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# OAKWOOD SCENE

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## CITY NEWS | That Day in May

Oakwood's annual family festival, "That Day in May" will be held **Saturday, May 16**. The event is sponsored by the Oakwood Rotary Club and is the organization's primary fundraiser. Please plan on attending this festival! It will be packed full of fun activities and events for the whole family.

*(see page 2 for the calendar of events)*

## SCHOOL NEWS | Student-Alumni Ambassadors Debut 'Junior Experience'

Thanks to generous alumni support, Oakwood High School 11th graders are more prepared now for some of the challenges that lie ahead after participating in the first ever OHS Junior Experience March 18.

The day-long event, which introduced the soon-to-be seniors to real-life challenges after high school, was imagined by Principal Dr. Paul Waller and made a reality with the help of the Oakwood Student-Alumni Ambassadors. The Student-Alumni Ambassadors, along with additional student groups and OHS faculty, provided input on what topics and issues students face as they approach graduation.

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## LIBRARY NEWS | HOW IT WORKS: Meet the The Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation

*This is the first in a series of articles about the people and services of Wright Memorial Public Library. Read future stories on Wright Library's new blog at [wrightlibrary.org/blog](http://wrightlibrary.org/blog).*

Behind every great institution are ardent, loyal supporters. The donors to the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation certainly fit that definition.

In 1997, a private foundation was created to support Wright Library. Now 23 years later, the Foundation is a critical part of the library's ability to serve the community with innovative programs and expertise. In 2019, the Foundation raised a record \$59,000.

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## 2020 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project

The 2020 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project will take place in the northeast quadrant of Oakwood bounded by Irving Avenue, Springhouse Road, Far Hills Avenue, Patterson Road and Acorn Drive. The purpose of the project is to maintain the concrete structures located within the City rights-of-way in good, safe condition. We inspected the areas and marked sections of concrete requiring repairs. Residents affected by the work will receive personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call Public Works Foreman David Shuey at (937) 298-0777 if you have any questions. For those who choose to do the repair work themselves, please remember to obtain a permit in advance and that all work must be completed and inspected by **May 25**.



## Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

The annual fire hydrant flushing will begin the **week of April 6** and last approximately 4 weeks. Please check the City website for the dates of flushing in your neighborhood.

## Important Leisure Services Department Dates

- Annual 6th Grade Dance: **Friday, April 24, 8 – 9:30 p.m.**
- American Red Cross Babysitting Course: **Saturday, May 2, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

For more details, please contact the Community Center at (937) 298-0775.

## Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale

The annual Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale will be held on **Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18** at the OCC, 105 Patterson Road. The hours are from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. A wide variety of perennials, hostas, ferns, herbs, ornamental grasses, wildflowers and day lilies will be available. A complete listing of plants for sale is available at the OCC, on our website, or by calling the OCC at (937) 298-0775. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. Please contact Carol Collins at (937) 298-0775 to lend a hand.



## That Day in May *(Continued from front)*

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SATURDAY, MAY 16

**Pancake Breakfast** – 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Oakwood High School Cafeteria

**Silent Auction** – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Oakwood High School Cafeteria Hallway

**Fun Run** – 8:30 a.m.  
Begins At Oakwood High School Stadium

**Oakwood 5k & 10k Runs** – 9 a.m.  
Begins At Oakwood High School Stadium

**Community Parade** – 12 noon  
Begins at Dorothy Lane Market on Shafor Boulevard to Stadium

**Dog Costume Parade** – 12:30 p.m.

**Battle of The Bands** – afternoon  
Oakwood High School Stadium

**Games and Bouncy Houses** –  
12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
On Schantz Avenue between  
Dellwood and Spirea Drive



**Displays, Refreshments, Food, and much more** – 12 noon to 4 p.m.



## Memorial Day Holiday Closing

City offices, including the OCC and Public Works Center, will be **closed on Monday, May 25**. The OCC Office and Health Center will be open from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 23 and from 12 – 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 24.

## Memorial Day Trash Pick-up

Trash pick-up for all routes the **week of May 25** will occur 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.

## Leaf Mulch Program

Citizens have two options again this year for obtaining the leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cubic yards for \$100 and 6 cubic yards for \$150. Please call (937) 298-0777 to place an order. Mulch deliveries will take place on five Saturdays from **April 11 to May 9**. On the same five Saturdays, residents may obtain free mulch from the Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., but must haul the material themselves and must provide proof of residency. The free mulch is for Oakwood residents only and no commercial vehicles are permitted.

## Gardner Pool Hours

Gardner Pool opens **Saturday, May 23** and operates daily from noon – 8 p.m. Memberships can be purchased at the OCC. You must be an Oakwood resident to purchase a pool membership.

| Pool Memberships                                 |          |                                 |          |  |          |   |          |
|--|----------|---------------------------------|----------|--|----------|---|----------|
| OCC Member Early Bird Discount By April 30, 2020 |          | OCC Member After April 30, 2020 |          | Non-OCC Member Early Bird Discount By April 30, 2020 |          | Non-OCC Member Oakwood Residents After April 30, 2020 |          |
| Single   | \$135.00 | Single                          | \$180.00 | Single   | \$175.00 | Single  | \$225.00 |
| Family   | \$235.00 | Family                          | \$285.00 | Family   | \$310.00 | Family  | \$360.00 |
| Senior   | \$75.00  | Senior                          | \$105.00 | Senior   | \$115.00 | Senior  | \$145.00 |

## Picking up after your Pets

Dogipot stations are available throughout the City to help pet owners with an easy and safe clean-up. There are few things that aggravate neighbors more than a pet owner who does not clean up after their pet. Besides being an unsightly mess, a number of common diseases can be transmitted to pets and people through feces. Failing to clean up after your pet is fineable under the Oakwood General Offenses Code. Please be a responsible pet owner and help keep our Oakwood community clean.

## Leash Law

Dogs are required to be securely leashed and under the reasonable control of the owner, keeper or agent thereof whenever they are on public sidewalks, streets or any other public rights-of-way. This applies to all dogs in Oakwood, but there are certain exceptions for service animals and for dogs using the Creager Field Dog Park. Oakwood is densely populated and we have a very large number of dogs... around 1,000 registered in Oakwood, where we have around 3,800 homes. The leash law is designed to mitigate the unpredictability of dogs and to protect both citizens and other animals from unexpected and unwanted encounters. Even the most well-trained dogs, under the right set of circumstances, can be unpredictable. Citizens should be able to move about the public sidewalks and rights-of-way freely and without concern or fear from unleashed dogs. In the five year period from January 2014 to December 2019, our Oakwood Safety Department responded to 127 dog related calls for service of which 39 included report of a dog bite.

## Summer Employment Opportunities

The city of Oakwood is currently accepting applications for summer employment in the following areas: Boulevard Maintenance; Smith Gardens Maintenance; General Maintenance (including roadways, water system and refuse collection); Day Camp Counselors; Pool Concessions and Lifeguarding. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment in order to be eligible for the Boulevard, Smith Gardens, General Maintenance and Day Camp Counselor positions. The minimum age for all other positions is 16. Employment applications are available at the City Building, the Community Center and the City website. Equal Opportunity Employer.

## April/May City Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at **7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 6 and Monday, May 4**. 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).

## 2019 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Due April 15

The city of Oakwood has a mandatory filing requirement for all residents. Every individual, 18 years of age or older, who resides in Oakwood, must file an Oakwood City income tax return, whether or not there is any taxable income to report. Retired residents who have income derived exclusively from non-taxable sources (interest, dividend, social security and/or pension income, etc.) must first file a final return in order to be exempt from the filing requirement.

If you have filed for an extension of time to file your federal return, you will automatically receive an Oakwood extension. You should attach a copy of your federal extension to your return when filing so that you will not be charged a late filing penalty. Your extended return is due the same date as your extended federal return – October 15, 2020. If you do not have a federal extension, you may still obtain an Oakwood extension. Simply complete an extension request form, located on the City's website, and submit your request by April 15, 2020. As always, an extension of time to file your returns does not extend the time to pay your taxes. All taxes paid after April 15, 2020 will be subject to a 15% underpayment penalty as mandated by the State of Ohio.

The 2019 Oakwood income tax return is available on the City's website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov). If you do not have internet access, forms will be made available at the City administrative offices, Wright Memorial Public Library and the Oakwood Community Center.

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood income tax return, please visit the Tax Department before March 31, 2020. Normal business hours for the tax office are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided on Monday – Wednesday, April 13 - 15, when the office will be open until 6:00 p.m.

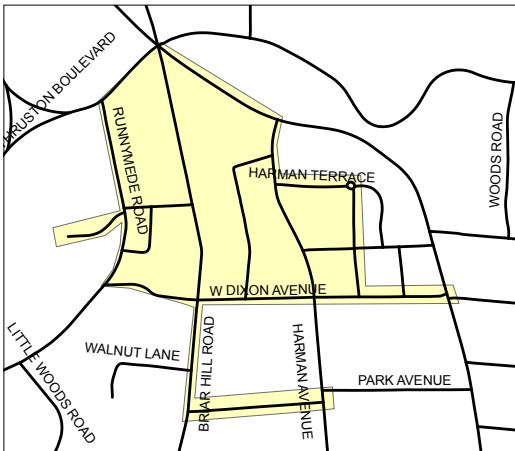
If you have any questions regarding your city of Oakwood income tax return, please contact the Income Tax Department at (937) 298-0531.



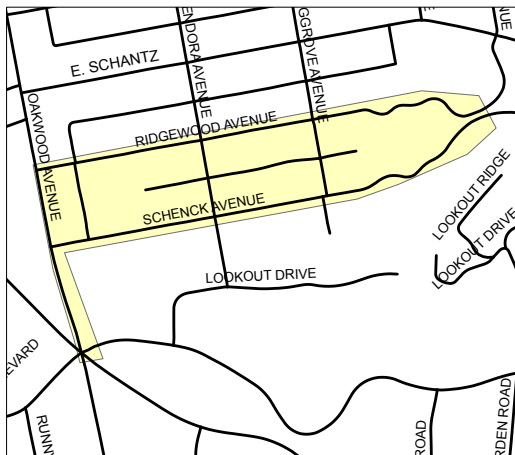
## 2020 Vectren Gas Line Improvements

Between April and October this year, Vectren will replace underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in the Oakwood neighborhoods identified in yellow on the maps below. 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. Residents personally affected by the work will receive detailed information from Vectren. Please feel free to contact Public Works Inspector/Foreman Tom Long at (937) 298-0777 with questions about the work, or reference the Vectren pipeline projects map at [www.vectren.com/gas-system/map](http://www.vectren.com/gas-system/map).

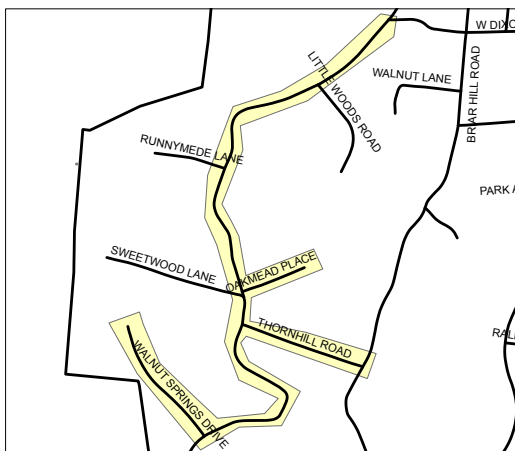
**2020 VECTREN GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT A**



**2020 VECTREN GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT B**



**2020 VECTREN GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT C**



## Online Portal for Bill Payment Options

The online billing and payment portal offers more ways to view and pay your utility bill, plus the addition of 24/7 phone payments and pay by text. Residents can receive and view bills electronically, make a payment with credit/debit card or e-check, and choose to go paperless. A quick, one-time payment can be made without registering or you can create an account to enjoy more features like setting up automatic payments, saving payment information for later use, and viewing history. **Visit the City's website for more information.**

## Is Your Garage Sale Sign in the Right Spot?

With spring approaching, it is time for garage sale signs to start appearing, so here are a few reminders.

- Signs advertising for a garage sale are permitted at the garage sale location only.
- No directional or lead-in garage sale signs are permitted in the City's right-of-way or on any property that is not the premises of the garage sale.
- Signs in violation of this regulation will be removed.

Garage sales are permitted in residential zoning districts from 8:00 a.m. to sundown on weekdays and Saturdays, and from 9:00 a.m. to sundown on Sundays and holidays. Garage sales do not require a permit, but may only be held for three (3) consecutive days, with a limit of two garage sales in a calendar year.

## Spring Crime Prevention Tips

With the warmer weather approaching, the Oakwood Public Safety Department offers a few tips to keep yourself and your home safe during the spring and summer months.

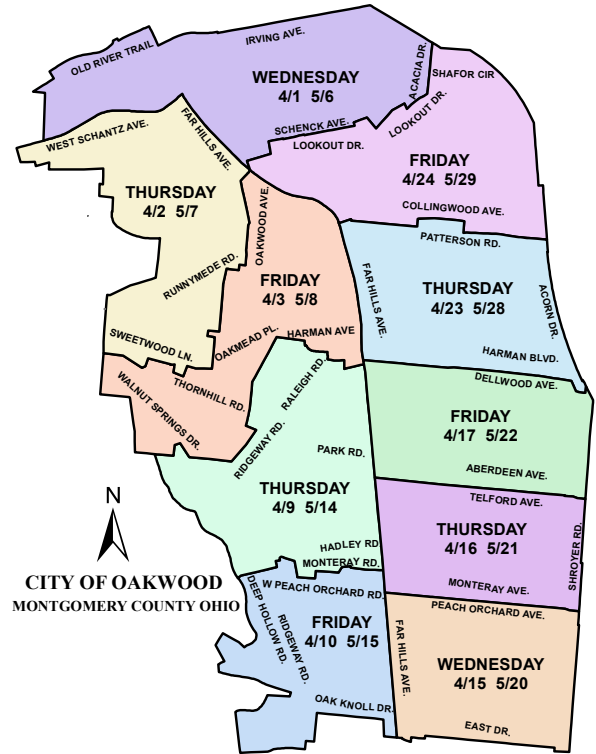
- With the arrival of warm temperatures, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and doors before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Remember to lock any shed, storage unit, or garage you have on your property.
- Be aware of home improvement scams. If you did not solicit the contractor or sales person investigate the company before making the decision to do business with them.
- If a utility representative comes to your house, request identification. True representatives will carry their identification and they will gladly show it to you. *If necessary, contact the company or Oakwood Public Safety Department for verification.*
- Personal property crimes increase during the warmer weather months. Residents have a tendency to leave items such as bicycles, gardening tools, lawnmowers, and other yard tools out in the open. Make sure you lock up your personal property when unattended. It does not take long for someone to quickly take property that has been left in the yard.
- Always remember to roll up your car windows and remove valuables, even if your vehicle is parked in your driveway.
- Being a good neighbor can be one of the best crime prevention tools. If you observe any unusual or suspicious activity, please contact the Oakwood Public Safety Department at (937) 298-2122.

## Spring Yard and Garden Cleanup

The City collects yard debris from property frontages monthly from January through September, and bi-weekly from October through December. Refer to the adjacent map for your scheduled pickup days and please plan your work accordingly. Here are a few things to remember:

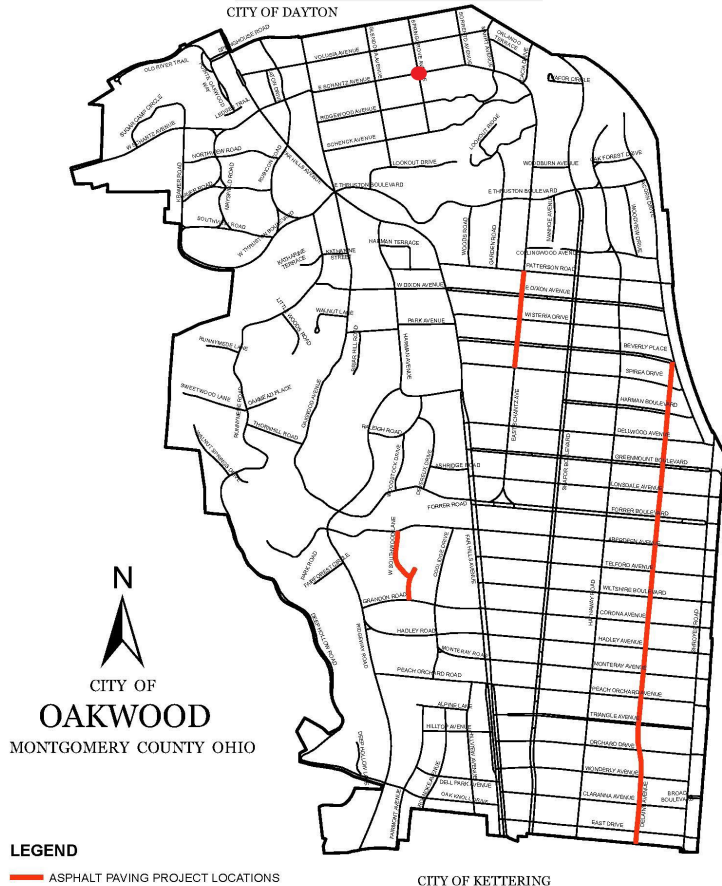
- Place larger piles of yard debris including brush and branches in the tree lawn area just behind the curb. Branches should be no longer than 6 feet and should be placed in manageable piles. Do not place these piles around trees, fire hydrants, cable TV boxes or posts/poles.
- Do not place any yard debris in the street or gutter line, except leaves during the fall leaf collection season.
- Under no circumstance should you place anything except yard debris for pick-up in the tree lawn area.
- The City will not pick up contractor generated yard debris.
- If you have a large amount of yard debris, please call for a free dumpster, but remember that this dumpster must only include yard debris.
- Do not stack loose yard debris around or on top of your garbage cans.
- Grass clippings are not accepted, either with regular trash or curbside yard debris collection, or at the Creager Field drop-off site. Please use a mulching mower or home composting.
- Please remember the 35 gallon and 60 pound limits on trash cans and that all cans must have detachable lids.

### YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE APRIL AND MAY 2020



FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 4/9 & 5/14  
SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 4/23 & 5/28

### CITY OF OAKWOOD 2020 ASPHALT PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM CITY OF DAYTON



## 2020 Asphalt Repaving

The 2020 asphalt repaving project will take place on the three streets identified on the adjacent map, and also the intersection of Springgrove Avenue and East Schantz Avenue. The City Public Works Department will do some utility work and tree trimming on these streets in advance of the repaving. Property owners on these roadways will receive direct notification from the City regarding the repaving schedule. The repaving project typically takes about one week to complete.

East Schantz Avenue from Spirea Drive to Patterson Road | Delaine Avenue | West and East Southwood Lane

## Oakwood Rotary Hazardous Waste Pickup

There are two ways for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous material. Residents may: 1) drop off the material at the Montgomery County Refuse Transfer Station (see [www.mcswd.org](http://www.mcswd.org) for more information); or 2) use the quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club Hazardous Waste Collection program. The 2020 collection dates are **Saturday, April 25, Saturday, July 25 and Saturday, October 24**. Call (937) 296-5155 to sign up for the service. It is provided free of charge, but the Oakwood Rotary Club accepts donations. Donations to the "Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation" can be placed in an envelope and left with the items being disposed, or may be mailed to: Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation, PO Box 512, Dayton, OH 45409. All donations support charitable projects and community events led by your Oakwood Rotary!

## REFUSE PROGRAM

One of our primary city services is collection and disposal of refuse including household trash, recyclables, bulk items, and green waste. Given the enormous number of trees in Oakwood and the extensive landscaping throughout our city, we generate a very large amount of green waste (yard debris). Roughly 20-25% of the cost to operate our refuse program is related to the green waste collection and disposal. Below are some details about our comprehensive refuse program:

### **WEEKLY TRASH AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION**

The primary component of our refuse program is the weekly collection and disposal of household trash and co-mingled recyclables. We provide this service via back door collection with a fleet of refuse scooters. These scooters are equipped with two hoppers... one for trash and one for co-mingled recyclables. The materials are then dumped into split-bed refuse trucks. The trash is taken to the Montgomery County Refuse Transfer Station in Moraine. We pay \$38.25 per ton to have the trash transloaded into large refuse haulers and taken to a landfill. The co-mingled recyclables are taken to the Rumpke recycling facility in Dayton. We pay \$30 per ton to drop the recyclables at Rumpke.

### **CO-MINGLED RECYCLABLES**

Plastics, glass, paper, metal cans, and cardboard are to be co-mingled in one or more containers marked as recyclables. All items should be clean and free of food and grease. Please make sure that co-mingled recyclable products are placed loosely in the properly marked container. The items should not be placed in plastic bags. Free "Recyclables" stickers to mark containers are available at City Hall or at the Foell Public Works Center.

*It is increasingly important that our co-mingled recycling stream contains only recyclable materials. In years past, the guidance was "when in doubt, throw it in the recycling container". The guidance now is "learn what is recyclable and what is not, but when in doubt, throw it in the regular trash". The success of recycling and the recycling markets is largely dependent on the quality of the recycling stream. There is an industry initiative to "Recycle Right". Please review the guidelines on the City website for details.*

### **CREAGER FIELD GREEN WASTE AND RECYCLING DROP-OFF**

We have several drop-off dumpsters at the Creager Field parking lot adjacent to Shafor and Irving (by the Oakwood Dog Park). There are separate containers for cardboard, for co-mingled recyclables (glass, plastics, metal, etc.) and for yard debris. These containers are accessible 24-7. The more green waste and recyclables that we remove from the landfill stream, the cheaper it is to operate our city refuse program.

### **CARDBOARD RECYCLING**

The cardboard from our dumpster containers at Creager Field is taken to a local recycler. Depending on market conditions, we have received up to \$10 per ton for this cardboard. Unfortunately, the current recycling market is poor, and we do not receive any money for the cardboard, nor do we pay anything when we deliver it to the recycler. We encourage our citizens to use the Creager Field cardboard disposal containers as much as possible.

### **SPECIAL PICKUPS**

All Oakwood property owners are entitled to two special pickups per calendar year at no cost. Additional pickups are charged at \$100 each. Special pickups are for large items only (e.g., furniture, appliances, etc.) and can be scheduled by calling (937) 298-0777. If you are a tenant, you must coordinate your special pickups with the property owner. All items must be placed in an open area where the city bucket loader can safely access them, such as driveways away from structures and fences.

### **REFUSE DUMPSTERS**

The City has refuse dumpsters available for use by Oakwood residents on do-it-yourself projects. These dumpsters can be used in two ways:

- For a mixture of items, including such things as home remodeling debris, general household items, and natural materials like dirt, sod and concrete.
- For natural materials only, such as dirt, sod, logs, asphalt and concrete.

Dumpster fees include a base charge of \$100 per dumpster, plus disposal fees, which vary by content material:

- Mixture of items dumpsters incur standard disposal tonnage fees charged by the Montgomery County Refuse Transfer Station. Public Works personnel can provide a general estimate of this cost based on a description of the items to be disposed.
- Natural material dumpsters incur a flat disposal fee of \$53.

Call (937) 298-0777 for more details.

### **FREE DUMPSTERS FOR YARD DEBRIS**

If you have a large amount of yard debris (green waste) and would like to use a dumpster for disposing of the material, rather than waiting for the regularly scheduled monthly pickup, please call (937) 298-0777 to request a container drop-off. There is no charge when using dumpsters exclusively for yard debris disposal. Please consider coordinating the dumpster use with your neighbors.

### **MONTHLY YARD DEBRIS AND REFUSE DROP-OFF**

The Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Boulevard is open the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to noon for residents to drop off yard debris and other household waste and recyclables, including large items such as furniture and appliances. If dropping off a refrigerator, freezer, or air conditioner, the Freon must be removed. For large amounts of construction debris, please use the dumpster program. Proof of residency is required, and contractors are not allowed.





## WRIGHT at HOME Presented By:

DAYTON HISTORY &  
THE OAKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Experience Hawthorn Hill!

Travel back in time through a mansion open house and enjoy a walking tour of the surrounding neighborhood.

**TICKETS:** \$25 per adult - day of

\$20 per adult in advance and OHS and Dayton History Members

\$5 per child - ages 4-12 (FREE - ages 3 and under)

**PARKING:** Oakwood Municipal Lot and along Park Avenue

For more information • 937-293-2841 • [daytonhistory.org](http://daytonhistory.org)

## Fire Safety and Prevention

Our Oakwood Public Safety Department is committed to improving the safety of the community through education. An excellent resource for that is the mobile Fire Safety Trailer. The trailer is designed to educate adults and children about fire prevention, fire safety, extreme weather safety, and how to avoid household hazards. The trailer, along with Safety Department trainers, will be on display at our "That Day in May" community festival (see page 2 for details). Please take the opportunity to stop by and learn some very important in-home fire safety tips.



## Is Your Home Ready for Spring?

Warm weather is upon us and, with it, a need to look over your property after the winter months. Please consider the following questions to determine if and what exterior repairs are needed in order to remain in compliance with Oakwood's Property Maintenance Code.

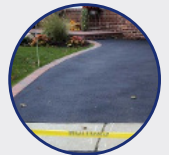
### YARD

- Are all weeds and grass less than 8 inches in height?
- Is the yard free from overgrown, uncontrolled vegetation and from tree branches?
- Is the yard free from refuse?
- Are sidewalks clear of plant overgrowth?
- Are all vehicles licensed, operable, and parked on a paved surface?



### DRIVEWAY & WALKWAYS

- Are they free of potholes and raveling?
- Are they free from refuse?



### PORCHES

- Do the steps, railings, or floorboards need to be repaired or replaced?
- Is it free from refuse?



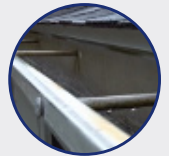
### EXTERIOR WALLS & GARAGES

- Do they have any holes or cracks or are they in need of paint?
- Is siding in need of cleaning from algae, mildew, or mold?



### GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS

- Do they need to be painted or repaired?
- Do they direct water away from the primary building?



### ACCESSORY BUILDINGS (SHEDS, FENCES, ETC.)

- Are fences and shed walls, doors, and roofs in good repair?
- Do sheds or fences need to be painted?



### WINDOWS & DOORS

- Are they weather tight and operable?
- Is any glass broken or missing?
- Do the screens need to be repaired or replaced?
- Do the sashes and/or trim need to be repaired or repainted?



## OSF Awards Nearly \$11,000 to District in Winter Grants

Oakwood Schools students will have new opportunities and experiences thanks to Oakwood Schools Foundation and its Winter Grant program. The Foundation recently awarded nearly \$11,000 to the schools to provide for programs and equipment that supplements funding by the school district.

“During the Winter Grant cycle, we were able to fund a number of programs that enhance the learning environment for all Oakwood students,” said Jennifer Speed, OSF Grants and Programs Chair. “We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the community, teachers and school leaders in supporting Oakwood Schools.”

One grant approved this round will provide funding for a workshop for junior and senior high students with acclaimed and award-winning young adult author Chris Crutcher. The workshop will enable students to learn about the writing process and also encourage students to read literature for pleasure.

Another grant will provide an inventory of sensory equipment at Smith Elementary to help increase student learning and focus. By providing differentiated materials, a wide variety of learning styles can be supported, meeting the educational needs of all students.

Also awarded this term is a grant benefiting Oakwood’s youngest learners at Lange School. Through this special education sensory program, students will be empowered to manage bird feeders. All students will benefit from having more interaction with nature, as birds visit the feeders, which will be a focal point of the OakWoods.

Thanks to a grant to purchase solar panels for Oakwood Junior High/



*In the fall, OSF provided nearly \$9,000 in grants for projects in the District, including the purchase of a saltwater tank. With the addition of the tank, OHS science students will be able to witness abstract concepts come to life in the classroom.*

Oakwood High School, students will see solar energy in action. The solar grid will be installed to power the lighting in the science hallways of the building.

“This installation project will allow us to create a story that can unfold and enrich the STEM experience in junior and senior high school. From energy forms to energy conversions, from wiring to output loads, from the design and construction aspects of the array to careers that take us from sunlight to power, our students will have the opportunity to experience it all,” OHS science teacher Heidi Edwards said.

The Foundation will award a second round of grant money in the fall. Thanks to the generosity of parents, alumni, students, teachers and the community, OSF has awarded more than \$890,000 since 1991.

Pursuing its mission, “Enhancing Excellence in Education,” the Oakwood Schools Foundation provides significant annual support for the 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 (937) 297-5332 or [contact@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org](mailto:contact@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org) or visit our website at: <https://www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org/community/osf>.



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## Student-Alumni Ambassadors Debut ‘Junior Experience’ *(Continued from front)*

Students had the opportunity to visit stations representing seven different topics, staffed with experts, including OHS faculty, alumni and community members. The seven stations included:

- College Panel Q & A with alumni volunteers
- Personal Finance with Jessup Wealth Management
- Yoga led by alumnus Steve Chappell, M.S., E-RYT (62) - a yoga instructor, mental health counselor and life coach - and Stephanie O’Hara of Beau Soleil Yoga.
- Mental Health and Wellness led by Matt Salyer and Paige Lumpkins
- Personal Safety and Responsibility led by OPD Officer Kasey Ballinger
- Basic Legal Knowledge with Alumnus Chris Conard (76)
- College Prep with OHS Guidance counselors Kelly Owens and Adam Woessner (97) joined by seniors Grace Almoney, Jonathan Duff, Sydney Hardern, Andrew Herbenick, Blake Sanford and Luke Wilson.

The day wrapped with students gathering in the auditorium to share their feedback and being treated to Class of 2021 cookies from Ashley’s Bakery. The Junior Experience is the Oakwood Student-Alumni Ambassadors’ annual event, sponsored by the Oakwood Schools Foundation through the generous support of Oakwood alumni. The Oakwood Student-Alumni Ambassadors are student representatives of the Oakwood Alumni Association and Oakwood Schools Foundation.



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@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org).



## Oakwood Students Come Together to BeBOLD

Oakwood Schools students in kindergarten through high school participated in the first ever district-wide BeBOLD event Wednesday, Feb. 5. The purpose of the day, sponsored by Oakwood BOLD, was to “promote healthy choices and positive alternatives to reduce underage drinking and other drug use.”

Grade level activities were created to provide information students could use at their various ages. From read aloud stories to creating posters to more than 40 different fun activities, students had the opportunity to interact with their peers and staff.



Oakwood High School and Junior High staff created activities to show students how much fun could be had sober.

At Lange School, kindergarten students showed their school spirit by wearing navy and gold.



Board games, card games, music and even making slime were some of the activities offered to junior and senior high students.

Harman School students showed they were BOLD Feb. 5.



At Smith Elementary, students took inventory of their strengths to “fill their buckets.”



## April / May 2020

### APRIL 2020

- 1** No School / Spring Break
- 2** No School / Spring Break
- 3** No School / Spring Break
- 6** Classes Resume
- 13** 7:00 p.m. Oakwood Board of Education Regular Meeting
- 14** 6:30 p.m. Smith PTO
- 16** 6:30 p.m. Harman PTO
- 17** 7:00 p.m. OJH Dance
- 18** 7:00 p.m. OHS A Cappella Concert
- 28** 7:00 p.m. OHS College Admissions Panel
- 30** 7:00 p.m. OHS Cherry Pie Concert

### MAY 2020

- 1** 11:43 a.m. Smith, Harman, OJH and OHS Early Dismiss
- 1** 11:30 a.m. Lange Early Dismiss
- 6** 7:00 p.m. OHS Choir Concert
- 7** 7:00 p.m. The Grand Affair at Harman
- 11** 7:00 p.m. Oakwood Board of Education Regular Meeting
- 13** 7:00 p.m. OHS Band Concert
- 15** 6:30 p.m. OHS One Act Play
- 16** That Day in May
- 20** 7:00 p.m. Harman/Smith Band Concert @ Smith Gym
- 24** 6:30 p.m. Class of 2020 Seniors Baccalaureate @ Westminster Presbyterian Church
- 25** No School / Memorial Day
- 26** Classes Resume
- 26** 7:00 p.m. Class of 2020 Commencement @ Dayton Convention Center
- 28** Last Day for Students

## Save the Date

Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor will be held on **Thursday, September 24, 2020**. Please visit our website for more details [www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/sam-andrews](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/sam-andrews).

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

**Get connected with Oakwood Schools!**

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## How It Works: Meet the The Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation

*(Continued from front)*

Foundation Board President Elaine Gounaris said there is avid interest among donors in the myriad programs and resources the library provides.

“There is such a great value in having the library as an anchor in our community,” she said.

Most recently, the Foundation funded a replacement for the deteriorating book drop on Telford Avenue; ongoing small-group technology classes and laptop lab; and the Write@Wright series. In the past, the Foundation has provided grants to purchase the Library’s Book Peddler, a bicycle that allows a librarian to take books into the community; staff continuing education; audio book sets called PlayAways for kids and adults; and a stained glass window by a local artist installed in the north reading room as part of the 2018 historic reading room restoration.

The Foundation is led by a volunteer board. In 2020, the board expanded to 12 members.

“This is partly due to the fact there is a need to include library lovers who have a professional background in outreach, donor sustainability, and community involvement,” Gounaris said.

The new members are Mike Armstrong, Parker Bedsole, Juliet Glaser, and Sarah Kallile. They join returning board members Gounaris, Mark Harman, Kirk Johnsen, Steve Turek, Patty Caruso, Susan Elliott, Julie Teeters, and Elysse Wagner.

The Foundation runs an annual campaign from early summer through December, although donations can be made anytime. Anyone wishing to donate can do so by mail to 1776 Far Hills Avenue Oakwood, OH 45419, in person at the library, or online by visiting [wrightlibrary.org/foundation](http://wrightlibrary.org/foundation).

Potential donors interested in discussing the library’s needs are invited to contact Director Kristi Hale at [hale@wrightlibrary.org](mailto:hale@wrightlibrary.org) or by phone (937) 294-7171.

The growth in private donations is encouraging to Gounaris, who counts the library among her most beloved local institutions.

“I’ve loved Wright Library since I was a little girl; it’s been one of my favorite places all my life,” she said. “It’s an honor to be affiliated with it as a foundation board member as I want to ensure its place in the Oakwood community as a continued resource for life-long learning and enjoyment.”

## Reel Healing returns in April

Discussing grief is an important step in learning how to cope with loss. Ohio’s Hospice of Dayton co-sponsors a monthly film series and discussion group, focusing on the themes of grief and loss. Screenings begin at 1:00 p.m. on the first Friday of every month followed by a short discussion facilitated by bereavement care professional Pamela Tyler. [wrightlibrary.org/reel-healing](http://wrightlibrary.org/reel-healing)



## Learn Tech Skills at Wright Library

Wright Library’s spring tech classes open the digital doorway for beginners and experts looking to advance their use of technology. The classes are free but require registration. Register online at [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org) or by calling the library at 937-294-7171.

**Computer Foundations:** Learn the basic uses of a personal computer

*Wednesday evenings 6:30 p.m.*

- 4/1** – Google Docs, Sheets, and More
- 4/15** – The Mouse
- 4/22** – The Keyboard
- 4/29** – The Computer
- 5/6** – The Internet
- 5/20** – Upload and Download
- 5/27** – Email

**Wright Library Online:** learn to access the library’s online tools, courses, and collection of digital books, videos, and resources

*Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.*

- 4/16** – Legal Forms and Reference USA
- 4/23** – Hobbies, Crafts, and Home Improvement
- 5/21** – Summer Entertainment: Digital Books
- 5/28** – Summer Entertainment: Digital Videos

**Getting Started with Microsoft Office**

*Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.*

- 4/2** – Getting Started: Microsoft Word
- 4/9** – Getting Started: Microsoft Word
- 5/7** – Getting Started: Microsoft PowerPoint
- 5/14** – Getting Started: Microsoft PowerPoint

**Genealogy Interest Group:** meet, discuss, and learn search techniques for the library’s online genealogy resources

*2nd Wednesday of each month 6:30-8 p.m.*

- 4/8** – Genealogy Interest Group
- 5/13** – Genealogy Interest Group

## Plan for Spring with Library's Earth Day Programming

As Earth Day marks its 50th anniversary, Wright Library presents a series of related programming beginning with a workshop led by **Landscape Architect and Five Rivers Metroparks Planning Manager Eric Saur, Landscaping With Native Plants on March 21 at 2 p.m.**

**Other programs will include:**

### BACKYARD COMPOSTING

**Tuesday, April 7 | 7:00 p.m.**

Learn how to get started with backyard composting with expert David Weikert of CompostDayton. He'll go over the basic process and equipment needs and answer questions.

### LAND TRUSTS: PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE FUTURE

**Thursday, April 16 | 7:00 p.m.**

It's easy to feel helpless in the face of climate change, habitat loss, and mass species decline, but you can make a difference for the environment and future generations by supporting Land Trusts. Join Krista Magaw from the Tecumseh Land Trust to learn how supporting Land Trusts can make a difference for the environment. She will share more about these conservation organizations, Tecumseh Land Trust's specific projects in Clark and Greene Counties, and how you can support this important work.

### LET'S TALK: CLIMATE CHANGE

**Wednesday, April 22 | 7:00 p.m.**

Observe the 50th anniversary of Earth Day by taking part in a sociable community conversation about climate change. Diverse viewpoints are welcome; come share, listen, and connect with your neighbors.

## Imagine Your Story Summer Reading Club kicks off in May

Dreaming of summer and a good book? Wright Library's Imagine Your Story Summer Reading Club will be here before you know it!

Readers from birth-18 will be able to log their reading **beginning May 16**. Stop by the library, look for the library booth at That Day in May, or visit [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org) to register online.

**Summer Reading Club Kick off will be May 30** featuring the Paws to Read canines at 10:30 a.m. and cartoonist Jeff Nicholas at 2 p.m.

More details coming soon at [wrightlibrary.org](http://wrightlibrary.org)!



## April and May Recurring Events

### MONDAY

**Baby Storytime** 10:30 a.m. (I); April 6, 13, 20, 27

**Reel Healing** 1 p.m. (A); April 3, May 1

**Next Chapter Book Club** 6 p.m. (AD); April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4

**Teen Writing Club** 7 p.m. (T); April 6, 13, 20, 27; May 4

### TUESDAY

**Terrific Tales** 10:30 (P); April 7, 14, 21, 28

**Book Club** 7 p.m. (A); April 14; May 12

**Wright Library Poets** 7 p.m. (A); April 21; May 19

### WEDNESDAY

**Tech Tutoring** every Wed. by appointment (A)

**Game On!** 3:30 p.m. (grades 4-6); April 15, 22, 29; May 6

**Teen Advisory Board** 3:30 p.m. (T); April 8; May 13

**Adult Tech Class** every Wed. at 7 p.m. (A)

### THURSDAY

**Adult Tech Class** every Thurs. at 10:30 a.m. (A)

### FRIDAY

**Books & Blocks** 10:30 a.m. (I,P); April 10, 17, 24; May 1

**Meditation Class** 7 p.m., all ages; April 3, 11; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### SATURDAY

**Paws to Read** 10:30 a.m. (F); April 11, May 2

### SUNDAY

**Let's Go Lego** 2-4 p.m. (F); April 5, 26; May 10

## April Special Events

[wrightlibrary.org/calendar](http://wrightlibrary.org/calendar)

**2 Financial Literacy** 7 p.m. (A)

**7 Composting Basics** 7 p.m. (A)

**16 Land Trust: Protecting Natural Resources for the Future** 7:30 p.m. (A)

**18 Write@Wright: The Elements of a Scene with Meredith Doench** 2 p.m. (A,R)

**19 Far Hills Speaker Series: The Oakwood Street Railway** 2 p.m. (A)

**22 Let's Talk: Climate Change** 7 p.m. (A)

**23 Family Night: I Spy Challenge** drop-in 6-8 p.m.

**24 Adult Maker Challenge** 7 p.m. (A,R)

**25 Family Fun: Chef Battle with the Cooking Caravan** 11 a.m.

## May Special Events

[wrightlibrary.org/calendar](http://wrightlibrary.org/calendar)

**3 LET'S TALK: Anti-Racism Book Discussion, Raising White Kids** 2 p.m. (A,R)

**9 Write@Wright: The Process of Writing: Tools and Insights with Ann Hagedorn** 2 p.m. (A,R)

**16 Summer Reading Club-registration opens** at That Day in May Festival

**30 Summer Reading Club Kick Off** 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

**31 Far Hills Speaker Series: Grand Eccentrics, the Influential Figures of Dayton's History** 2 p.m. (A)

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

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## Meet Our New Engineering & Public Works Director



City Manager Norbert Klopsch introduced Doug Spitler, PE, the City's new Director of Engineering and Public Works, at the January 6, 2020 City Council meeting.

Doug leads 29 full time employees in performing all Oakwood Engineering and Public Works services to include refuse and recycling operations, public roadway and sidewalk maintenance, water and sanitary sewer service, and stormwater management. In the capacity as city engineer, Doug is responsible for providing professional engineering services in managing, operating and improving Oakwood's public infrastructure. This includes developing the long-range capital improvement plans and implementing the annual capital improvement programs.

Doug is a 1996 graduate of The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Civil Engineering, and is an Ohio licensed Professional Engineer. He comes to Oakwood with 23 years of experience in local government.

Welcome to Oakwood, Doug!