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OAKWOOD SCENE

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CITY NEWS | City Manager Norbert Klopsch Retirement

Congratulations to Oakwood City Manager Norbert Klopsch, who will retire effective November 1, 2024, culminating a 32-year career with the city. Norb joined the city staff on November 2, 1992 as city engineer. In 2000, he was promoted to director of engineering and public works, and on April 1, 2002 was appointed to city manager.

Before joining Oakwood, Norb graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, after which he served five years as an officer in the U.S. Army, and then worked at the local civil engineering firm of LJB Engineers.

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**Together We Learn. Together We Achieve.
Together We Prepare Students for Tomorrow.**

SCHOOL NEWS | Oakwood Schools Unveils New Mission Statement

Oakwood Schools is thrilled to unveil a new mission and vision statements, culminating months of collaborative work, community engagement and thoughtful reflection. The journey, which began in December, has brought together students, parents, teachers, staff and community members to create a mission that will guide us into the future.

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LIBRARY NEWS | From Exploring History to Making It

Wright Library and Oakwood City Schools partner to host a **Community Read** and a series of Community Conversations around Jonathan Haidt's book, *The Anxious Generation*. | A new series, **Author Talks Online**, welcomes bestselling authors and thought leaders through live-streamed talks. | A **Dayton Literary Peace Prize** author comes to Wright Library | Explore the past at a **Civil War** or **Far Hills Speaker Series** program.

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City Manager Norbert Klopsch Retirement *(continued)*

City Council recently spoke with Norb about his career at Oakwood. The conversation took the form of a Q&A session, as highlighted below:

What attracted you to city government? Within the first week of joining the local consulting firm of LJB Engineers in late 1989, I was introduced to the City of Oakwood and to City Manager J. David Foell. Over the ensuing three years, I worked on many Oakwood projects and enjoyed completing jobs that improved the community and the quality of life for Oakwood citizens and businesses.

What accomplishments are you most proud of? It's very general, but very simple: we have maintained Oakwood as the premier residential community in the region, that is also an attractive place for small businesses to thrive.

What was your favorite project and why? Tough question. If I had to pick just one, and given that I am a civil engineer, it would be the 2017 safety and aesthetic improvements to the Shroyer Road corridor. Improving the Shroyer corridor was a stated goal in our city comprehensive plan and by every measure, that project was a huge success. It has positively impacted the residents on our 1-mile stretch of Shroyer Road and the 15,000 +/- daily users of the roadway.

What was your most challenging project and why? There were a number of challenging projects over the years, so it is hard to pick just one. I'll pick two. The first one was the enlargement and reconstruction of the city administration and public safety building. Final design and construction on the project took place during my first two years as city manager. It represented a significant fiscal investment in our beautiful and historic building and, given the age of the facility and multiple previous building additions, involved many complications. The second one was the redevelopment of the former NCR Sugar Camp facility into the home of the Sugar Camp professional office complex and Beth Abraham Synagogue, and the creation of the Pointe Oakwood residential neighborhood. This mixed-use project was located on the last large piece of land available for development in Oakwood and there were many factors and zoning issues to consider in selecting and approving the plan, as well as an enormous amount of public interest and debate on the matter.

What has changed in the industry since you began your career in city government? It has become more difficult to attract and retain people interested in a career working in the public sector.

What is your best quote and why? "Management by driving around." It's a variation of the well-known "Management by walking around" that Tom Peters and Robert H. Waterman used in their 1982 book *In Search of Excellence*. Rarely did a day go by when I did not drive around Oakwood with my eyes wide open. It was through doing this that I regularly noticed things that needed to be done.

What did you enjoy most about working at the City? The opportunity daily to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Is there anything you would change in your career? No. I have been blessed to work for 32 years in a wonderful community, and thoroughly enjoyed my years as city engineer and as city manager.

How have you personally grown or changed throughout your tenure as city manager? As the years have passed, I became better at keeping things in perspective and in solving problems.

What advice would you give the incoming City Manager? Mike Kelly was my predecessor, mentor and friend. When he retired, he gave me several words of advice. One that I have kept in the forefront of my mind over the past 22 years is this: "You will be pulled in many directions as city manager.

Always remember that at the end of the day, you report to Oakwood City Council." That is what I would tell my successor.

How do you define your legacy as a city manager, and how do you hope to be remembered by those who have worked with you? As one who genuinely cared about the Oakwood community and worked tirelessly for the betterment of our city.

What has been the most unexpected or surprising aspect of being a city manager for you personally? The degree to which so many Oakwood citizens passionately care about our community.

What values or principles have guided you in your decision-making as a city manager, and how do they align with your personal beliefs? Honesty and integrity are everything. They build trust that makes everything easier.

Reflecting on your career, what has been the biggest sacrifice you've had to make personally in order to fulfill your duties as city manager? It's a 24-7 job. So much of my attention has been focused on the Oakwood community for 32 years, at times, at the expense of personal wants and interests.

Can you share a moment when you felt a deep emotional connection to the community or residents you were serving as city manager?

After the Hurricane Ike windstorm swept through the Miami Valley on Sunday, September 14, 2008, every neighborhood in Oakwood was severely damaged and nearly every property in the city lost electric power. Many residents lived without power for seven or more days, with some for almost two weeks. Oakwood was one of many communities that suffered through an extraordinarily long power outage. It was a very difficult time for everyone, both physically and emotionally.

Looking back on your career, what role has passion played in driving your dedication and commitment to public service as a city manager?

It has been said of Oakwood City Manager J. David Foell (1962-1992) that being city manager was his vocation and avocation. I would say the same of me – a never-ending passion for doing what needs to be done.

How do you think your leadership style has evolved over the years, and what lessons have you learned along the way?

Personal connections and interactions are critical to building a strong and committed team. While it is easy to feel chained to your desk, fight that off and interact with employees/co-workers as much as possible.

What is a key to being a successful city manager? Understand the city you serve, listen to people, and always strive to make decisions and recommendations to City Council that are in the long-term best interests of the city as a whole.

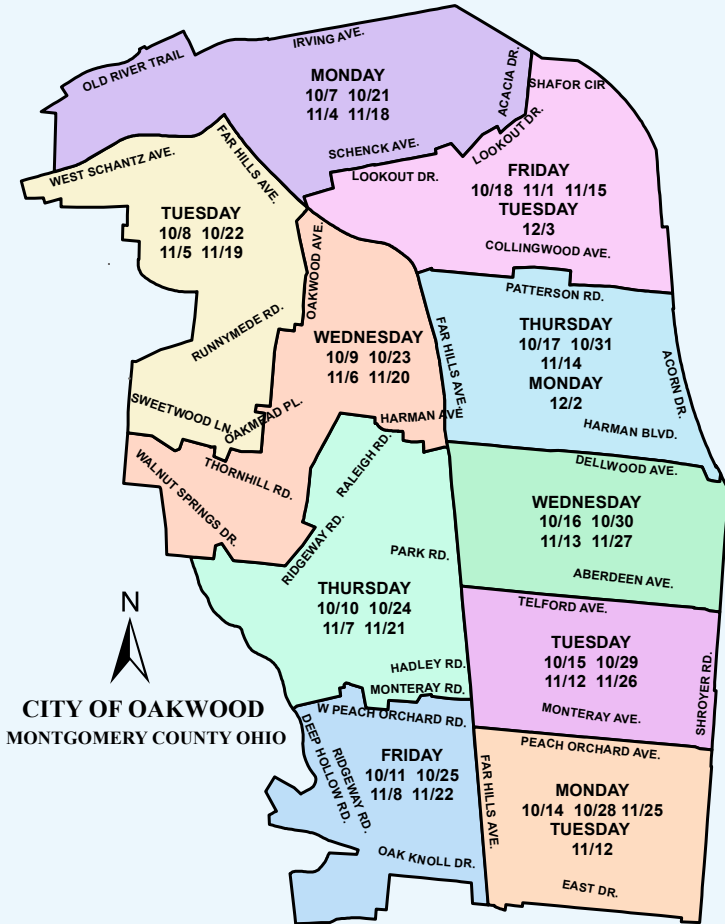
What is one of your proudest achievements during your time as a city manager? Over the past three decades I have watched Oakwood organically evolve into a very welcoming city... and that is a beautiful thing.

What passions or hobbies are you looking forward to pursuing more actively now that you are retiring from your position? I am a do-it-yourselfer when it comes to home improvements, and I am eager to focus lots of attention on a backlog of projects. I also look forward to spending much more time with my family, in particular my wonderful grandsons.

Retirement is a time to look back with pride, and forward with anticipation. The City of Oakwood has benefited from Norb's methodical and professional approach, which defines our great city today.

Best wishes to Norb for a well-deserved, long and happy retirement.

LEAF AND YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2024



Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on:
10/10, 10/24, 11/7 & 11/21

Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on:
10/17, 10/31, 11/14 & 12/2

Holiday Closing and Trash Pickup

VETERANS DAY

City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Monday, November 11. Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of November 11 will be one day later than usual.

THANKSGIVING

City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. Trash and recycling pick up for the week of November 25 will be the same as the regular weekly schedule, except that Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday.

Oakwood Rotary Hazardous Waste Pickup



There are two ways for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous waste materials. Residents may: 1) drop off the material at the Montgomery County Transfer and Recycling Facility on Tuesdays (see www.mcswd.org for more information and program hours. Reduced winter hours run from November through February); or 2) use the quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club Hazardous Waste Collection program. This year's last collection date is scheduled for Saturday, October 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 of, or may be mailed to: Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation, PO Box 512, Dayton, OH 45409. All donations support charitable projects and community events led by your Oakwood Rotary!

Temporary Yard Signs

With the November 5 election day approaching, it is the season for temporary signs... and you may be wondering, are there any rules about how many signs someone can have in their yard? Title 12 of the Oakwood Zoning Code regulates temporary signage. Temporary yard signs are permitted in residential districts, under the following rules:

- Individual signs must be no larger than 6 square feet in area, and no more than 4 feet in height.
- There is no limit to the number of temporary yard signs that may be placed in a yard, so long as the combined total surface area of the signs is no greater than 12 square feet. For example, a property may display four signs that measure 18 inches x 24 inches; three signs that measure 24 inches x 24 inches; or two signs that measure 24 inches x 36 inches. Signs may be one-sided or two-sided.
- Signs must be in good condition.

The following signs are prohibited:

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

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

Refuse and Recycling

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

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

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

We have an extensive co-mingled recycling program. You may use as many recycling containers as are required for your household recyclables. You should co-mingle newspapers, junk mail, catalogs, magazines, paperboard, cardboard (small quantities - flattened), plastic bottles and jugs, various metal cans, and glass. Place all of these items loosely in your recycle can; do not place the items in plastic bags, other than items for the Hefty ReNew Program (see article below).

NEW Hefty ReNew™ Program and Additional Recycling Options

The Hefty ReNew™ Program started in April 2024 and provides an option for hard-to-recycle plastics that were previously unaccepted in the recycling stream. The Hefty ReNew™ Program allows residents to purchase specific orange bags from local retailers and place acceptable materials in these bags. Once the orange bag is full, simply place it in your current co-mingled container at your home or in the co-mingled recycle container at the Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-Off Facility, at the entrance to the J. David Foell Public Works Center. For additional information about the program, visit Hefty’s website at www.hefty.com/products/hefty-renew

Please take larger amounts of broken-down cardboard directly to the cardboard recycling containers at the Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-Off facility located at the front entrance to the J. David Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard. Yard debris and co-mingled recyclables may also be taken to the Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-Off facility. For a complete listing of recyclable materials, and information on items that are not recyclable, see the Oakwood Refuse Handbook on the city website or Rumpke’s web page at rumpke.com/for-your-home/recycling/acceptable-items. Any questions, please contact Refuse Foreman Chris Harold at (937) 298-0777.

Fall Leaf Collection begins October 14

We will begin our annual leaf collection program on Monday, October 14. As in previous years, the program will provide bi-weekly leaf pickups of all areas throughout the city. The city is divided into ten sections with each being collected on a 2-week interval as shown on the map on page 3. The program is scheduled to continue until Friday, December 20, but will be extended if conditions warrant. We will make every effort to stay on this schedule but may vary a bit from time to time based on weather conditions, leaf volume and other factors. Please place leaves only in the street gutter, ideally just a day or two before the pick-up. Leaves must be unbagged and spread out along property frontages so that traffic flow is not impeded. Citizens interested in dumping their own leaves may do so 24/7 at the Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-Off facility located at the front entrance to the J. David Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Boulevard.

The city does not provide special pick-up service during the ten-week leaf collection season. The last day to schedule a special pick-up is on Friday, October 11. The special pick-up program resumes again in January.

Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project

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

Stormwater Management Program

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

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

Thank you for your help in preserving our natural resources!

Fourth Quarter Estimated Tax Payment Due 1-15-2025

If you estimate that you will owe \$200 or more when you file your 2024 City of Oakwood income tax return next year, you may need to remit quarterly estimated tax payments. Under the Ohio Revised Code, you must be 90% paid in by January 15, 2025 or have paid in 100% of your 2023 tax liability. Penalty and interest may be imposed for late or non-payment of your estimated taxes. Payment vouchers are available in the tax office and on the city's website. Contact the tax office at (937) 298-0531 with any questions.

October/November Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 7 and Monday, November 4. Both meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by open work sessions scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. The regular sessions are televised live on the city website at www.oakwoodohio.gov, and on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Tuner Ch. 5.03 and AT&T U-verse Ch. 99). The meetings are also accessible via the Zoom remote meeting platform. Links to the meeting will be posted to the city website at 4 p.m. on the meeting date. Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterward. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net for broadcast times. Meeting videos can also be viewed on the city website.

Door-to-Door Solicitation

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

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

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

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

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

Oakwood Beautification Awards

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

July 2024 Winners

Tara & Matthew Cavo, 270 E. Schantz Avenue
 Kelly & Todd Pleiman, 914 E. Schantz Avenue
 Sharlyn & Steve Radcliffe, 2 Ivanhoe Avenue
 Kathryn Sanford, 235 Forrer Boulevard
 Julie & Jim Beyer, 352 Corona Avenue
 Jeannie & David Andrews, 2701-2703 Shafor Boulevard
 Jan Heaton, 2701 Shafor Boulevard
 Michele & Jim Schoen, 1201 Hathaway Road
 Teresa & Michael DeMonico, 315 Harman Boulevard
 Royanna & Dennis Wolters, 240 Grandon Road
 Mary Gunlock, 2313 Ridgeway Road
 Dion Flannery, 1100 Runnymede Road
 Smith Memorial Gardens, 11 Walnut Lane

August 2024 Winners

Brandy & Patrick McFall, 229 Schenck Avenue
 Molly Hall, 321 E. Schantz Avenue
 Kim & Nick Giancola, 518 Woodview Drive
 Paige & Bobby Barlow, 548 Acorn Drive
 Donna Grankosky, 20 Wiltshire Boulevard
 Tanya Hazen, 346 Forrer Boulevard
 Marian & Evan Marlin, 320 Hadley Avenue
 Karen Carter, 2406 Shroyer Road
 Mary Smith-Haddad, 253 Claranna Avenue
 David Feldmiller, 238 Greenmount Boulevard
 Erin & David Nye, 40 W. Peach Orchard Road
 Shannon Johnson-Query & Robert Slonaker, 223 Oak Knoll Drive
 Michele & Timothy Hawk, 20 Walnut Lane
 Gina & Shawn Domm, 111 Katharine Terrace
 Brookdale Oakwood, 1701 Far Hills Avenue



FRIENDS OF SMITH GARDENS

Holiday Festival of Trees Auction

Celebrating 50 Years of Smith Gardens

Friday, November 15, 2024 | 6-8 p.m. | Oakwood Community Center

Please join us for an evening of holiday cheer! Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided. There will be a Silent Auction to bid on beautifully decorated themed Holiday trees. All proceeds go to the Friends of Smith Gardens and toward the maintenance and care of this community treasure!

This event is free and open to the public. If you would like information on how to donate a decorated tree, please contact the OCC at 937-298-0775 or by email to occ@oakwoodohio.gov



Halloween and Trick or Treat: October 31

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

Halloween Safety

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



GENERAL SAFETY

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

COSTUME SAFETY

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

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

Family Fall Festival

Come to Shafor Park from 2–5 p.m. on Sunday, October 13 for the 18th annual “Family Fall Festival” and enjoy an outdoor afternoon of fun games, food, pumpkin painting and other entertainment for the whole family! Also, enjoy free hayrides along Shafor Boulevard to see Scarecrow Row. Kids can dress up and join the “Costume Parade” around the park. Don’t forget to mark your calendar! Look for more information in the Oakwood Register and on flyers distributed through the schools.

Scarecrow Building Contest

The Oakwood Community Center is very excited to announce the 22nd annual “Scarecrow Building Contest.” We encourage families, neighbors, organizations, co-workers and their groups to participate in this special, festive community event. Registration packets are available at the OCC. The building and placement of the scarecrows will take place on Sunday, October 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with judging to commence at 3:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the OCC at (937) 298-0775.



Upcoming Events/Classes

AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE: The course will be taught at the OCC on Saturday, October 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on Saturday, October 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Students must be at least 11 years of age to enroll.

Lighting up Oakwood & Holiday of Lights

The city of Oakwood, with assistance from the Oakwood Beautification Committee, is “LIGHTING UP” Oakwood with luminarias on Sunday, December 8 beginning at 6 p.m. Residents are invited to put luminarias out in front of their houses and to consider participating with their neighbors. Then at 6:30 p.m., come to Shafor Park for an evening of community fellowship with songs, refreshments and, as always, a visit from Santa. Also, enjoy free horse-drawn carriage rides along Shafor Boulevard to see the beautifully lit night. Luminarias for this event are sold at the OCC beginning Monday, November 11. The cost is \$6 per dozen and includes the white bags, sand and 10-hour candles.



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

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

- Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks if available. If there is no sidewalk:
 - Walk FACING traffic;
 - Stay as far from traffic as possible;
 - Proceed in a single file when traffic is approaching from the front or rear.
- Keep alert at all times; don’t be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road.
- Make yourself visible to drivers.
- Between sunset and sunrise, or during inclement weather, pedestrians in the roadways are required to wear high visibility safety apparel that is reflective and can be seen clearly from 300 feet.
- Per Ohio traffic laws, vehicular traffic must yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing in a crosswalk if there is no traffic signal in place or operation, and the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway in which the vehicle is traveling or approaching from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. That said, never assume that a vehicle will yield.

- Walking, jogging or running in the street is prohibited at all times on Far Hills Avenue; Patterson Road; Shroyer Road; Schantz Avenue from Oakwood Avenue to the west corporation limits; and on Oakwood Avenue from Far Hills Avenue to the north corporation limits.
- Section 371.05 of the Oakwood Traffic Code outlines pedestrian rules and requirements so both motorists and pedestrians can safely use city streets. This information may be accessed on the city website at oakwoodohio.gov/city-ordinances/.



Thank you!

10th Annual
Come Back Lumberjacks!

SCAN for an event recap including photos, fundraising totals and event sponsors

Oakwood Schools FOUNDATION
Enhancing Excellence in Education

Thank you to our Presenting sponsor:
JESSUP WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Alumni and the Community Support the Oakwood Auditorium at Annual Fundraiser

Oakwood Schools Foundation would like to thank ALL the alumni and community members who came together for a fantastic time at the 10th Annual Come Back Lumberjacks, a fun-filled evening in support of our schools! Thanks to everyone who attended, we raised significant funds to benefit Enhancements to the Oakwood Auditorium, and other class initiatives. Your generosity and enthusiasm made the night a huge success!

Want to see the final fundraising totals, check out event photos, and view a full list of our amazing sponsors? Scan the QR code above or visit: oakwoodschooldfoundation.org/come-back-lumberjacks for a full recap. Thank you for helping make this event a night to remember in support of our schools!

MAXIMIZE YOUR IMPACT

Join Oakwood Schools Foundation for a year-end giving webinar

Oakwood Schools FOUNDATION
Enhancing Excellence in Education

Maximize Your Impact: Webinar on Year-End Giving Strategies

In partnership with The Dayton Foundation, Oakwood Schools Foundation invites the community to a free webinar this October focused on year-end giving strategies and planned giving. This informative session is designed to help individuals maximize the impact of their charitable contributions, whether supporting local causes or national organizations. Attendees will learn about various options and discover how planned giving can create a lasting legacy.

The webinar is open to anyone interested in making the most of their philanthropy, regardless of which charities they choose to support. For more information and to register, scan the QR code or email contact@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org. Don't miss this chance to enhance your giving and make a difference!



Oakwood Athletic Hall of Fame Welcomes New Class

The Oakwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame was honored to induct the following Oakwood alumni into the Athletic Hall of Fame with a celebration at NCR Country Club on August 22. This year's inductees were Carl "Fritz" Emde (Class of 1953), Jeff Requarth (Class of 1971), Shannon Tully (Class of 1991), Emily Badger (Class of 1998), and Cara Wald (Class of 2007).



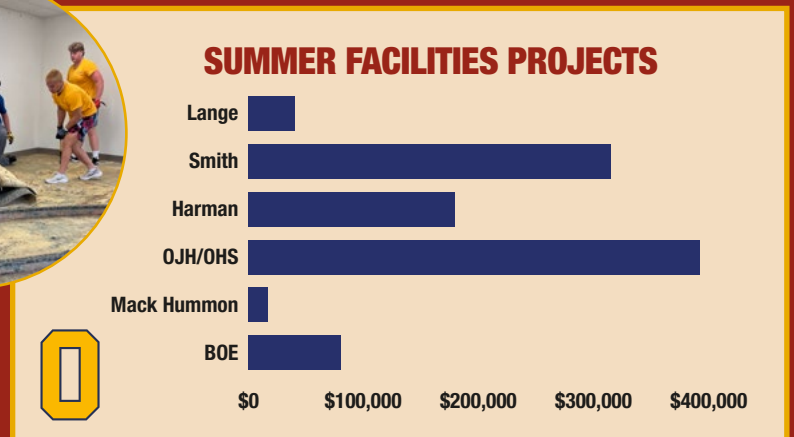
The 1979-80 Girls Basketball Team, led by Head Coach Joe Gural, were also honored. This impressive group of young ladies ended their season at 22-2. They were undefeated in the SWBL at 9-0 and were Sectional Champions and AA District Finalists.

Maintaining our Facilities

This summer, Oakwood Schools worked hard to maintain our facilities and make necessary improvements to ensure our students and staff have safe environments for learning throughout the school year. In total, an investment of \$708,000 of facilities work was completed at our school buildings and Board of Education building, along with minor repairs at Mack Hummon Stadium.



Projects ranged from heating and A/C replacements to exterior painting, flooring replacements, brick tuckpointing, chimney repairs and electrical upgrades to support new steamers in our school kitchens.



Oakwood Schools Unveils New Mission Statement *(continued)*

This mission reflects Oakwood Schools' commitment to unity and our collective responsibility to prepare every student for the unpredictable future challenges. It is a testament to the strength of our community and the shared dedication to excellence in education.



NEW VISION STATEMENTS

- **High-Quality Learning:**

TOGETHER, we invest in professional growth, align our curriculum, and foster critical thinking. We aim to ignite a passion for learning in every student, ensuring they are equipped with the skills needed for lifelong success.

- **Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment:**

TOGETHER, we enhance physical safety and nurture an inclusive culture where everyone feels valued. Our goal is to create a learning environment where students not only feel secure but also seen, heard and respected.

- **Effective and Transparent Operations:**

TOGETHER, we maintain our community's trust and manage our resources responsibly. We are committed to transparency and fiscal responsibility, ensuring that our operations are aligned with the best interests of our students and the Oakwood community.

Respect, Responsibility and Relationships



Students Living the 3Rs in Our Schools

This school year, our administrative and Social Emotional Learning teams are aligning efforts to promote respect, responsibility and relationship-building among students and our school community. The students and staff are expected to model and promote the "3Rs" in all educational spaces.

In the very first week of class, students worked together to make classroom agreements and were rewarded for playing friendly, responsibly using things like technology, and respectfully by playing fairly. By modeling the 3Rs district-wide, Oakwood looks to promote a positive climate and school culture for all.



Congratulations, 2024 Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Inductees



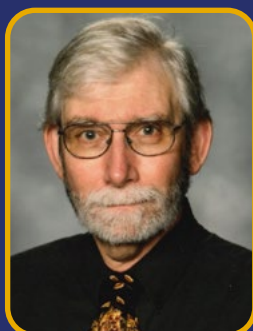
Barbara Granzow Acker

OHS Teacher
1999 - 2020



Janet Bourne

Smith Elementary
Administrative Assistant
1999 - 2018



Rob Guizzo

OHS Teacher
1975 - 2018



Sue Hundt

Preschool Teacher
2012 - 2021



Beverly Parker

Harman School Teacher
1966 - 1994

Congratulations to the inductees honored at the 2024 Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor ceremony in September.



The Wright Library Foundation's Annual Campaign has begun!



Gifts to the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation are tax-deductible and support high impact programs, materials, and services that the Library's operating budget could not otherwise fund. In 2024, Foundation funds supported Magician Conductor Cody's Railway Adventure, a visit with Noggin the Iditarod Sled Dog, Doorway to Dayton activity passes, Summer Reading prize books for youth, and the new Author Talks Online series.

Please make a donation today to support new and exciting opportunities at Wright Library: wrightlibrary.org/foundation

Oakwood Community Invited to Participate in Community Read



Wright Library and Oakwood City Schools are hosting a Community Read of *The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness* by Jonathan Haidt. All community members are invited to read the book and/or participate in any or all Community Conversations about the issues, and solutions, discussed in the book, with emphasis on how technology is impacting youth mental health.

- **Why are Kids & Teens so Anxious and Depressed?**
Thursday, October 24
- **The Great Rewiring: How Childhood Has Changed**
Wednesday, October 30
- **Collective Action for a Healthier Childhood** - Thursday, November 14

Community Conversations will be held at Wright Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m. **Registration required at wrightlibrary.org/events.** Copies of the book are available at Wright Library.

Library Closures

Monday, October 14 for Library Staff Training
Thursday, November 28 for Thanksgiving

Register to Vote by October 7

Visit the Voter Display Hub at Wright Library for voter and election information. Voter Registration Forms are also available.

Additional resources at VoteOhio.gov or wrightlibrary.org/VOTE



Oakwood Candidate Forum

Thursday, October 10 at 7 p.m.

Learn more about your local candidates at this non-partisan moderated event. Attend in person or sign up for a virtual link at wrightlibrary.org/events.

Candidate campaign materials should not be displayed during the forum.

A Wright Library partnership with the League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area.

New at Wright Library: Author Talks Online

Library Speakers Consortium



Wright Library is excited to bring you live-streamed talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders through the Library Speakers Consortium. Registration to watch virtually is required at wrightlibrary.org/events.

A Journey into the Hidden World of Tropical Bats

With scientists from the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
Wednesday, October 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

Liberating Latin American Genre Fiction

A conversation with bestselling author Silvia Moreno-Garcia
Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Maybe You Should Talk To Someone: Examining the Truths and Fictions we Tell Ourselves

A conversation with bestselling author Lori Gottlieb
Tuesday, October 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

A Navajo Investigator's Search for the Unexplained

A conversation with Stanley Milford, Jr., author of *The Paranormal Ranger*
Thursday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m.

On Childhood Migration from Central America

A conversation with bestselling author Javier Zamora
Spanish: Saturday, November 9th at 2:00 p.m.

English: Thursday, November 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Native Rights and Culture in Fiction

A conversation with award-winning author Mona Susan Power
Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m.

DLPP Author Visit in November

Wright Library is pleased to once again partner with the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation to welcome an author visit in November from one of the 2024 finalists. Watch for details at wrightlibrary.org/events



For Youth, Teen, & Family

Tween Hangout

Tuesdays October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19
from 3:15-4:30 p.m. (grades 4-7)
Weekly fun with games and crafts.

Halloween Crafts for Kids

Monday, October 7. Drop-in 6-8 p.m.
(grades K-6)



Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, October 9 & November 13 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
(grades 7-12)

Plan service projects and library programs. Apply at Wright Library or visit wrightlibrary.org/youth/teen-volunteers

Paws to Read on "Woof Wednesdays"

Wednesday, October 9 & November 13 from 6-7 p.m.
(grades K-6)

"Paws" to read with a certified therapy dog. Registration required.

Painted Pumpkin Contest

Sunday, October 13. Drop-in 2-4 p.m.
(families)

Paint a pumpkin at Wright Library, then vote for your favorite October 15-27. Winners announced on October 28.



Sunday Funday with Family Game Time

Sunday, October 27. Drop-in 2-4 p.m.
(all ages)

Spooky Trivia for Teens

Tuesday, October 29 from 6:30-8 p.m.
(grades 7-12)

Teams compete in Halloween-themed trivia to win awesome prizes. Registration required.

Alice in Wonderland Preview

Saturday, November 2 at 2 p.m.
(all ages)

A preview of Oakwood High School's fall play.



Teen Bonfire

Friday, November 8 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
(grades 9-12)

Make s'mores and play games. Bring a chair or blanket for seating.

Focus on Forces: A Spectacular Science Show

Saturday, November 9 at 2 p.m. (families)

A 3-D magnetic field, Tesla Coils, Human Circuits, and Flying Eggs teach laws of motion and electricity.

Fall Crafts for All Ages

Sunday, November 10.
Drop-in 2-4 p.m. (all ages)

Let's Go LEGO

Sunday, November 24.
Drop-in 2-4 p.m. (all ages)
Drop in for imaginative building at this free-play program.



Adult Programs

Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, October 2 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Drop in to chat with Oakwood Public Safety Officers over free coffee.

Crochet & Connect

Sunday, October 6 & November 3 at 3 p.m.

Bring a project and connect with other crocheting enthusiasts.

Genealogy Interest Group

Wednesday, October 9 & November 13 at 6:30 p.m.

In-person and virtual gathering to explore library resources.

Wright Library Poets

Tuesday, October 15 & November 19 at 7 p.m.

Open writing group for adults to share and enjoy.

Trees of Oakwood Past, Present, & Future

Wednesday, October 16 at 7 p.m.

Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Program and native trees of the Miami Valley presented by Carol Collins, Director of Oakwood Leisure Services and Ryan McEwan, Biology Professor at the University of Dayton.

Civil War Round Table Series

Thursday, October 17, 7 p.m. - Ghosts of Gettysburg, presented by Allan Howey, retired Air Force Col.

Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m. - A Thriving Lincoln Legacy: Dayton Soldier's Home & Cemetery, presented by Clyde Hughes
A Wright Library partnership with Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Miami Valley Civil War Round Table

Far Hills Speaker Series

Sunday, October 20, 2 p.m. - Oakwood Notables in Woodland Cemetery, presented by David Schmidt

Sunday, November 17, 2 p.m. - Lucky Eddie: The Life, Times and Family of Dayton US Congressman Edward G. Breen, presented by Edward F. Breen.
*Limited seating. Register to watch virtually at wrightlibrary.org/events
A Wright Library partnership with the Oakwood Historical Society*

Special Needs Estate Planning

Tuesday, October 22, 7 p.m.

(Register to watch virtually at wrightlibrary.org/events)

Estate planning considerations for families with a special needs individual including powers of attorney, guardianship, and trusts.

Presented by Kim Estess of O'Diam & Estess Law Group.

Book Clubs for Everyone

NEW!

Family Book Club

Wednesday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. (families with school-age children)

The One and Only Family by Katherine Applegate

Find more Book Clubs at wrightlibrary.org/bookclubs

Youth Storytimes

(Ages 0-5 years) Details at wrightlibrary.org/storytimes



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A Stroll through Oakwood History at Woodland Cemetery

Join the Oakwood Historical Society on a stroll through the hills and winding paths of the historic Woodland Cemetery for a special Oakwood History Walking Tour on Sunday, October 13 starting at noon.

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

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

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

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



Get Involved in Your Local Government

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

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

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

