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City, Schools and Athletic Boosters Partner on Old River Athletic Facility Project

The city of Oakwood and Oakwood City Schools have long worked together to create one of the finest communities in Ohio and enduring traditions of education excellence. Superior academic achievement, unparalleled community support, and extracurricular activities that produce well-rounded students are some of the hallmarks of this partnership.



In keeping with this tradition, on September 21, the city and school district entered into an agreement to pursue construction of a privately funded, multi-sport facility at the Old River Sports Complex.

The proposed facility will provide field hockey, lacrosse and soccer athletes with a state-of-the-art OHSAA regulation size synthetic turf field, a modern, eight-lane 400 meter polyurethane track, a 1000-seat grandstand, lighting for night events, parking, concession area, restrooms and a storage facility. The facility will also be available for use by Oakwood citizens and for Oakwood Community Center programs and events.

For more information about the Oakwood Athletic Project, Building new TRADITIONS campaign, contact oakwoodathleticproject@gmail.com or visit www.oakwoodathleticproject.com.

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Holiday Tree Disposal

Holiday trees placed between the sidewalk and curb will be picked up according to the normal yard debris pickup schedule (see map on page 3). Trees should be placed at the property frontage as close to the curb (on the property side) as possible and not 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 refuse items.

Recycling at Creager Field

If you wish to recycle large amounts of cardboard, please drop it off in the containers located at the Creager Field parking lot at Shafor and Irving. These containers are accessible 24-7. Small amounts of flattened cardboard may be placed in your regular recycling cans. Containers for co-mingled recyclables are also at Creager Field.

Yard Debris Collection

Yard debris (no grass, sod, soil or bags) may be placed between the sidewalk and curb for automatic collection by the city. Please do not place any yard debris in the streets or boulevards. Pieces should be no longer than 6 feet in length and in a manageable pile that is away from trees, poles, fire hydrants and other obstructions. The December collection is bi-weekly. The monthly collection schedule begins again in January.

Special Pickups

The city's special pickup program suspended during leaf collection season will begin again on Monday, January 4. You may schedule this service on or after January 4 by phoning Theresa Caldwell at the Public Works Center, 298-0777.

Holiday Refuse Pickups

The refuse collection schedule during holiday weeks is shown below.

WEEKS OF DECEMBER 21 AND DECEMBER 28

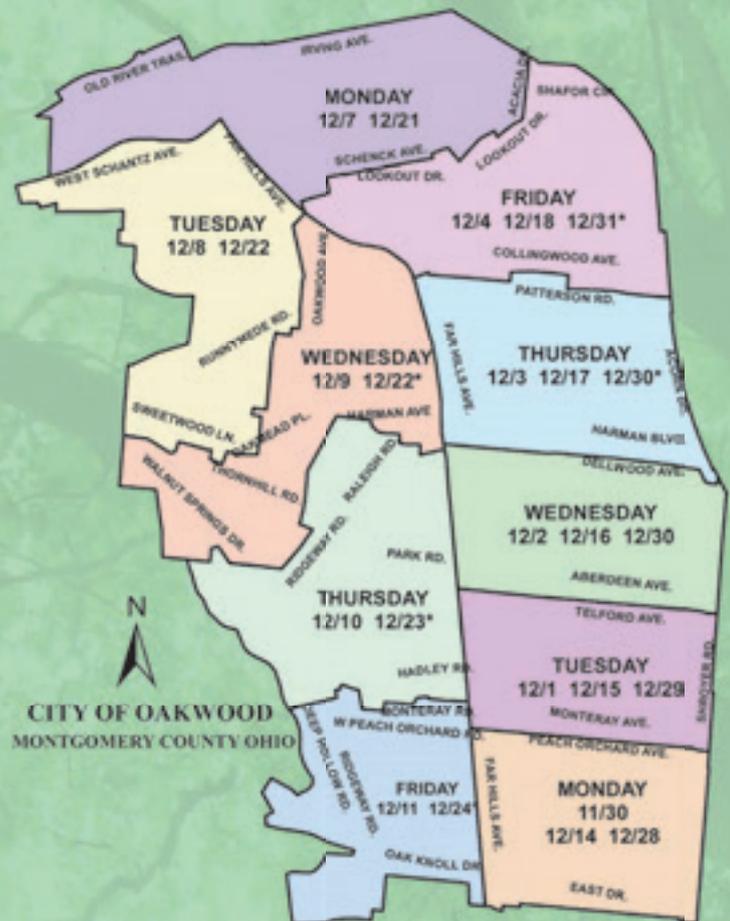
<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Holiday Schedule</u>
Monday	Monday
Tuesday	Tuesday
Wednesday	Wednesday
Thursday	Thursday AM*

WEEK OF JANUARY 19 (Martin Luther King Day)

<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Holiday Schedule</u>
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday

*Please note that on December 24 and 31, refuse collection will take place entirely in the morning, so please have all of your cans out by 7:30 a.m. with driveways clear of obstructions.

YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE DECEMBER



* = HOLIDAY

FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 12/10, 12/23*

SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 12/3, 12/17, 12/30*

“Lighting Up” Oakwood Set for Sunday, December 13

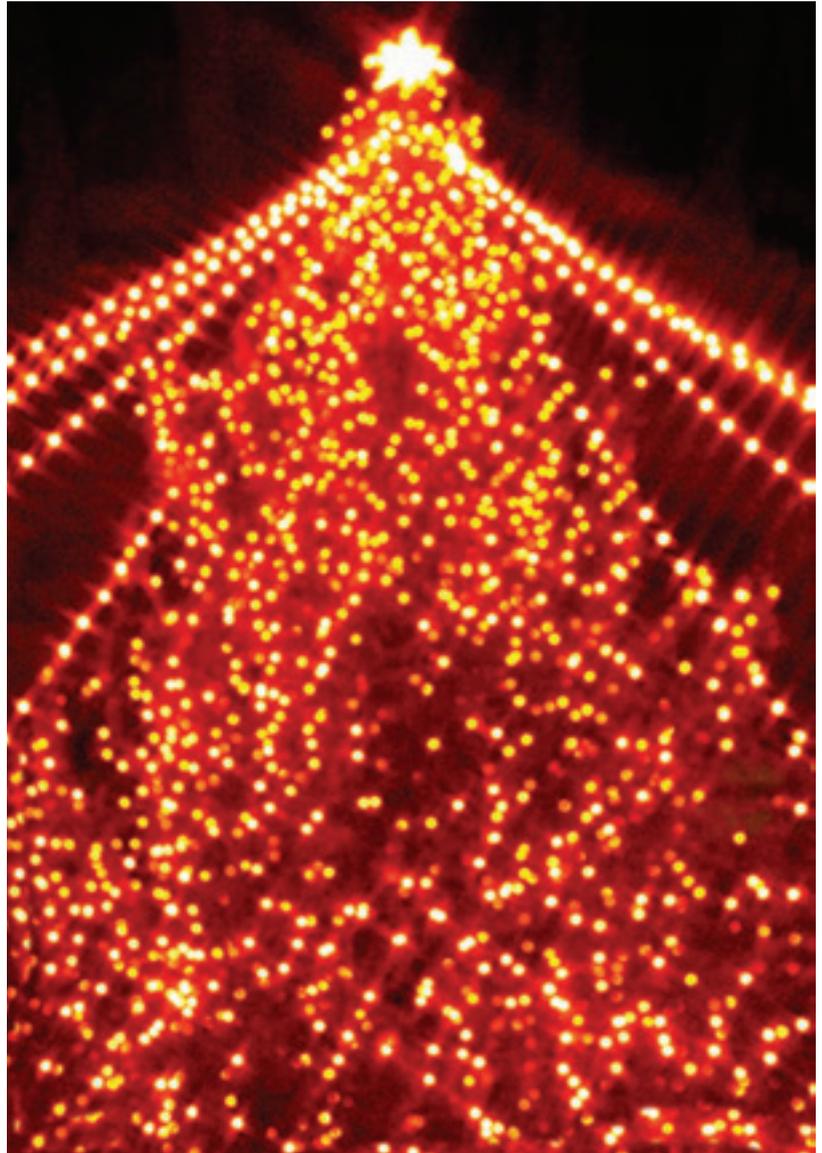
The City, under leadership of the citizen Environmental Committee, is “Lighting Up” Oakwood on December 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This event is an effort to brighten the community at the onset of the winter holiday season. Luminarias will line the boulevards on Far Hills and on Shafor as well as the city building, community center, Smith Gardens, Huffman Park and other public areas. The committee encourages neighborhood participation and hopes to see many citizens joining in the fun. Residents interested in helping with this project should call Carol Collins at 298-0775.

Community Tree Lighting Ceremony at Shafor Park

The Annual Holiday of Lights Ceremony will be held at Shafor Park again this year. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 13.

- Come hear the high school band and choir perform holiday tunes.
- Come enjoy hot chocolate and popcorn with friends and neighbors.
- Come take a carriage or wagon ride (free of charge) to view the beautiful luminarias.
- Come watch for a special red-suited visitor and his helpers from the North Pole.

The event is held concurrent with “Lighting Up” of Oakwood.



Luminaria Kits

Luminaria kits are available at the OCC during regular business hours. They are sold at a cost of \$4.50 per dozen. The price includes white bags, sand and 10-hour candles.

Holiday Closings

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

The City offices, the Community Center and Public Works Center will also be closed on Monday, January 18 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please refer to the holiday refuse pickup article herein for the holiday refuse collection schedule.

Winter Weather Plowing 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 sidewalk clear.

Salting: Major streets and intersections take priority, along with steep hills. In order to ensure that we have enough salt to address the most important roadway safety issues, salt use on flat residential streets will be modest.

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.

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

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

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.

Community Center News

Candy Cane Hunt: Held at Shafor Park on Saturday, December 5 beginning at 1:30 p.m. This event is for children ages 3-12. Rudolph will be there to meet the children and join in the fun.

Breakfast with Santa: This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 12 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. and is open to children ages 10 and under. Everyone attending must have a ticket to be admitted. Tickets are available at the OCC.

Junior High Dances at the OCC: Dances will be held on Friday, December 4 and Friday, January 8 from 8:30 – 10 p.m. These dances are for Oakwood students only.

December/January Council Meetings

City Council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 7 and Monday, January 4. 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. Citizens are invited to attend any of these meetings. The regular sessions are televised live on cable TV (Time Warner Ch. 6 and AT&T Ch. 99). Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net for broadcast times. Within a day or two after the regular sessions, meeting videos may also be viewed online at the city's website: www.oakwoodohio.gov.

Trees and DP&L Power Lines

One of the most common causes of power outages is tree limbs falling onto power lines. DP&L works year-round clearing power lines, inspecting equipment and replacing damaged poles to ensure Oakwood customers have safe and reliable power. DP&L typically conducts tree trimming on a five-year cycle and inspects all of the company's 340,000 power poles every 10 years. They replace 1,250 to 2,500 poles each year to prevent outages from equipment failure or pole damage.

While trees certainly beautify our Oakwood neighborhoods, diseased trees or trees too close to power lines can become a hazard and contribute to power outages. Caring for trees and selecting the right tree and the right place to plant it helps minimize power outages for you and your neighbors. Because trees change over their lifetimes, it is important to know how tall and wide trees will be at *maturity*. Visit the National Arbor Day Foundation at www.arborday.org/trees for information. Also, remember that a shade tree will help reduce your summer energy costs. Be sure to plant the tree so it will continue to be a safe distance from existing utility lines as it grows to maturity. Considering location now can prevent power outages in the future. Visit www.dpandl.com/righttree for more tips.

For questions about tree maintenance, please call City Horticulturist Brian Caldwell at 298-0775.



2016 National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

Oakwood High School is pleased to announce the names of four seniors who have been named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, as well as eight seniors who qualified for the designation of Commended Scholars.

2016 National Merit Semifinalists



Front row, L-R: Allison Ross, Emma Dalrymple
Back row, L-R: Nathan Hess, John Blattner

2016 Commended Scholars



Front row, L-R: Elisabeth Crusey, Abigail Eifert, Emmaline Bennett, Mary Kate Vaughn
Back row, L-R: Lauren Pepper, Alexander Eldridge, Lukas Drumheller, Alexandra Yungblut

Oakwood City Schools Winter Weather Preparedness

Safe passage to our schools and respect for the importance of the work that occurs in our classrooms guide weather-related decisions. There is no one-size-fits-all formula for deciding to close or delay school. Many variables come into play:

- The timing of the storm in relation to the start of school;
- The amount of snow and ice;
- The temperature and wind chill factor;
- The extended forecast prediction;
- The ability of the road crews to make headway in clearing crosswalks and the ability of homeowners in clearing their sidewalks;
- The conditions at the school buildings, i.e. Are the boilers working?
- The advice of the Safety Department and our groundskeeper.

In the event that winter weather conditions cause school to be delayed or closed, families will be notified as quickly as possible.

40 assets

In Our Schools

building blocks for healthy development of young people

Assets: 26 Caring, 28 Integrity, 35 Resistance Skills, 24 Bonding to School

Take A Stand, Blue Shirt Day



Students and staff across the district participated in Take A Stand, Blue Shirt Day against unkind behaviors. OJHS Take 5 and OHS 40 Assets Homerooms participated in activities providing the opportunity to think about their character and relationships with peers. Students created posters with positive character traits to post throughout their school.



Elementary Fun Run

After completing a 1-mile walk/run from their home schools, first through sixth graders from Harman and Smith joined together at OHS stadium. Students heard a motivating presentation from Grace Norman, a paralympic athlete.

Foundation's Deep Ties, Strong Commitment Add Up To Big Impact For Our School District



**The Oakwood Schools
FOUNDATION**

Enhancing Excellence in Education

In 1981, a group of area residents came together in search of ways to provide educational opportunities for the students of Oakwood, beyond the reach of the district's normal operating budget. In the 30+ years since, the size and scope of that effort has grown, and yet the mission of The Oakwood Schools Foundation has remained the same: to enhance excellence in education by

funding teacher grants, scholarships and special programs for the benefit of our students and our schools.

Since 1991, The Foundation has awarded more than \$700,000 in grants that have impacted every academic discipline and grade level. In addition to providing books, microscopes, iPads, laptops, a language lab, mobile math labs, a mobile science lab and so much more in classrooms at every school in the district, Foundation grants have also supported extracurricular activities, artists in residence, career education programs and professional development.

Major gifts to The Foundation helped establish Lange School, offering all-day kindergarten to Oakwood children; and helped fund the award-winning engineering lab and curriculum at Oakwood High School, which supports an ever-growing range of academic and extracurricular activities for aspiring engineers.

Thanks to generous donors, The Foundation also awards more than \$17,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors; conducts the annual Harlamert Foundation Entrepreneurship Competition; presents the annual Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award; facilitates the Oakwood High School Philanthropy 101 initiative and more.

As in its earliest days, The Foundation continues to be led by volunteers, each of whom has deep ties to Oakwood and is committed to our schools and our students. Here's a look at The Foundation's 14-member Board of Trustees, by the numbers:

- 4 board members are alumni of Oakwood High School
- 26 children or grandchildren of board members currently attend Oakwood Schools
- 10 children of board members have graduated from Oakwood Schools
- 50 cumulative years of service on The Foundation's Board of Trustees
- 331 cumulative years that OSF board members have lived in Oakwood

"Because of our many dedicated volunteers and thanks to the continued generosity of alumni, parents, students, teachers, area companies and community residents, we are able to make such a difference for Oakwood's students and schools," says Phil Schnell, current chair of The Foundation's Board of Trustees. "The support we receive -- in every form and in any amount -- enables us to continue to enhance excellence in education for the students of Oakwood."

The Foundation is always looking for volunteers—to find out how you can get involved, call OSF Director, Dante Connell, at 297-5332. For more information about The Oakwood Schools Foundation, visit www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org.



Members of The OSF Executive Board gathered at OHS this fall. Pictured L-R: Finance Chair, Bev Johnsen; Grants & Programs Chair, Julie Cannon OHS '84; Board of Trustees Chair, Phil Schnell; Marketing & Technology Chair, Darcy Plunkett; Development Chair, Jennifer Almoney; OSF Director, Dante Connell; and Governance Chair, Doug Almoney OHS '61.

Homecoming Traditions New and Old Make for a Great Weekend

Homecoming 2015 brought together 8 alumni groups, football, and fun new traditions that overshadowed the dreary weather. The OHS Alumni Association started its celebrations with the Distinguished Alumni Awards on Thursday, October 1, honoring Chris Gorog (1971), David Greer (1955), and Richard Lange (attended through sophomore year, 1962). Classmates, family and Oakwood Schools staff joined to celebrate their accomplishments in a fun evening at the Dayton Country Club.



After enjoying the Booster's Homecoming Tailgate, and braving the rain during the football game, alumni and the community returned to the DCC for a Come Back Lumberjack party sponsored by The Oakwood Schools Foundation. Over 300 attended, including alumni from almost every class ranging 60 years from 1948 to 2008. This wonderful evening brought together alumni and the community - and is one you shouldn't miss in 2016.

Finishing off the weekend, alumni enjoyed Saturday morning tours of the high school and elementary schools, sharing memories with members of OHS Student council and The Oakwood Schools Foundation Student Advisory Council, who led the tours.

It was a fabulous weekend reconnecting with the schools and community, and the Alumni Association would like to thank The Oakwood Schools Foundation, Oakwood Athletic Boosters, our student volunteers, and the Oakwood Schools for their support. And, especially our class representatives who organized and coordinated their reunions, making Homecoming 2015 great!



Alumni Class Challenge

Alumni, the Oakwood Athletic Project needs YOU! Now through December 31, classes are being challenged to raise \$5,000 toward the new athletic facility at Old River Sports Complex. YOU can help by being a leader for your class, and helping OAP meet its goal. It's easy, and YOU can help make this dream a reality! Interested? Contact Amy Borgert Martin (OHS '98) at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org or (937) 371-1479.

Distinguished Alumni Awards and Hall of Honor events to alternate years

Oakwood Schools has always celebrated its history through long-standing traditions. The Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor are two of those important traditions. With renewed vigor to the Alumni Association, and with the Hall of Honor awaiting new nominations, options to best showcase these events were carefully considered. By alternating years, we are provided with a greater window of opportunity to gather letters of support for the individuals nominated for these noteworthy honors.

We look forward to celebrating the Hall of Honor during 2016 Homecoming Week.

Established in 1980, the Hall of Honor inducts individuals who have stimulated students to seek excellence, displayed personal qualities of leadership, and inspired students to continue education, community interest, and public service throughout their lives.

Hall of Honor nominations due by March 1. For information contact: Sandy Maresh at the Oakwood Board of Education, maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org or (937) 297-5332.

The DAA, established in 2008, honors former OHS students and graduates who have made significant accomplishments as an outstanding leader in his/her field and/or service to community, while maintaining high standards in personal integrity and character.

DAA nominations due by May 1. For information contact Amy Martin, Alumni Director at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org or (927) 298-8711.



Join us for these upcoming events

12/3	Harman Handbell Choir 12:00 p.m. Wright Library
12/9	Holiday Concert 9:30 a.m. Smith School
12/9	Holiday Choir Concert 7 p.m. OJHS/OHS
12/18	Holiday Assembly 10:15 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. Harman
1/21	Winter Band Concert 7 p.m. OJHS/OHS

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016

December 2015

- 12/2 7:15 a.m. OJHS Success Breakfast
- 12/3 12:00 p.m. Harman Handbell Choir at Wright Library**
- 12/4 4 p.m. OHS Drama Club Talent Show
- 12/9 9:30 a.m. Smith Holiday Concert**
- 12/9 7:00 p.m. OJHS/OHS Holiday Choir Concert**
- 12/10-11 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Boosters Spirit Sale
- 12/11 11:43 a.m. Dismissal/PD Half Day**
- 12/14 7 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
- 12/21 6 p.m. BAC Meeting
- 12/18-22 OHS Exams
- 12/18 10:15 a.m. & 2:15 p.m. Harman Holiday Assembly**
- 12/23-25 No School/Holiday Break**
- 12/28-31 No School/Holiday Break**

January 2016

- 1/1 No School/Holiday Break**
- 1/4 Classes Resume
- 1/11 7 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
- 1/13 OHS Freshmen Challenge Day
- 1/14 11:45 a.m. OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
- 1/15 11 a.m. Smith 5th Grade DARE Graduation
- 1/15 11:43 a.m. Dismissal/PD Half Day**
- 1/16 5:30 p.m. Smith PTO Movie Night
- 1/18 No School/Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 1/18 6 p.m. BAC Meeting
- 1/21 7 p.m. OJHS/OHS Band Winter Concert**
- 1/22 7 p.m. OJHS Dance
- 1/28 1 p.m. District Spelling Bee at Harman

Athletic Passes for Senior Citizens

Residents of Oakwood who are at least age 65 qualify for an athletic pass, good for free admission to all home athletic games, excluding tournaments. The pass will admit the holder and one guest. Please visit the Board Office at 20 Rubicon Road to obtain a pass.



The Oakwood Schools master calendar can be viewed online at:

www.oakwoodschoools.org



Wright Memorial
Public Library

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Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday

Holiday events at Wright Library

Live Music from Local Schools

Student musicians from Oakwood City Schools will bring holiday sounds to Wright Library in December. Each group will perform in the front reading rooms.

Dec. 3, 12 to 12:30 p.m., Harman Elementary Handbell Choir

Dec. 11, 12:15 to 12:40 p.m., Oakwood High School Orchestra String Quartet

Live African Penguin to visit Wright Library on Dec. 6

A special visitor is coming to Wright Library on Sunday, Dec. 6: a live African penguin! Ambassadors from The Newport Aquarium will show and tell with a live African penguin and present other animal artifacts. Registration required. Limited to first 240 people.

Gingerbread House Decorating Party, Dec. 6

Also on December 6, build and decorate your own gingerbread house at our Gingerbread House Building Party in our front reading rooms. The event is drop-in and open to all. Graham crackers, icing and some decorative candies will be provided by the library. Patrons are encouraged to bring additional or special candies for their own use.

Holiday hours

Wright Library will be closed:

Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Jan. 1 New Year's Day

Jan. 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Can you find our Library Elf on the Shelf?

Our elf, Orville, is making mischief around Wright Library in December. (He got his name from Orville Wright, who while serious, also loved to be a prankster!) Follow us on Instagram @wrightlibrary to see where Orville winds up each week! Kids, stop in to find him and enter our drawing for a prize!

Did you hear?

Wright Memorial Public Library's Board of Trustees is pursuing a plan to expand and renovate the library. After several years of collecting input from Oakwood residents, library patrons and focus groups, Library trustees have proposed a project that would preserve the historical nature of the Library while addressing facility deficiencies caused by the age of the building.

For more information, visit wrightlibrary.org.



Snowed in?

Check out our digital downloads for a winter of free books, movies and more.

The digital collections available to Wright Memorial Public Library patrons are a treasure trove of entertainment and enrichment. Read more about what's available, how to access it and how to get help with your technical questions.

Five questions with Brian Potts, Wright Library's Audio Visual Librarian and Electronic Collections Expert

Q: What kinds of electronic media can patrons get with their library card?

Ebooks (including comic books), audiobooks, music, movies and television shows, as well as digital magazines are available from the digital services Freading (ebooks only), Hoopla, Indieflix (streaming video only), Ohio Digital Library (currently no music), and Zinio (magazines only).

Q: What's available for kids?

Age-appropriate material is available from all of our services. Kids and Teen collections are available at the Ohio Digital Library, where you can also search based on reading levels. The Disney ebooks and audiobooks available from Hoopla are another example of child-specific content. Tumblebooks, an online collection of animated, talking picture books, are also available through our site.

Q: Can someone at Wright Library help me learn how to use my device and download books and movies?

Yes. Librarians are trained to help you get started with our digital services. We offer a Device Users' Group twice a month, or you are welcome to schedule a one-on-one appointment with me.

Q: What types of devices can be used to access digital downloads?

Most content can be accessed, if not downloaded, on a desktop or laptop computer. All of our digital services, except Indieflix, have apps, which can be installed on tablets or smartphones. Indieflix can be accessed through the Library's app. Dedicated ereaders, such as Kindles or NOOKs, can be used to read ebooks, although they may require that the ebook be downloaded to a computer then transferred to the ereader.

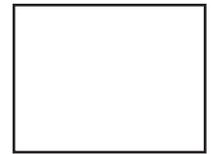
Q: Am I going to use up a lot of space or data on my device?

When streaming or downloading content, data rates may apply, so we suggest doing this over a Wi-Fi connection, if you wish to avoid charges. If you download content to a device, it will use storage space. How much depends on the format, but, because you are borrowing the content, the use of that space is temporary. The exception is digital magazines, which are yours indefinitely; however, they can be removed from your device without losing access to them.



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Mike Jones is an Asset Builder!



A lifelong Oakwood resident, Mike Jones (OHS '87) and wife Jackie, have three children, Sydney, Rodney, and Marty who attend OJHS/OHS.

For the past 17 years, Mike has served the citizens of Oakwood as a member of the Public Safety Department, where he is currently the Operations Captain. He takes great pride and ownership in his role with the Public Safety Department and as a youth coach for football, soccer, and baseball. Currently, Mike is the head coach for Jr. High lacrosse and is a member of the Oakwood Athletic Boosters.

“Coaching allows me to show the value of sports and how they relate to real life experiences. I focus on developing leadership skills, sportsmanship, teamwork and discipline,” says Mike. “The 40 Developmental Assets initiative is vital to the success of our unique city and provides for an incredible partnership throughout the community. Oakwood by far is an example of how leadership and teamwork produces success within our community’s youth!”

40 assets

building blocks for healthy
development of young people

Our community
endeavors to
intentionally and
strategically construct building
blocks to help our young
people grow up healthy,
caring, and responsible.

Visit the Oakwood community's
40 Asset website at
www.oakwoodschoools.org/About Us/40 Assets
for information, news, events, and more!

Assets: 1 Family Support, 3 Other Adult Relationships, 4 Caring Neighborhood, 6 Parent Involvement in Schooling, 7 Community Values Youth, 9 Service to Others, 14 Adult Role Models, 26 Caring, 30 Responsibility, 32 Planning and Decision Making