

CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER
MARCH 1, 2024

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

PRE-COUNCIL WORK SESSION

COUNCIL MEETING

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Status Reports:

- Proclamation recognizing April 7 – April 13 as “National Library Week.” Bill will present the enclosed proclamation. Michele Schoen, Kelli Kling and student Library Ambassadors plan to attend the meeting to accept the proclamation.
- Citizen Committee Appointments: We will discuss this in work session on Monday and make appointments during the regular meeting. Bill will ask for a vote to appoint Paul Kavanaugh to the BZA.

Visitors: None scheduled.

Legislation:

- A Resolution of Necessity for 2025 Street Lighting. This is the annual resolution to confirm the need for our street lighting program.
- An Ordinance to Proceed with the 2025 Street Lighting Program. This is a first reading of the annual ordinance authorizing our street lighting program.
- A Resolution of Necessity for 2024 Sidewalk Repair Program. This is the annual legislation to confirm the need for our sidewalk repair project.
- An Ordinance to Proceed with the 2024 Sidewalk Repair Program. This is a first reading of the annual legislation to proceed with our sidewalk repair project.
- A Resolution approving the Montgomery County 9-1-1 Services Final Plan. This resolution approves the plan for the operation of coordinated 9-1-1 services throughout Montgomery County.

Enclosed are suggested "Introductions for Legislation."

IMPORTANT COUNCIL DATES:

March 4, Monday, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Session (30 Park)
March 11, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)
March 16, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. – New Resident Breakfast (OCC)
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 14, Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. – BRC Meeting (30 Park)
May 18, Saturday – "That Day in May"
May 20, Monday, 5 p.m. – Work Session (30 Park)

BUSINESS UPDATE:

CITY MANAGER

- Monday Work Session: Enclosed is our agenda for the 6:30 p.m. work session. We will meet in the conference room.
- March Work Session: Our March work session is moved from March 18 to March 11. We will meet at 5 p.m. in the second floor training room. MaryLynn Lodor from MCD will be with us from 5 – 6 p.m., and then Jeremiah Jenkins from TOHS will join us.
- Newly Elected Officials Program: The annual day-long MVCC/MVRMA Elected Officials Program will be held at Yankee Trace on Wednesday, April 10. Enclosed is the program. Please let Lori know if you would like to attend.
- Committee Needs: Enclosed is the list of 2024 committee needs. We will discuss this in work session on Monday.
- Solar Eclipse: Enclosed are two more *DDN* articles about the April 8 event. Also enclosed is a flyer from Wright Library announcing their upcoming events. At the council meeting on Monday evening, the Wright Library staff will give you eclipse-viewing glasses.
- Green Oakwood: Enclosed is a *Register* article from the Green Oakwood group.
- "The Golden State": Well, that's long been the nickname of my home state. It's always nice to visit my Dad and siblings and to run around my old stomping ground, but I would never move back to California... for myriad reasons. Housing costs are very high, insanely high in many areas... not to mention energy costs. I paid a full dollar more per gallon of gasoline when I was home a couple weeks ago. Electricity and natural gas costs are also much higher than Ohio. My brother shared his latest PG&E utility bill with me. He used half the electricity that I did over the last month... 329 kWh for Peter, compared to 661 kWh for Norbert... and yet paid \$129 versus my \$88. Enclosed is a spreadsheet that compares California and Ohio electricity and natural gas costs.
- Connect GREENE: Enclosed is a letter emailed this week to Fred Cramer, Sugarcreek Township Trustee, in support of federal funding to help pay for the Greene County bike trail enhancements.

FINANCE

- Income Tax Collections: Enclosed is the February report showing that gross receipts are 0.05% below last year, and net receipts are 0.16% above.

- 2.41 Mill Levy: Enclosed is another *DDN* article about our March 19 ballot issue, and also a *Register* letter to the editor. Also enclosed is our letter submitted to the *Oakwood Register* for the March 6 newspaper.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- No report.

LEISURE SERVICES

- Gardner Pool: The pool liner was installed over the past few weeks. It went well.

ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

- Debris Drop-off: Our monthly drop-off event is from 8 – 12 noon tomorrow.

LAW

- No report.

PLANNING & ZONING/PROPERTIES

- March 6 PC Meeting: The Planning Commission will review two applications at their March 6 meeting. The first is to consider proposed text amendments to the sign regulations of the Zoning Code. Rob Jacques will deliver the presentation addressing the regulatory exemption for certain flags and specify a method for calculating sign face area of temporary signs installed as lawn signs. The second application is for a special use permit request for extended evening hours at Insomnia Cookies, 6 Oakwood Ave, Unit C. Enclosed is the information packet for the meeting.
- March BZA: We have no applications, so the March BZA meeting is cancelled. Enclosed is the cancellation memo.
- Home Sales: Enclosed is the list of February sales showing that 79% of the properties sold above appraised value.

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

ENCLOSURE LIST

TENTATIVE AGENDAS FOR MONDAY

TRANSMITTALS NOTED WITHIN NEWSLETTER

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Legislation

Introductions to Legislation

Proclamation

Newly Elected Officials Program

Committee Needs

DDN articles & Flyer re: Solar Eclipse

Register article re: Green Oakwood

Electricity/Gas Spreadsheet

Connect GREENE Letter

Income Tax Collections

DDN & *Register* articles and Letter re: 2.41 Mill Levy

March 6 PC Memo

March BZA Cancellation Memo

February Home Sales

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COUNCIL AGENDA
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NEXT REGULAR SESSION SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1, 2024

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 - Court Liaison, Mrs. Turben
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Law & Minutes, Mrs. Jackson
 - Planning & Zoning, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Public Properties, Mrs. Turben
 - Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
 - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - Streets & Alleys, Mr. Stephens
 - Community Relations/Promotion/Appointments, Mayor Duncan
- REGIONAL AGENCIES
 - MVCC, Mr. Stephens
 - MVRPC, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Mayors & Managers, Mayor Duncan
 - First Suburbs, Vice Mayor Byington
- BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
 - Planning Commission, Vice Mayor Byington
 - Beautification Committee, Mr. Stephens
 - Sister City Association, Mrs. Turben
 - Historical Society, Mrs. Jackson
 - Board of Health, Mayor Duncan
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - March 11 Work Session

MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 5, 2024

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session on Monday, February 5, 2024 in the second-floor meeting room at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the City, William Duncan, presided.

Council members in attendance were William Duncan, Steve Byington, Rob Stephens, Leigh Turben and Healy Jackson. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch, Law Director Rob Jacques and Leisure Services Director Carol Collins.

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

- **STATUS REPORTS:**
 - 2024 State of the City Address: Mayor Duncan noted that he will deliver the 2024 Address at the regular session this evening.
 - Citizen Committee Appointments: Mayor Duncan mentioned that he will call for a vote at the regular session this evening to make several appointments and reappointments.
 - Council Policy Update: Mayor Duncan stated that he will call for a vote at the regular session this evening to adopt a new policy addressing work sessions and executive sessions.
- **VISITORS:** None scheduled.
- **LEGISLATION:** Council discussed the following legislation scheduled for presentation at the regular session this evening:
 - An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 1313 Far Hills Avenue, Vice Mayor Byington
 - A Resolution to support appointments to the Countywide 9-1-1 Program Review Committee, Mr. Stephens
 - An Ordinance to provide a supplemental appropriation to purchase a power load cot for Medic 27, Vice Mayor Byington
- **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**
 - Court Liaison, Mrs. Turben
 - Fees and Court Costs: Mr. Klopsch commented on a survey staff conducted of fees and court costs in Dayton area courts to see if Oakwood increases are warranted.
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - 2.41 Mill Levy: Mr. Klopsch noted that the letter from the Budget Review Committee promoting the March 19 ballot issue will be sent to the printer either tomorrow or Wednesday and will be mailed to all Oakwood residential and business addresses around February 19.
 - Public Utilities/Waterworks/Sewer, Mrs. Turben
 - Trash and Recycling Containers in Business District: Mr. Klopsch provided an update on staff's plan to refurbish the existing trash cans and convert some of them to recycle cans.

- **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

- Beautification Committee, Mr. Stephens
 - Annual Beautification Awards: Mr. Klopsch noted that the Beautification Committee is now overseeing the Beautification Awards Program, rather than the Property Maintenance Board.

- **MISCELLANEOUS**

- EA Wellness Program: Mr. Klopsch commented on a new program that Employers' Association (EA) Wellness, in cooperation with Medical Mutual, the health insurance company for city employees, is implementing to help improve employees' physical and mental well-being and also to help individual workers overcome specific health-related problems.

At 6:47 p.m., Council moved to an executive session for property matters.

At 7:24 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session and Council moved to regular session.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

CITY OF OAKWOOD
STATE OF OHIO
FEBRUARY 5, 2024

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

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

The Mayor, Mr. William Duncan, presided, and the Clerk, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded. Mayor Duncan asked all present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....PRESENT
MR. STEVEN BYINGTONPRESENT
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENS.....PRESENT
MRS. LEIGH TURBENPRESENT
MRS. HEALY JACKSON.....PRESENT

Officers of the City present were the following:

Mr. Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
Ms. Carol Collins, Leisure Services Director
Chief Alan Hill, Public Safety Director
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following in-person visitors registered:

Brian Barr, *Oakwood Register*
Rose Lounsbury, 222 Wonderly Avenue

There were no Zoom visitors in attendance.

Mrs. Jackson advised Council she had read the meeting minutes of the January 2, 2024 regular session and work session, and January 22, 2024 work session. Mrs. Jackson reported she found the minutes correct and complete. Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Jackson and seconded by Mrs. Turben that the minutes of the sessions of Council aforementioned be approved as written and the reading thereof at this session be dispensed with. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

STATUS REPORTS

2024 State of the City Address – Mayor Duncan gave the following address:

“Members of City Council, honored guests, City staff and citizens of Oakwood:

Oakwood continues to be “The Premier Residential Community in the Dayton and Miami Valley Region.” Why is Oakwood the region’s premier residential community? It is simple. It is our neighborhoods, our schools and library, city services, public safety, recreation and leisure; but most of all it is our citizens. If this sounds familiar to you it should. It was the opening paragraph in my first “State of the City Address” in 2010. It was true then and it is still true today.

In November, Steve Byington and I were re-elected to Oakwood City Council. Vice Mayor Byington begins his 17th year on Oakwood City Council and his 15th year as our Vice Mayor. I begin my 21st year on Oakwood City Council and my 15th year as your Mayor. We are deeply honored for the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of Oakwood. Joining us, as a newly elected member of City Council, is Healy Jackson. Healy is a long-time Oakwood resident and civic volunteer. She previously served on the Wright Library Foundation Board and has served on our City Planning Commission since 2010. We are happy to continue our service along with existing council members Rob Stephens and Leigh Turben. Rob begins his 15th year and Leigh begins her 4th year on City Council.

Healy Jackson replaced councilmember Anne Hilton who completed 14 years of service to the citizens of Oakwood in 2023. We honored her last month with a resolution listing all of the significant projects that occurred during her term in office. I will not recite all of these projects here, but I need to state the following regarding her service to Oakwood as noted in our resolution.

“Anne consistently based her public policy decisions on what was best for the community, yet always heavily considered the impact of those decisions on individual Oakwood citizens, businesses and on Oakwood neighborhoods; Anne distinguished herself through her consistent willingness to hear from any and all citizens, for as long as necessary, in order to provide everyone the opportunity to express their feelings and opinions on issues; and she always made decisions that recognized the reality and necessity of change yet stressed the importance of retaining the charm and storied history of our unique community.”

Anne will continue to be ‘Round Town as they say in The Oakwood Register. So, when you see her, please thank Anne for her many years of service to our community.

Schools/Library

Debbie DiLorenzo and Nathan Reiter were elected to the Oakwood City School Board. Ms. DiLorenzo is also a long-time resident of Oakwood and a community volunteer. Mr. Reiter is a former educator teaching English as a Second Language in Bellbrook and the Columbus area. The school board named Dr. Neil Gupta as its Superintendent. Dr. Gupta graduated from Miami University and received his master’s degree and doctorate from Ashland University. He has over 20 years of educational experience. City Council and city staff look forward to continuing our cooperative relationship with Oakwood City Schools.

Yes, they did it again. The OHS Academic Decathlon team won the Division III National Championship for the 11th year in a row. This scholastic competition is unique because the team is tested in art, social science, economics, language and literature, mathematics, music and science and participates in judged events in speech, interview and essay. Congratulations to all the students and advisor Lori Morris, now in her 18th year as coach. She deserves major kudos for her efforts on behalf of our students.

Congratulations are also in order to OHS senior, Bella Butler, the new State champion in the 1,600-meter and the 3,200-meter run.

Construction began on the Rick and Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing at Oakwood High School and Oakwood Junior High School. The wing is the result of the Flourish campaign for Visual & Performing Arts by the Oakwood Schools Foundation. We look forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony later this week.

Wright Memorial Public Library celebrated its 84th anniversary. Under the leadership of Director, Kristi Hale, it is one of the most heavily used libraries in the county. Their Foundation reported a record annual fundraising campaign in 2023. Our community is blessed to have a significant number of generous donors and volunteers supporting our schools and library.

City Services

The primary purpose of local government is to provide for public safety, refuse services, water and sewer services and other governmental and infrastructure services. We also have the obligation to create a community ambience that encourages citizens to want to live in our fine community.

Public Safety

Formed in 1927, our public safety department is the second oldest consolidated department in the United States. It is unique because all our officers are cross-trained and state-certified in law enforcement, firefighting and emergency medical services. Our first officer on scene response time for any emergency is two minutes, by far the fastest in the region. Our fire engine response time is 4.5 minutes; the national standard is 6 minutes. Our medic response time is 3.5 minutes; the national standard is 12 minutes. Oakwood has the lowest crime rate and fire loss in Montgomery County.

Under the leadership of Oakwood Public Safety Chief Alan Hill, we have the best group of public safety officers in our history. All four of our Public Safety Lieutenants have now graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC). PELC is a three-month leadership development program consisting of 105 class hours, covering 20+ leadership topics, 20 required readings, four research papers, three team projects, two speeches, and one capstone presentation. Congratulations to all of our Lieutenants.

We offered our sixth annual Citizens Police Academy (CPA). Chief Hill describes the program as a unique opportunity for citizens to better understand the job of a public safety officer and serve as a way for Safety Department personnel to hear the needs and

expectations of the community. Graduates of the Academy have been very impressed with the professionalism of our Public Safety personnel.

Public Works

Public Works is often overlooked in our city as people take most of these services for granted. They should not!

Our public works employees handle our weekly household waste collection and disposal, our comprehensive recycling program, special pickup program, year around yard debris pickup, a dumpster program, fall leaf pickup and a spring mulch delivery program. They also provide routine repair of our asphalt and concrete streets and alleys, provide snow and ice removal and maintain our traffic signals and street signs.

Public Works staff also operates our water system, sanitary sewers and storm sewers. They are on call 24/7 for storm events, snow events and water main and other broken pipe events. Please thank them for their service to our city.

Leisure Services

Where else will you find in a community of 2.2 square miles the parks, gardens and green space found in Oakwood?

We offer four neighborhood parks, Cook Park, Fairridge Park, Orchardly Park and Shafor Park. Our natural areas include Loy Gardens, Elizabeth Gardens, Houk Stream and Centennial Park. Our recreation facilities include the Oakwood Community Center and Gardner Pool, the Dog Park at Creager Field, Irving Field, Hollinger Memorial Tennis Center, Old River Sports Complex and Mack Hummon Stadium.

Oakwood also features beautiful public gardens including Smith Gardens, donated to our city 50 years ago, and Francine's Garden. We have been Tree City USA for 41 years as designated the National Arbor Day Foundation and have planted over 3,200 trees through our Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting program. We also sponsor numerous community events including the New Resident Breakfast, the Ice Cream Social, the Family Fall Festival and the Holiday of Lights.

Financial Stewardship

Under the leadership of City Council, our outstanding city staff and the advice and counsel of our 34-member citizen Budget Review Committee, we met the challenges to our financial stability.

In 2024 we expect our expenses will exceed our revenues by \$1.3 million. This is primarily due to the expiration of our 3.75 mill property tax levy. We expect our replacement levy will address this shortfall. Our major capital expenditure in 2024 is the Far Hills Avenue Resurfacing Project. This \$1.5 million project will be paid 80% by ODOT and 20% by the city.

In 2024 we raised our water rates for the first time in seven years. Prior to this increase we had the 3rd lowest water rates in the area. Even with our 2024 increase, our water rates are still one of the lowest of any jurisdiction in the region.

We plan to have a 2.41 mill property tax replacement levy on the ballot this March. This levy will generate about \$1.1million annually for city services and replaces a levy that was last renewed by our voters with a 70% yes vote in 2018. Our Budget Review Committee and all of us on City Council support your "YES" vote on this issue. And, as you know, only 5.6% of your property taxes go for city services. The remainder goes to Oakwood Schools, Montgomery County agencies and Wright Library. The election is on March 19, 2024 and early voting begins on February 21, 2024.

Maintaining our city infrastructure, both above and below ground, is a top priority of City Council and city staff. Given the age of our city, we recognize the importance of regularly investing in infrastructure capital improvements projects.

Well Governed, Well Managed and Financially Strong

The excellent services provided by our public safety, leisure services and public works departments would not occur if not for the leadership of City Manager Norbert Klopsch. He is recognized throughout the region as an outstanding city manager. He has served our city for 32 years including the last 22 years as our City Manager. He is blessed with an outstanding group of department directors.

Members of City Council are also active in the Miami Valley. I serve our region as a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Dayton Mayors and Managers Association and formerly served as the President of the Association. I also serve on the Montgomery County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Solid Waste Management Policy Committee. Steve represents our city at the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and the First Suburbs Consortium. Rob represents our city on the Miami Valley Communications Council (MVCC) and recently served as the Chair of MVCC. Leigh is our city liaison to the Oakwood Sister City Association. Healy is our city liaison to the Oakwood Historical Society.

This Council, like those that preceded it, operates in a collegial style and everyone believes in doing the right thing for the citizens of Oakwood. We listen to one another, no one has hidden agendas, and we believe in community service.

When I joined City Council in 2003, it was my belief that Oakwood was well governed, well managed and financially strong. I still hold that belief and will continue this tradition. With the help of City Council, city staff and the citizens of Oakwood, we will continue to be well governed, well managed and financially strong.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you.”

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

The appointment of Kevin Hill to the Planning Commission and Christine Yankel to the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the reappointment of Dr. Tom Hardy to the ADA Compliance Committee; Katy Dalrymple and Nancy Drozd to the Beautification Committee; Nick Endsley to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Dave Dickerson (Precinct B), Jeff Woeste (Precinct B), William Meyer (Precinct F), Bill Rieger (Precinct F), John Gray (Precinct G), Beth Ritzert (Precinct G), Mike Ruetschle (Precinct H) and Mark Risley (Precinct H) to the Budget Review Committee; and Kathy Luckett to the Property Maintenance Board.

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

Council Policy Update – Mayor Duncan explained that there is a proposed council policy update addressing the process for setting agendas for Council work sessions and executive sessions. Council policies provide guidance to city council, staff and residents on various matters. Policy updates are considered procedural and are adopted by motion rather than legislative action. City Council reviewed the update in a public work session prior to tonight’s regular session.

It was moved by Mayor Duncan and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the policy update be approved. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

VISITORS

Rose Lounsbury, 222 Wonderly Avenue, shared that she will be a candidate on the March 19 ballot for Ohio House of Representatives in District 36, which includes all of Oakwood, Kettering, Riverside, East Dayton, and downtown Dayton. She has been an Oakwood resident for almost 20 years and has fourteen-year-old triplets who attend Oakwood Schools. She mentioned that her main focus is to make sure public schools in Ohio remain well-funded, preserve democratic values, and secure voting rights for all Ohioans. She said that she looks forward to working with Council and encouraged people to contact her with any questions.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE

BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON

NO 4992

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN
REAL PROPERTY WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL
PURPOSES.

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

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this is the second reading of an ordinance to authorize the sale of 1313 Far Hills Avenue.

A few years ago, the city acquired a single-family home located at 1313 Far Hills Avenue. At the time the city was in the planning stages of the 2023 Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project, and an important section of failing pipe was located directly beneath that house. The house had to be demolished to facilitate the project, which has been ongoing for the last few months.

In planning the project, the replacement pipe was engineered and designed in such a way as to ensure that 1313 Far Hills could be reused as a single-family home site. Council believes that is the appropriate use for this property because it allows the city to partially recoup public funds invested to purchase and demolish the home. The existing use of adjacent properties and the mid-block location of 1313 Far Hills also make it appropriate for single-family use.

This ordinance will authorize the City Manager to sell the property at fair market value for residential use upon the conclusion of this major storm sewer project.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mr. Stephens that the ordinance be passed.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTONYEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENSYEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBENYEA
MRS. HEALY JACKSON.....YEA

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

A RESOLUTION
BY MR. STEPHENS NO 1918
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM D. DUNCAN TO THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE
PURSUANT TO SECTION 128.06(A)(5) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

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

Mr. Stephens explained that State law requires every county to have a 9-1-1 Program Review Committee. The purpose of the committee is to adopt and implement a plan for operation and support of the countywide 9-1-1 system, and to update the plan from time to time.

The composition of Montgomery County’s committee is mandated by Section 128.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. It must consist of six voting members. One of these must be a member of the legislative authority of a municipal corporation in the county; in other words, a member of a city or village council from somewhere within Montgomery County. That person must be selected by a majority of all city and village councils within Montgomery County.

Oakwood’s Mayor, Bill Duncan, has offered to serve on the 9-1-1 Program Review Committee, and Centerville’s Mayor, Brooks Compton, has offered to serve as his alternate. The resolution being introduced would appoint them both: Mayor Duncan as the committee member and Mayor Compton as the alternate. A similar resolution is being introduced by other councils throughout Montgomery County and hope to see these appointments to the 9-1-1 Program Review Committee confirmed very soon.

Thereupon, it was moved by Mr. Stephens and seconded by Vice Mayor Byington that the resolution be passed.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTONYEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENSYEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBENYEA
MRS. HEALY JACKSON.....YEA

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

AN ORDINANCE
BY VICE MAYOR BYINGTON NO 4993
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION I, 2024 ORIGINAL
APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 4985, AND ANY EXISTING
SUPPLEMENTS THERETO, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION
OF:

- 1. AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$40,000 TO BE EXPENDED FROM
THE GENERAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A POWER COT FOR MEDIC 27.

FOR THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

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

Vice Mayor Byington explained that this is a supplemental appropriation ordinance to make funds available for an equipment purchase that was not included in the 2024 budget.

In December of last year, the Public Safety Department applied for a grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. If approved, the grant was intended to purchase a power load cot system for one of our ambulances, Medic 27.

Due to the timing of the grant application, the power load cot system was not included in the 2024 budget. It was uncertain whether a grant would be awarded and if so, the amount that might be approved. However, the Public Safety Department was awarded and recently received the maximum grant available, which is \$40,000.

In order to proceed with this purchase, Council needs to appropriate the \$40,000 from the General Equipment Replacement Fund.

Thereupon, it was moved by Vice Mayor Byington and seconded by Mrs. Turben that the second reading be waived and that the ordinance be passed tonight.

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

MR. WILLIAM D. DUNCAN.....YEA
MR. STEVEN BYINGTON.....YEA
MR. ROBERT P. STEPHENSYEA
MRS. LEIGH TURBENYEA
MRS. HEALY JACKSON.....YEA

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

STAFF REPORT

Public Safety Department Presentation: Chief Alan Hill, Public Safety Director, referenced a PowerPoint presentation and updated Council on the following topics: Crime Statistics; EMS Trends; Fire Trends; Personnel Changes; In-service Training Program; the Citizen Police Academy; Medic 26 Replacement and Public Right-of-way Management.

Chief Hill shared that the city of Oakwood continues to be one of the safest communities in the area and experienced a significant reduction of Part I crimes in 2023. The number of fraud and forgery cases decreased because people are doing a better job protecting their personal information.

In 2023, Oakwood experienced a 23% decrease in reported larceny offenses while at the same time achieving a clearance rate of 84.7%, which is well above the national average of 22%.

A few years ago, Oakwood and the Dayton region experienced a significant increase in auto thefts. There were 16 total reported auto thefts in 2023 and the normal yearly average is around two. The majority of the vehicles were unlocked with keys inside the vehicle. These vehicles were easy targets that did not require the use of forced entry.

The Oakwood Public Safety Department continues to have very low numbers of use of force incidents, which is a testament to the professionalism and de-escalation skills of Oakwood’s Public Safety Officers.

There was a slight increase in traffic accidents in 2023, but a decrease in injuries. Most of the accidents involved assured cleared distance, failure to control and failure to yield. The department will focus on reducing accidents causing injury.

There was a slight decrease in medic runs in 2023 compared to last year, including Oakwood's mutual aid medic run requests to other jurisdictions. There was just one mutual aid medic response to Oakwood from other jurisdictions in 2023.

The Oakwood Public Safety Department experienced a higher fire loss than in years past primarily due to a garage fire that resulted in a complete loss, including two vehicles. The Oakwood Public Safety Department continues to maintain an exceptional fire response time that is well below the national average.

Public Safety Department Administrative Assistant Candy Holloway was hired on August 28, 2023. Public Safety Officer Dustin Mitchell was hired on June 12, 2023.

The Oakwood Public Safety Department has a comprehensive in-service training program covering all three disciplines. Over the past five years, the department has averaged 3,670 hours of in-service training annually. The training is done through online continuing education, classroom training and practical training exercises.

In 2023, all certified peace officers in the state of Ohio received 24 hours of mandated training on the following topics: School Threat and Safety Training; Legal Updates; Arrest, Search and Seizure; Officer Wellness; OVI Training; Use of Force; Report Writing; Community Diversity and Procedural Justice; and Ethics and Professionalism.

The Oakwood Public Safety Department hosted its sixth Citizens Police Academy (CPA) in 2023. The CPA is a great program for citizens, as well as the Safety Department. The CPA is free of charge, and the next academy is scheduled for the fall of 2024.

A new ambulance should arrive later this summer to replace Medic 26 which has reached the end of its service life as a primary medic vehicle. Medic 26 will serve as a backup ambulance when the new ambulance is in service.

Chief Hill reviewed the guidelines for obstructions in the public rights-of-way including streets, alleys and sidewalks. Obstructions of any kind should not be placed in the street, alley, or sidewalk without proper authorization. Some typical obstructions that the Public Safety Department comes across are traffic cones to secure an area for parking, basketball hoops, children-at-play signs, and yard debris. Objects of any kind in the roadway, alley, or sidewalk create hazards and are prohibited. The Public Safety Department will remove any items in the public right-of-way, including political and garage sale signs.

Vice Mayor Byington asked for an update on the purchase of an all-electric police vehicle.

Chief Hill explained that in late December of last year, Chevy suspended production of the Chevy EV Blazer due to a computer software issue. The anticipated delivery of the vehicles was in April/May of this year, but the timeline may be pushed back depending on when production resumes.

Mrs. Turben asked for the EMS average response time.

Chief Hill shared that in 2023, the first cruiser arrived on the scene in 2 minutes and the medic unit arrived on the scene in 4.5 minutes. He noted that the first officer arriving on the scene was medically trained and equipped to handle medical events.

Mrs. Turben asked what constitutes a "clearance."

Chief Hill explained that a clearance is when an offense can be closed or cleared either by arrest or by other exceptional means.

Mayor Duncan and City Council thanked Chief Hill for the presentation.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS – Mr. Klopsch reported on the following:

City staff is working on the 2023 Annual Report. The report will be delivered to every property owner and business in Oakwood at the end of March or early April.

The city website continues to be a great resource with a lot of good information.

The 2023 budget book is available on the city website. The budget book contains valuable information about all matters related to city finances.

The pavement resurfacing project on Far Hills Avenue was successfully bid by the Ohio Department of Transportation a week ago. The project will be awarded to Barrett Paving. The entire length of Far Hills Avenue within Oakwood is scheduled to be repaved this year. In preparation for the work, RTA is removing the overhead trolley wiring over the next few weeks.

The annual Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project will take place in the Far Hills Avenue Business District and is currently out to bid.

Mr. Stephens asked if the work along Far Hills Avenue was delayed due to the weather.

Mr. Klopsch shared that the temperature must be at least forty degrees and rising to pour concrete. The final stormwater inlet work was completed today on Park Avenue and Far Hills Avenue, and all of the curb work along Far Hills Avenue was completed a few weeks ago. Some storm sewer work remains and will be completed when the weather improves.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Jackson mentioned that January was school board member appreciation month. Although it is February, it is not too late to acknowledge the contribution these volunteers make to our community. She suggested that people show their appreciation of Oakwood Schools by attending the community meetings that Dr. Gupta scheduled to involve citizens in the strategic planning process. The next meeting is at 9 a.m. this Thursday at the Oakwood Community Center. Mrs. Jackson noted that she attended the naturalization ceremony that took place at the Oakwood High School last month. She was inspired by the new US citizens and pointed out that an Oakwood resident, Carol Enns, became a US citizen that day.

Vice Mayor Byington commended Mayor Duncan on another fantastic State of the City address.

Mayor Duncan shared that when he joined Council, former Mayor Judy Cook suggested that he become familiar with and speak about Oakwood community ambience. He did not understand what that meant at the time, but now he does.

The public meeting concluded at 8:32 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF COUNCIL

**MINUTES
OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

The Council of the city of Oakwood, Ohio met in a work session on Monday, February 26, 2024 in the second-floor meeting room at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The Mayor of the City, William Duncan, presided.

Council members in attendance were Mayor William Duncan, Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Councilmember Rob Stephens, Councilmember Leigh Turben and Councilmember Healy Jackson. Staff in attendance were City Manager Norbert Klopsch, City Attorney Rob Jacques, Finance Director Cindy Stafford, Public Safety Director Alan Hill, Public Works Director Doug Spitler and IT Consultant Mark Flannery.

Mayor Duncan called the work session to order at 5 p.m. and Council entered executive session for security arrangements. At 6:10 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session for security arrangements and Mrs. Stafford, Mr. Spitler and Mr. Flannery departed the meeting.

At 6:11 p.m., Council entered executive session for property matters. Chief Hill departed the meeting at 6:20 p.m. At 6:42 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the executive session for property matters and Council entered work session. Thereafter, Mayor Duncan led a discussion on the following agenda items:

- COUNCIL COMMITTEES
 - Court Liaison, Mrs. Turben
 - Court Fees and Costs: Mr. Jacques reviewed a spreadsheet providing a comparison of Dayton area municipal court fees and costs.
 - Finance, Vice Mayor Byington
 - 2.41 Mill Levy: Mr. Klopsch commented on the BRC letter delivered to all Oakwood addresses on or about February 19 and the message from City Council to be printed in the March 6 *Oakwood Register*.
 - Safety & Traffic, Mr. Stephens
 - 9-1-1 Program Review Committee: Mr. Klopsch discussed the newly appointed Montgomery County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee and noted that the committee approved a new 9-1-1 plan last Friday that mirrors the current plan. The plan limits distribution of state-collected 9-1-1 revenue to three PSAPs in Montgomery County... the Regional Dispatch Center, Kettering and Huber Heights. The committee will discuss alternate plans for distributing the revenue at a future meeting.
- MISCELLANEOUS
 - Connect GREENE Initiative: Mayor Duncan commented on a request for a letter of support of a Connect GREENE initiative, which entails a grant application being submitted by multiple Greene County, Ohio jurisdictions for several projects including the extension of the Greene County bike trail. Mr. Klopsch will send a letter of support for the initiative.
 - Miami Conservancy District: Mr. Klopsch noted that a representative from the Miami Conservancy District will attend the March 11 work session to provide an update on their Readjustment of Appraisal of Benefits for our Flood Protection System.

At 7:24 p.m., Mayor Duncan concluded the work session and adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

A RESOLUTION

BY: _____

NO. _____

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

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

SECTION I.

That it is necessary to improve the following streets in the City of Oakwood, Ohio:

That street listing is set forth in Exhibit A which is attached to and made a part of this Resolution by such physical attachment as well as by the doctrine of incorporation by reference.

SECTION II.

That said streets shall be improved as shown on the plans and specifications hereinafter referred to and now on file in the office of the Clerk of Council, which are made a part hereof, by lighting the same with electricity for a period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

SECTION III.

It is hereby determined and declared that said improvement is conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare of said City and the inhabitants thereof. It is further determined that such streets are so situated in relation to each other that in order to complete the improvement thereof in the most practical and economical manner, they should be improved at the same time, with the same kind of materials, and in the same manner.

SECTION IV.

That the plans, specifications, estimate of cost and profiles of the proposed improvements, heretofore prepared and now on file in the office of the Clerk of Council, are hereby approved.

SECTION V.

That the whole cost of said improvement, less one-fiftieth thereof and the costs of street lighting in intersections, shall be assessed in proportion to the benefits which may result from the improvement upon the following described lots and lands, to wit: all lots and lands bounding and abutting upon the proposed improvement between the termini aforesaid, which said lots and lands are hereby determined to be specially benefited by said improvement. The cost of said improvement shall include the cost of preliminary and other surveys, plans, specifications, profiles and estimates and of printing, serving and publishing notices, resolutions, and ordinances, the amount of damages resulting from the improvement assessed in favor of any owner of land affected by the improvement and the interest thereon, the costs incurred in connection with the preparation, levy and collection of the special assessments, the cost of purchasing, appropriating and otherwise acquiring therefore any required real estate or interest therein, expenses of legal services including obtaining an approving legal opinion, cost of labor and material and interest on bonds and notes issued in anticipation of the levy and collection of the special assessments together with all other necessary expenditures.

SECTION VI.

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file or cause to be prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk of Council the estimated assessments of the cost of the improvement described in this Resolution. Such estimated assessments shall be based upon the estimate of cost of said improvement now on file in the office of the Clerk of Council and shall be prepared pursuant to the provisions of this Resolution. When such estimated assessments have been so filed, said Clerk of Council shall cause notice of the adoption of this Resolution and filing of said estimated assessments to be given to owners of all lots and lands to be assessed as proved in Section 727.14 of the Revised Code.

SECTION VII.

That the assessments to be levied shall be paid in one annual installment; provided that the owner of any property assessed may, at his option, pay such assessment in cash within thirty days after passage of the assessing ordinance.

SECTION VIII.

That the bonds of the city shall not be issued in anticipation of the collection of assessments by installments.

SECTION IX.

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

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL this 4th day March, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

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

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

LEGAL NOTICE

Resolution No. _____ of the Council of the City of Oakwood, Ohio entitled “DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CERTAIN STREETS BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE SAME WITH ELECTRICITY,” was passed the 4th day of March, 2024.

Lori Stacel
CLERK OF COUNCIL

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

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

Lori Stacel
Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT A

STREET	FROM	TO
ABERDEEN AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
ACACIA DRIVE	Irving Avenue	Schantz Avenue
ACORN DRIVE	Part Lot 2697	Shroyer Road
ALPINE LANE (North Side)	Hillview Avenue	Fairmont Avenue
ASCENT CIRCLE	Pointe Oakwood Way	Old River Trail
ASHRIDGE ROAD	Far Hills Avenue	Devereux Avenue
BEVERLY PLACE	Far Hills Avenue	Acorn Drive
BRIAR HILL ROAD	Park Avenue	Part Lot 93
BROAD BOULEVARD	Shroyer Road	E. Corporation Line
CATON DRIVE	Volusia Avenue	Schantz Avenue
CLARANNA AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
COLLINGWOOD AVENUE	Schantz Avenue	Acorn Drive
COOLIDGE DRIVE	Park Road	Peach Orchard Road
CORONA AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
DEEP HOLLOW ROAD	Ridgeway Road	Oak Knoll Drive
DELAINE AVENUE	Acorn Drive	S. Corporation Line
DELL PARK AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue	Fairmont Avenue
DELLWOOD AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue	Acorn Drive
DEVEREUX DRIVE	Raleigh Road	Forrer Road
DIXON AVENUE (E. & W.)	Runnymede Road	Acorn Drive
EAST DRIVE	Far Hills Avenue	E. Corporation Line
FAIRMONT AVENUE	Alpine Lane	S. Corporation Line
FAIRFOREST CIRCLE	Ridgeway Road	Westerly Terminus
FAR HILLS AVENUE	N. Corporation Line	S. Corporation Line
FORRER BOULEVARD	Far Hills Avenue	E. Corporation Line
FORRER ROAD	Far Hills Avenue	Ridgeway Road
GARDEN AVENUE	Patterson Road	Lookout Drive
GLENDORA AVENUE	Lookout Drive	N. Corporation Line
GRANDON ROAD	Far Hills Avenue	Ridgeway Road
GREENMOUNT BOULEVARD	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
HADLEY AVENUE (E.)	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
HADLEY ROAD (W.)	Far Hills Avenue	Ridgeway Road
HARMAN AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue, N. Term.	Far Hills Ave., S. Term.
HARMAN BOULEVARD	Shafor Boulevard	Acorn Drive
HARMAN TERRACE	Harman Avenue	Alley North of Dixon
HATHAWAY ROAD	Part Lot 2697	S. Corporation Line
HAVER ROAD	Rubicon Road	Kramer Road
HILLTOP AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue	Fairmont Avenue
HILLVIEW AVENUE	Alpine Lane	S. Corporation Line
IRVING AVENUE	Oakwood Avenue	E. Corporation Line
IVANHOE AVENUE	E. Thruston Boulevard	Collingwood Avenue
KATHERINE STREET	Oakwood Avenue	Runnymede Road
KATHERINE TERRACE	Runnymede Road	Westerly Terminus
KRAMER ROAD	Schantz Avenue, W.	W. Corporation Line
LEDGES TRAIL	Pointe Oakwood Way	West Terminus
LITTLE WOODS ROAD	Runnymede Road	East Terminus
LONSDALE AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
LOOKOUT DRIVE	E. Thruston Boulevard	Schantz Avenue
LOOKOUT RIDGE	Lookout Drive	Northeasterly Term.
MAHRT AVENUE	Irving Avenue	Schantz Avenue
MAYSFIELD ROAD	Schantz Avenue, W.	Southview Road
MONTERAY AVENUE (E.)	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
MONTERAY ROAD (W.)	Far Hills Avenue	Coolidge Drive
NORTHVIEW ROAD	Rubicon Road	Kramer Road
OAK FOREST DRIVE	Hathaway Road	Acorn Drive

STREET	FROM	TO
OAK KNOLL DRIVE	Far Hills Avenue	W. Corporation Line
OAKMEAD PLACE	Runnymede Road	Easterly Terminus
OAKWOOD AVENUE	Irving Avenue	Ridgeway Road
OLD RIVER TRAIL	Far Hills Avenue	Westerly Terminus
ORCHARD DRIVE	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
ORLANDO TERRACE	Mahrt Avenue	Acacia Drive
PARK AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue	Oakwood Avenue
PARK ROAD	Far Hills Avenue	W. Corporation Line
PATTERSON ROAD	Far Hills Avenue	E. Corporation Line
PEACH ORCHARD AVENUE (E.)	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
PEACH ORCHARD ROAD (W.)	Far Hills Avenue	Ridgeway Road
POINTE OAKWOOD WAY	Old River Trail	Southerly Terminus
RALEIGH ROAD	Harman Avenue	Ridgeway Road
RIDGEWAY ROAD	Harman Avenue	S. Corporation Line
RIDGEWOOD AVENUE	Oakwood Avenue	Schantz Avenue
ROANOKE AVENUE	Alpine Lane	S. Corporation Line
RUBICON ROAD	Springhouse Road	Thruston Boulevard
RUNNYMEDE LANE	Runnymede Road	Westerly Terminus
RUNNYMEDE ROAD	Thruston Boulevard	S. Corporation Line
SCHANTZ AVENUE (E.)	Far Hills Avenue	Forrer Boulevard
SCHANTZ AVENUE (W.)	Far Hills Avenue	W. Corporation Line
SCHENCK AVENUE	Oakwood Avenue	Schantz Avenue
SHAFOR BOULEVARD	Irving Avenue	S. Corporation Line
SHAFOR CIRCLE	Shafor Boulevard	Lots 3737 & 3738
SHROYER ROAD	N. Corporation Line	S. Corporation Line
SORRENTO AVENUE	E. Schantz Avenue	N. Corporation Line
SOUTHVIEW ROAD	Thruston Boulevard	Kramer Road
SOUTHWOOD LANE (E. & W.)	Grandon Road	Park Road
SPIREA DRIVE	Far Hills Avenue	Acorn Drive
SPRINGGROVE AVENUE	Schenck Avenue	N. Corporation Line
SPRINGHOUSE ROAD	Oakwood Avenue	Far Hills Avenue
SUGAR CAMP CIRCLE	Schantz Avenue, West	Schantz Avenue, West
SWEETWOOD LANE	Runnymede Road	W. Corporation Line
TALBOTT COURT	Runnymede Road	Southerly Terminus
TELFORD AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
THORNHILL ROAD	Oakwood Avenue	Runnymede Road
THRUSTON BOULEVARD (E.)	Far Hills Avenue	Easterly Terminus
THRUSTON BOULEVARD (W.)	Far Hills Avenue	W. Corporation Line
TRIANGLE AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
VOLUSIA AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue	Mahrt Avenue
WALNUT LANE	Oakwood Avenue	Lots 2723 & 2724
WALNUT SPRINGS DRIVE	Runnymede Road	W. Corporation Line
WILTSHIRE BOULEVARD	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
WISTERIA DRIVE	Far Hills Avenue	Acorn Drive
WONDERLY AVENUE	Far Hills Avenue	Shroyer Road
WOODBURN AVENUE	Schantz Avenue	Shafor Boulevard
WOODS ROAD	Patterson Road	Thruston Boulevard
WOODSTOCK DRIVE	Raleigh Road	Forrer Road
WOODVIEW DRIVE	Thruston Boulevard, E.	Collingwood Avenue

AN ORDINANCE

BY: _____

NO. _____

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

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

SECTION 1.

That it is hereby determined to proceed with the improvement in the City of Oakwood of the streets designated, between certain termini set forth, in Resolution No. _____ adopted on the 4th day of March, 2024.

SECTION II.

That said improvement shall be made in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. _____ adopted on the 4th day of March, 2024, and with the plans, specifications, estimate of cost and profiles heretofore approved and now on file in the office of the Clerk of Council by lighting said streets with electricity for a period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

SECTION III.

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

SECTION IV.

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

SECTION V.

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

SECTION VI.

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

SECTION VII.

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

SECTION VIII.

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

PASSED BY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

LEGAL NOTICE

On _____, Council of the City of Oakwood, passed Ordinance No. _____ entitled
“DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS
BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI IN THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO, BY LIGHTING THE
SAME WITH ELECTRICITY.”

Lori Stacel
Clerk of Council
City of Oakwood

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

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

Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

A RESOLUTION

BY: _____

NO. _____

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

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

SECTION I.

That it is necessary to repair sidewalks, curbs, gutters, driveway aprons and appurtenances thereto on Far Hills Avenue, both sides from Peach Orchard Road to south corporation limit; Peach Orchard Road, both sides from Hillview Avenue to Far Hills Avenue; Peach Orchard Avenue, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to public alley east of Far Hills Avenue; Triangle Avenue, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to public alley east of Far Hills Avenue; Hilltop Avenue, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Hillview Avenue; Orchard Drive, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to public alley east of Far Hills Avenue; Wonderly Avenue, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Shafor Boulevard; Dell Park Avenue, both sides from Hillview Avenue to Far Hills Avenue; Claranna Avenue, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Shafor Boulevard; Oak Knoll Drive, both sides from Hillview Avenue to Far Hills Avenue; East Drive, both sides from Far Hills Avenue to Shafor Boulevard.

SECTION II.

That the owners of the lots and lands bounding and abutting upon the sidewalks described in Section I of this Resolution shall repair sidewalks in front of their premises in accordance with the plans and specifications now on file, such sidewalks to be repaired within a period of forty-five (45) days after the service of notice of adoption of this resolution; and, if such sidewalk repair shall not be completed within such period of forty-five (45) days, then this Council shall have the same done and the entire cost thereof shall be assessed upon the property of each defaulting owner and made a lien thereon, to be collected in the manner provided by law, with penalty and interest as provided by law. The cost of said improvement shall include the cost of preliminary and other surveys, plans, specifications, profiles and estimates and of printing, serving and publishing notices, resolutions and ordinances, the cost incurred in connection with the preparation of the levy and collection of the special assessments, expenses of legal services, including obtaining an approving legal opinion, cost of labor and material, and interest on bonds and notes issued in anticipation of the levy and collection of the special assessments, together with all other necessary expenditures.

SECTION III.

That the Clerk of this Council is directed to cause written notice of the adoption of this resolution to be served as required by law.

SECTION IV.

The plans, specifications and estimates of cost for said repair, as above mentioned and heretofore filed, are hereby approved.

SECTION V.

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

SECTION VI.

This resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY COUNCIL this 4th day of March, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:
No publication required.

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

AN ORDINANCE

BY: _____

NO. _____

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

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

SECTION I.

It is hereby determined to proceed with the improvement referred to in the title of this ordinance in accordance with the Resolution of Necessity adopted as No. _____ on the 4th day of March, 2024.

SECTION II.

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

SECTION III.

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

SECTION IV.

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

SECTION V.

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

SECTION VI.

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

SECTION VII.

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

SECTION VIII.

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

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

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

Please publish in summary form set forth below.

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council, City of Oakwood

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

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

Clerk of Council

A RESOLUTION

BY: _____

NO. _____

APPROVING THE COUNTYWIDE 9-1-1 SERVICES FINAL
PLAN AS APPROVED BY THE COUNTYWIDE 9-1-1
PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 128.06, the Countywide 9-1-1 Program Review Committee is required to maintain and amend a final plan for implementing and operating the countywide 9-1-1 system; and

WHEREAS, as provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 128.08(B)(1), the final plan is effective if further approved by the Board of County Commissioners and the legislative authorities of municipal corporations and townships that contain at least sixty percent (60%) of the County's population; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide 9-1-1 Program Review Committee for Montgomery County, Ohio, has unanimously approved the Final Plan for Countywide 9-1-1 Services throughout Montgomery County, and has submitted the same for approval by the Board of County Commissioners and the various municipal and township legislative authorities within Montgomery County;

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

SECTION I.

Council of the city of Oakwood hereby approves the Countywide 9-1-1 Services Final Plan, as approved by the Montgomery County Countywide 9-1-1 Program Review Committee.

SECTION II.

The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution and transmit the same to the Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION III.

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

SECTION IV.

This resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY COUNCIL this 4th day of March, 2024.

Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

No publication required.

City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

**Introductions for Legislation
3/4/2024 Council Meeting**

Mr. Stephens

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

This is an annual resolution that is the first step of our 2025 street lighting program.

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

Motion: I move that Council adopt this resolution.

Mr. Stephens

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

This is an annual ordinance that is the second step of our 2025 street lighting program. It is the ordinance that authorizes the city to proceed with the project.

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

Mr. Stephens

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

This is an annual resolution that is the first step of our 2024 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. This year’s program area covers Far Hills Avenue through our main business district, from Peach Orchard Road to the south corporate limit. It will also include the first block of most of the side streets that intersect with Far Hills Avenue through the business district.

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

Motion: I move that Council adopt this resolution.

Mr. Stephens

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

This is an annual ordinance that is the second step of our 2024 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project. Again, this year’s program area covers Far Hills Avenue through the main business district, from Peach Orchard Road to the south corporate limit, as well as the first block of most of the side streets that intersect with Far Hills Avenue through the business district.

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

Mr. Stephens

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COUNTYWIDE 9-1-1 SERVICES FINAL PLAN AS APPROVED BY THE COUNTYWIDE 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Each county in Ohio is required to develop and implement a plan for the operation of coordinated 9-1-1 services throughout the county. The plan is subject to periodic review and updating, as well as a statutory approval process. That process begins with the six-member Countywide 9-1-1 Program Review Committee. Any updates must be further approved by the Board of County Commissioners as well as municipalities and townships making up at least 60% of the county’s population.

The 9-1-1 Program Review Committee recently approved an updated Final Plan for the operation of 9-1-1 services in Montgomery County. They have sent it to all Montgomery County municipalities and townships, as well as the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, for review and approval. Once approved, it will be filed with the Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office.

The resolution I am introducing will formalize Oakwood’s approval of the plan, allowing it to be submitted to the Ohio 9-1-1 Program Office in time to meet an April filing deadline.

Motion: I move that Council adopt this resolution.



**CITY OF OAKWOOD
PROCLAMATION**

**RECOGNIZING APRIL 7 – APRIL 13, 2024 AS
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

WHEREAS, today's libraries are not just about books but what they do for and with people; and

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, villages, schools and campuses; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs and expertise; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect; and

WHEREAS, libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy; and

WHEREAS, libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues; and

WHEREAS, librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community's needs are being met; and

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

Now, therefore, under the power vested in me, I, William D. Duncan, Mayor of the city of Oakwood, hereby proclaim April 7 – April 13, 2024 as National Library Week, and encourage all residents to visit Wright Memorial Public Library this week and explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the city of Oakwood, this 4th day of March 2024

William D. Duncan
Mayor of Oakwood

ELECTED OFFICIALS PROGRAM

8:00 AM	Opening Remarks
8:10-9:00AM	Council/Manager Form of Govt Wayne Davis Centerville City Manager
9:00-9:45AM	Effective City Council William Duncan Mayor- City of Oakwood
10:00-10:45 AM	Social Media and Collective Bargaining Jonathan Downes, Zashin & Rich
10:45-11:30 AM	Sunshine Laws: Open Meetings and Public Records Jerry McDonald, Pickrel, Schaeffer & Ebeling
11:30-12:30	Lunch Media Relations Kate Bosdorff Centerville Comm. Director

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ELECTED OFFICIALS PROGRAM

12:30-1:00 PM	Ethics in the Public Sector Susan Willeke Ohio Ethics Commission
1:00-1:30 PM	State Legislative Update Executive Director Ken Scarrett Ohio Municipal League
1:30-2:15 PM	Planning & Zoning Keith Johnson Miamisburg City Manager
2:15-2:30 PM	Break
2:30 - 3:15 PM	Economic Development Julie Sullivan- VP Regional Development Dayton Development Coalition Amber Holloway West Carrollton City Manager
3:15-4:00 PM	Government Finance Mark Schwieterman Retired Kettering City Manager

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

2024 COMMITTEE NEEDS

February 5

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Appt</u>	<u>New Term</u>	
					<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
ADA Compliance Committee	3	Tom Hardy	937-307-2008	3/2020	X	
Beautification Committee	3	Katy Dalrymple	937-474-2667	2/2005	X	
		Nancy Drozd	937-294-6266	6/2011	X	
Board of Zoning Appeals	5	Nick Endsley	952-210-7253 937-222-2500 (o)	11/2018	X	
Budget Review	4	(A) Dan Ferneding	937-293-0046 937-294-1755 (o)	2/1996		
		(B) Dave Dickerson	937-294-8451 937-528-4000 (o)	12/1987	X	
		(B) Jeff Woeste	937-299-3400	5/2011	X	
		(F) William Meyer	937-298-9405	5/2011	X	
		(F) Bill Rieger	937-776-5369 937-296-1711	9/2016	X	
		(G) John Gray	937-293-9313 (o)	5/2003	X	
		(G) Beth Ritzert	937-903-0127 937-626-5393	6/2011	X	
		(H) Mike Ruetschle	937-461-5390 (o)	5/2011	X	
		(H) Mark Risley	937-750-3569	6/2016	X	
Property Maintenance Board	5	Kathy Luckett	937-294-8925	3/2008	X	

Planning Commission

Kevin Hill will replace Healy Jackson.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Christine Yankel will replace Kevin Hill.

Paul Kavanaugh will replace Kip Bohachek.

Budget Review Committee

Need new member from Precinct D to replace Heidi Edwards.

THE IMPACT OF APRIL'S ECLIPSE

CORNELIUS FROLIK | STAFF WRITER

More than half a million visitors could be headed to Ohio on April 8 to watch a total eclipse unlike anything seen in the state since 1806, and local jurisdictions are bracing for what some officials believe could be extraordinary traffic snarls and cellular and internet service outages. Local cities, counties and other organizations already are making preparations to try to deal with high traffic volumes and road congestion and poor cellular service and Wi-Fi connectivity because of overtaxed networks.

See ECLIPSE continued on A6

ALSO INSIDE

On April 8, the sun will pull another disappearing act across parts of Mexico, the United States and Canada, turning day into night for as much as 4 minutes, 28 seconds. Several counties will be in full totality. Check out the map on A6. AP

» Your guide to the total solar eclipse in Ohio: Where to watch, safety, events and more. A7

» 'Come early, stay late:' TourismOhio launches interactive map to help people plan their viewing. C3

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Officials say the best things community members can do is avoid traveling that day if possible or plan ahead to avoid getting caught in potentially nerve-wracking or unsafe situations.

"We can't know for sure how many visitors will come to Miami County, but we do know April 8 will not be your typical Monday afternoon in early April," said Joel Smith, director of the Miami County Emergency Management Agency. "We are coordinating with public safety organizations, local jurisdictions, businesses and residents to think about the implications of a surge in visitors and the traffic that will ensue in the hours immediately following the eclipse."



The Boonshoft Museum of Discovery is beginning to sell merchandise in preparation for the total solar eclipse on April 8. In March the museum will have eclipse themed programing along with a planetarium show. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

Once in a lifetime

On April 8, a total solar eclipse will pass over Mexico, the United States and Canada.

This will be a very special occasion. Total eclipses happen somewhere on the Earth on average about once every 1.5 years, but they rarely happen in the contiguous United States, says the Ohio Emergency Management Agency.

The next total solar eclipse visible in Ohio won't take place until 2099.

The total eclipse in the Dayton area will begin at about 3:08 pm and last 2 minutes and 42 seconds, said Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County.

Public Health says large crowds are expected to watch the spectacle, just like they did during a prior eclipse in 2017 that was visible from parts of various states, including Kentucky and Tennessee.

Ohio could see between 150,000 and 575,000 visitors, and the influx of people is expected to create heavy traffic across the state as people travel to the areas of totality prior to the event and then leave those areas to head home afterwards, said Sandra Mackey, public affairs chief with the Ohio EMA.

"While not considered an emergency situation it is a large-scale event we continue to monitor," she said.

The Ohio EMA has been planning for this event since 2021, Mackey said, and the agency has been coordinating with federal, state and local partners.

Ohio EMA will activate the State Emergency Operations Center and the Joint Information Center, she said.

The agency has hosted eclipse planning meetings with county emergency management agencies and coordinates eclipse drills with its partners.

Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County said it's possible there will be traffic jams that last up to 13 hours after the eclipse.

Out-of-town motorists may pack roadways they aren't familiar with, including rural roads, which could cause problems. Cellphone and Wi-Fi services may be impacted by the large crowds, Public Health said.

During the 2017 eclipse event, some gas stations and convenience stores had trouble processing payments because their Wi-Fi networks weren't working. Many people said their cellular, internet and GPS services went down. Some fueling stations ran out of gasoline and their shelves ran low of basic and popular items.

Preparations

Dayton has not discussed making any formal emergency declarations, but the city is working across a variety of departments to ensure the day is safe for everyone, said Toni Bankston, a city spokesperson.

Dayton will have leadership representatives from multiple departments working together in an operations center on the day of the eclipse, including police and fire, said Assistant Chief Brad French with the Dayton Fire Department.

"Staff will continually monitor traffic conditions, resource allocation and responses to any active incidents that occur in the hours before, during and after the eclipse," he said. "While not in the centerline of totality, the city of Dayton is within the totality area and is anticipating a significant increase in visitors."

Montgomery County's emergency operations center will be on standby and ready to go and it may be activated, officials said.

Traffic congestion means longer drive times, and community members should fuel up their vehicles before April 8 whether they plan to travel that day or not because a large number of visitors could trigger a fuel shortage, said Deb Decker, Montgomery County's director of communications.

Traffic headaches

Traffic will be the most likely problem and Interstate 75 southbound is likely to be very congested, said Smith, with the Miami County EMA.

"I think it's safe to say we could see many thousands of visitors in Miami County on April 8," he said.

Miami County EMA is encouraging local organi-

zations to consider ways to reduce traffic on the afternoon of April 8, Smith said.

Some schools are letting out early that day or are canceling classes altogether to try to avoid traffic issues and keep their students safe. Other organizations plan to take similar steps.

Miami County commissioners have decided to close all county offices that are under their jurisdiction on April 8.

Greene County EMA is mainly concerned with increased traffic on local roadways, which could strain local resources such as grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants and emergency services, said Ethan Raby, director of the agency.

Raby said Greene County EMA is encouraging local jurisdictions to plan for traffic congestion and increase staffing for emergency services.

But he said some local communities are used to these kinds of conditions since they host major events each year that draw large crowds, like Hamvention in Xenia and the Yellow Springs Street Fair.

"As for the concern about strained local resources, the EMA encourages local residents to take care of getting groceries, gas and other essentials a few days ahead of the eclipse because we may see a temporary strain or delay in getting these resources on the day of the eclipse," Raby said.

Clark County

Clark County residents can take some preemptive measures to avoid inconveniences and other issues on April 8, said Clark County Emergency Management Agency Director Michelle Clements-Pitstick.

Clements-Pitstick encourages community members to complete errands and fill their gas tanks earlier in the week. She also said people who are traveling on April 8 should not stop on roadways to view the eclipse.

"Proactive measures, such as early booking of accommodations and transportation, and ensuring adequate supplies are on hand, are essential," she said. "Leveraging traffic monitoring tools such as Waze or OHGO, alongside updates from local media and social media channels, will aid in navigating traffic patterns."

Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County recommends that people begin the day with a fully charged mobile phone and that they carry extra powering devices, plus they should have some cash on hand in case credit card readers go down.

Public Health also recommends that people who travel on April 8 stock up on water, medications, snacks and other needed supplies to keep in their vehicles in case there are extended delays on the roadways.

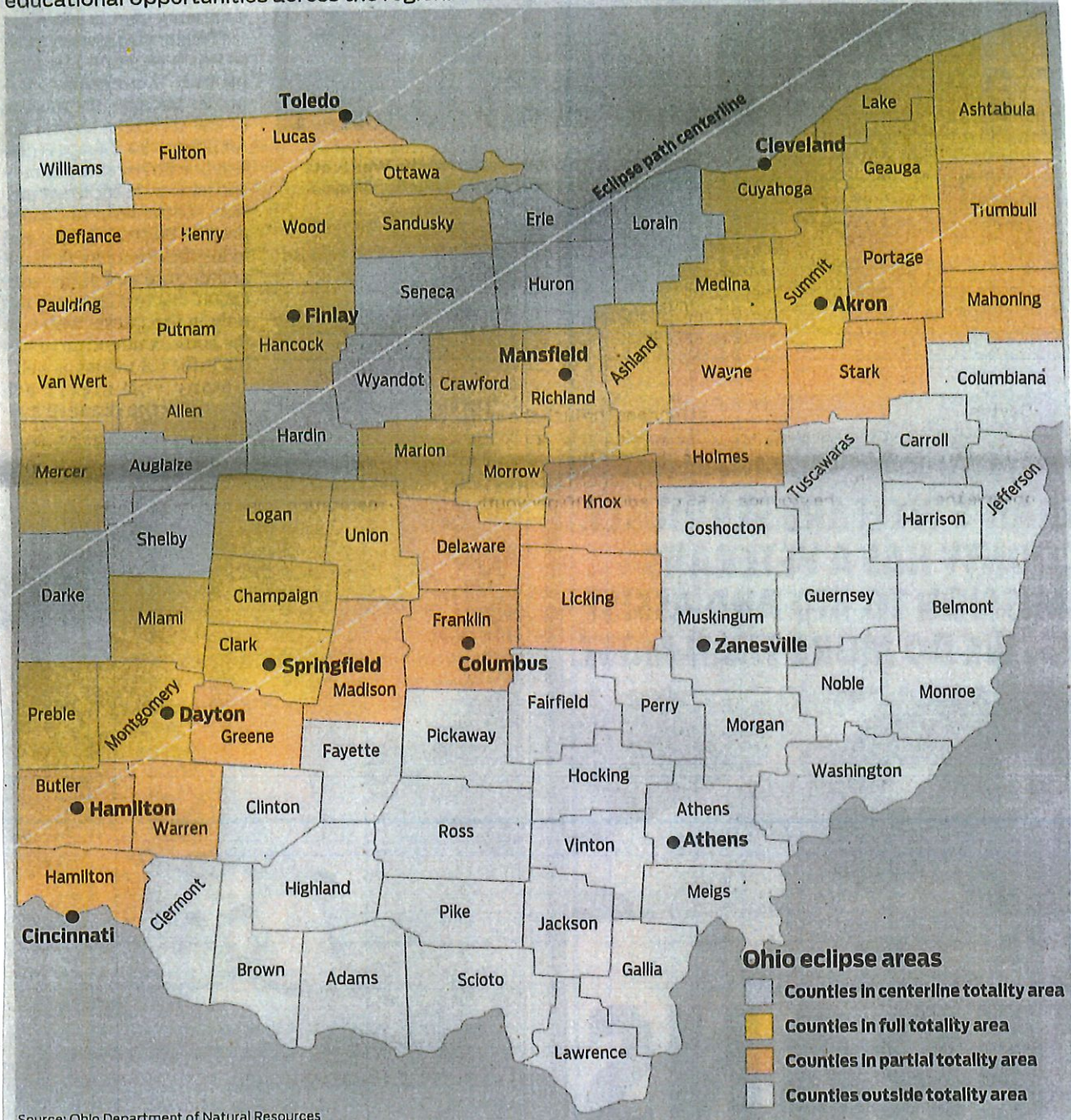
Butler County

The Butler County Emergency Management Agency plans to activate the Butler County Emergency Operations Center on April 8 in anticipation of large crowds, planned events and high traffic, said Jim Bolen, the agency's director.

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Total Solar Eclipse 2024

Several area counties will be in the full totality area of the solar eclipse happening over Ohio on April 8. The once-in-a-lifetime event is expected to bring some traffic headaches, but also tourism and educational opportunities across the region.



Source: Ohio Department of Natural Resources

EXPECTATIONS/PLANNING PREPARATION



Limit travel on the day of the event if possible.



Travel with water, medications, snacks, and other needed supplies should you encounter an extended delay on the roadways.



Begin the day with a fully charged mobile phone, carry extra power devices.



Fill up on gas at least the day before the eclipse.



If viewing the eclipse, use eclipse glasses that meet ISO 12312-2 standards.



Expect employees to have long delays driving to and from work day of the event.



Maintain a small amount of cash on your person, in case credit card services go down.



Check with your kids' school on their plans for the day (early off, delayed pick-up).

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"We are encouraging Butler County residents to fuel their vehicles ahead of the eclipse and to consider scheduling important events before Friday, April 5, or after Tuesday, April 9," he said. "We recommend that everyone develop a communications plan with family and friends if you lose (cellular) service."

Modeling from the Ohio EMA suggests that Butler County could see visitor numbers that are between two to four times the size of the county's population (pop. 388,240), Bolen said.

"Butler County is a great place to view the eclipse and we're happy that people are interested in joining us for this rare occasion," he said.

"We recommend arriving early and staying late to avoid the traffic."



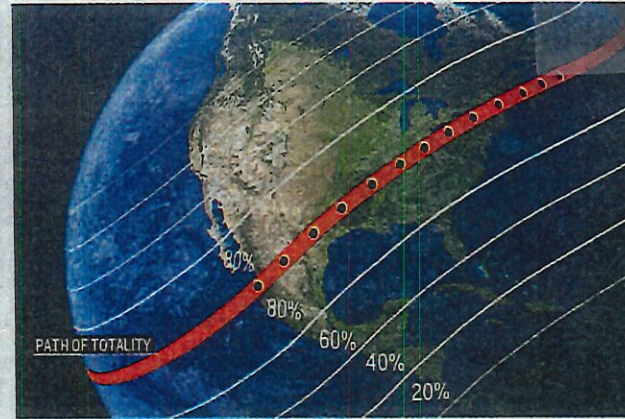
Blake Davis, 10, of Coral Springs, Florida, looks through solar glasses as he watches the eclipse on Aug. 21, 2017, at Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida. That eclipse was the first with a path of totality crossing the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of the U.S. since the solar eclipse of 1918. After April 8, there won't be another U.S. eclipse, spanning coast to coast, until 2045. WILFREDO LEE/

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Area hotels booked

In addition to an anticipated surge of out-of-state visitors, more than 7 mil-

lion Ohioans live within the path of the eclipse and many area residents will try to find the best places to watch the celestial event unfold, says the Great American Eclipse.



A total solar eclipse will be visible across a swath of North America on April 8. An estimated 44 million people live inside the path of totality stretching from Mazatlan, Mexico, to Newfoundland. ASSOCIATED PRESS

Several hotels in Miami County are already booked, and others are filling up and are nearly sold out, said Leann Stewart, executive director of the Miami County Visitors and Convention Bureau.

Eclipse events are planned across Miami County from Friday, April 5, to the evening of Monday, April 8.

"Our communities, many businesses, some local attractions and our Miami County Park District have been busy planning eclipse events and watch parties so we anticipate these will be highly attended by residents and visitors," she said.

The eclipse falls on a Monday, and some people likely

will visit the region over the weekend and stay through the end of the event, said Jacquelyn Powell, president and CEO of the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau.

"It's hard to predict exact numbers for Dayton – especially considering the uncertainty of Ohio's weather in early April – but all indications are that we will likely see thousands of visitors coming into the area for what really is a once-in-a-lifetime event," Powell said. "It's the first total solar eclipse in Ohio since 1806, the last one the continental U.S. will experience until 2044, and the last one Ohio will experience until 2099."

Some local hotels have seen an uptick in bookings for the eclipse, she said, adding that the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force will be the primary viewing location in the Dayton area. There are many other events planned across the larger region.

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THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE: WHERE TO WATCH, SAFETY TIPS AND MORE

By Cox First Media and
The Associated Press

The sun is about to pull another disappearing act across North America, turning day into night during a total solar eclipse.

Depending on where you view it from, the peak spectacle on April 8 will last up to 4 minutes, 28 seconds in the path of total darkness — twice as long as the total solar eclipse that dimmed U.S. skies in 2017.

This eclipse will take a different and more populated route, entering over Mexico's Pacific coast, dashing up through Texas and Oklahoma, and crisscrossing the Midwest, Mid-Atlantic and New England, before exiting over eastern Canada into the Atlantic.

An estimated 44 million people live inside the 115-mile-wide path of totality stretching from Mazatlán, Mexico, to Newfoundland; about 32 million of them are in the U.S., guaranteeing jammed roads for the must-see celestial sensation.

The eclipse will allow many to share in the "wonder of the universe without going very far," said NASA's eclipse program manager Kelly Korreck.

Here's what to know about April's extravaganza and how to prepare:

MORE DETAILS

A GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE REGION

By Alex Cutler
and Mandy Gambrell
Staff Writers

As a rare total solar eclipse will plunge many places in Ohio into darkness on April 8, several groups and venues are planning for this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

One of those is the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery in Dayton, which announced a day-long experience at SunWatch Indian Village. For \$500 per person, guests on April 8 will be treated to a buffet, a guided tour of the site, drinks and various presentations about the eclipse. The site will open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

Described by the Boonshoft Museum as a "very special, once-in-a-lifetime experience," all proceeds will go to the SunWatch archeological site. Tickets are limited.

This is just one of many eclipse-focused events happening in the region.

Here is a guide to some of what's planned:



Starting on March 1, the Dayton Metro Library will be distributing free solar eclipse viewing glasses from its 17 branches. Mya Hartman, information services assistant with the library, holds up a pair of the shades.

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FROLIK / STAFF

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE?

The moon will line up perfectly between the Earth and the sun, blotting out the sunlight. It will take just a couple hours for the moon's shadow to slice a diagonal line from the southwest to the northeast across North America, briefly plunging communities along the track into darkness.

Fifteen U.S. states will get a piece of the action, albeit two of them – Tennessee and Michigan – just barely.

Among the cities smack dab in the action: Dallas; Little Rock, Arkansas; Indianapolis, Cleveland; Buffalo, New York; and Montreal – making for the continent's biggest eclipse crowd.

Locally, the centerline of the eclipse will go through Darke County, putting multiple area counties in the full totality area.

Don't fret if you don't have front-row seats. Practically everyone on the continent can catch at least a partial eclipse. The farther from the path of totality, the smaller the moon's bite will be out of the sun. In Seattle and Portland, Oregon, about as far away as you can get in the continental U.S., one-third of the sun will be swallowed.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

■ **National Museum of the U.S. Air Force:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 8. Bring your own seating. Ample free parking and viewing space, access to the museum, make a Moon Phases Calendar and Calculator, model a Solar Eclipse, make a Pinhole Camera, Eclipse in a cup and more. Three rocket launches throughout the day. Hot air balloon glow from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. expert presentations, food trucks and more. Live-stream of the event from a NASA feed will air on a jumbotron. "Dinosaurs In Motion" exhibit open. 1100 Spaatz St., Dayton.

■ **Aullwood Farm viewing and eclipse art:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 8. Visitors may observe the eclipse on the grounds. Chris Rowlands will lead the making of commemorative eclipse art (registration required). Aullwood's Nature Center and hiking trails will be closed to the public, and no trail access will be permitted. Event is free for members of Friends of Aullwood, National Audubon Society and ANCA affiliated organizations with membership card or receipt. Non-members attending will pay \$20 per carload at the entrance to Aullwood Farm; admission will be cash only. 9101 Frederick Pike, Dayton. More online at aullwood.audubon.org.

■ **Boonshoft Museum of Discovery:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 8. Planetarium shows, solar observing, science lab demos and more. Staff to lead viewing of eclipse with telescopes, pinhole viewers and eclipse glasses. \$11.50 for children ages 3-17, \$14.50 for adults 2600 Deweese Parkway, Dayton.

■ **Total Eclipse: The Sun And The Planets at the Schuster Center:** 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6. The evening

begins with Nielsen's Helios Overture, a day in the life of the sun. Later, Holst's cosmic tour de force takes center stage. From powerful and commanding to eerie and ethereal, the work has served as a source of inspiration for composers like John Williams and Hans Zimmer. Midway through the concert, Richard Dowling performs Mozart's exuberant Piano Concert No. 16. Benjamin & Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center, 1 W. Second St., Dayton.

■ **Cricket Holler Boy Scout Camp:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, April 8. Open to all ages and the public. Miami Valley Council's Solar Eclipse Extravaganza, hosted by knowledgeable scout leaders. Scouts armed with a passion for astronomy will guide attendees through the intricacies of a solar eclipse, providing insights into the rare total solar eclipse phenomenon. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$10 per youth and includes event patch, solar eclipse viewing glasses, activities and food options.

■ **Unity of Dayton Total Eclipse Party:** 2 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 8. Viewing on seven acres at Unity of Dayton. \$20 per car. Join a meditation as the moon meets the sun, explore the labyrinth, peace pole, nature paths and playground. Arrive by 2 p.m. 6741 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights.

■ **Dayton KOA Holiday:** April 5-8 bookings available. 7796 Wellbaum Road, Brookville.

MIAMI COUNTY

■ **Eclipse Education Workshop:** 1 to 4 p.m. March 16. Stillwater Stargazers host this event at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center, 301 W. Main St., Troy. Online at homegrowinggreat.com.

■ **Solar Eclipse Shuffle,** 6 to 10 p.m. Fri., April 5, dancing at The Rec in downtown Troy. \$5 per person or \$20 per family at 11 N. Market St., Troy. More online at troyrec.com.

■ **Eclipse Block Party:** 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Sat., April 6, downtown Tipp City. Dancing in the streets, entertainment, children's activities, shopping and dining. More at downtown Tipp City.org.

■ **A Night In The Stars:** 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. April 7. Music, food, drinks, other activities in downtown Troy. The Hanky Panks play from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and Stranger performs 6:30-9:30 p.m. More online at troymainstreet.org.

■ **A SOLARbration Weekend:** April 5 to 9 at the Miami County Fairgrounds. Food trucks, vendors, entertainment and activities. Double feature movie night April 6. Camping possible. 650 N. County Road, 25-A, Troy. Visit miamicountyohiofair.com.

■ **The Sun Will Rise Music Festival and Campout:** April 7-8 at Harmony Farm in Tipp City. Begins at 5 p.m. Sunday with live music from multiple bands, bonfires, lantern glow, s'mores, marketplace, food trucks, guided meditation, yoga and more. Ends at 5 p.m. April 8. 5576 S. Ohio 202, Tipp City. More online at www.visitharmonyfarm.com.

■ **Eclipse on the Square:** Noon to 3 p.m. Monday, April 8. Watch from downtown Troy. Balloon art, selfie station, BBQ; The Rec will have hot dogs, chips and other food. More at troymainstreet.org.

■ **West Milton's Solar Eclipse Party:** 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, April 8. Music, food and shopping; bounce houses and face painting, BINGO and music. West Milton Municipal Park, 249 E. Tipp Pike, West Milton.

■ **Eclipse Watch Party at The Rec:** Noon to 4 p.m. Monday, April 8. Games, food for sale, Teen Glow Party and more. 11 N. Market St., Troy. More online at troyrec.com.

■ **I Blacked Out At The Exchange Eclipse Party:** 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday, April 8. 210 W. High St., Pleasant Hill.

■ **Lost Creek Eclipse Experience:** Noon to 5 p.m. Monday, April 8. Abundant open space for viewing, free eclipse glasses (while supplies last), entertainment, educational

children's craft, snacks and more. 2645 E. Ohio 41, Troy. More online at miamicountyparks.com.

■ **Race the Eclipse:** Monday, April 8. Kids Fun Run, 5K, 10K or half-marathon races with eclipse viewing at Kyle Park in Tipp City.

■ **Moeller Brew Barn Solar Eclipse Patio Party:** 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, April 8. Kitchen open, special Solar Eclipse beer and eclipse cocktails. 214 W. Main St., Troy.

GREENE COUNTY

■ **Pre-Eclipse Party:** 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 2. Learn about the eclipse. Russ Nature Preserve, 2380 Kemp Road, Beavercreek. Registration required. More online at greencountyoh.myrec.com.

■ **Greene County Parks & Trails:** Monday, April 8. All but two Greene County parks expected to be within the path of totality during the eclipse.

DARKE COUNTY

■ **Total Eclipse at Bear's Mill:** 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, April 8. Watch the eclipse, hear live music from Shannon Clark and the Sugar. Nacho Pig food truck on site. Cost: \$25 per person, includes eclipse glasses. Bring a chair. Gates open at noon. 6450 Arcanum Bears Mill Road, Greenville. Tickets required. More online at darkecountyparks.org/eclipse2024.

■ **Total Eclipse on the Prairie:** 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, April 8. Watch the eclipse, hear live music by Ted Yoder. Food trucks on site will be Lilla's Outside Cafe, Chetter Butts and Kona Ice. Tickets are \$25 per vehicle and include eclipse glasses up to 6 per party. Bring chairs. Gates open at 12. Tickets required. More online at darkecountyparks.org/eclipse2024.

PREBLE COUNTY

■ **Olde Schoolhouse Vineyard & Winery:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 8. People welcome to experience the eclipse there, food by Godown's Fixins, 152 Ohio 726 N, Eaton.

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WHY IS TOTALITY LONGER?

By a cosmic stroke of luck, the moon will make the month's closest approach to Earth the day before the total solar eclipse. That puts the moon just 223,000 miles (360,000 kilometers) away on eclipse day.

The moon will appear slightly bigger in the sky thanks to that proximity, resulting in an especially long period of sun-blocked darkness.

What's more, the Earth and moon will be 93 million miles (150 million kilometers) from the sun that day, the average distance.

When a closer moon pairs up with a more distant sun, totality can last as long as an astounding 7½ minutes. The last time the world saw more than seven minutes of totality was in 1973 over Africa. That won't happen again until 2150 over the Pacific.

HOW DO I SAFELY WATCH THE ECLIPSE?

Sunglasses won't cut it. Special eclipse glasses are crucial for safely observing the sun as the moon marches across the late morning and afternoon sky, covering more and more and then less and less of our star.

During totality when the sun is completely shrouded, it's fine to remove your glasses and look with your naked eyes. But before and after, certified eclipse glasses are essential to avoid eye damage. Just make sure they're not scratched or torn.

Cameras, binoculars and telescopes must be outfitted with special solar filters for safe viewing. Bottom line: Never look at an exposed sun without proper protection any day of the year.

MORE ABOUT THE ECLIPSE

ECLIPSE FACTS

Timing: The Total Solar Eclipse in Southwest Ohio will be between 3:08-3:17 p.m. with the Southwestern parts of Ohio being first and the Cleveland area being the last as it moves toward Canada. The centerline of the eclipse enters Ohio just after 1:50 p.m.

Locations: According to the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources and NASA, the path of totality, or the most central Southwest Ohio spots to see the total solar eclipse include Darke, Shelby and Auglaize counties. Close to that center, though, are the counties of Montgomery, Miami, Champaign and Preble. The outer edges of the path, where partial darkness will be seen, includes the northwestern portions of Butler and Greene counties. Warren and Hamilton will experience some darkness but are on the edge of the path.

Of note: The Total Solar Eclipse band is 124 miles wide. According to ODNR, "The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806. The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in the year 2099."

SOURCE: [HTTPS://OHIODNR.GOV](https://ohiodnr.gov)

WHERE ARE SOME ECLIPSE WATCH PARTIES?

Towns up and down the path of totality are throwing star parties. Festivals, races, yoga retreats, drum circles and more will unfold at museums, fairgrounds, parks, stadiums, wineries, breweries and even one of Ohio's oldest drive-in movie theaters and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Besides looking up, you can attend a "space prom" in Texas Hill Country, get married at eclipse-themed ceremonies in Tiffin and Russellville, Arkansas, or brush up on moonwalking history at the Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta — Neil Armstrong's Ohio hometown.

As the eclipse unfolds, NASA will launch small rockets with science instruments into the upper atmosphere from Virginia and chase totality's shadow from high-altitude planes. Satellites and the International Space Station crew will attempt to capture the show from space.

WHEN IS THE NEXT TOTAL ECLIPSE?

Full solar eclipses occur every year or two or three, often in the middle of nowhere like the South Pacific or Antarctica. The next total solar eclipse, in 2026, will grace the northern fringes of Greenland, Iceland and Spain.

North America won't experience totality again until 2033, with Alaska getting sole dibs. Then that's it until 2044, when totality will be confined to Western Canada, Montana and North Dakota.

There won't be another U.S. eclipse, spanning coast to coast, until 2045. That one will stretch from Northern California all the way to Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Aside from Carbondale, Illinois, in the crosshairs of both the 2017 and 2024 eclipses, it usually takes 400 years to 1,000 years before totality returns to the same spot, according to NASA's Korreck.

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Wright Memorial
Public Library

SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024

Wright Library is pleased to share these eclipse-viewing glasses
with your organization, made possible by a grant from
The Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation and the Space Science Institute

Except during the brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, when the Moon completely blocks the Sun's bright face, it is not safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing.

Safety resources, library events, and guides to making your own pin-hole viewer are at

wrightlibrary.org/eclipse

JOIN WRIGHT LIBRARY AS WE CELEBRATE THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT!

Eclipse glasses available at these Wright Library events while supplies last. Limit 2 per household.

Family Fun with Solar Eclipses

Feb. 3 at Wright Library

TechFest 2024

Feb. 17 & 18 at Sinclair College

Celebrate all things eclipse at the Wright Library booth.

See how a pinhole eclipse viewer works
and learn how to make your own.

techfestdayton.org

Beyond the Playhouse: Mound Labs Mission in Space

Feb. 18 • 2 PM

Wright Library or virtual option

Presented by Doug Gabriel

President of the Mound Science and Energy Museum Association

The Mars Rover is in space now, but where does its power
come from and how is it tied to Oakwood?

*Part of the Far Hills Speaker Series presented by the
Oakwood Historical Society and Wright Library*

Teen Breakfast & Books

Mar. 9 • 10:30-11:30 AM at Wright Library

Wake up with breakfast while talking about the

April 8 Solar Eclipse.

PJs welcome!

Storytime: Her Eyes Were On the Stars

Mar. 9 • 2 PM at Wright Library

Children's author Jennifer Sommer reads her book about
Nancy Grace Roman, Mother of the Hubble Telescope,
with activities and a snack.

Copies of her book available for purchase.

For Grades 1-3 + families

Eclipse Talks

Mar. 21 & 28 • 7 PM at Wright Library

For Teens & Adults

A discussion about the

Great North American solar eclipse

with NASA Solar System Ambassador, Kurtz Miller



Solar Eclipse Viewing - April 8

Wright Library will be closed 2:45-3:45 PM to witness this monumental event!

Neighbors are invited to join us in Katherine Wright Park.

No clouds, please! *Bring your own eclipse glasses or pin-hole viewer.*

Green Oakwood News

- Two recycling containers which match existing trash cans, have been installed on the West Side of Far Hills and future installations are planned for Far Hills and Park Avenue. Citizens are encouraged to look out for them and take care to use the correct container.



- A collection box for the recycling of cosmetics is located at the Oakwood Community Center near the reception window. Acceptable items are small bottles, tubes, mascara/tubes wands, jars, and compacts. Unacceptable items are: aerosol/pressurized cans, nail polish or removers, wooden eyeliner pencils and biomedical waste. A Green Oakwood volunteer is submitting this cosmetic packaging for recycling through the Beautycycle program.

- Unwanted contact lenses and foil and blister pack contact lens containers can be dropped off at Clarkson Eye Care, 4021 Far Hills.

- Maraluna, at 2504 Far Hills in the Oakwood Business District, in collaboration with the Reduce & Reuse Refillery, located on 133 East Fourth St. in Dayton, offers

sustainable refill stations for body care products and soaps. Maraluna will also gladly accept gently used tissue paper and paper gift bags for reuse.

- The Hub, located in Cincinnati, collects plastic items not collected by Rumpke.

For a description of accepted items and drop off times visit www.cincinnati-recycling-and-reuse-hub.org.

- The next Styrofoam Collection date is from 9-11:30 a.m. April 13 at Foell Public Works.

- The Foell Public Works center continues to be the collection site for cardboard (the City derives an income from the cardboard dumpsters), holiday lights, small appliances, electronics, ink cartridges, batteries and acceptable co-mingled items. For acceptable items visit www.rumpke.com/for-your-home/recycling/acceptable-items.

- The next Oakwood Recycling Meeting is scheduled for March 5 and the Oakwood Biodiversity Meeting on March 12. Both will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Wright Library, and all interested parties are welcome.

California - Ohio Energy Cost Comparison

PK usage

Electric	329.127 kWh	
Gas	26.988 CCF	(26.0 Therms)

CALIFORNIA

PG&E Billing based on this usage:

Electric	129.16
Gas	66.06

TOTAL: 195.22

OHIO

AES and Centerpoint billing based on this usage:

Electric	
(Delivery)	29.54
(Supply)	21.62
Elec Total	51.16

Gas	
(Delivery)	43.81
(Supply)	11.06
Gas Total	54.87

TOTAL: 106.03

PG&E Electric: 152.5% higher than AES

PG&E Gas: 20.4% higher than Centerpoint

Overall CA energy bill: 84.1% higher than OH



City of Oakwood

Government Administration

City Manager

February 27, 2024

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Connect GREENE (Growth, Recreation, Employment, Education and Networks Equitably)

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

With this letter, the city of Oakwood expresses support for the Connect GREENE initiative, which entails a federal RAISE Grant application being submitted by multiple Greene County, Ohio jurisdictions. The projects to be funded by this grant are multi-use trails that are part of the 2021 Greene County Master Trails Plan – the REACH Xenia trail project, Yellow Springs-Clifton Connector and Bellbrook-Spring Valley Connector.

These three trails will connect the nation's largest paved trail network (currently over 360 miles of connected multi-use trails) with multiple state parks, businesses, community facilities, and neighborhoods. This promotes access to outdoor recreation, healthy activity, safety, low-impact transportation alternatives, and more equitable access to jobs, education and community services and amenities. It also expands economic activity through the promotion of tourism and job access. The three projects work together to accomplish these goals as follows:

REACH Xenia

- Links two segments of Xenia divided by an expressway, connecting the Progress Drive bike path with Colorado Drive via a new roadside path, and to the heavily used regional Little Miami Scenic Trail.
- Connects racially and economically diverse Xenia neighborhoods to the REACH (Recreation, Education and Community Health) facility and a growing business corridor, promoting affordable (non-automobile) and equitable access to regional recreation, job training, health and employment.

Yellow Springs-Clifton Connector

- Links the Villages of Yellow Springs and Clifton and connects the Little Miami Scenic Trail to John Bryan State Park, the Clifton Gorge and Glen Helen Nature Preserves, and other popular venues, expanding access to regional recreational amenities to a broader spectrum of the population.
- Increases safety for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages & abilities who already use these amenities.

30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, Ohio 45419
(937) 298-0600 ~ Fax (937) 297-2940
www.oakwoodohio.gov

Bellbrook-Spring Valley Connector

- Connects Sugarcreek Township and the Village of Bellbrook to the Little Miami Scenic Trail and the Village of Spring Valley, promoting active transportation to mitigate climate change and inequity.
- Extends trail system connectivity to a rural area, substantially increasing access to economic and recreational opportunities as well as essential services, sparking job & business growth.

We strongly urge you to fund the transformative Connect GREENE initiative, which brings significant health, economic, equity, environmental, safety and other quality of life benefits to the region, state and nation.

Sincerely,



Norbert S. Klopsch
City Manager

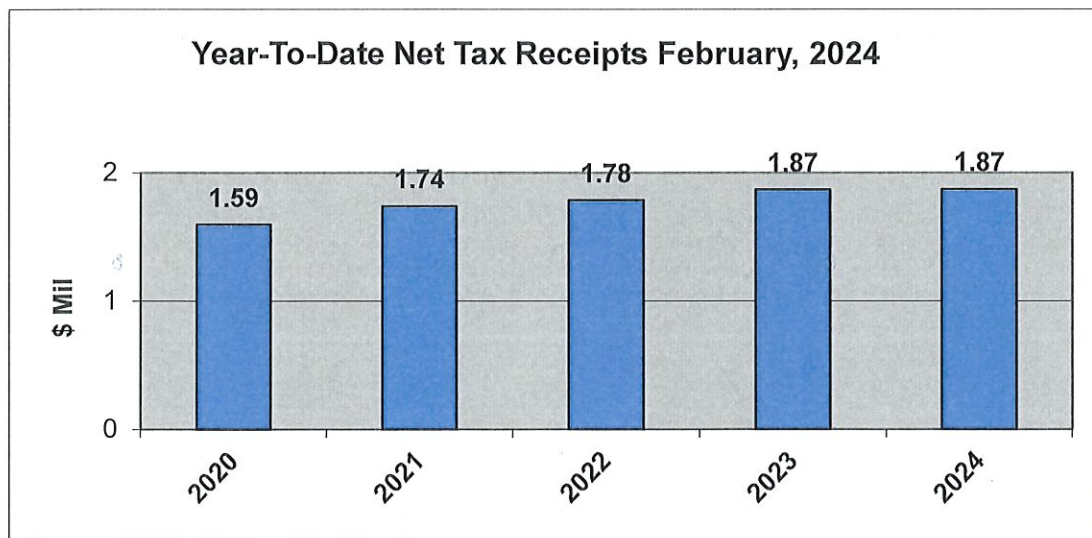
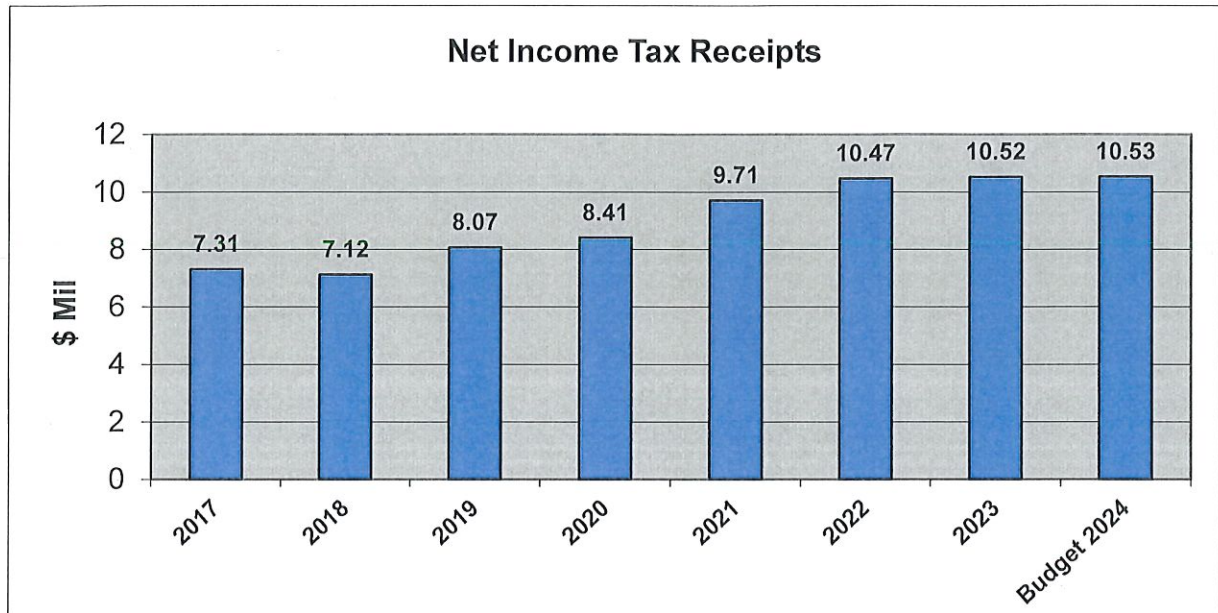
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c: Oakwood City Council

TAX REVENUE ANALYSIS

2024

The following graphs depict total income tax receipts less refunds issued.



Year-To-Date Net Collections vs Prior Year

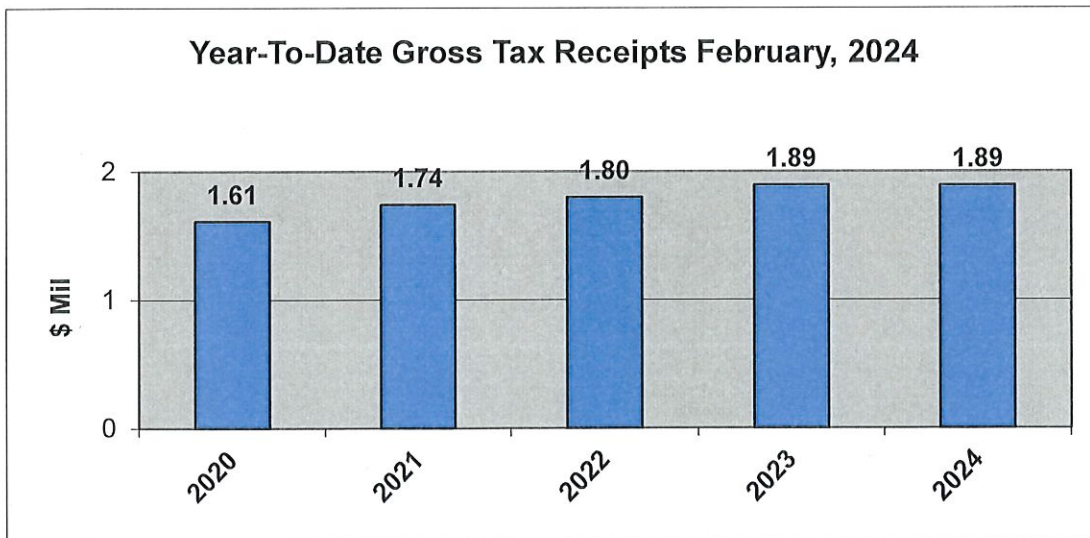
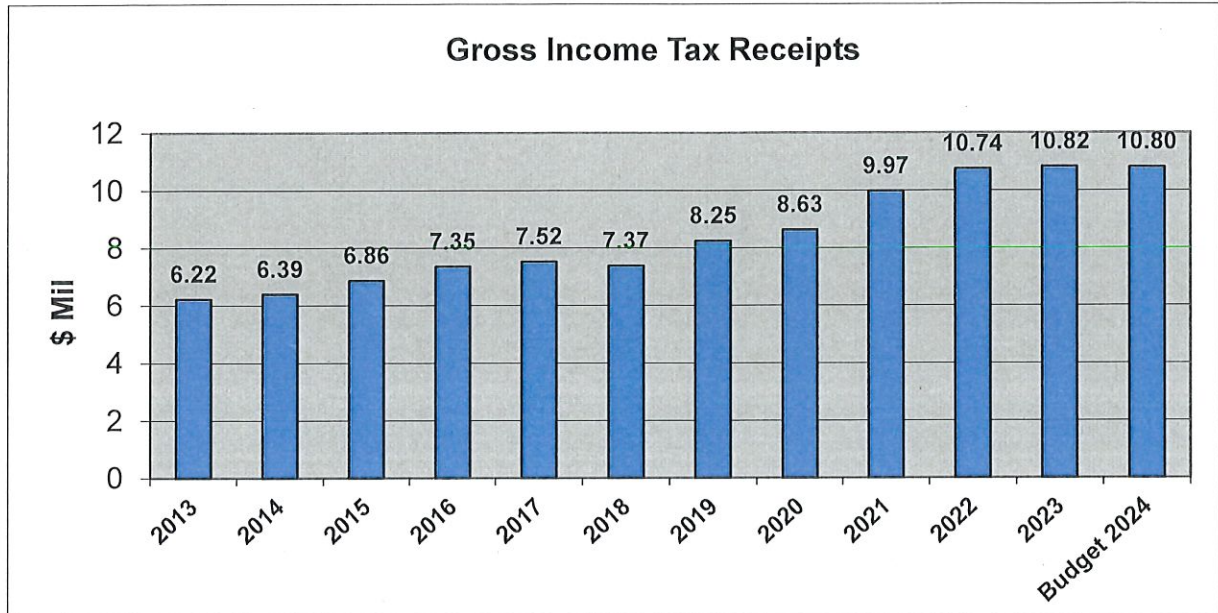
2023	\$1,868,555.80
2024	\$1,871,501.52

Change	0.16%
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TAX REVENUE ANALYSIS

2024

The following graphs depict total income tax receipts and do not include tax refunds issued.



Year-To-Date Gross Collections vs Prior Year

2023	\$1,892,083.66
2024	\$1,891,096.45

Change	-0.05%
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INCOME TAX COMPARISON - GROSS RECEIPTS						
2022 through 2024						
				DAILY	MONTHLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>INCR / DECR</u>	<u>INCR / (DECR)</u>	<u>INCR / (DECR)</u>
JANUARY	\$1,206,895.03	\$1,187,541.97	\$1,162,004.79	N/A	(\$25,537.18)	(\$25,537.18)
FEBRUARY	\$589,786.40	\$704,541.69	\$729,091.66	<<<MONTH-TO-DATE	\$24,549.97	(\$987.21)
MARCH	\$774,848.77	\$700,349.49		N/A		
APRIL	\$1,525,835.38	\$1,616,405.65		N/A		
MAY	\$1,439,747.23	\$1,606,605.06		N/A		
JUNE	\$1,049,802.24	\$779,738.25		N/A		
JULY	\$622,825.88	\$736,266.50		N/A		
AUGUST	\$778,874.65	\$611,330.64		N/A		
SEPTEMBER	\$789,166.14	\$764,411.27		N/A		
OCTOBER	\$820,891.56	\$934,516.00		N/A		
NOVEMBER	\$646,466.31	\$597,648.50		N/A		
DECEMBER	\$494,045.92	\$581,402.63		N/A		
TOTAL	\$10,739,185.51	\$10,820,757.65	\$1,891,096.45			
				DAILY	MONTHLY	YEAR-TO-DATE
FEBRUARY	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>INCR / (DECR)</u>	<u>INCR / (DECR)</u>	<u>INCR / (DECR)</u>
1	24,765.45	91,602.76	3,297.83	(\$88,304.93)	(\$88,304.93)	(\$113,842.11)
2	3,410.81	45,599.43	103,535.92	\$57,936.49	(\$30,368.44)	(\$55,905.62)
3	0.00	22,676.13	0.00	(\$22,676.13)	(\$53,044.57)	(\$78,581.75)
4	14,968.76	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$53,044.57)	(\$78,581.75)
5	0.00	0.00	32,337.80	\$32,337.80	(\$20,706.77)	(\$46,243.95)
6	0.00	23,560.24	907.31	(\$22,652.93)	(\$43,359.70)	(\$68,896.88)
7	29,607.89	13,552.52	22,504.96	\$8,952.44	(\$34,407.26)	(\$59,944.44)
8	7,575.53	0.00	22,563.70	\$22,563.70	(\$11,843.56)	(\$37,380.74)
9	47,493.79	61,307.84	58,316.83	(\$2,991.01)	(\$14,834.57)	(\$40,371.75)
10	33,901.00	24,125.06	0.00	(\$24,125.06)	(\$38,959.63)	(\$64,496.81)
11	25,370.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$38,959.63)	(\$64,496.81)
12	0.00	0.00	14,012.95	\$14,012.95	(\$24,946.68)	(\$50,483.86)
13	0.00	33,541.32	4,179.58	(\$29,361.74)	(\$54,308.42)	(\$79,845.60)
14	48,205.61	49,058.34	72,911.02	\$23,852.68	(\$30,455.74)	(\$55,992.92)
15	15,402.59	120,537.04	21,086.57	(\$99,450.47)	(\$129,906.21)	(\$155,443.39)
16	105,829.95	25,571.49	154,320.76	\$128,749.27	(\$1,156.94)	(\$26,694.12)
17	10,761.62	40,492.26	0.00	(\$40,492.26)	(\$41,649.20)	(\$67,186.38)
18	28,904.90	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$41,649.20)	(\$67,186.38)
19	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$41,649.20)	(\$67,186.38)
20	0.00	0.00	40,195.15	\$40,195.15	(\$1,454.05)	(\$26,991.23)
21	0.00	16,861.47	88,545.72	\$71,684.25	\$70,230.20	\$44,693.02
22	70,653.26	87,097.37	7,906.69	(\$79,190.68)	(\$8,960.48)	(\$34,497.66)
23	88,088.87	8,319.37	5,083.02	(\$3,236.35)	(\$12,196.83)	(\$37,734.01)
24	3,230.68	10,357.32	0.00	(\$10,357.32)	(\$22,554.15)	(\$48,091.33)
25	23,393.39	0.00	0.00	\$0.00	(\$22,554.15)	(\$48,091.33)
26	0.00	0.00	10,654.40	\$10,654.40	(\$11,899.75)	(\$37,436.93)
27	0.00	11,965.18	21,302.62	\$9,337.44	(\$2,562.31)	(\$28,099.49)
28	8,222.30	18,316.55	5,283.04	(\$13,033.51)	(\$15,595.82)	(\$41,133.00)
29	0.00	0.00	40,145.79	\$40,145.79	\$24,549.97	(\$987.21)
				NEED		
TOTAL	\$589,786.40	\$704,541.69	\$729,091.66	(\$24,549.97)		
				TO MATCH		
				FEBRUARY '22		

ELECTION 2024

Oakwood voters to decide city real estate tax levy on March ballot

By Nick Blizzard
Staff Writer

Voters in Oakwood will decide March 19 on a levy to fund city services after a tax issue that expired at the end of last year failed to appear on the November ballot.

Issue 9 seeks approval of an additional 2.41 mills for five years, but would not increase taxes from the 3.75-mill renewal levy the city wanted to put before voters last fall, Montgomery County records show.

"We're not asking for any more money," Oakwood Finance Director Cindy Stafford said.

If approved, the levy would collect nearly \$1.14 million annually, costing owners of a home valued at \$200,000 about \$168 a year, according to the county auditor's office.

It would fund general city services – ranging from police and fire operations to street maintenance and leisure services, Stafford said.

"We want to continue those (services) like we always have done ... things that our residents have always had in the past," she said.

Because of a clerical error, the renewal was not on the ballot this past fall, prompting Oakwood to approve a 2024 budget projected to

include about \$1.3 million in deficit spending, City Manager Norbert Klopsch said.

He said the city has sufficient money in reserve to make up the difference. Oakwood seeks to have about equal to six months of general fund expenses in any particular year, Stafford said.

Klopsch said the levy is among two, five-year tax issues the city uses to supplement its general fund. The other is 2.72-mill issue voters renewed in 2021, county election records show.

The levy that expired at the end of 2023 was first approved by voters 10 years earlier after Oakwood let an existing tax issue to expire

in 2008, 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.

Since 2018, Oakwood voters have approved all six requested levies and bond issues – whether they be city, library or school taxes, according to board of election records.

All of those ballot issues were supported by at least 54.8% of the voters. Of those, two city issues, both renewals, were approved by at least 69.7% of voters, election records show.



Road maintenance is among the items to be funded by an Oakwood city general services levy if voters approve the measure March 19. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

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We should vote against the City of Oakwood's property tax renewal levy

Because of a "clerical error," this renewal levy did not appear on the November 2023 ballot. However, Oakwood citizens will have the opportunity to vote on the levy on the March 19, 2024, ballot. Given the high cost of living in Oakwood, this levy involves a significant cost. For example, according to Oakwood's records, the 2.4-mill, five-year tax levy will cost owners of a \$200,000 home \$168 annually. If your house is valued at more than \$200,000, the financial impact on you increases.

We should vote against the levy for two reasons: (1) our City Council has shown that it has not exercised good financial stewardship with our taxes; and (2) voting down the levy will result in a tax cut.

Financial stewardship means protecting the long-term assets of an organization through a commitment

to moral, ethical and prudent financial decision-making. Applying this definition of financial stewardship to our City Council's decision making reveals that it has not shown the good financial stewardship that we deserve.

I was stunned by a 2023 letter to the editor in which the writer revealed that although the City had a tax collection surplus, Council decided not to give us a tax refund. Neither Mayor William Duncan nor any Council member explained the rationale for this decision.

In addition to this bad decision, Council has made other bad financial decisions:

- Our 22 full-time Public Safety Officers are the highest paid safety officers in the State of Ohio. Although I understand that the explanation for this high pay is that our officers are triple state certified

in law enforcement, firefighting and emergency medical services, it raises two important questions: (1) why is Oakwood the only city in Ohio that has triple state certified safety officers?; and (2) wouldn't we save money by following the example of other neighboring cities such as Kettering and Centerville whose officers are certified as only police officers, fire fighters, or paramedics?

- Although Oakwood has a small population of 9,572, our City Manager, Norbert Klopsch, is the highest paid city manager per capita in the area. Why hasn't Council brought Norbert's compensation in line with the compensation package paid by cities of comparable size in our area?

- Cities of comparable size in our area do not have their own legal departments. Instead, they hire an

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outside lawyer to handle their legal matters on an as needed basis, thereby avoiding having to pay the salary and benefits of a city attorney and support staff. In light of this, why does Oakwood have a Department of

Law headed by Law Director and City Attorney Robert F. Jacques?

- Finally, why did Council waste our time and our taxpayer funds pushing the figure 8 roundabout for Far Hills when we made it abundantly clear that we did not want the

proposed roundabout?

When Council announced that it was placing the renewal levy on the March 19 ballot, it explained that because it was a renewal levy, it will not increase our property taxes. However, what Council failed to explain is that if we

vote down the renewal levy, it will cut our property taxes. A negative vote will also send a strong message to Council that it needs to do a better job at financial stewardship.

Peter Kevin Newman

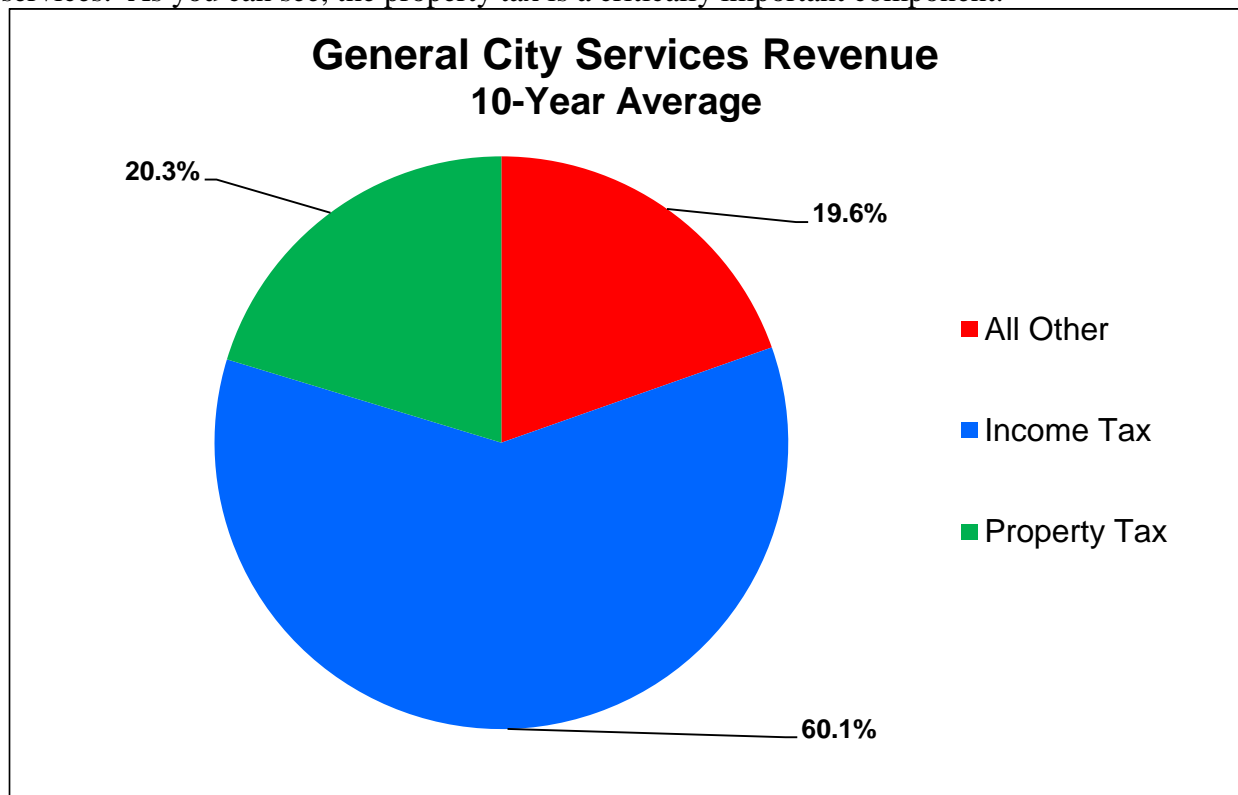
PROPERTY TAX RENEWAL

A MESSAGE FROM OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL

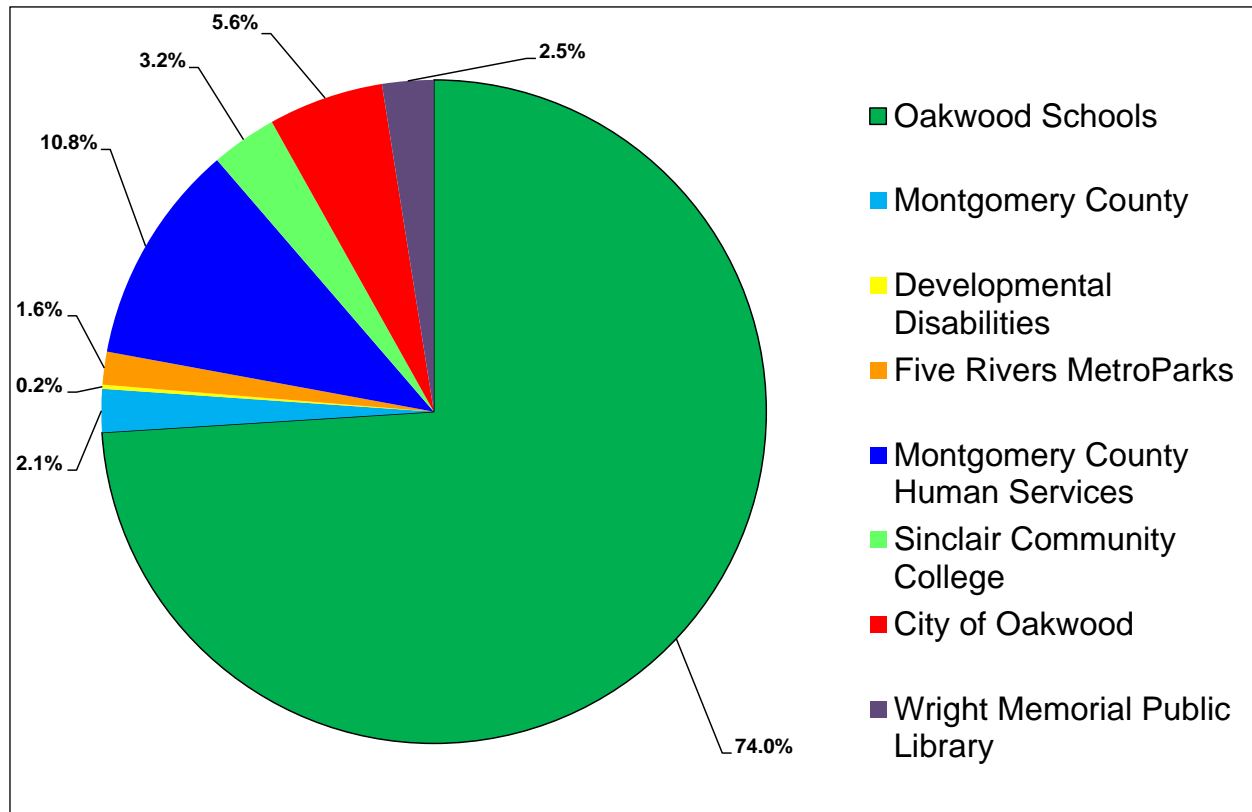
On March 19, Oakwood residents will vote on a 2.41 mill property tax to provide funding for police, fire and EMS services, to maintain the city roadways and other public infrastructure, and to maintain parks and public recreation facilities. This tax issue replaces a 3.75 mill issue that expired last year and that had been in place over the past ten years. The 2.41 mill value is set so that the tax issue will cost the same to property owners as did the expired issue. The issue will raise about \$1.1 million annually and will cost about \$84 per year for each \$100,000 in residential property valuation.

One of the primary responsibilities of City Council is to ensure that your tax dollars are spent wisely. The five of us, as your elected city officials, take this responsibility very seriously. We spend a significant amount of time overseeing how our city government spends money, and we use a 34-member citizen budget review committee to assist us in this effort. The committee includes residents representing each of our eight voting precincts. These citizens come from a variety of professional backgrounds and have a good understanding of what makes Oakwood special. As representatives of their respective precincts, they bring to our meetings their personal opinions and also the voices and opinions of their neighbors. The citizen budget review committee supports this replacement levy.

The pie chart below shows the five major sources of revenue that are needed to pay for our city services. As you can see, the property tax is a critically important component.



The chart below depicts how our total property taxes are distributed among the various agencies.



We all choose to live in Oakwood for different reasons, yet all enjoy our first-class city services. Please help us to continue providing these outstanding city services by voting YES on Issue #9, our Oakwood property tax.

Mayor William Duncan
Vice Mayor Steve Byington
Council Member Rob Stephens
Council Member Leigh Turben
Council Member Healy Jackson

MEMORANDUM

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

FROM: ETHAN KROGER

SUBJECT: MARCH 6, 2024 MEETING

DATE: FEBRUARY 29, 2024

APPLICATION #24-1

ADDRESS: N/A (Zoning Code Text Amendment)

APPLICANT: CITY OF OAKWOOD

The first application to be heard on March 6 is an application for a Zoning Code text amendment filed by the City of Oakwood.

NATURE OF REQUEST:

City staff is proposing to amend the text of the Zoning Code in two regards, both of which involve sign regulations under Title 12. First, there is an existing exemption under Section 1201.03(B), *Exempt Signs*, whereby “Governmental Flags” are not subject to regulation. As currently written, the exemption could be interpreted as a content-based regulation with potential constitutional ramifications. The Law Director has recommended clarifying language that will make the regulation content-neutral.

Second, Section 1201.06(B) requires that in the case of a multi-faced sign, all sides must be counted when calculating a sign’s surface area. This has proved to be a challenging and overly-restrictive rule when dealing with temporary lawn signs, such as commonly-used political signs. At the suggestion of City Council, staff has proposed language that would allow temporary lawn signs to be treated as single-sided for purposes of calculating sign surface area.

A copy of the city’s application, including the proposed text amendment, is attached to this Memorandum.

DECISION STANDARD:

Under Section 1003.6(B) of the Zoning Code, the Planning Commission reviews text amendments “for consistency with the purposes of (the Zoning) Ordinance, the Comprehensive Plan, and the interests of the City of Oakwood as a whole.” Procedurally, the Planning Commission is not the deciding body; its role is to adopt findings of fact and recommend approval or denial of the proposed amendment to City Council.

The second application to be heard on March 6 is an application filed by David Pierce, Esq. and Sarah Sparks, Esq. from Coolidge Wall Co., L.P.A. on behalf of Insomnia Cookies requesting extended hours of operation located at 6 Oakwood Avenue, Unit C.

APPLICATION #24-2

ADDRESS: 6 Oakwood Avenue, Unit C

APPLICANT: David Pierce, Esq. and Sarah Sparks, Esq. from Coolidge Wall Co., L.P.A. on behalf of Insomnia Cookies

NATURE OF REQUEST:

Insomnia Cookies seeks a new special use permit for additional late-night hours so that the retail store may remain open until 12:00 a.m., seven days a week.

The permitted operating hours in the Neighborhood Business District are 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m., however a special use permit is available for applicants seeking extended operation hours.

Insomnia Cookies currently operates under a special use permit issued in August of 2023. The permit allows retail operations until 10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and until 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturdays; and delivery operations may continue until 2 a.m., seven days a week.

BACKGROUND

Insomnia Cookies is a specialty bakery providing a cookies and ice cream. It offers in-store and delivery services to individuals and businesses.

Insomnia Cookies received an Occupancy Certificate in June of 2022 to operate as a bakery at 6 Oakwood Avenue, which is located in the Neighborhood Business District (NBD). The permitted operating hours in the NBD are 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m., but an applicant may apply for a special use permit for extended hours.

On March 7, 2022, Insomnia Cookies submitted a special use permit application to the Planning Commission, requesting extended hours of operation from 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 a.m. The Planning Commission denied the application as requested, but granted one additional hour of operation on Friday and Saturday nights only. Insomnia Cookies appealed the denial to Oakwood City Council.

In August of 2022, Council conducted a public hearing and adopted Resolution No.1897, approving Insomnia Cookies' application with modifications to the extended hours. The application was issued on a trial basis, subject to reevaluation after one year. Resolution No. 1897 approved the following hours:

- Retail operations may be open until 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and
- Delivery operations may be extended until 2:00 a.m., seven days a week.

Upon reevaluation in August of 2023, Council adopted Resolution No. 1912, which made the special use permit for extended hours permanent. In issuing its approval, Council noted that there had been zero complaints from the surrounding neighborhood during Insomnia Cookies' first year of operation.

PRELIMINARY STAFF FINDINGS

SPECIAL USE STANDARDS

- A. The proposed use at the specified location is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

PRELIMINARY STAFF FINDINGS:

- One of the basic principles of the Comprehensive Plan is that business areas should not adversely impact adjacent neighborhoods. To date, the City has received no complaints or concerns from residents/business owners on Insomnia Cookies' hours of operation. Therefore, it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

- B. The proposed building or use will not adversely affect or change the character of the area in which it is located.

PRELIMINARY STAFF FINDINGS:

- Although the NBD applies to this area, it is immediately adjacent to the City of Dayton NBD that are not subject to the same restrictions. There are two businesses in the immediate area that operate outside of the Neighborhood Business District hours of operation: Sunoco located in Dayton but immediately across the Oakwood Ave/Irving Ave intersection is open 24/7, and The Pine Club which is open on Friday and Saturday until 12:00 a.m.
- Staff believes that the extended hours of operation will not adversely affect the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

- C. That the establishment, maintenance or operation of the special use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, convenience or general welfare.

PRELIMINARY STAFF FINDINGS:

- Having a business located in close proximity to surrounding residential properties could impact public health, safety, and/or general welfare with surrounding homes in the immediate area. However, as previously stated, the city has received no complaints or concerns from residents/businesses owners on Insomnia Cookies' hours of operation and believes that the extended hours of operation will not be detrimental to the surrounding neighborhood.

- D. That the proposed use will not be injurious to the reasonable use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, or substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood.

PRELIMINARY STAFF FINDINGS:

- As previously mentioned, Insomnia Cookies has been in operation for nearly two years and there have been no complaints relating to the late-night hours of operation.

- E. The proposed use at the specified location will not significantly adversely affect the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties in accordance with the regulations of the district in which they are located. The location, size and height of proposed buildings and other structures, and the operation of the use will not significantly adversely affect the use and development or hinder the appropriate development of adjacent and nearby properties.

PRELIMINARY STAFF FINDINGS:

- There is no indication that Insomnia Cookies' application for extended retail hours will adversely affect use or the development of other nearby properties.

- F. That the exterior architectural appeal and functional plan of any proposed structure will not be so at variance with either the exterior architectural appeal and functional plan of the structures already constructed or in the course of construction in the immediate neighborhood, or the character of the applicable district as to cause a substantial depreciation in the property values within the neighborhood.

PRELIMINARY STAFF FINDINGS:

- There are no proposed architectural changes to impact surrounding properties.

- G. That adequate utilities, access roads, off-street parking and loading facilities, drainage and/or other necessary facilities, have been or are being provided at the applicant's cost.

PRELIMINARY STAFF FINDINGS:

- The applicant has met the requirements of this standard.

- H. That adequate measures have been or will be taken at applicant's cost to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets and avoid hazards to pedestrian traffic.

PRELIMINARY STAFF FINDINGS:

- The city is comfortable that no material changes are proposed to existing traffic patterns.

- I. That the special use shall, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located, except as such regulation may, in each instance, be modified by Council pursuant to the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

PRELIMINARY STAFF FINDINGS:

- Insomnia Cookies has conformed to all other applicable regulations of the NBD.

Enclosures

Planning Commission Applications
March 6 PC Meeting Agenda
Draft December 6, 2023 PC Minutes

CITY OF OAKWOOD
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS/PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION

Please submit one paper copy or a digital set of building plans, drawn to scale, and an Ohio Registered Civil Engineer or Surveyor's plat of survey with the application. Any proposed structures must be included on said survey, if applicable. All costs incurred by the city in processing the application will be charged to the applicant. A copy of the deed and easement may also be required.

1. Project Address _____
2. Applicant City of Oakwood Telephone 937-298-0600
3. Owner City of Oakwood Telephone _____
Address 30 Park Avenue Oakwood Ohio 45419
Email Kroger@OakwoodOhio.gov
4. Applicant is (check one) Owner (☐) Agent (☒) or other Planning and Zoning Manager / Building Commissioner
If rented or leased property, name of owner and/or Lessor _____
(Submit letter of authorization from owner)
5. Legal description of subject property (check one):
(☐) Single Family (☐) Multiple Family (☐) Business
6. Request: The applicant requests the following proposed use and/or improvement:
Proposed text Amendments to the Sign Regulations of the Zoning Code.

I hereby certify that all of the above statements and all accompanying information and drawings are correct and true.

 1/31/24
(Signature of Applicant) / (Date)

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

(☒) Planning Commission (☐) Board of Zoning Appeals
Application #: 24-1 Date Filed: 1/31/24
Date of Public Hearing: March 6 2024
Reason for Hearing: Proposed text Amendments to the sign regulations of the Zoning Code.
Recommendation of the Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals: _____

Special Use or Variance (Granted/Denied): _____
Permit(s): _____

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CITY OF OAKWOOD

PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT

Existing Section 1201.03(B), *Exempt Signs*, of the Oakwood Zoning Ordinance, specifically subsection 1201.03(B)(7) thereof, is hereby amended to read as follows, with new text appearing in **bold** font and deleted text appearing in ~~strike-through~~ font:

- B. Exempt Signs. The following signs are hereby designated as “exempt signs” and, as such, are subject only to the regulations contained in this Section 1201.03(B).

7. ~~Governmental flags~~ **Flags**, subject to Section 901.4 (Standards for the Placement of Flagpoles). **The combined total surface area of all flags, counting one (1) side only, shall be no greater than (60) square feet, with no single flag exceeding thirty (30) square feet in area nor six (6) feet in length at its longest dimension.**

Existing Section 1201.06(B), *Calculating Sign Area*, of the Oakwood Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended to read as follows, with new text appearing in **bold** font and deleted text appearing in ~~strike-through~~ font:

- B. Calculating Sign Area. Sign area is defined as the area within any perimeter enclosing the limits of lettering, emblems, or other figures on a sign, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the background on which it is placed. Structural members bearing no sign copy shall not be included in its surface area. In the case of a multifaced sign, **other than a temporary sign installed as a lawn sign**, all sides shall be included in the calculation of surface area. **In the case of a temporary sign installed as a lawn sign, only one face shall be included in such calculation regardless of whether the sign is printed on one or both sides.**

CITY OF OAKWOOD
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS/PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION

Please submit one paper copy or a digital set of building plans, drawn to scale, and an Ohio Registered Civil Engineer or Surveyor's plat of survey with the application. Any proposed structures must be included on said survey, if applicable. All costs incurred by the city in processing the application will be charged to the applicant. A copy of the deed and easement may also be required.

1. Project Address 6 Oakwood Ave. Unit C., Dayton, OH 45409
2. Applicant David Pierce, Esq. and Sarah Sparks, Esq. from Coolidge Wall Co., L.P.A. Telephone 937-223-8177
3. Owner Insomnia Cookies, LLC Telephone _____
Address One South Broad St. Suite 120, Philadelphia, PA 19107
Email pierce@coollaw.com; sparks@coollaw.com
4. Applicant is (check one) Owner (☐) Agent (☒) or other _____
If rented or leased property, name of owner and/or Lessor Routsong Realty, LTD.
(Submit letter of authorization from owner)
5. Legal description of subject property (check one):
(☐) Single Family (☐) Multiple Family (☒) Business
6. Request: The applicant requests the following proposed use and/or improvement:
Pursuant to Resolution 1912, Insomnia Cookies retail store may be open until 10 PM Sunday - Thursday and until 11 PM on Fridays and Saturdays; and
delivery operations may continue until 2 AM, seven days a week. Insomnia Cookies seeks a new special use permit
for additional late night hours so that the retail store may remain open until 12 AM, seven days a week.
A statement of how the application meets each of the criteria described in Section 1004.6, is attached.

I hereby certify that all of the above statements and all accompanying information and drawings are correct and true.

Sarah J. Sparks 2.2.2024
(Signature of Applicant) / (Date)

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

(☐) Planning Commission

(☐) Board of Zoning Appeals

Application #: _____ Date Filed: _____

Date of Public Hearing: _____

Reason for Hearing: _____

Recommendation of the Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals:

Special Use or Variance (Granted/Denied): _____

Permit(s): _____

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, OHIO

INSOMNIA COOKIES

6 Oakwood Ave, Unit C
Dayton, Ohio 45409

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL USE CRITERIA 1004.6 FOR SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Insomnia Cookies is a specialty bakery providing sweet baked goods and ice cream in-store and via delivery to individuals and businesses. Inherent in the name and vital to Insomnia Cookies' business model is the late-night hours of operation that caters to not only college students, but the community at large.

Insomnia Cookies operates a bakery at 6 Oakwood Avenue, Unit C, Dayton, Ohio 45409 (the "Bakery"). Since opening in June 2022, the Bakery has become a popular destination among community residents and college students. The Bakery is in the Neighborhood Business District ("NBD"), and on March 7, 2022, Insomnia Cookies submitted an application to the City of Oakwood Planning Commission ("Planning Commission") requesting extended hours of operation from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. (the "First Application"). Planning Commission denied the First Application as requested but granted an additional hour of operation for Friday and Saturday nights. Insomnia Cookies appealed the denial to the City of Oakwood Council ("Council").

In August 2022, Council adopted Resolution 1897 approving Insomnia Cookies' First Application with modifications to the extended hours. Council approved the following extended hours on a trial basis subject to reevaluation by Council:

- Retail operations may be open until 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and
- Delivery operations may be extended until 2:00 a.m., seven days a week.

Upon reevaluation in August 2023, Council adopted Resolution 1912, which made the special use permit for extended hours permanent. A copy of Resolution 1912 is attached hereto as Exhibit A. With how well the Bakery has integrated into the community, Insomnia Cookies now seeks a new special use permit for extended retail hours so that the Bakery retail operations may be open until 12:00 a.m., seven days a week.¹

II. SPECIAL USE STANDARDS

In accordance with the City of Oakwood Zoning Ordinance Section 1008.2(11), Insomnia Cookies submits this statement in support of its application for a new special use permit, detailing how Insomnia Cookies' use meets the Standards for Special Uses described in Section 1004.6. Section 1004.6 lists nine standards for granting a special use permit (the "Special Use Standards"):

A. The proposed use at the specified location is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

According to the Comprehensive Plan, commercial areas "should remain small and compact, and their present scale and character should be essentially maintained." (Comprehensive Plan at page 29). Insomnia Cookies intends to maintain the small size and character of the existing building so that it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Special Use Standard A. Additional retail hours until 12:00 a.m. will not impact the scale and character of the Bakery's location.

B. The proposed building or use will not adversely affect or change the character of the area in which it is located.

The Bakery is located within the NBD. The NBD is in a busy commercial area on the edge of the University of Dayton. The purpose and intent of the NBD is to serve immediate neighborhoods and the community with a wide range of retail goods and services. (See City of

¹ Insomnia Cookies is not requesting changes to delivery hours.

Oakwood Zoning Ordinance 701.1). Insomnia Cookies is a unique business that serves the entire community from college students at the university to families living in the surrounding neighborhoods.

While the NBD has restricted hours of operations, other businesses in the surrounding area have late-night hours. Like Insomnia Cookies, many of the businesses in the surrounding area cater to University of Dayton college students, which is why these businesses are open late at night. The Bakery is already designed such that it blends with the surrounding businesses. Additional retail hours until 12:00 a.m. will not change the character of the neighborhood nor hinder the development of other business in the NBD, especially considering how the Bakery has already integrated into the community and there have been no complaints about the late-night hours. Therefore, Special Use Standard B is satisfied.

C. The establishment, maintenance or operation of the special use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, convenience or general welfare.

Insomnia Cookies has more than 260 stores nationwide and several in locations similar to Oakwood where late-night hours do not negatively affect the overall safety of the surrounding neighborhoods. For example, Insomnia Cookies' location in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania is comparable to the Oakwood location. The Bala Cynwyd store is located close to St. Joseph's University but is in a residential neighborhood, and there are apartments directly above the bakery and single-family homes directly behind the bakery. The store closes at 12:00 a.m. on Sunday, at 1:00 a.m. Monday – Wednesday, and at 3:00 a.m. Thursday – Saturday. This location has not received any complaints from the adjoining tenants or surrounding neighbors.

Similarly, the Oakwood Bakery is located just outside of a residential neighborhood close to the University of Dayton. The NBD is in a busy area, especially during the school year. Insomnia Cookies has been open for over a year now, and there have been no complaints relating to the

Bakery's extended hours. *See* Resolution 1912. In fact, the community has welcomed the extended hours. There has been no evidence to establish that late-night hours would be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort, convenience, or general welfare of the surrounding neighborhood. Therefore, Insomnia Cookies' new request for extended retail hours until 12:00 a.m. satisfies Special Use Standard C.

D. The proposed use will not be injurious to the reasonable use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, or substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood.

As previously stated, the Bakery has been operating for over a year and has been a welcome addition to the surrounding neighborhood. There have been no complaints relating to the late-night hours. *See* Resolution 1912. Insomnia Cookies knows of no evidence to suggest that the late-night hours would be injurious to the reasonable use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity or would substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood. Accordingly, Special Use Standard D is satisfied.

E. The proposed use at the specified location will not significantly adversely affect the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties in accordance with the regulations of the district in which they are located. The location, size and height of proposed buildings and other structures, and the operation of the use will not significantly adversely affect the use and development or hinder the appropriate development of adjacent and nearby properties.

The Bakery is designed such that it blends with the surrounding businesses. Insomnia Cookies' new application for extended retail hours will not change the character of the neighborhood nor hinder the development of other businesses in the NBD. Therefore, Special Use Standard E is satisfied.

F. The exterior architectural appeal and functional plan of any proposed structure will not be so at variance with either the exterior architectural appeal and functional plan of the structures already constructed or in the course of construction in the immediate neighborhood, or the character of the applicable district as to cause a substantial depreciation in the property values within the neighborhood.

In response to the First Application, Oakwood staff stated that the architecture posed no problem. This remains true. Insomnia Cookies' new application for extended retail hours until 12:00 a.m. will not affect the Bakery's exterior architecture. Therefore, Special Use Standard F is satisfied.

G. Adequate utilities, access roads, off-street parking and loading facilities, drainage and/or other necessary facilities, have been or are being provided at the applicant's cost.

Also in response to the First Application, Oakwood staff stated that all necessary facilities such as utilities, access roads, off-street parking and loading facilities, and drainage have been or are being provided by Insomnia Cookies. Again, this remains true. The Bakery has been operating since June 2022 and has not received any complaints relating to the adequacy of utilities, parking, or other necessary facilities. Extending retail hours until 12:00 a.m. will not affect utilities, access roads, parking, loading facilities, drainage, and other necessary facilities. Therefore, Special Use Standard G is satisfied.

H. Adequate measures have been or will be taken at applicant's cost to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets and avoid hazards to pedestrian traffic.

Insomnia Cookies does not propose any changes, material or otherwise, to existing traffic patterns. Therefore, Special Use Standard H is satisfied.

I. The special use shall, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located, except as such regulation may, in each instance, be modified by Council pursuant to the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Insomnia Cookies' proposed late-night hours will conform to the NBD as required by Special Use Standard I.

III. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Insomnia Cookies requests that Planning Commission grant its new Special Use Permit Application as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

by 

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Attorneys for Insomnia Cookies

A RESOLUTION

BY: VICE MAYOR BYINGTONNO. 1912

AMENDING THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR EXTENDED OPERATING HOURS PREVIOUSLY GRANTED TO INSOMNIA COOKIES, 6 OAKWOOD AVENUE, UNIT C, PURSUANT TO APPLICATION 22-3, CONVERTING THE SAME FROM "TRIAL BASIS" STATUS TO PERMANENT.

WHEREAS, Insomnia Cookies opened in May 2022 as a permitted business use (bakery) located at 6 Oakwood Avenue, Unit C, which is within the zoning district known as the Neighborhood Business District (NBD); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Oakwood Zoning Code, permitted operating hours within the NBD are 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., unless otherwise authorized by Special Use permit; and

WHEREAS, in August 2022, Council adopted Resolution No. 1897, approving a Special Use permit for Insomnia Cookies whereby:

- Retail operations may be open until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday evenings, and until 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and
- Delivery operations may be extended until 2:00 a.m., seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, due to concerns about potential foot traffic and noise, which Council considered speculative but not unfounded, Resolution No. 1897 stipulated that the Special Use permit was granted on a trial basis, subject to reevaluation by Council at its August 2023 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, city staff has reported to Council that in the intervening year of operation, no complaints have been received with regard to extended hours at Insomnia Cookies;

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

SECTION I.

Council has reevaluated the Special Use permit for extended operating hours at Insomnia Cookies, 6 Oakwood Avenue, Unit C, and hereby finds and determines that no complaints have been received regarding the same and that a continued trial period is no longer warranted.

SECTION II.

Resolution No. 1897 shall be and hereby is amended to terminate the "trial basis" condition and to make the hours granted therein permanent, as if approved without conditions.

SECTION III.

The Planning and Zoning Department is hereby directed to issue an updated Special Use permit to the applicant consistent with this resolution.

SECTION IV.

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 Revised Code, Sec. 121.22.

SECTION V.

This Resolution shall be and remain in effect upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAKWOOD, this 7th day of August, 2023.



Mayor William D. Duncan

ATTEST:

Yon' Hall
Clerk of Council

TO THE CLERK:

No publication is required,

Robert F. Jacques
City Attorney Robert F. Jacques

OAKWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 6, 2024
AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
- IV. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2023 MEETING
- V. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - APPLICATION #24-1, TO CONSIDER PROPOSED ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE SIGN REGULATIONS OF THE OAKWOOD ZONING CODE.
 - APPLICATION #24-2, TO REVIEW A SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR EXTENDED EVENING HOURS AT 6 OAKWOOD AVENUE UNIT C.
- VI. ADJOURN

NEXT PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 3, 2024

Oakwood, Ohio
December 6, 2023

The Planning Commission of the city of Oakwood met in a regular session at 4:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the city of Oakwood, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, Ohio 45419.

The Chair, Mr. Andy Aidt, presided and the Clerk, Ms. Lori Stacel, recorded.

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

MR. ANDREW AIDT	PRESENT
MRS. HARRISON GOWDY	PRESENT
MRS. E. HEALY JACKSON	PRESENT
MR. GREG LAUTERBACH.....	ABSENT
MR. STEVE BYINGTON	ABSENT

Officers of the city present were the following:

Mr. Robert F. Jacques, City Attorney
Mr. Ethan M. Kroger, Planning & Zoning Manager
Ms. Lori Stacel, Clerk of Council

The following visitors were present:

Anne Hilton, 900 Harman Avenue

Mr. Aidt called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. He shared that Mr. Byington and Mr. Lauterbach were unable to attend the meeting and asked to be excused. It was moved by Mr. Aidt and seconded by Mrs. Gowdy that both absences be excused; the motion was approved by viva voce vote.

Mr. Aidt asked if there were any questions or concerns with the minutes from the July 5, 2023 meeting. There being none, it was moved by Mrs. Gowdy and seconded by Mr. Aidt that the minutes be approved as submitted and the reading thereof be dispensed with at this session. Upon a viva voce vote on the question of the motion, the same passed unanimously and it was so ordered.

Mr. Aidt explained that two applications are being presented requesting lot consolidations. He then asked Planning & Zoning Manager Ethan Kroger to provide the staff report.

Mr. Kroger shared that a public hearing is not required for these agenda items; therefore, no legal notice was required in advance. The Planning Commission's approval is requested as an administrative formality as a requirement under the Subdivision Code. He explained that a lot consolidation increases the amount of usable buildable space and greenspace, so future building/zoning permit approval may also not require a public hearing if the project meets all greenspace and setback requirements.

Application #23-4, Mr. Kroger explained that this application is to review a subdivision (lot consolidation) of 349 E. Schantz Avenue. The property owner desires to renovate a deck that currently extends across property lines. The lot consolidation eliminates the internal property lines and increases the amount of usable space for future projects.

The Planning Commission did not have any questions or concerns.

Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Gowdy and seconded by Mrs. Jackson that Application #23-4, a lot consolidation of 349 E. Schantz Avenue be approved.

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

MR. ANDREW AIDTYEA
MRS. HARRISON GOWDYYEA
MRS. E. HEALY JACKSONYEA

There being three (3) YEA votes, thereon, said motion carried.

Application #23-5, Mr. Kroger explained that this application is to review a subdivision (lot consolidation) of 810 E. Schantz Avenue. The property owner is simply interested in consolidating lots to receive one tax bill instead of three.

The Planning Commission did not have any questions or concerns.

Therefore, it was moved by Mrs. Gowdy and seconded by Mrs. Jackson that Application #23-5, a lot consolidation of 810 E. Schantz Avenue be approved.

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

MR. ANDREW AIDTYEA
MRS. HARRISON GOWDYYEA
MRS. E. HEALY JACKSONYEA

There being three (3) YEA votes, thereon, said motion carried.

There being no further business, the Planning Commission adjourned. The public meeting concluded at 4:39 p.m.

CHAIR

ATTEST:

CLERK

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBERS
FROM: ETHAN KROGER
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF MARCH 14 MEETING
DATE: FEBRUARY 26, 2024

The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024 has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items. The next regularly scheduled meeting is at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

EK:ls

c: Members of City Council
Norbert Klopsch, City Manager
Robert Jacques, Law Director

FEBRUARY 2024 OAKWOOD PROPERTY SALES

SALES ABOVE APPRAISED VALUE					
<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE SOLD</u>	<u>SALE PRICE</u>	<u>DATE LAST SOLD</u>	<u>LAST SALE PRICE</u>	<u>COUNTY APPRAISED VALUE</u>
300 ACORN DR	2/23/24	\$ 587,000	6/24/14	\$ 290,000	\$ 477,170
440 LONSDALE AVE	2/16/24	\$ 450,000	7/16/10	\$ 210,000	\$ 327,900
21 DELL PARK AVE	2/27/24	\$ 425,000	06-AUG-20□	\$ 309,900	\$ 255,000
334 BEVERLY PL	2/1/24	\$ 399,000	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	\$ 290,240
315 EAST DR	2/15/24	\$ 379,500	3/13/19	\$ 259,900	\$ 311,800
333 OAKWOOD AVE UNIT 1F	2/16/24	\$ 330,000	10/12/07	\$ 235,000	\$ 221,910
601 HARMAN AVE	2/15/24	\$ 317,500	10/1/14	\$ 154,000	\$ 307,600
312 E PEACH ORCHARD AVE	2/12/24	\$ 308,000	11/7/22	\$ 240,000	\$ 243,650
447 WONDERLY AVE	2/27/24	\$ 300,000	2/23/21	\$ 203,500	\$ 231,520
424 MONTERAY AVE	2/15/24	\$ 255,000	7/31/19	\$ 220,000	\$ 212,660
205 MONTERAY AVE	2/12/24	\$ 250,000	3/6/20	\$ 219,000	\$ 178,910
79% ABOVE APPRAISED VALUE					
SALES BELOW APPRAISED VALUE					
<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE SOLD</u>	<u>SALE PRICE</u>	<u>DATE LAST SOLD</u>	<u>LAST SALE PRICE</u>	<u>COUNTY APPRAISED VALUE</u>
295 HATHAWAY RD	2/9/24	\$ 835,000	5/7/18	\$ 650,000	\$ 973,120
716 ACORN DR	2/15/24	\$ 255,000	4/2/07	\$ 81,000	\$ 258,960
2523 ROANOKE AVE	2/28/24	\$ 250,000	NOT LISTED	NOT LISTED	\$ 257,780
21% BELOW APPRAISED VALUE					