



DECEMBER / JANUARY 2025

OAKWOOD SCENE

A joint publication provided by the City of Oakwood, Oakwood School District and Wright Memorial Public Library



CITY NEWS | “Lighting Up” Oakwood – Sunday, December 8

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. This event brightens the entire community at the onset of the winter holiday season. Luminarias will line the Shafor boulevard. The committee encourages neighborhood participation and hopes to see many citizens joining in the festive beautification effort.



SCHOOL NEWS | Excellence in Financial Reporting

Laura Sauber and the Oakwood Schools’ Treasurer’s Office have been recognized with the prestigious Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The award was given for the district’s comprehensive financial report, which met GFOA’s high standards for transparency and accountability.

Superintendent Neil Gupta praised the Treasurer’s Office for their commitment to financial integrity, stating, “This award reflects their dedication to maintaining accountability and building trust with our community.”



LIBRARY NEWS | Learning Kits are for the Birds!

Wright Library loves books as much as you do, but there is another unique way to engage with the library - Learning Kits from the Library of Things!

The newest kit in the collection is for bird watching. Whether you’re an experienced birder or just starting out, this kit provides everything you need to explore the fascinating world of birds in your area. Turn to page 10 for more information on Library Learning Kits including Little Learner Backpacks, a Toniebox, Metal Detecting, and Ghost Hunting!

Luminaria Kits

Luminaria kits are available at the OCC during regular business hours. They are sold at a cost of \$6.00 per dozen. The price includes white bags, sand and 10-hour candles.



Holiday Closings

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S

City offices, the Community Center and the Public Works Center will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas and on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's.

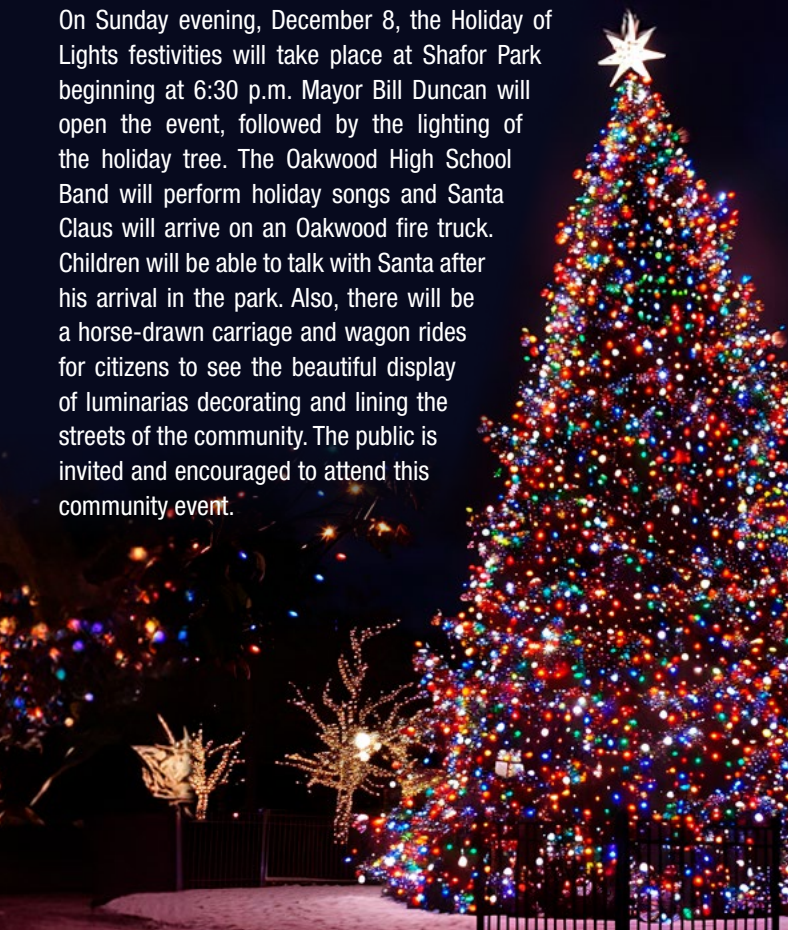
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

City offices, the Community Center and the Public Works Center will also be closed on Monday, January 20 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Please refer to the holiday refuse pickup article herein for the holiday refuse collection schedules.

“Holiday of Lights”

On Sunday evening, December 8, the Holiday of Lights festivities will take place at Shafor Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Bill Duncan will open the event, followed by the lighting of the holiday tree. The Oakwood High School Band will perform holiday songs and Santa Claus will arrive on an Oakwood fire truck. Children will be able to talk with Santa after his arrival in the park. Also, there will be a horse-drawn carriage and wagon rides for citizens to see the beautiful display of luminarias decorating and lining the streets of the community. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this community event.



Holiday Tree Disposal

The city will pick up holiday trees according to the normal yard debris collection schedule (see maps on page 3). Trees should be placed at the property frontage as close to the curb (on the property side) as possible. Do not place trees in the street or in center boulevard areas. Please remove plastic covers from trees. Evergreen wreaths and boughs, wires, ribbons and ornamental items should be placed with your regular household refuse items.



Leaf Pickup

Autumn leaf pickup service is scheduled to conclude on Friday, December 20. The leaf pickup schedule is the same as the yard debris schedule. Please rake leaves directly to the curb or gutter unbagged, ideally just a day or two before the scheduled pickup only during the ten-week leaf collection season. Please spread out large piles to avoid blocking roadways. Also, do not include brush, branches or other yard debris with the leaves. This other yard debris should be placed off the street behind the curb or edge of roadway or dropped off at the Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-off Facility at the J.D. Foell Public Works Center. Small amounts can be placed in regular household trash cans.

Special Pickups

The City's special pickup program is suspended during leaf season, but will begin again on Thursday, January 2. You may schedule this service on or after January 2 by phoning the Public Works Center at (937) 298-0777 or by scheduling online through the city website.

Recycling and Green Waste Drop-off at Public Works Facility

The Recycling and Yard Waste Drop-off Facility, located at the entrance to the J.D. Foell Public Works Center, offers 24/7/365 drop off for recyclables, cardboard and green waste. The facility includes multiple dumpsters for disposal of cardboard, one dumpster for commingled recyclables and an area for green waste dumping. Oakwood was the first community in Montgomery County to establish a city-wide recycling program. The recycling program began in 1989 and continues to be a priority service provided by the Oakwood Public Works Department. For more information about the comprehensive Oakwood refuse and recycling program, please see the city website at <https://oakwoodohio.gov/refuse-recycling/>.

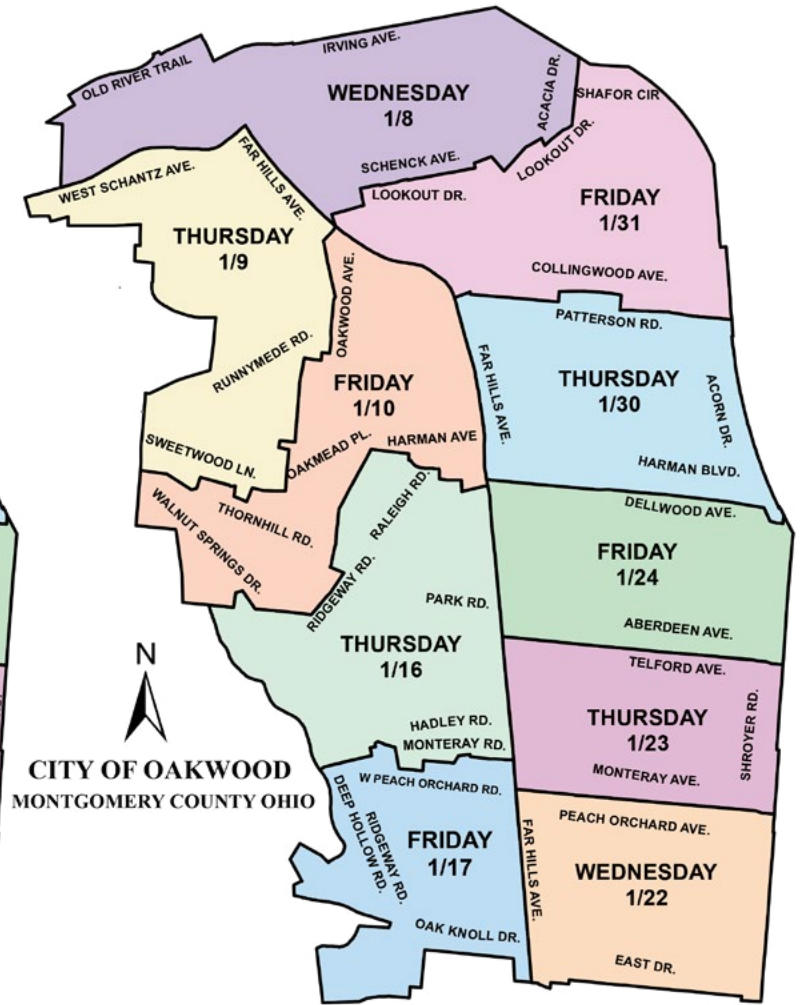
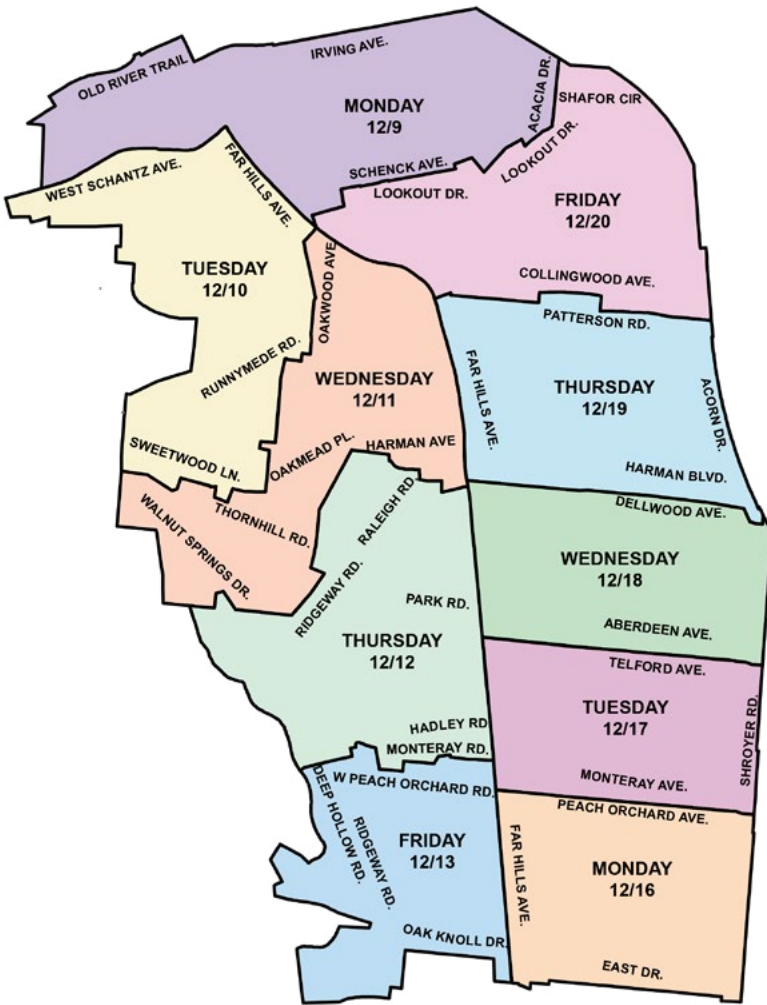
Holiday Refuse Pickups

The refuse collection schedule during holiday weeks is shown below:

WEEKS OF DECEMBER 23 AND DECEMBER 30 (Christmas and New Year's)	
REGULAR SCHEDULE	HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday

WEEK OF JANUARY 20 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)	
REGULAR SCHEDULE	HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
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YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2024 & JANUARY 2025



Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on:
12/12
Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on:
12/19

Far Hills Ave. will be picked up on:
1/16
Shroyer Rd. will be picked up on:
1/30



Snow Plowing and Salting Policy

The safety of our public roadways and sidewalks is a high priority in Oakwood. In the event of a major snowfall, the City takes the following actions to keep streets, alleys and sidewalks clear:

Street Plowing:

During heavy snowfall, we plow every street at least once. Please help us during snowfall events by not parking your vehicle on the streets, unless absolutely necessary.

Street Salting:

Major streets and intersections take priority, along with steep hills. Flat residential streets may also be salted, but to a lesser degree due to environmental considerations.

Alley Plowing:

Alleys are plowed after an accumulation of approximately 4" or more of snow.

Sidewalk Plowing:

When there is an accumulation of approximately 1" or more of snow, we dispatch our sidewalk plows. Plows will typically make one pass through the city. Please remember that while our city offers this unique sidewalk plowing service, under city ordinance it is the property owner's responsibility to keep sidewalks at their frontage clear of snow and ice.

Driveway Plowing:

If you are plowing your driveway, please make arrangements so that the snow is not pushed into or across the street. Also, please remember that it is the property owner's responsibility to make certain their own driveway is clear of snow and ice to allow the City refuse vehicles to collect the weekly trash in a safe and efficient manner.

2025 Dog License Information

2025 dog licenses will be sold at the Oakwood city building from Monday, December 2, 2024 to Friday, January 31, 2025. The base fee for an annual license is \$20, the same as last year, but applies to spayed/neutered dogs only. The fee for unaltered dogs is \$24.

There are several exclusions to the \$4 non-spayed/neutered fee:

- If the dog is 9 months old or less.
- If the dog is too old or has a medical condition preventing the dog from being spayed/neutered (the owner must provide a veterinarian's certification).
- If the dog is used or intended to be used for breeding or show (a Breed Registry number is required).
- If the dog is used or intended to be used for hunting (The owner's hunting license number is required).

If veterinarian certification, breed registry number or hunting license number are provided to avoid the \$4 extra fee, the license must be purchased by mail or in person at the Montgomery County Auditor's office or the Animal Resource Center. Multi-year and permanent dog licenses are also available for purchase, but only by mail or in person at the Montgomery County Auditor's office at 451 W. Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45422.



Vacant House Checks

Are you planning a winter getaway for an extended weekend, for a whole week, or for a month or longer? Please remember that the Oakwood Public Safety Department offers a free Vacant House Check (VHC) program to all Oakwood residents. The VHC program is a crime prevention tool that can be beneficial in protecting your residence. Once enrolled in the program, Public Safety Officers will make periodic checks of your residence while you are away and make notification to your emergency contact number should a problem be discovered.

To take advantage of this program, visit our website at www.oakwoodohio.gov and submit a house check request, or contact the Oakwood Public Safety Department Dispatch Center at (937) 298-2122. You will need to provide the following information: duration of your trip, vehicles parked in the driveway, a local emergency contact person, notification number that you can be reached at while you are away, and the names of anyone who will be at your residence while you are away.

Pre-Sale/Pre-Rental Inspections

Thinking of selling or renting your home? The city of Oakwood has a Pre-sale/Pre-Rental Inspection program. To transfer legal ownership of any real estate premises within the city of Oakwood, or to rent a property, the current owner must obtain a pre-sale/pre-rental inspection and receive a Certificate of Occupancy for the buyer or tenant. This program was established in 1968 to ensure that properties are code-compliant at the time of sale or rental, or brought into compliance shortly thereafter. Inspections are good for one year, so this can be done ahead of time and avoid a time crunch when you have obtained a buyer or tenant. This program is especially important to a community like Oakwood with an aging housing stock. It helps to protect property values by ensuring homes are continuously maintained.

How it works:

- Sellers submit a pre-sale/pre-rental inspection form to the city (available on our website), pay the \$70 inspection fee, and the inspection is scheduled.
- An inspector will meet the property owner (or real estate agent) and perform an inspection of both the interior and exterior of the property for compliance with the building, zoning, and property maintenance codes. You can prepare for this inspection – things we will be looking to confirm include placement of smoke detectors (one in every bedroom, plus one per floor), stairway hand rails, and other safety requirements, functioning plumbing and electrical fixtures and devices, as well as general property maintenance. Also, the inspector will verify that HVAC equipment has been properly installed and inspected through the city of Kettering's building department.
- Once an inspection is complete, and any violations are remedied, the city prepares a Certificate of Occupancy, which is necessary for closing on the property or prior to the move-in of a new tenant.

If you have any questions about the process or are preparing to sell or rent your home, call the city's Zoning Office at (937) 297-2920, or email us at zoning@oakwoodohio.gov and we will walk you through the process. More information is available on the city's website at <https://oakwoodohio.gov/pre-sale-inspection-program/>.





Direct Your Taxes to the City of Oakwood

Did you know that there are actually three jurisdictions in the State of Ohio that have “Oakwood” in their name? While we are the only city, there are two villages also located within the State. Taxpayers and even tax preparers oftentimes confuse our city with either one of the villages. The City of Oakwood’s Income Tax Department provides services to collect income taxes and process income tax returns for the city.

We do not utilize an outside agency, such as the Regional Income Tax Agency, for our tax services. All of your taxes should be addressed to the City of Oakwood. If you are having your employer withhold Oakwood income tax from your wages, please make sure that your employer’s payroll department chooses the City of Oakwood, Montgomery County, so that your tax dollars are remitted to the correct locale.



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.

December/January Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 2 and Monday, January 6. Both meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:30 p.m. The regular sessions are televised live on the city website at www.oakwoodohio.gov, and on cable TV (Spectrum Ch. 6, TV Tuner Ch. 5.03 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’s website.





Holiday Safety Tips

The holiday season is upon us and many will be traveling, shopping, or attending special holiday events. This often leads to our homes being unoccupied for extended periods of time during the day and evening hours. Unfortunately, this is also the time of the year when others are looking for the opportunity to take advantage of unoccupied homes or distracted shoppers. The Oakwood Public Safety Department offers the following holiday safety tips:

If you are planning a quick getaway, have a neighbor watch your home and retrieve any packages, newspapers, or mail daily. If planning to be away for an extended period of time, have someone shovel any snow from your walks and driveway. Additionally, leave lights on or set timers. Make your home appear occupied. Accumulating packages, newspapers, mail, a dark house, and snow covered driveways all make your home an easy target for would-be burglars casing a neighborhood. Lastly, whether going on a quick getaway or extended vacation contact the Oakwood Public Safety Department by calling (937) 298-2122 and request officers conduct a Vacant House Check on your residence.

Shop during daylight hours when possible. If you must shop at night, consider going with a friend or family member. Dress casually, avoid wearing expensive jewelry, do not carry large amounts of cash, and avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to maintain clear visibility and freedom of motion.

Additionally, don't allow yourself to get easily sidetracked and lose awareness of what is happening around you. Be cautious of strangers approaching you for any reason, such as handing out fliers, asking for directions or where a store is located. Many criminals use this simply as a method to distract you. Keep your purse or wallet in your immediate sight at all times and secure your credit cards after every transaction.

If shopping during the late afternoon or evening hours, park in a well-lit space, or an area that will be well-illuminated once it is dark. Also, if possible, park near the store or malls main entrance. After shopping, end your cell phone conversation before walking to your vehicle. Walk with a purpose to and from your destination. Have your keys ready and lock your doors immediately upon entering your vehicle. Remember, when making multiple stops, place shopping bags and gifts in the trunk or out of plain view. Breaking into an empty car isn't worth a thief's time.

Please heed these safety tips and have a safe and happy holiday season.



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as we strive to enrich every student's educational journey.

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Celebrate Oakwood Alumni

Nominate Distinguished Alumnus Today

We are looking forward to celebrating another outstanding group of alumni in the Fall of 2025. The Distinguished Alumni Award celebrates alumni who have made significant accomplishments in their careers or dedicated themselves to service while maintaining high standards of personal integrity and character. The only requirement is that the individual must have graduated more than 15 years ago. This year, we will accept nominees from classes 2010 and before. We hope to recognize our alumni who are achieving greatness at every stage of their careers and lives. The 2025 Distinguished Alumni Awards event will be a fun gathering with friends and family of the honorees sharing stories and recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of our fellow alumni. Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are honored with a plaque and recognized at the Homecoming football game.

Please consider nominating an OHS alum! Nominations are due by March 31.

For nomination information, visit oakwoodschooldfoundation.org or contact Lauren Gentry at alumni@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org



What is PHILANTHROPY 101?

Join us in supporting local non-profits and teaching students the importance of giving back

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Oakwood City Schools Financial Forecast

Every Ohio school district is required to file a financial forecast with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce two times each year. These projections give some historical data and then a snapshot of finances in the general fund for the next five years. Successful passage of the operating levy in November 2023 and full utilization of the pandemic relief funds have put Oakwood on solid financial health to align our income and expenses to the district's current and future goals with respect to academics, operations and facilities. We understand the importance of being good stewards of the resources entrusted to us, and we are dedicated to maximizing those dollars without compromising the quality of education and services we provide.

EXPLANATION OF REVENUE:

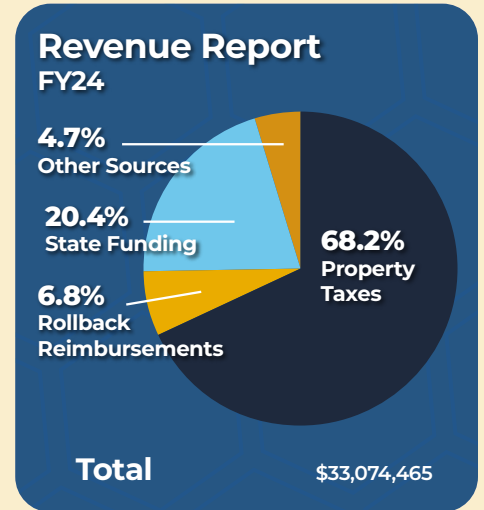
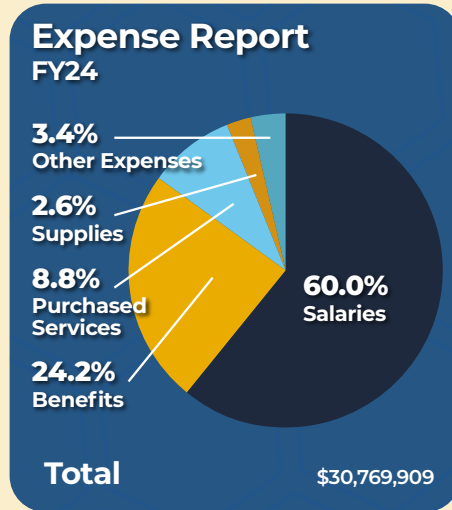
These percentages represent the breakdown of the district's general fund revenues. The two primary sources of revenue are property taxes and state funding/reimbursements, which support the district's day-to-day operations.

EXPLANATION OF EXPENSES:

Oakwood City Schools dedicate 71.1% of our total expenses to classroom instruction. The percentages shown represent the distribution of the district's general fund, which covers daily operating expenses. As a service-based

organization, most expenses are allocated to salaries and benefits to ensure we have the staff needed to educate and support students. Other expense categories include classroom supplies, utilities, and miscellaneous costs.

OUR FINANCIAL FORECAST



VISIT OUR NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

WWW.OAKWOODSCHOOLS.ORG

2025 - 2026 LANGE KINDERGARTEN ENTRANCE DATE

Kindergarten Entrance Date Moved

Oakwood City Schools plans to move the kindergarten entrance date from September 30 to August 1 for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year, pending board approval in December. This change will align Oakwood with all other public school districts in Montgomery County and allows the district's youngest learners additional time to develop critical cognitive, social and emotional skills, setting them up for greater long-term success. Registration details will be available in Spring 2025.

Bird Watching Learning Kit

NEW!

The new Bird Watching Learning Kit contains a pair of binoculars, a spotting scope for close-up views, and the "Backyard Guide to the Birds of North America." It is appropriate for any age and, like most of the Learning Kits, can be checked out with your Wright Library Card for 14 days.

Also new in the Library of Things:

Uncover hidden treasures - or hidden spirits - with these two new Learning Kits. Check out a Nokta lightweight **Metal Detecting Kit** for finding hidden gems on land or in water. For the beginner **Ghost Hunter**, this kit contains an EMF Meter, Voice Recorder, Frequency Sweep Radio, and more.

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to learn more



Winter Reading Challenge

For Adults, Teens, and Kids
January - February

Details at wrightlibrary.org/events



Family photos for a new generation.



Thursday, December 5 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Learn how to preserve your family memories at this guided orientation to the Memory Digitization Lab. With these tools, you can digitize your personal collection of documents, books, photographs, slides, film negatives, 8mm and Super8 reel-to-reel film, VHS, and audio cassettes.

Little Learner Backpacks

These little backpacks are brimming with high quality early learning materials, books, and activities that make learning fun!

All materials are developmentally appropriate for young children and teach valuable concepts children need to know for school success such as Seasons of the Year, Shapes in My World, Everyday Objects, and Getting Dressed.

Also new in the Library of Things:

Listen, learn, and play with a Toniebox! Kids safely learn technology while building speech and reading skills with Daniel Tiger, Peppa Pig, Elmo, Elsa, and more.



Author Talks Online

Enjoy livestreamed talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders through this new series from Wright Library and the Library Speaker Consortium. From tropical bats to the unexplained, each author talk is filled with fascinating insight as authors share their motivation and answer your questions live. Missed a speaker? Check out past programs in the archives. **Register at libraryc.org/wrightlibrary**

Wednesday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Unearthed: Exploring the Smithsonian National Gem Collection with Dr. Jeffrey Post

Wednesday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Pulse-Pounding, Family Driven Mysteries: A Conversation with Laura Dave

Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m.

The Magic of Found Family with TJ Klune - New York Times, USA Today, and Lambda Literary Award-winning author.

Tuesday, January 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Seth Fishman, a VP at the Gernert Company, gives an inside look at working with a literary agent.

Library Closures

December 24 & 25 in observance of Christmas

December 31 & January 1 - Happy New Year!

January 20 in observance of MLK Jr. Day

Give to the Wright Library Foundation's Annual Campaign

Consider a gift to the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation as you are making your end-of-the-year tax-deductible gifts. With your support, Wright Library offers high-impact programs, materials, and services that the library's modest operating budget could not otherwise fund.



You may have attended a foundation-funded event such as Noggin the Sled Dog, Focus on Forces: A Spectacular Science Show, or the Signposts of Dying — or perhaps you have enjoyed a Doorway to Dayton activity pass to the Boonshoft Museum or borrowed a ROKU streaming device.

Please support new and exciting opportunities by making a donation today!
wrightlibrary.org/foundation



For Youth, Teens, & Family

Tween Hangout

Tuesdays December 3, 10; January 7, 14, 21, 28
from 3:15-4:30 p.m. (Grades 4-7)
Weekly fun after school with games and crafts.

Elementary STEM Exploration with 4-H

Thursday, December 5 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Grades 3-6)
STEM-based activities provided by the Montgomery County
Extension of Ohio State University. Registration required.

Crafty Kids

Saturdays December 7, 14, 21, 28; January 4, 11, 18, 25
10:00 a.m. (Pre K-Grade 3)
Drop in and make a new craft each week.

Winter Holiday Crafts for Kids

Monday, December 9. Drop-in 6-8 p.m. (Grades K-6).

Teen Volunteers & Teen Advisory Board

Wednesday, December 11
3:30-4:30 p.m. (Grades 7-12)

Learn about library opportunities just for
teens followed by some holiday cheer. We
will send holiday cards to area retirement
communities and letters to seniors across
the nation through the **Love for Our Elders**
organization. **Join us again on January 8**
for new activities in the New Year!



Paws to Read on "Woof Wednesdays"

Wednesday, December 11 & January 15 from 6-7 p.m. (Grades K-6)
Read to a therapy dog independently for 15 minutes.
Registration preferred.

Teen Exam Break

December 18 - 20. Drop-in 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Grades 7-12)
Pizza & snacks, therapy dogs, and time to chill or study with friends.

Fun with LEGO®!

Winter Break LEGO®: December 21 - January 5
Drop-in to create a winter scene for display in Youth Services.
Let's Go LEGO®: January 26. Drop-in 2-4 p.m. for imaginative building.

Sunday Funday with Family Games

Sunday, December 29. Drop-in 2-4 p.m. (all ages)
Board games and snacks - fun for the whole family!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Friday, January 10, 6:00 p.m. (all ages)
Stories and crafts with your favorite stuffy, then leave them at the
library for a fun-filled sleepover documented on social media.
*A Wright Library partnership with the MOMs of Oakwood Little Hands
Big Hearts Committee.*

Winter Crafts for All Ages

Sunday, January 12.
Drop-in 2-4 p.m. (all ages)
Make cool crafts to celebrate the season.



Adult Programs



When Women Ran Fifth Avenue

Sunday, December 8 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Author Julie Satow explores the dynamic and transformative period of
the early 20th century when women began to assert their influence on
New York City's Fifth Avenue. *A Wright Library partnership with the Jewish
Dayton's Cultural Arts & Book Series.*

Genealogy Interest Group

Wednesday, December 11 & January 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Wright Library Poets

Tuesday, December 17 & January 21 at 7 p.m.

Civil War Round Table Series

Thursday, December 19, 7 p.m.
A Civil War Christmas presented by Allan Howie.
*A Wright Library partnership with Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War and the Miami Valley Civil War Round Table.*



Accessibility: Get the Most Out of Your Library

Saturday, January 11 at 12:30 p.m. (in-person & virtual)
Learn how visually and hearing impaired individuals can function in our
community and all the ways to access materials at Wright Library.
A Wright Library partnership with the National Federation of the Blind of Ohio.

Crochet & Connect

Sunday, January 5 from 3-4 p.m.

Cinephile Film Club

Thursday, January 30 at 12:00 p.m.
Monthly film screening followed by library-led discussion.

NEW!

Codebreaker Series: Battle of Codes in WWII

Thursday, January 23, 7 p.m.
Register for this virtual program on war-time communications and
codebreaking enemy messages in Dayton and abroad.
*A Wright Library partnership with the National Security Agency, National
Cryptologic Museum, and Oakwood Unsung Heroes.*

Storytimes

Baby Storytime

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

Terrific Tales

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

Books & Blocks

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

See dates at
wrightlibrary.org/calendar

Book Clubs

Family Book Club

January 22 from 6-7 p.m.
Share your favorite book while
enjoying activities and snacks.

Wright Library Book Club

December 10 at 7 p.m.
Clark & Division by Naomi Hirahara
January 14 at 7 p.m.
The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

The Next Chapter Book Club

Mondays 6 p.m. for adults with
developmental disabilities

City of Oakwood

30 Park Avenue
Oakwood, Montgomery County
Oakwood, Ohio 45419

CITY OF OAKWOOD DEPARTMENT NUMBERS

City Manager's Office
937-298-0600

Engineering & Public Works
937-298-0777

Finance
937-298-0402

Income Tax
937-298-0531

Leisure Services/Horticulture
937-298-0775

Human Resources
937-298-0411

Planning & Zoning
937-297-2920

Public Safety (non-emergency)
937-298-2122

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Harman's DCP Bake Sale Blends Learning, Community, Compassion

Harman Elementary students are mixing up more than just cookie dough – they're blending hands-on learning with community service through the Dharma Citizenship Project (DCP).

Harman School students recently put their baking skills to good use with a school-wide bake sale.

Mrs. Dunham's 3rd-grade class and the 6th-grade Social Studies students worked together to raise funds for 108 "Birthday Cake Boxes," which will be donated to the local food pantry, Feeding Friends. Each box includes cake mix, icing, soda, candles, and a pan, providing families with everything they need for a special celebration.

In addition to baking, students learned valuable lessons in economics and science through the project. The bake sale also fostered camaraderie as students united to help others in their community.

The DCP, a weekly collaboration between 3rd and 6th graders, teaches civic participation and communication skills, while also exploring the principles of Dharma. This hands-on project not only builds academic skills but also instills a sense of responsibility and compassion in Harman students as they make a real impact in their community.

