

OAKWOOD

City and School Scene



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Deer Debate

By now I am certain that most Oakwood citizens have heard about our community deer debate. The issue is quite challenging. We know that there is a growing population of white-tailed deer wandering around our city. There is no question that these animals are very attractive when wandering in small groups on our private properties. They certainly add to our community ambiance. However, we also know that the animals frequently cross our streets and as the population continues to increase, the possibility of a serious deer-vehicle collision increases, as does the damage to residential property. Additionally, we know that deer begin to suffer when their numbers exceed the biological carrying capacity of their habitat (i.e., there are more animals than the land can support).

During just the first two months of this year, we have had one confirmed deer-vehicle collision – this occurred in the 500 block of Oak Knoll – and two other suspected deer-vehicle collisions. One of these occurred near the intersection of W. Schantz Avenue and Kramer and the other at the intersection of Far Hills and Schantz Avenue. Additionally, we have had one deer impaled on the chain link fence around the NCR Sugar Camp property. The impaled deer and the one struck at Schantz and Far Hills were still alive when we arrived on the scene. A public safety officer then shot the deer.

Because deer do not recognize property lines or political boundaries, we believe that the only reasonable approach to managing the herd is to partner with the owners of larger natural areas around our city. Through a partnership and the expertise of personnel from the

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Federal Projects Reviewed

The Oakwood City School District receives federal funds through several sources, including those listed below. In the near future, we will be renewing our applications for these funds for the 2006-2007 school year. Allocations for the 2006-2007 school year have not yet been determined by the Ohio Department of Education, therefore the amounts below reflect what we have received during the 2005-2006 school year. While some funds may increase, others will likely decrease. Public input on the use of these federal funds is welcome, and may be directed to Kathy Bartalo, Director of Educational Services, at 297-5332.

Title I-Targeted Assistance: During the 2005-2006 school year, Oakwood received \$31,922 from this program to provide supplemental remedial instruction for elementary students in reading. These funds have covered part of the salary of one Title I teacher.

Title II A-Improving Teacher Quality: During the 2005-2006 school year, Oakwood received \$34,098 from this fund. Combined with the funds from **Title V-Innovative Programs**, \$5,599, this money was used to reduce class size by hiring an additional first grade teacher.

Title II D-Technology: During the 2005-2006 school year, Oakwood received \$580 to provide staff development in the use of educational technology.

Title IV-Safe and Drug Free Schools: During the 2005-2006 school year, Oakwood received \$5,226 from this fund. Oakwood used these funds toward the salary of our Safe and Drug Free Schools counselor.

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Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife as well as Five Rivers Metro Parks, we should be able to develop a management program that is effective and offers alternatives that will be met with favor by most of our citizens.

The current specific issue before city council is one that weighs the rights of a property owner to take deliberate actions to protect their property from wild animals (i.e., have animals removed) against the desire of other property owners, some who wish to allow the wild animals to roam at will and others who wish to find alternative ways to manage the growing population. Needless to say, this is a sensitive issue in that there are passionate views on both sides. Ultimately, city council will need to render a decision.

—City Manager Norbert Klopsch

New Resident Breakfast

Our annual New Resident Breakfast event will take place at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 6. All residents who moved to Oakwood over the past year should have received an invitation. If you did not receive one, please call the Community Center at 298-0775 to make a reservation. There is no cost. The event promises to be enjoyable. The meal will be prepared by your city staff and you will hear comments from Mayor Judy Cook, School Superintendent Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo, Municipal Court Judge Bob Deddens, Wright Library Director Ann Snively and City Manager Norbert Klopsch. Also, we will have entertainment for the youngsters.

April/May City Council Meetings

City Council will conduct public meetings on the following dates:

Regular Sessions:

- 7:30 P.M., Monday, April 10
- 7:30 P.M., Monday, May 1

Work Sessions:

- 5:00 P.M., Monday, April 24
- 5:00 P.M., Monday, May 15

All meetings will take place in the conference room/council chambers at 30 Park Avenue.

Tax Season Approaches

2005 Oakwood income tax returns are due April 17, 2006. Should you require an extension of time to file your return, your extension request must be submitted to our office on or before April 17, 2006. Payment of the estimated tax liability must accompany the request as an extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay the tax due.

Tax return forms were mailed during January. If you did not receive your income tax forms, please contact the Income Tax Department at 298-0531 or visit the city's website at www.mvcc.net/oakwood/ Tax forms and instructions are also available at the Wright Brothers Branch of the U.S. Post Office and Wright Memorial Public Library.

Normal business hours for the tax office are from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided during the filing season as follows:

- Monday, April 10 through Thursday April 13, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- Monday, April 17, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

If you have any questions regarding the Oakwood income tax, please contact the tax department at 298-0531.

Holiday Closing

Monday, May 29, 2006 - Memorial Day. City offices including the OCC and Public Works Center will be closed. The OCC Office and Health Center will be open from 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 27 and from 12:00 – 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 28.

Trash pickup for all routes during the week of May 29 will take place one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday; and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

The annual fire hydrant flushing will begin the week of April 3rd and last approximately 5 weeks. Please watch for news releases in the *Oakwood Register* regarding the timing for your particular street.

Spring Yard and Garden Cleanup

As you get ready to tackle the spring yard and garden projects, here are a few things to remember:

- Place larger piles of yard debris including brush and branches into the tree lawn area just behind the curb. Remember that branches should be no longer than 6 feet and should be placed in manageable piles. Also, please do not place these piles around fire hydrants, cable TV boxes or posts/poles.
- Under no circumstance should you place anything except yard debris in the tree lawn area.
- Place small amounts of leaves, small twigs, flowers and other such smaller yard debris items in with your regular trash.
- If you have extra yard debris, place it in bags next to your cans. Please limit these extra bags to not more than two. If you have more than two, you will need to call for a special pickup.
- Do not stack loose debris around or on top of 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 with curbside yard debris

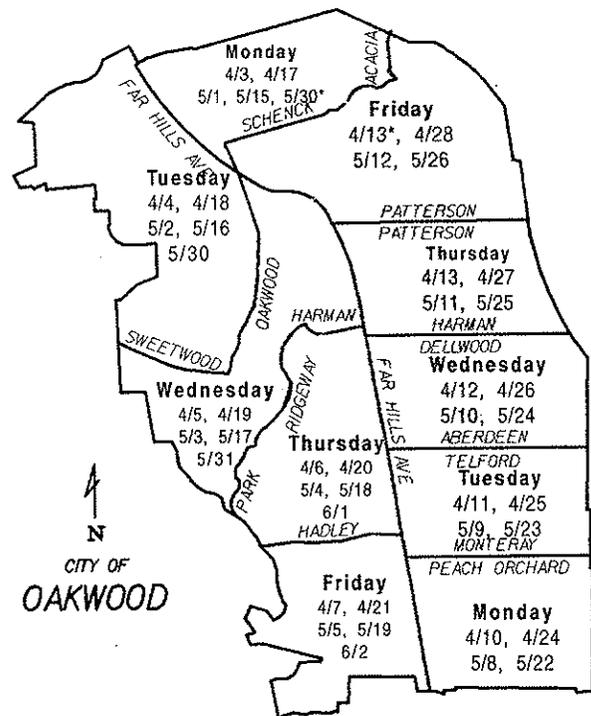
Please refer to the map below for your scheduled brush and branch and special pickup days.

Special Pickups

Special pickups can be scheduled by calling 298-0777. All Oakwood property owners are entitled to two special pickups per calendar year at no cost. Additional pickups will be charged at \$50.00 each. If you are a tenant, you must coordinate your special pickups with the property owner. For special pickups, all items must be placed in an open area where the city bucket loader can safely access them (e.g., on driveways away from structures and fences). Special pickups are suspended from mid-October through the end of the year due to leaf collection activities.

Dumpsters

As an alternative to special pickups, residents can request dumpsters for disposing debris. There is a \$50 delivery and pickup charge for the dumpsters. This is a new charge that began March 1, 2006. The person requesting the dumpster will also be responsible for the costs incurred by the city for dumping the discarded materials. Even with the new charge, the city dumpster service is much less expensive than private hauler options. If you would like to use the dumpsters for disposing of brush and branch material, rather than waiting for the regularly scheduled bi-weekly pickup, please call to schedule a dumpster delivery. There is no charge when using dumpsters for brush and branch disposal. Call 298-0777 to schedule this service.



* Holiday Pickup

The following two roads are scheduled as follows:
 Far Hills Avenue: 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/18, 6/1
 Shroyer Road: 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25

Important Leisure Services Department Dates

- **Annual 6th Grade Dance:** Friday, April 28, 8:00 – 9:30 P.M.
- **Bike Rodeo/Bike Maintenance:** Saturday, April 22. Bike Maintenance is from 9:30 – 10:30 A.M., Rodeo for K-6 is from 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Rain date is April 29.
- **Father/Daughter Dance:** Saturday, April 29, 7:30 – 9:00 P.M.
- **Salute to Seniors Luncheon:** Wednesday, May 3, 11:30 A.M.
- **American Red Cross Babysitting Course:** Saturday, May 13, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

For further details or information, please contact the Community Center at 298-0775.

Friends Of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale

The nineteenth annual Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale will be held on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 at the OCC, 105 Patterson Road. The hours are from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Friday and 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Saturday.

A wide variety of perennials, hostas, ferns, herbs, ornamental grasses, wildflowers and daylilies will be available. A complete listing of plants at the sale will be available at the OCC, or by mail, after April 1st. Volunteers are also needed to help. If anyone is interested, please contact Carol Collins at 298-0775.

2006 Curb, Walk, and Apron Project

The 2006 curb, sidewalk and apron repair project will take place in the area east of Far Hills Avenue and south of Telford Avenue. The purpose of the program is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. We have completed inspecting the areas and marking sections of concrete requiring repairs. Residents affected by the work will receive personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call Bart Bornhorst, Engineering Technician, at 298-0777 if you have any questions. For those who choose to do the repair work themselves, please remember to obtain a permit in advance and that work must be completed and inspected by June 9, 2006.

Mulch Program

Citizens will have two options again this year for obtaining leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cy for \$60 and 6 cy for \$80. Please call 298-0777 to place an order. We are taking orders on a first come, first served basis. Mulch deliveries will take place on a total of 6 Saturdays. There will be 4 Saturdays when mulch is delivered beginning on April 15th and ending on May 6th. The final two Saturdays will be June 3rd and June 10th.

On the same six Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from the public works center at 210 Shafor Blvd. between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., but must haul the material themselves. City personnel will assist in loading the mulch.

Gardner Pool Hours

Gardner Pool will open Saturday, May 27 and operate Monday through Friday 11:45 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. and on weekends and holidays from 11:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Summer Job Opportunities

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

Water Meter Replacement and Automated Meter Reading Project

Thank you to all of the property owners who have had their water meter(s) replaced and transmitters added. Roughly 87% of the project is complete. All water customers of the city of Oakwood are required to have their meters changed. There is no cost to the residents for this service. If you have not had your meter changed up to this point, please call our scheduling contractor MBS at 1-800-356-1717 as soon as possible. If you have any questions on the project, please contact Mike Wenclewicz or Kevin Weaver of the city of Oakwood public works department at 298-0777.

THAT DAY IN MAY

Oakwood's family festival, "That Day in May" will be held May 20, 2006. Plan on attending this year's festival which promises to be packed full of fun activities and events for the whole family.

◆ SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006 ◆

Pancake Breakfast 8:00 – 11:30 A.M.

Oakwood High School Cafeteria

Silent Auction 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Oakwood High School Cafeteria and Shafor Boulevard side of Stadium

Fun Run 8:30 A.M.

Begins at Oakwood High School Stadium

Oakwood 5K and 10K Runs 9:00 A.M.

Community Parade 12:00 Noon

Begins at Dorothy Lane Market, north on Shafor Boulevard

Battle of the Bands 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Shafor Boulevard side of Stadium

Sponsored by Oakwood FOP Lodge #107

Games and Rides 12:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Shafor Boulevard side of Stadium

Displays and Refreshments 12:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Oakwood High School Stadium

Found Property

The Oakwood Public Safety Department is in possession of the following bicycles. If you are the owner of one of these bikes, please contact the Safety Department at 298-2122. Unclaimed property will be disposed of in accordance with City Ordinance 151.06

Brand	Model	Color	Boys/Girls	Wheel Size	Type
Ross	Eurosport	Red	Boys	26"	Road
Roadmaster	Atari	Blue	Girls	24"	Mountain
Magna	Zip Drive	Black	Boys	18"	Mountain
Pacific	SX200	Silver	Boys	20"	Mountain
Cannondale	M300	Black	Boys	26"	Mountain
Schwinn	Z Force	Blue	Boys	20"	Mountain
Murray	Razor	Silver	Boys	20"	Mountain
Diamond Back	Mini Viper	Red	Boys	12"	BMX
Roadmaster	Mountain Sport	Pink	Girls	12"	BMX
Magna	GT Divide	Black	Boys	26"	Road
Free Spirit	Cannon Run	Whi/Aqua	Girls	24"	Mountain
Giant	Recon	Red	Boys	24"	Mountain
Trek	Model 4100	Red/Black	Boys	26"	Mountain

Intra-District Transfer Reminder

Applications for intra-district transfers for the 2006-2007 school year may be picked up at either Smith or Harman school office, and must be turned in to the school office by June 1, 2006. It will be the responsibility of the principal of the choice school to notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) in writing by August 1, 2006 as to whether the intra-district placement is granted or denied.

Requests for intra-district transfers are approved based on grade level enrollment at the choice school. All intra-district transfer requests which are granted, are approved one year at a time, and parents will need to reapply each year.

Andrews Hall of Honor Nominations Now Being Accepted

The Oakwood City School District is announcing that written nominations are now being accepted for the Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor. Nominations must be submitted to the Superintendent, Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo, and mailed or delivered to the Board Office, 20 Rubicon Rd., Dayton 45409, by April 21, 2006.

The nominee should be retired from school employment or voluntary school-related service for three years or more.

Your nomination should include how the honoree has made "a distinguished and significant contribution toward the beneficial growth and education of the students in this community which shall serve to commemorate the high ideals that characterized the life and career of Sam Andrews."

Please include adequate background information on the nominee so that he/she may receive optimum consideration by the selection committee. Once nominated, a person remains eligible during the year of nomination and for two additional years.

A nomination form and information on the background of the award is available by calling Grace Brown at the Board of Education (297-5332); however, submissions may be made without using the form. The nominations will include a three-step process:

1. Nominations for the 2006 Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor must be submitted by April 21, 2006.
2. Names of the nominees will be published in the local papers in April.
3. Supporting letters for these nominees should be submitted to the school district by May 26, 2006.

Prior nominees include:

- Year two nomination—Ralph Ferguson, Oakwood Junior/Senior High English teacher from 1953 – 1980. Letters of support for Ralph are currently being accepted.

Nominees will be selected in June and the induction ceremony will be held in September 2006.

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IDEA Part B—Special Education: During the 2005-2006 school year, Oakwood received \$332,583 to supplement state and local funds expended to provide services to students with disabilities. Oakwood used these funds to pay for instructional services we purchase from other providers, primarily Montgomery County MRDD and Montgomery County ESC, and to provide salaries for 1 special education teacher and 1 special education teacher assistant.

ECSE—Early Childhood Special Education: During the 2005-2006 school year, Oakwood received \$2,927 to support the provision of special education services for 3, 4, and 5 year old children with disabilities. These funds have been put toward payment to the Montgomery County MRDD for the program they provide for our children in the Lange Preschool Program.

May 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	City Council 7:30 p.m.	Detention	Plan Comm 4:30 p.m.	Detention	JH Dance 8-10 p.m.	Saturday School
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	JH Music Concert - Aud. 7 p.m.	Detention Ath. Boosters 7:30 p.m.		Detention Zoning App 4:30 p.m.	Elem. Field Day	Saturday School Care Walk
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Detention Band Banquet/Concert	JH Sports Recognition 7:30 p.m.	Detention Choir Concert 7 p.m.		Saturday School That Day In May
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Spring Sports Banquet 6:30 p.m.	Detention Orch Concert 7 p.m.		Detention		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Memorial Day	Detention				
28	29	30	31			

Kindergarten Screening and Parent Orientation Dates Set

Parent Orientation at Lange School: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Screening Appointments at Lange School: April 17–20, 2006 from 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2006, may be registered for kindergarten. Children who will be five years old between October 1, 2006 and January 1, 2007, may be considered for early entrance. Parents interested in early entrance may contact Lange School to request an application and testing information. Children referred for early entrance should participate in Kindergarten Screening.

It is important to note that state law makes Kindergarten a mandatory prerequisite for first grade. **All first graders must have successfully completed Kindergarten.** Furthermore, state law requires that all entering Kindergarten students be screened for hearing, vision, speech and communication, health or medical problems and for developmental disorders.

Orientation

The purpose of the orientation meeting is to explain the Kindergarten Screening procedures, enable parents to make a one-hour screening appointment, and provide an overview of Oakwood's Kindergarten program. **This meeting is for parents ONLY.** Parents do not need to bring any paperwork to the orientation meeting—just your calendar.

Screening Appointments

Kindergarten Screening will be done on an appointment basis only from April 17 through April 20, 2006. Parents may sign up for appointment times at the orientation session or by calling Lange School at 299-8730 **beginning** Wednesday, April 12, 2006.

Please bring the following paperwork to the screening:

- (1) Your child's ORIGINAL birth certificate
- (2) Proof of residency in Oakwood, e.g. deed, lease or utility bill
- (3) Your child's immunization records

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