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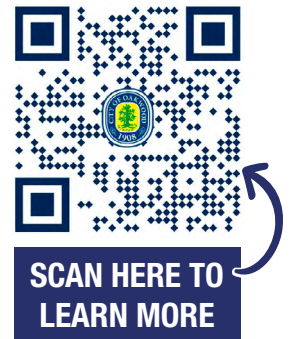
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CITY NEWS | Traffic Signal Study – Five Points Intersection

About a month ago, the city sent a letter to all Oakwood residences and businesses addressing the city's traffic signal system study. That letter is posted to the city website for reference. Also posted to the website is a mailer that was recently sent to all Oakwood residences and businesses. The mailer announces that the city will conduct three open house events to present information about the traffic signal system study, and in particular about a possible roundabout design at the Far Hills Avenue, Oakwood Avenue and Thruston Boulevard intersection, often referred to as Five Points.

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SCHOOL NEWS | OHS Wins 11th National Championship

Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon team members are celebrating an 11th Division III National championship.

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LIBRARY NEWS | Your Guide to Summer Fun for Kids and Adults

This summer, Adventure Takes Flight for kids and adults at Wright Library! Inside, learn about special events - from competitive jump ropers to a new True Crime Book Club - and how you can earn prizes for your summer reading.

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Traffic Signal Study–Five Points Intersection

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The open house events will take place in the Great Room at the Oakwood Community Center as follows:

- Wednesday, June 14, 6 – 8 p.m.
- Thursday, June 29, 6 – 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 11, 6 – 8 p.m.

The traffic signal system study was commissioned to develop a long-range plan for major capital improvements to Oakwood's traffic signal system. Much of the system will reach the end of its useful life over the next 5-10 years. The Five Points intersection is the most complex traffic intersection in Oakwood, and its design is central to the safe and efficient movement of traffic in and through our city. The intersection has pedestrian traffic, most of which occurs in the mornings and afternoons on school days. The safety of this pedestrian traffic is a primary factor as we study and evaluate intersection designs. On the mailer, you will see a conceptual plan for how a roundabout might be designed at Five Points. When comparing a traditional signalized intersection to a roundabout, the most striking difference is vehicle speeds. Roundabouts significantly reduce speeds at intersections, which is why they reduce serious accidents, particularly serious injury accidents. They can also improve efficiency of traffic movement. This is why you see roundabouts constructed in multiple locations around the Miami Valley, throughout Ohio and all around the country. Last November, a Washington Post article reported that there are over 9,000 roundabouts in operation around the country. City leaders have not made a decision about the future design of the Five Points intersection, and will not make a decision until a thorough analysis is completed that details the pros and cons of traditional signalization versus a roundabout, and until we hear from the citizens of Oakwood and the general public. Please join us at one of the open house events. We will present detailed information and will be eager to receive your input and feedback.



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 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 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 Foreman Tom Long at (937) 298-0777 with questions about the work, or reference the CenterPoint pipeline projects map on the city's website or at: <https://midwest.centerpointenergy.com/gas-system/map>

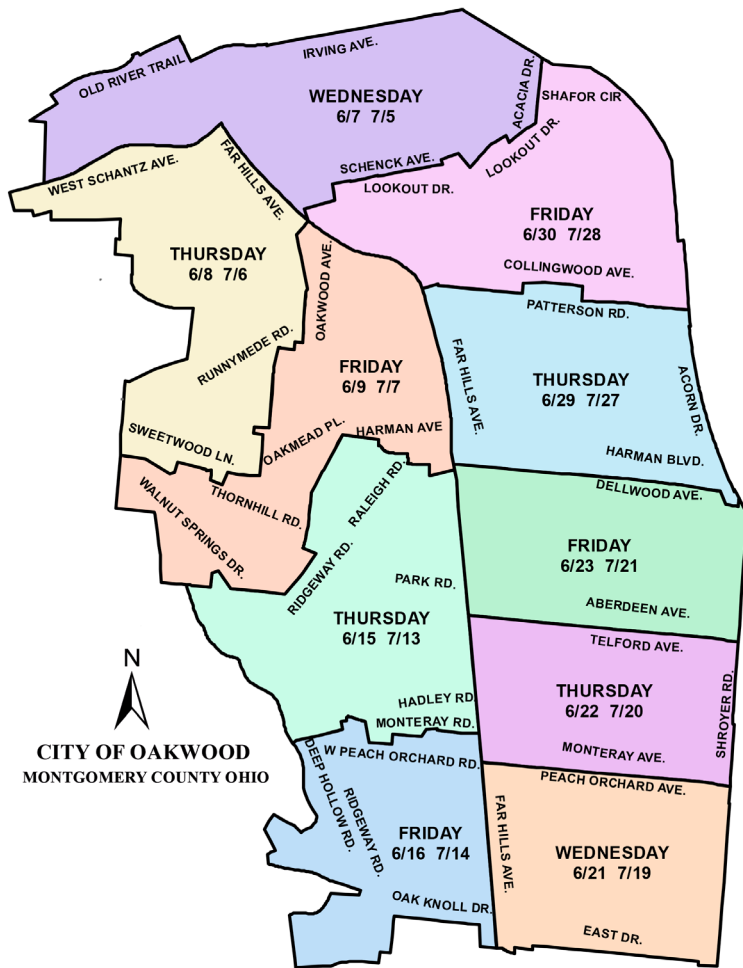
June/July Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 5 and Monday, July 17. 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.

Far Hills Storm Sewer Reconstruction Project

A large storm sewer replacement project will be completed on Far Hills Avenue at Greenmount Boulevard; on Dellwood Avenue from Far Hills Avenue to E. Schantz Avenue; Forrer Boulevard from Far Hills Avenue to E. Schantz Avenue; and along a section of Devereux Drive north of Forrer Road. Construction on the project is anticipated to begin in late spring or early summer and will impact traffic flow along Far Hills Avenue. Information about the project will be posted to the city website with regular updates as the project progresses.

Yard Debris Pickup Schedule June-July 2023



Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on: **6/15 & 7/13**

Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on: **6/29 & 7/27**

Juneteenth Holiday Closing & Refuse Collection

City offices, including the OCC and Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, June 19 in observance of the Juneteenth federal holiday. Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of June 19 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 & Refuse Collection

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

Yard Debris Disposal

As you work on your yard, please remember that there are multiple 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 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 with video surveillance and is available 24/7.
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.
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 the pavement, ideally just a day or two before your scheduled pickup (see adjacent map). 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, boulevard, or gutter. **Please make sure vehicles do not block the piles on the day of collection. It is against the law to place yard debris in the street. The only exception is for leaves during the 10-week 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 from the street. After two days, the city will remove the obstruction and will charge the property owner \$150.**

ADDITIONAL REFUSE PROGRAM REMINDERS:

- Under no circumstance should you place anything in the street, boulevard, or gutter (except leaves during the 10-week collection period in the fall) or anything except yard debris in the tree lawn area.
- Small amounts of leaves, small twigs, dead flowers and other such incidental green waste items may be placed in with your regular trash.
- Do not stack loose yard debris around or on top of trash cans. All debris must be placed in cans with 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.

Smith Gardens 2023 Blanket Concert Series

The Friends of Smith Gardens and the city of Oakwood are pleased to present the “2023 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.

MADCAP PUPPETS: FANTASTIC FAIRY TALES Sunday • June 11, 2023 • 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, Flump, the royal court jester to the king, has accidentally overheard a plot by the Wizard Glistor, to turn the king into a mouse. To keep Glistor from knowing his plans, Flump entertains the crowd with stories until he can discover a way to stop Glistor’s sinister scheme. This life size play is sure to delight audiences of all ages. Bring the whole family to enjoy!



THE ELEMENTS – Sunday • July 16, 2023 • 7:00 P.M.

Michael & Sandy Bashaw, Sharon Leahy & Rick Good – This auspicious nexus of four seasoned artists combine the energies of choreographer, composer, dancer, director, musician, playwright, sculptor, singer and songwriter. Michael and Rick have known each other since their high school days in the late sixties. It was also then they first heard Sandy playing in local coffee houses. When Sharon hit the Dayton scene in the early eighties, it didn’t take long for all of them to recognize kindred spirits, rich in collaborative possibilities. In 1997, their first collaboration, *Do You Remember This?* sold out the 2,000 seats of Memorial Hall in Dayton, Ohio. The group plays their own, smart original material, along with the songs of Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, Roger Miller, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, and The Carter Family, among others. The Elements are drawn to melodies, harmonies and rhythms that call out to them with a feeling generated or a memory triggered, regardless of the source. Add the excitement of Sharon’s step dancing and you have a show that brings Modern American Folk and Traditional Music to a new level of entertainment. They have performed at different venues and events in the Dayton area including the Schuster Performing Arts Center, Porchfest Dayton, The Trolley Stop and more!

BLUE EIGHTY – Sunday • August 6, 2023 • 7:00 P.M.

The alternative music of the 1980s has a strong hold on so many members of Generation X. This magical era saw synthesizers go mainstream, adding a lush orchestration to guitar rock, alongside melodic, emotional, often moody vocals. Groundbreaking groups like Joy Division, The Cure, The Smiths, Psychedelic Furs, and Talking Heads announced that music had something new to say. Niche radio stations like Cincinnati’s own 97x called out to the high school and college students of that era, eager to slip out of 70s rock spandex and embrace “the future of Rock N Roll.” To the members of Blue Eighty, the fact that this music is so seldom heard today in live performance represented a void that needed to be filled. In 2018, five seasoned musicians came together around this shared mission, compared playlists and found hours and hours of music that made all of them feel passionate about playing. Hearing Blue Eighty live is still a unique experience, as they remain Cincinnati’s ONLY 80s Alternative and New Wave band. The band have thrilled audiences at local venues such as Bogart’s, The Ludlow Garage, MVP, OTR Stillhouse, Northside Tavern, and at public appearances for St. Cecilia Oktoberfest, Oakley Community Council, the Behringer-Crawford Museum and more.

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. 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. Special guests will present special demonstrations for some of these topics, in addition to hands-on gardening time.

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 extras.

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



City Construction Projects

SIDEWALK, CURB AND DRIVEWAY APRON PROJECT:

The 2023 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project will take place in the southwest quadrant of the city, including all areas of Oakwood west of Far Hills Avenue, south of Park Road. Work will also take place around Harman Elementary School. The purpose of the project is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in a good, safe condition. City staff has inspected the areas and marked sections of concrete requiring repairs. Residents affected by the work received personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call Public Works Foreman David Shuey at (937) 298-0777 if you have any questions. For those who choose to do the repair work themselves, please remember to obtain a permit in advance and that all work must be inspected and completed by June 19, 2023.

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.

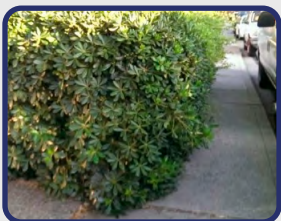
- E. Schantz Avenue between Far Hills Avenue & Lookout Drive
- Lookout Drive (All)
- Acacia Drive (All)
- E. Thruston Boulevard between Woods Road & Acorn Drive
- Hathaway Road between Patterson Road and North end
- Alley between Rubicon Road & Oakwood Avenue
- Alley between Ridgewood Avenue & E. Schantz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

FAR HILLS STORMWATER INLET AND CURB REPAIRS:

In spring/summer, a city contractor will repair numerous stormwater inlets and many sections of concrete curbing along Far Hills Avenue. This work is being done in advance of Far Hills Avenue resurfacing planned for 2024.

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.



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.

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.

To nominate an address for an award, visit the city website at www.oakwoodohio.gov or call (937) 298-0411 for more information.

Party Tent Rental

It's the time of year for planning outdoor 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; and
- 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.

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 another fun season of "Pre-School Story Hour at Smith Gardens". Spend a magical morning in the Gardens with Wright Library's Youth Services Staff as they read enchanting stories with your preschooler in mind on the following Fridays: June 30, July 28 and August 25.

Annual Ice Cream Social: This tradition is held before school resumes in the fall and is scheduled for Sunday, August 13 at Shafor Park. Tickets will be available beginning the middle of July.

A complete list of upcoming events is available on our online registration website at OakwoodLeisureServices.com. Call the Oakwood Community Center at (937) 298-0775 for more information.

Backflow Device Certification

The State of Ohio Plumbing Code and Ohio EPA Regulations require that a backflow prevention device be installed on water piping to any equipment (e.g., irrigation systems, boilers, etc.) that is capable of contaminating or polluting the water distribution system. A backflow prevention device allows water to flow in only one direction, thus eliminating the possibility that contaminants could enter the city's water system under a backflow condition. Under Chapter 919 of the Oakwood Codified Ordinances, backflow prevention devices must be tested upon initial installation, and must be re-certified annually by a State of Ohio Certified Backflow Tester. The re-certification confirms that the device is functioning properly, and is providing the necessary protection to the city's water distribution system. Property owners with backflow devices have been notified of the requirement to have the annual recertification completed. Please call Utility Billing at (937) 298-0400 with questions.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

It is very important that no hazardous materials are co-mingled with the regular weekly refuse. This includes paints, herbicides, pesticides, oils, antifreeze, and other such materials. There are two ways for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous material:

- Residents may drop off the material at the Montgomery County Solid Waste District Moraine Transfer Facility, 1001 Encrete Lane, free of charge. The drop off center is open during the months of March – October from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. See www.mcswd.org for additional information.
- Alternatively, residents may use the quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club Hazardous Waste Collection program. The remaining 2023 collection dates are Saturday, July 22 and Saturday, October 21. 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!

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.

Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report

The city of Oakwood has prepared the 2022 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 2022 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.

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
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/>.

Street Light Upgrade

Miami Valley Lighting (MVL) is upgrading the majority of the street lights throughout Oakwood. Work began in the middle of May and will continue for about 6-8 weeks. The work is being done by Capital Electric, a contractor working for MVL, and will take place in all Oakwood neighborhoods. Consistent with evolution of the street lighting industry, the city is converting to LED fixtures. The citywide project involves replacement of about 500 HPS fixtures, nearly all of the residential street lights in Oakwood. MVL will install LED fixtures that emit light at a color temperature of 2700 degrees Kelvin. These fixtures were specially selected to provide illumination in the warm or soft white range, as opposed to the bright white light often seen with LEDs.

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 igniter 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.

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



- 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.

Alumni Band Room in New Schwartz Wing

Join us as we celebrate reaching the \$100,000 fundraising goal for the Alumni Band Room that will be a part of the new Rick & Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing at OJH/OHS! For nearly 100 years, the marching band has brought together our community, classmates and peers in a special way. As a show band, the focus of the marching band is to entertain the fans and support the athletic program in Oakwood. It helps promote Oakwood as a wonderful, energetic, fun place to live where students are given opportunities to flourish in more than just academics, but in the arts.

We would like to thank all who worked so hard on this effort. Many thanks and sincere appreciation to **Rick and Jane (Flory) Schwartz '67** for offering \$35,000 in matching funds! Rick Schwartz is a proud band alum and is grateful for all band alumni and supporters who have contributed to this important project for the next generations of OHS Band members.

A very special thank you to this effort's leader, **Katy (Deddens) Dalrymple '93**, for working tirelessly to make this happen. This success truly would not

have been possible without Katy! Katy's family has always valued the Oakwood Band and their passion helped make this possible. Katy says, "Band is a special community within the Oakwood Student Body in which students can find their niche, become more confident and outgoing and just really bloom into more compassionate and empathetic people who work together to create great music." Katy is excited to see how the band continues to grow and succeed.

We are full of gratitude for all donors who helped us name the new band room after our beloved alumni. The support for this effort shows just how appropriate it is to name this room the "Alumni Band Room."

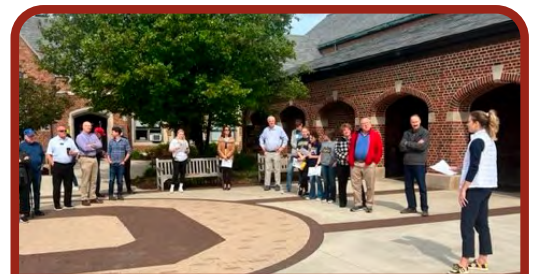


Foundation Hosts Community Appreciation Tours

The Oakwood Schools Foundation hosted a new opportunity for community members to tour Oakwood Junior High and Oakwood High School during the first-ever Community Appreciation Tour and Reception April 29.

The event was held to show gratitude for the community support and highlight some of the amazing facilities and programs Foundation donors have helped accomplish. Highlights included the new Rick & Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing, which is under construction, the Class of 1972's special gift for a new greenhouse, student art displays and performances, the Anatomage table, and much more.

Save the date for the next OSF and Alumni Association hosted tours during Homecoming Week Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend!



OSF Development Chair, Amy Martin, helped welcome guests at the Alumni Plaza. Guests were then toured around to over 15 special stops by student guides.



What a GROUNDBREAKING year!



See highlights of the amazing things we've accomplished with annual contributions and support from friends like you!



View our 2022 Annual Report



SAVE THE DATE!
The Oakwood Schools Foundation's
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SUMMER SOIRÉE

30 June, 2023
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2023 Retirees

Oakwood Schools is saying goodbye to six long-term educators. From world languages to math, elementary to high school, these professionals have made their mark on students, staff and the Oakwood community.



Helen Gustke

Helen Gustke came to Oakwood Schools in 2004. Originally from Brazil, Gustke says she had a passion to share langue, culture and knowledge with her students.

In addition to teaching, Gustke has used her language talents in many ways, including working with the Doctors without Frontiers organization, training doctors in Spanish and Portuguese.

Rosanna Jivens

Rosanna Jivens began teaching math in Oakwood in 2000. Some of her favorite memories of her time in Oakwood include the excitement of meeting students, the tale of the ghost who lives on the third floor of Oakwood High School and getting to know her fellow teachers.

Jivens says she will miss interacting with her students and fellow teachers but is looking forward to retirement.

Scott Zipperian

Scott Zipperian has worked in Oakwood Schools since 2000. He's taught a variety of courses including, graphic arts, architectural studies, photography, robotics and Project Lead the Way.

He has witnessed how technology has changed education, as his class offerings have continued to change through the years, dating back to his early teaching years before coming to Oakwood.

In addition to teacher, Zipperian coached varsity tennis and wrestling. He says he will miss interacting with the kids but has big plans for retirement.

Cheri Schumacher

Cheri Schumacher has been a teacher at Harman School since 1999, teaching second, third and fifth grades. Schumacher says she's looking forward to retirement but will miss the students.

"I build so many relationships with each student every year, and I get to know them outside the academics. They make me laugh, we laugh together, they laugh at me," Schumacher said.

She plans to spend her new free time with her three grandchildren, traveling, relaxing, exercising and reading.

Mindy Hasty

Mindy Hasty began teaching at Smith Elementary in 1990. She has taught first, third, fourth and fifth grades.

Hasty says she will miss the daily interaction with the children and her fellow staff members, some of whom she has worked with for more than 20 years.

In retirement, she plans to spend "as much time as possible" with her grandson and her nieces and travel.

Susan Kuntz

Susan Kuntz has been the Harman School art teacher since 1989. She says the biggest change she's seen in education involves technology.

"This technology helps move instruction and delivery forward, but on the flip side, its speed and immediacy makes students expectant that all things should be fast, easy and entertaining," Kuntz said.

She says she will miss her colleagues, "the smell of freshly waxed floors that signal the beginning of a new year, with all its possibilities" and her students.

Good luck to all of our retirees!

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

2023 School Year

JUNE 2023

1 Last Day of School for Students

27 Oakwood Board of Education Regular Board Meeting

JULY 2023

10 Oakwood Board of Education Regular Board Meeting

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

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2023 Summer Reading Guide

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SAVE THIS GUIDE ALL SUMMER!

The theme, Adventure Takes Flight, echoes the spirit of the Wright Brothers and their dreams of new horizons 120 years after the first powered flight. Flight, as well as reading, captures the imagination. This summer, prevent “summer slide” (learning loss) and reinforce a lifelong love of reading. Curious to learn something new? Need motivation on your personal journey? Need to unplug and relax? Wright Library is waiting for you and your next adventure to take flight.

How to get started:

- Register at wrightlibrary.org/summer or at the library
- Track your summer reading
- Visit the library to claim prizes and attend programs



Thank you Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation for funding youth prize books.

Book & Writing Clubs

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True Crime Book Discussion

Thu. | June 15 | 7 p.m.

In-person event

The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America by Erik Larson. This best-selling, nail-biting story chronicles the serial killer at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair.

Next Chapter Book Club

Mon. | June 5, 12, 26; July 10, 17, 24, 31 | 6 p.m.

Age 18+

Librarians guide adults with developmental disabilities to choose a book then foster lively group discussion.

Book Club

Second Tue. | 7 p.m.

June 13 - *Long Bright River* by Liz Moore

July 11 - *The Madwoman Upstairs* by Catherine Lowell

Wright Library Poets

Third Tue. | June 20; July 18 | 7 p.m.

Adults

Open writing group.

NEXT ISSUE: Far Hills Speaker Series with the Oakwood Historical Society begins September 17.

For Kids & Teens

JUNE

Let's Go LEGO

Sun. | June 4, 18; July 16, 30 | 1-2:30 p.m.

Ages: All

Drop in anytime for imaginative LEGO building.



Baby Storytime

Mon. | June 5, 12, 26; July 10, 17, 24, 31 | 10:30 a.m.

Ages: 0-18 months

Miss Karen romps through stories, finger plays, and rhymes to get your baby giggling and learning.

Terrific Tales

Tue. | June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18, 25 | 10:30 a.m.

Ages: 18-36 months

Stories, rhymes, songs, and activities to build pre-literacy and pro-social skills.

Tween Hangout

Tue. | 4 p.m.

Ages: entering 4-7 grades

Perfect for upper elementary kids who want to spend more time with their friends this summer. Each week has its own themed, hands-on activity such as Mystery at the Aliceville Airport, Celebrate Japan, and more.

Craft & Play

Wed. | June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 12, 19, 26 | 10:30 a.m.

Ages: entering 1-4 grades

Crafts and imaginative games with Ms. Jacqui. Some dexterity and direction-following required.

Teen Hangout

Wed. | 4 p.m.

Ages: entering 7-12 grades

Teens are invited to weekly themed hangouts, each week featuring a different activity: Mystery at the Aliceville Airport, Anime and Manga, and more. Bring a friend and stop by!

Books & Blocks

Fri. | June 2, 9, 16, 23; July 14, 21 | 10:30 a.m.

Ages: 0-5

Energetic playtime in this active, non-traditional storytime for little ones with the wiggles.



Storytime at Smith Gardens

Last Fri. of the month | June 30; July 28; August 25 | 10:30 a.m.

Ages: 0-5

Crafty Kids

Sat. | June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10 a.m.

Ages: 3-8

Make a new craft each week. Available as long as supplies last.

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

JUNE

Unicorn Storytime & Crafts in Katharine Wright Park

Sat. | June 3 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 3-6

According to Unicorn Lore, pinwheels carry children's voices into the Land of Unicorns! Craft a pinwheel to plant at the library and read books about the mystic unicorn.

Out of This World

Thu. | June 8 | 7 p.m.

Local author and educator, Dr. Morris L. Redd, shares his new children's book *Out of This World*, a positive story about a girl learning to believe in herself. Book sale & signing to follow.

Chris Rowlands in Concert

Sun. | June 11 | 2 p.m. | All Ages

Chris Rowlands captivates audiences through song, dance, puppets, and colorful props to add meaningful lessons to his interactive show featuring things that fly!

Comet Skippers Jump Rope Team

Sat. | June 24 | 2 p.m. | Katharine Wright Park

Don't skip out on this nationally-recognized competition jump rope team featuring jumpers from second grade through college. Prepare to be amazed!



COMET SKIPPERS JUMP ROPE TEAM

Saturday, June 24 @ 2pm in Katharine Wright Park.

COVID 19: Your Questions Answered

Wed. | June 14 | 7 p.m. | Adult

Doctors and researchers from the WSU-Boonshoft School of Medicine COVID19 Educational Task will share up-to-date research, lessons learned, and answer your COVID-related questions.

Introduction to Financial Planning for Women

Tue. | June 20 | 7 p.m.

With financial advisors Peggy Yingling Collins, RICP® and Hannah Myhre-Gaskill.

Dayton Grotto Gardens Tours

Wed. June 21 | Sat. July 8 | Wed. July 19 | 10 a.m.

S. Gettysburg Ave. at Tennessee Ave. Dayton, OH 45428

First developed in 1867, this Dayton attraction at the former Soldier's Home was a refuge for disabled soldiers returning from the Civil War. Registration required at wrightlibrary.org

This offsite tour is in partnership with The American Veterans Heritage Center.

JULY

Camping Storytime & Crafts in Katharine Wright Park

Sat. | July 1 | 10:30 a.m. | Ages 3-6

Camping-themed storytime with Miss Karen and crafts to follow.

Veterans Who Shaped the Miami Valley

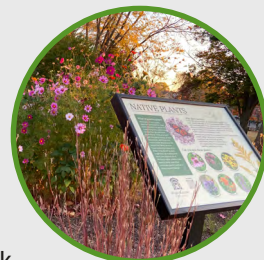
Sat. | July 8 | 2 p.m. | Adult

In celebration of Independence Day, Andrew Lloyd spotlights veterans who created and shaped our communities in the Miami Valley.

Native Plant Garden Tour

Sat. | July 15 | 10:30 a.m.

Tour the Wright Library sun and shade gardens to get ideas for planting natives in your own yard. Local experts from Dayton Area Wild Ones and the Green Oakwood Biodiversity Committee will answer questions and show how these beautiful plants do important work for the birds and pollinators of the Miami Valley.



Famous People of Ohio Part I

Mon. | July 24 | 7 p.m. | Virtual (RSVP Required)

Susan Cannavino presents the fascinating lives of Bob Hope, Doris Day, and Annie Oakley. Don't miss *Famous People of Ohio Part II* on August 21.

Midwest Falconry

Sun. | July 30 | 6 p.m. | All Ages

A live falconry show with close-up crowd interaction. Learn about birds of prey, the sport of falconry, and avian conservation efforts. Made possible with funding from the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation.



Kids, Be a Summer Reading Winner!

May 20 - July 31

Read 30 minutes a day for 14 or more days each month. Submit your reading tracker at month's end to win prizes or enter the big prize drawing. You can also win prizes by taking the BINGO challenge or contribute to the Book of Summer!

Summer Reading For Adults

June 1 - July 31

Track your summer reading then spin the wheel for weekly prizes and enter to win prize baskets.



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to learn more about Summer Reading

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OHS Wins 11th National Championship

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OHS won the title at the United States Academic Decathlon National Competition in Frisco, Texas, April 27 - 29. More than 600 students from across the country competed at the event, held in person for the first time since 2019.

The team earned 47 individual medals across the subject areas and achieved 7 out of 9 total individual overall score awards in the three G.P.A. divisions, earning a combined total of \$6000 in scholarship awards. Taking individual overall score awards were

- Rohan Haack - 1st overall Honors division; also highest scoring student for OHS
- Alex Devgan - 3rd overall Honors division
- Charli Kulka - 1st overall Scholastic division
- Jack Campbell - 2nd overall Scholastic division
- Brian Fischer - 3rd overall Scholastic division
- Danny Vásconez - 1st overall Varsity division
- Ian Brooks - 2nd overall Varsity division

Additionally, Charli Kulka received special recognition as the Most Valuable Team Member.

The team would like to thank this year's business sponsors for their donations: Ashley's Pastry Shop, Chiropractic Health and Wellness Center of Dayton, David Parcels, DDS, Metropolitan Dry Cleaners, Robert K. Jones Insurance Agency, and Roderer Shoe Center.

The 2022 – 2023 team members are Ian Brooks, Jack Campbell, Alex Devgan, Brian Fischer, Rohan Haack, Charli Kulka, Michael Ritschel, Danny Vásconez and Daniel Wang. Lori Morris is the team coach.

