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CITY NEWS | Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale

The Friends of Smith Gardens "Perennial Sale" will be held on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road. The hours are from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Prices are great so hurry in to purchase your plants! A complete listing of plants for sale is available at the OCC, on the city website, or by calling the OCC at (937) 298-0775. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. Please contact Carol Collins at (937) 298-0775 to help. Please come and support this wonderful event. All proceeds go toward the care and maintenance of Smith Gardens, Oakwood's Community Treasure.



SCHOOL NEWS | Oakwood Schools Kindergarten Registration Open for 2023 - 2024

Oakwood Schools is preparing to welcome the Class of 2036. Kindergarten registration for the 2023 – 2024 is now open.

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LIBRARY NEWS | Celebrate National Library Week April 23-29

Wright Library encourages all community members to visit the library during National Library Week, April 23-29, to explore everything the library has to offer.

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Memorial Day Holiday Closing

City offices, including the OCC and Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, May 29. The OCC Office and Health Center will be open from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 27 and from 12 – 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 28.

Memorial Day Trash Pick-up

Trash pick-up for all routes the week of May 29 will occur one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

April/May City Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 3 and Monday, May 1. 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 on television 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 at any time.

Summer Employment Opportunities

The city of Oakwood is currently accepting applications for summer employment. Lifeguards, Concessions & Pool Desk Attendants are needed at Gardner Pool; applicants must be 16 years of age. Groundskeepers are needed to maintain boulevards, parks, and natural areas; Laborers are needed to maintain roadways, remove debris, and paint hydrants and poles. Energetic Day Camp Counselors are needed to run summer programs for kids. Groundskeepers, Laborers, and Day Camp Counselors must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment. Employment applications are available on the city's website. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

The annual fire hydrant flushing will begin the week of April 3 and last approximately four weeks. Please check the city website for the dates of flushing in your neighborhood.

2023 Concrete Street Repairs

Repairs will be made to several concrete streets throughout Oakwood, which may include concrete replacement or asphalt patching. The city will inform impacted property owners prior to the start of work.

Upcoming Leisure Services Department Events/Classes

- Family Kite Nite: Sunday, April 23, 4 – 6 p.m. at Old River Sports Complex
- Friday Night Fun: Ages 4-10, Friday, May 12, 7 – 10 p.m.
- Decorate your own Easter Cupcakes: Cupcake kit includes six baked cupcakes, icing, and all the decorations needed to create your own cupcake masterpiece. Class is Tuesday, April 4 from 6 – 7 p.m.
- Coffee and Classes with Experts: Wednesday, April 19 – Caring Transitions and Monday, May 15 – Generations Rx, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

For more details and information about these events, please contact the Community Center at (937) 298-0775.

2023 Asphalt Roadway Resurfacing

The 2023 asphalt repaving project will take place on the streets identified below. The City Public Works Department will do some utility work and tree trimming on these streets in advance of the repaving. Property owners on these roadways will receive direct notification from the city regarding the repaving schedule. The repaving project typically takes about one week to complete.

- E. Schantz Avenue between Far Hills Avenue & Lookout Drive
- Lookout Drive (All)
- Acacia Drive (All)
- E. Thruston Boulevard between Woods Road & Acorn Drive
- Hathaway Road between Patterson Road and North end
- Alley between Rubicon Road & Oakwood Avenue
- Alley between Ridgewood Avenue & E. Schantz Avenue

Leaf Mulch Program

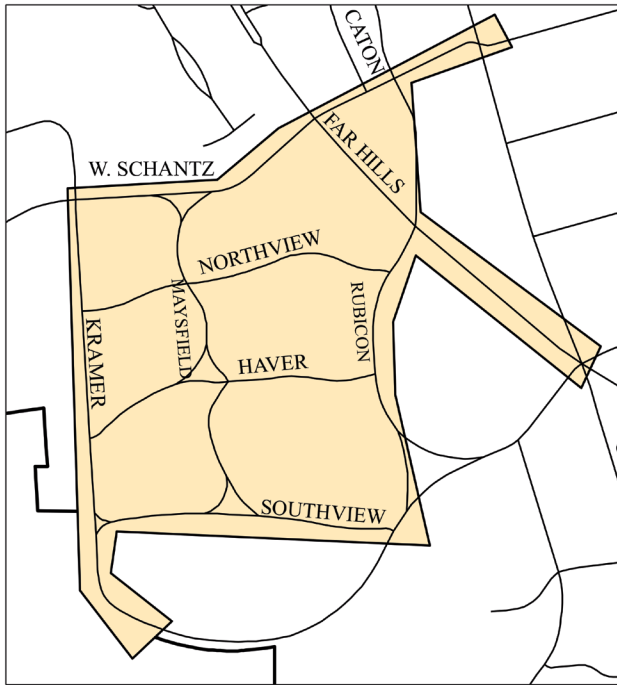
Citizens have two options again this year for obtaining leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cubic yards for \$100 and 6 cubic yards for \$150. Please call (937) 298-0777 to place an order. Mulch deliveries will take place on five Saturdays from April 8 to May 6. On the same five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



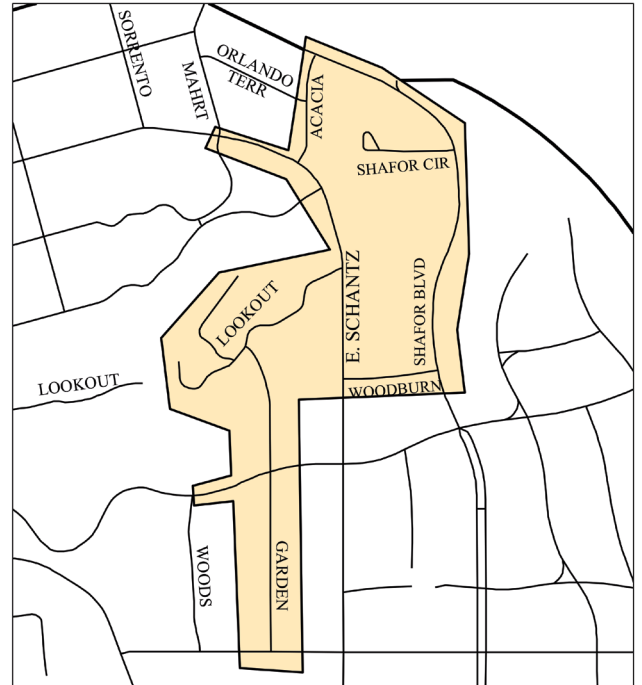
CenterPoint Gas Line Improvements

CenterPoint (formerly Vectren) begins the final year of replacing underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in Oakwood neighborhoods. The maps below identify work programmed for 2023. 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 end of a 13 year CenterPoint infrastructure replacement project in Oakwood. 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 maps at: <https://midwest.centerpointenergy.com/gas-system/map>

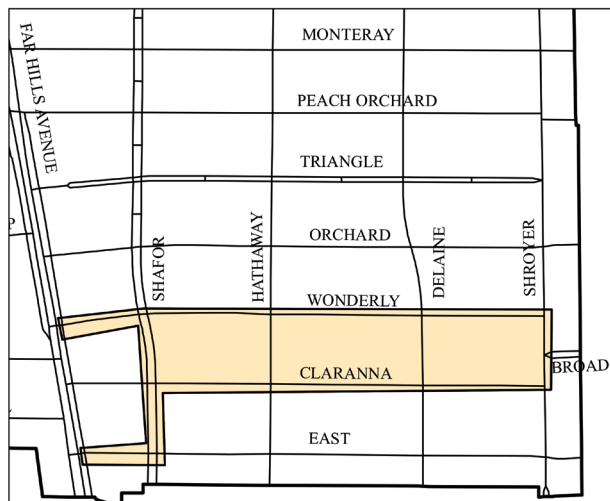
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GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
AREA A**



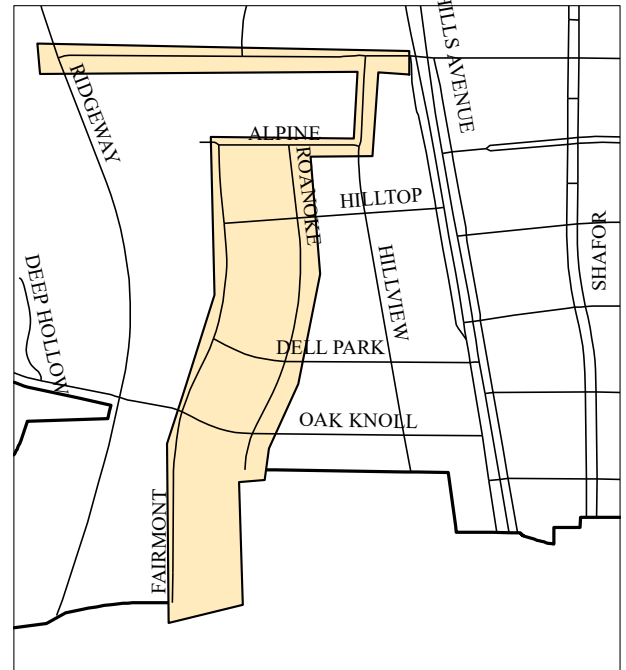
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GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
AREA C**



**PROPOSED 2023 CENTERPOINT (VECTREN)
GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
AREA D**



Is Your Garage Sale Sign in the Right Spot?

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

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

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

Leash Law

Dogs are required to be securely leashed and under the reasonable control of the owner, keeper or agent thereof whenever they are on public sidewalks, streets or any other public rights-of-way. Dogs must also be leashed and controlled in city natural areas such as Elizabeth Gardens and Houk Stream, and are prohibited altogether in the city's primary parks (Cook, Fairridge, Orchardly and Shafor Parks) and Smith Gardens. These rules apply to all dogs in Oakwood, although there are certain exceptions for service animals and for dogs using the Creager Field Dog Park.

Oakwood is densely populated and we have a very large number of dogs... around 1,000 registered in Oakwood, where we have about 4,000 homes. The leash law is designed to mitigate the unpredictability of dogs and to protect both citizens and other animals from unexpected and unwanted encounters. Even the most well-trained dogs, under the right set of circumstances, can be unpredictable. Citizens should be able to move about the public sidewalks and rights-of-way freely and without concern or fear from unleashed dogs.

Picking Up After Your Pets

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

Refuse Program

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



Do Not Place Yard Debris in the Street or in Center Medians

The city of Oakwood offers several options for disposal of yard debris. The most popular method is via the monthly yard debris pickup. Residents may place piles of yard debris – brush and branches – into the tree lawn area at their property frontage just behind the curb or edge of pavement for pickup by the city. Residents should not place yard debris in front of other properties, nor should they place yard debris in any roadway center medians.

Under no circumstance should residents place anything in the street or roadway gutter (except leaves in the fall). Any amount of debris in the street is an obstruction and disrupts the stormwater collection system by diverting water away from the intended storm drains. Debris in the street can be dangerous to vehicles and is hard to see at night. Debris in the street also interferes with on-street parking and is a danger to pedestrians, joggers, and bicyclists.

It is against the law to place yard debris in the street, except leaves during the fall collection program. As of January 1, 2023, the city's code enforcement officer responds to yard debris piles placed in the gutter or street by leaving a door-hanger notice at the property affording two business days to remove the obstruction. After two days, the city will remove the obstruction and will charge the property owner \$150.

Property owners who routinely use the city's monthly collection program and wish to construct a hard surface pad (e.g., concrete, brick, paver) for debris placement should contact the code enforcement officer at (937) 297-2920 or see the city website for permitting information.

In addition to the monthly pick-up, the city offers other options for disposing of yard debris, such as the 24/7 drop-off facility at the J.D. Foell Public Works Center. Also, residents are provided two free special pickups per year, which can be used for yard debris. Additionally, dumpsters are available to be delivered free of charge for large amounts of green waste. More information on these options is available by contacting the Public Works Center at (937) 298-0777.

Spring Yard and Garden Cleanup

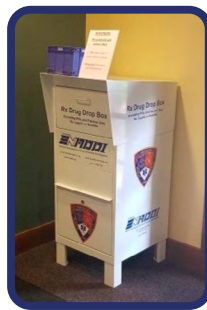
The city collects yard debris from property frontages monthly from January through September, and bi-weekly from October through December. Refer to the enclosed map for your scheduled pickup days and please plan your work accordingly. Here are a few things to remember:

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

Prescription Drug Drop-off Box

A locked prescription drug drop-off box is available in the lobby entrance to the city building located at 30 Park Avenue. This drop box offers a way for residents to conveniently dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs and is accessible to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The items that are accepted for safe disposal include: prescription medications, medication patches, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, medication samples, and unwanted medications for pets. Items that cannot be accepted include: liquids of any kind, gels, ointments, needles, inhalers, aerosol cans, and medications from businesses or clinics. This program is not designed for commercial use. Businesses should dispose of medications according to state and federal guidelines. All items collected from the drop box are processed for destruction according to state and federal law.



Spring Crime Prevention Tips

The Oakwood Public Safety Department offers a few tips to keep yourself and your home safe during the spring and summer months.

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

That Day in May

The Oakwood Rotary Club is developing the plan for this annual event scheduled for Saturday, May 20. Details about the event will be posted to the city website once they are available.



SPONSORED BY THE OAKWOOD ROTARY CLUB

Saturday, May 20th

Pancake Breakfast: 8:00—11:00 AM

In the Oakwood High School Cafeteria

Purchase tickets in advance at the Oakwood Community Center (OCC)

<https://tdim.org>

Fun Run: 8:30 AM

5K & 10K Run: 9:00 AM

All runs start on Dellwood Ave., just South of Oakwood High School

Register at <http://www.speedy-feet.com/races.php>

Community Parade: 12:00 (noon) - 12:30 PM

On Shofor Blvd., from Orchard Dr. to the Oakwood High School Stadium

Dog Show & Costume Contest: 2:00 PM

Immediately following the Parade in the Oakwood High School Stadium

Games and Bouncy Houses: 12:30 PM—4:00 PM

On Schantz Ave. and in "The Pit" in the Oakwood Junior High School

Auto Show: 1:00 PM—4:00 PM

In the second block of Dellwood Ave.

Monday, May 22nd

Golf Scramble - 12:00 (noon) tee off

With cocktail hour afterwards at the Dayton Country Club

To Register visit: <https://tdim.org>

Silent Auction - 10:00 AM—6:30 PM

For more information, visit our website at <http://OakwoodRotary.org> or visit <https://tdim.org>

Proceeds from That Day in May (TDIM) support the Oakwood Rotary Foundation which supports many charitable groups, school events and community projects throughout the year. Your support of That Day in May will help our community.

Parade

Food

Bouncy Houses

Games

CareFlight

Dog Show

Auto Show

5k & 10K Run

Pancakes

Lemon Shake-Ups

Golf Scramble (May 22)

Silent Auction (May 22)

Oakwood Sustainability Measures

Over the past several decades, the city of Oakwood has implemented numerous measures to address matters of the environment and provide for the betterment of Oakwood and the greater community. See the city website for a detailed list of the measures.

Gardner Pool Hours

Gardner Pool opens on Saturday, May 27 and operates daily from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Memberships can be purchased at the OCC. You must be an Oakwood resident to purchase a pool membership.

POOL MEMBERSHIPS

OCC Member Early Bird Discount By April 30, 2023		OCC Member After April 30, 2023		Non-OCC Member Early Bird Discount By April 30, 2023		Non-OCC Member After April 30, 2023	
Single	\$155.00	Single	\$210.00	Single	\$200.00	Single	\$255.00
Family	\$270.00	Family	\$330.00	Family	\$355.00	Family	\$415.00
Senior	\$85.00	Senior	\$120.00	Senior	\$130.00	Senior	\$165.00

2022 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Due April 18

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

If you have filed for an extension of time to file your federal return, you will automatically receive an Oakwood extension. You should attach a copy of your federal extension to your return when filing so that you will not be charged a late filing penalty. Your extended return is due the same date as your extended federal return – October 16, 2023. If you do not have a federal extension, you may still obtain an Oakwood extension. Simply complete an extension request form, located on the city's web site, and submit your request by April 18, 2023. As always, an extension of time to file your returns does not extend the time to pay your taxes. All taxes paid after April 18, 2023 will be subject to a 15% late payment penalty and interest.

The 2022 Oakwood income tax return is available on the city's website at www.oakwoodohio.gov. If you do not have internet access, forms will

be made available at the city administrative offices, Wright Memorial Public Library and the Oakwood Community Center.

Full-year residents with W-2 wage income only will be able to file their 2022 city of Oakwood income tax return online. Visit the city's website for additional information.

Important Note for Remote Workers: Remote work (also known as work from home or telecommuting) is a type of flexible working arrangement that allows an employee to work from a remote location outside of corporate offices. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, this arrangement has become increasingly popular. If you were working at home during all or part of 2022, yet your form W-2 shows that your wages were withheld for another municipality in which you did not work, you must file for a refund for the taxes withheld to that city. Credit for taxes paid to other cities may only be claimed for another work city. You are only subject to another city's income tax for the time actually worked in that city.

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood return, please contact the Tax Department at (937) 298-0531 to schedule an appointment. Normal business hours for the tax office are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided April 17-18, when the office will be open until 6:00 p.m.

Spring Styrofoam Recycling Event

The city of Oakwood is partnering with Green Oakwood to provide a spring Styrofoam recycling event for the Oakwood community. Styrofoam will be collected at the 24/7 public-access recycling facility located at the front entrance to the J. David Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard, on Saturday, April 22. Watch the city's website and Green Oakwood's Facebook page for collection hours. Green Oakwood will transport the collected Styrofoam to the Montgomery County Environmental Services Styrofoam recycling event.

Aside from Styrofoam recycling, the Public Works Center will be open that day for mulch pickup consistent with the Leaf Mulch Program article on page 3. No other Public Works services will be available that day.



Oakwood Rotary Hazardous Waste Pickup

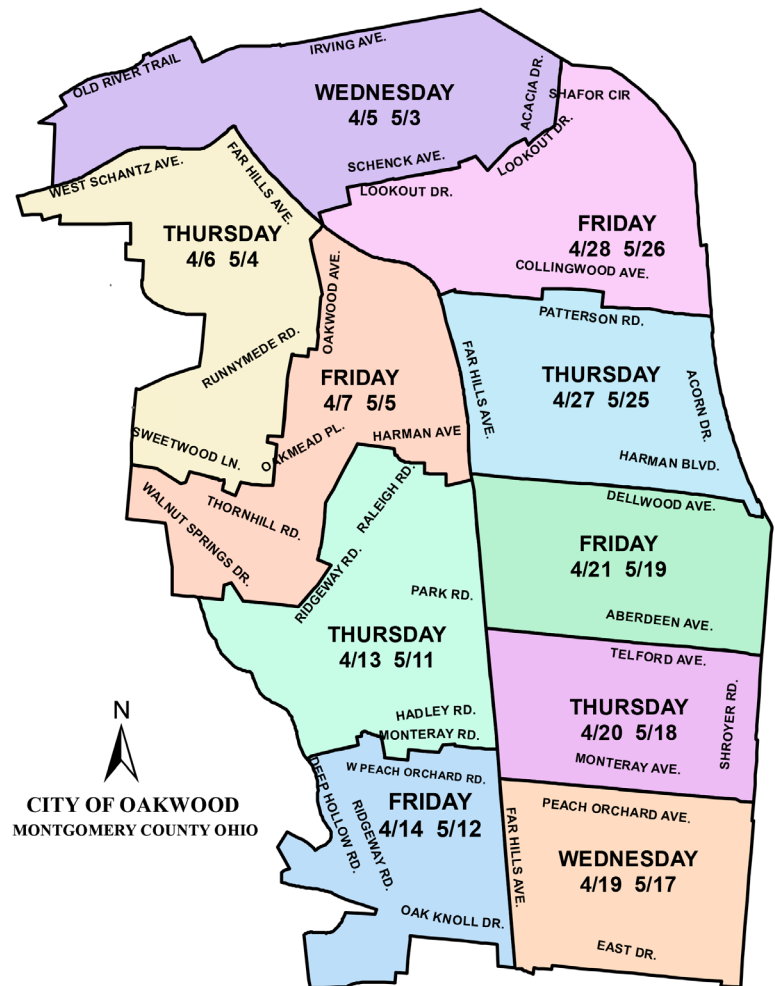
There are two ways for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous material. Residents may: 1) drop off the material at the Montgomery County Refuse Transfer Station (see www.mcswd.org for more information); or 2) use the quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club Hazardous Waste Collection program. The 2023 collection dates are Saturday, April 22, Saturday, July 22 and Saturday, October 21. 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!

Lawn Treatment on City-Owned Public Lawn Areas

Well-kept lawns and green spaces within the city are an important part of the health of these areas and maintaining Oakwood's ambience. The city has used Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices for a number of years on the city-owned public lawn areas which include parks, boulevards, athletic fields, and around public buildings. IPM is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long-term prevention of pests or their damage through a combination of techniques such as biological control, habitat manipulation, modification of cultural practices, and use of resistant varieties. Pesticides are used only after monitoring indicates they are needed according to established guidelines, and treatments are made with the goal of removing only the target organism. Pest control materials are selected and applied in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, beneficial and nontarget organisms, and the environment. Our practices include adherence to proper mowing heights and the use of sharp blades on mowers which helps reduce the amount of chemicals used in all of the public areas. The city requires that all lawn care contractors, whether treating for pests or weeds, are properly licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and follow all applicable laws and rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

In our parks, lawn care treatments require the posting of temporary signage in conspicuous locations at least two days prior to treatment. The day of treatment, the city Horticulturist and/or Recreation Supervisor meet the contractor on-site prior to the application of any treatment. They ensure that children are not present in the area to be treated and that the area is otherwise clear for the application, before allowing the contractor to proceed with lawn treatment. Immediately following treatment, the city verifies that all signs are properly placed, and are then promptly removed 24 hours thereafter. Only areas with weeds and pests are spot sprayed, not always the entire green space as this is a part of the IPM practice to limit chemical use yet still keep the community greenspace as healthy as possible. Questions about our maintenance of lawns and green spaces should be directed to city Horticulturist Brian Caldwell at (937) 298-0775.

YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE APRIL-MAY 2023



Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on: **4/13 & 5/11**

Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on: **4/27 & 5/25**

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: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Note: The city of Oakwood notifies property owners/tenants via postcard when their five year expiration date is reached. At that point, property owners/tenants must reregister to remain on the "Do Not Solicit" list.

Harlamert Entrepreneurship Competition Ignites OHS Students' Entrepreneurial Spirit

In 2010, the late Judge **Irvin Harlamert, OHS '48**, created the Harlamert Entrepreneurship Competition with The Oakwood Schools Foundation to inspire Oakwood High School students to pursue the spirit of entrepreneurship.

The annual competition encourages high school students from any grade or course to explore and learn from the experience of real-world entrepreneurs. Twenty-seven students applied this year with more than \$4,550 student awards given. To date, more than 250 students have participated over the years. Participating students receive awards for their submissions, made possible by the Harlamert Charitable Foundation.

For the competition, student participants shadow an entrepreneur. Following their hands-on experience, students write a report detailing their experiences. A volunteer judge panel reviews the anonymized essays based on a scoring rubric to determine each student's award.

Awards are kept confidential until the entrepreneurship competition's annual awards breakfast. Students and families are invited to attend, along with the volunteer competition judges. This year's breakfast occurred March 21. A special thank you to this year's volunteer judge panel:

- **Tim Bibler**, Oakwood alumni parent, VP of American Trademark Construction Services
- **Lindsey Deck OHS '02**, Founder of Space Three Dayton
- **Stephan Harman OHS '04**, Co-Founder of Paceline Restaurant Partners (FUSIAN, Hunny Bee's & Wizard of Za)
- **Nick Reasoner OHS '06**, Founder & CEO of Transloop
- **Katie Hill**, Oakwood Schools parent, Unlisted Inc. founder & CEO, CommuterAds Founder & Board of Directors member

The Oakwood Schools Foundation looks forward to hearing from student recipients both recent and past to learn how the program inspired them! To contact the Foundation, email Contact@OakwoodSchoolsFoundation.org.

Oakwood Schools Foundation Harlamert Entrepreneurship Competition



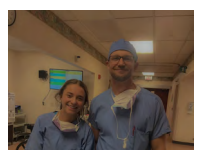
Ashley's Pastry Shop



Old Scratch Pizza & Beer



Lula Bell Whimsical Cards And Gifts



Anesthesiology Services Network



Travelling Pendants

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.

The OHS Junior Experience Inspiration

Through the generosity and leadership of the late **Mike Kennedy, OHS '68** and his lasting legacy, Oakwood High School juniors have a new experience to help navigate the unknowns that lie ahead after graduation.



The 2023 Junior Experience at OHS was a day for students to deepen connections with their classmates through team building and learn from guest speakers and experts, including motivational keynote speaker Rick Metzger, an alumni panel of recent graduates, current senior leaders, and special segments by alumni including lessons on the legal implications of being an adult from **Chris Conard, OHS '76**, and closing remarks from entrepreneur **Nick Reasoner, OHS '06** about how to follow your own path. The day was a chance to come together as a class in preparation for their final year at OHS and the "adult" world that follows.

Shortly before Kennedy's passing after a courageous battle with cancer in 2021, he was instrumental in founding the Junior Experience through The Oakwood Schools Foundation.

Kennedy gave back to his communities in a myriad of ways, and a common theme shared among them was the concept of being a part of a team and helping those who came after him.

As his obituary stated, "Mike approached every aspect of his life with his signature smile and hearty laugh. Although a passionate leader who held himself and others to the highest standards, his smile always let you know his goal was to share the path to success."

Mark Dalton, OHS '68 was a friend and OHS basketball teammate of Kennedy.

"Mike Kennedy was a real presence at OHS. He had a great zest for life, a booming voice and a big smile, and tremendous drive to do well as a person and as a teammate. He made close friends and kept them. Mike was one of the best Lumberjacks ever!" Dalton said.

In fact, it was their friendship from their time together in the halls of OHS and the friendship that lasted decades thereafter that inspired Dalton to want to continue to support the Junior Experience program in memory of his beloved friend.

Through the Junior Experience program, Kennedy's legacy will live on in Oakwood for generations to come and will inspire not only those who knew and loved him, but also hundreds of students each year as they prepare for their bright futures.

Reunion Planning Time is Here

Have you and your classmates started planning your upcoming reunion? Oakwood Alumni Association is here to help! Contact Oakwood Alumni Association Director Katelyn Brohman at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org for assistance with these special events.

**REUNION PLANNING
TIME IS HERE!**

Homecoming & Reunion
Weekend 2023

September 29 and 30

Contact
alumni@oakwoodschoools.org
with any questions!



Oakwood Schools Kindergarten Registration Open for 2023 - 2024

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To register for next year, youngsters must be five years old on or before Sept. 30, 2023. Families must reside within the Oakwood Schools district boundaries and demonstrate proof of residence as outlined in the District's Residency Guidelines found on the District website.

To review the guidelines and begin the online registration process, visit the Oakwood Schools website at oakwoodschools.org.

Registered families will receive additional information about Kindergarten Screening, which will take place at the Oakwood Community Center April 18 – 21.

Scholarship Spotlight: The Comeback Award for Students

In 1998, **Debbie Byrd Williams** and **Frank Williams** established the Comeback Award, a student scholarship awarded through The Oakwood Schools Foundation, with a different focus than most scholarships – for students who understand the “comeback.”

The Comeback Award is less focused on academic achievements and more on overcoming adversity. The annual scholarship recognizes a graduating senior who has overcome substantial adversity. The award was a way to thank the Oakwood Schools and community for the great experiences they had while raising their family here.

Although they were both born and raised outside the region, after settling in Oakwood, Debbie and Frank Williams quickly embraced the community as their home and continue to do so today by giving back. To date, the annual award has been given to 28 graduating OHS seniors, in May 2023 the number will be 29.

Kathryn Krisher Kreps '98, was just 9 when she was diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma as a student at Smith Elementary, and was the keynote speaker at the Comeback Award's first presentation.

“The Comeback Award is so special because it recognizes the individual's ability and skill to overcoming challenges in life. That ability to pull yourself back up and persevere after being knocked down is a tremendous achievement in and of itself.” Kathryn said.

A true testament to who they are, in a 2016 *Dayton Daily News* article Frank and Debbie were asked to explain why giving back was so important to them:

“I firmly believe ‘to whom much is given, much is expected.’ You don’t have to have great wealth to give of yourself,” Debbie explained.

“Life has many unexpected turns, but I have been very blessed. I try to share some of those blessings,” Frank stated.



COMMUNITY APPRECIATION TOURS & RECEPTION

APRIL 29, 2023 - 10:30 AM TO 1 PM



TOURS:
10:30 - 12 PM
RECEPTION:
12 - 1 PM



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www.oakwoodschoolsfoundation.org

Come and visit Oakwood High School to learn more about the special projects and enhancements that help our students **flourish!** Highlights include student art and performances, the new Rick & Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing, the Alumni Plaza, Anatomage Table, William Hewitt Broadcast Studio, Worth Engineering Lab, and more.

Oakwood Preschool Registration Opens April 15

Registration for the 2023 – 2024 school year for Oakwood Preschool begins April 15 at 8:00 a.m. To register, please visit the Oakwood Schools website at oakwoodschools.org and search Preschool to find the registration form.

Once the District determines the number of preschool slots available, families on the waiting list will be contacted.

2023 School Year

APRIL 2023

3 No School – PD day

10 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

MAY 2023

8 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.

19 Early Dismissal for Students/Half Day PD

29 No School – Memorial Day

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

Stay connected with Oakwood Schools!

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Celebrate National Library Week April 23-29

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Most people know about the wealth of stories available at the library, from picture books and large print to audiobooks and ebooks. But there's so much more to the story of libraries.

Wright Library offers a wide array of programs, classes and resources, including a diverse Library of Things collection ranging from cake pans to driving cones to STEM toys for kids. The library also offers technology tutoring, customized book selections through the Book Flight program, and passport and notary services.



If you haven't checked out Wright Library lately, you're missing the full story. Stop by for a visit during National Library Week, April 23-29. Follow Wright Library on Facebook and Instagram and use the hashtag #NationalLibraryWeek to join the online celebration.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

For more information, stop by or visit the library's website at www.wrightlibrary.org.

Adventure Takes Flight: Summer Reading Club Launches in May

Summer is almost here! Get ready to soar with Wright Library during Summer Reading Club 2023: Adventure Takes Flight!

Kids and teens can begin tracking reading on May 20. Adults can begin tracking in June. All programs and prizes begin the first weekend of June.

Visit wrightlibrary.org to learn how participants can earn prizes as they read and find event calendars for both weekly and special event programming throughout June and July.



FLASHBACK: Summer Reading Club has been an Oakwood tradition for decades!

Make the library part of your summer plans — adventure awaits!

The first ever summer reading club held at Wright Library's current location 83 years ago was a World Fair theme, in honor of the 1939 World's Fair held in New York.

Children that summer were encouraged to read eight books. Those who completed the challenge earned official membership cards and souvenirs from the World's Fair, according to local newspaper article from that summer.

In later decades, Wright Library readers would join the Johnny Appleseed reading club and place seeds on their paper apples to mark their reading.

Did you know?

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Special Events:

APRIL

Gardens of Oakwood | Far Hills Speaker Series

April 16 | 2 p.m.

Wright Library Community Room (Zoom link available at www.wrightlibrary.org)

On June 29, 1922, Katharine Houk Talbott gathered a group of her gardening friends to her home "Runnymede" in Dayton to form a garden club. The stated objective of the Garden Club of Dayton was to simulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to aid in the protection of native plants and birds and encourage civic planting.



Oakwood residents Katharine Houk Talbott and Ethel Rike were the first two presidents of the Garden Club of Dayton. They are credited with its early success and wide recognition as one of the most outstanding cultural influences in Dayton. Three other members, Katherine Siebenthaler, Agnes Darrow and Marie Aull were given special mention for their exceptional contributions and service to the club.

The Garden Club of Dayton continues this mission to this day.

In the April presentation, Garden Club of Dayton members will walk us through the history of gardening in Oakwood. Beginning with the early landscaped formal gardens of Oakwood, through the changes gardens have undergone over the decades, we will welcome spring with this lecture on plants and gardens. There will be particular emphasis given to the current trend of native plants in residential gardens.

The Far Hills Speaker Series is presented through a partnership between the Oakwood Historical Society and Wright Memorial Public Library.

Special Events: CONTINUED | Visit wrightlibrary.org/calendar for a full list of library events.

APRIL

Surprise & Delight Your Readers on Every Page

April 20 | 7-8:30 p.m.

Virtual; registration required at wrightlibrary.org

Suspense isn't just for thrillers. It's not even just for fiction. Whether we're reading a humorous essay, a heartfelt memoir, or a page-turning novel, we love the build of anticipation, the satisfaction of the unexpected. This interactive workshop uses prompts, examples, and tips to help you master tricks for keeping your readers on the hook, from the paragraph level to the story's premise. You'll twist turns of phrase, uncover your character's secrets (even if that character is you!), pull the rug out, and leave with plenty of ideas for adapting these techniques to your own work-in-progress.

Jessica Strawser is the editor-at-large at Writer's Digest, where she served as editorial director for nearly a decade and became known for her in-depth cover interviews with such luminaries as David Sedaris and Alice Walker. She's the author of the book club favorites *Almost Missed You*, a Barnes & Noble Best New Fiction pick; *Not That I Could Tell*, a Book of the Month bestseller; *Forget You Know Me*, awarded a starred review by Publishers Weekly, and *A Million Reasons Why*, called "a standout" in a starred Booklist review and named to Most Anticipated lists from Goodreads, SheReads, Frolic, E! News & others. Her latest, *The Next Thing You Know*, is a People Magazine Pick for Best New Novel (new March 2022, all from St. Martin's Press).

This workshop is part of the Write@Wright Series sponsored by the Wright Library Foundation.

Give Your Garden Some Ecological Clout

April 21 | 2 p.m.

Wright Library Community Room

Your garden is a place to grow plants, relax, and connect with nature. Just spending time around plants can ease stress for many people. You can also join the growing trend to regenerate and create new habitat for the creatures with which we share the planet. Learn which native plants might work in your garden and what steps you can take to invite not just butterflies but also a wider web of insect and animal life that promotes a diverse ecosystem into your yard.

Presented by Kathleen Tiller of Montgomery County OSU Extension Master Gardeners.



Make Art Like: Brian Collier

April 23 | 2 p.m.

Wright Library Community Room

Come make art like Bryan Collier—a celebrated picture book illustrator who uses collage and portraits to illustrate children's books. This program can get messy; play clothes suggested. Recommended for children ages 5-10.



MAY

Klezmer for Kids

May 8 | 6-7 p.m.

The Flying Klezmerians and the Klezmer Company Orchestra present Klez4Kids. Enjoy spirited live Jewish folk music at this family-friendly concert!

Where Healing Happens: The Physiology of Safety

May 10 | 7 p.m.

Wright Library Community Room

Why do animals in the wild not show signs of trauma, even when they're repeatedly in life-threatening situations? Amy Shoko Brown will present the implications of basic animal stress and trauma physiology that all animals cycle through. With an understanding of what helps animals move through stressful events, we can better help ourselves move through stressful events without long-lasting trauma.



You'll come away from this presentation with:

- A better understanding of trauma physiology
- How to access your body's natural trauma-proofing physiology
- Practical tools to help you (and your loved ones) move past trauma

Amy Shoko Brown (MS, SEP, ISP, RCST) is a trauma resolution specialist and body-mindfulness guide with over 33 years of training deeply rooted in compassionate mindfulness and creative process. She helps people struggling with health or trauma issues who want relief, strength and resilience so they can be their best selves. In private practice, she offers the modalities of Somatic Experiencing, Integral Somatic Psychology, Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy, and QiGong to support healing and transformation.

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Wright at Home - 2023

The Oakwood Historical Society and Dayton History are pleased to announce the long-awaited return of a special history event - Wright at Home. Join us for this immersive tour on April 23, from noon-5:00 PM.



*Hawthorn Hill circa 1914
Courtesy of Wright State University Special Collections and Archives*

How many times have you driven by Hawthorn Hill, and said to yourself "Someday I should visit Oakwood's iconic landmark." Well today is the day! The Wright at Home event features an open-house style experience in which knowledgeable docents are positioned throughout the home where Orville, Katharine and their father, Bishop Milton Wright, lived. They will share stories about the Wright family and about some of the illustrious visitors to Hawthorn Hill such as Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and even Charles Lindbergh.

In addition to the house tour, docents will be available to take you on a short neighborhood walking tour where you will hear about Orville's neighbors. Learn about the founder of Cheez-It® Crackers, a famous Dayton architect who designed many of the prominent homes and buildings in Oakwood, the rags-to-riches story of a German immigrant who earned the title "Maker of Machines", and more. After the tours, relax with some light refreshments including Orville's favorite cookies, meet Stephen Wright, great grandnephew of Wilbur and Orville Wright, and peruse the gifts and books for sale about Oakwood and the Wright brothers.

Tickets can be purchased at daytonhistory.org. Proceeds from this event will directly benefit Dayton History and The Oakwood Historical Society, two non-profit organizations dedicated to preserving and celebrating the history of our community. We hope to see you there!