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OAKWOOD SCENE

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CITY NEWS | Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale

The Friends of Smith Gardens “Perennial Sale” will be held on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road. The hours are from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Prices are great so hurry in to purchase your plants! A complete listing of plants for sale is available at the OCC, on our website,

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



SCHOOL NEWS | Oakwood Schools Issue 12 on May Ballot

On May 6, 2025, Oakwood voters will decide on Issue 12, a 4.74 mill bond issue to fund Phase 2 of the district’s Master Facilities Plan. If approved, the bond would generate \$40 million for focused attention at Smith and Harman elementary schools and district-wide infrastructure and safety upgrades.

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LIBRARY NEWS | Your Community Hub for Accessibility

At Wright Library, we are committed to creating an accessible and supportive environment for everyone in our community. To meet the diverse needs of our patrons, we are excited to introduce a range of new programs and services that emphasize accessibility and bring in community partners and resources.

In April, the library will host its first Assistive Technology Fair in partnership with the Resident Home Association of Dayton. Vendors will display a variety of assistive technology devices aimed at maximizing independence.

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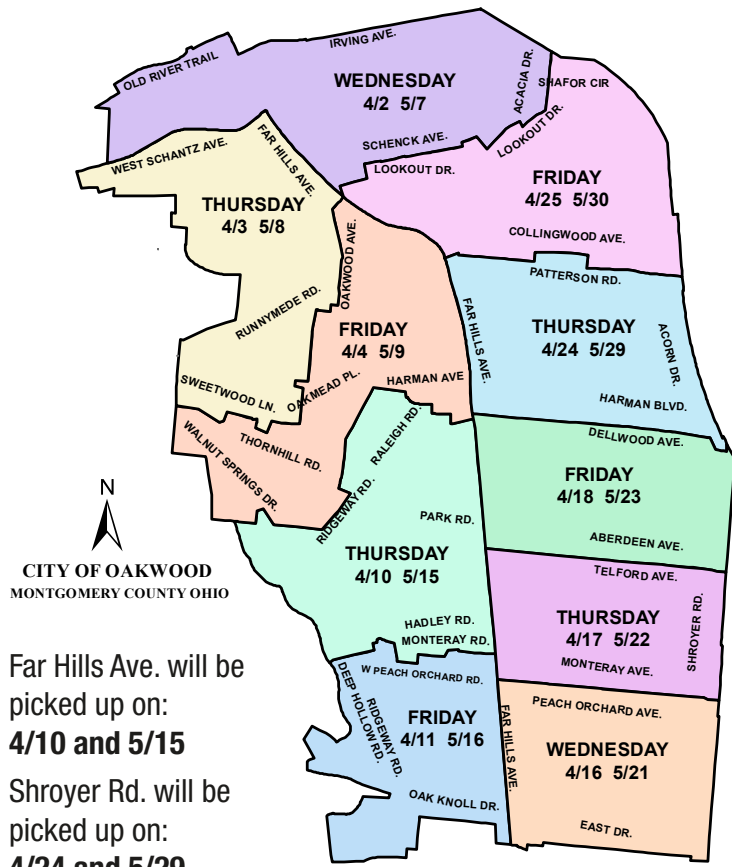
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APRIL & MAY 2025



CITY OF OAKWOOD
MONTGOMERY COUNTY OHIO

Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on:
4/10 and 5/15

Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on:
4/24 and 5/29

Memorial Day Holiday Closing

City offices, including the OCC and Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, May 26. The OCC Office and Health Center will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 24, and from 12 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 25.

Memorial Day Trash Pick-up

Trash pick-up for all routes the week of May 26 will occur one day later than usual.

Oakwood Sustainability Measures

Over the past several decades, the city of Oakwood has taken significant steps to improve environmental sustainability and enhance the quality of life for both Oakwood residents and the broader community. For a comprehensive overview of these initiatives, please visit the city website.

Upcoming Leisure Services Department Events/Classes



3-D EASTER BUNNY CAKE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
Decorate your own 3D Easter Bunny Cake: The cake is an adorable 8" tall bunny with fur icing eyes, ears, and paws, as well as all the decorations needed to create your own 3D Easter Bunny. The class is on Wednesday, April 16, from 6–7 p.m. Ages 8 and up.

MAKE MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER CUPCAKE BOUQUET
Celebrate Mom with a Mother's Day Flower Cupcake Bouquet on May 8 from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Ages 8 and up.

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

That Day in May



SPONSORED BY THE OAKWOOD ROTARY CLUB
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Saturday, May 17th

Pancake Breakfast: 8:00—11:00 AM
In the Oakwood High School Cafeteria
Purchase tickets in advance at the Oakwood Community Center (OCC)
<https://tdim.org>

Fun Run: 8:30 AM

5K & 10K Run: 9:00 AM
All runs start on Dellwood Ave., just South of Oakwood High School
Register at <http://www.speedy-feet.com/races.php>

Community Parade: 12:00 (noon) - 12:30 PM
On Shafor Blvd., from Orchard Dr. to the Oakwood High School Stadium

Dog Show & Costume Contest: 2:00 PM
Immediately following the Parade in the Oakwood High School Stadium

Games and Bouncy Houses: 12:30 PM—4:00 PM
On Schantz Ave. and in "The Pit" in the Oakwood Junior High School

Auto Show: 1:00 PM—4:00 PM
In the second block of Dellwood Ave.

Monday, May 19th

Golf Scramble - 12:00 (noon) tee off
With cocktail hour afterwards at the Dayton Country Club
To Register visit: <https://tdim.org>

Dinner & Live Auction - 6:30 PM
Inside Dayton Country Club

Proceeds from That Day in May (TDIM) support the Oakwood Rotary Foundation which supports many charitable groups, school events and community projects throughout the year. Your support of That Day in May will help our community.

- Parade
 - Food
 - Bouncy Houses
 - Games
 - Alumni Baseball Game
 - Dog Show
 - Auto Show
 - 5k & 10K Run
 - Pancakes
 - Lemon Shake-Ups
 - Golf Scramble (May 19)
 - Live Auction
- For more information, visit our website at <http://OakwoodRotary.org> or visit <https://tdim.org>

The Return of The Wine and Cheese event on That Day in May

Over the past several decades, the city of Oakwood has taken significant steps to improve environmental sustainability and enhance the quality of life for both Oakwood residents and the broader community. For a comprehensive overview of these initiatives, please visit the city website.

Gardner Pool Hours

Gardner Pool opens on Saturday, May 24, and operates daily from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Memberships can be purchased at the OCC. You must be an Oakwood resident to purchase a pool membership.

The 2025 pool membership season extends from May 24, 2025 to September 1, 2025. Due to staffing availability, a membership season of a specific number of days is not guaranteed.

Pool Memberships							
OCC MEMBER EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT BY APRIL 30, 2025		OCC MEMBER AFTER APRIL 30, 2025		NON-OCC MEMBER EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT BY APRIL 30, 2025		NON-OCC MEMBER AFTER APRIL 30, 2025	
Single	\$155.00	Single	\$210.00	Single	\$200.00	Single	\$255.00
Family	\$270.00	Family	\$330.00	Family	\$355.00	Family	\$415.00
Senior	\$85.00	Senior	\$120.00	Senior	\$130.00	Senior	\$165.00

Leaf Mulch Program

Citizens have two options again this year for obtaining leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cubic yards for \$100 and 6 cubic yards for \$150. Please call (937) 298-0777 to place an order. Mulch deliveries will take place on five Saturdays from April 12 to May 10. On the same five Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from the J. David 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.

Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

The annual fire hydrant flushing will begin the week of March 31 and last approximately five weeks. Please check the city website for the dates of flushing in your neighborhood.

2025 Asphalt Roadway Resurfacing

The 2025 asphalt repaving project will take place this summer. The roads to be resurfaced include, tentatively: Orchard Drive, Forrer Boulevard, Triangle Avenue, Harman Boulevard (Acorn to Delaine), East Drive (Far Hills to Shafor), the Alley between Runnymede and Katharine Street, and the 200-block alley between Triangle and Peach Orchard. The scope of the project is subject to change as we get closer to construction season.

2025 Concrete Street Repairs

Repairs will be made to several concrete streets throughout Oakwood, which may include concrete replacement or asphalt patching. The city will inform impacted property owners prior to the start of work.

Oakwood Rotary Hazardous Waste Pickup

There are two convenient ways for residents to properly dispose of household hazardous materials:

1. Drop off the material at the Montgomery County Transfer Station. For more information, visit www.mcswd.org.
2. Use the quarterly Oakwood Rotary Club Hazardous Waste Collection program. The 2025 collection dates are Saturday, April 19, Saturday, July 19, and Saturday, October 18. To sign up for this free service, call (937) 296-5155.

While the service is free of charge, the Oakwood Rotary Club gratefully accepts donations. Donations to the Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation can be placed in an envelope and left with the materials being disposed of, or mailed to:

Oakwood Rotary Club Foundation
PO Box 512
Dayton, OH 45409

All donations support charitable projects and community events organized by your Oakwood Rotary!

Spring Styrofoam Recycling Event

The City of Oakwood is partnering with Green Oakwood to provide a spring Styrofoam recycling event for the Oakwood community. Styrofoam will be collected 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, on Saturday, April 12. Watch the city's website and Green Oakwood's Facebook page for collection hours. Green Oakwood will transport the collected Styrofoam to the Montgomery County Environmental Services Styrofoam recycling event.

Aside from Styrofoam recycling, the Public Works Center will be open that day for mulch pickup consistent with the article on this page. No other Public Works services will be available that day.

April/May City Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular public sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 7, and Monday, May 5. Both meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:30 p.m. The regular sessions are televised live

on the City website at www.oakwoodohio.gov and on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Tuner Ch. 5.203, and AT&T U-verse Ch. 99). Meeting videos will be rebroadcast on television for a week or so afterward. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net for broadcast times. Meeting videos can also be viewed on the city website at any time.

Thinking Ahead to Spring?

Don't forget—it's time to check that your meters are in proper working order. If you have more than one meter, it may be an irrigation or deduct meter, typically used for filling your pool or watering your lawn. Any meter that is connected to an irrigation system is required to complete an annual backflow certification. For more information, please visit our website at <https://oakwoodohio.gov/water-meters/>.

2024 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, 2025. You may still obtain an Oakwood extension if you do not have a federal extension. Simply complete an extension request form, located on the city's website, and submit your request by April 15, 2025. 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, 2025 will be subject to a 15% late payment penalty and interest.

The 2024 Oakwood income tax return is available on the city's website at www.oakwoodohio.gov. If you do not have internet access, forms will be made available at the City administrative offices, Wright Memorial Public Library and the Oakwood Community Center.

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood return, please contact the Tax Department at (937) 298-0531. Normal business hours for the tax office are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided April 14 and 15, when the office will be open until 6 p.m.



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.

Recycle Ink Cartridges & Phone Cases at the OCC!

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

Backflow Certification

Backflow certification notices will be sent out to residents in April. If you have a backflow detection device, it needs to be certified by a plumber annually. Did you know the certification can be filled out electronically online? Please visit our website at <https://oakwoodohio.gov/backflow-prevention/>

Door-To-Door Soliciting and Canvassing –“No Solicitation” Designation

The city of Oakwood provides residential property owners with a means to prohibit certain types of door-to-door solicitation and canvassing. This is addressed in Chapter 733 of the Oakwood Codified Ordinances and can be accomplished by residents requesting that their property be included on the city's "Do Not Solicit" list.

If you are interested in being added to the "do-not-solicit" list, you can complete one of the following: 1) Submit the "No Solicitation Form" from the city's website at www.oakwoodohio.gov 2) Detach the form below and mail it to: City of Oakwood, Attn: Do Not Solicit, 30 Park Avenue, Oakwood, OH 45419.

As the owner or tenant of property with the street address of _____,
I hereby request that this property be registered on the city of Oakwood's "Do Not Solicit" list.
I understand and intend the following:

1. By registering my address on the "Do Not Solicit" list, all persons will be prohibited by law from contact canvassing, peddling, vending, soliciting, or requesting contributions at my property.
2. This prohibition does not apply to the delivery of advertisements, literature, or other information that may be left at my property, and does not apply to certain youth fundraising activity.
3. Registration of a property on the "Do Not Solicit" list expires after five years or upon the transfer of a property to a new owner or tenant, whichever comes first. Registrations can be renewed upon request by the owner or tenant.

Name: _____ Date: _____
Phone Number: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Note: The city of Oakwood notifies property owners/tenants via postcard when their five year expiration date is reached. At that point, property owners/tenants must reregister to remain on the "Do Not Solicit" list.

Spring Yard and Garden Cleanup

The city collects yard debris from property frontages monthly from January through September, and bi-weekly from October through December. Refer to the enclosed map for your scheduled pickup days and please plan your work accordingly. Here are a few things to remember:

- Place larger piles of yard debris, including brush and branches, in the tree lawn area just behind the curb. Branches should be no longer than 6 feet and should be placed in manageable piles. Do not place these piles around trees, fire hydrants, cable TV boxes, posts/poles or behind parked cars.
- Do not place any yard debris in the street or gutter line, except leaves during the published fall leaf collection season.
- Under no circumstance should you place anything except yard debris for pick-up in the tree lawn area.
- The city will not pick up contractor-generated yard debris.
- If you have a large amount of yard debris, please call for a free dumpster, but remember that this dumpster must only include yard debris.
- Do not stack loose yard debris around or on top of your garbage cans.
- Please remember the 35-gallon and 60-pound limits on trash cans and that all cans must have lids.
- Grass clippings are not accepted, either with regular trash or curbside yard debris collection or at the recycling and yard waste drop-off site. Please use a mulching mower or home composting.

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?



Accessory Buildings (sheds, fences, etc.)

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

Gutters & Downspouts

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

Windows & Doors

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



Summer Employment Opportunities

The City of Oakwood is currently accepting applications for summer employment. Groundskeepers are needed to maintain boulevards, parks, and natural areas; Laborers are needed to maintain roadways, remove debris, and paint hydrants and poles. Energetic Day Camp Counselors are needed to run summer programs for kids. Groundskeepers, Laborers, and Day Camp Counselors must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment. Employment applications are available on the city's website <https://oakwoodohio.gov/employment-opportunities/>. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Refuse Program

One of our primary city services is the 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 green waste collection and disposal. Below are some details about our comprehensive refuse program.

Weekly Trash Collection

The primary component of our refuse program is the weekly collection and disposal of household trash and co-mingled recyclables. We provide this service via back door collection with a fleet of refuse scooters. These scooters are equipped with divided dump beds... one side for refuse and one side for co-mingled recyclables. The materials are then dumped into split-bed refuse trucks. The refuse is taken to the Montgomery County Transfer Station in Moraine. We pay \$38.25 per ton to have the refuse transloaded into large refuse haulers and taken to a landfill. The co-mingled recyclables are taken to the Rumpke recycling facility in Dayton. We pay \$35 per ton to drop the recyclables at Rumpke.

Co-mingled Recyclables

Plastics, glass, paper, metal cans, and cardboard as described below are to be co-mingled in one or more containers marked as recyclables. All items should be rinsed clean and free of food and grease. Please make sure that co-mingled recyclable products are placed loosely in the properly marked container. The items should not be placed in plastic bags unless participating in the Hefty ReNew™ program. Free “Recyclables” stickers to mark containers are available at City Hall or at the J. David Foell Public Works Center.

It is increasingly important that our co-mingled recycling stream contains only recyclable materials. In years past, the guidance was “when in doubt, throw it in the recycling container”. The guidance now is “learn what is recyclable and what is not, but when in doubt, throw it in the regular trash”. The success of recycling and the recycling markets is largely dependent on the quality of the recycling stream. There is an industry initiative to “Recycle Right”. Please review the guidelines on the city website for details.

Recycle Center at 210 Shafor Boulevard – Recycling and Yard Waste

We have several drop-off dumpsters at the Recycling & Yard Waste Drop-Off facility at 210 Shafor Boulevard. There are separate containers for cardboard and co-mingled recyclables (glass, plastics, metal and Hefty ReNew™) and an area for yard debris. The Recycling & Yard Waste Drop-Off facility is accessible 24/7/365. The more green waste and recyclables that we remove from the landfill stream, the more cost effective it is to operate our city refuse program.

Cardboard Recycling

The cardboard from our dumpster containers at the Recycle Center is taken to a local recycler. Depending on market conditions, we receive a varying amount of revenue. We encourage our citizens to use the Recycle Center cardboard disposal containers as much as possible to keep this material out of the landfill.

Special Pickups

All Oakwood property owners are provided two special pickups per calendar year at no cost. Additional pickups are charged at \$115 each. Special pickups are for large items only (e.g., furniture, appliances, etc.) and can be scheduled by calling (937) 298-0777 or by online request. If you are a tenant, you must coordinate your special pickups with the property owner. All items must be placed in an open area where the city bucket loader can safely access them, such as driveways away from structures, cars and fences.

Refuse Dumpsters

The city has refuse dumpsters available for use by Oakwood residents on do-it-yourself projects. These dumpsters can be used in two ways:

- For mixed items, including such things as home remodeling debris, general household items, and natural materials like dirt, sod and concrete.
- For natural materials only, such as dirt, sod, logs, gravel and concrete (asphalt is not accepted).

Dumpster fees include a base charge of \$115 per dumpster, plus disposal fees, which vary by content material:

- Mixed item dumpsters incur standard disposal fees per ton, charged by the Montgomery County Transfer Station. Current disposal fees are \$38.25 per ton.
- Natural material dumpsters incur a flat disposal fee of \$76.

Call (937) 298-0777 for more details.

Free Dumpsters for Yard Debris

If you have a large amount of yard debris (green waste) and would like to use a dumpster for disposing of the material, rather than waiting for the regularly scheduled monthly pickup, please call (937) 298-0777 to request a container drop-off. There is no charge when using dumpsters exclusively for yard debris disposal. Please consider coordinating the dumpster use with your neighbors.

Monthly Yard Debris and Refuse Drop-off

The J. David Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Boulevard is open the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to noon for residents to drop off yard debris and other household waste and recyclables, including large items such as furniture and appliances. If dropping off a refrigerator, freezer, or air conditioner, the items containing refrigerant will only be accepted if they include a tag certifying proper extraction of the refrigerant. For large amounts of construction debris, please use the dumpster program. Proof of residency is required, and contractors are not allowed.



Is Your Garage Sale Sign in the Right Spot?

With spring approaching, garage sale signs are starting to appear, 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 a.m. to sundown on weekdays and Saturdays and from 9 a.m. to sundown on Sundays and holidays. Garage sales do not require a permit but may only be held for three (3) consecutive days, with a limit of two garage sales in a calendar year.

Lawn Treatment on City-Owned Public Lawn Areas

Well-kept lawns and green spaces within the city are an important part of the health of these areas and maintaining Oakwood's ambiance. The city has used Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices for a number of years on the city-owned public lawn areas which include parks, boulevards, athletic fields, and around public buildings. IPM is an ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long-term prevention of pests or their damage through a combination of techniques such as biological control, habitat manipulation, modification of cultural practices, and use of resistant varieties. Pesticides are used only after monitoring indicates they are needed according to established guidelines, and treatments are made with the goal of removing only the target organism. Pest control materials are selected and applied in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, beneficial and non-target organisms, and the environment. Our practices include adherence to proper mowing heights and the use of sharp blades on mowers which helps reduce the amount of chemicals used in all of the public areas. The city requires that all lawn care contractors, whether treating for pests or weeds, are properly licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and follow all applicable laws and rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

In our parks, lawn care treatments require the posting of temporary signage in conspicuous locations at least two days prior to treatment. The day of treatment, the city Horticulturist and/or Recreation Supervisor meet the contractor on-site prior to the application of any treatment. They ensure that children are not present in the area to be treated and that the area is otherwise clear for the application, before allowing the contractor to proceed with lawn treatment. Immediately following treatment, the city verifies that all signs are properly placed, and are then promptly removed 24 hours thereafter. Only areas with weeds and pests are spot sprayed, not always the entire green space as this is a part of the IPM practice to limit chemical use yet still keep the community greenspace as healthy as possible. Questions about our maintenance of lawns and green spaces should be directed to city Horticulturist Brian Caldwell at (937) 298-0775.




Do Not Place Yard Debris in the Street or in Center Medians

The city of Oakwood offers several options for disposing of yard debris. The most popular method is the monthly yard debris pickup. Residents may place piles of yard debris—brush and branches—into the tree lawn area at their property frontage just behind the curb or edge of pavement for pickup by the city. Residents should not place yard debris in front of other properties, nor should they place yard debris in any roadway center medians.

Under no circumstance should residents place anything in the street or roadway gutter (except leaves in the fall during the published leaf collection schedule). Any amount of debris in the street is an obstruction and disrupts the stormwater collection system by diverting water away from the intended storm drains. Debris in the street can be dangerous to vehicles and is hard to see at night. Debris in the street also interferes with on-street parking and is a danger to pedestrians, joggers, and bicyclists.

Placing anything in the street is a violation of Oakwood Codified Ordinance 901.01 (A)(3). As of January 1, 2023, the city's code enforcement officer responds to yard debris piles placed in the gutter or street by leaving a door-hanger notice at the property, affording two business days to remove the obstruction from the street. After two days, the city will remove the obstruction and will charge the property owner \$150.

Property owners who routinely use the city's monthly collection program and wish to construct a hard surface pad (e.g., concrete, brick, paver) for debris placement should contact the code enforcement officer at (937) 297-2920 or see the city website for permitting information.

In addition to the monthly pick-up, the city offers other options for disposing of yard debris, such as the 24/7/365 drop-off facility at the J.D. Foell Public Works Center. Also, residents are provided two free special pickups per year, which can be used for yard debris. Additionally, dumpsters are available to be delivered free of charge for large amounts of green waste. More information on these options is available by contacting the Public Works Center at (937) 298-0777.



KINDERGARTEN Registration



Kindergarten registration for the 2025-2026 school year began Feb. 24. To register for next year, children must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2025. Families must reside within the school district boundaries and demonstrate proof of residence as outlined in the District's Residency Guidelines found on the district website. To review the school guidelines and begin the online registration process, scan the QR Code.

Oakwood Celebrates Month of the Military Child

Oakwood Schools is proud to recognize April as the Month of the Military Child, a time to honor the resilience, strength, and sacrifices of students from military families. The district is home to more than 260 military children across all grade levels.



As a Purple Star District, we are committed to supporting our military-connected students through dedicated programs, peer connections, and resources that help them thrive.



Young at Art

Join Young@Art on April 26, from 7-9:30 p.m. at Oakwood High School, hosted by the Oakwood Fine Arts Boosters. Celebrate student art with performances, visual art exhibits and crafts.

Update Your Information

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



SCAN HERE
to Learn More

Oakwood Alumni Association to Honor Distinguished Alumni

The Oakwood Alumni Association will honor Distinguished Alumni on Saturday, October 4 at 1:00pm at Oakwood High School's Rick & Jane Schwartz Performing Arts Wing. Please contact Lauren Gentry at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org to make reservations to attend.

Reunion Planning Time is Here

Have you and your classmates started planning your upcoming high school reunion? Oakwood Alumni Association is here to help! Contact OAA Director Lauren Gentry at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org for assistance with these special events.

**SAVE
THE
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**PARADE/
BONFIRE**

SEPTEMBER 29



**FOOTBALL
GAME**



OCTOBER 3

**COME BACK
LUMBERJACK**



OCTOBER 3

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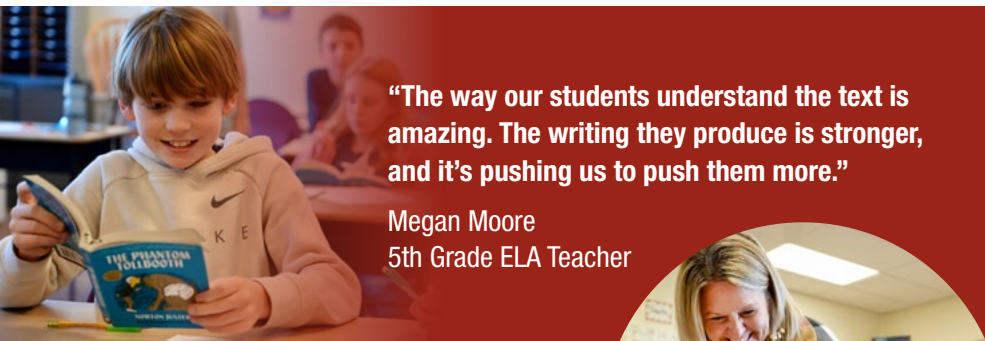
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Oakwood Schools Issue 12 on May Ballot

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The bond would cost homeowners \$165.90 per \$100,000 of home value. Proposed projects include modernizing mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems, enhancing academic spaces, and implementing safety improvements. These upgrades are similar to those completed during Phase 1 at Oakwood High School and Junior High.

Oakwood Schools encourages all community members to learn more about the Master Facilities Plan on its website. On the website, you'll find frequently asked questions, detailed work done to study the scope of work and cost of Phase 2, along with informational videos.



“The way our students understand the text is amazing. The writing they produce is stronger, and it’s pushing us to push them more.”

Megan Moore
5th Grade ELA Teacher



Wit & Wisdom

Oakwood Schools adopted Wit & Wisdom as its K-6 English Language Arts program, providing students with a rigorous, text-based approach to literacy. Now in its first year, the curriculum encourages critical thinking, deep analysis, and strong writing skills while engaging students in meaningful discussions.

Teachers have embraced the program, guiding students through challenging literary explorations, structured writing exercises, and vocabulary development. In 3rd grade, students analyze multiple sources to understand historic events like Apollo 11, while 5th graders explore character development through dialogue studies in *The Phantom Tollbooth*. 6th-grade students engage in Socratic seminars on *The Odyssey*, discussing key themes such as perseverance and heroism while supporting their ideas with evidence from the text.

By immersing students in rich, complex literature, Wit & Wisdom fosters a deeper understanding of language and communication. Students learn to craft thoughtful responses, refine their writing techniques, and build confidence in their ability to interpret texts. This curriculum is preparing Oakwood students to be skilled readers, writers, and thinkers, equipping them with essential literacy tools that will serve them well throughout their academic journey and beyond.

Oakwood Schools Foundation to Complete Auditorium Fundraising Campaign with Seat Naming Opportunity

Trustees of the Oakwood Schools Foundation are making remarkable strides in their Flourish Phase 2 initiative, aimed at enhancing the Oakwood Auditorium.

Planned improvements include new theatrical rigging, increased electrical capacity, a state-of-the-art soundboard, as well as audio and lighting upgrades. These enhancements are designed to ensure the Oakwood Auditorium continues to meet the needs of future generations of Oakwood students and theatre enthusiasts.

Reviving a successful initiative from two decades ago, OSF is offering alumni and community members the chance to leave a lasting legacy on the beloved auditorium. For \$550, supporters may name a seat and have up to four lines of text engraved on a new armrest plaque.

To honor contributors to the past campaign, supporters are being offered the exclusive first opportunity to once again make their mark and should visit OSF's website to read past plaque inscriptions and relive the shared memories experienced in the auditorium. OSF encourages those interested to consider honoring a loved one, commemorate their family, or inspire future performers with a quote that resonates with the spirit of Oakwood.

To participate in this campaign, visit www.givebutter.com/auditorium, click “Donate & Tickets,” and select “Personalized Auditorium Armrest Plaque.”



Drawn to the Library

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 6-12

National Library Week is a celebration of the valuable role libraries play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.

What **draws** you in? Connect the dots to your next journey at Wright Library. Stop by for these fun activities and let us know what draws you to the library by leaving a note on our community board.



Craft & Connect for Adults

Sunday, April 6 from 3-4 p.m.
Open to all crafters! Bring a project and connect with other crafting enthusiasts.



Family Crafts: Peeps Diorama

Monday, April 7
Drop in 6-8 p.m. (for kids & families)

Tween Hangout

Tuesdays in April
3:15-4:30 p.m. (Grades 4-7)
Celebrate Citizen Science Month and Earth Day with outdoor environmental activities.

Embroidery for Adults

Thursday, April 10 from 5:30-7 p.m.
Jesy Anderson, owner of Needle, Ink, and Thread, shows embroidery stitches and techniques to adult beginners. Registration required at wrightlibrary.org/events

Crafty Kids

Saturdays in April and May
10 a.m. (PreK-Grade 3)
New crafts each week, while supplies last.

Spring Crafts for All Ages

Sunday, April 13. Drop-in 2-4 p.m.

Take the 5-Day Drawing Challenge

Sign up for this free course from LinkedIn Learning with your library card. We hope you'll be inspired to stretch your artistic creativity.

Hoopla Binge Pass for Creativebug

Also free with your library card, check out a 7-day binge pass for unlimited access to thousands of arts and crafts classes taught by experts: paint, draw, sew, knit, or throw a DIY party!

Library of Things

Check out a crafting MakerBox to sew, quilt, spin, knit, crochet, learn calligraphy, or try pottery.

Wright Library: Your Community Hub for Accessibility *(continued)*

Wright Library's mission is to be a community hub where everyone, regardless of abilities, can access and utilize the library's resources. This spring, the library highlights its accessibility services and welcomes new partners and programs. Unsure where to get started? Ask a librarian on your next visit.

Public Meeting with the National Federation of the Blind - Miami Valley Chapter

Saturday, April 12 and May 10 from 1-3:15 p.m.
Trained leaders help people adjust to vision loss, educate the sighted public, and advocate for the rights of blind Ohioans at these monthly public meetings at Wright Library.

Assistive Technology Fair

Wednesday, April 23 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Meet with local vendors for this unique opportunity to explore the latest advancements in assistive devices designed to support individuals with various disabilities. Free and open to the public. Presented by Joel Carson from the Resident Home Association of Dayton.

Library Offerings for Accessibility: Memory Care Learning Kits

Check out kits from the Library of Things that promote memory health and awareness. Each kit provides meaningful activities that stimulate the mind and spark conversation between caregivers and people experiencing memory loss, often due to Alzheimer's or Dementia.

ListenWIFI

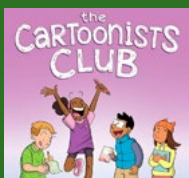
If you have trouble hearing a library program in the Community Room, talk to a Librarian about setting up ListenWIFI ahead of time. ListenWIFI allows patrons to use headphones with their smartphone or the library's receiver to amplify audio.

Vision Ruby Magnifier

If reading at the library proves difficult, ask to borrow the Vision Ruby Magnifier. It provides magnification of book spines as well as small print in books, magazines, and newspapers. Also see the huge selection of large-print books in the North Reading Room.

Digital Services: Hoopla

Your library card provides access to Hoopla, which allows users to access content through screen readers, text-to-speech features, and is compatible with refreshable braille displays.



#1 New York Times bestselling cartoonists Raina Telgemeier and Scott McCloud team up for a one-of-a-kind friendship story about creativity and self-expression. Wright Library will raffle off a copy of the popular graphic novel "The Cartoonist Club" - stop by Youth Services during National Library Week and enter to win!



Trade your phone screen for the big screen and join us for a variety of matinee movies at Wright Library.

Made possible by the Wright Library Foundation.

Royal Tenenbaums by Wes Anderson (2001, Comedy/Drama, Rated R)
A hilarious, touching, and brilliantly stylized study of melancholy and redemption.

Cinephile Film Club - Watch & Discuss:
Thursday, April 24 at 12 p.m.

Encanto by Walt Disney (2021, Family/Fantasy, Rated PG)
A magical family where everyone has a special gift.

All-ages Matinee:
Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m.

The Age of Innocence by Martin Scorsese (1993, Romance/Drama, Rated PG)
A satirical look at the brutality of Gilded Age Manhattan, adapted from the novel by Edith Wharton.

All-ages Matinee:
Saturday, May 17 at 2 p.m.
Cinephile Film Club - Watch & Discuss:
Thursday, May 22 at 12 p.m.



Wright Library is proud to partner with Green Oakwood to raise awareness on how to protect the environment.

Mysterious Moths: The Darker Side of Butterflies

Saturday, April 5 at 2 p.m.

Explore the captivating world of moths with Jim McCormac, a nationally-recognized naturalist and one of Ohio's best nature photographers.

Made possible by the Wright Library Foundation.

Dark Sky Ohio

Tuesday, April 29 at 7 p.m.

Brad Kerry, Director of Government Affairs for Dark Sky Ohio, helps us to understand light pollution.

For Youth, Teens, & Family

Teen Volunteers & Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, April 9 & May 14
3:30-4:30 p.m. (Grades 7-12)

Paws to Read on "Woof Wednesdays"

Wednesday, April 9 from 6-7 p.m. (Grades K-6)
Register your child to read to a therapy dog.

Radiate Night

Friday, April 11 from 6-7:30 p.m.
Teen panel discussion on positive well-being with resources for mental health support and advocacy.

Let's Go LEGO Drop-in

Sunday, April 27 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. (all ages)
Imaginative building at this free-play program.

Mother's Day Crafts for Kids

Monday, May 5. Drop in 6-8 p.m.

Teen Exam Break

Wednesday, May 28 & Thursday, May 29
Drop-in 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Pizza, snacks, therapy dogs, and down-time.

Teen Summer Glow Party

Friday, May 30. Drop-in 7:30-10 p.m.
Celebrate the end of school with glow-in-the-dark fun including pizza, outdoor games, music, and s'mores over the bonfire in Katharine Wright Park.

For History Enthusiasts

Far Hills Speaker Series

Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m.

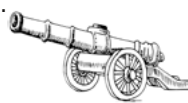
Dayton's Great Jazz Musicians

Presented by Jimmy Leach
Step back to the sweet sounds of jive with great musicians from Dayton, Ohio.

Attend at Wright Library or register to watch virtually at wrightlibrary.org/events
A Wright Library partnership with Oakwood Historical Society

Why the North Won the Civil War

Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m.
Book Discussion



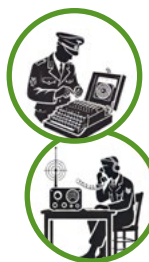
Battle of Mobile Bay

Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m.
Presented by Joe Bellas

A Wright Library partnership with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Miami Valley Civil War Round Table

Solving the Enigma: The History of the German Cipher Machine

Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m.
Livestreamed at Wright Library or register to attend virtually at wrightlibrary.org/events



Now on Exhibit

BREAKING THE CODE

Dayton's Secret Role in World War II

The Next Chapter Book Club

Mondays 6 p.m. for adults with developmental disabilities

Wright Library Book Club

Tuesday, April 8 and May 13 at 7 p.m.
wrightlibrary.org/bookclubs

Genealogy Interest Group

Wednesday, April 9 & May 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Wright Library Poets

Tuesday, April 15 & May 20 at 7 p.m.



Coffee with a Cop

Wednesday, April 9 from 10-11:30 a.m.
Get to know Oakwood Public Safety Officers over a cup of coffee! Bring your questions and concerns or just drop in to say hello. Free coffee and no registration required.

AUTHOR TALKS *online*

Register at libraryc.org/wrightlibrary

Free virtual talks with popular authors and thought leaders. Register today and submit your question to the author!

Made possible by the Wright Library Foundation.

Wordsmith and Wonder

w/ bestselling author Jodi Picoult
April 2 at 7 p.m.

The Stories, Science, and History of Trees

w/ Smithsonian Gardens Greenhouse Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming
April 8 at 2 p.m.

The Thrill of Writing Action, Adventure, & Suspense

w/ Gregg Hurwitz, author of the *Orphan X* series | April 24 at 7 p.m.

Embrace Your Anxiety

w/ Harvard psychologist and author Dr. David Rosmarin | May 7 at 2 p.m.

Author Talk with Liann Zhang

w/ author of the thriller *Julie Chan is Dead* | May 14 at 7 p.m.

Register for programs or watch previous talks at libraryc.org/wrightlibrary



Storytimes

Baby Storytime

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28
at 10:30 a.m. (ages 0-18 months)

Terrific Tales

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
at 10:30 a.m. (ages 3-5 years)

Books & Blocks

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, & May 2
at 10:30 a.m.
(ages 18-36 months)

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Wright at Home – 2025

The Oakwood Historical Society and Dayton History are pleased to announce the return of a special Oakwood event - Wright at Home. This immersive tour will be held on Saturday, April 26, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Wright at Home will give you a chance to tour Hawthorn Hill, the stately home of Orville Wright and the Wright family, one that reflects their success, ingenuity, and creative genius. The Wright at Home event features an open-house style experience in which knowledgeable docents are positioned throughout the home where Orville, Katharine and their father, Milton, lived. They will share stories about the Wright family and some of the illustrious visitors to Hawthorn Hill such as Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and Charles Lindbergh. You will also have the opportunity to meet Stephen Wright, the great grandnephew of Wilbur and Orville Wright.

In addition to the house tour, docents will be available to take you on a short neighborhood walking tour where you will hear about Orville's famous neighbors.

You will learn about an early member of the "Barn Gang," a group instrumental in the practical use of early automobiles, and a well-known architect who designed many of the prominent homes and buildings in both Oakwood and Dayton. Also you will hear the story of an Oakwood resident credited with the early success of Frigidaire and the rags-to-riches life of a German immigrant who earned the title "Maker of Machines." After the tours, relax with some light refreshments including Orville's favorite cookies and peruse the gifts and books about Oakwood and the Wright brothers that will be for sale.

To register for this exciting event, please go to DaytonHistory.org. Proceeds from this event directly benefit Dayton History and The Oakwood Historical Society, two non-profit organizations dedicated to preserving and celebrating the history of our community. For questions, please contact The Oakwood Historical Society: info@oakwoodhistory.org. We hope to see you there!

