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OAKWOOD SCENE

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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 19 and Saturday, April 20 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 our

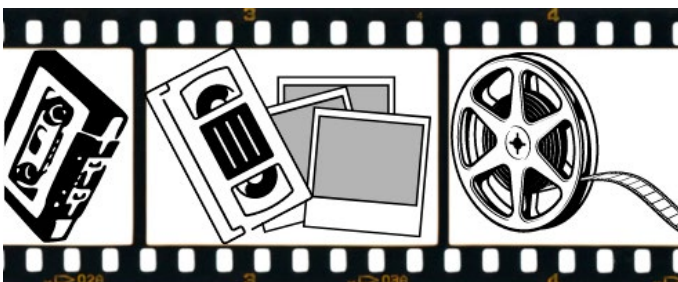
website, or by calling the OCC at (937) 298-0775. Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. Please contact Carol Collins at (937) 298-0775 to help. Please come and support this wonderful event. All proceeds go toward the care and maintenance of Smith Gardens, Oakwood’s Community Treasure.



SCHOOL NEWS | Rick & Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing Unveiled

Oakwood Schools celebrated the grand opening of the Rick and Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing at the Oakwood Junior and Senior High School. Dozens of band, choir and orchestra students joined the ribbon-cutting ceremony in February, filling the space with beautiful music as the district unveiled the new \$7.2 million addition.

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LIBRARY NEWS | New Memory Digitization Lab

Wright Library is thrilled to introduce a new Memory Digitization Lab thanks to a grant from the Wright Memorial Library Foundation. The equipment can digitize a range of items including books and paper documents, photos, camera film negatives, slides, 8mm and super 8 film, audio cassettes, and VHS cassettes. Library patrons can now preserve their historical treasures in a digital format to be easily shared and stored for future generations. To schedule your appointment, visit wrightlibrary.org/services/memory-lab

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FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

Ages 4-10, Friday, April 12, 7 – 10 p.m.
Parents looking for a night out without the kids?

DECORATE YOUR OWN EASTER CUPCAKES

Tuesday, March 26 from 6 – 7 p.m.
Cupcakes kit includes six baked cupcakes, icing, and all the decorations needed to create your own cupcake masterpiece. Learn how to use fondant and learn some piping skills.

MAKE A MOTHER'S DAY CAKE

Thursday, May 9 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Celebrate Mom with a Mother's Day Rosette Cake. Ages 8 and up.
Decorate a 6", 2 layer cake.

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



Summer Employment Opportunities

The city of Oakwood is currently accepting applications for summer employment. Groundskeepers are needed to maintain boulevards, parks, and natural areas. Pool Manager, Head Lifeguard, Lifeguards, Concessions & Pool Desk Attendants are needed at Gardner Pool; Lifeguards, Concessions & Pool Desk Attendants applicants must be at least 16 years of age. Pool Manager and Head Lifeguard must be at least 18 years of age. 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. Laborers are needed to maintain roadways, remove debris, and paint fire hydrants and street sign poles. Employment applications are available on the city's website: oakwoodohio.gov/employment-opportunities/. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Gardner Pool Hours

Gardner Pool opens on Saturday, May 25 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.

That Day in May

The Oakwood Rotary Club is developing the plan for this annual event scheduled for Saturday, May 18. Details about the event will be posted to the city website once they are available.

SPONSORED BY THE OAKWOOD ROTARY CLUB

Saturday, May 18th

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 Shafar 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 20th

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

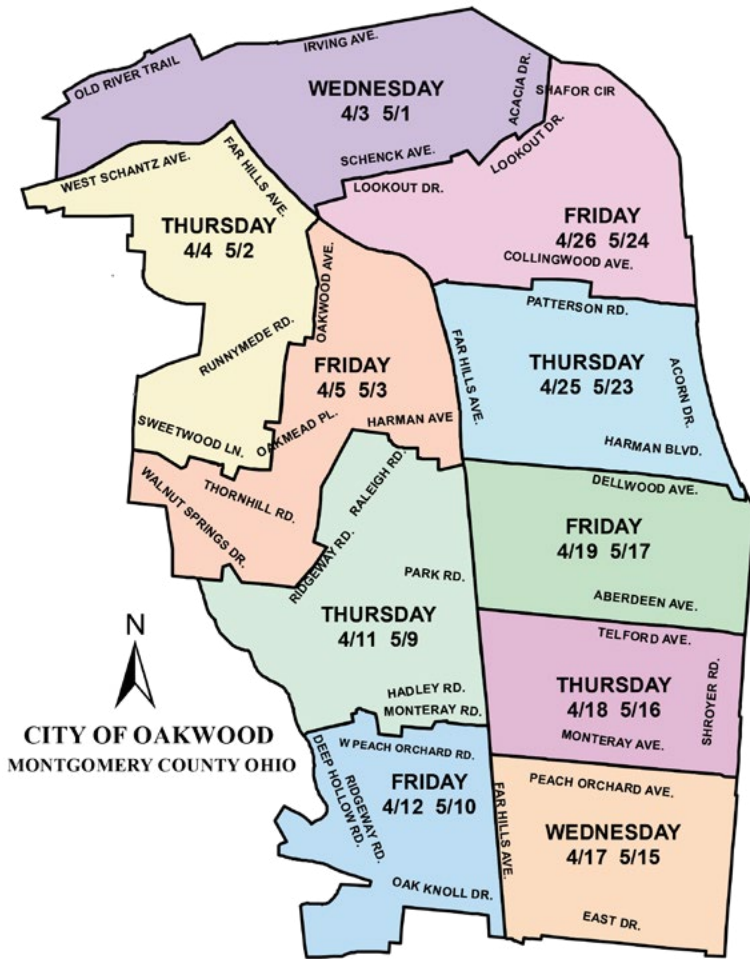
Golf Scramble (May 20)

Silent Auction (May 20)

Pool Memberships							
OCC MEMBER EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT BY APRIL 30, 2024		OCC MEMBER AFTER APRIL 30, 2024		NON-OCC MEMBER EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT BY APRIL 30, 2024		NON-OCC MEMBER AFTER APRIL 30, 2024	
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

The pool membership season generally extends from May 25, 2024, to September 2, 2024. However, as our pool operations rely on student workers and other seasonal employees, these dates are subject to adjustment due to staffing availability, particularly during the last two weeks of the pool season. A membership season of an exact number of days is not guaranteed.

YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE APRIL & MAY 2024



Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on:
4/11 & 5/9

Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on:
4/25 & 5/23

Memorial Day Holiday Closing

City offices, including the OCC and Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, May 27. The OCC Office and Health Center will be open from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 25 and from 12 – 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 26.



Memorial Day Trash Pick-up

Trash pick-up for all routes the week of May 27 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.



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 during the published leaf collection schedule). 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.

Placing anything in the street is a violation of Oakwood Codified Ordinance 901.01 (A)(3). 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.

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 24/7/365 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 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 (only during the time of this event) at the Yard Waste and Recycling Drop-Off facility located at the front entrance to the J. David Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard, on Saturday, April 13. 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 article on the back page. No other Public Works services will be available that day.

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 sustainability measures.

Recycle Ink Cartridges & Phone Cases at the OCC!

In an effort to offer more recycling opportunities within our community, Green Oakwood has provided a collection box for ink cartridges, cell phone cases and pop sockets at the Oakwood Community Center (OCC). The collection box is located near the front desk window. Ink cartridges will be taken to Target (or another retailer) and cell phone cases will be recycled through TerraCycle. Happy Recycling!



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's 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 nearly 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.

2024 Asphalt Roadway Resurfacing

The 2024 asphalt repaving project will take place this summer on Far Hills Avenue (State Route 48) from the south to the north corporation lines. The City Public Works Department is performing some utility work and tree trimming on Far Hills in advance of the repaving. The project will be managed by the Ohio Department of Transportation and the state will provide a majority of the funding for the project.

Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

The annual fire hydrant flushing will begin the week of April 1 and last approximately five weeks. Please check the city website for the dates of flushing in your neighborhood.

2024 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.

Oakwood Rotary Hazardous Waste Pickup

There are two ways for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous material. Residents may: 1) drop off the material at the Montgomery County Transfer Station (see www.mcswd.org for more information); or 2) use the quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club Hazardous Waste Collection program. The 2024 collection dates are Saturday, April 20, Saturday, July 20 and Saturday, October 19. 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!

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.

Is Your Home Ready for Spring?

Warm weather is upon us and, with it, a need to look over your property after the winter months. Please consider the following questions to determine if and what exterior repairs are needed in order to remain in compliance with Oakwood's Property Maintenance Code.

YARD

- Are all weeds and grass less than 8 inches in height?
- Is the yard free from overgrown, uncontrolled vegetation, and fallen tree branches?
- Is the yard free from miscellaneous storage, debris, and refuse?
- Are sidewalks clear of plant overgrowth?
- Are all vehicles licensed, operable, and parked on a paved surface?



EXTERIOR WALLS & GARAGES

- Do they have any holes or cracks, or are they in need of paint?
- Is siding in need of cleaning from algae, mildew, or mold?



ACCESSORY BUILDINGS (SHEDS, FENCES, ETC.)

- Are fences and shed walls, doors, and roofs in good repair?
- Do sheds or fences need to be painted?

DRIVEWAY & WALKWAYS

- Are they free of potholes and raveling?
- Are they free from debris, storage, and refuse?

PORCHES

- Do the steps, railings, or floorboards need to be repaired or replaced?
- Is it free from debris, storage, and refuse?



GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS

- Do they need to be painted or repaired?
- Do they direct water away from the primary building?

WINDOWS & DOORS

- Are they weather tight and operable?
- Is any glass broken or missing?
- Do the screens need to be repaired or replaced?
- Do the sashes and/or trim need to be repaired or repainted?



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.

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 ambiance. 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.

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.



Wright at Home - 2024

The Oakwood Historical Society and Dayton History are pleased to announce the return of a special Oakwood event—Wright at Home. This immersive tour will be held on Sunday, April 28, from noon-5:00 PM.

How many times have you driven by Hawthorn Hill and said to yourself, “Someday, I should visit Oakwood’s iconic landmark?” Well April 28 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. The docents 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. This year the tour will feature a 150th anniversary celebration of Katharine Wright’s birth in 1874. Pictures, artifacts and anecdotes will tell Katharine’s story and her critical role in the success of the Wright family.

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 famous neighbors. Learn about the founder of Cheez-It® Crackers, a well-known 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 may be purchased starting on March 13, at daytonhistory.org. Proceeds from this event directly benefit Dayton History and The Oakwood Historical Society, two nonprofit organizations dedicated to preserving and celebrating the history of our community. For questions, please call The Oakwood Historical Society at (937) 299-3793. We hope to see you there!

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.

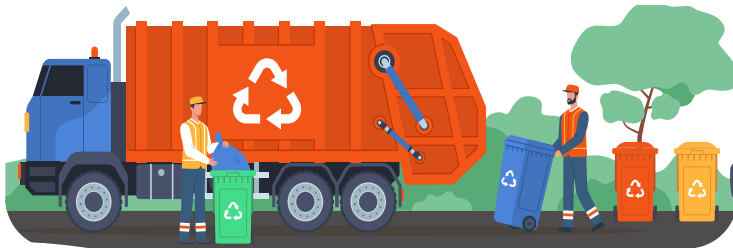


- With the arrival of warmer temperatures, many people open windows or sliding glass doors while they are at home. Always remember to close and lock your windows and doors before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Remember to lock any shed, storage unit, or garage you have on your property.
- Be aware 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.

Refuse Program

Oakwood has one of the most comprehensive refuse collection, disposal and recycling programs in the Dayton region. Our services include:

- Backdoor pickup of weekly household trash.
- Backdoor pickup of co-mingled recyclables including paper, newspaper, glass, plastic, cardboard, and metal cans.
- Monthly yard debris (green waste) pickup.
- Special pickups for disposal of larger household items.
- Fall leaf pickup and conversion of leaves to mulch, with free “do-it-yourself” pickup or delivery back to residents for a fee.
- Dumpsters for efficient disposal of remodeling debris from “do-it-yourself” projects, or other household or yard items.
- The recycling facility located at the entrance of the public works yard, 210 Shafor Boulevard, accommodates the 24/7/365 drop-off of green waste (yard debris), cardboard, and co-mingled recyclables such as glass, plastics and metal cans.
- Opportunities for residents to dispose of large household items and other debris through the monthly drop-off at the Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard. This is open from 8 a.m. until 12 noon on the first Saturday of each month.



April/May City Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular public sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 1 and Monday, May 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. 5.203 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 afterward. 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.

2023 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Due April 15

The city of Oakwood has a mandatory filing requirement for all residents. Every individual, 18 years of age or older, who resides in Oakwood, or maintains Oakwood as their city of residency, 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 15, 2024. 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 website, and submit your request by April 15, 2024. As always, an extension of time to file your returns does not extend the time to pay your taxes. All taxes paid after April 15, 2024 will be subject to a 15% late payment penalty and interest.

The 2023 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 2023 City of Oakwood income tax return online. Visit the city's website for additional information.

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood return, please contact the Tax Department at (937) 298-0531. 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 12 and 15, when the office will be open until 6:00 p.m.

The Income Tax Department contracts with Fifth Third Bank to process tax payments and image tax documents. This allows tax payments to be processed efficiently and provides added security, eliminating most of our storage needs for paper records.

Individual and business tax returns, including income tax payments, should be mailed to:

**City of Oakwood, Ohio
P.O. Box 632195
Cincinnati, OH 2195**

For those who wish to save on postage, income tax returns may still be dropped off at our office or one of our drop boxes, located across the street or across from the dispatch center.



Honoring Paige and Bob Bartlett

Established to honor Paige and Bob Bartlett for their tremendous passion for the Dayton and Oakwood community, The Paige and Robert (Bob) Bartlett Jr. Memorial Scholarship serves as a tribute to their legacy and seeks to continue their passion for community service by supporting a student who is passionate about making a similar, profound impact on their community.



Visit oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org/scholarships for more information and to support this scholarship.

Update Your Information

Are you an Oakwood alum? We want to connect with you and make sure you're receiving all the latest alumni news, reunion information, and ways to connect with current students. Use the QR code to update your information.



Winter Grants

The Oakwood Schools Foundation continues to fulfill its mission to support and enhance the education of Oakwood students. On February 12, 2024, Emma Butler, OSF Trustee and Chair of the Grants and Programs Committee, presented School Board President John Wilson with an award of over \$12,000 to support new teacher-led initiatives in Oakwood schools. OSF, along with the district, the Oakwood Fine Arts Boosters, and the Parent Teacher Organizations of Smith Elementary, Harman School, and the Oakwood Junior and High School were able to fund seven grants during the winter grants cycle, bringing the combined number of grants funded this school year to 20 for a total of over \$50,000 to support unique and creative projects in all district schools.

This award was presented at the first school board meeting held in the new Rick and Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing, itself a product of a collaboration between the Foundation and District, made possible through the generous support of the Oakwood community, parents, and alumni both local and abroad.

The Oakwood Schools Foundation would like to recognize the care and generosity of our donors and the Oakwood community. We thank them for their annual support that makes this granting process possible and has resulted in over one million dollars in grants since 1991.

For more information on The Oakwood Schools Foundation grants and grants cycles, visit oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org.

FLOURISH
A Campaign for Oakwood's Performing & Visual Arts

Join us for a
DONOR DEDICATION

SATURDAY | 06 | APRIL
6:00 PM

Rick and Jane
Schwartz
Performing
Arts Wing

Scan here
to RSVP

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

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 Lauren Gentry at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org for assistance with these special events.

**Reunion Planning Time
Is Here!**

Homecoming & Reunion
Weekend 2024
**September
20 & 21**

Contact us with questions!
alumni@oakwoodschoools.org

Young@Art

Join YOUNG@ART, April 6, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. at Oakwood High School, hosted by Oakwood Fine Arts Boosters.

Celebrate student art with performances, visual art exhibits and crafts. Admission: \$10 for adults, free for kids/students. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets in advance.



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year began Feb. 26. To register for next year, youngsters must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2024.

Families must reside within the school district boundaries and demonstrate proof of residence as outlined in the District's Residency Guidelines found on the district website. To review the school guidelines and begin the online registration process, scan the QR Code.



Rick & Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing Unveiled

(continued from cover)

"This Performing Arts Wing is a testament to the values we hold dear in Oakwood – a commitment to excellence, a dedication to nurturing talent, and an unwavering belief in the potential of every student," Superintendent Dr. Neil Gupta said.

This significant addition, funded by the Oakwood Schools Foundation's Flourish Campaign, brings new state-of-the-art space for band, orchestra and choir students to fully realize their musical potential.

"Jane and I believe this great new facility will have an everlasting impact. It's our hope and dream that what happens inside this space will inspire Oakwood students to a lifelong love of the arts. We know that love will be life-changing, life-nourishing and life-affirming."

-Rick Schwartz



Rick and Jane Schwartz, graduates of the class of 1967, donated more than \$2.6 million, helping launch the bold fundraising initiative. The new wing creates an additional 8,800 square feet of student space that houses three classrooms, two practice rooms, instrument storage areas and faculty offices. A formal donor recognition ceremony is scheduled for April 6, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Oakwood Senior selected for United States Senate Youth Program



Senior Wright Chen represented Ohio in the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) in Washington, D.C. in March. The extremely competitive merit-based program provides only two high school students from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity, with an opportunity to participate in an intensive week-long study of the federal government and the people who run it.

"I started screaming when I received the email; I was in disbelief," Chen said. "I was most excited to meet senators and high-status figures such as Supreme Court Justices, along with other students from across the country." Chen also receives a \$10,000 scholarship for undergraduate study, which he plans to use at Columbia University this fall. An accomplished Oakwood student, Chen holds a 4.55 GPA, serves as president of the Senior Class, is the golf team captain, sings in the a cappella group, and is highly involved in several clubs and associations.

Throughout the eight-day experience, Chen spent time with Senator Sherrod Brown and Senator J.D. Vance. Before departing on the trip, Chen shared his appreciation for learning first-hand about American government and the importance of democratic decision making. "I'm just very grateful," Chen said. "The opportunity is unmatched, and I will make the most of it. I want to thank everyone who helped me, including my parents."

Save the Date!

Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Ceremony to be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024, 4 p.m. At the NCR Country Club. For reservations contact Sandi Branham, 937-297-5332 or branham.sandi@oakwoodschoools.org.



Dates to Remember

APR 2024

8 No School for Students and Staff

15 7 p.m. Oakwood Board of Education Regular Meeting

MAY 2024

6 No School for Students and Staff PD Day

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

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

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Making significant change is the American way. Set your sights on these notable game changers that have shaped the world we live in:

The Personal Life of John D. Rockefeller

April 15 at 7 p.m.

A virtual history presentation with Susan Cannavino. Register at wrightlibrary.org/events

James Garfield History Mystery Book Talk

April 25 at 7 p.m.

Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President

President Teddy Roosevelt and Alice: An Intimate Portrait of a Father and Daughter

June 6 at 7 p.m.

A virtual history presentation with Susan Cannavino. Register at wrightlibrary.org/events

wrightlibrary.org/bookclubs

Find the one that's right for you:

Monthly Wright Library Book Club

April 9 at 7 p.m.

American Eclipse: A Nation's Epic Race to Catch the Shadow of the Moon and Win the Glory of the World by David Baron.

May 14 at 7 p.m.

The Secrets of Love Story Bridge by Phaedra Patrick.

The Next Chapter Book Club

Meets Mondays 6 p.m.

For adults with developmental disabilities.

Family Dinner Book Club

Stop by Wright Library and enter to win a new title each month!



APRIL: *What's Cooking at 10 Garden Street? Recipes for Kids From Around the World* by Felicita Sala.

MAY: *Dumplings for Lili* by Melissa Iwai.

Read at Wright

Storytime at Wright Library

For littles, siblings, and caregivers

Baby Storytime (ages 0-18 months) Mondays at 10:30 a.m.

Terrific Tales (ages 3-5 years) Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Books & Blocks (ages 18-36 months) Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Paws to Read on "Woof Wednesdays"

April 24 & May 15 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. (grades K-6)

Reading to a therapy dog promotes a positive association with reading. Child must be able to read independently for one 15-minute time slot. Registration preferred. Walk-ins accepted pending availability.

Teen Breakfast & Books

April 13 & May 11 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

PJs, breakfast, and casual book discussions.



Wright Library Poets

April 16 & May 21 at 7 p.m.

Open writing group

Teen Exam Break

May 28, 29, and 30 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (grades 7-12)

Recharge at Wright Library between exams with food, therapy dogs, and friends. *Sponsored by the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation.*

Teen Amazing Race

April 27 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wright Library after-hours. Register your team at wrightlibrary.org/events



Mayor Duncan issued a proclamation recognizing National Library Week with Library Ambassadors and WMPL's Youth Service Coordinator.

Discover the Possibilities at Wright Library during National Library Week

April 7 - 13

Wright Library is a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. Find books, resources, and programs to prepare for a new career, launch a business, raise a family, or achieve a personal best. Wright Library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.



#WrightLibrary #NationalLibraryWeek



Solar Eclipse Viewing

April 8 from 1:30 - 3:45 p.m.

Katherine Wright Park. *Bring your own eclipse viewing glasses or pin hole viewer.*

Visit Wright Library in April for these environmentally conscious programs and see the progress of our native plant sun and shade gardens.

Family Fun with Earth Day

April 20 - drop in between
10:30 a.m. - Noon



Quilt Lawns and Ancestor Trees

April 20 at 2 p.m. with Dr. Ryan McEwan from the University of Dayton

Aullwood Audubon's Rich History Ongoing Efforts to Help the Bird Population Rebound

April 21 at 2 p.m. with Nenita Lapitan from the Aullwood Audubon Center
Watch in-person or register for Zoom at wrightlibrary.org/events

The Far Hills Speaker Series is presented by the Oakwood Historical Society and Wright Library.

Dayton Area Wild Ones and Wright Library Welcome: Homegrown National Park

May 16 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Drop in for Hands-on Activities for Adults and Kids

Spring Crafts for All Ages

April 14 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Crochet & Connect

April 14 at 3 p.m.

Kid's Crafts for Mother's Day

May 6 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Crafty Kids (pre-K to grade 3)

Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Tween Hangout

Starts April 9
Tuesdays after school
from 3:15-4:30 p.m.



Stay Cool with the Summer Reading Challenge

Over the summer, kids can lose up to 20% of their reading comprehension, so join Wright Library for a summer adventure for kids and adults.

May 18: Join us at **That Day in May** for SRC kickoff and registration.

June 1 - July 31: Adults and Kids - read for prizes all summer long.



SIGNPOSTS OF DYING: Wise Practices to Guide the Process

Saturday, May 4 at 1 p.m.

Wright Library welcomes Dr. Martha Jo Atkins, nationally renowned speaker and author of *Signposts of Dying*, for a unique workshop on death and dying.



This program is intended to open space for healing, conversation, and consideration about what it means to be alive.

As a professional counselor, Dr. Atkins guides individuals and families through end-of-life journeys, helping them cultivate peacefulness, supporting physical/emotional/spiritual care, and facilitating meaningful good-byes for the dying person and the ones who love them.

Learn more about Dr. Atkins at marthajoatkins.com

Made possible with funds from the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation.



Near Death, Rescue, & the Search for Meaning

May 2 at 7 p.m.

Presented by authors and survivors Dean and Rose Waggenpack.

Wills & Trusts

May 5 at 2 p.m.

Presented by attorney Jeff Winwood and Coolidge Wall.

Advance Directives Seminar

June 20 at 11 a.m.

Presented by attorney George Lovett.

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Engineering & Public Works
937-298-0777

Finance
937-298-0402

Income Tax
937-298-0531

Leisure Services/Horticulture
937-298-0775

Human Resources
937-298-0411

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937-297-2920

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937-298-2122

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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 13 to May 11. 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.

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 published 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.

