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OAKWOOD SCENE

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CITY NEWS | City Property Tax Renewal

The November 7 ballot will include a measure for renewing a 3.75 mill city property tax. As a renewal only, it maintains the current level of property taxation and will not increase property taxes. The levy was first approved by Oakwood voters in 2013, in direct response to the loss of the estate tax and other cuts to local government funding that were imposed by the State of Ohio. The current effective residential millage rate of

this tax levy is 3.03. When property valuations increase, the “effective” mills for voted tax issues are reduced so that the actual tax paid does not increase. This tax issue raises about \$1.08 million annually and pays for Oakwood public services including items such as police, fire & EMS, street maintenance and public parks. It costs about \$93 per year for each \$100,000 in residential property valuation.



SCHOOL NEWS | School Levy on November Ballot

Oakwood residents will see a two-part combination school levy on the Nov. 7 ballot. The single ballot issue asks community members to approve a combined 5.75 mill operating levy and a 1 mill permanent improvement levy.

The 5.75 mill operating levy, which would generate \$2.1 million annually, would be used to pay for day-to-day budget items including supplies, utilities, programming, activities and personnel costs.

According to the Ohio Department of Education Report Card financial data, nearly 73 percent of funds spent in the District are for classroom instruction. The District’s

last request for an operating levy passed with nearly 55 percent of the vote in May 2019.

“Just like any business, the cost of operating increases every year. While those costs continue to rise, the District’s revenue remains flat due to House Bill 920. The District does not receive an annual increase in state funding. The current system of school funding in Ohio forces districts to return to taxpayers on a regular basis in order to generate additional money to maintain its operations,” Oakwood Schools Treasurer Laura Sauber said.

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LIBRARY NEWS | Let Your Library Be Your Guide

This fall, Wright Library is offering an array of immersive programs designed to elevate your self-improvement journey. Whether you are looking to make important decisions for your future or are intrigued about Dayton’s

past, Wright Library provides lifelong learning and an inclusive place where people come together.

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Halloween and Trick or Treat: October 31

Watch for ghosts and goblins on Tuesday, October 31 from 6 – 8 p.m. If you plan to hand out Halloween treats, please turn on your porch or front door lights.

Halloween Safety

Halloween is an exciting time of year for children and adults. Enjoy the event, but please keep safety a top priority. Here are a few safety reminders while trick-or-treating:

GENERAL SAFETY

- Avoid homes that do not have their outside lights turned on.
- Younger children should always be accompanied by an adult.
- Trick-or-Treat with a group.
- Children should not enter homes; stay on the porch or stoop.
- Stay away from pets. Pets may become frightened and aggressive.
- Children should stay within familiar areas and surroundings.
- Children should carry and use flashlights and stay on sidewalks.
- Walk, don't run.
- Do not ride bikes, roller-blade or skateboard.
- Do not cut across yards or driveways.
- Cross streets at corners/crosswalks and not between parked cars.
- Although tampering with candy is rare, parents should instruct their children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything. Discard all unwrapped or loosely wrapped candy.

COSTUME SAFETY

- Wear a costume that makes it easy for you to walk, see, and be seen.
- Use glow sticks and/or reflective tape on costumes and bags for added visibility.
- Wear shoes that fit properly, even if they don't necessarily go with your costume.
- Consider face paint instead of masks, as they can obstruct a child's vision.
- If wearing a mask is a must, ensure the eye holes provide good vision.
- Temporarily remove the mask when crossing streets, or when in heavy traffic.
- Avoid toy weapons; use costume knives and swords that are flexible, not rigid.

Our Oakwood Public Safety Department will conduct extra neighborhood patrols during trick-or-treating hours.

Fourth Quarter Estimated Tax Payment Due 1-16-2024

If you estimate that you will owe \$200 or more when you file your 2023 City of Oakwood income tax return next year, you may need to remit quarterly estimated tax payments. Under the Ohio Revised Code, you must be 90% paid in by January 16, 2024 or have paid in 100% of your 2022 tax liability. Penalty and interest may be imposed for late or non-payment of your estimated taxes. Payment vouchers are available in the tax office and on the city's website. Contact the tax office at (937) 298-0531 with any questions.

October/November Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 2 and Monday, November 6. 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. 5.03 and AT&T U-verse Ch. 99). Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterward. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net for broadcast times. 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 can also be viewed on the City website.

Get Involved in Your Local Government

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

- Board of Health
- Budget Review Committee
- Planning Commission
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Beautification Committee
- Property Maintenance Board
- Personnel Appeals Board
- Tax/Water & Sewer/Assembly Appeals Board
- ADA Compliance Committee

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

Door-to-Door Solicitation

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

We encourage residents to register their addresses by submitting an online request form through our website at www.oakwoodohio.gov/door-to-door-solicitation. Once registered, your address will remain on the list for five years. When your five-year expiration is reached, we will send a reminder postcard so you can re-register to remain on the "Do Not Solicit" list.

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

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

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

Upcoming Events/Classes

American Red Cross Babysitting Course: The course will be taught at the OCC on Saturday, October 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students must be at least 11 years of age to enroll.

Lighting up Oakwood & Holiday of Lights

The city of Oakwood, with assistance from the Oakwood Beautification Committee, is "LIGHTING UP" Oakwood with luminarias on Sunday, December 10 beginning at 6 p.m. Residents are invited to put luminarias out in front of their houses and to consider participating with their neighbors. Then at 6:30 p.m., come to Shafor Park for an evening of community fellowship with songs, refreshments and, as always, a visit from Santa. Also, enjoy free horse-drawn carriage rides along Shafor Boulevard to see the beautifully lit night. Luminarias for this event are sold at the OCC beginning Monday, November 13. The cost is \$6 per dozen and includes the white bags, sand and 10-hour candles.



Family Fall Festival

Come to Shafor Park from 2 – 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 8 for the 17th annual “Family Fall Festival” and enjoy an outdoor afternoon of fun games, food, pumpkin painting and other entertainment for the whole family! Also, enjoy free hayrides along Shafor Boulevard to see Scarecrow Row. Kids can dress up and join the “Costume Parade” around the park. Don’t forget to mark your calendar! Look for more information in the Oakwood Register and on fliers distributed through the schools.



Scarecrow Building Contest

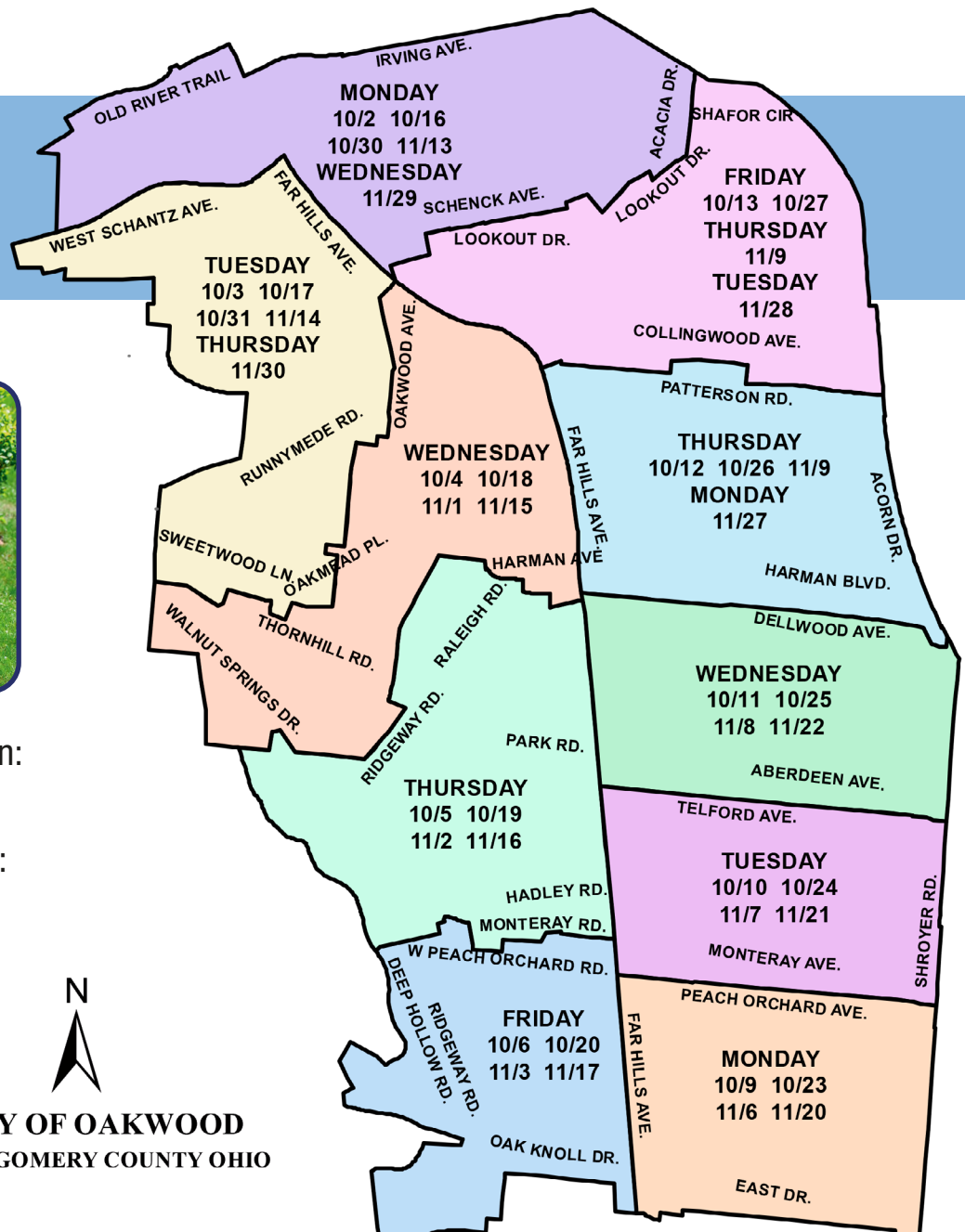
The Oakwood Community Center is very excited to announce the 21st annual “Scarecrow Building Contest.” We encourage families, neighbors, organizations, co-workers and their groups to participate in this special, festive community event. Registration packets are available at the OCC. The building and placement of the scarecrows will take place on Sunday, October 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with judging to commence at 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the OCC at (937) 298-0775.

YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2023



Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on:
10/5, 10/19, 11/2 & 11/16

Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on:
10/12, 10/26, 11/9 & 11/27



CITY OF OAKWOOD
MONTGOMERY COUNTY OHIO

Fall Leaf Collection begins October 9

We will begin our annual leaf collection program on Monday, October 9. As in previous years, the program will provide bi-weekly leaf pickups of all areas throughout the city. The city is divided into ten sections with each being collected on a 2-week interval as shown on the map on page 4. The program is scheduled to continue until Friday, December 15, but will be extended if conditions warrant. We will make every effort to stay on this schedule but may vary a bit from time to time based on weather conditions, leaf volume and other factors. Please place leaves only in the street gutter, ideally just a day or two before the pick-up. Leaves must be unbagged and spread out along property frontages so that traffic flow is not impeded. Citizens interested in dumping their own leaves may do so 24-7 at the Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-off Facility located at the entrance to the Public Works Yard, 210 Shafor Boulevard.

The city does not provide special pick-up service during the ten-week leaf collection season. The last day to schedule a special pick-up is on Friday, October 6. The special pick-up program resumes again in January.

Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project

Under the leadership of the Oakwood Beautification Committee, we are again conducting the annual Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and tree species are available at the Oakwood Community Center and on the city website. The trees selected are approximately 2 inches in diameter and are discounted 50% to residents. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at a discounted price. The tree must be planted in the city right-of-way. Trees will be planted by a local nursery in late November or early December. All trees will be wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season. For more details, call Brian Caldwell at (937) 298-0775.

Refuse and Recycling

Your city staff works hard to operate an efficient and comprehensive back-door refuse collection program. Please remember to:

- Limit your trash to not more than three cans that are 35 gallons or less and under 60 pounds. Containers must have lifting handles and detachable, tight-fitting lids. No toter-style containers may be used, except those provided by the city for properties on alleys.
- Use as many recycling cans as you need and know what is recyclable, and what is not. Please do NOT use toter-style cans for recycling. Recycling cans must be labeled. "Recyclables" stickers to mark cans are available at City Hall, the Oakwood Community Center and the Foell Public Works Center.
- Leave cars out of the driveway and have cans easily accessible on your collection day.
- Have your trash and recyclable material out by 7:30 a.m. on your collection day.



These simple actions will allow us to be as efficient as possible and minimize the properties where we are unable to collect the refuse.

We have an extensive co-mingled recycling program. You should co-mingle newspapers, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, paperboard, cardboard (small quantities - flattened), plastic bottles and jugs, various metal cans, and glass. Place all of these items loosely in your recycle can; do not place the items in plastic bags. Please take larger amounts of broken-down cardboard directly to the cardboard recycling containers at the Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-off Facility, located at the front entrance of the Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard. Yard debris and co-mingled recyclables may also be taken to the Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-off Facility. For a complete listing of recyclable materials, and information on items that are not recyclable, see the Oakwood Refuse Handbook on the city website or Rumpke's web page at <https://rumpke.com/for-your-home/recycling/acceptable-items>. Any questions, please contact Refuse Foreman Chris Harold at (937) 298-0777.



Oakwood Beautification Awards

The Oakwood Beautification Award Program recognizes property owners who have enhanced the beauty of our community by undertaking exterior improvements to their homes, rental property or business. Awards are given during the months of May, June, July and August. Monthly award winners are selected by members of the Property Maintenance Board and will have a sign placed in their yard to recognize their beautification efforts.



July 2023 Winners

David & Carolyn Schoeff, 115 E. Schantz Avenue

Aaron & Kathlyn Delidow, 227 E. Dixon Avenue

Therese Nyholm & David Becker, 232 Collingwood Avenue

Rachel Kostoff, 247 Forrer Boulevard

Mark & Denise Kemper, 315 Wiltshire Avenue

James Tunison & Billie Sue Williams, 242 Wiltshire Boulevard

Andrew and Carly Hall, 413 Corona Avenue

Luke & Madison Hill, 29 Triangle Avenue

Tom & Mary Lou Williams, 133 Lonsdale Avenue

William & Jean Rieger, 20 Dellwood Avenue

Judy Heller, 1400 Runnymede Road

Eric Grupe & Dair Arnold, 315 Telford Avenue

August 2023 Winners

Todd & Kimberly Howell, 661 Garden Road

Mark & Andrea Nelson, 583 Acorn Drive

Sean & Kimberly Johnson, 222 Aberdeen Avenue

Christopher Adams, 1516 Shroyer Road

Drew & Karina Moore, 316 E. Peach Orchard Avenue

Sean & Darlene Weaver, 1216 Raleigh Road

Timothy & Valerie Walker, 2508 Hillview Avenue

John & Autumn Johnson, 1220 Runnymede Road

Michael & Stacy McCloskey, 121 Park Avenue

Temporary Yard Signs

With the November 7 election day approaching, it is the season for temporary signs...and you may be wondering, are there any rules about how many signs someone can have in their yard? Title 12 of the Oakwood Zoning Code regulates temporary signage. Temporary yard signs are permitted in residential districts, under the following rules:

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

The following signs are prohibited:

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

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

Oakwood Rotary Hazardous Waste Pickup

There are two ways for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous materials. Residents may: 1) drop off the material at the Montgomery County Transfer and Recycling Facility on Tuesdays. (see www.mcswd.org for more information and program hours.

Reduced winter hours run from November through

February); or 2) use the quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club

Hazardous Waste Collection program. This year's last collection date is scheduled for 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 of, 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!



City Offices Closed



VETERANS DAY

City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Friday, November 10. Trash and recycling pick-up for the week of November 6 will be the same as the regular weekly schedule.



THANKSGIVING

City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24. Trash and recycling pick up for the week of November 20 will be the same as the regular weekly schedule, except that Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday.

Stormwater Management Program

Oakwood continues to meet the goals of the city stormwater permit which include street sweeping, dry weather screening of stormwater structures, public education and pollution prevention. Here are a few reminders about your storm sewers:

- Stormwater inlets and sewers are direct conduits to creeks and streams in the area.
- Water quality is directly affected by the material that gets into the storm sewers.
- Never place any material into a stormwater inlet (catch basin).
- Do not put any material in the street, the only exception being leaves between mid-October and mid-December, during the published 10-week leaf collection schedule.
- Pick up after your pet as the bacteria in pet waste is harmful to downstream wildlife.
- Limit the use of herbicides and pesticides in lawn care as they have a direct impact on the downstream water quality.

Thank you for your help in preserving our natural resources!

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



For your safety and the safety of others, it is important to practice pedestrian safety. Here are a few safety tips to protect yourself from potential hazards:

- Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks if available. If there is no sidewalk:
 - Walk FACING traffic;
 - Stay as far from traffic as possible;
 - Proceed in a single file when traffic is approaching from the front or rear.
- Keep alert at all times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Make yourself visible to drivers.
- Between sunset and sunrise, or during inclement weather, pedestrians in the roadways are required to wear high visibility safety apparel that is reflective and can be seen clearly from 300 feet.
- Per Ohio traffic laws, vehicular traffic must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing in a crosswalk if there is no traffic signal in place or operation, and the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway in which the vehicle is traveling or approaching from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. That said, never assume that a vehicle will yield.
- Walking, jogging or running in the street is prohibited at all times on Far Hills Avenue; Patterson Road; Shroyer Road; Schantz Avenue from Oakwood Avenue to the west corporation limits; and on Oakwood Avenue from Far Hills Avenue to the north corporation limits.
- Section 371.05 of the Oakwood Traffic Code outlines pedestrian rules and requirements so both motorists and pedestrians can safely use city streets. This information may be accessed on the city website at <https://oakwoodohio.gov/city-ordinances/>.

9th Annual Come Back Lumberjacks

Alumni and community members gathered at the DCC on Friday, September 29 for the annual Come Back Lumberjacks event hosted by the Oakwood Schools Foundation. It was a great success and we could not have done it without our supportive community – from both near and far!



Come Back Lumberjacks!



See more photos and highlights from Come Back Lumberjacks and the Homecoming Tours 2023 including a complete list of sponsors at www.oakwoodschooldsfoundation.org/come-back-lumberjacks



Come Back Lumberjacks!

Thank you to our 2023 Sponsors who made this event possible!

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Enhancing Excellence in Education



YOUR GIFT MATTERS.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, the Oakwood Schools Foundation has been supporting and enhancing the education of Oakwood students through scholarships, grants, programs, and capital enhancements since 1981.

To date, more than \$8,900,000 has been granted from the Foundation, directly supporting more than four decades of generations of Oakwood Schools students.

Donations to the Oakwood Schools Foundation have a profound and lasting impact on students, their families and OUR community.

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For more information on this and other ways to contribute, visit:

OAKWOODSCHOOLSFOUNDATION.ORG

The Oakwood Schools Foundation, a component fund of The Dayton Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Contact: contact@oakwoodschooldsfoundation.org | (937) 297-5332

Homecoming Tours of OJH & OHS

The morning after the Come Back Lumberjacks event the Oakwood Schools Foundation and the Alumni Association co-hosted the annual "Homecoming" tours event at the Junior High and High School. Student guides led attendees on tours highlighting what they treasure about the schools as well as positive enhancements, such as the under-construction Rick & Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing, made possible by the generosity of the Oakwood alumni couple and Flourish Campaign donors.

Sponsors as of 9-6-23. For a full list of sponsors visit:
<https://oakwoodschooldsfoundation.org/come-back-lumberjacks/>

School Levy on November Ballot

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According to the Montgomery County Auditor, the combined levy would cost home owners \$235 per \$100,000 of appraised value of their home.

The second part of the combined ballot issue is a 1 mill permanent improvement levy, which would be used to pay for budget items including security and technology updates, building maintenance and repairs, and replacement of computers, vehicles and furniture. Voters last passed 1.8 mil permanent improvement renewal levy in November 2022. The current request would generate an additional \$373,000 annually, to maintain the District's approximately \$100 million in buildings and facilities, as well as equipment.

Visit the About School Levies page on the Oakwood Schools website (oakwoodschoools.org) to review answers to frequently asked questions, the District's five-year forecasts, monthly financial reports and the latest information regarding state and federal funding.

The information being provided is merely factual, District personnel are not allowed to advocate for or against the passage of a levy or bond issue during times they are being compensated by the District.



Oakwood Schools supports and appreciates the arts. From theatre to music and more, we love sharing our students' work with the Oakwood community. Check out our Performing Arts calendar and make plans to attend these wonderful events. You can find the Performing Arts calendar on our District website at oakwoodschoools.org.

Congratulations to Oakwood Alumni Association's 2023 Distinguished Alumni:

Oakwood Alumni Association honored the Distinguished Alumni at a reception on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023 at Dayton Country Club.



**Honorable Judge
Ann Donnelly,
Class of 1977**



**Jeff Ireland,
Class of 1972**



**Judy Buck Sprieser,
Class of 1971**

2023 School Year

OCT 2023

9 7 p.m. Oakwood Board of Education Regular Meeting

NOV 2023

3 No School

6 No School

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

22-24 No School

27 Classes Resume

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.

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

Stay connected with Oakwood Schools!

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Finding Freedom Summer

On exhibit at Wright Library Oct. 1-31

Visit Wright Library to view the traveling exhibit *Finding Freedom Summer* - a poignant look at the civil rights movement through the lens of the 1964 Freedom Summer Training Program at the Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio. The program prepared approximately 800 volunteer college students to register Black voters in Mississippi.



Freedom Summer Programs

Wed. | Oct. 18 | 7 p.m.

Voting Rights of Black Americans: A History. Presented by Myla Cardona-Jones, J.D. (Brunner Literacy Center/Sinclair College).

Sat. | Oct. 21

10:30 a.m. (Grades 4-6) Activities, videos, and discussion.

1:30 p.m. (Grades 7-12) Group discussion with historical artifacts.

Get Ready for the November Election

Braver Angels Red/Blue Workshop

Sat. | Oct. 7 | 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Registration required
This intensive workshop brings together conservative and liberal participants for moderated activities to find common values and reduce stereotyped thinking. *Sponsored by the Oakwood Inclusion Coalition and presented by Braver Angels, a citizens' organization uniting red and blue Americans in a working alliance to depolarize America.*



Candidate Forum

Thu. | Oct. 12 | 7 p.m.

Prepare for the November ballot at this non-partisan public forum. Candidates will make opening and closing remarks and answer three questions posed by a moderator from the League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area.

Planning For Your Future

Introduction to Retirement Planning

Tue. | Oct. 3 | 7 p.m.

Steps, stages, and considerations for all ages, including the 'missing pieces' people tend to forget. Presented by Peggy Collins and Hannah Gaskill of Northwestern Mutual and Empowerology.

Financial Basics & Access to Capital

Wed. | Oct. 4 | 11:30 a.m. | Virtual/RSVP required

Alex Kohls from the Small Business Administration and others provide insight into funding your small business. Part of the Small Business Series.

Road to Effective Estate Planning

Mon. | Oct. 16 | 1 p.m.

Attorney Kim Estess (O'Diam & Estess Law Group) invites all ages to a conversation about wills and trusts, avoiding probate, estate taxes, and the importance of powers of attorney and health care directives.

AI Panel Discussion

Thu. | Nov. 2 | 7 p.m.

Local experts discuss the possibilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its societal impact.

Record Keeping & Legal Basics

Wed. | Nov. 8 | 11:30 a.m. | Virtual/RSVP required

Join Alex Kohls from the Small Business Administration and others to learn about records, retention, and basic legal structure. Part of the Small Business Series.

Far Hills Speaker Series

Wright Memorial Public Library and the Oakwood Historical Society invite you to:

Dayton Ghosts and Legends with author Sara Kaushal

Sun. | Oct. 15 | 2 p.m.

What's the Story: Dayton Veterans' WWII Stories with author Ken Serey

Sun. | Nov. 19 | 2 p.m.

*Limited seating or register for Zoom access at wrightlibrary.org.



Dayton Literary Peace Prize

Wright Memorial Public Library is pleased to partner with The Dayton Literary Peace Prize to host an author event at the library this November. The community is invited to this free event, which will feature a DLPP author. Watch for details on our social media, at wrightlibrary.org, or by calling Wright Library at (937) 294-7171.



Book Club

Next Chapter Book Club

Mondays | 6 p.m. | in-person or virtual

Lively discussions can be expected at this friendly book club, where every voice is heard. Designed for adults with developmental disabilities.

What Comes After by Joanne Tompkins—Book Discussion

Tue. | Oct. 10 | 7 p.m.

With a propulsive mystery at its core, this is a deeply moving account of strangers and friends helping each other after tragedy and inspiring a new kind of family. *Dayton Literary Peace Prize 2022 Fiction Runner-up.*

Remembering the Holocaust

Sun. | Nov. 5 | 2 p.m.

Dr. Renate Frydman, Ph.D., author of *Anschel's Story: Determined to Survive*, recounts personal stories of the Holocaust. Book signing to follow. Dr. Frydman is the founder of the Dayton Holocaust Resource Center and has dedicated her life to Holocaust education.

Rising Out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist by Eli Saslow—Book Discussion

Tue. | Nov. 14 | 7 p.m.

A powerful story about how prominent white supremacist Derek Black changed his heart and mind after attending weekly Shabbat dinners with a student colleague and Orthodox Jew. *Dayton Literary Peace Prize 2019 Non-fiction Winner.*

Let's Talk Series

Thu. | Nov. 16 | 7 p.m.

As part of Transgender Awareness Week, join Wright Library to discuss Jennifer Finney Boylan's humorous and touching memoir, *She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders*. *Limited seating or register for Zoom access at wrightlibrary.org.



Young Audiences

Baby Storytime

Mon. | Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 27 | 10:30 a.m.

Ages: : 0-18 months

Stories, finger plays, and rhymes to get your baby giggling and learning.

Terrific Tales

Tue. | Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14, 28 | 10:30 a.m.

Ages: 18-36 months

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

Books & Blocks

Fri. | Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17 | 10:30 a.m.

Ages: 0-5

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

Crafty Kids

Sat. | Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10 a.m.

All Day | Ages: 3-8

New crafts each week (as long as supplies last).

When You Give to the Wright Library Foundation, You Make a Difference

When you give a gift to the Wright Library Foundation, you empower Wright Library and support its mission: provide diverse opportunities for lifelong learning, personal growth, education, and enjoyment. Some of the projects funded recently by the foundation include:

- Native Plant and Pollinator Gardens
- Library of Things collection including Roku sticks, board games, and new Doorway to Dayton passes
- Outdoor picnic tables in Katherine Wright Park
- Assistive Technology for Low Vision



The Ruby XL HD can magnify text or images up to 14 times! It is easy to hold while adjusting text size or color contrast. One young library patron used the magnifier to browse the library shelves on his own, finally able to read the titles himself without parental assistance.

Teen & Tween Time

Tween Hangout

Tue. | Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14, 28 | 3:30 p.m.

Grades: 4-7

Themed, hands-on activities each week - perfect for upper elementary kids to interact with friends.

Teen Hangout

Wed. | Oct. 4, 18, 25; Nov. 1, 15, 29 | 3:30 p.m.

Grades: 7-12

Weekly themed hangouts with different activities.

Teen Advisory Board

Wed. | Oct. 11 & Nov. 8 | 3:30 p.m.

Grades: 7-12

Plan, promote, and participate in projects that serve the library and the community.

Teen Campfire

Fri. | Oct. 27 & Nov. 10 | 7 p.m.

Grades: 7-12

Stargazing and snacks around a campfire.

**GIVING
TUESDAY**



Watch your mailbox for the library's Annual Campaign and consider making a donation on Giving Tuesday (November 28) in support of the Wright Library Foundation. Every day, the Library has something for everyone!

For the Holidays

Crochet & Connect

Sun. | Oct. 8 & Nov. 12 | 3 p.m.

Bring a project and connect with other crocheting enthusiasts. All skill levels welcome.

Painted Pumpkin Contest

Sun. | Oct. 14 | 2 p.m. | All Ages

Paint and decorate pumpkins inspired by your favorite book, character, or literary scene. Library will provide 30 pumpkins first come, first served; one per family - or bring your own! Pumpkins will be displayed for library patrons to vote in four categories: Preschool, Elementary, Teen, & Adult. Book prizes awarded October 27 for the most votes in each category (*Carved pumpkins will NOT be accepted as they are prone to rot & bugs*). Pick up your pumpkin October 27-November 1.



Holiday Cards for the Troops

Nov. 1 - Nov. 20

Stop by Wright Library to create a card that says "Happy Holidays" or "Thank You!" All cards will be sent to the USASOA's Cards for the Troops and will be distributed to active military members worldwide.

Intergenerational Fall Crafts

Sun. | Nov. 12 | 2 p.m.

Youth and adults unite to share skills and conversation at this intergenerational crafting experience.

December Holiday Crafts for Kids

Mon. | Nov. 27 | 5:30 p.m.

Crafts to celebrate Christmas, Hannukah, Kwannza, Yule!

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A Stroll Through Oakwood History at Woodland Cemetery

Join the Oakwood Historical Society on a stroll through the hills and winding paths of the historic Woodland Cemetery for a special Oakwood History Walking Tour on Sunday, October 22.

The docent-led tour will focus on the lives and accomplishments of Oakwood's early residents, and those who may have now been forgotten among the pages of history. As you follow along the tour route, an early history of Oakwood will begin to unfold.

The tour will conclude with autumn-themed refreshments at the beautiful Woodland Lookout, where you will learn more about Oakwood's notable residents of the past while enjoying the amazing view.

Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum was established in 1841 and soon became the place of eternal rest of many prominent and important Dayton and Oakwood residents. The Oakwood Historical Society is honored to partner with Woodland Cemetery & Arboretum in sharing this walking tour of Oakwood's early history.

The cost is \$20 per person and all proceeds help fund the all-volunteer Society's historical programs. For more information and to register, visit the Society's website at oakwoodhistory.org.

