



JUNE / JULY 2022

OAKWOOD SCENE

A joint publication provided by the City of Oakwood, Oakwood School District and Wright Memorial Public Library

CITY COUNCIL

William Duncan, Mayor
Steve Byington, Vice Mayor
Rob Stephens
Anne Hilton
Leigh Turben

ADMINISTRATION

Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager
Chief Alan J. Hill, CLEE, Public Safety Director
Cindy S. Stafford, CPA, Finance Director
Carol D. Collins, Leisure Services Director
Robert F. Jacques, Esq., City Attorney
Jennifer S. Wilder, Personnel and Properties Director
Doug Spittler, PE, Engineering and Public Works Director
Dr. Stephen Enseleit, M.D., Health Commissioner

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Todd T. Duwel, President
John Wilson, Vice President
Lauren Kawai
Lauren Middleton
Deron Schwieterman

ADMINISTRATION

Kyle B. Ramey, Ed.D., Superintendent
Tiffany Hiser, Interim Treasurer
Allyson Couch, Director of Educational Services
Kimbe Lange, Ed.D., Director of Curriculum
Traci Hale, Community Relations Director
Paul Waller, Ph.D., OHS Principal
Tim Badenhop, OJHS Principal/
Associate Principal 9-12 OHS
Laura Connor, Director of Athletics
and Student Activities
Chrissy Elliott, Smith Principal
Sarah Patterson, Harman Principal
Frank Eaton, Special Education Supervisor/
Lange Principal

LIBRARY BOARD

Joe Fulford, President
Randale J. Honaker III, Vice President
Lu Ann Stanley, Secretary
Darrell Crowe
Bob Eling
Jennifer Enseleit
Josh Lounsbury

ADMINISTRATION

Kristi Hale, Director
Mary Hopton, Fiscal Officer

CITY NEWS | Smith Gardens 2022 Blanket Concert Series

The Friends of Smith Gardens and the city of Oakwood are pleased to present the “2022 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.

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.

(continued on page 2)

SCHOOL NEWS | Purple Star Schools

Oakwood Schools is making a difference in the lives of military families. For their efforts, the Ohio Department of Education recently designated Harman School and Smith Elementary as Purple Star Schools. The Purple Star award signifies the schools’ commitment to military families and their students.

(continued on page 9)

LIBRARY NEWS | Spend Your Summer at Wright Library

Explore an “Ocean of Opportunity” at Wright Library during June and July! With events and reading challenges for all ages, everyone in the community will find something for them at the library this summer.



For kids, reading over the summer is critical to maintaining learning while school is out. Inside, find a schedule of events and information on how to win prizes in our adult and youth reading challenges!

(continued on page 10)

CITY

P4: HOW TO SAFELY DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

SCHOOLS

P8: P8 AX MEDIA GOES LIVE AT OHS

LIBRARY

P11: LIVE MUSIC RETURNS TO WRIGHT LIBRARY

Blanket Concert Series:

Madcap Puppets: Pinocchio

Sunday, June 5, 2022—7:00 P.M.

Madcap Puppets is based in Cincinnati, Ohio and is 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 join Geppetto's beloved puppet on a thrilling quest to become a real boy. Pinocchio is lured into every prank and scheme imaginable as giant puppets and audience participation are woven into this cherished classic tale. This life size play is sure to delight audiences of all ages. Bring the whole family to enjoy!

The Blue Leaf's Band

Sunday, July 24, 2022—7:00 P.M.

The Blue Leaf's, a star of the Dayton music scene, is a 4-piece rock band reviving the sounds of the 60s, 70s and 80s for modern audiences. The Blue Leaf's brand of 'Throwback Rock n Roll' has been described as a marriage of artists like Queen, Billy Joel, and the Beatles into an unforgettable showcase of the classic rock sound. Praised by fans for their ability to pull off difficult harmonies in songs like "Bohemian Rhapsody", "Mr. Blue Sky" and "Band on the Run", The Blue Leaf's feature their vocals above all else. These harmonies have been perfected over years of rehearsing and professional training. While vocals take the forefront, instrumental proficiency follows close behind, with songs like "Great Balls of Fire", "Wipeout!" and "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" prominently featuring displays of instrumental mastery likely to entertain anyone. The band had a packed summer in 2021! They performed at Vandalia's Star Spangled Celebration, Greenville's Gathering at Garst Festival, Centerville's Summer Concert Series at Stubbs Park, Fairmount Indiana's James Dean Car Show, Upper Arlington's Labor Day Arts Festival and Tipp City's Mum Festival just to name a few. 2022 will see the band performing all over the region with more shows than ever. The group is very excited to bring their music to Oakwood's Summer Concert Series for the first time!

Murphy/Kelch

Sunday, August 21, 2022—7:00 P.M.

After playing locally in numerous bands for decades, Steve Kelch (hand percussion / vocals) and Jim Murphy (guitar / vocals) have been entertaining folks for the past six years as an acoustic duo. They have and currently are playing at local beer and wine venues, restaurants, festivals, private parties and fundraising events. Their repertoire consists of classic rock, folk and blues songs that everyone will recognize and want to sing along to. You don't want to miss this performance!

City Drop Box Locations

The city of Oakwood has two secure drop boxes available for residents to submit payments, employment applications, and other documents to the City. There is a drop box located in the entrance foyer just inside the city building at 30 Park Avenue. This drop box is accessible 24 hours a day, and drops directly into a secured container in the city administration offices. There is also a secure drive-up drop box located in the alley across from the city building, between 23 and 31 Park Avenue.



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 in 1968, and in 1992, renamed as the Property Maintenance Board. The 24-member Oakwood Property Maintenance Board ("PMB") consists of three citizens from each of eight voting precincts/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

Each spring, City staff completes an inspection of the entire city via automobile to identify property maintenance violations. Last month, city staff performed a community-wide property maintenance inspection. Compliance notices are being sent to property owners where violations were identified, and staff will follow an established protocol to ensure that corrective actions are taken. Property maintenance violations continue to be identified throughout the year, usually by the City Code Enforcement Officer, but also by PMB members, through citizen complaints, or by Oakwood Public Safety Officers. These additional violations are handled in the same manner as those identified through the annual inspection, as city staff pursues compliance with the code in an effort to maintain property values.

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. Awards are presented to single family residences, a business property and/or to an apartment/condominium property each month during May, June, July and August, up to two in each of the eight voting precincts/property maintenance districts.



Monthly nominations are submitted to the City by members of the Property Maintenance Board and by the general public. Award winners are notified with a letter from the city and a sign is placed in their yard for approximately one month. A photograph is taken of each property and a video prepared, which is presented at a public Council meeting in July (May and June winners) and September (July and August winners). Each winner receives a recognition certificate from City Council. Award winners are also recognized here in the Oakwood Scene, on the City website, and in the Oakwood Register.

Visit the City website at www.oakwoodohio.gov or call (937) 298-0411 for more information.

REFUSE COLLECTION NOTICES:



Juneteenth Holiday Closing

City offices, including the OCC and Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, June 20 in observance of the Juneteenth federal holiday. Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of June 20 will be one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday; and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.



Independence Day Holiday Closing

City offices, including the OCC and Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of July 4 will be one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday; and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

Trash Cans

Please remember that our city public works employees empty your trash containers each week. Given our unique back door service, in large part this is a manual process. For the safety of our employees, please ensure that all trash is bagged, particularly food waste. Except for city-provided toters in the alleys, please do NOT use a toter-style container for trash or recycling. All trash cans, except city-provided toters in alleys, must have fully removable lids, be 35 gallons or less, and must not weigh more than 60 pounds.



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 in the yard debris area at the new recycling and yard waste drop-off facility at the Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard. The facility is located in a well-lit area and is available 24/7; **OR**
 - 2) Drop it off at the Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard, on the first Saturday of the month between 8 a.m. and 12 noon; **OR**
 - 3) Call (937) 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 or edge of pavement, 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, posts/poles, or in the street or gutter. Please make sure vehicles do not block the piles on the day of collection.

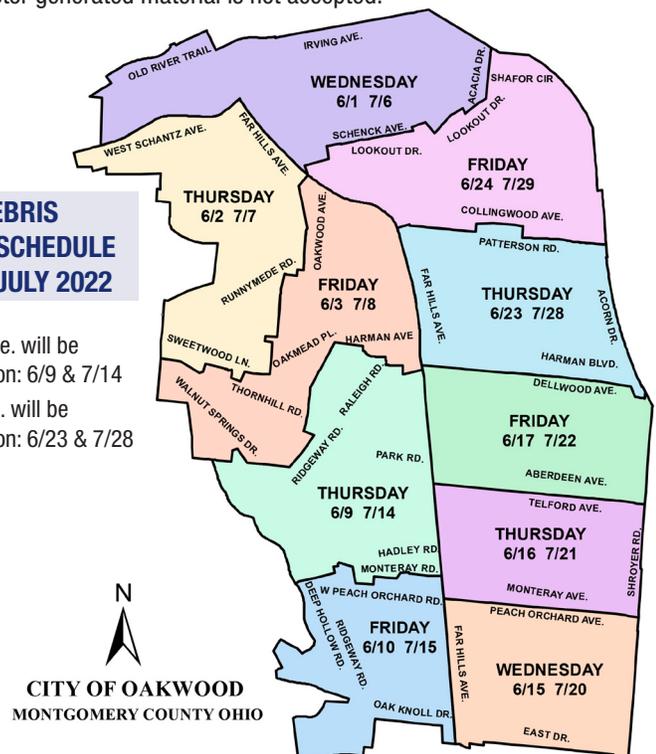
ADDITIONAL REFUSE PROGRAM REMINDERS:

- 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 tops of trash cans. All debris must be placed in cans with removable, tight-fitting lids.

- Please learn what is recyclable and what is not. See: www.oakwoodohio.gov/trash-recycling
- Remember the 35-gallon size limit and 60-pound weight limit on cans, and that cans must have lifting handles and removable lids. No toter-style containers except those city-provided for some alley properties.
- Please recycle as much as you can.
- 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.

YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE JUNE & JULY 2022

Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on: 6/9 & 7/14
Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on: 6/23 & 7/28



CITY OF OAKWOOD
MONTGOMERY COUNTY OHIO

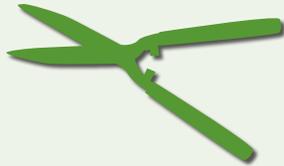
Hazardous Waste Disposal

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. There are two ways for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous material:

- Residents may drop off the material at the Montgomery County Moraine Transfer Facility, 1001 Encrete Lane, Moraine free of charge. The drop off center is open from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Saturdays. See www.mcswd.org for additional information.
- Alternatively, residents may use the quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club Hazardous Waste Collection program. The remaining 2022 collection dates are Saturday, July 23 and Saturday, October 22. Call (937) 296-5155 to sign up for the service. This service 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!

Trimming Along Sidewalks

Oakwood is a walkable community! Please do your part, and 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 the Code Enforcement Officer via email at zoning@oakwoodohio.gov or by calling (937) 297-2920 with any questions.



Upcoming Leisure Services Department Events/Classes

Preschool Story Hour at Smith Gardens: the OCC, in conjunction with Wright Memorial Public Library, is pleased to present a virtual season of "Preschool Story Hour at Smith Gardens". The Preschool Story Hour readings will be posted at 10:30 a.m. on the City Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cityofoakwoodohio on the following Fridays: June 24, July 29 and August 26.

Annual Ice Cream Social: This tradition is held before school resumes in the fall and is scheduled for Sunday, August 14 at Shafor Park. Tickets will be available beginning Monday, July 11.

A complete list of upcoming events, such as "Kiddie Camp", "Camp Hodgepodge", "Kids Trivia (ages 7-12)", "Tennis Lessons—Youth Beginner" and much more is available on our online registration website at OakwoodLeisureServices.com. Call the Oakwood Community Center at (937) 298-0775 for more information on these and other events.

Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report

The city of Oakwood has prepared the 2021 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. The report includes detailed information about the operation of our City water system during the 2021 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 (937) 298-0777.

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 Utility Billing at (937) 298-0400 with questions.

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.

Additional information is available on the Miami Conservancy District (MCD) website at <https://www.mcdwater.org/water-stewardship/state-of-the-water/>.

June/July Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 6 and Monday, July 18. 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. The regular sessions are televised live on the City website at www.oakwoodohio.gov, and on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Tuner Ch. 5.203 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 for broadcast times. Meeting videos can also be viewed on the City website.

- **Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project:** The 2022 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project will take place in late summer or early fall in the area west of Far Hills Avenue from Harman Avenue to the north corporation line at Old River. The purpose of the project is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in a good, safe condition. Please call Public Works Foreman David Shuey at (937) 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 (937) 298-0777 if you have any questions. Property owners on these streets will receive individual notification of the construction schedule.

W. Schantz Avenue (All)

Dell Park Avenue (All)

Beverly Place (All)

Katharine Terrace (All)

Park Road (All)

Little Woods Road (All)

North/South & East/West Alley
between Monterey Avenue &
Hadley Avenue

North/South & East/West Alley
between Triangle Avenue &
Peach Orchard Avenue

North/South & East/West Alley
between Peach Orchard
Avenue & Monterey Avenue

North/South Alley between
Hadley Avenue & Corona Avenue

North/South Alley between
Corona Avenue & Wiltshire
Boulevard

North/South Alley between
Wiltshire Boulevard & Telford
Avenue

Creager Field Dog Park
Parking Lot (All)

2022 CenterPoint Gas Line Improvements

CenterPoint (formerly Vectren) continues replacing underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in Oakwood neighborhoods. Maps on the city website identify work programmed for 2022. In all work areas, CenterPoint 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 CenterPoint infrastructure replacement project in Oakwood scheduled to be completed in 2023. Oakwood residents personally affected by the work will receive detailed information from CenterPoint. Contact Public Works Inspector/Foreman Tom Long at (937) 298-0777 with questions about the work, or reference the CenterPoint pipeline projects map at: <https://midwest.centerpointenergy.com/gas-system/map>

Serving on an Oakwood Board or Committee



Boards and committees are a great way for our residents to get involved and serve the Oakwood community. We currently have council-appointed committees with approximately 100 Oakwood residents serving as members.

If you're interested in serving our community, visit the City website at www.oakwoodohio.gov for a description of each committee, and to complete and submit a "Citizen Committee Application."

Party Tent Rental

It's the time of year for planning graduation parties and weddings. Here are few things to keep in mind if you plan to place a party tent on your property:

For any tent larger than a standard 10x10 popup style, you will need to obtain a zoning permit. It is important to include the following items with the permit application:

- a clear drawing of your property and the proposed tent location;
- a certificate of flame retardancy;
- dates of installation and removal.

Most reputable tent rental companies will take care of obtaining the proper permit(s) on your behalf, and will provide the necessary items listed



above. Other things to keep in mind include yard placement, tent height (look out for power lines), a plan for how the tent will be secured to the ground, and plans for on-street parking for your guests.

We understand permits can add to the cost and logistics of planning an event, but they are designed to look out for your best interest and the safety of you, your guests, and your property. For questions about tent requirements, call the zoning office at (937) 297-2920 or email zoning@oakwoodohio.gov.

Bike Registration

Each year, a large number of bicycles are stolen in Oakwood. Many of these bicycles are found, but cannot be returned because the owners are unknown or the bike has not been reported as being stolen. The Oakwood Safety Department has a bicycle registration program designed to assist in recovering stolen bikes, and to help return stolen or lost bicycles to their rightful owners. There is no cost to register a bicycle. Please call the Oakwood Public Safety Department at (937) 298-2122 to complete the registration.





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.

It is important to know that although the State of Ohio recently legalized fireworks in some settings, most fireworks remain illegal in the city of Oakwood. The only types of fireworks that can be legally purchased and discharged in Oakwood are trick and novelty devices. These include items that smoke, sparkle, snap, and snake. Other fireworks such as bottle rockets, firecrackers, roman candles, and even large aerial mortars may be legally sold at fireworks stores around Ohio, but cannot be discharged in Oakwood. Oakwood Codified Ordinance 549.01 prohibits anyone from discharging, igniting, or exploding any fireworks within the City. Anyone found in violation of this section is guilty of a criminal misdemeanor of the third degree.

Here are a few reminders and safety tips concerning fireworks:

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.

Barbeque Safety Tips

Summer barbeques and cookouts with family and friends are fun, but far too often we forget that grilling can be dangerous. Recent studies conducted by the National Fire Protection Association show that outdoor cooking is the cause for approximately 10,200 residential structure fires annually, sends over 19,000 people to the emergency room to be treated for grilling related injuries and causes \$123 million dollars in direct property damage with July being the peak month for grill fires. For these reasons, the Oakwood Public Safety Department reminds every one of the “Do’s and Don’ts” of outdoor cooking.

DO:

- Store your grill at least fifteen feet away from your house on a level surface. Grills should not be used underneath overhangs either, as the fire could flare-up into the structure above. Leave sufficient space from siding and eaves.
- Clean your grill regularly. If you allow grease and fat to build up on your grill, this provides more fuel for a fire. Grease is the primary cause for flare-ups.
- Check your gas grill for leaks. Frequently check the connections on your gas grill between the propane tank and the grill.
- Check to ensure your gas grill ignitor is functioning correctly. If your grill does not immediately ignite, turn the grill off for several minutes with the lid open before trying to ignite again.
- Keep decorations away from your grill, such as hanging flower baskets or pillows from outdoor patio furniture.
- Keep a water spray bottle handy so you can immediately control minor flare-ups.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill.

DON'T:

- Don't turn on the gas to your grill while the lid is closed as it can cause a fireball to explode upon opening the lid.
- Don't leave your grill unattended. Plan ahead so you are able to continuously monitor the grill while cooking.
- Don't overload your grill with food. Overloading the grill with fatty meats can potentially cause large flare-ups creating hazardous conditions.
- Don't use a grill indoors, this includes an enclosed porch. Charcoal grills produce carbon monoxide (CO), which can be fatal in unventilated areas.
- Don't immediately cover your grill when done cooking. Remember the grill will remain hot for a period of time after cooking. Only cover the grill after it has cooled.
- Don't leave your propane tank valve open. Always check to ensure the valves are firmly turned off.
- Don't store spare propane tanks near the grill.



Practice sensible, safe barbecuing for an enjoyable summer grilling season.

The Oakwood Historical Society is now taking reservations for the Children’s Summer Gardening Program

Does your child like to plant, grow and harvest? The Oakwood Historical Society’s Summer Gardening Program may be the perfect place for budding gardeners to bloom.

The Society is in the midst of preparing for another fruitful year in the kitchen garden behind the homestead at 1947 Far Hills Ave. Children, grades 1 through 4, can register now for this popular program, and learn more about the many aspects of a vegetable and herb garden and the importance of pollinators and composting.

The program takes place on eight Sunday afternoons and is priced reasonably to allow children to go on vacation without losing the value of their registration. Produce that is harvested will be used by the garden participants to prepare snacks and take home any extras.

For more information and to register, go to Oakwoodhistory.org. The class size is small, so hurry—it fills up fast!



Payment 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.

- Easy-to-use online portal to access your account and make payments.
- Registration is not required.
- Go Paperless – get your bills via email.
- Save time with automatic payment options:

AutoPay – automatically pay the invoice amount on the due date.

Recurring Scheduled Payments – set up a schedule to pay a fixed amount or the invoice balance on a specific day of the month.

Receive email reminders when your bill is ready, when a scheduled payment is pending and a confirmation after making a payment.

Pay by Phone – check your account balance or make a payment 24/7 by calling 1-844-892-9642.

Pay by Text – get text notifications about your bill and have the option to pay through text message with your default payment method (sign up when making an online payment or within your account).



- Online payment options will also be available to make payments for income tax and billings on other city services (permits, refuse dumpsters, etc.).

Visit the City website for more information.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITING AND CANVASSING – “No Solicitation” Designation

The city of Oakwood provides residential property owners with a means to prohibit certain types of door-to-door solicitation and canvassing. This is addressed in Chapter 733 of the Oakwood Codified Ordinances and can be accomplished by residents requesting that their property be included on the City’s “Do Not Solicit” list.

If you are interested in being added to the “do-not-solicit” list, you can complete one of the following: 1) Submit the “No Solicitation Form” from the City’s website at www.oakwoodohio.gov 2) Detach the form below and mail it to: City of Oakwood, Attn: Do Not Solicit, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419.

As the owner or tenant of property with the street address of:

I hereby request that this property be registered on the city of Oakwood’s “Do Not Solicit” list.

I understand and intend the following:

1. By registering my address on the “Do Not Solicit” list, all persons will be prohibited by law from contact canvassing, peddling, vending, soliciting, or requesting contributions at my property.
2. This prohibition does not apply to the delivery of advertisements, literature, or other information that may be left at my property, and does not apply to certain youth fundraising activity.
3. Registration of a property on the “Do Not Solicit” list expires after five years or upon the transfer of a property to a new owner or tenant, whichever comes first. Registrations can be renewed upon request by the owner or tenant.

Name: _____ Date: _____

A letter from Katy Deddens Dalrymple, OHS '93

Calling all friends of the Oakwood Band and music education in Oakwood! FLOURISH: A Campaign for Oakwood's Performing and Visual Arts is raising \$8.8 million in private funding to create new and enhanced facilities at the Oakwood Jr./Sr. High School. The proposed work includes a Performing Arts Wing building addition (to include new band, orchestra, and choir rooms, storage, and office space), a renovated Visual Arts Center (to include an art gallery and three updated classrooms), and Auditorium Improvements (including a fund for new audio, visual, and sound equipment). The campaign is in the final stages of fundraising and hopes to start construction before the end of the year. To help reach the fundraising goal, current band parents are reaching out to band alumni and members of the community to raise \$100,000 to name the new band room Alumni Band Room.

Oakwood Band students are looking forward to a new band room with much anticipation and excitement! The existing band room is too small for the current band program, which has doubled in size since the 1990s. Classroom space is elbow to elbow and loud. Practice rooms are filled with marching band uniforms! Temperature control of the space is not conducive to good tonal quality and practice conditions, and acoustics make it difficult for students to hear each other and the director. A new band room would not only provide an excellent environment for creating music, but an environment that is healthier for our students and inspiring for the next generation of Oakwood musicians.

Please join me in supporting the Alumni Band Room fundraising effort! I have already donated in honor of my mother, Ruth Carey Deddens, Class of 1964, to recognize her passion, dedication, and loyalty to Oakwood High School Marching Band and to recognize the impact Oakwood Band has had on her life and the lives of her children and grandchildren. Generations of future Oakwood Band students will be able to recognize the support and legacy of band alumni by using the new Alumni Band Room! To find out more information and to donate online, visit The Oakwood Schools Foundation's website: www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org/alumni-band-room/.

Thank you for supporting music education in Oakwood!

Katy Deddens Dalrymple '93, Alumni Band Room Fundraising Chair

Live from the William Hewitt Studio: It's Ax Media

Oakwood High School students are now producing and broadcasting news from a real-world studio located in OHS. The William Hewitt Studio, named after Bill Hewitt, OHS '56, was created through an effort facilitated by the Oakwood Schools Foundation in partnership with the Oakwood Alumni Association. Friends and family of Hewitt dedicated the studio in his honor in late spring. The upgrades and new resources will provide students an edge in their study of broadcasting and journalism. To see photos of the studio and learn more about efforts to endow an ongoing fund for technological updates, visit: <https://oakwoodschooldfoundation.org/the-william-hewitt-studio/>.

Join us...

For friends, music, appetizers, and fun!

This year the event will be at a new location,
Moraine Country Club!
4075 Southern Blvd. Kettering, OH 45429

Come Back Lumberjacks!



September 23, 2022

7:30-9 PM: Social Hour

9-11 PM: Post-Game Tailgate Party

Alumni and Oakwood Residents Welcome
(Must be 21 or older)



The Oakwood Schools
FOUNDATION

Enhancing Excellence in Education

For more information:

www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org

Sales Memorial Scholarship Awarded to Five Student-Athletes in its Inaugural Year

Five student athletes have been named as the first ever recipients of the Howard Sales Memorial Scholarship.

"There were so many qualified candidates, it was hard to pick just five," Jeff Hartley, one of the sponsors of the scholarship and a member of the review committee, said.

The Howard Sales Memorial scholarship recognizes student athletes at Oakwood High School who demonstrate leadership, integrity, character and have plans to play a sport in college. Leadership, integrity, character and a passion for their sport, are attributes the scholarship's namesake, Howard "The Hat" Sales, encouraged in his own players.

Efforts to endow the scholarship, named for OHS football's winningest coach, and ensure its perpetuity are underway thanks to the generosity and support of Oakwood community members, in partnership with the Oakwood Schools Foundation. To learn more about the scholarship and how to get involved, visit: <https://oakwoodschooldfoundation.org/howard-sales-memorial-scholarship/parker-love-of-teaching-and-lifelong-learning-award/>.

Efforts Underway to Endow Philanthropy 101 for OHS Students

During the program's seven-year history, Philanthropy 101 has connected Oakwood High School students with 27 Dayton area charities. The charities, ranging from Habitat for Humanity to The K12 Gallery and Tejas, have shown Oakwood students the many forms philanthropy can take.

Encouraging the idea of giving ones' time, talent and support was one of the goals Joel Frydman hoped to achieve when he developed the idea for the Philanthropy 101 project in 2014. This project has been so successful in achieving its goal, that many students even choose to volunteer directly with these same organizations following the end of the course.

Because of the program's success and lasting impact on students' lives, efforts are currently underway to endow the project so it can continue to be offered in perpetuity. To find out more about Philanthropy 101's impact or how to give to the program, visit www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org/philanthropy-101.

Purple Star Schools *(continued from cover)*

"I was delighted to know the hard work and effort of our club and staff is being recognized, and will help military families moving to the area know their children will be safe, supported, respected and celebrated. I'm hoping this will help give them one less thing to worry about when moving to a new place so they can focus their time, energy and effort on other things," Harman School Counselor Michael Wadham said.



Harman Principal Sarah Patterson and Smith Principal Chrissy Elliott say they are honored to receive these awards.

"We value and appreciate the strength, contributions, perspective and richness our military families bring to our schools and our community and want to ensure we are providing them meaningful support and partnership."

As a way to help military families in the district, Wadham and Smith School Counselor Amber Perrott designed web pages to organize resources and necessary information.

"It is important for military families to know what is offered and how it can impact their students to make the transition easier. There are many resources and supports put in place to reduce the stress of relocating. Our website helps in making access to this information quick and easy," Perrott said.

"Finding services that do not stigmatize or meet the needs of each family member can be difficult at times. I believe it is so

important to help take care of the family as a whole. Family wellness is a protective factor that can lead to positive relational and mental health outcomes for all members of the family," Wadham said.

To build connections with students who have family members in the military, both schools conduct Military Kids' Club. Students have an opportunity to come together on a regular basis, share experiences and create new memories.

"A big challenge for the students is making friends. It is hard to move and start over leaving old relationships and having to forge new ones. In the Military Kids' Club our group helps new kids know they are not alone and may help in planting the seed of a new friendship," Perrott said.

Haman School Opens New Playground

Haman School is home to a new accessible playground. Thanks to the vision and creativity of Mike Whalen and PlayCare Service, the dream of an inclusive play space has become a reality. Oakwood Schools, Haman PTO and the Carey Cox Wyatt Foundation financially supported the special project. Be sure and stop by this summer and enjoy the space.



Oakwood Schools to Induct Standouts into the Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor—Reception on September 22, 2022

The Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor reception and induction ceremony will be held on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022, 4 p.m. at NCR Country Club. The following persons will be inducted:

- Deborah Anderson, Elementary Music Teacher, 1988-2011
- Nanci Koepke, Administrative Assistant at Lange School, 2000-2018
- Douglas Schivley, Guidance Counselor, Social Studies Teacher and Coach at Oakwood Junior High School, 1980-2005

The public is invited to attend the late afternoon hors d'oeuvres reception and induction ceremony (cost is \$25.00). For reservations, email or call Sandi Branham today at the Board of Education Office at Branham.sandi@oakwoodschoools.org or (937) 297-5332, ext. 11180.

Reunion Planning Time is Here

2022 Class Reunions will be here before you know it! Oakwood Alumni Association is here to help. Please ensure contact information is up to date to receive updates about reunions, Homecoming Weekend and more. To update your information, visit the Oakwood Schools website at oakwoodschoools.org and search alumni.



Contact Oakwood Alumni Association Director Katelyn Brohman at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org for assistance in planning these special events.

KEEP IN TOUCH: Connecting with friends, teachers and Oakwood Schools is easier than ever. Visit the District website at oakwoodschoools.org and search alumni. You can also email us at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org or call (937) 297-5332.

2021-2022 School Year

JUNE 2022

9 Last day of school for students

13 Oakwood Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

JULY 2022

11 Oakwood Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

For the latest list of happenings in the Oakwood Schools go to www.oakwoodschoools.org and check out our calendars.

Stay connected with Oakwood Schools!

[f](https://www.facebook.com/OakwoodSchools) @OakwoodSchools [i](https://www.instagram.com/Oakwood_Schools) @Oakwood_Schools [i](https://www.instagram.com/Oakwood_Schools) @Oakwood_Schools

(continued from cover)

2022 Summer Reading Challenge

Summer reading club is a time-honored tradition at Wright Library, and this year is chock-full of ways to keep reading, connecting with friends, and exploring new ideas all summer long. The theme *Oceans of Possibilities* — inspired a find-and-see mural of more than 1,000 sea creatures! See how many you find on your next visit to the library.

This summer, we're encouraging you to set your own reading goals! Download or pick up a copy of our reading tracker and BINGO activity sheet to chart your progress—and earn prizes!

* * * PRIZES * * *

- Earn books by reaching your reading goal on the monthly reading tracker, downloadable at wrightlibrary.org/summer/youth-club.
- Kids and teens can choose a bath toy, brag tag, or vinyl sticker by completing a BINGO.
- Grand prize drawings each month. Reach your May reading goals to earn an entry for the first drawing on June 11—Kings Island Tickets!

For Kids and Teens

Baby Storytime

Ages: 0-18 months | Mondays, 10:30 a.m. | June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25

Let's Go Lego

Ages: All | Mondays, 6:30 p.m. | June 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25

Tales on the Terrace

Ages: 18-36 months | Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. | June 14, 21, 28; July 12, 19, 26

Tween Hangout

Ages: entering 4-7 grade | Tuesdays, 4 p.m. | June 14, 21, 28; July 12, 19, 26

Tabletop Gaming

Ages: entering grades 4-12 | Wednesdays, 2 p.m. | June 15, 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27

Teen Writing Club

Ages: entering grades 7-12 | Wednesdays, 4 p.m. | June 15, 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27

Big Idea Book Club

Ages: entering grades 1-3 | Thursdays, 2 p.m. | June 16, 23, 30; July 14, 21, 28

Teen Hangout

Ages: entering grades 7-12 | Thursdays, 4 p.m. | June 16, 23, 30; July 14, 21, 28

Books & Blocks

Ages: 0-5 | Fridays, 10:30 a.m. | June 17; July 1, 15

Storytime at Smith Gardens

Ages: 0-5 | Fridays, 10:30 a.m. | June 24, July 29, and August 26

Crafting at the Library

Ages: 3-8 | Saturdays, 10 a.m. | June 11, 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES



BABIES · KIDS · TWEENS
TEENS · ADULTS

OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

Register Today for the
Summer Reading Club 2022



Special Events

Boonshoft Science Series: Meet the Animals

Saturday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. | All ages | Grades PreS-6 | Learn about the behaviors and habitats of some of the Boonshoft's live animal ambassadors. Attendance limited to 50 people and is first come, first serve.

Sedgie the Hedgeie's Rockin' Pirate Magic Show

Saturday, June 18, 10:30 a.m. | Ages 3-8 | The audience goes on a magical treasure hunt with Sedgewick the real live hedgehog.

Boonshoft Science Series: Movement of Water

Sunday, June 26, 2 p.m. | Grades 2-6 | Learn how water gets from clouds to your bathtub in this awesome engineering program.

Boonshoft Science Series: Bubbleology

Saturday, July 9, 10:30 a.m. | Grades K-3 | Children explore the fantastic chemistry of bubbles.

Boonshoft Science Series: Creek in the Classroom

Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m. | Grades 2-6 | Children explore a model creek to learn what lives there and what impact pollution has on it.

Mermaids & Pirates Party

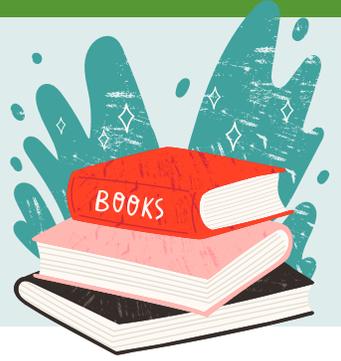
Saturday, July 23, 2 p.m. | Grades K-6 | Storytime with a real live mermaid, and pirate activity stations all around the Community Room.

Family Hula

Saturday, July 30, 6 p.m. | Katharine Wright Park | All ages
Bring your aloha spirit and dancing feet to this performance from Olohana's Polynesian Dance.

Adults who track their reading can earn weekly prizes from generous businesses in our community.

Learn how to participate at wrightlibrary.org/summer.



Adult Events

JUNE

A Celebration of Women with Trudy Krisher

7-8 p.m. | Thurs. June 2

Author Trudy Krisher presents an interactive program that highlights and celebrates the many accomplishments and struggles women have faced throughout history and in today's world. Her new book, *On the March: a novel of the Women's March On Washington*, tells the story of three women who connect on their way to the 2017 Women's March on Washington from Kansas. This is an in-person event in the Community Room.

Lincoln's Northern Nemesis with Martin Gottlieb

2 p.m. | Sat. June 4

Join author Martin Gottlieb to learn more about his book *Lincoln's Northern Nemesis*. Clement Vallandigham, a former congressman from Dayton and an Ohio opponent of the Civil War and of abolition, was thrown out of the country by Abraham Lincoln because of his political views. As a result of his banishment, Vallandigham became a martyr to his cause and was nominated for governor by the Democratic Party in 1863. He ran the race from exile. The stakes in this colorful campaign were enormous, and Lincoln was highly involved, worrying that a Vallandigham victory would be seen as a rejection of the war by voters. That could have been devastating to the Union cause. It also would likely have made Vallandigham a presidential prospect. This book tells the story of a unique event in American history: a president—significantly, Lincoln—banishing a leading opponent, with that opponent then being nominated by a major party for high office in an important state. Book Signing to follow presentation.

You Can't Pour from an Empty Cup (Virtual, Registration Required)

7:30-8:30 p.m. | Mon. June 13

In a world where everything seems to be moving faster, where more and more things compete for our attention, taking care of ourselves is often the last thing on our to-do list. But ignoring or putting off self-care can increase our stress and lead to burnout. Self-care is about taking care of your mind and body, so you feel less stressed and more balanced. Those attending will be provided an opportunity to identify and evaluate their own self-care strategies, select specific activities from a variety of options, and create a personal self-care plan. Register at wrightlibrary.org/events.

JULY

Is Healthy Food Making You Sick?

7 p.m. | Thursday July 21

Dietitian Juanita Weaver-Reiss presents how healthy foods may be causing the symptoms from IBS, migraines, and fibromyalgia. Learn about the role your gut (GI tract) plays in your immune function; the difference between food allergies and food sensitivities; and how to use diet to relieve symptoms and treat your condition. Join Juanita for an engaging, interactive class that will provide fuller insight into how foods may help relieve your symptoms.

AUGUST

Hidden Disgrace: Revealing the Distress Signals Covered by North American Indian Myths

7-8 p.m. | Thurs. August 4

Join author David Fierst for a discussion of harmful myths about Native Americas. Through meticulous research, *Hidden Disgrace* pierces through the veil of descriptions of Indians as either savages or "Noble Savages" and describes them as real people with both strengths and weaknesses. Likewise, it takes a hard look at the notion the conquest of North and South America by Europeans was "inevitable" and was, in reality, the result of deliberate choices.

Estate Planning

7-8 p.m. | Thurs. August 11

Join Wright Library and special guest presenter Attorney Kim Cullman Estess for a program on estate planning. Attorney Kim Cullman Estess, CELA, is a certified Specialist in Elder Law by the National Elder Law Foundation and the Ohio State Bar Association and as a Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust & Probate Law by the Ohio State Bar Association.

Free Concert Series Begins in June

A new slate of free musical entertainment is coming to Oakwood thanks to a grant from the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation and its generous donors.

The Wright Library Music Series will feature monthly concerts held in Katharine Wright Park (behind the library) or in the library's Community Room, depending on weather.

Jimmy Leach Jazztet | 2 p.m. | June 12

Miami Valley Klezmer Ensemble | 2 p.m. | July 10

Blue Heron Trio | 2 p.m. | August 14

Rude Scholar | 2 p.m. | September 11

Sinclair Faculty Jazz Combo | 2 p.m. | October 9

Performances for November and possibly December are being planned.



The Blue Heron Trio is one of several local acts scheduled to perform at Wright Library this year.

The Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation raises funds for Wright Library, holding, investing, and expending those funds for the exclusive benefit of the Wright Memorial Public Library. Created in 1997, the Foundation was formed to operate exclusively for the purpose of advancing the Library's goals, objectives, and priorities. Learn how you can support Wright Library by visiting wrightlibrary.org/foundation.



City of Oakwood

30 Park Avenue
Oakwood, Montgomery County
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

CITY OF OAKWOOD DEPARTMENT NUMBERS

City Manager's Office
937-298-0600

Personnel & Zoning
937-298-0411

Public Safety (non-emergency)
937-298-2122

Engineering & Public Works
937-298-0777

Finance
937-298-0402

Income Tax
937-298-0531

Leisure Services/Horticulture
937-298-0775



Todd Duwel, Oakwood Schools Board of Education Member

Now in his 11th year as a member of the Oakwood Schools Board of Education, Todd Duwel says board of education members are “servant leaders” who bring together the community and the school district, continually working in the best interests of every student.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to serve a community and school district that has provided so much to my family. I have learned that most confusion and angst is quieted when observed through the eyes of the children in our district,” Duwel said

Duwel, a 1990 Oakwood High School graduate, and his wife Lisa have raised three daughters in the Oakwood Schools. The extended Duwel family also calls Oakwood home. Trained as a lawyer, Duwel is the Director of Compliance and Government Operations for BHDP in Cincinnati. Even with a busy professional and family life, he has always searched for ways to give back to the community. From coaching soccer and basketball at both the youth and high school levels, to serving on the Oakwood Schools Foundation advisory board and the Oakwood Schools Business Advisory Council before being elected to the Board of Education, Duwel has found activities that benefit the children of Oakwood.

He is also an active member of the Brian Hafer Foundation, family foundation organized after the death of his cousin, which helps bring awareness to the impacts of drugs and alcohol.

“The foundation recently completed its partnership with the First Tee, where together we pledged and funded a school-based program that teaches the Nine Core Values for every elementary school in the Dayton Public School district.”

Duwel says he is excited about Oakwood’s future.

“Oakwood is a special place. It has been so for a long, long time. But it takes effort. Our Master Facilities Plan offers the community a path forward for the next 20 years. Our Alumni Association and Oakwood Schools Foundation continue to collaborate, connect and engage with individuals everywhere who believe in the value of an Oakwood education. Our #OneOakwood mantra is rooting nicely and will seed meaningful engagement, trust and respect by everyone who calls Oakwood home.”

His advice for his neighbors, young and old, sit down with a resident who has lived in Oakwood for multiple generations and start a conversation.

“Ask about today and if it’s different now, and watch closely as a wry smile crosses their face. Listen to them recount how today is no different than 10, or 25, or 50, or 100 years ago. Listen to how we are, and have always been, a community filled with high-achieving, high-aspiring individuals whose boundless energy challenges, solves, and moves us forward all at the same time. Learn that we stand on the shoulders of giants. Understand the perspective we are so fortunate to view and share.”