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# OAKWOOD SCENE

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## CITY NEWS | Smith Gardens 2019 Blanket Concert Series

The Friends of Smith Gardens and the city of Oakwood are pleased to present the “2019 Blanket Concert Series”. The series is a community favorite and this year’s schedule again offers something for everyone. Bring your blanket and join us at Smith Gardens, located in the 800 block of Oakwood Avenue at the corner of Walnut Lane. Parking is available on Oakwood Avenue, on some adjacent side streets, and around the City Building.

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## SCHOOL NEWS | District Says Thank You To Community

Work will begin on Oakwood Schools buildings this summer as part of Phase 1 of the District’s Master Facilities Plan, after voters approved a combination bond/operating levy May 7.

“We are humbled by the unwavering support of our community and are grateful to the levy committee and hundreds of volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure accurate information was shared with our community,” Oakwood Schools Superintendent Dr. Kyle Ramey said.

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## LIBRARY NEWS | “A Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program

It’s going to be an out-this-world summer as Wright Memorial Public Library presents “A Universe of Stories” summer reading program.

Children, teens, and adults can register at the library or online at [wrightlibrary.org/src2019](http://wrightlibrary.org/src2019). Registered readers earn coupons as well as prize books as they track their reading and report their progress at the library.

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OF JULY SAFETY TIPS from the  
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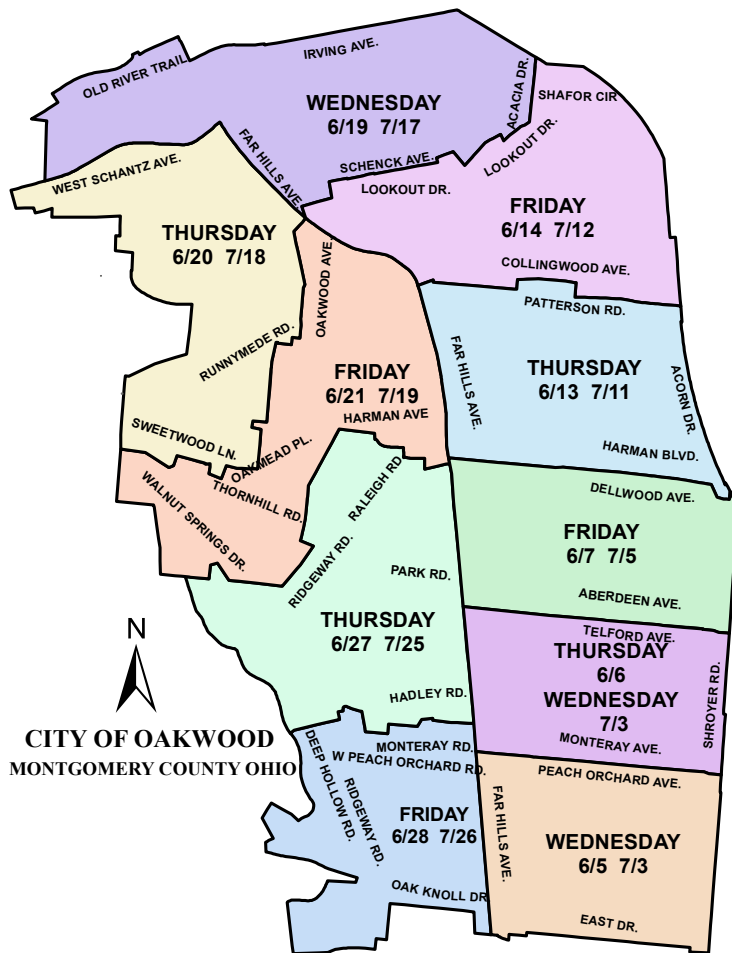
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## YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE JUNE AND JULY 2019



**CITY OF OAKWOOD**  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY OHIO

FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 6/27 & 7/25

SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 6/13 & 7/11

## Yard Debris Disposal

As you work on your yard, please remember that there are two options for disposing of yard waste:

### Do It Yourself:

- DIY disposal may be done in three different ways:
  - 1) Drop it off at the Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Blvd, on the first Saturday of the month between 8 a.m. and 12 noon; or
  - 2) Drop it in the yard debris dumpster at the Creager Field parking lot (corner of Shafor and Irving). The dumpsters are available 24-7; or
  - 3) Call 298-0777 to schedule a dumpster delivery to your property, and load it up. This is free of charge if the dumpster is used exclusively for yard debris (green waste).

### Monthly Collection by the City:

- Place piles of yard debris (brush and branches) into the tree lawn area just behind the curb, ideally just a day or two before your scheduled pickup (see map herein). Branches should be no longer than 6 feet and all material should be placed in manageable piles for easy pick up. Do not place piles around trees, fire hydrants, cable TV boxes or posts/poles, or in the street or gutter.

### Additional Refuse Program Reminders:

- Under no circumstance should you place anything in the street gutter (except leaves in the fall) or anything except yard debris in the tree lawn area.
- Small amounts of leaves, small twigs, dead flowers and other such incidental green waste items may be placed in with your regular trash.
- Do not stack loose yard debris around or on top of trash cans. All debris must be placed in cans with lids.
- Please recycle as much as you can... it saves us money.
- Please learn what is recyclable and what is not.  
See: [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov)
- Remember the 35 gallon size limit and 60-pound weight limit on cans, and that cans must have handles and removable lids.
- Remember the three (3) can limit for regular trash (or one roll waste container for alley properties). There is no limit on the number of recycling cans.
- Grass clippings are not accepted, either with regular trash, with curbside collected yard debris, or in dumpsters.
- Contractor generated material is not accepted.

## Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report

The city of Oakwood has prepared the 2018 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report for the City's public water system. This was done in accordance with federal regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The report can be viewed on the City website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov/ccr.pdf](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov/ccr.pdf). The report includes detailed information about the operation of our City water system during the 2018 calendar year. The report shows that the City operates the public water system in compliance with all state and federal rules. A paper copy of the Consumer Confidence Report is available on request by calling the Public Works Center at 298-0777.

## Stormwater Program

The city of Oakwood manages stormwater run-off in accordance with rules and regulations established by the EPA. The Oakwood stormwater permit requires:

- 1) dry weather screening of sewer outfalls to verify absence of illicit sewer connections;
  - 2) educating residents on stormwater matters;
  - 3) sediment and erosion controls on construction sites larger than 1 acre;
  - 4) regular street sweeping; and
  - 5) staff education on stormwater impacts.
- The overall goal of the stormwater program is to improve the quality of the water in our rivers, lakes and streams by limiting pollutant release into receiving waters. There are several ways that citizens can aid this effort: 1) do not place any material in the street except leaves during the 10 week collection period in the fall; 2) do not dump oil, lawn debris, or other materials into the storm sewer – this is a direct path to streams and rivers and there is no treatment of this water; 3) limit as much as possible the use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides; and 4) clean up after your pets as the bacteria in animal waste is very harmful to the streams. The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) has many materials available if you would like additional information. These can be found at: <https://www.mcdwater.org/water-stewardship/state-of-the-water/>

## City Construction Projects

- **Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project:** The 2019 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project will soon begin in the area bounded by Far Hills, Forrer, Shroyer, Acorn and Patterson. The purpose of the project is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. Please contact Streets Foreman David Shuey at 298-0777 if you have any questions about the project.
- **Asphalt Roadway Repaving:** A city contractor will repave the asphalt streets below this summer. Call Foreman/Engineering Technician Tom Long at 298-0777 if you have any questions. Property owners on these streets will receive individual notification of the construction schedule.
  - Spirea Drive
  - Greenmount Boulevard
  - Peach Orchard Avenue (Far Hills Avenue to Shroyer Road)
  - East Drive (Shafor Boulevard to Shroyer Road)
  - Hathaway Road (Patterson Road to East Drive)
  - Alpine Lane
  - Hilltop Avenue
  - Fairmont Avenue
  - Hillview Avenue (Alpine Lane to South Corporation Line)
- **Concrete Roadway Repairs:** Work is underway to repair concrete pavement on Ridgeway Road, between Park Road and the Kettering bridge over Dorothy Lane; on Fairforest Circle, and on Park Avenue between Harman Avenue and Oakwood Avenue. Call David Shuey with questions.

## Hazardous Waste Disposal

It is very important that no hazardous materials are co-mingled with the regular weekly refuse. This includes paints, herbicides, pesticides, oils, antifreeze, and other such materials. Residents may take these items to the Montgomery County Moraine Transfer Facility, 1001 Encrete Lane, Moraine and drop them off free of charge. The drop off center is open from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays. See [www.mcswd.org](http://www.mcswd.org) for additional information.

Alternatively, residents can request a free pick up through the Oakwood Rotary Club. The Rotary Club offers a program every three months where volunteer Rotarians travel the community to collect and dispose of hazardous waste. The schedule is routinely advertised in the Oakwood Register newspaper and is posted on the city website. Remaining 2019 collection dates are Saturday, July 27 and Saturday, October 26. Call 296-5155 to register for a pick up. While the service is free, the Oakwood Rotary Club accepts donations to be used for club service projects and grants.

## Trimming Along Sidewalks

Oakwood property owners must keep all trees, bushes and other vegetation trimmed away from public sidewalks. City regulations require that no branches, bushes or other vegetation encroach across any sidewalk, and that a clear path is maintained up to eight feet above the sidewalk. Please contact Code Enforcement Officer Ethan Kroger ([kroger@oakwood.oh.us](mailto:kroger@oakwood.oh.us) or 297-2920) with questions.

## Independence Day Refuse Collection

City offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. During the week of July 1, the refuse schedule will be altered as follows due to the July 4th holiday:

**Monday's route will be collected Monday.**

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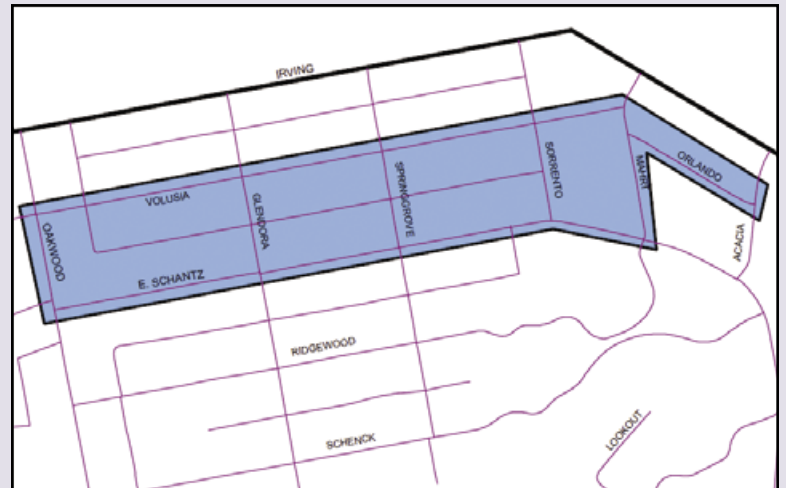
**Wednesday's route will be collected Wednesday.**

**Thursday's route will be collected Friday.**

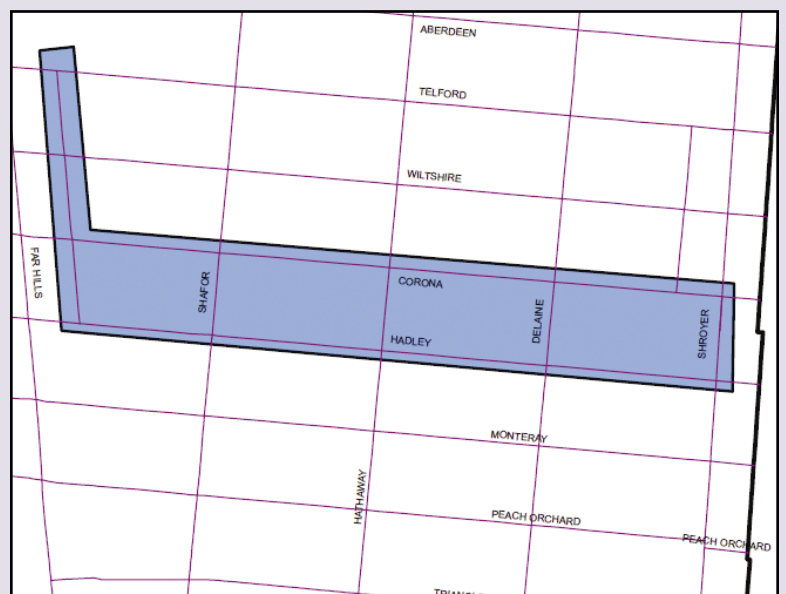
## 2019 Vectren Gas Line Improvements

Vectren is currently replacing underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in the Oakwood neighborhoods identified in blue on the maps below. In both work areas, Vectren is installing new polyethylene pipes in place of old steel and cast iron pipes and is moving indoor gas meters to outside wall locations. This is the continuation of a multi-year Vectren infrastructure replacement project in Oakwood. Oakwood residents personally affected by the work will receive detailed information from Vectren. Please feel free to contact Public Works Inspector/Foreman Tom Long at 298-0777 with questions about the work.

### NORTHERN SECTION



### SOUTHERN SECTION





## Smith Gardens 2019 Blanket Concert Series *(Continued from front page)*

These concerts are FREE and open to the public. In case of rain, the concerts will be held in the Great Room at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road.



**Sunday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. ~ Madcap Puppets – “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz: Adapted by Dylan Shelton”**

Madcap Puppets is based in Cincinnati, Ohio and nationally recognized for engaging audiences through their original children's theatre productions that include life size puppets. They work to entertain and educate children and adults. For this show you will travel down the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy, Toto and their best friends; Scarecrow, Cowardly Lion and Tin Man. Madcap brings this epic adventure to life with breathtaking puppets in this enchanting, family-friendly classic. This life size play is sure to delight audiences of all ages. Bring the whole family to enjoy!



**Sunday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. ~ Dave Greer's Classic Jazz Stompers**

The Classic Jazz Stompers have been around since the early 1980's and have played in jazz clubs and at jazz festivals in a wide variety of venues in and out of the country. They can be heard on the first Tuesday of each month at Jimmy's Ladder 11 on Warren Street. The band plays jazz, blues, hot dance music and small band swing from the 1920's and 1930's. The Classic Jazz Stompers have performed at the new Levitt Pavillion in downtown Dayton. This performance will be sure to have you dancing along to the music so bring the family out to enjoy a great night of Jazz music.



**Sunday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. ~ Puzzle of Light**

Puzzle of Light is a group of musicians with individual musical backgrounds and experience ranging from jazz and rock to ethnic and world music. Their music is both technically exciting and emotionally deep, earning the quintet standing ovations everywhere. Puzzle of Light's original and experimental music demonstrates their respect for nature, as well as world cultures and thus they are sought-after by colleges, performing arts venues, nature centers and outdoor garden amphitheaters. One of the band members, Michael Bashaw, will be putting together a sculpture to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Smith Gardens prior to the performance. This performance will also include audience participation so be sure not to miss this concert!

## Pre-School Story Hour at Smith Gardens

The OCC, in conjunction with Wright Memorial Public Library, is pleased to present another fun season of “Story Hour at Smith Gardens”. Spend a magical morning in the Gardens as the Children's Librarian reads enchanting stories to your preschooler. Friday dates: June 28, July 26 and August 23 at 10:30 a.m. In case of rain, meet in the Garden House.

## Oakwood Community Center

**Swim Lesson Registration:** Registration will be held at the OCC on Monday, June 3 beginning at 9 a.m.

**Oakwood Dolphins Swim Team:** Swim practice begins on Monday, June 3. The season runs through Friday, July 12. Any Gardner Pool member 18 and under may register to join this team.

**Annual Ice Cream Social:** This tradition is held before school resumes in the fall and is scheduled for Sunday, August 11 at Shafor Park. Tickets will be available beginning Monday, July 8.

Call the OCC at 298-0775 for more information on these and other events.

## Smith Memorial Gardens 45th Anniversary

This year we are celebrating the 45th anniversary of Smith Gardens. The property was donated to Oakwood in 1974 by Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Smith.



The Friends of Smith Gardens organization was established in 1981. A capital campaign at that time raised money to restore and expand the garden house and maintenance building. The organization continues to raise money annually to help pay expenses incurred in maintaining the beautiful facility. Skip and Martha Ordeman served as the Co-Chairs for the Friends of Smith Gardens organization for the 12 years between 2007 and 2018. They helped raise nearly \$240,000 for the gardens during that time period. Steve Kelch is now Chair. Steve is the grandson of Carlton and Jeannette Smith. In addition to being open to the public from dawn until dusk daily, Smith Gardens is used for many events throughout the year including:

- Three Summer Blanket Concerts
- Pre-school Story Hours
- Princess Garden Tea Party
- Teddy Bear Picnic
- Girl Scout Crossovers
- Weddings
- Garden House rentals for meetings, retreats, showers, etc.
- Photo shoots for weddings, dances and other special events

The following special events are taking place this year to celebrate the anniversary:

- Family Portraits at the Gardens
- Treasures Hunt – Arbor Day/Tree City USA Celebration
- Spectacular & Beautiful Flower Containers Seminar
- Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale
- August 4 Blanket Concert – Musical Sculpture by Michael Bashaw and Concert by Puzzle of Light
- Holiday 45th Finale Celebration Fundraiser

## Fireworks and Fourth of July Safety Tips



The Fourth of July is a great time to celebrate and spend the day with your family and friends. Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Unfortunately, many people ignore the inherent dangers associated with fireworks and expose themselves to the risk of burns and other bodily injury. It is estimated that around 9,000 people each year receive emergency medical treatment due to fireworks related injuries with 40% of the injured being less than 15 years of age. Here are a few reminders and safety tips concerning fireworks.

First and most important is for everyone to be aware that most fireworks are illegal in the State of Ohio. The only types of fireworks that can be legally purchased and discharged in Ohio are trick and novelty devices. These include items that smoke, sparkle, snap, and snake. Other fireworks such as bottle rockets, firecrackers, and roman candles are legally sold at fireworks stores around Ohio, but the purchaser must sign an affidavit indicating that they will transport the fireworks out of Ohio within 48 hours. Furthermore, Oakwood Codified Ordinance 549.08 prohibits anyone from discharging, igniting, or exploding any fireworks within the City. Anyone found in violation of this section is guilty of a Misdemeanor of the third degree.

### Fireworks Safety

- Children should never be left alone when discharging fireworks. Handle and discharge trick and novelty devices only under adult supervision.
- Appoint one adult to be in charge. This person should know the hazards of each type of firework being used.
- Carefully read and follow the instructions and warning labels on the package.
- Light only one sparkler at a time. Many dismiss the fact that sparklers can be dangerous and should be handled only by children over the age of twelve. Sparklers can burn up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit and can easily ignite clothing and hair. Sparklers are the most common cause of fireworks-related injuries in children under five.
- Never use malfunctioning fireworks. Do not attempt to re-light, alter or fix a “dud” firework.
- Always keep a bucket of water and garden hose nearby in case of fire.
- Have a cell phone handy in case you need to make an emergency call for assistance.
- Lastly, please do not consume alcohol while lighting any fireworks. Fireworks must only be used by individuals who are not under the influence.

If you are planning a fireworks celebration, leave it to the professionals. Attend one of the professionally licensed fireworks exhibitions. The Oakwood Public Safety Department wishes everyone a safe Fourth of July celebration.

## Pedestrian Safety



Now that warmer weather has arrived, we are seeing an increase in the number of walkers, joggers and runners on city streets. Subsequently, the Oakwood Public Safety Department receives complaints from motorists about pedestrians failing to yield to vehicular traffic while using the streets.

Outlined below are a few reminders about Oakwood's Codified Ordinances governing pedestrians utilizing city streets. The Safety Department requests that everyone follow these ordinances so both motorists and pedestrians can safely use city streets for vehicle travel and recreational activities. Section 371.05 of the Oakwood Traffic Code addresses all of the specific requirements. This ordinance and all other Oakwood Codified Ordinances can be found online at the city of Oakwood's website, [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov).

- Pedestrians are required to proceed as close as practicable to the curb on his or her left and must face vehicular traffic.
- Pedestrians must proceed in a single file when traffic is approaching from the front or rear.
- Except as otherwise provided in Section 313.03 (relating to rights-of-way at intersections controlled by traffic lights) and in Section 371.01 (pedestrian in a crosswalk has the right-of-way), every pedestrian upon a roadway shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.
- During the time from one-half hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunrise, and at other times when there are unfavorable atmospheric conditions (including insufficient natural light) which prevents persons from being clearly discernible at a distance of 300 feet, every pedestrian shall:
  - Wear between the neck and waist material such as a vest, sash band or tape which is reflectorized as to be discernible clearly at night from a distance of 300 feet; or
  - Vacate the non-crosswalk roadway immediately upon the approach of a vehicle from the front of the pedestrian, and also vacate the roadway at any intersection or driveway where a vehicle is approaching the roadway, and remain off the roadway until the vehicle has passed the pedestrian.
- Walking, jogging or running in the street is prohibited at all times on Far Hills Avenue, Schantz Avenue from Oakwood Avenue to the west corporation limits, Patterson Road between Far Hills Avenue and the east corporation limit, Shroyer Road between the north and south city corporation limits and on Oakwood Avenue from Far Hills Avenue to the north corporation limits.

There are very real, sometimes unavoidable, dangers when running on city streets. Below are a few safety tips every walker, jogger, or runner should follow:

- Be aware.
  - Avoid running with headphones.
- See and be seen.
  - Carry some form of identification.

## Classics on the Lawn Returns for its 9th Year

Plans are underway for the Oakwood Historical Society's 9th annual Classics on the Lawn car show. It will take place on August 18 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Committee Chairman Brian Mettling reports that in addition to a unique collection of cars, families can enjoy live music and tour the Long-Romsper House Museum. The cars exhibited are specially selected from local museums, car clubs, and private owners. It is exclusively a car-by-invitation show. "Quality over quantity" is how Mettling describes it.



### **Oakwood Historical Society** **9<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Classics on the Lawn Car Show**  
**August 18<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
**12 - 4 pm**

**Family Event**  
**- Open House -**  
**- BBQ -**  
**- Kona Ice -**  
**- Live Music -**

**1947 Far Hills Ave**

## June/July Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3 and Monday, July 15. 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 Tuner 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).



## Property Maintenance and Beautification

The city of Oakwood places significant emphasis on the maintenance and beautification of property. An Oakwood Citizens Housing Committee was originally established 1968. In 1992 the Citizens Housing Committee was renamed as the Property Maintenance Board. The 15-member Oakwood Property Maintenance Board ("PMB") consists of three citizens from each of five property maintenance districts. The citizens serve in a volunteer capacity and are appointed by city council to five year terms. The PMB is involved in enforcing the Property Maintenance Code and in implementing the Beautification Awards Program.

### Property Maintenance Program

City staff completes an inspection of the entire city each spring, and compiles a list of properties with property maintenance violations. The City sends a property maintenance violation letter to each property owner where violations are identified and follows an established protocol to ensure that corrective actions are taken. Property maintenance violations on additional properties are identified throughout the year, usually by the City Code Enforcement Officer, but also by PMB members, through citizen complaints, or by Public Safety Officers. These additional violations are handled in the same manner as those identified through the annual inspection.

### Beautification Awards Program

The city operates a property beautification awards program. The purpose of the program is 1) to encourage property owners to invest in projects that enhance the physical appearance of their property and neighborhood; and 2) to recognize property owners that have completed significant projects. Ten awards are presented to single family residences each month during May, June, July and August, two in each of the five property maintenance districts. One additional award is presented in each of those four months to a business property or to an apartment/condominium property. Monthly nominations are submitted to the city by members of the PMB and by the general public. Award winners are notified with a letter from the city and a sign is placed in their yard. The sign remains in place for one month, and is then moved to the yard of a following month's winner. A photograph is taken of each property and a video prepared. The video is presented at the public Council meeting in November. Each winner is invited to attend that meeting to receive a recognition certificate, which includes the photograph of their property. Award winners are also recognized in the Oakwood Scene newsletter, on the city website, and in the Oakwood Register.

See the city website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov) or call 298-0411 for more information.

## Backflow Device Certification

The State of Ohio Plumbing Code and Ohio EPA Regulations require that a backflow prevention device be installed on water piping to any equipment (e.g., irrigation systems, boilers, etc.) that is capable of contaminating or polluting the water distribution system. A backflow prevention device allows water to flow in only one direction, thus eliminating the possibility that contaminants could enter the city's water system under a backflow condition. Under Chapter 919 of the Oakwood Codified Ordinances, backflow prevention devices must be tested upon initial installation, and must be re-certified annually by a State of Ohio Certified Backflow Tester. The re-certification confirms that the device is functioning properly, and is providing the necessary protection to the city's water distribution system. Property owners with backflow devices have been notified of the requirement to have the annual recertification completed. Please call Theresa Rushlow at 298-0400 with questions.

## 2019 Holiday Home Tour Planning Underway



On an almost spring-like day in late March, The Honorable Judge Irvin Harlamert and Oakwood Historical Society President Leigh Turben hosted an afternoon gathering at his home to plan the Society's second Holiday Home Tour to take place next December. Judge Harlamert said he truly enjoyed sharing his Tudor-Style, English Garden Collage home with 500 new friends last year, and thought that more of his neighbors would have liked to have been asked to host. He approached Turben and suggested that more homes in his immediate neighborhood be featured in the tour's second year. Turben readily agreed; while the 2018 tour was an amazing success, some participants expressed that they wished the homes had been in closer proximity.

The gathering at Judge Harlamert's home gave owners of last year's featured homes an opportunity to meet with perspective hosts for this year and share their experiences. "Everyone was so positive," said Turben. Last year's tour was meant to showcase the architectural styles of Oakwood's historical homes and the welcoming, creative ingenuity of its current residents. "It did that and more," said Turben. It gave neighbors a chance to meet more neighbors and it reflected Oakwood's spirit of community. This year the tour will focus on the historical and architectural qualities of homes during the early platting of Oakwood. Turben reports that six homeowners in the "Hatcher Hills" neighborhood have already agreed to host. The tour will take place on December 7th from noon to 7:00 p.m.

## OHS Students Awarded \$5,000 in Cash Prizes in Entrepreneurship Competition



Congratulations to the 24 students who were announced as winners in The Oakwood Schools Foundation Tenth Annual Harlamert Foundation Entrepreneurship Competition. Cash prizes, valued at \$5000 was awarded to these students.

The annual contest, sponsored by The Oakwood Schools Foundation, thanks to generous support from Irvin Harlamert (OHS '48), emphasizes the importance of the entrepreneurial spirit on the success of our society and encourages students to explore and understand the value of owning their own businesses.

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@oakwoodschoolsfoundation.org](mailto:contact@oakwoodschoolsfoundation.org) or visit our website at: <https://www.oakwoodschools.org/community/osf>



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*Enhancing Excellence in Education*

## Oakwood Alumni Seeks Volunteers for Homecoming, Reunion Weekend

The Oakwood Alumni Association and Oakwood Schools Foundation are preparing for another fun-filled and memorable Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, and we would love your help! With all of the fun activities planned, extra hands are needed to welcome back alumni and their loved ones.

**Here is how you can help:**

1. **Welcome back alumni** at the Come Back Lumberjacks party by checking them in at Registration tables. (Your shift is one to two hours long. (8:30 p.m., Oct. 4 at the Dayton Country Club)
2. **Join alumni during tours of OHS** to share memories as they tour the school and relive their glory days. Coffee and pastries are provided. (9:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5 at Oakwood High School)

To volunteer, email Alumni Director Amy Martin at [alumni@oakwoodschools.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschools.org) or call 937-371-1479.

### Homecoming & Reunion Weekend Schedule:

#### Thursday, Oct. 3

- Distinguished Alumni Awards, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

#### Friday, Oct. 4

- Boosters Tailgate from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. - \$5 for a burger or hot dogs, chips and a drink
- Come Back Lumberjacks Party from 9 p.m. to midnight, Dayton Country Club
  - Hosted by Oakwood Schools Foundation
  - No entrance fee, cash bar, food, music and fun!

#### Saturday, Oct. 5

- Tour of Oakwood High School, 10 a.m.
- Self-guided tours of Harman and Smith schools, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

#### Have questions?

Contact Oakwood Alumni Association Director Amy Martin at [alumni@oakwoodschools.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschools.org) or 937-371-1479

# Come Back Lumberjacks



**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
9PM TO MIDNIGHT  
DAYTON COUNTRY CLUB

**Alumni and Oakwood residents welcome**  
(Must be 21 or older)

## Join us...

for the after-game tailgate party! Music, appetizers, photo booth — fun and friends!



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For more information and to register for the event, visit our website at:  
[www.oakwoodschools.org/community/osf](http://www.oakwoodschools.org/community/osf)



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



## District Says Thank You To Community

*(Continued from front page)*

"The results of this levy will strengthen our efforts to carry out our mission and commitment to our students, parents and community to produce graduates who are prepared, proud and poised."

Phase 1 of the Master Facilities Plan includes prioritized foundational infrastructure at Oakwood Junior High and High School and targeted infrastructure at Harman School and Smith Elementary School. In an effort to continue to be good stewards of the community's money, leaders are also reviewing processes in an effort to improve efficiency within the District. For more information on the Master Facilities Plan and the District's finances, you can visit the Oakwood Schools website at <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/>

## eNotify

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## June/July Calendar

### JUNE

<b>3</b>		<b>First Session of Summer School</b>
<b>10</b>	7 p.m.	<b>Board of Education Meeting</b>
<b>24</b>		<b>Second Session of Summer School</b>

### JULY

<b>4</b>		<b>Independence Day – Board Office Closed</b>
<b>8</b>	7 p.m.	<b>Board of Education Meeting</b>

For the latest list of happenings in the Oakwood Schools go to [www.oakwoodschoools.org](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org) and check out our calendars.

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**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

## School Holds First Community Day



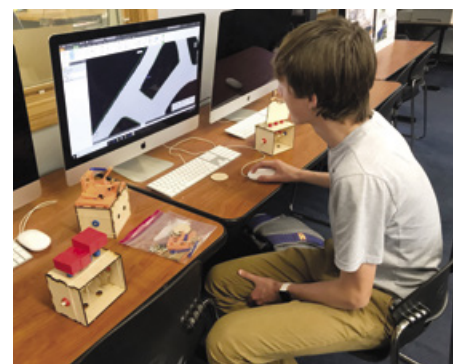
Oakwood Schools held its first ever Community Day at Oakwood Junior High and High School Saturday, April 27. Students and staff members were on hand to greet residents, provide information about the District and conduct tours of the buildings.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase our programs, our students and activities that go on in our buildings," Oakwood Schools Superintendent Dr. Kyle Ramey said.

A number of students demonstrated projects they are involved with, representing a number of different areas of curriculum.

"Community Day is a really important event because these are community schools and we are all in this together," Oakwood High School Principal Paul Waller said.

The District plans to continue holding community-wide events on a regular basis.



## "A Universe of Stories" Summer Reading Program *(Continued from front page)*

The annual summer reading program promotes learning during the school break by encouraging reading and discovery through educational and entertaining weekly and special events.

This summer's special events include outdoor campfires and expert-led star gazing; a circus performance, music concert by Chris Rowlands, and a Bluegrass Instrument Petting Zoo by Lafferty Pike, an all-female bluegrass band, who perform and allow children to explore the instruments.

The summer will wrap up on Aug. 10 with the Read-a-Thon on the Lawn featuring the mobile planetarium from the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery.

A full schedule of events can be found at [wrightlibrary.org/SRC2019](http://wrightlibrary.org/SRC2019).

# SUMMER READING CLUB 2019 A Universe of Stories

## Special Summer Events - Save the Date

June 1 · Kick Off Event

June 9 · Chris Rowlands Concert

June 23 · Solar Viewing with  
the Cincinnati Observatory

June 28 · Smith Gardens Storytime

June 29 · Bluegrass Music & Instrument Petting Zoo

July 13 · Circus Performance

July 26 · Smith Gardens Storytime

Aug. 10 · Read-a-Thon on the Lawn

Aug. 23 · Smith Gardens Storytime

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Registration requested at [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org) and drop-ins welcome.

## Library Events

### JUNE

- 1 **SUMMER READING CLUB KICK OFF** 10 a.m.-noon
- 2 **Let's Go Lego** 2-4 p.m. (F)
- 3 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (I); **Movement & Music** 2 p.m. (2-8 year olds);  
**Next Chapter Book Club** 6 p.m. (AD);  
**Teen Writing Club** 7-8:30 p.m. (T);  
**Outdoor Stories: Campfire (drop-in)** 8 p.m.-10 p.m. (F)\*
- 4 **Terrific Tales** 10:30 a.m. (P);  
**T'ns: Harry Potter Interactive Movie** 2-3 p.m. (T)
- 5 **Game On! Tweens** 2-3:30 p.m. (entering 4-7th grades)
- 7 **Books & Blocks** 10:30 a.m. (I,P); **Reel Healing: Up** 1 p.m. (A,F)
- 9 **Chris Rowlands Concert** 2 p.m. (F)
- 10 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (I); **Movement & Music** 2 p.m. (2-8 year olds);  
**Next Chapter Book Club** 6 p.m. (AD); **Teen Writing Club** 7-8:30 p.m. (T);  
**Outdoor Stories: View the Moon with Miami Valley Astronomical Society (drop-in)** 9 p.m.-10 p.m. (F)\*
- 11 **Terrific Tales** 10:30 a.m. (P); **T'ns: Cooking Challenges!** 2 p.m. (T)  
**Book Club** 7 p.m. (A)
- 12 **Game On! Tweens** 2-3:30 p.m. (entering 4-7th grades);
- 13 **Family Night Out: The Moon (drop-in)** 6-8 p.m. (F)
- 14 **Books & Blocks** 10:30 a.m. (I,P)
- 15 **Sworn Again American Ceremony** 10:30 a.m. (A,T);  
**Book Chat with author Ted Zabel** 2 p.m. (A)
- 16 **Let's Go Lego** 2-4 p.m. (F)
- 17 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (I); **Movement & Music** 2 p.m. (2-8 year olds);  
**Next Chapter Book Club** 6 p.m. (AD); **Teen Writing Club** 7-8:30 p.m. (T);  
**Outdoor Stories: Campfire (drop-in)** 8 p.m.-10 p.m. (F)\*
- 18 **Terrific Tales** 10:30 a.m. (P); **T'ns: Henna & Galaxy Make Up & Nail Polish** 2 p.m. (T); **Wright Library Poets** 7 p.m. (A)
- 19 **Game On! Tweens** 2-3:30 p.m. (entering 4-7th grades);  
**Adult Tech Class: Canva** 7 p.m. (A)
- 20 **Adult Tech Class: iPad/iPhone** 10:30 a.m. (A)
- 21 **Books & Blocks** 10:30 a.m. (I,P)
- 22 **Visit us at the Oakwood Farmers Market for Paws to Read** 10:30 a.m.
- 23 **Solar Viewing with the Cincinnati Observatory** 2 p.m. (F)
- 24 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (I); **Movement & Music** 2 p.m. (2-8 year olds);  
**Next Chapter Book Club** 6 p.m. (AD); **Teen Writing Club** 7-8:30 p.m.; 2 p.m. (T);  
**Outdoor Stories: 1969 Moon Landing with Kurtz Miller (drop-in)** 9 p.m.-10 p.m. (F)\*
- 25 **Terrific Tales** 10:30 a.m. (P); **T'ns: Craft Challenges!** 2 p.m. (T)
- 26 **Game On! Tweens** 2-3:30 p.m. (entering 4-7th grades);  
**Adult Tech Class: Email** 7 p.m. (A)
- 27 **Adult Tech Class: Android device** 10:30 a.m. (A);  
**Family Night Out: Constellations (drop-in)** 6-8 p.m. (F)
- 28 **Smith Gardens Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (I,F) at Smith Gardens
- 29 **Bluegrass Petting Zoo, Starring Lafferty Pike** 2 p.m. (F)
- 30 **Let's Go Lego** 2-4 p.m. (F)

### JULY

- 2 **Return of the Good: The story of writing a Book** 7 p.m. (A)
- 4 **LIBRARY CLOSED**
- 5 **Reel Healing: Coco** 1 p.m. (A, F)
- 6 **Visit us at the Oakwood Farmers Market for Paws to Read** 10:30 a.m.
- 8 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (I); **Movement & Music** 2 p.m. (2-8 year olds);  
**Next Chapter Book Club** 6 p.m. (AD); **Teen Writing Club** 7-8:30 p.m. (T);  
**Outdoor Stories: Campfire (drop-in)** 8 p.m.-10 p.m. (F)\*
- 9 **Terrific Tales** 10:30 a.m. (P); **T'ns: NASA** 2 p.m. (T)
- 10 **Game On! Tweens** 2-3:30 p.m. (entering 4-7th grades);  
**Adult Tech Class: Library website** 7 p.m. (A, R)
- 11 **Adult Tech Class: Genealogy Online** 10:30 a.m. (A, R);  
**Family Night Out: Art (drop-in)** 6-8 p.m. (F)
- 12 **Books & Blocks** 10:30 a.m. (I,P); **1938 Film Series: Ninotchka** 7 p.m. (A,T)
- 13 **From the Ring to the Moon-and Beyond Circus Performance** 2 p.m. (F)
- 14 **Let's Go Lego** 2-4 p.m. (F)
- 15 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (I); **Movement & Music** 2 p.m. (2-8 year olds);  
**Next Chapter Book Club** 6 p.m. (AD); **Teen Writing Club** 7-8:30 p.m. (T);  
**Outdoor Stories (drop-in)** 8 p.m.-10 p.m. (F)\*
- 16 **Terrific Tales** 10:30 a.m. (P); **T'ns: Wright Brothers Escape Room** 2 p.m. (T)
- 17 **Game On! Tweens** 2-3:30 p.m. (entering 4-7th grades);  
**Adult Tech Class: Genealogy Online** 7 p.m. (A, R)
- 19 **Books & Blocks** 10:30 a.m. (I,P);  
**1939 Film Series: The Wizard of Oz** 7 p.m. (A,T)
- 20 **Paws to Read** 10:30 a.m. (P,E)
- 22 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (I); **Movement & Music** 2 p.m. (2-8 year olds);  
**Next Chapter Book Club** 6 p.m. (AD); **Teen Writing Club** 7-8:30 p.m. (T);  
**Outdoor Stories (drop-in)** 8 p.m.-10 p.m. (F)\*
- 23 **Terrific Tales** 10:30 a.m. (P); **T'ns: Volunteer Yourself** 2 p.m. (T);  
**Create Your Own Story: Artist Trading Cards** 7 p.m. (A, T, R)
- 24 **Game On! Tweens** 2-3:30 p.m. (entering 4-7th grades);  
**Adult Tech Class: Canva** 7 p.m. (A, R)
- 25 **Adult Tech Class: Canva** 10:30 a.m. (A, R);  
**Family Night Out: Heroes (drop-in)** 6-8 p.m. (F)
- 26 **Smith Gardens Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (I,F) at Smith Gardens;  
**1939 Film Series: Destry Rides Again** 7 p.m. (A,T)
- 28 **Let's Go Lego** 2-4 p.m. (F)
- 29 **Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (I); **Movement & Music** 2 p.m. (2-8 year olds);  
**Next Chapter Book Club** 6 p.m. (AD); **Teen Writing Club** 7-8:30 p.m. (T);  
**Outdoor Stories: Campfire (drop-in)** 8 p.m.-10 p.m. (F)\*
- 30 **Terrific Tales** 10:30 a.m. (P); **T'ns: Game On!** 2 p.m. (T)
- 31 **Game On! Tweens** 2-3:30 p.m. (entering 4-7th grades);  
**Adult Tech Class: Security** 7 p.m.

\*Outdoor Stories program held in Katharine Wright Park behind Wright Library. Rain location: Library meeting room

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



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# Impacting Our Community Elizabeth Uptegrove



After nearly 10 years of educating students at Harman School and developing amazing experiences for them, ranging from spelling bees, to musicals to Destination Imagination, Elizabeth Uptegrove is saying goodbye to Oakwood. The veteran teacher is moving to Charleston, SC to be closer to family.

"While leaving Oakwood is hard to imagine, I am bursting with energy to share some of what I've learned here with other schools, especially schools that might be struggling in ways we don't. I am looking forward to taking a position at the Charleston County School of the Arts. I will continue to be an advocate for enrichment and meeting the needs of all students," Uptegrove said.

Uptegrove has made an impact on hundreds of students since coming to Oakwood. Whether in the classroom or participating in any number of special activities, Uptegrove says it's the relationships with students and families she will cherish most.

"I have traveled to tournaments with students, scaled ropes courses in the mountains with them, given pep talks in nervous huddles before an intense competition, and comforted them in the dark beneath the floorboards of the bounty hunters' house at Camp Joy. Those are the times when you're laying the groundwork for relationships that help students trust you a little more in the classroom. If they trust me, I can help them learn how to trust themselves and convince them they have the tools to get back up after they've been knocked down," Uptegrove said.

While she is looking forward to her new challenges in South Carolina, Uptegrove says it is "the students, the families and the hardest working educators" who have become her family she will miss most. And what are her hopes for her students?

"I have been so blessed to teach some of the most talented students I have ever known. I hope they will always use their powers for good. I hope they will take care of themselves and balance their academic endeavors with a responsible, healthy life and never feel like they are above seeking support," Uptegrove said.

And what are her final words of advice for her Oakwood students and families?

"I want students and parents to know that at the end of the day, getting the magic score on a test or a special letter in the mail about gifted identifications is not the most important thing. ALL students have special gifts and talents. ALL students can succeed at high levels. Everyone can grow, no matter where you start. Having a healthy, well-adjusted, kind, hard-working child is FAR more important than any test score."