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## CITY NEWS | City Property Tax Renewal

The November 2, 2021 ballot will include a measure for renewing a 2.72 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 1991 and has been renewed ever five years since then. The current effective residential millage rate of this tax levy is 1.27, which is what the tax is based on. It raises about \$468,000 annually and helps to pay for Oakwood public services including police, fire & EMS; street maintenance; and parks, recreation and leisure services. It costs about \$39 per year for each \$100,000 in residential property valuation.

## SCHOOL NEWS | OSF Presents FLOURISH: A Campaign for Oakwood's Performing and Visual Arts

Henri Matisse once said, "Creativity takes courage."

To honor and embody that courage on behalf of creating multi-generation impact Oakwood Schools Foundation is undertaking a bold new fundraising initiative of its own to enhance arts education for current and future students of Oakwood Schools - FLOURISH: A Campaign for Oakwood's Performing and Visual Arts. *(continued on page 8)*

## LIBRARY NEWS | Community Continues to Dig into Local History Through Ongoing Series

Intrigued by local history? The Far Hills Speaker Series is for you.

In the seven years since its conception, the Wright Memorial Public Library and Oakwood Historical Society continues to craft a spring and autumn series of programs that both educate and entertain citizens in Oakwood and beyond. Coming in October and November are programs that explore the darker side of Dayton as well as its first inhabitants.

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## Oakwood Community Center Events

The Leisure Services Department continues to monitor the status of COVID-19 and reviews upcoming events on a case-by-case basis, which may result in some program modifications and possible cancellations. Protecting the health of our community is our number one priority. We appreciate your understanding.

## Family Fall Festival

Come to Shafor Park from 2 – 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 10 for the 15th annual “Family Fall Festival” and enjoy an outdoor 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.

## Scarecrow Building Contest

The Oakwood Community Center is very excited to announce the 19th 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 10 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 (937) 298-0775.



## Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project

Under leadership of the Oakwood Beautification 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 Horticulturist Brian Caldwell at (937) 298-0775.



## Upcoming Leisure Services Department Events/Classes

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

## Lighting up Oakwood & Holiday of Lights



The city of Oakwood, with assistance from the Oakwood Beautification Committee, is “LIGHTING UP” Oakwood with luminarias on Sunday, December 12 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 Monday, November 15. Cost is \$5 per dozen and includes the white bags, sand and 10-hour candles.

## City Offices Closed



**Veterans Day** – City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on **Thursday, November 11**. Trash and recycling pick up for the week of November 8 will be the same as the normal weekly schedule, except that Thursday’s route will be picked up on Friday.



**Thanksgiving** – City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on **Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26**. Trash and recycling pick up for the week of November 22 will be the same as the normal weekly schedule, except that Thursday’s route will be picked up on Wednesday.

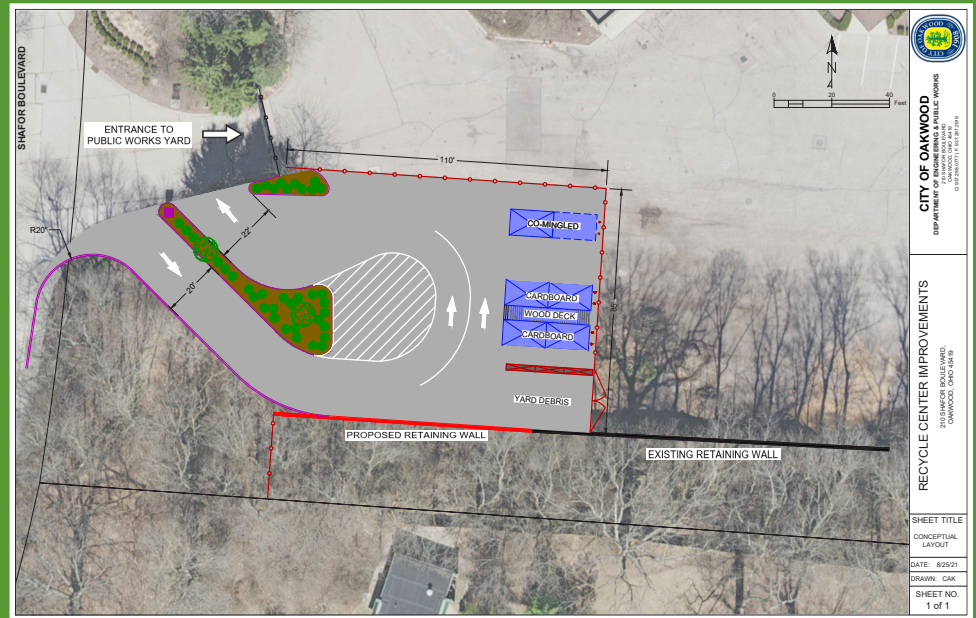
## Oakwood Rotary Hazardous Waste Pickup

There are two ways for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous material. Residents may: 1) drop off the material at the Montgomery County Transfer and Recycling Facility (see [www.mcswd.org](http://www.mcswd.org) for more information); or 2) use the quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club Hazardous Waste Collection program. This year’s last collection date is scheduled for Saturday, October 23. 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!



## Recycling Facility Relocation and Improvement

The City is relocating and upgrading the 24/7 public-access recycling facility. The project involves moving the facility from its current location in the Creager Field Dog Park parking lot at the corner of Shafor Boulevard and Irving Avenue to a larger area at the entrance to the Public Works yard at 210 Shafor Boulevard. The move will create a more efficient drop-off operation and safer environment for the heavily used facility by removing it from the dog park parking lot. The total project cost is estimated to be \$299,000, of which \$72,000 (24%) is being paid through a grant from the Montgomery County Solid Waste District under the 2021 District Incentive Grant Program. The grant acknowledges Oakwood's continuing commitment to recycling. The facility will accommodate the drop-off of green waste, cardboard, and co-mingled recyclables and is expected to be completed by late 2021.



## Pedestrian Safety: Are you taking the right steps to stay safe?

For your own safety and the safety of others, it is important to practice pedestrian safety.

Here are a few safety tips to protect yourself from potential hazards:

Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.

Walk on sidewalks if available. If there is no sidewalk:

- walk FACING traffic;
- stay as far from traffic as possible;
- proceed in a single file when traffic is approaching from the front or rear.

Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.

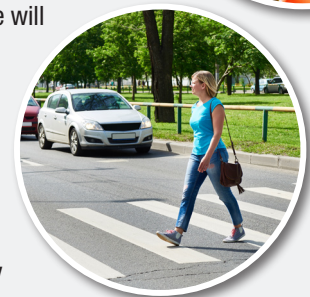
Make yourself visible to drivers.

Between sunset and sunrise, or during inclement weather, pedestrians are required to wear high-visibility safety apparel that is reflective and can be seen clearly from 300 feet.

Per Ohio traffic laws, vehicular traffic must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing in a crosswalk if there is no traffic signal in place or operation, and the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway in which the vehicle is traveling or approaching from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. That said, never assume that a vehicle will yield.

Walking, jogging or running in the street is prohibited at all times on Far Hills Avenue, Patterson Road, Shroyer Road, Schantz Avenue from Oakwood Avenue to the west corporation limits, and on Oakwood Avenue from Far Hills Avenue to the north corporation limits.

Section 371.05 of the Oakwood Traffic Code outlines pedestrian rules and requirements so both motorists and pedestrians can safely use city streets for vehicle travel and recreational activities. This information may be accessed on the City website at <https://oakwoodohio.gov/city-ordinances/>.





## Halloween and Trick or Treat: October 31

Watch for ghosts and goblins on Sunday, **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.



## October/November Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 4 and Monday, November 1. Both meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session. The regular sessions are televised live on the City website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov), and on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Tuner Ch. 5.03 and AT&T U-verse Ch. 99). The meetings are also accessible via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Links to the meeting will be posted to the City website at 4 p.m. on the meeting date. 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. Meeting videos can also be viewed on the City website.

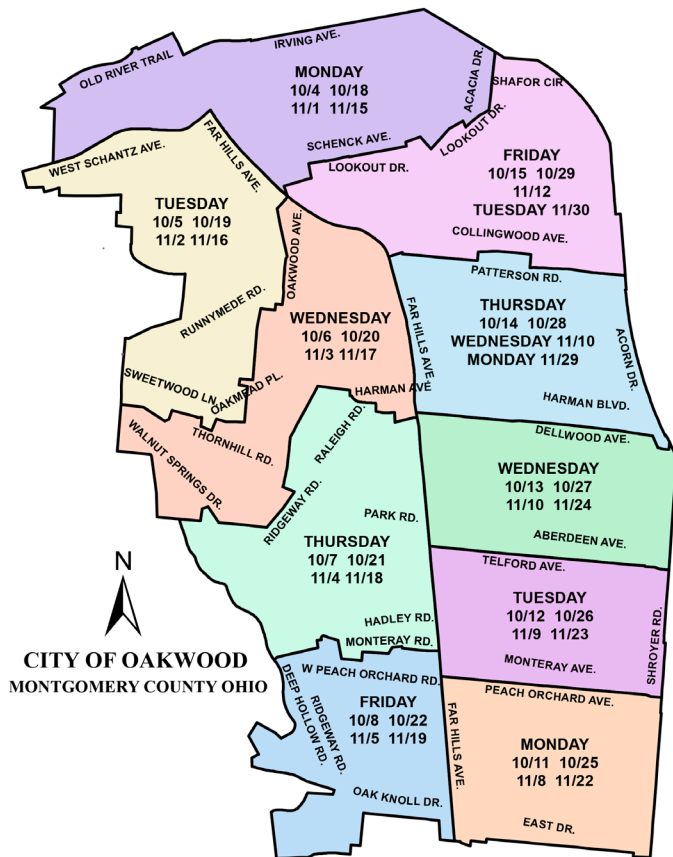


## Annual Leaf Collection

We will begin our annual leaf collection program on Monday, October 11. 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 maps below. The program is scheduled to continue until Friday, December 17, 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, leaf volume and other factors. Please place leaves in the street gutter, ideally just a day or two before the pick-up. Leaves must be unbagged and spread out along property frontages so that traffic flow is not impeded. 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:



### LEAF AND YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2021



FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18  
SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 10/14, 10/28, 11/10, 11/29

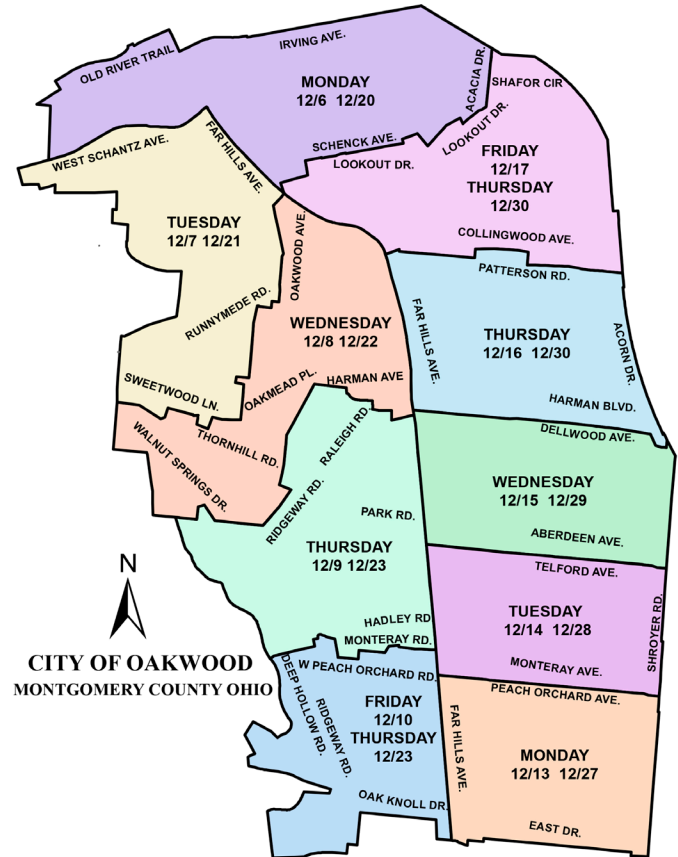
## Stormwater Management Program

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!

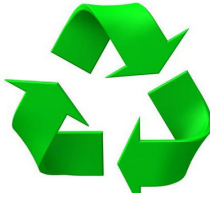
### LEAF AND YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2021



FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 12/9 & 12/23  
SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 12/16 & 12/30

## 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 35 gallons or less and under 60 pounds. Containers must have lifting handles and detachable, tight-fitting lids.
- Use as many recycling cans as you need and know what is recyclable, and what is not. Please do NOT use toter-style cans for recycling. 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.

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 broken down 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 Chris Harold at (937) 298-0777.

## Fourth Quarter Estimated Tax Payment Due 1-17-2022

If you estimate that you will owe \$200 or more when you file your 2021 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 17, 2022. 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 website. Contact the tax office at (937) 298-0531 with any questions.



## Temporary Yard Signs

Title 12 of the Oakwood Zoning Code regulates temporary signage. Temporary yard signs are permitted in residential districts, pursuant to the following rules:

- Individual signs must be no larger than 6 square feet in area, and no more than 4 feet in height.
- There is no limit to the number of temporary yard signs that may be placed in a yard, so long as the combined total surface area of the signs is no greater than 12 square feet. For example, a property may display four one sided signs that measure 18 inches x 24 inches; or three one sided signs that measure 24 inches x 24 inches; or two one sided signs that measure 24 inches x 36 inches. If two sided signs are displayed, the limits, for example, are two signs that measure 18 inches x 24 inches; or one sign that measures 24 inches x 36 inches. All sign faces visible from the public right-of-way are included in calculating the combined total surface area.
- Signs must be in good condition.

### The following signs are prohibited:

- Advertising/Commercial signs (e.g., window, roof or HVAC companies, plumbers, electricians).
- Signs in the right-of-way (e.g., boulevards or curb tree lawns).
- Signs that move.

To comply with the Oakwood Zoning Code, place your sign on private property and away from corners where it could block the view of oncoming traffic. Have further questions? The sign code is available on our website, or you can email us at [zoning@oakwood.oh.us](mailto:zoning@oakwood.oh.us).

## 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 2021 Winners

Melissa Theis & Steven Mates,  
704 Runnymede Road  
Christopher & Susan Croom,  
331 Schenck Avenue  
Julie Beyer, 332 Volusia Avenue  
Debra Edwards,  
234 E. Dixon Avenue  
Daniel & Karen Kugel,  
259 Greenmount Boulevard  
Wayne Anderson & Jayne Robinson,  
215 Lonsdale Avenue  
Jane Hamilton, 1814 Coolidge Drive  
Ashley Graham, 25 Orchard Drive  
Scott & Monica Hiebert,  
249 Orchard Drive

### August 2021 Winners

William LeValley, 101 Mahrt Avenue  
Edward & Maureen Dowd,  
248 Ridgewood Avenue  
Lynne Irwin, 55 Beverly Place  
Margaret Juergens,  
401 Lonsdale Avenue  
Barbara Deluca, 302 Corona Avenue  
Christopher & Anne Athmer,  
9 Hadley Road  
Michael & Lisa Hayes,  
306 Claranna Avenue  
Joseph & Christina Mangan,  
240 East Drive  
Jeffrey & Tara Nabholz,  
1521 Runnymede Road



## Door-to-Door Solicitation

The city of Oakwood maintains a “Do Not Solicit” list to regulate certain types of door-to-door solicitation and canvassing throughout our community to protect the safety and privacy of our residents.

Residents can register their address by submitting an online request form through our website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov/door-to-door-solicitation](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov/door-to-door-solicitation). Once registered, your address will remain on the list for five years. When your five year expiration is reached, we will send a reminder postcard so you can re-register to remain on the “Do Not Solicit” list.

For residents who are on the Do-Not-Solicit list and are solicited, contact the Oakwood Public Safety Department at (937) 298-2122 to report this activity.

For residents who are not on the Do-Not-Solicit list, commercial solicitors have a 6 p.m. solicitation curfew, and canvassers (e.g., religious, political) have a 9 p.m. curfew.

It is important to understand that there are exceptions. Legitimate businesses have the right to advertise, and religious and political organizations and candidates have the right to spread their messages and solicit support. The City respects those rights while also protecting our residents. If persons are merely distributing flyers or literature, and not knocking or making contact with the resident, the Do-Not-Solicit list does not apply. There is also an exemption for youth, under 18, who are doing fundraising activities.



## Far Hills Speaker Series – Fall 2021

The Oakwood Historical Society and Wright Memorial Public Library co-host the Far Hills Speaker Series on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. at the Oakwood High School Auditorium. Two speakers are planned:

### Angie Hoschouer – October 17

Angie Hoschouer is the Manager of Development and Marketing at Woodland Cemetery, Arboretum and Foundation. Founded in 1841, Woodland Cemetery is one of the nation's five oldest rural garden cemeteries. Hoschouer was a seven-year volunteer at Woodland Cemetery before becoming an employee. She has a passion for Dayton's history and is involved with several community organizations including the Dayton Region's Walk of Fame and University of Dayton Osher's Lifelong Learning Institute. She is the current president of the Randolph Twp. Historical Society.

### Topic: History, Mystery, Mayhem & Murder

Dayton rich history is full of tales, some of which are so surprising that you will be on the edge of your seat. Tales of mayhem are told in this chilling presentation of murders, assaults, revenge, negligence, and hopelessness that took place in Dayton's past. The lecture includes the real-life history, mystery, mayhem and murder stories of the likes of Bessie Little, Charles Stimmel, Joseph Shide, Maurice Dejadins and Nelson Driggs. Graphic details are given and may not be appropriate for all audiences.



### Bill Kennedy – November 21

Bill Kennedy is the Regional Coordinator for the Eastern Region of the Ohio History Connection. As an archaeologist, Bill is also a specialist in pre-contact native peoples of Ohio and has worked on archaeological sites of all time periods. He is especially knowledgeable about wooden architecture and is widely known for his work building full-scale reconstructions of thatch and daub homes at SunWatch and Fort Ancient. Bill comes from a family of builders and grew up working on historic and modern architecture.

### Topic: Oakwood's First Residents: The prehistory of the Miami Valley

Oakwood's earliest European settlers and traders of the 1700's found sites rich in the culture of its previous inhabitants. Well established trade routes, pottery manufacturing areas, and earthwork/mound sites in the Miami Valley tell the stories of Oakwood and the Miami Valley's earliest inhabitants. Sites of note will include the mounds here in Oakwood as well as sites near Carillion Park, Wegerzyn Gardens and SunWatch.

During the Woodland period (800 B.C. to A.D. 1200) the earlier inhabitants of the Miami Valley lived in villages, developed a rich ritual and artistic life, began building earthworks and mounds, some of which were used for burial. While they still hunted and gathered food, they cultivated crops. The Adena and Hopewell cultures flourished during the Early and Middle Woodland periods, respectively. The population of Woodland people expanded dramatically, and groups lived in larger villages with defensive walls or ditches built for protection. Ritual and artistic endeavors waned during the Late Woodland period, as did trading with other groups. There were not new earthworks or mounds during this later period.

During the late prehistoric period (A.D. 900 to 1650), villages were larger, often built on high ground, near a river, and often surrounded by a wooden stockade. Earthworks returned during this period but were not built with the frequency that they were during the Woodland period.

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**FLOURISH**  
A Campaign for Oakwood's Performing & Visual Arts

For more than 40 years, the Oakwood Schools Foundation (OSF) has been responding to the emerging needs of education, partnering with Oakwood Schools to provide grants, scholarships and funding for special projects that might not otherwise have been possible. FLOURISH is the first private fundraising initiative of this magnitude in Oakwood Schools, OSF and the community's history.

The commitment of Oakwood Junior High and High School students to pursue arts education is evidenced in their incredible participation levels. Performing and visual arts activities are five of the top seven curricular and co-curricular activities, including athletics, among students.

The special project will support significant updates to create state-of-the-art arts facilities at OJH/OHS, ensuring Oakwood students are best prepared for their post-secondary pursuits, have the opportunity to showcase their achievements, and celebrate the arts in the community.

The core mission of OSF to enhance the educational experience in Oakwood Schools will once again be demonstrated as this arts facilities enhancement project takes place while the School District continues the prioritized foundational infrastructure improvements and repairs of the Master Facilities Plan (MFP).

FLOURISH is an \$8.8 million special initiative that prioritizes daily-use educational space. The major fundraising effort will result in phased construction that will include a new Performing Arts Wing addition on the northeast corner of OJH/OHS that will include new band, choir and orchestra learning and performance spaces. A brand-new visual arts center with three dedicated classrooms and an open art gallery celebrating student and alumni artwork is also part of the project. Nonstructural upgrades will also be made to the OJH/OHS auditorium, enhancing student learning and community member experience with updated audio and visual technology, theatrical lighting and equipment.

Kevin Jones, chair of the FLOURISH Campaign steering committee and member of the OSF Board, says he is proud of the legacy the Campaign will create. "I am excited to help launch this very significant special project for our community and am eager to continue to make Oakwood Schools a national school of excellence, helping provide students the best opportunity possible to further develop their creative and collaborative futures," Jones said.

The FLOURISH Campaign will be completely privately funded with support from current friends and residents of the Oakwood community, and Oakwood parents and alumni both local and across the country. With your help, FLOURISH will provide Oakwood students with the arts facilities needed to remain competitive with peers and to fully realize their individual potential, while enhancing the arts landscape for the community-at-large.

The Campaign will be announced to the public at OSF's annual event for Oakwood alumni and the community, Come Back Lumberjacks, held at the Dayton Country Club Oct. 1, 2021. The announcement is set to take place at 9PM. On-site commemoration spaces will be available on a first come basis. Please reach out to OSF with inquiries. More information about the Campaign will be available after the public launch at: <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf>



**Come  
Back  
Lumberjacks!**

*Thank you*

Oakwood alumni and community members for joining us on October 1st for our Come Back Lumberjacks event!

It was a success and we could not have done it without YOU!



The Oakwood Schools  
**FOUNDATION**  
Enhancing Excellence in Education

See highlights from CBL 2021 including a complete list of event sponsors on our website:  
[oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf/comeback-lumberjacks](https://oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf/comeback-lumberjacks)

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## Oakwood Coach's Legacy to Live On at OHS

The Oakwood Schools Alumni Association would like to say a special thank you to all alumni, staff, Athletic Boosters and the community who made the Howard "The Hat" Sales Memorial dedication event a success. The Memorial dedication was held on Friday, August 27 before the first OHS Home Varsity Football Game.

The event kicked off at 5:30 p.m. with a cookout at the Alumni Plaza on Schantz Avenue, followed by the dedication ceremony at 6:00 p.m. Longtime Oakwood Schools' educator and former assistant coach, Don Walls, emceed the event. Key Speakers included former Oakwood High School educator and assistant coach, Joe Gural, legendary University of Dayton football coach, Mike Kelly, and Patsy Sales, wife of Coach Sales.

At the dedication, a special 200-page commemorative coffee table book, hats and stickers, all in memory of Coach Sales and inspired by his life, were available for purchase with proceeds benefiting the Oakwood Athletic Boosters.

A special thank you to alumni and former Varsity Lumberjack football players, Jamie Greer ('82) and Jeff Hartley ('84), for their successful leadership of this effort and for all their hard work behind the scenes to make this happen. This memorial sculpture and dedication's success would not have been possible without their passion and determination in memory of the late Coach. Additionally, alum Amy Hayde ('85) created the beautiful Howard "The Hat" Sales Memorial book.

Given the special momentum and response in Coach Sales' memory, alumni Bruce Harlamert and Jeff Hartley are beginning plans to create a special student scholarship to be given annually to an OHS student athlete in Coach's honor. They are seeking to endow the scholarship to live on into perpetuity, supporting Oakwood student athletes into the future in Coach Sales name. For more information or to contribute to the Scholarship in memory of Coach Sales, please visit the Oakwood Schools Foundation at: [www.oakwoodschoools.edu/community/osf](https://www.oakwoodschoools.edu/community/osf)





## Back to School 2021



## Schools, Community Partner to Build Playground

Students at Smith Elementary School are sliding into the new school year thanks to community support to improve the school's playground.

The playground, which was installed in the spring of 2020, was initially closed to the public and students to comply with public health ordinances regarding COVID-19. This year, the playground is open to students and the community, giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy the new and colorful structure.

A formal dedication of the playground was held Sept. 30. A small group of donors, District staff, and community members gathered to recognize the successful efforts to create the playground and what the space means to students and children in Oakwood. Amy Honaker, fundraising coordinator for the Smith PTO, had this to say about the dedication, "The last year has been hard for people. It's important we take the time to celebrate the successes and people around us. Showing gratitude makes everyone's hearts happy."

The playground was made possible thanks to community support and the collaboration of Oakwood Schools, the Oakwood Schools Foundation and Smith Elementary PTO. For more information, visit [www.oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org](http://www.oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org) or <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/oakwood-pto/smith-pto>.



## 2021-2022 School Year

### OCT

15

**Early Dismissal for students – Staff Professional Development**

### NOV

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**No School for Students – Staff Professional Development**

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**No School for Students**

25-26

**No School – Fall Break**

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**Classes Resume**

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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## Event Calendar

### OCTOBER

**Oct. 5, Tues. 7-8 p.m.**

Prepare Your Yard to Support Wintering Pollinators

**Oct. 6, Wed. 7-8 p.m.**

Mindful Eating

**Oct. 17, Sun. 2-3 p.m.**

FHSS – History, Mystery, Mayhem & Murder (Lectures will be presented in the Oakwood High School Auditorium. Should there concerns due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Fall FHSS will be presented virtually.)

**Oct. 22, Fri. 7-8:30 p.m.**

Nailed It! (Registrations opens Oct 11; Participants must pick up decorating kit)

**Oct. 26, Tues. 7-8 p.m.**

Current Economic Outlook with James Investment Research, Inc.

### NOVEMBER

**Nov. 10**

Racism, Riots & Murder: Dayton in the 1960s & 70s

**Nov. 21**

Oakwood's First Residents (Lectures will be presented in the Oakwood High School Auditorium. Should there concerns due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Fall FHSS will be presented virtually.)

For all events, visit [wrightlibrary.org/calendar](http://wrightlibrary.org/calendar)

## Library Opens Parkside Entrance

The library's parkside entrance is now open. The park level includes the new children's and teen area and audiovisual section.



Before (left) and after (right) photographs show the progress on the lower level.

## Want to Support the Library? Consider a Donation to the Foundation's Annual Campaign

The Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation is launching its 2021 Annual Campaign this fall.

Donations to the annual fundraising effort will support the Library's mission by funding programs, materials, outreach, amenities, and services that the Library could not otherwise provide the community.

Donors may give by mail, online, or in person. Visit [wrightlibrary.org/foundation](http://wrightlibrary.org/foundation) for more information.

Recently, the Foundation funds have been used to purchase books to reward summer reading club participants, a library hold pick up station for the new park-level entrance, the writers workshop series and other programs such as the live falconry program.

In 2020, our generous donors gave more than \$49,952 to support the Library's mission.



The Foundation supports prize books to encourage young readers in the library's summer reading program. This young reader was excited to select her prize books this summer.



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The 2020 year proved to be unique; however, FHSS rallied to continue offering great informative programs – just in a virtual format. This fall, we hope visitors will enjoy these programs in-person again at Oakwood High School's auditorium or a virtual format if necessary.

With the continuing issue of Covid-19, visitors are required to wear a face mask while in the Oakwood High School Auditorium, and we ask all groups to be socially distant from each other.

Please be advised that we will continue to monitor Covid-19 numbers and will switch to a virtual format if needed.

We ask those interested in the programs to register for the events at [wrightlibrary.org](https://www.wrightlibrary.org) or by calling (937) 294-7171.

This October, make time to learn some spooky facts about the darker side of Dayton in the presentation, History, Mystery, Mayhem & Murder. Created and presented by Angie Hoschouer of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum, she will discuss murders, assaults, acts of revenge, negligence, and the hopelessness

that occurred in Dayton's past. She will highlight the mysteries and murders surrounding past Daytonians, such as Bessie Little, Charles Stimmel, Joseph Shide, Maurice Dejadins, and Nelson Driggs. This program features mature language and graphic details and may not be appropriate for all audiences. Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00PM. Registration at <https://www.wrightlibrary.org/murdermayhem>

The last of the fall Far Hills Speaker Series will highlight this area's first inhabitants in a program by Bill Kennedy called Oakwood's First Residents: The prehistory of the Miami Valley. Kennedy, an archaeologist and the Regional Coordinator for the Eastern Region of the Ohio History Connection, will discuss how well established trade routes, pottery manufacturing areas, and earthwork/mound sites in the Miami Valley tell the stories of Oakwood and the Miami Valley's earliest inhabitants. Sites of note will include the mounds here in Oakwood as well as sites near Carillion Park, Wegerzyn Gardens and SunWatch. Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 2:00PM. Registration at <https://www.wrightlibrary.org/oakwoodfirstresidents>

## Madcap Puppets to Present Live Performance at Wright Library

**Cincinnati-based troupe will present *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow***

**October 24 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Outdoors at Wright Memorial Public Library**

Wright Library is pleased to present a free outdoor theater performance for children and their families this fall.

Madcap Puppets, a touring theatre company based in Cincinnati, will bring its "MadCap's Legend of Sleepy Hollow" show to Oakwood just in time for the Halloween season.

Sponsored by a grant from the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation, the performance will be held outdoors behind Wright Library from 2 to 3 p.m. Oct. 24.

In this thigh-slapper retelling of the classic short story, the lanky schoolmaster, Ichabod Crane, can't decide what's worse in the glen of Sleepy Hollow: the headless horseman or the silliest of ghosts, the horseless headman.

To complicate matters, Ichabod unwittingly vies with the local brute, Brom Bones, for the affections of Katrina Van Tassal. Ichabod endures a series of pranks and ghost stories, only to find himself on the ride of his life in this hilarious version of Washington Irving's classic short story.

Based in Cincinnati, Ohio, Madcap is nationally recognized for engaging and original children's theatre productions, as well as in-school educational programs that include performances, workshops and residencies.

No registration is required. Bring your own blankets, chairs, or other seating. Those in chairs will be asked to sit toward the back. In case of inclement weather, please visit [wrightlibrary.org](https://www.wrightlibrary.org) to find out if the show is canceled or rescheduled.



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## Meet our New Public Works Employees

Oakwood's Public Works Department provides a broad range of municipal services unparalleled in the state of Ohio.



**Scott Loper**  
Water Plant  
Superintendent/Foreman



**Chris Kuzma**  
Staff Engineer



**Chris Branscomb**  
Water Plant Technician



**Tristen Upton-  
Hayslett**  
General Service Worker



**Corey Edwards**  
General Service Worker