

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 22, 2023

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

January 2, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
January 22, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
February 5, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
February 26, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
March 4, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
March 18, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
April 1, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
April 15, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
May 6, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
May 20, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)

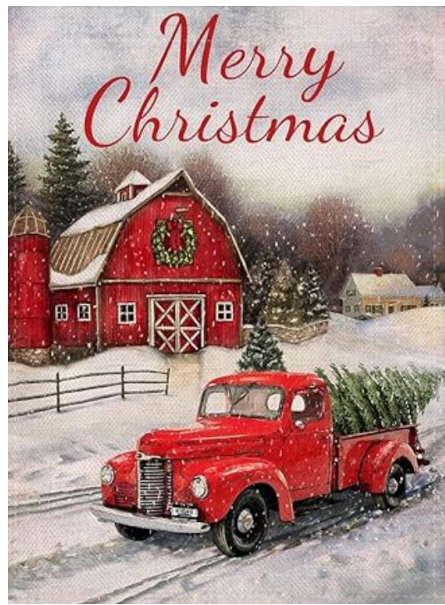
BUSINESS UPDATE:

- Christmas: Enclosed are *DDN* and *Register* articles about city offices being closed next Monday and Monday, January 1, for New Year's Day.
- Santa Tour: The event last Monday evening was again a big hit.



- Recreational Marijuana: Enclosed is a draft of the ordinance establishing a one-year moratorium on the dispensing, cultivating and processing of recreational marijuana in Oakwood. This will be included on the January 2 council meeting agenda. Also enclosed are two more *DDN* articles.

- Public Works Thank You: Enclosed is a nice thank you note commending the actions of Streets Foreman Dave Shuey and others in responding to a driver who pulled into a load of freshly poured concrete pavement in the Far Hills Business District.
- 2.41 Mill Tax Issue: Enclosed are two *DDN* articles. Also enclosed is a Montgomery County Board of Elections spreadsheet listing all of the May 19, 2024 ballot issues.
- Safety Report: Enclosed is the November Safety Department report.
- Water and Sewer Rates: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about our 2024 rate increases.
- Roundabouts: Enclosed is another *DDN* article about a possible roundabout project... this one at the intersection of Ohio 571 and Ohio 201 in Bethel Township.
- License Plate Readers: Enclosed is a *DDN* article about the Dayton City Commission approving the expanded use of license plate readers in Dayton.



HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

DDN & Register Articles re: Christmas
DDN articles re: Recreational Marijuana
 PW Thank You
DDN articles re: 2.41 Mill Tax Issue
 May 19, 2024 ballot Issues
 November Safety Department Report
DDN articles re: Marijuana
DDN articles re: Water and Sewer Rates
DDN article re: Roundabouts
DDN article re: License Plate Readers

OAKWOOD

Christmas & New Year's trash pickup delays

Oakwood city offices are closed on Monday, Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas and on Monday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

Trash collection for all routes the week of Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 will be one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday; and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

For additional information, contact Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager, at 937-298-0600 or klopsch@oakwoodohio.gov.

City office will be closed for Christmas, New Year's holidays, residential refuse schedules adjusted

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THE OAKWOOD REGISTER December 20, 2023

AN ORDINANCE

BY: _____ NO. _____

IMPOSING AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE AND PROCESSING OF ANY PERMITS RELATING TO RETAIL DISPENSARIES, CULTIVATORS, OR PROCESSORS OF ADULT USE MARIJUANA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Ohio voters approved State Issue 2 on November 7, 2023 adopting proposed legislation authorizing the cultivation, sale and use of marijuana products for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the operation of Article II, Section 1(b) of the Ohio Constitution, the proposed legislation now approved by Ohio voters has been incorporated into the Ohio Revised Code as Sections 3780.01 through 3780.99 and became effective on December 7, 2023, with no further action required by the Ohio General Assembly (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, since the passage of Issue 2, members of the Ohio General Assembly have expressed an intention to amend the Act but have not yet clarified whether and/or how the Act will be repealed, modified, or materially altered; and

WHEREAS, Section 3780.03 of the Act provides that a newly created “Division of Cannabis” shall adopt rules establishing standards and procedures for the implementation of the adult use marijuana program, including licensing requirements for cultivators, processors, and retailers; and

WHEREAS, the Act, as currently constituted, provides the Division of Cannabis a period of nine months after December 7, 2023 to implement rules and regulations regarding the adult use marijuana program; and

WHEREAS, Council intends to adopt legislation that provides for the orderly implementation of adult use cannabis in the City consistent with State laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Constitution and local ordinances, Council possesses the inherent power to enact appropriate planning, zoning, and business regulation laws that further the health, safety, welfare, comfort and peace of its citizens, including restricting, prohibiting and/or regulating certain business uses; and

WHEREAS, at least until such time as regulations are adopted, the amendments to the Act are adopted and the City has had an opportunity to study the foregoing, Council has determined it to be in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare to impose an immediate moratorium on any cultivation, processing, or retail dispensing of marijuana for adult use business purposes in any form within the city of Oakwood, except as required by the Act;

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

SECTION I.

Except as required by the Act, Council hereby imposes an immediate moratorium on the issuance and processing of any permits for cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries of adult use marijuana as defined in Sections 3780.01 through 3780.99 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION II.

The purpose of this moratorium is to allow city staff and Council to consider amendments to pertinent Codified Ordinances, including the Oakwood Zoning Code, to prepare regulations which may be necessary, and to determine where, whether, and how to allow, limit or prohibit cultivators, processors, and retail dispensaries in the city.

SECTION III.

Council hereby directs and orders that no permits for cultivators, processors or retail dispensaries of adult use marijuana shall be issued or processed by the city during the moratorium, including but not limited to any zoning certificate, except as may be required by the Act.

SECTION IV.

The moratorium shall be in effect for a period of one (1) year beginning from the effective date of this Ordinance, or until changes are enacted and take legal effect to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Oakwood to address these issues, or until Council enacts legislation explicitly revoking this moratorium and the same takes legal effect, whichever occurs first.

SECTION V.

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 any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, if required, in compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio R.C. 121.22.

SECTION VI.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and as such takes effect immediately on the basis that it is necessary to avoid any practical or legal entanglements that may arise during the developmental roll-out of the State of Ohio's adult use marijuana program, and on the further basis that doing so will promote the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the City and its inhabitants.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

TO THE CLERK:

Publish the foregoing Ordinance in the summary form set forth below.

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

LEGAL NOTICE

Ordinance _____ of the Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio was passed on the ____ day of _____, 2024. Said ordinance was enacted as an emergency measure to provide for a moratorium on the issuance of permits relating to retail dispensaries, cultivators, and processors of adult use marijuana.

LORI STACEL
CLERK OF COUNCIL

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

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

Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

Ohio liquor official to lead marijuana control

By **Avery Kreemer**
Staff Writer

A former Ohio liquor control official will head the Division of Cannabis Control, the new department created by November's Issue 2 that will oversee the regulation of Ohio's new recreational marijuana industry.

The Department of Commerce announced Jim Canepa's position Thursday. Canepa served as the Superintendent of the Divi-



**James V.
Canepa**

sion of Liquor Control for six years, where he modernized the state's liquor inventory control system and advanced retail incentives, according to a department news release.

"Jim's proven leadership and innovative approach make him the perfect choice to navigate

this new area of retail and regulatory responsibility," said Ohio Department of Commerce Director Sherry Maxfield in a news release. "His diverse experience and impressive regulatory credentials will be instrumental in developing a nonmedical cannabis program that aligns with the expectations of Ohioans."

Canepa is set to begin his role on Jan. 1. The Division of Cannabis Control is tasked with creating rules for recreational marijuana

cultivators, dispensaries and processors that aren't already set out in Ohio law, including many decisions about licensing.

Canepa has a long career in the Ohio government, holding roles in the Attorney General's office, Department of Public Safety, the Ohio Inspector General and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to implement a first-of-its-kind program for the state

in a safe, responsible and efficient way," he said in a news release. "I've been fortunate to spend years working within both law enforcement and the retail industry. Both experiences will be central to the work that has already begun in this area inside the Department of Commerce."

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023 | DAYTON DAILY NEWS

More cities enact marijuana sales moratoriums

Xenia, Waynesville and Franklin pass measures to review the issue.

**By London Bishop
and Ed Richter**
Staff Writers

Three more Southwest Ohio municipalities have passed marijuana sales moratoriums.

Recreational marijuana use is now legal in the state of Ohio, but until rules and regulations are put in place, and licenses are able to be issued, locals can't yet buy it. The law allows, among

other things, adults 21 and over to legally possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana, as well as use and grow (six plants per person and 12 per household). It also imposes a 10% sales tax.

Xenia's city council unanimously passed a one-year moratorium on the distribution, cultivation and processing of recreational cannabis, including adult-use dispensaries last Thursday.

According to council documents, the moratorium will "preserve the current status quo" in the city while the Ohio legislature figures out its cannabis regulations, according to the legis-

lation. The move will also give city staff time to review those guidelines, "study the impact of adult use cannabis operators in other states' municipalities, and to make recommendations to City Council on whether such operators should be prohibited or allowed and regulated," the resolution says.

Moratoriums have also passed in Beavercreek, Kettering, Vandalia, Miamisburg, Centerville, Springboro, Carlisle, Monroe, Hamilton, Fairfield and several other cities throughout Ohio.

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A cultivation room at Pure Ohio Wellness' medical marijuana grow facility in Clark County. BILL LACKEY / STAFF

Marijuana

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Earlier this week, Franklin and Waynesville joined the list.

Franklin's cannabis moratorium is for six months on the processing and issuance of any permits allowing adult use cannabis operators.

Officials said the city is authorized to limit the number of, or entirely prohibit, adult use cannabis operators.

Mayor Brent Centers said the moratorium will allow city staff to review the issue and make recommendations on potential zoning regulations, prohibition, or limitations of adult use cannabis operators. Centers also said there has been no direction from the state and the moratorium will provide time to see what the state regulations will be.

Waynesville approved a 360-day moratorium in granting permits to adult use cannabis operators. Village Manager Gary Copeland said the village is also waiting for the state to establish regulations on adult use cannabis.

While the Ohio Sen-

ate passed a bill on recreational marijuana earlier this month, the House adjourned for the year without acting on marijuana. The Senate bill would reduce home grow limits from 12 plants per household to six; raise the cannabis tax rate from 10% to 15% and change where those funds would go.

It would also reduce the maximum THC content in cannabis extract products; while also adding an avenue for individuals to get cannabis charges expunged and allowing medical dispensaries to begin recreational sales within three months of the bill's passage.

Ohioans voted to legalize the growing, processing, selling and use of recreational marijuana on Nov. 7, making the Buckeye State the 24th state to do so. Nearly 57% of Ohioans approved state Issue 2, and the law took effect Dec. 7, allowing adults 21 and older to legally possess up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana as well as use and grow up to six plants per person and 12 per household.

Staff Writer Rick McCrabb contributed to this report.

Dec. 5, 2023

DOUG SPITLER, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

FOELL PUBLIC WORKS CENTER
210 SHAFOR BOULEVARD
OAKWOOD, OH 45419

Dear Mr. Spittler,

On November 29, 2023, through either carelessness or lack of awareness on my part I drove my vehicle into a patch of wet cement at the corner of Clarendon and Far Hills. Workers had just finished smoothing out the cement, there was no barrier as I drove into the intersection. My front wheel drive tires immediately sunk in the cement.



Fortunately, the work crew was still there. They acted quickly. After reassuring me that this is not the first time for such an incident, they called a front loader to the site, attached straps to the rear underside of my car and gently pulled it out. Next, they got a water hose and sprayed off the cement from the tires and off as much of the car that they could. At that time Oakwood Police and other Public Service employees were also on the scene. One of those employees directed me to follow him the PSU garage where the car could get an under-spray wash to remove any cement on the underside of the car.

I want you to know how helpful your employees were to my situation. With courtesy and care they took charge of a situation caused by me and helped me recover and clean my car. I thank them all for their willingness to assist me. By the time I drove to the PSU garage they had already re-cemented the damaged section of the roadway.

My experience that afternoon showed me the concern and professionalism of the Oakwood Public Services Department. They saw a problem and took action to resolve the situation. Everyone was courteous and concerned about getting the car out of the cement and then to make sure that the cement would be removed and not cause further damage to the vehicle. I want you to know how much I appreciate their efforts. Their actions speak well of their concern for the public they serve.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wolfgang Ege". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed contact information.

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Oakwood to place city tax levy on spring ballot

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

Oakwood voters can expect to decide next spring on a replacement levy to fund city services.

The 2.41-mill, five-year tax issue will appear on the March 19 ballot, costing owners of a home valued at \$200,000 about \$168 annually, Oakwood records show.

The replacement levy would not raise taxes, according to Oakwood officials.

A 3.75-mill renewal levy set to go before voters last month failed to appear on the ballot due to a clerical error, officials said.

The current levy is set to expire at the end of this year. If the tax issue approved by Oakwood City Council last week is approved by voters, it will not collect any property taxes until 2025, records show.

The millage difference from the current levy to the one proposed is due, in part, to "strong property values" in Oakwood, Vice Mayor Steve Byington said.

The city's budget review committee has endorsed the tax issue, Mayor Bill Duncan said.

A replacement levy is similar to a renewal, but the cost is valued at a home's current rate instead of the previous one.

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The levy is expected to raise about \$1.13 million a year. That money would go into the city's general fund, covering costs such as public safety, parks and recreation, and roadway maintenance, Oakwood City Manager Norbert Klopsch said.

The significance of funding generated by the levy is magnified because the city receives only a small portion of real estate taxes, Klopsch said.

He said the levy is among two five-year tax issues the city uses to supplement its general fund.

The levy was first approved by voters in 2013 after Oakwood let an existing tax issue expire five years earlier, officials have said. After state cuts to the local government fund and the loss of estate tax revenue, the city found it was losing about \$3 million annually, or about 20% of its budget, Klopsch said.

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Cities, schools, townships seek tax increases in March

About 20 Dayton-area entities will ask voters to approve their funding requests March 19.

By London Bishop
Staff Writer

While the presidential primaries will get much of the attention, the March 2024 election will have an immediate effect on local communities via tax levy votes.

About 20 Dayton-area cities, townships and school districts have funding requests on the March 19 ballot, seeking money for school construction, school operation, road paving, public safety and other initiatives.

Dayton income tax renewal

Voters in the city of Dayton will decide whether or not to renew a 0.25% income tax levy for another eight years, generating about \$15 million annually for the city's budget. Voters first approved the income tax hike in 2016, increasing the city's overall income tax rate from 2.25% to 2.5%.

The city plans to put \$4.2 million of the revenue each year toward Preschool Promise universal kindergarten for 3- and 4-year-old children, and roughly \$10 million of the rest will go to the general fund for road repairs, parks improvements and police staffing and equipment.

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Election

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Another \$650,000 will be put toward housing investments.

Centerville school levy

The Centerville school district is going back to voters to request approval of a smaller levy than the one they rejected in November.

The school board voted 4-1 Monday (Allison Durnbaugh dissenting) to place a 3.9-mill permanent operating levy on the March 19 ballot. It would generate \$11.2 million per year for day-to-day expenses, and would cost residents \$137 annually per \$100,000 of property value, according to the Montgomery County Auditor's Office.

"Our expenses are continuing to outpace our revenue, which has led us to ask the community for additional funding and find ways to make reductions in all areas of our operation," Centerville Superintendent Jon Wesley said.

Wesley said the district

be \$29.32 per \$100,000 of valuation, according to the Warren County Auditor.

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission would fund \$21.6 million of the project, if the district can raise \$67.3 million via this vote.

The current campuses hold preschool, high school and adult workforce training programs, as well as satellite programming for grades 7-12. Career Center leaders say their programs are at capacity, and the new facility would accommodate growing enrollment.

Other requests for tax increases

Greene County: The city of Xenia is seeking a 4-mill levy for police and fire, to replace its existing 3.5-mill public safety levy. Greenview Schools are seeking a 3.99-mill bond and permanent improvement levy. Both the Xenia and Greenview issues would cost a homeowner \$140 a year per \$100,000 of home value. The village of Jamestown is seeking a 3.7-mill police levy that, if passed, would cost a homeowner \$130 per \$100,000.

Montgomery County:

Oakwood voters will consider a 2.41-mill, five-year replacement tax issue, costing homeowners \$84 per \$100,000 of home value annually. Harrison Twp. has put forth two new tax issues, an additional 5-mill fire levy and 5-mill general fund levy, each estimated at \$175 per \$100,000 of home value. The city of Riverside is asking voters to approve a 4.95-mill replacement police levy, and the city of Clayton is seeking a 1% income tax increase, while simultaneously increasing the credit for taxes paid to other cities.

Warren County: Wayne Local Schools are seeking an additional five-year, 1.65-mill levy for permanent improvements (facilities, buses, equipment, etc.). Voters rejected a permanent version of that levy in November. Franklin City Schools are seeking a 6.3-mill levy that would cost a homeowner \$220 per \$100,000 of appraised value. Franklin Twp. has a 0.75-mill road and bridge levy on the ballot, costing a homeowner \$26 per \$100,000 of value annually.

ELECTION 2024



Jenna Kreitzer votes with her son Miles at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, in Tipp City.

MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF



Students at Centerville's Driscoll Elementary School practice coding. Centerville residents will vote on the school district's 3.9-mill tax levy. STAFF

Wednesday was the deadline for local governments and schools to submit tax levies for the March 19, 2024, election. Among the 20-plus requests that voters will decide are the city of Dayton's 0.25% income tax renewal to pay for things like roadwork, preschool and public safety, and Centerville schools' 3.9-mill property tax levy for day-to-day expenses (down from the 5.9-mill request voters rejected in November).



Dana Combs directs traffic on Wayne Avenue, in Dayton. Dayton voters will decide on a 0.25% income tax renewal, which would pay for roadwork and public safety projects. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

is already working to save money, including limiting new hires and overtime, and reducing costs for classroom resources. Other proposed reductions will be presented to the board of education in January.

Voters rejected a 5.9-mill permanent levy in November, with nearly 57% against and 43% in favor.

Warren County Career Center

The Warren County Career Center will place a combined bond issue and tax levy back on the ballot in March, after voters narrowly rejected it in November, 51.6% to 48.4%.

The county's vocational school district is hoping to fund a new career tech campus next to its current facility in Clearcreek Twp. The new building would house 1,100 students.

The vote is on a 0.618-mill bond and a 0.2-mill levy, each to last 30 or more years. The estimated annual cost to a property owner would

Miami County: Tipp City Schools are putting a 30-year bond issue on the March ballot, to raise \$87 million for a preschool through eighth-grade building. The bond would equal 8.68 mills and would cost \$304 for each \$100,000 of property value. The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission would contribute \$30 million. Milton-Union schools are seeking a permanent, 1% income tax increase for day-to-day expenses on the March ballot.

No-increase renewal levies

Renewal levies extend existing tax rates for a longer period of time. Among the jurisdictions seeking renewals are Miami Twp. police and Brookville schools (Montgomery County), Bethel schools (Miami County), city of Lebanon fire service with a renewal and decrease (Warren County).

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March 19, 2024 Ballot Issues

Jurisdiction							Overlap
Issue Type	Date Filed	Issue Description	Millage	Commencing	First Due	Length	Jurisdiction
City of Clayton	9/22/2023	Shall Ordinance O-05-23-08 which adopted the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve, with specified conditions, the application of Clayton Properties Group, Inc. DBA Arbor Homes for a change in zoning be approved?					<input type="checkbox"/>
Municipal Referendum							
City of Clayton	11/28/2023	An additional 1% income tax for the purpose of providing funds for general municipal operations and functions, and providing for the restoration of the one hundred percent (100%) income tax credit	Additional 1% Income Tax	1/1/2024	1/1/2024	Continuing period of time	<input type="checkbox"/>
Municipal Income Tax							
City of Dayton	12/7/2023	Charter Amendment to extend the 1/4% additional Income tax providing for essential municipal services and necessary capitol improvements.	Extend 1/4% Additional Income Tax	1/1/2025	1/1/2025	8 Years	<input type="checkbox"/>
Municipal Income Tax Charter Amendment							
City of Oakwood	12/5/2023	Additional 2.41 mills levy for purpose of Current Expenses	2.41 mills	2024	2025	5 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current Expenses							
City of Riverside	12/8/2023	Replacement levy of 4.95 mills for operating the police department.	4.95 mills	2024	2025	5 Years	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police Services							
Harrison Township	12/8/2023	An additional 5 mills levy for Current Operating Expenses.	5 mills	2024	2025	Continuing Period of Time	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current Operating Expenses							
Harrison Township	12/8/2023	An additional 5 mills levy for Fire and EMS services.	5 mills	2024	2025	Continuing Period of Time	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire and EMS							
Brookville Local School District	11/29/2023	Renewal of an existing \$48,000 Emergency Levy for 5 years.	0.154 Mill	2024	2025	5 Years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Requirements							

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Jurisdiction							Overlap
Issue Type	Date Filed	Issue Description	Millage	Commencing	First Due	Length	Jurisdiction
Brookville Local School District	11/29/2023	Renewal of an existing 0.8 Mill for the purpose of Emergency Permanent Improvements	0.8 Mill	2019	2020	5 Years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Permanent Improvements

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Thursday, December 14, 2023

**THE OAKWOOD PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT'S
REPORT TO THE CITY MANAGER**

NOVEMBER 2023

Submitted by Chief Alan Hill

LAW ENFORCEMENT

PART 1 CRIMES: There were ten Part 1 crimes reported during the month of November, all were thefts.

**TRAFFIC
ENFORCEMENT:** During the month of November, 105 traffic violations were cited, and 60 parking citations were issued.

**DETECTIVE
INVESTIGATIONS:**

23-003487	100 Blk Plumwood Ave	Improper Handling	Cleared By Arrest
23-003534	2700 Blk Far Hills	Forgery	Under Investigation
23-003657	2800 Blk Far Hills	Theft	Closed
23-003749	100 Blk Beverly	Fraud	Under Investigation

LEADS: The LEADS validation report this month concerned warrant entries. All entries have been validated and the Safety Department remains in compliance with LEADS protocol.

TEEN COURT: There were no cases referred to the Oakwood Teen Court and two cases were referred to the Montgomery County Juvenile Court during the month of November.

FIRE

FIRE: There were eight total fire responses in November, all were to Oakwood. These included four alarm investigations, one auto accident assist, one mulch fire, one residential structure fire causing approximately \$120,000 in damage, and one smell of smoke investigation.

APPARATUS: No maintenance issues were reported during the month of November.

FIRE INSPECTIONS: There was one fire inspection conducted during the month of November.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

REMOVALS: There were 28 total calls for emergency medical services in November, including one mutual aid request from the Dayton Fire Department. One patient refused medical treatment and/or transportation. All other patients were transported to area hospitals for treatment.

MISCELLANEOUS

DARE: During the month of November, the DARE Officer held nine classes.

TRAINING

Public Safety Officers, Lieutenants, Command Staff, and Dispatchers completed a total of 399 hours of training during the month of November.

During the month of November, Safety department personnel completed EMS online continuing education training presented by 24/7 covering Geriatric Behavioral Emergencies and Geriatric Poisonings.

Fire Training covered Ladders that included the associated Ladder JPRs.

Police training consisted of CPT training through OPOTA online entitled: Community Diversity and Procedural Justice and also Ethics and Professionalism courses. All members also participated in Defensive Tactics training in the month of November. This 3 hour course was taught by Officer McElroy and was approved by the state as certified CPT.

Dispatchers completed CE training entitled "Find the Phone" through APCO.

November 1-2, Officers McElroy and R. Wells participated in training at TCSU.

November 2-3, Officer Green attended the Interview and Interrogation course through Bob Green and TCSU.

November 13-17, Lt. Slone completed the 3rd and final week of PELC.

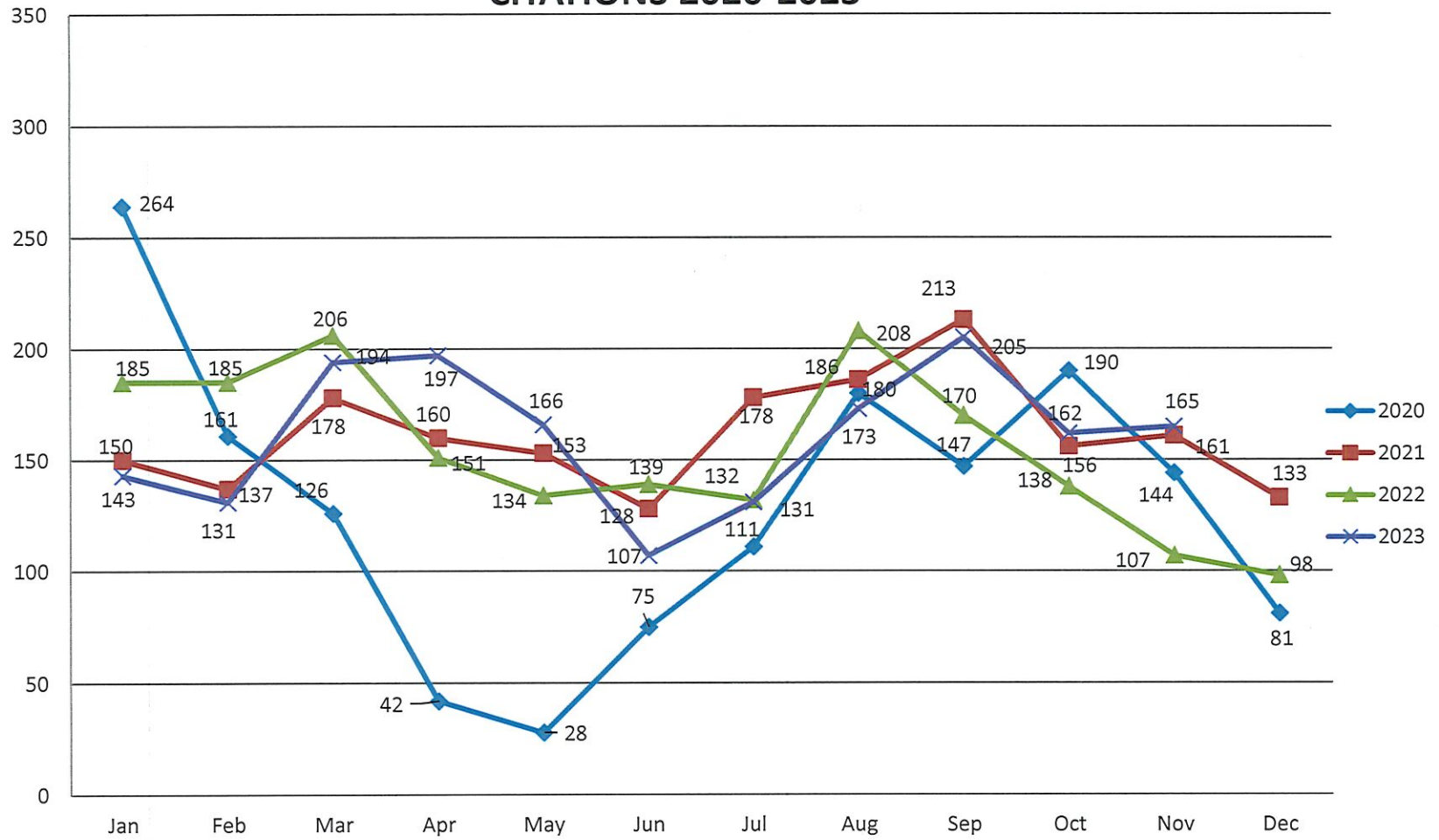
Lastly, on November 14-15, Officer McElroy attended annual SWAT training with the Kettering Regional SWAT Team.

OFFICER ACTIVITY

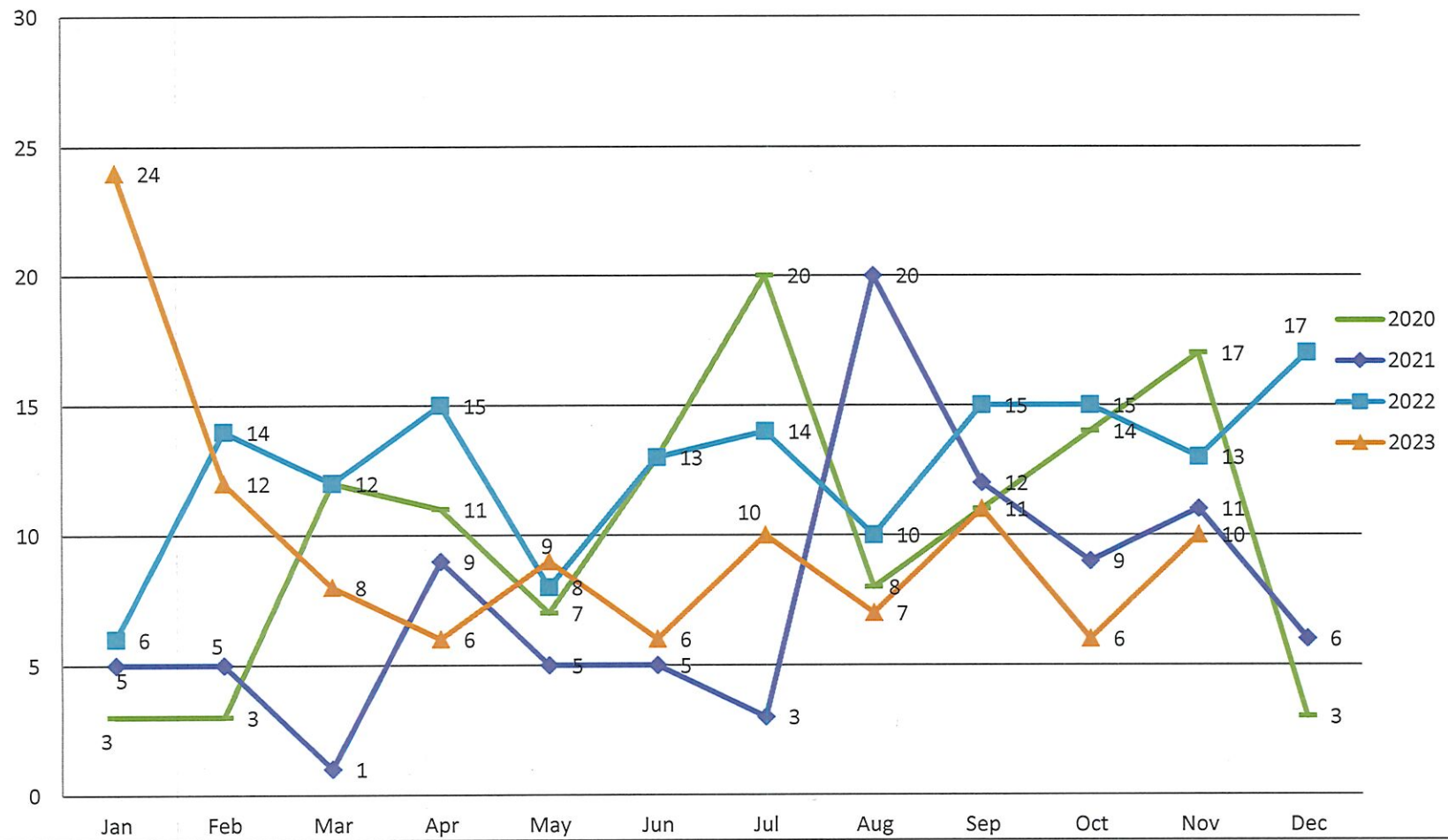
	ARRESTS	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS CITED	OVI	FIELD REPORTS	REPORTS TAKEN	PARKING	WARNINGS	VHC	COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE
Staff	0	4	0	0	13	0	8	10	0
1	9	47	1	2	43	21	49	65	3
2	3	35	0	4	26	22	61	101	4
3	3	19	0	0	19	17	48	63	8

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS CITED		WARNINGS	
White	59	White	106
Black	30	Black	43
Indian	2	Indian	3
Asian	2	Asian	3
Hispanic	1	Hispanic	4
Middle Eastern	0	Middle Eastern	0
Unoccupied Vehicle/Other/Unknown	11	Unoccupied Vehicle/Other/Unknown	7
TOTAL	105	TOTAL	166
FIELD INVESTIGATIONS		ARRESTS	
White	4	White	10
Black	1	Black	5
Indian	0	Indian	0
Asian	0	Asian	0
Hispanic	0	Hispanic	0
Middle Eastern	0	Middle Eastern	0
Other/Unknown	1	Other/Unknown	0
TOTAL	6	TOTAL	15

CITATIONS 2020-2023



PART 1 CRIMES 2020-2023



OAKWOOD

City OKs higher water, sewer rates for customers

Oakwood water rates had been among the lowest in the region.

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Oakwood water and sewer customers will be paying higher rates starting next month.

Typically, residential customers in Oakwood use between 300 and 900 cubic feet of water per month, according to the city.

This would translate into water bills increasing \$7 to \$13 a month while fees for sewer services would jump \$7 to \$14 in the same time period, officials said.

The rate hikes, endorsed by Oakwood's budget review committee earlier, are

"needed in order to meet the operational and upcoming capital needs," Councilwoman Leigh Turben said.

The hikes, approved in a 5-0 vote Monday night, will start Jan. 1, according to the city.

The last rate increases for those respective services came in 2017 and 2018, Oakwood records show. Before its 2017 water rate hike, those fees were last increased in 1994, City Manager Norbert Klopsch said.

"Our water system is fully automated, which keeps our labor costs low. We do not need employees working 24-7 to operate the system," Klopsch said.

"Also, our capital improvement expenses have been modest over the past couple of decades. We antici-

pate that capital improvement expenses will increase over the next decade or two as the infrastructure ages," he added.

In an Ohio regional water rate survey of more than 60 jurisdictions, Oakwood has been among the eight lowest since 2013, finishing in the top four six times, including each year since 2021, documents show.

Since the city's last water rate hike, Beavercreek, Dayton, Huber Heights, Kettering, Miamisburg and Springboro have all increased prices with each city except Springboro doing so since the start of 2022, according to survey results.

Montgomery County sets the rates for about 85,500 customers in more than 10 jurisdictions, including Cen-

terville, Kettering, Riverside, and Miami and Washington Twps.

Greene County does the same for Beavercreek and Beavercreek Twp., Bellbrook, Sugarcreek Twp., outlying rural areas, and sections of Centerville and Kettering, said Mark Chandler, county sanitary engineering director.

Oakwood produces its own water, and operates and maintains a distribution system, Klopsch said.

Oakwood has pipe connections to Dayton and Montgomery County systems as a back-up, but these are "only used at the very rare times when we have a situation where we are unable to produce our own water," Klopsch said.



Kinnison Excavating crews work on the Far Hills storm sewer reconstruction project in August in Oakwood. City Council voted to raise fees for sewer services that would jump monthly costs \$7 to \$14. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

Crash-prone intersection could get a roundabout



A semi drove through a house at Ohio 571 and Ohio 201 in Bethel Twp., on March 30. The house has been demolished. "Our house may be gone, but the danger is still very real," said Jamie Fisher, who was inside the home and injured in the crash. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

After study, ODOT officials say application for funding will be filed.

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BETHEL TWP., Miami County
— A southern Miami County inter-

section where several traffic collisions have occurred is being considered for installation of a roundabout nine months after a semi smashed through a house, with a resident inside, near the corner.

The Ohio Department of Transportation District 7 Office in Sidney recently notified Jamie Fisher,

who was inside the house when the semi plowed through it around 6:30 p.m. March 30, that an application for funding for a one-lane roundabout would be filed with the state.

The application follows completion of a study at the intersection of Ohio 571 and Ohio 201, said Loryn Bryson, public infor-

mation officer for the District 7 Deputy Director's Office. The intersection is in a rural/suburban area between Tipp City and New Carlisle, 5 miles north of the Interstate 70 interchange in Huber Heights.

"This data is going to be used to

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apply for funding for a roundabout. Applying for the funding is the first step in a multi-step process, and a project of this nature can take several years before construction, if funded,” Bryson said via email this week.

The house where the Fishers lived was removed after it was heavily damaged by the semi in March. Jamie Fisher’s husband, Dave Fisher, said the house had been hit at least two times before when his great-grandparents owned it in the late 1960s or ‘70s and again in 1982, when a vehicle made a large hole in the east wall.

The Fishers now live nearby in a recently renovated schoolhouse. Dave Fisher said a collision there Saturday did not involve significant injury but added that he never knows what he will see after a crash occurs.

Jamie Fisher said Wednesday she hopes the intersection improvements can be made sooner rather than later.

“Our house may be gone, but the danger is still very



Dave Fisher looks at what is left of his house on March 31 after a semi truck drove through it, near the intersection of Ohio 571 and Ohio 201, in Bethel Twp. Fisher’s wife, Jamie Fisher, was inside and suffered minor injuries. The house was demolished. The Fishers live nearby in a renovated schoolhouse. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

real, as we witnessed Saturday night,” she said. “My children drive on this stretch of the road; people we care about drive through the intersection daily. This needs to be addressed now. Not years from now,” Jamie Fisher said.

Jamie Fisher emailed ODOT in May asking it to consider replacing the existing flashing light at the intersection with a full traffic light.

She pointed out that a new elementary school was opening not far away.

“A traffic light is needed before anymore tragedies happen on that corner. My children go to Bethel; they alone don’t need any more tragedies,” she wrote.

The Fishers shared the string of emails with ODOT representatives. The emails include information on the process ODOT engineers

and others followed in looking at the intersection. This included the traffic impact study done for the new Bethel school, a history of the intersection and traffic movement counts.

Mary E. Hoy, an ODOT planning engineer, wrote in an email that “the analysis indicates that a single-lane roundabout would provide the greatest crash reduction and the best operations.”

Dayton votes to expand license plate cameras

City Commission vote on cameras was another 3-2 split.

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Dayton City Commission on Wednesday night approved an expansion of license plate-reader camera technology in the city and three other contracts related to police technology.

In a 3-2 vote, the commission approved spending \$825,750 to acquire 35 new fixed-site auto-

mated license plate readers from Flock Group, Inc. The contract also covers the cost of maintaining 37 fixed-site readers that Dayton police already use. The agreement lasts through the end of 2028.

Mayor Jeff Mims and commissioners Chris Shaw and Matt Joseph voted in favor of the contract. Commissioners Darryl Fairchild and Shenise Turner-Sloss voted no.

The contract vote was delayed in November after pushback from community members. A citizen group called the Coalition on Public Protection said the city's own policies should

have required a public hearing and an impact report because the contract expands the scope of camera use.

In a Dec. 4 memo to City Manager Shelley Dickstein, Dayton police Chief Kamran Afzal said the police department believes the expansion complies with public policy, citing an earlier public hearing, and that nearly doubling the number of units "is consistent with the city's approved use case."

Dayton police Major Paul Saunders recently said automated

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A license plate camera at the intersection of Dorothy Lane and County Line roads, Kettering. The Kettering Police Department has 10 license plate-reading cameras that were installed this year. Dayton will add 35 new plate-reading cameras. MARSHALL GORBY / STAFF

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license plate readers have helped solve serious crimes, including murders, and have helped recover many stolen vehicles at a time when auto thefts have surged.

Saunders said the police department will only install plate readers in neighborhoods that want them. The city installed 11 fixed-site devices in the Twin Towers neighborhood, 10 in Old North Dayton, 10 in Westwood and half a dozen downtown. Saunders has said the Huffman neighborhood has requested license plate readers, and some members of the downtown community want more devices in the center city.

Other police contracts approved

By a 5-0 vote, City Commission approved a professional service agreement with Axon Enterprise for the 2024 yearly subscription for body-worn police cameras, in-car cameras and related services, including storage via evidence.com, which is used by the prosecutor's office.

The contract allocates

\$730,000 for 2024, with the total contract through the year 2030 approved for \$6.78 million. The camera systems' technology aligns case ID numbers and location data from the regional dispatch system and DPD's own information systems. It also includes "auto transcribe" service for all footage.

By a 5-0 vote, Commission approved a one-year renewal contract with Altumint (formerly Optotrafic) for the traffic safety enforcement system, to include fixed, semi-portable and handheld automatic speed devices for photo enforcement, as well as ticket verification and activity reports. The contract is revenue-driven (no cost to the city unless ticket revenue is received) and estimates a city cost of \$1.2 million to go with city revenue of \$4.8 million.

By a 5-0 vote, Commission approved a one-year renewal contract for \$397,000 with Optica Consulting to provide crime and data analysis, criminal information system support and "hot spot" identification to help Dayton Police combat crime.

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