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# OAKWOOD SCENE

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## CITY NEWS | That Day in May

The Oakwood Rotary Club is developing a plan for this annual event scheduled for Saturday, May 15. The event will include some remote/virtual components and some in-person components, with safety protocols. Details about the event will be posted to the City website once they are available.

## SCHOOL NEWS | Fundraising Begins to Support Real-World Journalism Experience

The next Walter Cronkite or Katie Couric may soon be broadcasting from Oakwood High School thanks to plans to create a real-world broadcast studio. Journalism: Convergent Media is a class available to students in grades 9 through 12.

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## LIBRARY NEWS | Library Construction, Capital Campaign Going Well

Construction crews have made significant progress on the first phase of repairs and renovations at Wright Memorial Public Library since the project kicked off in early January.

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Work outside the library includes solving drainage issues and preparing an ADA-accessible walkway to the rear, parkside entrance.

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## Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

The annual fire hydrant flushing will begin the week of April 5 and last approximately four weeks. Please check the City website for the dates of flushing in your neighborhood.

## Memorial Day Holiday Closing

City offices, including the OCC and Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, May 31. The OCC Office and Health Center will be open from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 29 and from 12 – 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 30.

## Memorial Day Trash Pick-up

Trash pick-up for all routes the week of May 31 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.

## Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale

Regrettably, the Friend of Smith Gardens will not conduct a perennial sale this year. Concerns regarding COVID-19 prevent us from safely conducting this traditional community event. We look forward to again having a perennial sale in 2022.

## Party Tent Rental

It's the time of year for planning graduation parties and weddings, and with the uncertainty caused by the pandemic, outdoor events will be very popular again this year. Here are few things to keep in mind if you plan to place a party tent on your property...

For any tent larger than a standard 10x10 popup style, you will need to obtain a zoning permit. It is important to include the following items with the permit application:

- a clear drawing of your property and the proposed tent location; and
- a certificate of flame retardancy; and
- dates of installation and removal.

Most reputable tent rental companies will take care of obtaining the proper permit(s) on your behalf, and will provide the necessary items listed above.

Other things to keep in mind include yard placement, tent height (look out for power lines), a plan for how the tent will be secured to the ground, and plans for on-street parking for your guests.

We understand permits can add to the cost and logistics of planning an event, but they are designed to look out for your best interest and the safety of you, your guests, and your property.

For questions about tent requirements, call the zoning office at (937) 297-2920 or email [zoning@oakwood.oh.us](mailto:zoning@oakwood.oh.us).

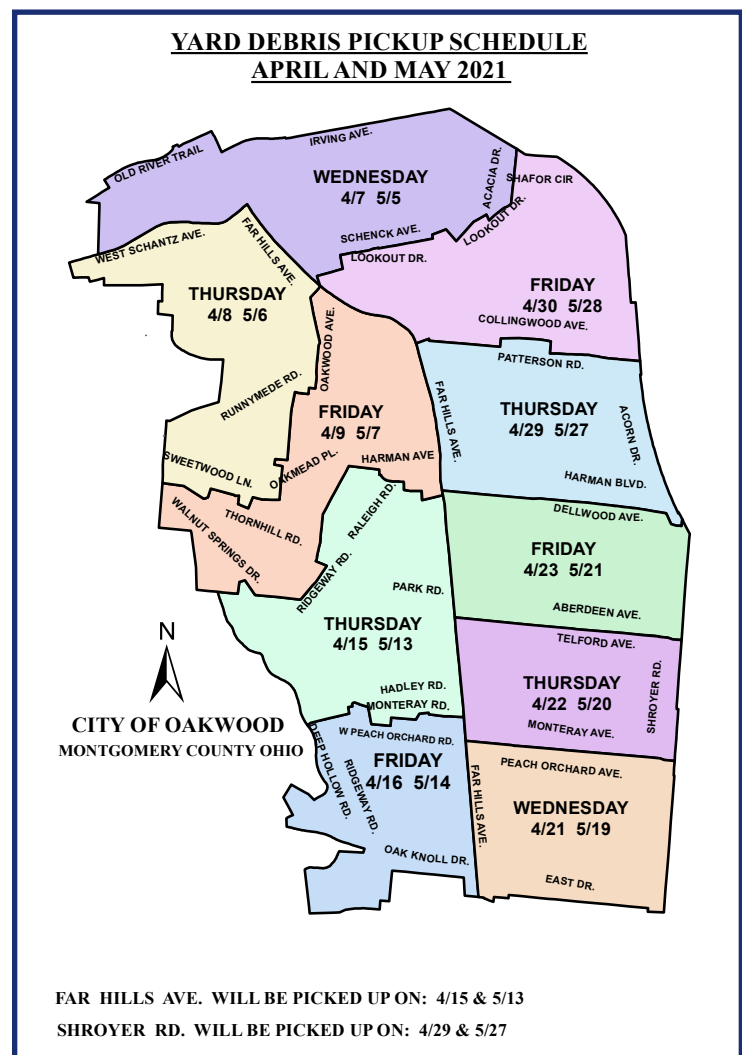
## Oakwood Community Center Events

The Leisure Services Department continues to monitor the status of COVID-19 and reviews upcoming events on a case-by-case basis, which may result in possible cancellations. Protecting the health of our community is our number one priority. Please check the City website for updates. We appreciate your understanding

### UPCOMING LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT EVENTS/CLASSES

- **Strollers in Motion:** Thursday, May 6, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- **Kite Nite:** Sunday, April 25, 4 – 6 p.m. at Old River Sports Complex
- **Friday Night Fun:** Ages 4-10, Friday, April 16, 7 – 10 p.m.
- **Bicycle Safety Class:** Thursday, April 15, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- **Mother's Day Potted Plant Craft Kit:** Pick up kits on Wednesday, May 5 and Thursday, May 6 during office hours. Everything you need to create a beautiful potted plant just in time for Mother's Day.
- **Decorate your own Easter Cookie Kit:** Cookie kit includes baked cookies, icing, and all the decorations needed to create your own cookie masterpiece. Pick up available on Thursday, April 1.

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





## Gardner Pool Hours

We plan to open Gardner Pool on Saturday, May 29. The pool will operate much like last year, and in accordance with guidelines and protocols developed based on directives from the Ohio Department of Health.

All protocols are subject to change as we get a better understanding of demand and usage, and in response to any updated guidance from appropriate health authorities.

### Membership Rates

In consideration of use restrictions, all 2021 pool memberships will be sold as follows:

2021 Pool Memberships			
OCC Member		Non-OCC Member	
Single	\$115.00	Single	\$150.00
Family	\$200.00	Family	\$265.00
Senior	\$65.00	Senior	\$100.00

### General Protocols

- Pool hours: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Occupancy limit: 125 people, exclusive of city staff.
- No guest passes: Passes for babysitters will continue to be available.
- Reservations:
  - Pool use will be by reservation only; no walk-ins.
  - Reservations will be available during the following time sessions, on a one session per person/per day basis: 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 1:30-3:30 p.m.; 4-6 p.m.; and 6:30-8 p.m.
  - With four daily swim sessions, there are 500 time slots available per day. Average daily usage in a normal year is 250-300, so everyone should be able to find an available time slot.
  - The reservation system is online for easy access from computers, tablets, and phones. For those unable to access the reservation system, OCC staff will be able to take reservations by telephone or in person.

- Once made, your reservation will guarantee your session with no waiting or guessing about availability (\*weather permitting).
- The reservation system will allow us to remotely notify you of weather-related delays or closures.

### Sanitation

- Our pool protocols have been reviewed by Public Health Dayton-Montgomery County and the Oakwood Board of Health. Periodic county inspections will be performed, as is done each year, to ensure all health protocols are properly implemented.
- Per CDC and Ohio Department of Health guidelines, mandated sanitation of high-touch surfaces will take place between every session, including all faucets, soap/paper towel dispensers, toilets, doorknobs, latches, light switches, table tops, arm/handrails, and counters.
- Plexiglass barriers have been installed at front desk and concession areas.
- Masks/facial coverings: Use by members will be recommended, but is not permitted during submerged swimming. Employees will be required to wear masks when interacting in situations where proper social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Equipment: We will not be loaning out shared equipment (kickboards, goggles, etc.). Members should not share goggles, nose clips, snorkels, or other personal items.

### Social Distancing

- Deck furniture has been limited and positioned to encourage safe social distancing. Personal towels should be used as an additional barrier on deck furniture. Unused deck areas may be closed to limit congregating.
- Restrooms and showers remain available, but have been limited to two restroom stalls and two showers per biological gender.
- Group sizes will be kept to 10 or less, from the same household.
- To the extent possible, social distancing is required in lines and on-deck.

## April/May City Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 5 and Monday, May 3. 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](http://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 afterwards. Please check your cable guide or [www.mvcc.net](http://www.mvcc.net) for broadcast times. Meeting videos can also be viewed online at the city website.



## 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.

## 2020 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, 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, 2021. If you do not have a federal extension, you may still obtain an Oakwood extension. Simply complete an extension request form, located on the City's web site, and submit your request by April 15, 2021. 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, 2021 will be subject to a 15% underpayment penalty as mandated by the State of Ohio.

The 2020 Oakwood income tax return is available on the City website at [www.oakwoodohio.gov](http://www.oakwoodohio.gov). If you do not have internet access, forms are available at the City administrative offices, Wright Memorial Public Library and the Oakwood Community Center.

To ensure the health and safety of our residents, we encourage you to utilize the city's drop box, located in the alley across the street from the administration building for your tax payments and income tax returns. There is an additional mail slot located within the administration building across from the dispatch window. If you would like the Income Tax Department to prepare your 2020 municipal return, please refer to the Taxpayer Assistance section on the City website for instructions and the required Tax Return Completion Request form.

If you have any questions regarding your city of Oakwood income tax return, please contact the Income Tax Department at (937) 298-0531.

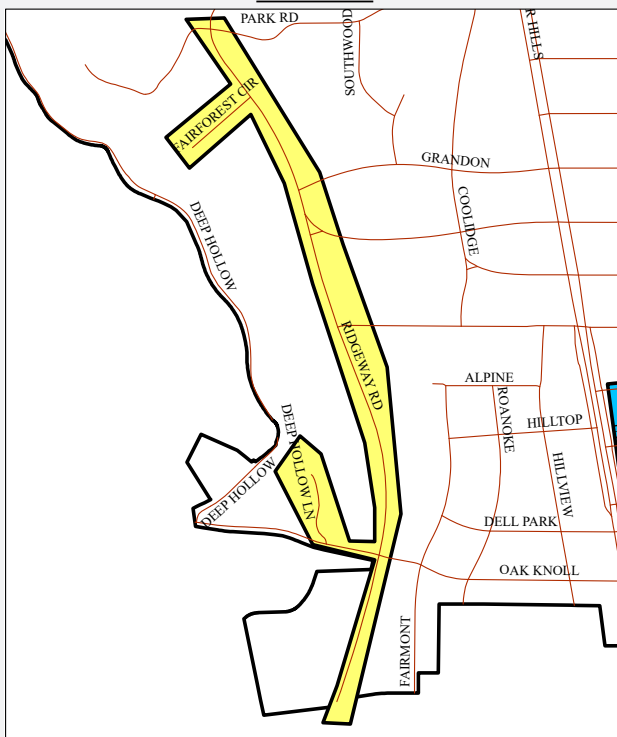




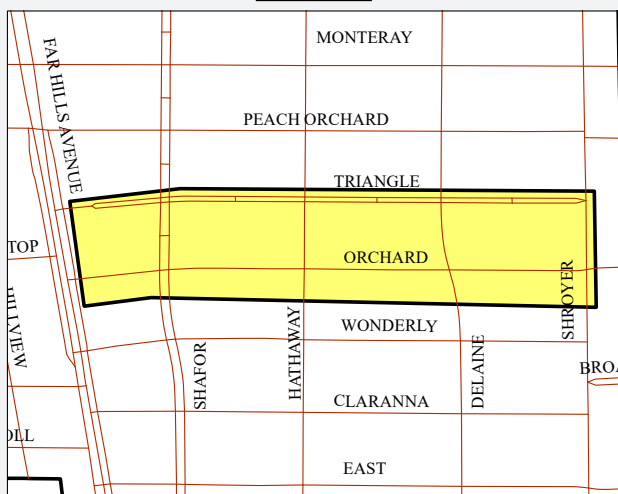
## 2021 Vectren Gas Line Improvements

Between April and October this year, Vectren will replace underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in the Oakwood neighborhoods identified in yellow on the maps below. In all 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 (937) 298-0777 with questions about the work, or reference the Vectren pipeline projects map at [www.vectren.com/gas-system/map](http://www.vectren.com/gas-system/map).

### **PROPOSED 2021 VECTREN GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT PROJECT A**



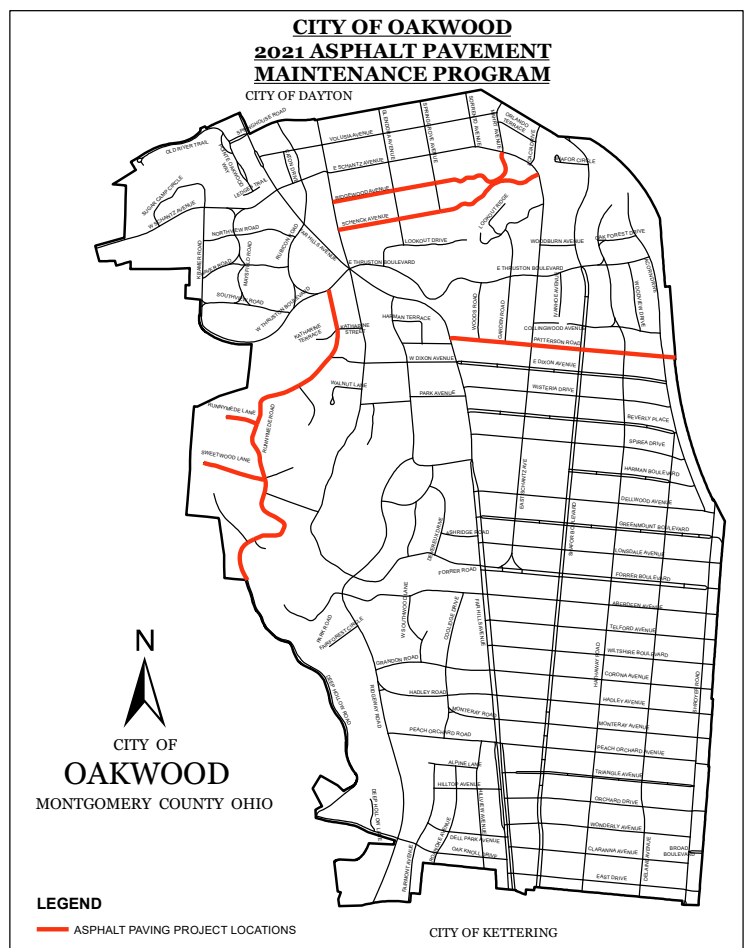
### **PROPOSED 2021 VECTREN GAS LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT PROJECT B**



## 2021 Asphalt Repaving

The 2021 asphalt repaving project will take place on the streets identified below. The City Public Works Department will do some utility work and tree trimming on these streets in advance of the repaving. Property owners on these roadways will receive direct notification from the city regarding the repaving schedule. The repaving project typically takes about one week to complete.

- Patterson Road
- Ridgewood Avenue
- Schenck Avenue
- Runnymede Road
- Runnymede Lane
- Sweetwood Lane



## 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.

## Summer Employment Opportunities

The city of Oakwood is currently accepting applications for summer employment in the following areas: Pool Concessions; Lifeguarding; Boulevard Maintenance; Smith Gardens Maintenance; General Maintenance (including roadways, water system and refuse collection); and Day Camp Counselors. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment in order to be eligible for the Boulevard, Smith Gardens, General Maintenance and Day Camp Counselor positions; the minimum age for all other positions is 16. Employment applications are available at the City Building, the Community Center and the City website. Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Leaf Mulch Program

Citizens have two options again this year for obtaining the 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 10 to May 8. 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.

## Payment Online Portal for Bill Payment

The online billing and payment portal offers more ways to view and pay your utility bill, plus the addition of 24/7 phone payments and pay by text. Residents can receive and view bills electronically, make a payment with credit/debit card or e-check, and choose to go paperless. A quick, one-time payment can be made without registering or you can create an account to enjoy more features like setting up automatic payments, saving payment information for later use, and viewing history.

- Easy-to-use online portal to access your account and make payments.
- Registration is not required.
- Go Paperless – get your bills via email.
- Save time with automatic payment options:
  - AutoPay – automatically pay the invoice amount on the due date.
  - Recurring Scheduled Payments – set up a schedule to pay a fixed amount or the invoice balance on a specific day of the month.
  - Receive email reminders when your bill is ready, when a scheduled payment is pending and a confirmation after making a payment.
- Pay by Phone – check your account balance or make a payment 24/7 by calling 1-844-892-9642.
- Pay by Text – get text notifications about your bill and have the option to pay through text message with your default payment method (sign up when making an online payment or within your account).
- Online payment options will also be available to make payments for income tax and billings on other city services (permits, refuse dumpsters, etc.).

Visit the City website for more information.

## Prescription Drug Drop-off Box

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

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



## Spring 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:

- o 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.
- o Do not place any yard debris in the street or gutter line, except leaves during the fall leaf collection season.
- o Under no circumstance should you place anything except yard debris for pick-up in the tree lawn area.
- o The City will not pick up contractor generated yard debris.
- o 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.
- o Do not stack loose yard debris around or on top of your garbage cans.
- o Please remember the 35 gallon and 60-pound limits on trash cans and that all cans must have lids.
- o Grass clippings are not accepted, either with regular trash or curbside yard debris collection, or at the Creager Field drop-off site. Please use a mulching mower or home composting.

## Oakwood Rotary Hazardous Waste Pickup

There are two ways for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous material. Residents may: 1) drop off the material at the Montgomery County Refuse Transfer Station (see [www.mcswd.org](http://www.mcswd.org) for more information); or 2) use the quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club Hazardous Waste Collection program. The 2021 collection dates are Saturday, April 24, Saturday, July 24 and Saturday, October 23. 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!

## Refuse Program

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

## Is Your Home Ready for Spring?

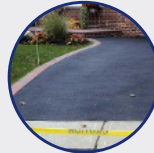
Warm weather is upon us and, with it, a need to look over your property after the winter months. Please consider the following questions to determine if and what exterior repairs are needed in order to remain in compliance with Oakwood's Property Maintenance Code.

### 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?

### DRIVEWAY & WALKWAYS



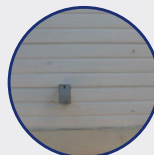
- Are they free of potholes and raveling?
- Are they free from debris, storage, and refuse?

### PORCHES



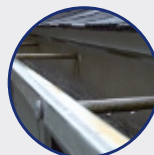
- Do the steps, railings, or floorboards need to be repaired or replaced?
- Is it free from debris, storage, and refuse?

### 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?

### GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS



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

### ACCESSORY BUILDINGS (SHEDS, FENCES, ETC.)



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

### 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?



## Fundraising Begins to Support Real-World Journalism Experience *(continued from cover)*

The class exposes students to various aspects of journalism, including print, digital and broadcast. Out of the new class came the creation of The Ax Media in the spring of 2020, merging The Dome, OHS' student newspaper, and AxTV, the school's broadcasting program.

Students have been working closely with teacher Kelsey Jackson to mold this new program. During the process of creating the class and the new media group, the distinct need for new and relevant broadcasting technology to support excellence in education for Oakwood students became apparent.

"I want to provide students a real-world newsroom experience to best prepare and expose them to a career in journalism. Unfortunately, the equipment we have gives students the opportunity to practice some, but not all skills, and really doesn't provide the space to explore the full process of producing broadcast news," Jackson said.

An up-to-date broadcast studio with upgraded technology and equipment would expose students to authentic experiences, better preparing them for college or a career in journalism after high school. One of the current goals for the project is to provide

multi-uses for the equipment. For example, the studio could also function as a photography space for The Acorn yearbook staff.

The project will cost an estimated \$60,000. In partnership with the Oakwood Schools Foundation, support is being sought from Oakwood alumni, families and community members to install the new studio at Oakwood High School for the 2021 – 2022 school year. Community partners, including the OJH/OHS PTO and Oakwood Fine Arts Boosters, have underscored the importance of this worthwhile project to better prepare Oakwood students for their post-secondary pursuits.



"[Oakwood Fine Arts Boosters] believes arts opportunities are indispensable in cultivating creative problem solvers and collaborators. This innovative project will provide unique opportunities for students in front of and behind the camera. OFAB is proud to help fund this OHS venture," OFAB President Amy Askins said.

"The PTO exists to support our teachers and schools. We are thrilled to partner with OSF and OFAB to provide this amazing opportunity for our students," OJH/OHS PTO Grants Chair Jennifer Almoney said.

The Oakwood Schools Foundation is proud to be a component fund of The Dayton Foundation.



## Smith Library Renovations



The Smith Elementary library is getting a facelift thanks to a generous donor and support from Oakwood Schools and the PTO.

"The large space is breathtaking with amazing

character, featuring stained glass windows, dark wood accents and the Oakwood crests above the windows. But the furniture isn't meeting the needs of our students. The space is simply locked into a rigid design based on furniture and not our students' needs," Smith Elementary Principal Chrissy Elliott said.

In early 2020, Elliott and Smith Media Specialist Elaine Fultz met with District leaders to share their vision for updating the widely-used space. In addition to serving Smith students ranging from preschool to sixth grade, the space is frequently used for team meetings, community gatherings and more.

With Oakwood Schools Foundation coordinating the donor's gift, the library update is underway.

"The partnership between Oakwood Schools Foundation, Oakwood Schools and the PTO has made this project possible, allowing us to purchase new flexible seating options including

tables, chairs, cafe tables with power outlets for chromebooks, soft tween seating, moon chairs, and floor rockers," Elliott said.

Elliott says the project will continue to evolve and include a new projector system, which will be easier to manage and allow the space to be "flexible in every way."



Oakwood Schools Foundation shows its appreciation to Oakwood Schools by sponsoring breakfast for Professional Day



## Nominations for 2021 Distinguished Alumni Awards Being Accepted

The Distinguished Alumni Awards celebrate alumni who have made significant accomplishments in their careers or dedicated themselves to service, while maintaining high standards in personal integrity and character. If you would like to nominate a classmate, please contact Oakwood Alumni Association Director Amanda Venable at [alumni@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschoools.org) or call (937)297-5332. Nominations will be accepted through June 1.

## Keep in Touch with Classmates, Oakwood Schools Events

Update your contact information with Oakwood Alumni Association with one of these three easy ways:

1. Send an email to [alumni@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschoools.org)
2. Call (937) 297-5332
3. Visit [oakwoodschoools.org/community/alumni/update-your-contact-information](https://www.oakwoodschoools.org/community/alumni/update-your-contact-information)

## Reunion Planning Underway

Have you and your classmates started planning your upcoming reunion? For assistance, contact Oakwood Alumni Association Director Amanda Venable at [alumni@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschoools.org) or call (937)297-5332.

The following classes have confirmed planning a 2021 Reunion: 1960, 1970, 1971, 1976, 1980, 1986, 1991



Amanda Venable  
Oakwood Alumni Association Director

## Oakwood Schools Welcomes New Oakwood Alumni Association Director

Oakwood Schools welcomes new Oakwood Alumni Association Director Amanda Venable. Amanda joins the District team to connect alumni with classmates, help plan reunions and keep Oakwood traditions alive. Welcome Amanda!



If you are interested in supporting the Oakwood Alumni Association or would like any other information on the Alumni Association efforts, please contact Oakwood Alumni Association Director Amanda Venable at (937) 297-5332 or [alumni@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschoools.org).



## Oakwood Preschool Signs Ups Begin April 17

Registration for Oakwood Preschool for the 2021 - 2022 school year will begin April 17. Starting that day at 8 a.m., access to a Google Form will be available on the Oakwood Schools website. Registrations will be accepted based on the order in which they are received. There are a limited number of spots in preschool for typically developing students, so please remember to mark your calendar for 8 a.m. April 17.

To register for preschool, your student must be three years old on the first day of school, which is for the 2021-2022 school year will be Aug. 25.

## Welcome Class of 2034!

Oakwood Schools is preparing to welcome the Class of 2034. Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

To register for next year, youngsters must be five years old on or before Sept. 30, 2021. To begin the registration process, visit the Oakwood Schools website at [oakwoodschoools.org](https://www.oakwoodschoools.org) for more information.

## 2020 – 2021 School Year

### APRIL

- 1-4** No School – Spring Break
- 5** Classes Resume
- 12** Oakwood Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 p.m.

### MAY

- 10** Oakwood Board of Education Regular Meeting 7 p.m.
- 27** Last Day of School for Students

For the latest list of happenings in the Oakwood Schools go to [www.oakwoodschoools.org](https://www.oakwoodschoools.org) and check out our calendars.

**Stay connected with Oakwood Schools!**

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Repairs will address heating and air conditioning, elevator, lighting, and other infrastructure needs. When completed, the lower level will have a parkside entrance and will house an innovative children and teens area as well as audiovisual materials. The former community room will be relocated to the first floor, making way for the new children's area.

Four pieces of stained glass, donated by a patron, are being refinished to be installed in the children's room. The library has also been gifted several period pieces of furniture that will carry the original building aesthetic throughout the facility. Original furniture from the lower level also is being restored.

See more photos and follow updates at [wrightlibrary.org/revitalize](http://wrightlibrary.org/revitalize)

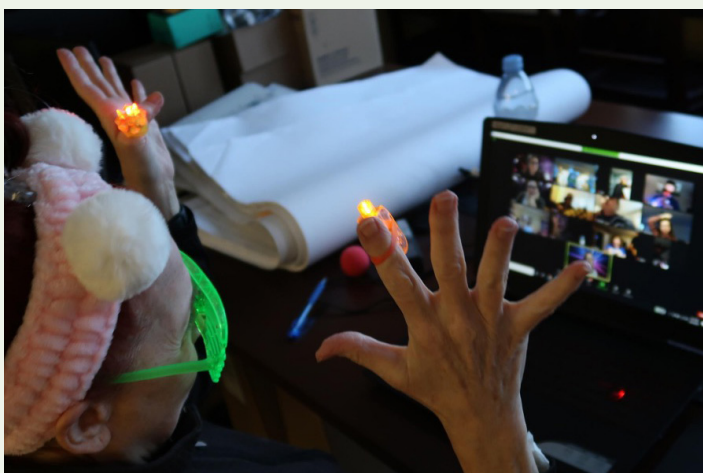
## Wright Library's Next Chapter Book Club Celebrates Five Years

*"Everyone needs to be a bookworm every once in a while."*

These wise words came from Anna, a participant in Wright Library's Next Chapter Book Club, a community-based book club for adults with developmental disabilities. The library's chapter celebrated its fifth anniversary in February after launching in 2016 as the first of its kind in the Dayton area.

Wright Library's participants have read over eighteen books, short stories, and plays together. Facilitators assist with pronunciation and selecting books. The group has continued to meet virtually through the pandemic. Over the past five years, The Next Chapter Book Club at Wright Library has become a highlight of the week for participants and staff alike, said Christina Jones, one of the librarians who works with the program. The club gives readers like Anna a place to share her love of reading and make new friends.

"I have been reading for 22 years," Anna said. "It's my strength." To celebrate the fifth anniversary, club members and library staff held a virtual dance party, complete with a prize party box sent to members' homes. Each box contained donated food vouchers from Fusian, Rapid Fire Pizza, Hot Head Burritos, and Frisch's Big Boy, and fun party supplies like glow in the dark necklaces, aviator glasses, finger lights and a red nose from Dr. Tom Fish, founder of Next Chapter Book Club.



## Capital Campaign Reaches 90 Percent of Goal

Wright Memorial Public Library is pleased to share that its \$1.5 million capital campaign is now at 90 percent of goal.

Several gifts have propelled the campaign forward in early 2021, as the community has rallied around the effort.

"We have been truly overwhelmed by and grateful for the community's support; this has really shown how much Oakwood loves and values its library," said Wright Library Foundation Board Chair Elaine Gounaris.

The campaign seeks to raise \$1.5 million in private funding for Wright Library's building repair and improvement project now underway.

This philanthropic support will help Wright Library reimagine and enhance portions of the building into innovative spaces for children, teens, and the community.

Learn more about how to make a gift during this final stretch of the capital campaign and be part of the next chapter of the library's history. Contact Kristi Hale at [hale@wrightlibrary.org](mailto:hale@wrightlibrary.org) or by phone at 937 294-7171.

## Travel the country with Wright Library this April on these Virtual Field Trips

April is rocking and rolling with special programs for kids and teens. From song writing to space exploration, the calendar is full of opportunities to learn and have fun from home. Register for these virtual field trips to enliven your spring break and to celebrate National Library Week! Register at [wrightlibrary.org/fieldtrip](http://wrightlibrary.org/fieldtrip)

We've partnered with organizations across the country, including:

- Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum
- Houston Audubon
- Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
- The Mariner's Museum
- The Durham Museum
- Inner Asian & Uralic National Resource Center
- The Cincinnati Observatory
- Space Center Houston

Learn more at [wrightlibrary.org/fieldtrip](http://wrightlibrary.org/fieldtrip) or by scanning the QR code with your device!



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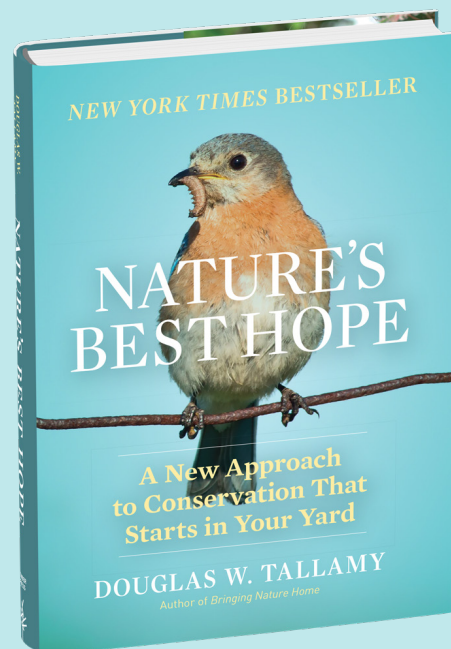


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# Wright Library Community Read

Nature's Best Hope  
by Douglas Tallamy

Renowned entomologist and ecologist Douglas Tallamy teams up with Wright Library for a community read and initiative to support the Miami Valley ecosystem. Tallamy's book *Nature's Best Hope* and his Homegrown National Park movement offer a hopeful and achievable plan for urban and suburban dwellers. Info at [wrightlibrary.org/NaturesBestHope](http://wrightlibrary.org/NaturesBestHope)



## 4 Ways to be involved in the WMPL Community Read

1. READ Tallamy's exploration of biodiversity, native plants, sustainable living, and the flourishing future he envisions. Print and digital formats are available at the library.
2. JOIN virtual conversations and other events throughout the month to learn and discuss the ideas found in the book. A book discussion guide is available. Find details and an up-to-date listing of events at [wrightlibrary.org/NaturesBestHope](http://wrightlibrary.org/NaturesBestHope).

Book Discussion: Earth Day, Thurs. April 22, 7-8:30 p.m.

3. ATTEND Douglas Tallamy's virtual visit on April 29th where he'll present his ideas and answer questions.

Author Visit: Thurs. April 29, 7-8:30 p.m.

4. EXPLORE the *Nature's Best Hope* resource web page to get connected, find educational opportunities, and start changing the planet. Thanks to our community partners Five Rivers MetroParks and City of Oakwood.

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## Dr. Stephen Enseleit, Oakwood Health Commissioner



**Dr. Stephen Enseleit**  
Oakwood Health Commissioner

Dr. Stephen Enseleit, MD was appointed to the position of Health Commissioner on January 1, 2019. Dr. Enseleit is only the fifth Oakwood Health Commissioner appointed since 1931.

Dr. Enseleit is an emergency medicine physician for Emergency Medicine Specialists, serving in patient care throughout the Kettering Health Network, and in a leadership role within the emergency department at Kettering Medical Center. He earned a BS in Chemical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University, and an MD from the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Enseleit is licensed by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Oakwood operates a Local Health Department with a five-member Board of Health appointed by City Council. Members of the Oakwood Board of Health serve five-year terms and typically meet bi-monthly. The Oakwood Board of Health is assisted by the Health Commissioner, Assistant Health Commissioner/Medical Director, Sanitarian, Board President and Board Administrator.

### Current Board of Health Members

Dr. David Denka, D.O., Board Member, Chair
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Dr. Steve Enseleit, MD, Health Commissioner
Dr. John Ewing, MD, Assistant Health Commissioner and Medical Director
Paul Scaglione, R.S., Sanitarian
William Duncan, President (Oakwood Mayor)
Norbert Klopsch, Administrator (Oakwood City Manager)