Schools' strong academic reputation (along with Dorothy Lane Market's killer brownies) initially drew me to Oakwood. Having the opportunity to learn more about the District while preparing to move into my new role, I have seen the shared focus on the "whole child" from families, staff and community.

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## LIBRARY NEWS | I Bet You Didn't Know the Library Had That!

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## Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project

A large storm sewer replacement project is underway in Oakwood. Over the next few months, work will take place on Far Hills Avenue at Greenmount Boulevard; on Dellwood Avenue from Far Hills Avenue to E. Schantz Avenue; Forrer Boulevard from Far Hills Avenue to E. Schantz Avenue; and along a section of Devereux Drive north of Forrer Road. Traffic flow will be impacted along Far Hills Avenue and on the other project streets. Information about the project is posted to the city website where you can sign up to receive email updates as construction unfolds.

## Upcoming Events/Classes



### Orchardly Park Craft Day Wednesday, August 9, 2023 1:00–3:00 P.M.

The last Orchardly Park Craft Day will be held on Wednesday, August 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Orchardly Park. Projects are most appropriate for ages 3 to 6, but all ages are welcome. A parent or guardian must be in the park with the participating child during this event. Registration is not required.

### Preschool Story Hour at Smith Gardens Friday, August 25, 2023 10:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M.

The Department of Leisure Services, in conjunction with Wright Memorial Public Library, will have the last Preschool Story Hour of the season at Smith Gardens on Friday, August 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Spend a magical morning in the gardens with Wright Library Youth Services Staff as they read enchanting stories with your preschoolers. In case of rain, story hour will not be held.

## Ice Cream Social

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held this year at Shafor Park from 3:30 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 13. Tickets for this event include a chicken dinner, drink and ice cream. Advance tickets are available for purchase at the OCC. Oakwood Clubs and Organizations may set up a table in the “Avenue of Organizations” by contacting Karen Earley at the OCC. Call (937) 298-0775 for additional information.



## 2023 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project

The 2023 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project is taking place in the southwest quadrant of the city, including all areas of Oakwood west of Far Hills Avenue, south of Park Road. Work is also taking place around Harman Elementary School. The purpose of the project is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in a good, safe condition. City staff has inspected the areas and marked sections of concrete requiring repairs. Residents affected by the work received personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call Public Works Foreman David Shuey or City Engineer Chris Kuzma at (937) 298-0777 if you have any questions about the project.

## August/September Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 7 and Monday, September 18. Both meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:30 p.m. The regular sessions are televised live on the city website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov), and on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Tuner Ch. 5.203 and AT&T U-verse Ch. 99). The meetings are also accessible via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Links to the meeting will be posted to the city website at 4 p.m. on the meeting date. Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or [www.mvcc.net](http://www.mvcc.net) for broadcast times. Meeting videos can also be viewed on the city website.



## CenterPoint Gas Line Improvements

CenterPoint (formerly Vectren) continues replacing underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in Oakwood neighborhoods. Maps on the city website identify work programmed for 2023. 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 continuation of a multi-year CenterPoint infrastructure replacement project in Oakwood scheduled to be completed in 2023. Oakwood residents personally affected by the work will receive detailed information from CenterPoint. Contact Public Works Foreman Tom Long at (937) 298-0777 with questions about the work, or reference the CenterPoint pipeline projects map on the city’s website or at: <https://midwest.centerpointenergy.com/gas-system/map>.

## Orange Notices on Trash Cans and/or Recycling Containers

Where necessary, the Public Works Department will place orange tags to communicate why your trash and/or recycling containers could not be collected. With our unique back-door collection service, we strive to provide you the service you expect, while keeping our workers safe. The orange tags will list the reason for non-collection such as: vehicle in driveway; locked gate; refuse not out; oversized can; can exceeds 60 pounds; or more than three refuse cans. Once the marked reason is addressed, contact the Public Works Department at (937) 298-0777 so we can come back for collection. The city website provides detailed information on our refuse and recycling guidelines, and our Refuse Handbook is available on the website as well. Please contact the Public Works Center if you have any questions.

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- Vehicle in driveway
- Locked gate
- Refuse not out
- Oversize can
- Can exceeds 60 pounds
- More than 3 refuse cans

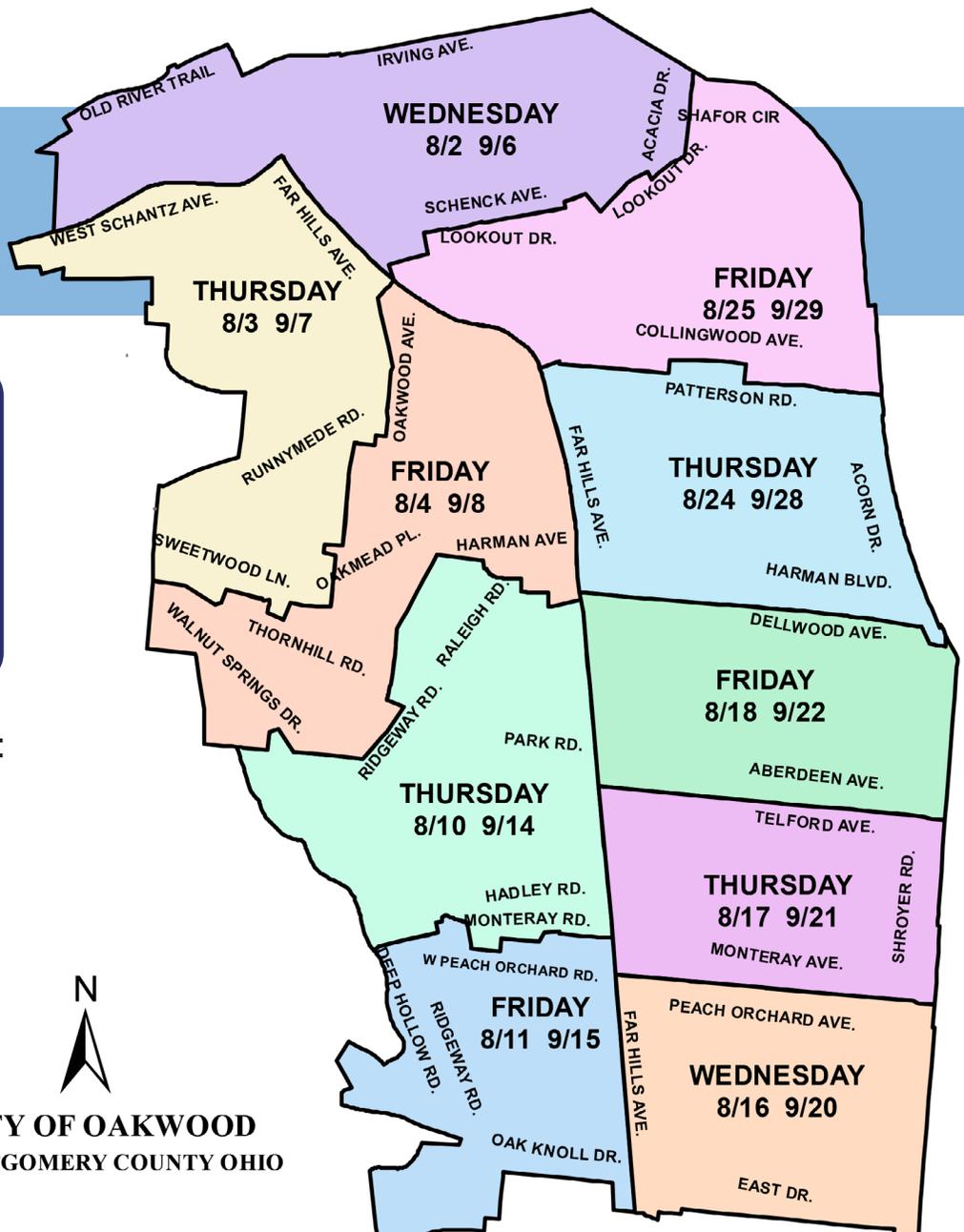


## YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2023



Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on:  
**8/10 & 9/14**

Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on:  
**8/24 & 9/28**



## Oakwood Beautification Awards

The Oakwood Beautification Award Program recognizes property owners who have enhanced the beauty of our community by undertaking exterior improvements to their home, rental property or business. Awards are given during the months of May, June, July and August. Monthly award winners are selected by members of the Property Maintenance Board, and will have a sign placed in their yard to recognize their beautification efforts.

### May 2023 Winners

- Shannon & Tracy Morgan, 407 Volusia Avenue
- Thomas & Nancy Thichel, 100 Lookout Drive
- Dr. and Mrs. William Randall, 251 Hathaway Road
- Ryan & Megan Schroeder, 422 Telford Avenue
- Ron & Tina Moore, 317 E. Peach Orchard Avenue
- Ward & Elizabeth Barrentine, 420 E. Peach Orchard Avenue
- Matt Murrell, 244 Orchard Drive
- Ryan & Sarah Larman, 2424 Shroyer Road
- Harriet Meehan, 4 Beverly Place
- Timothy & Alison Benford, 132 Greenmount Boulevard
- John & Allyson Danis, 1405 Woodstock Drive
- William & Amy Martin, 1430 Raleigh Road
- Dr. John & Dr. Sarah Gillis, 800 Harman Avenue
- Nickolay & Maria Markov, 1120 Harman Avenue



### June 2023 Winners

- John & Shannon Powell, 525 Maysfield Road
- Michael & Kyla Guy, 337 Oak Forest Drive
- Melvin Parada & Ariel Batungbacal, 144 Patterson Road
- Christopher & Trisha Donaldson, 357 Forrer Boulevard
- John & Jill Basom, 2222 Shafor Boulevard
- Michael & Patricia Ridenour, 301 Claranna Avenue
- Gary & Darcy Plunkett, 331 Fairforest Circle
- Michael & Allyson Kessel, 1001 Runnymede Road

## Brush and Branch Trimming

Please take a few minutes this summer to inspect the trees and shrubs on your property frontage. City ordinances require a clear height of 8 feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet above the street. Also, vegetation should be cut so that it does not restrict your view as you pull out of your driveway. If you live on a corner lot, be sure that motorists have a clear line of sight from each side of the intersection. Citizens residing near stop signs and other street signs must ensure that vegetation does not obstruct the signs.

## Lawn Treatment on City-Owned Public Lawn Areas

Well-kept lawns and green spaces within the city are an important part of the health of these areas and maintaining Oakwood’s ambiance. The city has used Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices for a number of years on the city-owned public lawn areas which include parks, boulevards, athletic fields, and around public buildings. IPM is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long-term prevention of pests or their damage through a combination of techniques such as biological control, habitat manipulation, modification of cultural practices, and use of resistant varieties. Pesticides are used only after monitoring indicates they are needed according to established guidelines, and treatments are made with the goal of removing only the target organism. Pest control materials are selected and applied in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, beneficial and non-target organisms, and the environment. Our practices include adherence to proper mowing heights and the use of sharp blades on mowers which helps reduce the amount of chemicals used in all of the public areas. The city requires that all lawn care contractors, whether treating for pests or weeds, are properly licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and follow all applicable laws and rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.



In our parks, lawn care treatments require the posting of temporary signage in conspicuous locations at least two days prior to treatment. The day of treatment, the city Horticulturist and/or Recreation Supervisor meet the contractor on-site prior to the application of any treatment. They ensure that children are not present in the area to be treated and that the area is otherwise clear for the application, before allowing the contractor to proceed with lawn treatment. Immediately following treatment, the city verifies that all signs are properly placed, and are then promptly removed 24 hours thereafter. Only areas with weeds and pests are spot sprayed, not the entire green space as this is a part of the IPM practice to limit chemical use yet still keep the community greenspace as healthy as possible. Questions about our maintenance of lawns and green spaces should be directed to City Horticulturist Brian Caldwell at (937) 298-0775.

## Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project

The city of Oakwood and Oakwood Beautification Committee will again offer trees for purchase through the Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and the tree species will be available in late September at the OCC and on the city website. Oakwood property owners may choose from four or five varieties of trees. The trees selected will be approximately 2 inches in diameter and will be discounted at 50%. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at the discounted price but must be planted in the city right-of-way (property frontage). Trees will be planted in the latter part of November or early December. They will be planted by a local nursery, wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season. Call Brian Caldwell at the OCC (937) 298-0775 for more information.



## Oakwood Farmers' Market

The Oakwood Farmers' Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday through October 14. The market organizers invite the community to join in celebrating another great farmers' market season. The Oakwood Farmers' Market is located at 22 Orchard Drive, and is open seasonally on Saturdays. For more information, visit [www.oakwoodfarmersmarket.org](http://www.oakwoodfarmersmarket.org).

## “Classics on the Lawn” Returns

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 20th, 2023, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM as The Oakwood Historical Society presents “Classics on the Lawn Car Show and Open House”. After a three year hiatus due to COVID concerns, this event returns to the grounds of the Long-Romspert Homestead House Museum. Popular among local automobile enthusiasts, the car show will feature some of the finest examples of classic, vintage, special interest and exotic cars from the area.

Additionally, “The Homestead” and its outbuildings will be open for tours as visitors see home life depicted as it was from the 1860s through the 1920s. A BBQ lunch will be available at a nominal price for guests and their families. Parking is available on side streets or enjoy a summer walk or bike ride to the event.

We hope you will join us to spend a special day of fabulous automobiles, historic buildings & gardens and tasty BBQ under the tall pines of one of Oakwood's iconic landmarks.



## Smith Gardens Blanket Concert Series

### Blue Eighty

Sunday, August 6, 2023—7:00 P.M.



The third and final concert this year features Blue Eighty and takes place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 6 at Smith Gardens. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Oakwood Community Center Great Room at 105 Patterson Road. The alternative music of the 1980s has a strong hold on so many members of Generation X. This magical era saw synthesizers go mainstream, adding a lush orchestration to guitar rock, alongside melodic, emotional, often moody vocals. Groundbreaking groups like Joy Division, The Cure, The Smiths, Psychedelic Furs, and Talking Heads announced that music had something new to say. Niche radio stations like Cincinnati's own 97x called out to the high school and college students of that era, eager to slip out of 70s rock spandex and embrace “the future of Rock N Roll.” To the members of Blue Eighty, the fact that this music is so seldom heard today in live performance represented a void that needed to be filled. In 2018, five seasoned musicians came together around this shared mission, compared playlists and found hours and hours of music that made all of them feel passionate about playing. Hearing Blue Eighty live is still a unique experience, as they remain Cincinnati's ONLY 80s Alternative and New Wave band. The band have thrilled audiences at local venues such as Bogart's, The Ludlow Garage, MVP, OTR Stillhouse, Northside Tavern, and at public appearances for St. Cecilia Oktoberfest, Oakley Community Council, the Behringer-Crawford Museum and more. You don't want to miss this performance!

## Roadway Resurfacing

The following asphalt streets and alleys were repaved over the last few weeks. Prior to the repaving, sections of concrete curb were replaced, water valve repairs were made and trees were trimmed over the roadways.

- E. Schantz Avenue between Far Hills Avenue & Lookout Drive
- Lookout Drive (All)
- Acacia Drive (All)
- E. Thruston Boulevard between Woods Road & Acorn Drive
- Hathaway Road between Patterson Road and North end
- Alley between Rubicon Road & Oakwood Avenue
- Alley between Ridgewood Avenue & E. Schantz Avenue



## Back to School Safety Tips

As summer comes to an end and students prepare for a new school year, the Oakwood Public Safety Department offers the following back to school safety tips.



### TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Drivers need to be aware that school is back in session and students will be walking and riding their bicycles to and from school.

- Watch for children running into the street in and around intersections and always come to a complete stop at stop signs.
- Watch for children entering the street from behind parked vehicles.
- When driving your child to school, deliver and pick them up in a designated area.
- Watch your speed when entering school zones. Traffic safety is one of the cornerstones of law enforcement services provided by the Oakwood Public Safety Department and school zone speed limits are strictly enforced.

### TIPS FOR WALKERS

As a walking community, Oakwood pedestrian traffic drastically increases when a new school year starts. Parents and students should be cautious of their surroundings as they commute to and from school.

- Pay attention to all traffic signals.
- If crossing Far Hills Avenue, cross at one of the four designated locations where a crossing guard is located (Far Hills Avenue & Aberdeen Avenue, Far Hills Avenue & Park Avenue, Far Hills Avenue & Patterson Road, and Five Points intersection).
- Plan a safe walking route to school. Choose the most direct route with fewest street crossings.
- Look both ways when crossing a street, even if you have a green light.

### BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Bicycles are a popular way for students in Oakwood to commute to and from school.

- Don't take short cuts; follow the same path of travel as if you were walking to and from school.
- Always wear a bike helmet that is properly sized.
- Ensure the bike is properly maintained.
- Avoid wearing headphones. Music and podcasts can be distracting and cause a person to ignore potential hazards.

### PERSONAL SAFETY FOR KIDS

- Encourage your children to be alert and aware of their surroundings.
- Teach your children to report suspicious persons to you, teachers, police officers or other responsible adults.
- If encountered by a suspicious vehicle or person, children should take notice of the color and model of vehicle, license plate number, detailed description of subject including clothing, and any other distinguishing marks.

In an effort to keep everyone safe, the Oakwood Public Safety Department encourages parents to discuss these safety tips with your children. Do not assume your child knows what to do.



## Labor Day Refuse Collections

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 4 in recognition of Labor Day. Refuse collection will be one day later than usual that week. Monday's route will be collected Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be collected Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be collected Thursday; and Thursday's route will be collected Friday.



## Special Pickups

To arrange for a special pickup (furniture, appliances, etc.), complete the online special pickup form on the city website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov) or call the Public Works Department at (937) 298-0777. Items for special pickup must be placed on a driveway or other paved surface and must be accessible by city equipment. **Special pickups are not available during the fall leaf collection season from mid-October through the end of the year, so please plan your projects accordingly.**

## Five Points Intersection

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At the open house events, the city presented the following information:

- A video captured via drone that depicts how the existing traffic signal at Five Points functions.
- 12 display boards that provide information about: (1) the city's traffic signal system; (2) the Five Points intersection; (3) roundabouts in general; and (4) a conceptual plan on how a roundabout could be built at Five Points.
- A video that depicts how a roundabout could function at Five Points. The video shows five time of day scenarios:
  1. 8 a.m. weekday when there is heavy vehicle traffic and students crossing the street.
  2. 3:30 p.m. weekday when there is moderate vehicle traffic and students crossing the street.
  3. 5:15 p.m. weekday when there is heavy vehicle traffic.
  4. 9 a.m. Saturday when there is light vehicle traffic.
  5. Nighttime when there is light vehicle traffic.

All of the information presented at the open house events is posted to the city website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov). Also included on the website is an interview with City Manager Norbert Klopsch.

The Five Points intersection is the most complex traffic intersection in Oakwood. Its design is central to the safe and efficient movement of traffic through the city. Heavy commuter and pedestrian traffic at certain times demands the safest possible intersection design.

Roundabouts have been shown to reduce crashes, particularly the type resulting in serious injury, and also serve to improve efficiency of traffic movement. Roundabouts are used successfully in many locations around the Miami Valley, throughout Ohio and all around the country.

Over the past two months, Oakwood city leaders have received citizen input about the possible construction of a roundabout at Five Points. A decision on whether to pursue the project has not yet been made, but is expected soon. If pursued, the city plans to apply for state/federal grant money to pay a majority of the project costs.



**SCAN HERE**  
to learn more!

## Free Community Document Shred Event

It's time to get rid of those papers you've been saving! Bring the items to the J. D. Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. on Saturday, September 30 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Shred-It will be onsite providing document destruction services. In addition to paper products, they have the capability to destroy microfilm, microfiche, and other material of a secure or confidential nature. All material will be destroyed beyond recognition on-site and, if recyclable, will be baled and shipped to paper mills to be manufactured into new paper products. Any non-recyclable material processed will be disposed of in a secure location. If you have confidential papers or other material of a private nature being stored at your home and would like to have it destroyed, please take advantage of this opportunity. There will be individuals on-hand to assist you with unloading your documents. This event is free of charge. Please be prepared to present identification confirming residency.

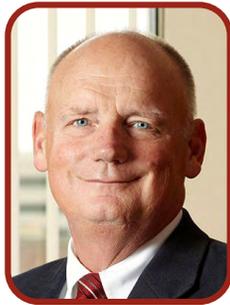


## Oakwood Alumni Association to Honor Distinguished Alumni

Oakwood Alumni Association will honor four Distinguished Alumni Thursday, Sept. 28 at 4:00 p.m. at Dayton Country Club. Congratulations to our 2023 Distinguished Alumni recipients:



**Honorable Judge Ann Donnelly, Class of 1977**



**Jeff Ireland, Class of 1972**



**Judy Buck Sprieser, Class of 1971**

Please contact Katelyn Brohman at [brohman.katelyn@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:brohman.katelyn@oakwoodschoools.org) or (937) 297-5332 to make reservations.

## Harman Students Crochet Club

Harman School students are hooked on crochet thanks to one of their teachers sharing her love for the craft.

“People seem to love handmade gifts, and the rhythm of the process can be quite calming. I love sharing this craft with children and seeing them feel good about making something beautiful,” Harman fifth-grade teacher Patty Reyman said. With help from the Harman School PTO, Reyman is able to provide hooks and yarn for students.



This year, club members decided to share their talents with the community.

“It started with kids not knowing what they could do with the little practice pieces they were creating. They wanted to MAKE SOMETHING, but didn’t quite have the skills yet. I suggested putting all their efforts together into one larger piece. I just gradually kept stitching pieces together.”

The group put their creation on display at the school’s Grand Affair art show, giving people the chance to win the blanket by making a donation to the Linus Project, a national organization providing blankets to children experiencing trauma.

The group was able to donate \$228 to the local chapter of the Linus Project.

## Oakwood Schools Foundation Hosts Summer Soiree

More than 100 guests attended the first-ever Summer Soiree fundraising event and online art auction, raising more than \$18,000 for The Oakwood Schools Foundation and the FLOURISH Campaign Friday, June 30. OSF hosted the Roaring 1920s lawn party-themed evening at the Miami Valley Hunt and Polo Club with its expansive sunset view.

Alumni, students and family members created and donated more than 60 works of art, which were displayed at the Polo Club’s clubhouse, to be auctioned. Those in attendance competed with virtual bidders of alumni and friends from across the country.

Generous first-ever Summer Soiree sponsors helped make the evening possible and included Gold support made In Memory of Bart Weprin, Blue sponsors Jorge & Melissa Arzola and Community sponsor McFall & Kremer Insurance Agency.

The live event included entertainment provided by Dave Greer’s (OHS Class of ’55) Classic Jazz Stompers, an eight-person ensemble whose music filled the night air with classic 1920s-inspired jazz. FUSIAN, Hunny Bee’s and Wizard of Za provided picnic-style food thanks to Stephan Harman’s, OHS Class of ’04, in-kind donation. Insomnia Cookie provided a sweet evening snack with Dayton Bartending Co. providing beverage services.

The event was a success thanks to a team of committed community volunteers and alumni. The Oakwood School’s Foundation is grateful to the Flourish Finale Committee for spearheading this incredible opportunity to support our schools through this special two-part event. The hardworking, volunteer committee’s membership includes alumni and current parents: Chair Amy Martin ‘98, Lindsey Deck ‘02, Caitlin Buck, Meghan Ewing ‘98, Heather Jackson, Jamie Mhaskar, Kelly Pleiman, Fallon Smith, Tracy Staley and Laura Woeste. Foundation Trustee Greg Lauterbach, OHS ‘85, and artist and community member Beth Ann Borchers worked with alumni and community members to secure the special works of art for the online auction. For more information, please visit [oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org](http://oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org) or contact at [Contact@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org](mailto:Contact@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org).



## We Can Go Farther Together

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During my leadership journey, I have come to realize an important aspect to the success of any student is the collective effort of the “community.” I am truly excited to partner with our students, staff and community in making Oakwood Schools a place in which each student thrives. With that goal in mind, I have formulated three main pillars as I have begun collaborating, connecting and leading alongside our District leadership team.

**The first pillar** is attention to High Student Achievement. Our work from preschool to grade 12 goes beyond just preparing students to pass state tests and meet graduation requirements. We need to prepare them for life beyond school. As we shift from just providing factual information to our students, we need to ensure they are able to analyze and synthesize information to make informed decisions. With the world constantly changing, accelerated through the exponential growth of artificial intelligence, we need to work with our teaching staff to embrace these changes, so our students are prepared to use resources in their daily lives now and into the future.

**The second pillar** is maintaining a Safe School Environment. The research is clear, students learn better when their basic needs are met. As a result, we will continue to review and revise our plans to strengthen our safety protocols and create learning conditions that promote a sense of belonging and well-being. Our students need to feel safe, seen, heard and valued to learn and grow.

**The third pillar** is a focus on Efficient and Effective Operations. Our community entrusts us not only with their students but also their resources. We must continue to be good stewards, providing quality education, proper staffing and effective programming to enhance and extend the whole child in safe and conducive learning environments.

Our theme for the school year is “We Can Go Farther Together.” I invite you to be a part of our journey. Thank you for your support to the Oakwood Schools community.



*Oakwood Alumni Association and incoming superintendent Dr. Gupta hosted an alumni meetup in Hilton Head Island while Dr. Gupta was vacationing with his family this past June.*

# SAVE THE DATE

## Homecoming & Reunion Weekend 2023

Thursday, Sept. 28  
Distinguished Alumni Awards Banquet

Friday, Sept. 29  
Varsity Homecoming Game & Come Back Lumberjacks Event

Saturday, Sept. 30  
Homecoming Building Tours

### OAKWOOD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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

## 2023 School Year

### AUG 2023

7 7 p.m. Oakwood Board of Education Regular Board Meeting

16 First Day of School – Grades 7-12

18 First Day of School – Grades 1-6

21 First Day of School – Kindergarten

### SEP 2023

4 No School – Labor Day

11 7 p.m. Oakwood Board of Education Regular Board Meeting

25 No School for Students – Staff Professional Day

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

**Stay connected with Oakwood Schools!**

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## I Bet You Didn't Know the Library Had That!

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### #NationalLibraryCardSignUpMonth

September is **National Library Card Sign-up Month** so get your library card and discover that Wright Library has more than just books - it's brimming with limitless resources for you to explore your city, throw the perfect party, or stay in and chill. Check it out!

#### Explore your city:

Your library card is your "Doorway to Dayton." Borrow passes to the Dayton Art Institute, Aullwood Audubon Center, Carillon Historical Park, and more.

#### Throw the perfect party:

With your library card, you can check out cookbooks and magazines for perfect recipes, cake pans and candy molds, or kits to entertain your guests with balloon animals, juggling, or ukulele.

#### Stay in and chill:

A library card provides more than books. Seek the stars with a telescope, borrow a sewing machine and start a quilting bee, or check out tools to invent your own video or tabletop game.

## Get Library Cards for the Whole Family!

Apply online or visit Wright Library with your photo ID and proof of address. Wright Library also offers a special eCard exclusively for digital content and a Teacher Card for educators and homeschoolers.



Visit: [wrightlibrary.org/getacard](http://wrightlibrary.org/getacard)

## Check Out These Library Services!



**MANGO**

### Mango Language Learning

Your Wright Library card gives you free access to the Mango Language Learning app, which offers over 70 world language courses. Learn at your own pace the skills to communicate with confidence.

### ScanEZ

Visit the library to scan and translate your documents into over 90 languages with ScanEZ.



### Library of Things

Practical, productive, playful! Makerboxes, kits, and digital devices at Wright Library, including:

- DIY Escape Room
- Drivers' Ed / Maneuverability Makerbox
- Interior Design or Engineering Makerbox
- Podcasting or Movie Making
- **Coming Soon!** Roku devices loaded with popular streaming services such as Disney+ and Max



### Research and Discovery

Wright Library subscribes to popular databases that you can access with your Library Card. Search your family heritage using Ancestry or ProQuest African American Heritage; make more confident investment decisions with Morningstar Investment Research; or utilize Gale LegalForms to draft contracts, wills, and more.

## Upcoming Events

### AUG

#### Book Club

Tue. | Aug. 8 | 7 p.m.

*Walking the Bowl: A True Story of Murder and Survival Among the Street Children of Lusaka* by Chris Lockhart and Daniel Mulilo Chama.

#### Wright Library Poets

Tue. | Aug 15 | 7 p.m.

### SEP

#### Book Club

Tue. | Sep 12 | 7 p.m.

*Women Talking* by Miriam Toews

#### Wright Library Poets

Tue. | Sep 19 | 7 p.m.

#### History Mystery Book Discussion

Thu. | Sept 21 | 7 p.m.



## For Kids & Teens

### AUG/SEP

#### Children's Performing Arts of Miamisburg present a selection from *Frozen*

Sun. | Aug. 6 | 2 p.m.

#### Storytime at Smith Gardens

Fri. | Aug. 25 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages: 0-5

#### Baby Storytime

Mon. | Sep. 11, 18, 25 | 10:30 a.m.

Ages: : 0-18 months

Miss Karen romps through stories, finger plays, and rhymes to get your baby giggling and learning.

#### Terrific Tales

Tue. | Sep. 5, 12, 19, 26  
10:30 a.m.

Ages: 18-36 months

Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities to build pre-literacy and pro-social skills.



#### Tween Hangout

Tue. | Sep. 5, 12, 19, 26 | 3:30 p.m.

Ages: Grades 4-7

Themed, hands-on activities each week - perfect for upper elementary kids to interact with friends.

#### Teen Hangout

Wed. | Sep. 6, 13, 20, 27 | 3:30 p.m.

Ages: Grades 7-12

Weekly themed hangouts with different activities.

#### Books & Blocks

Fri. | Sep. 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10:30 a.m.

Ages: 0-5

Energetic playtime in this active, non-traditional storytime for little ones with the wiggles.

#### Crafty Kids

Saturdays in Aug. and Sep.

All Day | Ages: 3-8

Make a new craft each week.

Available while supplies last.



## Special Events

### AUG

#### Meet Local Author MJ Werthman White

Thurs. | Aug. 10 | 7 p.m.

Reading, meet & greet, and book signing for *An Invitation to the Party*, about a retired bookstore manager and a big surprise party gone wrong.



#### Famous People of Ohio - Part II

Mon. | Aug. 21 | 7 p.m. | Virtual | RSVP Required

Susan Cannavino presents the fascinating lives of Paul Newman, Clark Gable, and Dayton's own Erma Bombeck.

#### Road to Effective Estate Planning

Thurs. | Aug. 24 | 7 p.m.

#### Intro to Special Needs Planning

Tue. | Aug. 29 | 7 p.m.



### SEP

#### Mad Hatter Party

Sat. | Sep. 9 | 2-3:30 p.m.

Oh frabjous day! Families with children ages 4-8 are sure to delight in the world of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Activity stations bring the library to life.

#### Older Adult Volunteer Fair

Thurs. | Sept. 14 | 2 p.m.

#### Elder Law: The Basics & Beyond

Thurs. | Sept. 14 | 7 p.m.

#### Far Hills Speaker Series

Sun. | Sep. 17 | 2 p.m.

Ann Hagedorn, author of *Sleeper Agent*, will share chilling details about American-born Soviet spy George Koval, his mission, and his year living undetected in Dayton, Ohio during WWII.



- Oct. 15—*Dayton Ghosts & Legends*, with Sara Kaushal.
- Nov. 19—*What's Your Story: Your Ohio Neighbors Share Their War Memories from Pearl Harbor to V-J Day*, with Ken Serey.

*The Far Hills Speaker Series celebrates all things Oakwood and Miami Valley in a joint partnership between the Oakwood Historical Society and the Wright Memorial Public Library.*

#### World Alzheimer's Day with Christina Consolino

Thurs. | Sept. 21 | 7 p.m.

Learn how Alzheimer's affects the rest of the family with local author Christina Consolino, whose new book, *The Weight We Carry*, was inspired by her own family experience. Book sale & signing.

#### Wright Library at the Oakwood Farmers' Market

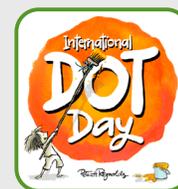
Sat. | Sep. 23 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sign up for a library card and explore the bounty of the fall harvest.

#### International Dot Day

Sun. | Sep. 24 | 2-3:30 p.m. | Ages 4-8

It's a dot extravaganza! Create art inspired by Peter Reynolds' *The Dot*, which teaches that even the humblest artist can make a mark. Patrons are encouraged to wear play clothes.



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## Foundation Spotlight: Teens Refuel at Wright Library During Exam Weeks

For several years, Oakwood junior high and high school students have found Wright Library to be the perfect spot to refuel and decompress during their semester exam weeks.

Knowing the stress that comes with exams, Teen Services Librarian Diane Bengson offers Teen Exam Break during the students' midday break on exam days each May and December. The library provides snacks, games, crafts, and even visits from therapy dogs.

"We couldn't go to school for lunch, so this really helped to just be able to eat something, and it was really calming," said Evvie, one of the students in attendance this spring.

Because students must leave the school buildings between exams and during lunch, an increasing number arrive at Wright Library ready to eat, relax, and do a little last minute studying. During this spring's exams, 181 students took advantage of the program.

"The Teen Exam Break has been steadily gaining in popularity, and providing enough pizzas and snacks for hungry teens over three days is a formidable task," Bengson said.

Students were also exposed to the library's ample resources for teens, including the recently renovated teen space; a diverse young adult reading collection; digital resources; and a wide-ranging video game collection.

To help serve the growing number of students, the Wright Library Foundation and its generous donors provided a \$500 grant to support the program's growing numbers. The grant was one of several awarded by the Foundation so far this year. To learn more about the Foundation and its upcoming Annual Campaign, visit [wrightlibrary.org/foundation](http://wrightlibrary.org/foundation).

