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CITY NEWS | Ice Cream Social



The annual Ice Cream Social will be held this year at Shafor Park from 3:30 – 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 11. Tickets for this event include a chicken dinner, drink and ice cream. Advance tickets are available for purchase at the OCC. Oakwood Clubs and Organizations may set up a table in the “Avenue of Organizations” by contacting Karen Earley at the OCC. Call 298-0775 for additional information.

SCHOOL NEWS | The Oakwood Alumni Plaza

After nearly three years in the making, the Oakwood Alumni Plaza will become a reality this fall thanks to the partnership between Oakwood Schools and The Oakwood Schools Foundation. The plaza, funded entirely by private donations, will provide a welcome addition to the most used entrance at Oakwood Junior High and Oakwood High School.

“We always appreciate The Oakwood Schools Foundation’s support for our students and staff in the classroom with grants, and are now enjoying this expanded partnership and support of our continued focus on facilities. As critical members of our team, OSF has assisted us in completing Lane Stadium a few years ago, developing the new Oakwood Alumni Plaza and will in the future help us to enhance the arts,” Oakwood Schools Superintendent Dr. Kyle Ramey said. *(Continued on page 9)*

LIBRARY NEWS | Boonshoft Star Lab visits for Read-a-Thon on the Lawn

Boonshoft Star Lab visits Wright Library for Read-a-Thon on the Lawn event Aug. 10

Gather with friends and neighbors on Aug. 10 on Wright Library’s front lawn for the third annual Read-a-Thon on the Lawn. Enjoy a day of events to celebrate an amazing summer of reading.

This year’s celebration on Aug. 10 will feature the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery’s Star Lab, a mobile planetarium show that brings the night sky to the library. *(Continued on page 10)*

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P3: ANNUAL COMMUNITY DOCUMENT SHRED The annual shred is scheduled for Saturday, September 28

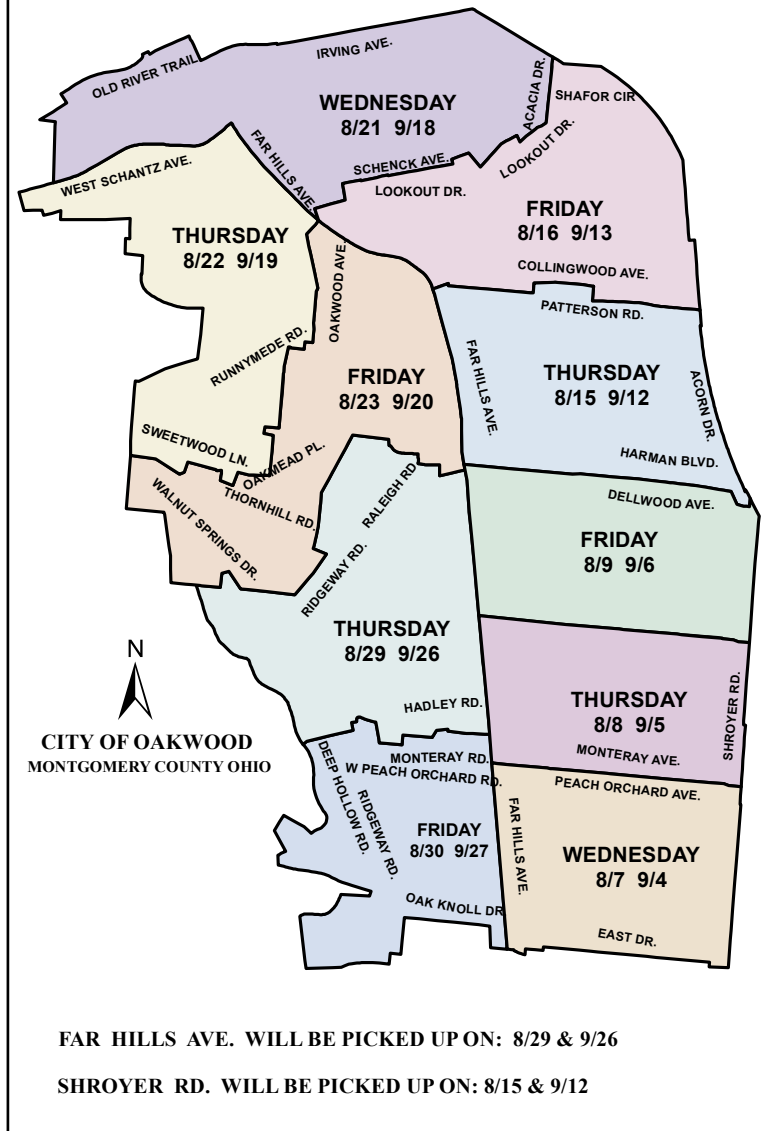
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Oakwood Community Center Events

- August 7 from 2 – 4 p.m. “Orchardly Park Craft Day” at Orchardly Park. Projects are most appropriate for ages 3-6, but all ages are welcome. A parent or guardian must be in the park with the participating child. Registration is not required.
- Junior High Dance: Friday, September 6 from 9:30 – 11 p.m. after the home football game.
- 11th Annual Dog Splash. Gardner Pool will hold its annual “Dog Splash” from 1 – 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 8. You must register in advance at the OCC and bring a copy of vaccination records.
- Annual Homecoming Hot Dog Supper. This annual family event will be held at the OCC from 5:30 – 7 p.m. before the Homecoming parade and bonfire on Wednesday, October 2. Bring the whole family for dinner, then walk to the bonfire and show your support for the Lumberjacks!

August/September Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 5 and Monday, September 16. 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. Citizens are invited to attend any of these meetings. The regular sessions are televised live on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Tuner Ch. 5.03 and ATT Uverse Ch. 99). Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net for broadcast times. Within a day or two after the regular sessions, meeting videos can also be viewed online at the city’s website: www.oakwoodohio.gov.

Labor Day Refuse Collections

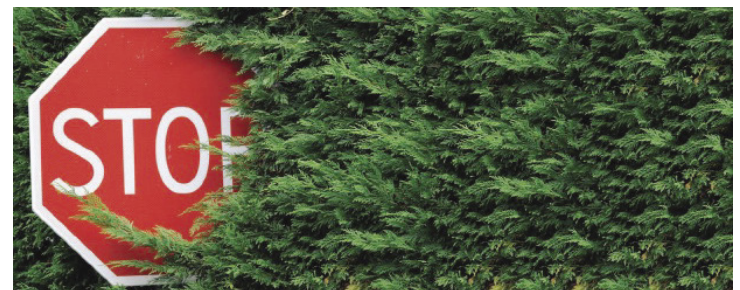
City offices will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day. Refuse collection will be one day later than usual that week. Monday’s route will be collected Tuesday; Tuesday’s route will be collected Wednesday; Wednesday’s route will be collected Thursday; and Thursday’s route will be collected Friday.

Special Pickups

To arrange for a special pickup (furniture, appliances, etc.), please contact the public works department at 298-0777. Items for special pickup must be placed on a driveway or other paved surface and must be accessible by city equipment. Special pickups are not available during the fall leaf collection season from mid-October through the end of the year, so please plan your projects accordingly.

2019 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project

The 2019 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Repair Project in the area bounded by Far Hills, Aberdeen, Shroyer and East Drive is completed. The purpose of the project is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. Please contact Streets Foreman David Shuey at 298-0777 with any questions or concerns regarding the work.



Brush and Branch Trimming

Please take a few minutes this summer to inspect the trees and shrubs on your property frontage. City ordinances require a clear height of 8 feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet above the street. Also, vegetation should be cut so that it does not restrict your view as you pull out of your driveway. If you live on a corner lot, be sure that motorists have a clear line of sight from each side of the intersection. Citizens residing near stop signs and other street signs must ensure that vegetation does not obstruct the signs.

Annual Community Document Shred Event

The city contracted with Shred-It, a mobile document destruction company, to be at the J. D. Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. on Saturday, September 28 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. to provide document destruction services. Besides paper products, Shred-It has the capability to destroy microfilm, microfiche, and other material of a secure or confidential nature. All material will be destroyed beyond recognition on-site and, if recyclable, will be baled and shipped to paper mills to be manufactured into new paper products. Any non-recyclable material processed will be disposed of in a secure location. If you have confidential papers or other material of a private nature being stored at your home and would like to have it destroyed, please take advantage of this opportunity. There will be individuals on-hand to assist you with unloading your documents. This event is free of charge.



Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project

The city of Oakwood and Oakwood Beautification Committee will again offer trees for purchase through the Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and the tree species will be available in mid to late September at the OCC and on the City website. Oakwood property owners may choose from four or five varieties of trees. The trees selected will be approximately 2 inches in diameter and will be discounted at 50%. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at the discounted price but must be planted in the city right-of-way (property frontage). Trees will be planted in the latter part of November or early December. They will be planted by a local nursery, wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season. Call the OCC at 298-0775 for more information.

Shafor Park Tennis Court Repairs

In 2018, the tennis courts were rebuilt, but several defects were later identified. The initial work to correct these defects was completed this summer. Next spring and summer, the contractor will remove and replace the surface asphalt on all five tennis courts. All of this work is being done under warranty with no cost to the city or to the Oakwood Schools.

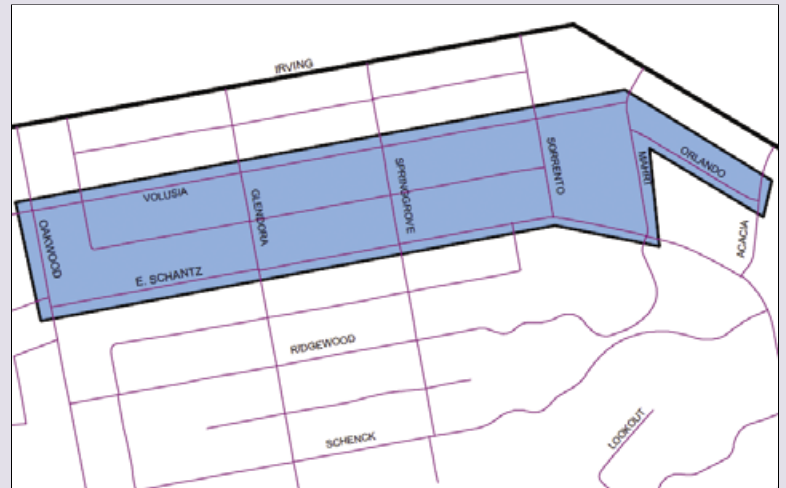
Pre-School Story Hour at Smith Gardens

The OCC, in conjunction with the Wright Memorial Public Library presents another "Story Hour at Smith Gardens". Spend a magical morning in the Gardens as a Youth Services Librarian reads enchanting stories to your preschoolers. The event is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 23. In case of rain, meet in the Garden House.

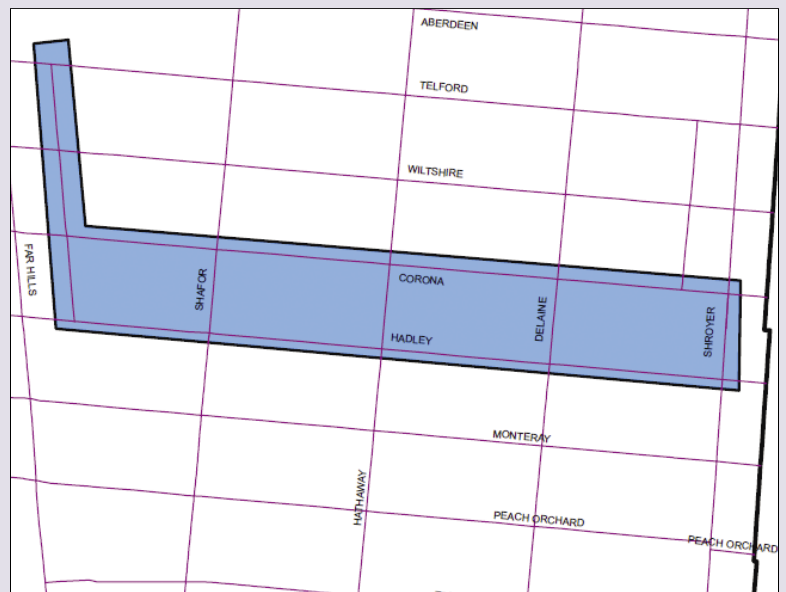
2019 Vectren Gas Line Improvements

Vectren is currently replacing underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in the Oakwood neighborhoods identified in blue on the maps below. In both work areas, Vectren 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 Vectren infrastructure replacement project in Oakwood. Oakwood residents personally affected by the work will receive detailed information from Vectren. Please feel free to contact Public Works Inspector/Foreman Tom Long at 298-0777 with questions about the work.

NORTHERN SECTION



SOUTHERN SECTION





Smith Gardens Blanket Concert Series – Puzzle of Light

The third and final concert this year features **Puzzle of Light** and takes place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 4 at Smith Gardens. In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Oakwood Community Center Great Room at 105 Patterson Road.

Puzzle of Light is a group of musicians with individual musical backgrounds and experience ranging from jazz and rock to ethnic and world music. Their music is both technically exciting and emotionally deep, earning the quintet standing ovations everywhere. Puzzle of Light's original and experimental music demonstrates their respect for nature, as well as world cultures and thus they are sought-after by colleges performing arts venues, nature centers and outdoor garden amphitheaters. One of the band members, Michael Bashaw, will assemble a sculpture to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Smith Gardens prior to the performance. This performance will also include audience participation so be sure not to miss this concert!

Free CPR Training

Cardiac arrests are more common than one might think, and can happen to anyone at any time. Nearly 400,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests occur annually in the United States and more than 80 percent of these occur at home. Many victims appear healthy with no known heart disease or other risk factors. Cardiac arrest may occur due to a heart condition, but can also be caused by electrical shocks, accidents, or severe injuries. Even individuals who might appear to be healthy, including children, can suffer from a cardiac arrest. CPR, if performed in the first few minutes of cardiac arrest, can double or triple a person's chance of survival. While the Oakwood Public Safety Department's response time of 2-3 minutes is among the fastest in Ohio and the nation, in these medical emergencies every second counts.

Given that most cardiac arrests occur in the home, it would wise for everyone to know at least the basics of CPR and the techniques for performing CPR. The Oakwood Public Safety Department has several CPR Instructors on staff and will conduct a CPR training event from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 5 and 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 17. The event is free to all Oakwood residents. Please contact the OCC at 298-0775 to reserve a seat.

Back to School Safety Tips

As summer comes to an end and students prepare for a new school year, the Oakwood Public Safety Department offers the following back to school safety tips:

Tips for Drivers

Drivers need to be aware that school is back in session and students will be walking and riding their bicycles to and from school.

- Watch for children running into the street in and around intersections and always come to a complete stop at stop signs.
- Watch for children entering the street from behind parked vehicles.
- When driving your child to school, deliver and pick them up in a designated area.
- Watch your speed when entering schools zones. Traffic safety is one of the cornerstones of law enforcement services provided by the Oakwood Public Safety Department and school zone speed limits are strictly enforced.

Tips for Walkers

As a walking community, Oakwood pedestrian traffic drastically increases when a new school year starts. Parents and students should be cautious of their surroundings as they commute to and from school.

- Pay attention to all traffic signals.
- If crossing Far Hills Avenue, cross at one of the four designated locations where a crossing guard is located (Far Hills Avenue & Aberdeen Avenue, Far Hills Avenue & Park Avenue, Far Hills Avenue & Patterson Road, and Five Points intersection).
- Plan a safe walking route to school. Choose the most direct route with fewest street crossings.
- Look both ways when crossing a street, even if you have a green light.

Bicycle Safety Tips

Bicycles are a popular way for students in Oakwood to commute to and from school.

- Don't take short cuts; follow the same path of travel as if you were walking to and from school.
- Always wear a bike helmet that is properly sized.
- Ensure the bike is properly maintained.
- Avoid wearing headphones. Music can be distracting and cause a person to ignore potential hazards.

Personal Safety for Kids

- Encourage your children to be alert and aware of their surroundings.
- Teach your children to report suspicious persons to you, teachers, police officers or other responsible adults.
- If encountered by a suspicious vehicle or person, children should take notice of the color and model of vehicle, license plate number, detailed description of subject including clothing, and any other distinguishing marks.

Please discuss these safety tips with your children. Do not assume your child knows what to do.



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 home, 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.

May 2019 Winners

Kurt & Stephanie Houdeshell	300 Oakwood Avenue
Kevin Jones	215 Pointe Oakwood Way
Laura Enzbrenner	69 E. Dixon Avenue
Brad & Jane Lynch	152 Patterson Road
Jonathon & Tamiko Ritschel	117 Forrer Boulevard
Thomas & Judith Thompson	239 Forrer Boulevard
Carol Andrews	116 Monterey Avenue
Beth Roederer	332 East Drive
Michael & Marci Verdon	2614 Deep Hollow Lane
Mark & Betty Hughes	106 Oak Knoll Drive

June 2019 Winners

Carl & Kathleen Carlson	222 Glendora Avenue
Dean Parmelee	400 Schenck Avenue
Scott & Holly Fischer	220 E. Dixon Avenue
Marsha Tolle	244 Harman Boulevard
The Spikes Family	105 Aberdeen Avenue
Camela Furry	424 Aberdeen Avenue
Nancy Nichols & Darci Gerber	357 Monterey Avenue
Carol Fleck	416 E. Peach Orchard Avenue
Andrew & Carla Fiden	1312 Devereux Drive
David & Judith Duwel	1492 Ridgeway Road

New City Website

Oakwood recently launched a new city website. The address is www.oakwoodohio.gov. The website provides a whole new user experience and interface that adapts to all devices including phones, tablets, laptops, and desktops. In addition to providing a wide variety of information about city events and services, the site offers type-ahead search, easy access to frequently asked questions, bill paying, and issue reporting. The site also includes an easy way for users to comment on the site contents and features, and to make suggestions on improvements.

Concrete Street Repairs

The city is completing concrete roadway repairs on sections of Ridgeway Road, Park Avenue, Fairforest Circle and E. Schantz Avenue. Thanks to all residents living in the construction areas for their patience and understanding during the period of disruption.

Citizen Police Academy

The Oakwood Public Safety Department is accepting applications for the 2019 Citizen Police Academy (CPA). The course takes place from September 11 through November 13. It consists of a ten-week curriculum educating participants about the functions of the Oakwood Public Safety Department. Classes will be held at the City Building from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. every Wednesday. Oakwood Safety Department personnel will instruct a different subject each week with the goal creating greater understanding and appreciation of police work, and an introduction to fire prevention. The CPA is free of charge, and class size is limited to the first 12 applicants. Applicants must be an Oakwood resident or employed in the city of Oakwood, at least 21 years of age and pass a limited background check. Applications are available at the Safety Department office or on the city's website, www.oakwoodohio.gov. The deadline to register is August 16. For additional information, please contact Captain Kevin Pruszyński at 298-2122.

Oakwood Farmers' Market



The Oakwood Farmers' Market will host its third annual Fall Fest on Saturday, September 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The market invites the community to join in celebrating another great farmers' market season. There will be plenty of festivities for the entire family throughout the event, including LIVE music all day, many kids' activities including a bounce house, and of course all the vendors you've come to love throughout the season. Plan to come hungry, as several food trucks will be in attendance, including beer from Warped Wing Brewery! The Oakwood Farmers' Market is located at 22 Orchard Drive, and is open seasonally on Saturdays. For more information, visit www.oakwoodfarmersmarket.org.

Classics on the Lawn Returns for its 9th Year

The Oakwood Historical Society's 9th annual Classics on the Lawn car show will take place on August 18 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Long-Romspert Homestead and House Museum. Committee Chairman Brian Mettling suggests the timing makes it possible for families to view the cars, enjoy a live band, and eat an early, casual dinner at the Homestead. The cars exhibited are specially selected from local museums, car clubs, and private owners. It is exclusively a car-by-invitation show. "Quality over quantity" is how Mettling describes it.

As the founder of the event and past President of the Society, Mark Risley explains how the event originated. "Ten years ago Society Board members wanted to hold a summer event that would draw more community members to the Homestead. I suggested a car show primarily because I'm an avid vintage car aficionado." Mark thought that hosting a historical car show also worked well with the Society's mission.

Admitting he had little experience, Risley writes, "I started by attending various car shows and made contact with local car owners. At British Car Day in 2011, I met the organizers of the British Transportation Museum in Dayton." Risley notes that meeting people who are dedicated to preserving our motoring heritage through education and vehicle preservation marked a turning point for him. It convinced him that the Society could host its own mini "Concours d'Elegance" in Oakwood. "You know, the Society's tagline, 'Make History With Us?' suddenly took on real-time meaning to me," said Risley.

The first Classics on the Lawn in August 2011 featured 30 British cars. About 100 people attended and, keeping with the British theme, Oakwood's Central Perc European Café supplied the food. People who came to see the cars also toured the house museum and Homestead outbuildings. The event achieved the goals Risley had envisioned.

Still supported by British Transportation Museum, but wanting to broaden the range of cars presented, the Society later collaborated with America's Packard Museum - The Citizens Motorcar Co. Nine cars were shown, most notably automobiles by Rolls-Royce, Austin, Chevrolet and even a rare Amphicar. The Society has continued to partner with the Packard Museum each year, and although as many as 54 automobiles have been shown in a given year, the guiding principle in planning has been to present quality of cars over quantity. The formula is working: over 300 people attended the 2018 show.

In planning the event, Risley explains, "Exhibition cars are hand-selected from his personal, ever-growing contact list of private collectors, local museums, and visits to other car shows and cruise-ins." The field of collectable automobiles now includes the finest examples of original, restored, historical, special interest and exotic

cars in the Dayton area. "Classics on the Lawn is a unique car show. It is non-competitive and geared toward building relationships among car owners. The atmosphere created is a thank you to owners for their efforts in preserving automotive history.

Risley's vision has had positive ripple effects extending beyond the Society's mission. With his contacts in the car community, Risley has been instrumental in arranging for classic car owners to participate in Oakwood's That Day in May Parade and the October Woodland Days tours at Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.

It was a difficult decision for Risley to relinquish chairmanship of the event to Board Treasurer Mettling this year. "He's ready," said Risley, "and he loves cars even more than I do." Risley acknowledges it was a lot of hard work and quite the adventure. He got to watch Classics on the Lawn grow in size and prestige; he knows he was part of something that will continue indefinitely. Risley helped the Society "Make history..."

See the Oakwood Historical Society's website:
www.oakwoodhistory.org for more information.



Oakwood Historical Society
9th Annual

Classics on the Lawn Car Show
August 18th 2019
12 - 4 pm

Family Event
- Open House -
- BBQ -
- Kona Ice -
- Live Music -

1947 Far Hills Ave

New Tree for Forrer Boulevard

Dan and Leigh Turben have lived on the corner of Forrer and Shafor Boulevards for almost 30 years, where they have enjoyed the spacious green medians. When Oakwood recently lost a tree on Forrer, Dan offered to purchase a new tree for the boulevard. . . and what a tree it is! It is a sturdy, red oak that stands nearly 20 feet in the air. His hope is that this tree will provide its lush, green canopy for the next 100 years. If anyone else would like to donate a tree to our beautiful city, call Carol Collins or Brian Caldwell at the Oakwood Community Center.



Rotary Club Officers Tour Oakwood's Historical Home

Officers of the Rotary Club of Oakwood held their Board meeting at the Long Romspert Homestead and House Museum. Members of the 18-person Board enjoyed meeting in a space that holds such historical significance for our community.

Society volunteer Phyllis Niemeyer Miller served as hostess while impersonated Ethel Romspert, granddaughter-in-law of Henry and Harriet Long, as she treated the group to a full tour of the house and grounds. It was Ethel Romspert who donated the property to the Society in 1985. Miller wore a long black skirt and vintage white-collared blouse; an outfit similar to what Ethel might have worn in 1919.

Rotary member Carol Collins wrote of the tour, "The fact that a lot of research has gone into the house and grounds is phenomenal. How lucky Oakwood is to have this community treasure to share."

Attending the meeting were Rotary President Scott Fischer, President-Elect Bruce Reger, Secretary and Secretary-Elect Cathy Campbell and Kristi Hale, Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect Jane Voisard and Doug Hammer, Foundation Liaison Carol Collins, Club Service Director Jerry Alter, Community Service Director Eric Hutton, Development Director Stefan Susta, Vocational Director Lisa Emmel, Membership Director Polly Petricola, New Generations Director John Ferneding, and Sergeant at Arms Rob Stephens.



Phyllis Niemeyer Miller, alias Ethel Romspert, tells the stories of the Romspert and Long families of Oakwood.



Programs Sponsored by the Oakwood Historical Society

Linda Pearson, chair of Oakwood Historical Society's Education Committee, conducts a series of programs open to people of all ages who have an interest in learning domestic skills practiced in the past and applicable to the today. These two-hour programs begin at 1:30 p.m. and are held at the Long-Romspert Homestead and House Museum. The cost is \$15 per class and includes all materials, recipes, and things to take home.

Aug 25 – So You Want to Learn How to Sew?! - Learn sewing and mending basics, and maybe get started on a small sampler.

Sept 22 - Preserving the Harvest - Explore tried-and-true techniques for preserving, canning, and drying.

October 6 - Fat Rascals, Butter & Tea - Create your own Yorkshire afternoon tea.

See the Oakwood Historical Society's website: www.oakwoodhistory.org for more information.

The Oakwood Schools Foundation Awards \$23,187 In Scholarships



At the Class of 2019 Awards Recognition Program in May, OSF awarded \$23,187 in college scholarships to 17 seniors graduating from Oakwood High School. The 2019 recipients are: Janet Bourne Memorial Scholarship (Julia Guzman); David R. Collins, OHS Class of 1950, Scholarship (Claire Aguiar); Comeback Award (Mahmoud Elbasiouny); Robert L. Davidson, Sr. Creative Writing Award (Jaclyn Herd); Dr. Robert W. Gaines, Jr., OHS '60, Young Men's Golf Award (Alex Grant); Scott Harman Memorial Scholarship and Thomas Neff Memorial Scholarship (Tommy Lunne); Hon. Elizabeth Simms Gutmann Scholarship (Charlie Ross); Centennial Scholarship (Sam Lahmon), Leslie Simms Nagel Creative Writing Scholarship (Elijah Davis-Galentine); Pam & Chip Seidl Scholarship (Jack Henry); Kevin Lauterbach Memorial Scholarship for the Arts (Taylor Shineman); Centennial Scholarship and Susan Herman GLOW Scholarship (Gabby Schalm); Barbara Nichols O'Hara Scholarship (Mary Kidwell); Susan Herman GLOW Scholarship (Lainey Teeters); Rader-Drummer Family Scholarship (Ben Aidt); Loran & Alberta Warner Scholarship (Molly Beutel); and Helen & Louis Wozar Scholarship (Michael O'Hara).

The Oakwood Schools Foundation would like to sincerely thank the individuals and families who established these scholarships, as well as the donors who contribute to these important funds each year.

Lori Morris Receives Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award



Congratulations to Lori Morris, OHS English teacher and Academic Decathlon advisor, for being selected as the 2019 recipient of the Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award. The award, presented each spring, honors a current Oakwood teacher who uniquely inspires the full potential of each student with whom he or she works.

The Parker Award was established in 2011 by Mrs. Beverly Parker, former Harman teacher, in loving memory of her husband, Bob.

"We feel such a close bond with the Oakwood education system. We have always believed the teachers in the Oakwood Schools are exceptional and give much of themselves for the betterment of the children in our community," Parker said. "Our family cannot think of a better way to give back to the schools than to honor the special teachers who go above and beyond what is expected of them. This award is one way we can show our appreciation and gratitude for all they do for our children."

In nominating Morris for the award, one parent wrote, "Lori Morris shows her students not just how to succeed, but how to lead. Her upperclassmen are taught to shape, encourage and champion younger students while experiencing the profound satisfaction that comes from being a mentor. She has built a symbiotic team of competitive learners, with a contagious drive to excel."

The Oakwood Schools Foundation congratulates Morris on being the ninth recipient of The Parker Love of Teaching Award and thanks all the alumni, parents, students, teachers and community members who nominated teachers and wrote letters of support. The Foundation thanks Bev Parker for her generosity and vision in establishing this important award.

Pursuing its mission, "Enhancing Excellence in Education," the Oakwood Schools Foundation provides significant annual support for quality initiatives, including teacher and administrative grants, scholarships and special wish list items. For more information about the Oakwood Schools Foundation, please contact Dante Connell, Director, at 297-5332 or contact@oakwoodschoollfoundation.org or visit our website at: <https://www.oakwoodschoollfoundation.org/community/osf>



The Oakwood Schools
FOUNDATION

Enhancing Excellence in Education

Oakwood Schools Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

The Oakwood Schools Foundation welcomes three new members to its Board of Trustees.

Kevin Jones, OHS '82, Yusaku Kawai, OHS '00 and Linda Woods are the newest elected members of The Oakwood Schools Foundation's Board of Trustees, and their board terms began July 1.

"These individuals are deeply committed to our community and to our schools," said Dante Connell, OSF Director. "We look forward to their active participation on our Board of Trustees and in the Foundation's ongoing efforts to enhance excellence in education for Oakwood students."



Kevin Jones



Yusaku Kawai



Linda Woods

The Oakwood Alumni Plaza *(Continued from front page)*



Work began on the Oakwood Alumni Plaza in June. An official ceremony dedicating the finished plaza will be held this fall.

OSF led the fundraising effort to construct the Alumni Plaza near the south entrance of OJH on East Schantz Ave. This entrance is the primary entry to the complex used not only by students, faculty and staff, but also by visitors, parents and sporting event attendees. The plaza will transform this outdoor space into a durable location serving many purposes including: a venue for Oakwood students and community members, an outdoor classroom for instruction, a small gathering area for band/orchestra performances, and an area for pre-game events.

"We are pleased to honor our alumni through the Alumni Plaza project," OSF Director Dante Connell said. "The generous donations from alumni and community members greatly assisted OSF in taking this project from concept to reality."

The concept of the Alumni Plaza evolved in the fall of 2017 when a member of the Class of 1967 wanted to learn about the needs of OHS. In reviewing those needs, it was the proposal of an "Alumni Plaza" to be installed in one of the most highly traveled areas on the OHS/OJH campus that intrigued the alum, representing a private foundation. With support from alumni, current students and their families, and Oakwood residents, the necessary funds were collected and work began in June.

The plaza will feature a beautiful sign identifying the building, brick pavers recognizing those who contributed to the project and various seating options. The design for the plaza also addressed the drainage issues in the area.

An official ceremony dedicating the area to Oakwood Schools and its students past, present and future will be held this fall. For more information on The Oakwood Schools Foundation and its partnership with Oakwood Schools, visit the group's website at <https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/osf>.

Distinguished Alumni Awards Kick Off Homecoming Weekend 2019

The Oakwood Alumni Association will honor nine recipients at the 9th Distinguished Alumni Awards. The cocktail hour and awards banquet will be held at the NCR Country Club Thursday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. The Distinguished Alumni Awards honor alumni who have made significant accomplishments in their careers or community service while maintaining high standards in personal integrity and character. This year's honorees are:

- Barbara Winston Blackmun, '45
- Don Williams, '48
- Charles and Ann (Harlamert) Simms, '50 and '52 respectively
- Dale Hatfield, '56
- Dr. Douglas Payne, '58
- Irvin G. Bieser, '59
- Barbara Mokrzycki Sanderson, '64
- Diane "Dee Dee" Granzow Simpson, '73

To purchase tickets for the Distinguished Alumni Awards call Alumni Director Amy Martin at 937-371-1479.

Homecoming Schedule of Events

Thursday, Oct. 3

- Distinguished Alumni Awards, 6 p.m. at NCR Country Club

Friday, Oct. 4

- Boosters Tailgate, 5:30 p.m.
- Football Game, 7:00 p.m.
- Oakwood Schools Foundation Come Back Lumberjacks Party (Dayton Country Club), 9 p.m. to midnight

Saturday, Oct. 5

- Tours of Oakwood High School, 10:00 a.m.
- Self-guided tours of Harman School and Smith Elementary, 2 to 4 p.m.

Come Back Lumberjacks



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
9PM TO MIDNIGHT
DAYTON COUNTRY CLUB

Alumni and Oakwood residents welcome
(Must be 21 or older)

For more information and to register for the event, visit our website at:
www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/OSF/come-back-lumberjacks

Join us...

for the after-game tailgate party! Music, appetizers, photo booth — fun and friends!



The Oakwood Schools
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August/September Calendar

AUGUST

9		OHS Freshman/New Student Orientation
9	9 a.m.	7th Grade Orientation
9	1 p.m.	New 8th Grade Students Orientation
13		First Day of School
19	7 p.m.	OJHS Open House
21	7 p.m.	OHS Open House

SEPTEMBER

19		OJHS/OHS Picture Day
25	5 p.m.	OJHS/OHS Parent/Teacher Conferences
27	7 p.m.	OJHS Dance

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

Get connected with Oakwood Schools!

Facebook: @OakwoodSchools
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YouTube: @Oakwood City School District

Reserved Football tickets are available at the athletic department.

2019-20 Student, Adult and Junior High Family athletic passes are on sale now and can be purchased at the Athletic Department, 297-5342.

Your source for information regarding our athletic teams and their schedules is <http://oakwoodschoools.net>.



Far Hills Music Series Celebrates 80 Years of Wright Library

Music will again fill Wright Library this fall as the Far Hills Music Series returns for its third season.

Sponsored by the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation, the series features both local and regional musicians. This year, each set will pay tribute in some way to the past 80 years of Wright Library. Free and open to the public, the series has developed a following since its debut in 2017, said Wright Library's Adult Services Coordinator Brian Potts.

Jimmy Leach Jazztet

Thursday, September 19

7:00 p.m.



Jimmy Leach leads the group as a singer and trumpeter and has performed with Johnny Mathis and Shirley Jones in addition to the Boston Symphony and at the Aspen Music Festival.

The Corndrinkers

Sunday, September 29

2:00 p.m.



A Miami Valley institution since the mid-1970s, the Corndrinkers are an old-time stringband that channels the sound and spirit of the "Golden Age" of country music- the 1920s and 1930s.

Jim McCutcheon

Thursday, October 10

7 p.m.



Known as The Guitar Man, Jim McCutcheon is a local gem whose broad repertoire ranging from classical guitar music from around the world to folk music of the USA.

Folias Duo

Thursday, October 17

7 p.m.



Andrew Bergeron and Carmen Maret are performers, composers, educators and entrepreneurs from Grand Rapids, Michigan known for their work as the Folias Duo. Folias Duo's 15 year flute and guitar collaboration has taken this nomadic

husband and wife duo to stages throughout the United States, Europe and South America. They appear annually on concert tours that showcase their fearless approach to performing new co-written compositions for flute and guitar.

Boonshoft Star Lab Visits Wright Library for Read-a-Thon on the Lawn Event Aug. 10

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Tickets for each showing will be distributed beginning at 10 a.m. in the children's room. Shows begin at 12 p.m., 12:45 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. Each show seats 25.

Read-a-Thon on the Law schedule:

- Storytime on the lawn with Miss Jacqui. 11–11:25 a.m.
- Kona Ice 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Group photo of readers on the lawn 11:25–11:30 a.m.
- Reading on the lawn 11:30–2 p.m.
- Star Lab from Boonshoft (tickets required) 12–12:30 p.m.; 12:45–1:15 p.m.; 1:30–2 p.m.
- Paws to Read 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Crafts 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Space Jam screening. Plays 2–4 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Floor seating, so bring your own blankets, pillows, and low chairs if you wish.

Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation Launches Annual Fundraising Campaign.

Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation launched its annual fundraising campaign this month as the library celebrates its 80th anniversary. The campaign theme "Celebrating 80 Years" honors the library's opening in 1939.

"As we celebrate Wright Library's 80th anniversary, the continued support we receive from our community is greatly appreciated. Our beloved library is a special place in Oakwood; it's a hub of education and entertainment, history and opportunity. We can continue this long-standing tradition from the generous donations received from our friends and neighbors," said Wright Library Foundation President Elaine Gounaris. Donors may support the Foundation with a tax-deductible gift by giving online at wrightlibrary.org/foundation, by mail at 1776 Far Hills Avenue; or in person at Wright Library.

Donations support the Library's mission by funding programs, materials, outreach, amenities and services that the Library could not otherwise provide the community.

Most recently, the Foundation funded a laptop lab for teaching computer classes at the library; Summer Reading Club prize books; an early learning computer station and tablets for the children's room; Wright Library's Book Peddler, a locally built book bike that takes library services into the community; the 2017 and 2018 Gingerbread Competition and Showcase, which puts local students to the test in teamwork and engineering as mates; and a Nintendo Switch and games for in-library gaming programs. The 2018 Far Hills Music Series and 2018 Disturbing the Peace film screening, filmmaker discussion, and conflict resolution workshop were also funded by the Foundation, as was a commissioned stained glass window for the north reading room.

Donations to the Foundation are invested and expended for the exclusive benefit of the library and operates as a component fund of the Dayton Foundation. Gifts may be made in honor or memory of an individual at wrightlibrary.org/foundation.

Library Events

AUGUST

- 1 **Tech Class: Security (A,R)** 10:30 a.m.
- 2 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m., **Reel Healing (E,T,A)** 1 p.m.,
1939 Film Series: Midnight 7 p.m.
- 5 **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.
- 6 **Tech Tutoring (A)** by appointment; **Tweens Game On!** 3:30 p.m.,
Game On! (T) 6:30 p.m.
- 7 **Tech Tutoring (A)** by appointment; **Tech Class: Getting Started with Lynda.com (A,R)** 7 a.m.
- 8 **Tech Class: Getting Started with Your iPad/iPhone (A,R)** 10:30 a.m.
- 10 **Paws to Read** 9:30 a.m., **Read-a-Thon on the Lawn** 11 a.m.
- 11 **Telling a People's Story on display in the library until Oct 5,**
Let's Go Lego (F) 2 p.m.
- 12 **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.
- 13 **Book Club (A)** 7 p.m.
- 14 **Tech Tutoring (A)** by appointment;
Tech Class: Internet Searching (A,R) 7 p.m.
- 15 **Tech Class: Getting Started with Your Android Device (A,R)**
10:30 a.m.
- 19 **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.
- 20 **Wright Library Poets (A)** 7 p.m.
- 21 **Tech Tutoring (A)** by appointment
- 23 **Storytime at Smith Gardens (I,P,E)** 10:30 a.m.
- 24 **Paws to Read at Oakwood Farmer's Market** 2 p.m.
- 26 **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.
- 28 **Tech Tutoring (A)** by appointment; **Tweens Game On!** 3:30 p.m.,
Game On! (T) 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 4 **Tech Tutoring (A)** by appointment; **Tweens Game On!** 3:30 p.m.
- 6 **Reel Healing (A)** 1 p.m.
- 8 **Let's Go Lego (F)** 2 p.m.
- 9 **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.
- 10 **Book Club (A)** 7 p.m.
- 11 **Tech Tutoring (A)** by appointment; **Teen Advisory Board (T)** 3:30 p.m.
- 12 **Family Night Out** 6 p.m.
- 16 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.; **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;
Teen Writing Club (T) 7 p.m.
- 17 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.; **Wright Library Poets (A)** 7 p.m.
- 18 **Tech Tutoring (A)** by appointment; **Tweens Game On!** 3:30 p.m.
- 19 **Far Hills Music Series: Jimmy Leach Jazztet (A,F)** 7 p.m.
- 20 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.; **Teens Game On!** 3:30 p.m.
- 21 **Family Special Event** 2 p.m.
- 22 **Let's Go Lego (F)** 2 p.m.
- 23 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.; **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;
Teen Writing Club (T) 7 p.m.
- 24 **Terrific Tales on Tuesday (P)** 10:30 a.m.
- 25 **Tech Tutoring (A)** by appointment; **Tweens Game On!** 3:30 p.m.
- 27 **Books & Blocks (I,P)** 10:30 a.m.; **Teens Game On!** 3:30 p.m.
- 28 **Paws to Read (E)** 10:30 p.m.
- 29 **Far Hills Music Series: The Corndrinkers (A,F)** 2 p.m.
- 30 **Baby Storytime (I)** 10:30 a.m.; **Next Chapter Book Club (AD)** 6 p.m.;
Teen Writing Club (T) 7 p.m.

KEY: (I) Infant, (P) Preschool, (E) Elementary, (T) Teen, (A) Adult,
(AD) Adults with Developmental Disabilities, (F) Family,
(R) Registration Required



Wright Library Adds New Computers, AWE Station for Learning Opportunities

Children at Wright Library have new technology tools to explore and learn.

Wright Library's children's technology was recently expanded and upgraded with new computers and the addition of an AWE computer.

Funded by the Library Foundation, the AWE computer includes two award-winning learning platforms: the Early Literacy Station for kids ages 2 – 8 and the After School Edge platform for kids ages 6 – 12.

Developed for use in schools and libraries, the AWE computer offers multi-curricular titles designed for education, enrichment, intervention, homework help and skill reinforcement.

Wright Library Youth Coordinator Jacqui Taylor said the AWE computer is a fun, safe learning environment for children with high rates of parental approval. Young patrons have been especially delighted with the AWE computer's touch screen and easily-accessible apps. Their parents and caregivers appreciate the easy, internet-free experience, Taylor said.

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Impacting Our Community Joe Fulford



Since moving to Oakwood in 1987, Wright Memorial Public Library has been a special place for Joe Fulford and his family. After nearly three decades as a library patron and admirer, Fulford was named a library trustee. This year, he became the board's president.

"It did not take my wife Leigh Ann and I long to notice the key role the library plays right in the heart of our community--a wonderful and inviting place to catch up with neighbors, read, and learn something new. The opportunity to be a part of the library and serve this community, while sitting on a board that once counted Orville Wright as a member, is pretty special," Fulford said.

Fulford's appreciation for the library's legacy has deepened during his service as trustee. "One thing I most appreciate, like many of us who use the library, is the staff. The lifelong dedication of Former Board President Max Kohnop and long-time Director, Thelma Yakura and the similar dedication of many others before us, along with our beautiful Schenck & Williams designed Tudor revival building, continue to influence a great culture that is most appreciated," he said.

What does Fulford hope to achieve and find exciting about the library's future?

"I'm excited about continuing the facility planning. In 2018, using almost entirely private dollars, we successfully renovated the historic front reading rooms and circulation desk. Looking forward, we want to continue to synchronize upcoming infrastructure needs with historically-sensitive renovations, such as better Children/Teens areas, and reopening the back entrance to improve wheelchair accessibility and facilitate learning opportunities in one of Oakwood's precious green spaces--Katharine Wright park. We will be looking at all possible revenue streams to accomplish these goals.

Recently, I was very interested to learn about a \$100,000 private grant opportunity dedicated to putting solar panels on public libraries. Once Wright Library's 36 year old flat roof is replaced, I'll investigate how we might reduce our monthly DP&L bill," Fulford said.

Fulford retired from an engineering career at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He and Leigh Ann raised 3 children, all graduates of Oakwood City Schools. His civic involvement has included service as a Montgomery County Ohio College Promise Mentor, Boy Scout committee member, Cub Scout Cubmaster, CAREWalk Team member, and Oakwood City Schools Facility committee member.

"Joe's unique interests and expertise were fundamental to our 2018 historic renovation project, and we're very lucky to have him on our team as we plan the future of Wright Library," said Library Director Kristi Hale.