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## CITY NEWS | City Property Tax Renewal

The November 6, 2018 ballot will include a measure for renewing a 3.75 mill city property tax. As a renewal only, it maintains the current level of property taxation and will not increase property taxes. The levy was first approved by Oakwood voters in 2013, in direct response to the loss of the estate tax and other cuts to local government funding that were imposed by the State of Ohio. The current effective residential millage rate of this tax levy is 3.32. It raises about \$1.06 million annually and pays for Oakwood public services including items such as police, fire & EMS, street maintenance and public parks. It costs about \$102 per year for each \$100,000 in residential property valuation.

## SCHOOL NEWS | Smith Playground

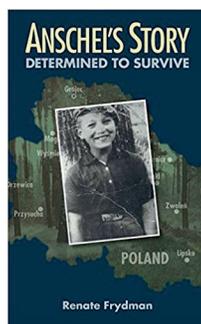
What began as an idea of one Smith Elementary School sixth grader to give back to her school quickly became a welcome addition to Oakwood, thanks to community support, good planning and a whole lot of enthusiasm. **(Continued on page 7)**



## LIBRARY NEWS | Author Renate Frydman Visits Wright Library

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

Wright Library, in partnership with the Jewish Community Center of Greater Dayton, will host author Renate Frydman, Ph.D. as part of the JCC's Cultural Arts & Book Festival. Frydman, a renowned speaker and educator about the Holocaust, shares her husband's survival story in *Ansel's Story: Determined to Survive*. A quote from the cover: "His mother had to make a quick decision that no parent would ever want to make. Which of her children and the best chance to survive this calamity? Her son. Ansel, was the oldest and strongest. The two girls had to stay with her no matter what was coming."



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## Scarecrow Building Contest

The Oakwood Community Center is very excited to announce the 16th annual "Scarecrow Building Contest." We encourage families, neighbors, organizations, co-workers and their groups to participate in this special, festive community event. Registration packets are available at the OCC. The building and placement of the scarecrows will take place on Sunday, October 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with judging to commence at 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the OCC at 298-0775.

## Family Fall Festival

Come to Shafor Park from 2 – 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 14 for the 13th annual "Family Fall Festival" and enjoy an afternoon of fun games, food, pumpkin painting and other entertainment for the whole family! Also enjoy free hayrides along Shafor Boulevard to see Scarecrow Row. Kids can dress up and join the "Costume Parade" around the park. Don't forget to mark your calendar! Look for more information in the *Oakwood Register* and on flyers distributed through the schools.

## Leisure Services News

### American Red Cross Babysitting Course:

The course will be taught at the OCC on Saturday, October 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Students must be at least 11 years of age to enroll.

### Mother/Son Dance:

This dance is scheduled for Saturday, November 3 from 7:30 – 9 p.m. It is open to all Oakwood Moms and Grandmothers with sons and grandsons between the ages of 5 and 11. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the OCC.

### Breakfast with Santa:

The event is from 9 – 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 8. Tickets go on sale Monday, November 5 at the OCC. Space is limited to 50 children. Everyone attending must have a ticket.



## Lighting up Oakwood & Holiday of Lights

The city of Oakwood, with assistance from the Oakwood Environmental Committee, is "LIGHTING UP" Oakwood with luminarias on Sunday, December 9 beginning at 6 p.m. Residents are invited to put luminarias out in front of their house and to consider participating with their neighbors. Then at 6:30 p.m., come to Shafor Park for an evening of community fellowship with songs, refreshments and, as always, a visit from Santa. Also enjoy free horse drawn carriage rides along Shafor Boulevard to see the beautifully lit night. Luminarias for this event are sold at the OCC beginning Tuesday, November 13. Cost is \$5 per dozen and includes the white bags, sand and 10-hour burning candles.

## City Offices Closed/Modified Trash Schedule

**Veteran's Day** – City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Monday, November 12. Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of November 12 will be one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday; and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

**Thanksgiving** – City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23. Please note that trash and recycling pick up for the week of November 19 will be the same as the normal weekly schedule, except that Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday.



## October/November Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 1 and Monday, November 5. Both meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:30 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend any of these meetings. The regular sessions are televised live on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Turner Ch. 5.03 and AT&T U-verse Ch. 99). Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or [www.mvcc.net](http://www.mvcc.net) for broadcast times. Within a day or two after the regular sessions, meeting videos can also be viewed online at the city's website: [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov).

## Fourth Quarter Estimated Tax Payment Due 1-15-2019

If you estimate that you will owe \$200 or more when you file your 2018 City of Oakwood income tax return next year, you should be making quarterly estimated tax payments. The fourth quarter estimated tax payment is due January 15, 2019. Penalty and interest may be imposed for late or non-payment of your estimated taxes. Payment vouchers are available in the tax office and on the City's website. Contact the tax office at 298-0531 with any questions.

## Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project

Under leadership of the Oakwood Environmental Committee, we are again conducting the annual Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and tree species are available at the Oakwood Community Center and on the city website. The trees selected are approximately 2 inches in diameter and are discounted 50% to residents. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at the discounted price. The tree must be planted in the city right-of-way. Trees will be planted by a local nursery in late November or early December. All trees will be wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season. For more details, call Carol Collins or Brian Caldwell at 298-0775.



## Refuse And Recycling Programs

Your city staff works hard to operate an efficient and comprehensive back-door refuse collection program. Please remember to:

- Limit your trash to not more than three cans that are less than 35 gallons and under 60 pounds. All cans must have lids.
- Use as many recycling cans as you need. Remember ROLL... Recycle Oakwood Less to the Landfill!
- Leave cars out of the driveway and have cans easily accessible on your collection day.
- Have your trash and recyclable material out by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day.

These simple actions will allow us to be as efficient as possible and minimize the properties where we are unable to collect the refuse.

Regarding recycling, we have an extensive co-mingled recycling program. You may use as many recycling containers as are required for your household recyclables. You should co-mingle newspaper, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, paperboard, cardboard (small quantities - flattened), plastic bottles and jugs, various metal cans, and glass. Place all of these items loosely in your recycle can; do not place the items in plastic bags. Please take larger amounts of cardboard directly to the cardboard recycling containers at the Creager Field parking lot just north of the Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard. Yard debris, and co-mingled recyclables may also be taken to the containers at the Creager Field parking lot. For a complete listing of recyclable materials, and information on items that are not recyclable, see the Oakwood Refuse Handbook on the city website or Rumpke's web page at <http://rumpke.com/for-your-home/recycling/acceptable-items>. Any questions, please contact Refuse Foreman Kenneth Perkins at 298-0777.

## Stormwater Management Program

Oakwood continues to meet the goals of the city stormwater permit which include street sweeping, dry weather screening of stormwater structures, public education and pollution prevention. Here are a few reminders about your storm sewers:

- Stormwater inlets and sewers are direct conduits to creeks and streams in the area.
- Water quality is directly affected by the material that gets into the storm sewers.
- Never place any material into a stormwater inlet (catch basin).
- Do not put any material in the street, the only exception being leaves between mid-October and mid-December.
- Pick up after your pet as the bacteria in pet waste is harmful to downstream wildlife.
- Limit the use of herbicides and pesticides in lawn care as they have a direct impact on the downstream water quality.

Thank you for your help in preserving our natural resources!

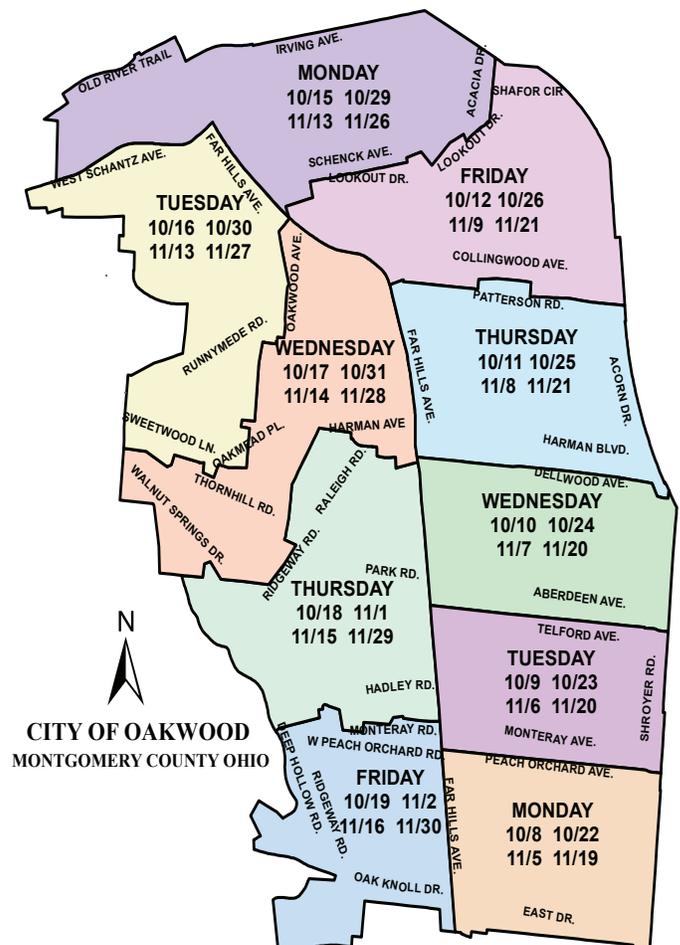


## Annual Leaf Collection

We will begin our annual leaf collection program on Monday, October 15. As in previous years, the program will provide bi-weekly leaf pickups of all areas throughout the city. The city is divided into ten sections with each being collected on a 2-week interval as shown on the map below. The program is scheduled to continue until Friday, December 21, but will be shortened or extended if conditions warrant. We will make every effort to stay on this schedule, but may vary a bit from time to time based on weather conditions and other factors. Citizens interested in dumping their own leaves may do so 24-7 in the yard debris dumpster located at the Creager Field parking lot (Shafor and Irving), or at the public works yard, 210 Shafor Boulevard, between 8 a.m. and 12 noon on the following dates:

- **Saturday, October 6**
- **Saturday, November 3**
- **Saturday, December 1**

### LEAF AND YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2018



FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29  
SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 10/12, 10/25, 11/8, 11/21

## Beggar's Night: October 31

Watch for ghosts and goblins on Wednesday, October 31 from 6 – 8 p.m. If you plan to hand out Halloween treats, please turn on your porch or front door lights. If you are driving during those hours, please use extra caution.

## Halloween Safety

Halloween is an exciting time of year for children and adults. Enjoy the event, but please keep safety a top priority. Here are a few safety reminders while trick-or-treating:

### General Safety

- Avoid homes that do not have their outside lights turned on.
- Younger children should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Trick-or-Treat with a group.
- Children should not enter homes; stay on the porch or stoop.
- Stay away from pets. Pets may become frightened and aggressive.
- Children should stay within familiar areas and surroundings.
- Children should carry and use flashlights and stay on sidewalks.
- Walk, don't run.
- Do not ride bikes, roller-blade or skateboard.
- Do not cut across yards or driveways.
- Cross streets at corners/crosswalks and not between parked cars.
- Although tampering with candy is rare, parents should instruct their children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything. Discard all unwrapped or loosely wrapped candy.

### Costume Safety

- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see, and be seen.
- Use glow sticks and/or reflective tape on costumes and bags for added visibility.
- Wear shoes that fit properly, even if they don't necessarily go with your costume.
- Consider face paint instead of masks, as they can obstruct a child's vision.
- If wearing a mask is a must, ensure the eye holes provide good vision.
- Temporarily remove the mask when crossing streets, or when in heavy traffic.
- Avoid toy weapons; use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid.



Our Oakwood Public Safety Department will conduct extra neighborhood patrols during trick-or-treat hours.



## Oakwood Beautification Awards

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

### July 2018 Winners

<b>Todd &amp; Lisa Duwel</b>	329 Northview Road
<b>Aram &amp; Shasta Beam</b>	235 Ridgewood Avenue
<b>Charles &amp; Deborah Corpus</b>	128 E. Dixon Avenue
<b>Roger &amp; Maura Mericle</b>	820 Acorn Drive
<b>Scott Burley &amp; Aniko Grandjean</b>	1900 Shroyer Road
<b>David &amp; Gretchen Eckstein</b>	1512 E. Schantz Avenue
<b>Karen Ann Carter</b>	2406 Shroyer Road
<b>Wesley &amp; Katherine Pippenger</b>	328 Monterey Avenue
<b>Nancy Kussman</b>	2408 Hillview Avenue
<b>Joshua &amp; Katherine Winner</b>	2622 Ridgeway Road

### August 2018 Winners

<b>Robert &amp; Lisa Wagner</b>	42 Ivanhoe Avenue
<b>Gregory &amp; Patricia Vance</b>	545 Shafor Boulevard
<b>Robert &amp; Rebecca Ross</b>	26 Patterson Road
<b>Nicholas &amp; Lindsay White</b>	1030 Acorn Drive
<b>Richard &amp; Marsh Stevens</b>	40 Wiltshire Boulevard
<b>Theodore and Julie Coyle</b>	2716 Shroyer Road
<b>Jim &amp; Kamela Kordik</b>	24 W. Monterey Road
<b>James &amp; Ellen Vaughn</b>	1711 Southwood Lane W.



*718 Oakwood Avenue, Prairie Style, David and Katie Lunne*

## An Event Hosted by Our Oakwood Historical Society

### Holiday Cheer is Welcome Here

Holding a Holiday Home Tour in Oakwood would surely win the praise of architects Harry Schenck, Louis Lott, and Albert Pretzinger. Their artistic styles varied distinctively, yet they shared a vision to advance esthetics and livability. John Patterson, NCR Founder and early Oakwood resident, would also have lent his support. He sought to build a sense of community among his employees by sponsoring events that brought them together, especially if it ultimately benefited a worthy cause.

These thoughts prompted Oakwood Historical Society Secretary Alex Duncan to envision a tour that showcases the architectural styles of Oakwood's historical homes and the welcoming, creative ingenuity of their owners.

In just three months, Duncan persuaded seven families to open their homes to the community on Saturday, December 8, from noon to 7:00 p.m., the day before Oakwood sponsors the "Lighting Up Oakwood" celebration. "It will be a wonderful weekend of activities for families, something that would have pleased John Patterson," according to local historian, Mark Risley.

The tour includes seven architecturally unique homes including Craftsman, American Foursquare, Swiss Chalet, Tudor, Prairie, and Italian Renaissance Revival styles. Duncan wanted the tour to reflect the architectural diversity that early architects perhaps unwittingly achieved.

Society President Leigh Turben believes the tour will enhance citizens' appreciation of the owners' efforts to preserve the architectural integrity of their homes. She also thinks it reflects the spirit of community our residents enjoy and promote. Welcoming strangers into one's home expresses hospitality.

In the spirit of Oakwood being a walking community, Duncan has planned a self-guided walking tour, although driving from location to location is also an option. The tour will begin at the Sugar Camp parking lot. Visitors will receive a tour booklet and a map and commence their journey.

As they move through the tour, guests will see the interior of the homes decorated for the holidays and learn about their history from the homeowners. The complete tour will take approximately 2-2.5 hours.

Although the Lunne, Harlamet, Gwinnup, Smith, Coomer, Miller, and Pennington-Collins families have agreed to open their homes, the precise way the halls of each home are decked will remain a surprise until the day of the tour.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the tour. Society members will have the opportunity to purchase tickets in advance of the general public and may purchase tickets at the discounted rate of \$20 the day of the tour.

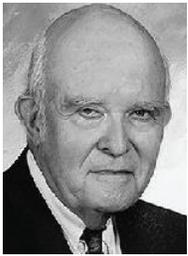
All proceeds from this event will benefit the Society and support one of the oldest buildings in Oakwood, the Long-Romspert Homestead and House Museum.

For tour information, please visit the Society website <http://www.oakwoodhistory.org/>. If you would like to help with the tour, email Alex Duncan at [Alexa.Jackson@gmail.com](mailto:Alexa.Jackson@gmail.com).

# Oakwood Alumni Leave Legacy

The tradition of excellence of Oakwood Schools has a long and evolving history. The common theme throughout the years has been the dedication and love for the schools and community by its alumni, educators, staff and families. Recently, three members of the Oakwood Schools community passed, leaving behind their mark on Oakwood.

## HARRY EBELING, CLASS OF 1950



Harry was dubbed “Mr. Oakwood” for his continued dedication to the preservation of Oakwood’s history and supporting the schools’ educational excellence. He was a founding member of four local organizations: the Oakwood Alumni Association, the Oakwood Schools Foundation, the Oakwood Historical Society and the Stage Wright Friends. Harry served in leadership roles in all four groups. He was named Super Volunteer of the Oakwood Historical Society in 2000 and received the Oakwood High School Distinguished Alumni Award in its inaugural year, 2008. Harry’s study of the history of Oakwood culminated in the publishing of his book, *An Oakwood Scrapbook*. He regularly wrote articles for *The Oakwood Register*. His memorial service was held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Oakwood August 29. Contributions to the Oakwood Schools Foundation can be made in his name.



## NANCY JEAN MOSER, CLASS OF 1955

Nancy Moser’s estate made a recent \$50,000 gift to Oakwood High School. Half of the gift will be utilized for the OHS Language Lab in her memory, with the remaining \$25,000 being used for OHS library acquisitions in memory of her mother Hilda H. Moser and her sister Elizabeth A. Moser, OHS Class of 1959.

## RANDY NEFF, CLASS OF 1975



Randy was an outstanding and passionate educator, teaching high school math for 38 years at Valley View High School, Wayne High School, and Oakwood High School. He continued to teach at OHS after his retirement in 2015. In addition to being a classroom teacher, Randy coached high school wrestling, football, and baseball throughout his career, and served as Athletic Director at Oakwood Junior High School.

Randy’s family and friends established a scholarship in his honor to memorialize his ability to not only teach math concepts but also teach life skills such as honor, respect, trust, conviction and love. The \$1,000 scholarship will be offered annually to a graduating senior planning to major in education or math, with preference given to those planning to teach math or coach. Current college students who graduated from OHS are also eligible to apply.

The scholarship application will be available online through ScholarshipCONNECT at [www.daytonfoundation.org](http://www.daytonfoundation.org) in December each year. The scholarship may be used for tuition only and will be paid directly to the student’s school after the student has confirmed enrollment.

Consider making a gift to this new scholarship opportunity so it can be awarded for many years to come: Donations can be made by check, payable to Oakwood Schools Foundation. Insert Randy Neff Memorial Fund on the memo line and send to:

Oakwood Schools Foundation | PO Box 351 | Oakwood, OH 45409



If you are interested in supporting Oakwood High School Alumni Association or would like any other information on OHS Alumni Association efforts, please contact OHS Alumni Association Director Amy Martin at (937) 371-1479 or [alumni@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschoools.org).



The Oakwood Schools  
FOUNDATION

*Enhancing Excellence in Education*

Pursuing its mission, “Enhancing Excellence in Education,” the Oakwood Schools Foundation provides significant annual support for quality initiatives, including teacher and administrative grants, scholarships and special wish list items. For more information about the Oakwood Schools Foundation, please contact Dante Connell, Director, at 297-5332 or [contact@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org](mailto:contact@oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org) or visit our website at: <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf>



## Smith School Playground *(continued from cover)*

In June, Laila Blumer spearheaded a service project to paint a map of the United States on the playground at Smith. As a student at Smith for six years, a member of the Smith student council and the youngest child in her family to attend Smith, Blumer wanted to give back to the school that had such an influence on her. She had heard stories about a map being painted on the playground in years past and wanted to bring back the painting. Blumer reached out to the community for support and was amazed at the response she received.

“When so many people in the community reached out, it took me by surprise. I thought it would be hard to get even a few donations and volunteers, but just like that we reached our goal and had at least a dozen interested in helping to paint. It was an awesome feeling when I knew so many people wanted to help and donate,” Blumer said.

The map was finished before school started in August and it is already making an impact on students and staff. Music teacher Nate Thompson has plans to incorporate the map into his lessons.

“I’m integrating geography with music with a kinesthetic activity involving a song we sing every year with fifth graders. The song is entitled ‘The 50 Nifty United States.’ We always used a map on the SmartBoard as part of the song but now I plan on taking the class outside and using the playground map,” Thompson said.

Blumer has also heard from students.

“One fifth grader explained to me how much she loves the map. Hearing that really made me smile because so much effort, time and work went into making it happen. Now that it’s done and students are enjoying it, I know everything was worth it.”

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### *Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor*



#### LUCY PINE

Edwin D. Smith Elementary  
6th Grade Language Arts and  
Social Studies Teacher

1980-1994



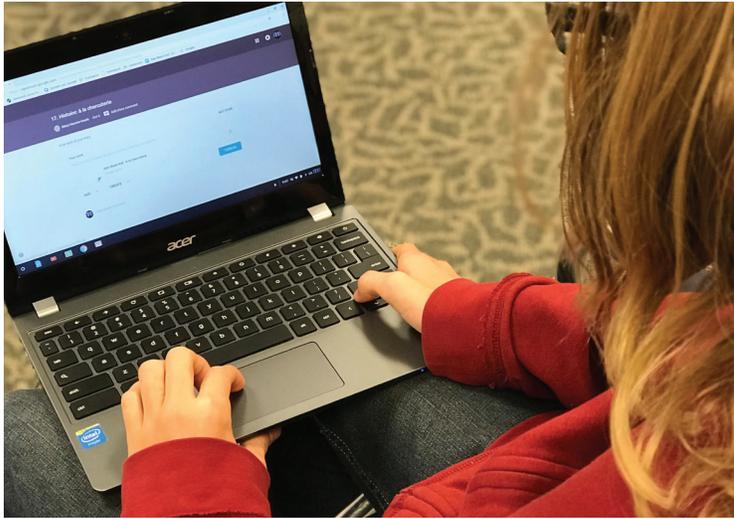
#### MARY JO SCALZO

Harman School Principal  
Director of Curriculum, Instruction and  
Assessment  
Superintendent of Oakwood City Schools

1992-2013

The inductees, as well as previous recipients of the award, were honored at a reception on September 20 at the Dayton Country Club.

Oakwood Travels Path of Technology Integration



Oakwood Schools leaders are on a path to increase technology integration in the classroom, providing students the skills they'll need in their future studies and professions.

Oakwood Schools Technology Coordinator Matt Sproat says the next "logical and beneficial step" is to provide students with their own devices. Sproat has been working with the Technology Planning Committee, Board of Education members, staff and students, to develop a strategy for a year-by-year roll out beginning with fifth and ninth grade students in 2019.

"We know technology is a tool used to help and accelerate progress toward the goals our students have set for themselves. We want to use technology in the most effective ways possible. To help us accomplish that goal we've developed an acronym (ISAC) to keep us focused on the most important aspects of implementing technology. We strive to use technology to make learning activities more Individualized, Student-led, Authentic and Collaborative," Sproat said.

During the past several years, the district has increased the use of technological devices (most notably chromebooks and iPads). Devices were originally assigned to buildings, kept in labs and on mobile lab carts. Eventually, devices were assigned to specific departments and grade levels. Currently, enough devices for each student to have one can be found in approximately 50% of the classrooms.

Smith Elementary School fourth grade teacher Annalee Walker says Oakwood educators don't use computers to teach their students, but "rather to enhance and inspire students' learning experiences." She believes computers also allow teachers to differentiate student learning.

"Students are able to progress at their own pace with individualized targets. Many online programs help teachers to assess students' needs, pinpointing specific areas of strength and weakness. A teacher can then use this data to create learning opportunities for personalized growth," Walker said.

Walker agrees with Sproat that having one-to-one access for students is the next natural step for Oakwood Schools.

"Children have grown up with phones, tablets and computers in many areas of their lives - at home and school, in places of worship and at sporting events. I think children understand the value of a computer, both monetarily and as a vital learning tool for a 21st century learner," Walker said.

School leaders will be meeting with parents and community members to gain feedback and develop specific aspects of Oakwood's one-to-one initiative during the next few months.

## Reminder of Early Dismissal Dates for 2018-19

Schools will dismiss early on the following Fridays so school staff may participate in professional development.

<b>Dismissal times:</b>	Lange	11:43 a.m.
	Harman/Smith	11:43 a.m.
	OJHS/OHS	11:43 a.m.
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>August 31</b>	
	<b>November 9</b>	
	<b>January 18</b>	
	<b>May 3</b>	

Look for students in grades K-6 to arrive home wearing early dismissal stickers on the Thursdays prior to the Friday early dismissal dates.

## Athletic Passes

**Reserved Basketball tickets are available** in the Athletic Department. Ticket renewals were sent to reserved ticket holders in May.

**2018-19 Student, Adult and Junior High Family athletic passes are on sale now** and can be purchased at the Athletic Department, 297-5342.

**Reserved Seat Season Boy's Basketball Tickets \$80.00 each**

There are eleven (11) home games this year.

Please contact the Athletic Department with questions at 297-5342.

## Groups Welcome New Families

Being the “new kid” at school can be tough, and not just for the kids. Thanks to parent volunteers working with school leaders at Harman School and Smith Elementary School, new families coming to Oakwood have help with these tough transitions.

Smith parent Wenbi Lai knows what it’s like to be the new family in town.

“My family spent the 2017-2018 school year in Japan because of my husband’s job. Being in a new school and a new culture made me very aware of how important and appreciated it is to have the ‘inside scoop’ on things to do, activities to sign up for and how to make friends in the area,” Lai said.

Amanda Andrews’ family moved to the area after school started last year and remembers all of the questions she had. She hopes the Welcoming Committee and the information provided to new families will help.

“We decided to create binders for new families moving into Smith. The binders contain tons of helpful information from school-specific details and activities to helpful hints around town and local favorites. We hope to continue adding more flyers every year from local businesses and school clubs,” Andrews said.

At Harman, parents are sharing similar information with new families. Welcoming Committee volunteer Sarah Morgan says the group is also creating a mentor program.

“We are going to match new families with ‘experienced’ families - where their kids are in the same grade. This is mostly to help parents in the family to have another parent to contact or ask questions when they want to know a bit more about something. This could be for grade level items such as: ‘What is Camp Joy?’; or, ‘My child really likes basketball, where should I look?’ This idea came from one of the Coffee with the Counselor sessions last year at Harman,” Morgan said.

For more information about the Welcoming Committee, contact the schools directly. You can also find information about this year’s Coffee with the Counselor sessions on the district website at [harman.oakwoodschoools.org/harman-school/elementary-school-counselor](http://harman.oakwoodschoools.org/harman-school/elementary-school-counselor).

## Stay Up to Date with Oakwood Schools

To stay up to date with Oakwood Schools sign up to receive newsletters and other district updates directly to your email.

Go to [www.oakwoodschoools.org/resources/email-mailing-list](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org/resources/email-mailing-list) and create or update your account. To receive important district-wide information, subscribe to the Superintendent Information list.

## Get Involved with Oakwood Schools

Get involved with the Oakwood Schools by joining one of our partner community groups! From Oakwood Athletic Boosters to Oakwood Arts Bridge, there are a number of ways you can be a part of the Oakwood Schools community. Go to our webpage at [oakwoodschoools.org](http://oakwoodschoools.org) and look under the Community tab to find out more about some of the wonderful organizations supporting Oakwood Schools.

## October/November Calendar

### OCTOBER

<b>3</b>		<b>Smith: Walk to School Day</b>
<b>9</b>	6 p.m.	<b>Smith PTO Meeting in the Library</b>
<b>18</b>		<b>OJHS/OHS Picture Re-take</b>
<b>19</b>	7 p.m.	<b>OJHS Dance</b>
<b>20</b>		<b>Smith Ghostwood/Fall Festival</b>
<b>22</b>	7 p.m.	<b>OJHS Fall Sports Recognition</b>
<b>26</b>		<b>NO School – Conference Exchange Day</b>
<b>31</b>		<b>Smith Halloween Parade and Parties</b>

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<b>5</b>	6:30 p.m.	<b>OHS Fall Sports Banquet</b>
<b>7</b>	6:30 p.m.	<b>OHS Fall Sports Banquet</b>
<b>13</b>		<b>Smith Picture Day</b>
<b>13</b>	6 p.m.	<b>Smith PTO Meeting in the Library</b>
<b>14-16</b>		<b>Smith 5th Grade to Glen Helen</b>
<b>21, 22, 23</b>		<b>NO SCHOOL – Fall Break</b>
<b>26</b>		<b>Classes Resume</b>

## Arts and Theater Dates

<b>OHS Muse Machine</b>	October 5	2:30 p.m.
<b>OJHS Orchestra Concert</b>	October 16	7:00 p.m.
<b>OHS Choir Concert</b>	October 18	7:00 p.m.
<b>OHS Fall Orchestra Concert</b>	October 23	7:00 p.m.
<b>OHS Marching Band Concert</b>	October 24	7:00 p.m.
<b>OJHS Choir Concert</b>	October 25	7:00 p.m.
<b>OJHS Band Concert</b>	November 14	7:00 p.m.
<b>OHS Muse Machine</b>	November 28	9:30 a.m.

### OHS Fall Play “The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940”

November 8	7:00 p.m.
November 9	7:00 p.m.
November 10	4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

## Get connected with Oakwood Schools!

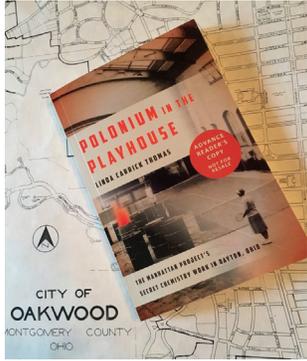
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## WWII Series Continues

Far Hills Speaker Series Explores the Miami Valley's Role in WWII



**Saturday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m.,  
Hosted At Lutheran Church Of Our Savior,  
155 E. Thruston Blvd.**

Learn about how the Talbot Family's "Runnymede Playhouse" in Oakwood served as a top-secret laboratory where the triggering mechanisms for the atomic bombs were developed. The author of the book *Polonium in the Playhouse*, Linda Carrick Thomas, will be presenting.

**Saturday, Nov. 18, 2 p.m., Hosted At Lutheran Church Of Our Savior,  
155 E. Thruston Blvd.**

Dr. Don Sullenger, who worked at Mound Laboratories from July 1962 until August 1992, presents details about George Koval: American-born spy who gave secrets of the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union.

## Let's Talk

**Saturday, Oct. 6, 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.,  
Registration Requested: [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org)**

Join with others to discuss race and privilege at a Let's Talk conversation café following a screening of the 2013 film by Tim Wise "White Like Me." Wright Library's Let's Talk series is dedicated to in-depth conversations among neighbors. Librarian Elizabeth Schmidt was trained in spring 2018 by the American Library Association in the Conversation Café method, which encourages deep connection with others through shared humanity. The goal of Conversation Cafe is not to debate issues or solve problems, but to talk to other people and enjoy a conversation where people may have different ideas and may not agree.

## Library Campfire Scheduled for Oct. 20



Wright Library will host a fall campfire for families behind the library from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20, as part of E.D. Smith Elementary's Ghostwood Fall Fest event. Enjoy games, songs, and snacks around the fire with your family and neighbors. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

## New: Tweens Book Club Meets at the Library

Calling students grades 3 -6 on second Saturdays at 11 a.m. to meet-up and discuss the Who Was/Who Is series on October 13, and Chronicles of Narnia series on November 10. The Series Saturday Book Club is led by a librarian and includes a craft or game.

## Call for Writers and Artists: New Wright Library Literary Journal Now Accepting Submissions

On February 14, 2019, Wright Memorial Public Library will be 80 years old! To celebrate, we're collecting poetry, short stories, fast fiction, essays, and art to be compiled in an online and printed publication. We're especially looking for pieces that focus on place (libraries, the Miami Valley) or the passage of time, both as we look back to the past and forward to the future. Imagine life in 1939 or a library in space. Write about our namesakes, Wilbur, Orville, and Katharine Wright. No matter the topic, all well-executed and compelling literature and art will be considered. Publication is planned for February 14, 2019. Visit [wrightlibrary.org/zine](http://wrightlibrary.org/zine) for submission information. Contact Elizabeth Schmidt with questions at [schmidt@wrightlibrary.org](mailto:schmidt@wrightlibrary.org) or 937-294-7171

## Poetry Reading

**Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m.**

Enjoy live readings from poets Jamey Dunham, Nin Andrews, and Karen Schubert. Dunham is the author of *The Bible of Lost Pets* (Salt Modern Poets) and an Associate Professor of English and Creative Writing at Sinclair Community College. Nin Andrews' poems have appeared in many literary journals and anthologies including *Ploughshares*, *Agni*, *The Paris Review*, and four editions of *Best American Poetry*. Schubert's publications include four poetry chapbooks, and poems, short fiction, essays, creative non-fiction, interviews and reviews in many publications. Schubert is the editor of *Whiskey Island Magazine* and a founding co-director of *Lit Youngstown*, a literary arts nonprofit.

## Family Organizing With Lori Firsdon



**Thursday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m.**

Learn how to get your family organized with professional organizer Lori Firsdon, founder and owner of Forte Organizers. Lori and her team work with business executives and their spouses, large corporate work groups and departments, small businesses, home and mobile offices, and residential clients. Lori is the author of "Lose Your Stuff, Find Yourself."

## Dodge Black Friday at Your Library

**Friday, Nov. 23**

Escape Black Friday with free, family fun at Wright Library. Test your wits and build relationships in our Escape Room Challenge or drop in to try a variety of board games while everyone else is out shopping! To register and for more details, visit [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org).

## Library Events

**KEY:** (I) Infant, (P) Preschool, (E) Elementary, (T) Teen, (A) Adult, (F) Family, (R) Registration Required, (AD) Adults with Developmental Disabilities

### OCTOBER

- 1 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.;  
**Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;  
**Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 2 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.; **Book Club** 7 p.m.
- 3 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A)
- 5 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.; **Writer's Cafe (A)** 7 p.m.
- 6 **Let's Talk: White Like Me (A)** 2 p.m.
- 9 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.;
- 10 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A);  
**Teen Advisory Board (T)** 3:30 p.m.;  
**Teen Game On! (T)** 6:30 p.m.
- 11 **NanoWriMo informational meeting (A)** 7 p.m.
- 12 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 13 **Series Saturday-Book Club for Tweens** 11 a.m.;  
**Family Event-Dragons Love Tacos** 2 p.m.
- 14 **Let's Go Lego** 2 p.m.
- 15 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.;  
**Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;  
**Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 16 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.;  
**Wright Library Poets (A)** 7 p.m.
- 17 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A);  
**Tween Game On! (E)** 3:30 p.m.
- 19 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 20 **Family Campfire** 7–9 p.m.
- 21 **Far Hills Speaker Series (155 E Thurston Blvd.)** 2 p.m.;  
**Writers' Café (A)** 2:30 p.m.
- 22 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.;  
**Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;  
**Teen Writing Club (T)** 6:30 p.m.; **Poetry Reading (A)** 7 p.m.
- 23 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 24 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A);  
**JCC Author talk: Renate Frydman** 7 p.m.
- 25 **Family Organizing Talk** 7 p.m.
- 26 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 27 **Paws to Read (F)** 10:30 a.m.
- 28 **Let's Go Lego (F)** 2 p.m.
- 29 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.;  
**Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;  
**Teen Writing Club (T)** 6:30 p.m.
- 30 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 31 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A)

### NOVEMBER

- 2 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.; **Writer's Cafe (A)** 7 p.m.
- 3 **Oakwood Architecture Walk (A, R)** 2 p.m.
- 5 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.;  
**Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;  
**Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 6 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 7 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A)
- 9 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 10 **Series Saturday-Book Club for Tweens** 11 a.m.;  
**Family Event-Madeline** 2 p.m.
- 11 **Let's Go Lego (F)** 2 p.m.
- 12 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.;  
**Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;  
**Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 13 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.;  
**Book Club (A)** 7 p.m.
- 14 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A);  
**Teen Advisory Board (T)** 3:30 p.m.;  
**Teen Game On! (T)** 6:30 p.m.
- 16 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 17 **Paws to Read (F)** 10:30 a.m.
- 18 **Far Hills Speaker Series (155 E Thurston Blvd.)** 2 p.m.;  
**Writers' Café (A)** 2:30 p.m.
- 19 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.;  
**Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;  
**Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 20 **Wright Library Poets (A)** 7 p.m.
- 21 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A)
- 23 **Board Games (all ages)**  
**and Escape Room (A, R)** 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- 25 **Let's Go Lego** 2 p.m.
- 26 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.;  
**Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;  
**Teen Writing Club (T)** 7 p.m.
- 27 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 28 **Tech Tutoring** by appointment (A);  
**Teen Game On! (T)** 6:30 p.m.;  
**Tween Game On! (E)** 3:30 p.m.
- 29 **Family Night Gift Wrapping** 6 p.m.
- 30 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.

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### Judy Cook, Asset Builder

With 20 years serving on the Oakwood City Council, 8 of them as the Mayor of Oakwood, Judy Cook has had the opportunity to make an impact on her community. A community that honored Cook by naming a park after her in the fall of 2017.

From being a parent of two sons educated in the Oakwood Schools to serving on the Oakwood Schools Business Advisory Committee, the Oakwood Schools Foundation Grants Committee, and the Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor selection committee, Cook has seen how the schools and the community are working together to prepare students for the future.

“Opportunities for students to engage with people unfamiliar and perhaps out of their comfort zone can broaden their perspective and enrich their lives. In

today’s world, this is an important step in preparing for life beyond Oakwood’s borders,” Cook said.

Cook participated in the introduction and training for the 40 Developmental Assets when it began in Oakwood and likes the emphasis being “on what is good instead of a litany of problems.”

“The 40 Assets is a story of positive relationships and how they are created. Extra-curricular activities, which provide opportunities to work together toward common goals, are certainly an appropriate milieu for this pursuit. Oakwood Schools offer a rich menu of opportunities in sports, music, theater, academics and community service. With the 40 Assets built into the programs and aimed as outcomes, these experiences can be rewarding,” Cook said.

# 40 assets

building blocks for healthy  
development of young people

**O**ur community endeavors to intentionally and strategically construct building blocks to help our young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.