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CITY NEWS

Questioning Population Data

A few weeks ago, the Dayton Daily News published a story on recently released population data estimates. The estimates indicate that Oakwood has lost 604 residents since 2000. Local data refutes these figures. In fact, local data suggests the opposite. The graph on page 2 shows Oakwood's census counts and annual estimated population back to 1990.

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SCHOOL NEWS

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation–Preparing for the Future...

In celebration of the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation's 25th anniversary this year, we have kicked off a Grants Endowment Fund campaign, *Visions for Tomorrow*. This campaign is only the second in the Foundation's history, and the first to create a permanent endowment for teacher and administrative grants. Currently, we cannot fund all of the grant requests we receive from teachers and staff, so the Foundation has set a goal of raising $500,000 strictly for grants. We have had good response to our initial leadership and Board asks, raising over $400,000 to date.

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LIBRARY NEWS

A Message from the Library Director

Dear Oakwood residents,
Author and radio host Garrison Keillor made an eloquent statement about the value of reading at this year's American Library Association conference. He said, "A person reads books in order to gain the privilege of living more than one life."

In the last month I have been to privileged to live the lives of an English woman married to an artist during World War II as I read *Consequences* by Penelope Lively; of Dayton's aviation pioneers as I read *First in Flight: the Wright Brothers in North Carolina* by Stephen Kirk; of a wealthy woman in Bombay in *The Space Between Us* by Thrity N. Umrigar; and of a middle-aged man on a cross-country bicycle trip

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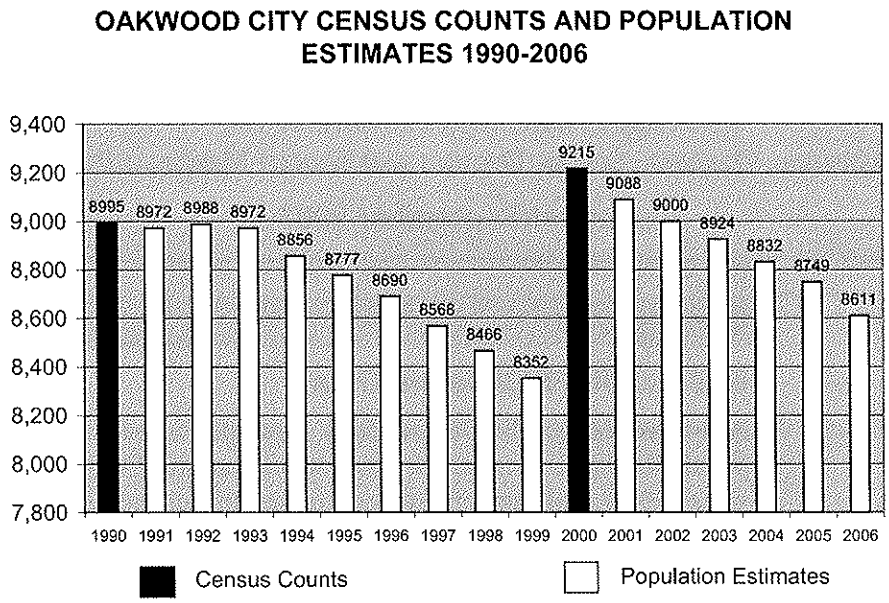
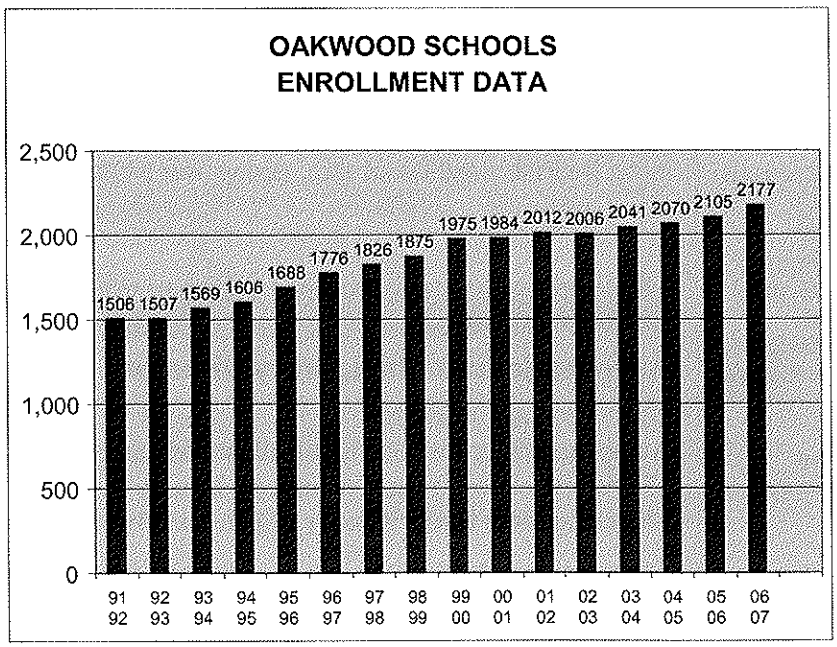


These annual census counts and population estimates are derived by the US Census Bureau. The most accurate figures are the counts collected for 1990 and 2000 as they were gathered through the detailed and highly scientific decennial census. The figures from 1991 to 1999 and 2001 to 2006 are ***estimates*** based on a much simpler estimating process. Of significant note on the graph is the consistent drop in estimated population from 1991 through 1999 and the enormous increase in population in 2000. I suggest to you that this is grossly inaccurate.

Oakwood is a very stable community and has been this way for many decades. Nothing significant happened in Oakwood in the one-year period from 1999-2000 that would support the absurd notion that our population increased by over 10% that year. Likewise, no significant events occurred between 1991 and 1999 that would have caused Oakwood's population to decline by 643 during that period. Actual data on Oakwood school enrollment suggests just the opposite.



Our school population rose consistently through the 1990's and has continued to rise thus far this decade. The increase over the past six years is nearly 10%.

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Beautification Awards

The Oakwood Beautification Award Program is designed to recognize residential, business and rental property owners who have enhanced the beauty of our community through the use of flowers, shrubs, trees, and other landscape improvements; or by making architectural modifications or building improvements to exiting structures. Awards are given during the months of May, June, July, August and September. Monthly award winners are selected by members of the Oakwood Environmental Committee and Property Maintenance Board, and will have a sign placed in their yard to recognize their beautification efforts.

If you would like to nominate a residential, business or rental property for consideration, simply pick up a nomination form at either the Oakwood City Building or Community Center, call the city offices at 298-0411, or email rich@oakwood.oh.us.

Congratulations to the owners of the following residential and business properties that were selected to receive:

May Beautification Awards

- Mr. & Mrs. David Rice–1930 Far Hills Avenue
- Ms. Adrianne Oliss–351 Aberdeen Avenue
- Lebanon Citizens National Bank–2705 Far Hills Ave.
- John & Gayle Workman–100 W. Peach Orchard Road
- Ms. Sheila Finley–574 Hathaway Road
- Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Conard–936 E. Schantz Ave.

June Beautification Awards

- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jackson–118 Lonsdale Avenue
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert Caskey–405 Hadley Avenue
- Ms. Myra Herman–999 Harman Avenue
- Mr. & Mrs. Chris Tzouras–325 Triangle Avenue

If you know of someone who has enhanced the beauty of our community by either planting shrubs, flowers, trees or with other landscaping improvements, or by making architectural or building improvements (including painting) to existing structures, and is deserving of recognition, we encourage you to take a minute and complete a nomination form.

Ice Cream Social

This year, the annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 19 from 3:30 – 7:00 P.M. at Shafor Park. Games will begin at 3:30 and dinner served from 4:30-6:30. Pre-sale tickets are available at $5.25 until 5:00 P.M. on August 18. After that, tickets will be $7. For additional information, phone the OCC at 298-0775.

Mark Your Calendars

Labor Day Closings:
City offices, including the Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, September 3, 2007 for Labor Day. Refuse collection will be one day late that week. Monday's route will be collected Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be collected Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be collected Thursday and Thursday's route will be collected Friday.

The Community Center offices, Health Center and Teen Center will be closed on Sunday, September 2 and on Labor Day. Gardner Pool will be open daily from 12:00 to 8:00 P.M. through September 3, 2007.

August/September City Council Meetings:
Regular Sessions–Monday, August 13 and Monday, September 17 at 7:30 P.M.; Work Session–Monday, August 20 at 5:00 P.M. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 30 Park Avenue. Citizens are invited to attend or view meetings live on cable television. Please check your cable guide for rebroadcast times.

Oakwood Community Center Dates

Junior High Dances are as follows: Friday, August 31, September 14 and 28 from 9:15 – 11:00 P.M. after home football games.

Home Alone Safety Program: this 4 hour safety clinic is for anyone 9 years of age and older. It is designed to guide parents and teach children about being home alone. The 4 hours will be conducted in two 2-hour classes on Saturday mornings from 10:00 A.M. to Noon on September 29 and October 6.

Brush and Branch Collection

Brush and branch material may be placed between the sidewalk and curb, or on the property side of the curb in places without sidewalk for collection by Public Works Department crews according to the schedule below. Brush and branches must be no longer than 6 feet in length and in manageable piles. **Please do not place any debris in the streets or boulevards.**

Brush and Branch Trimming

Do tree limbs hang over your sidewalk or the street? Do your bushes obscure stop signs or other street signs near your home? Tree and shrub maintenance by homeowners keeps Oakwood safe and beautiful–and it is the property owner's responsibility. Please take a few minutes this summer to inspect the trees and bushes along your property frontage. City ordinances require all property owners to trim any tree, plant or shrub so that it measures no less than 8' above the sidewalk and 14' above the street. Vegetation should be cut so that it does not restrict your view as you pull out of your driveway. If you live on a corner lot, be sure that motorists have a clear line of sight from each side of the intersection. Anyone residing near stop signs and other street signs must be certain that the signs are not obstructed by vegetation.

The Public Works and Leisure Services Departments periodically trim trees in tree lawn areas (the space between the street and sidewalk), but your help goes a long way to help keep our city safe and protects you from liability.

Safety Department Information

Your Public Safety Department is asking for your help. As you know, the Safety Department provides your police, fire and emergency medical services. Oftentimes in an emergency we must locate your exact address quickly. Finding your address in as short a time as possible could make a difference in catching a criminal, dousing a fire in short order or getting life saving medical equipment to a person in need in timely fashion.

We are asking all residents to place the numbers of their address in a prominent place on the front of your house. This is the first place a safety officer looks while trying to find your residence. For our residents who have alleys, we ask that you also place the numerals on your rear garage. Placing these numbers in an easily located place is especially important for locating your address after dark when we are limited to a stream of light illuminating a partial area of your house. Please assist your Public Safety Department in responding to your emergency as quickly as possible.

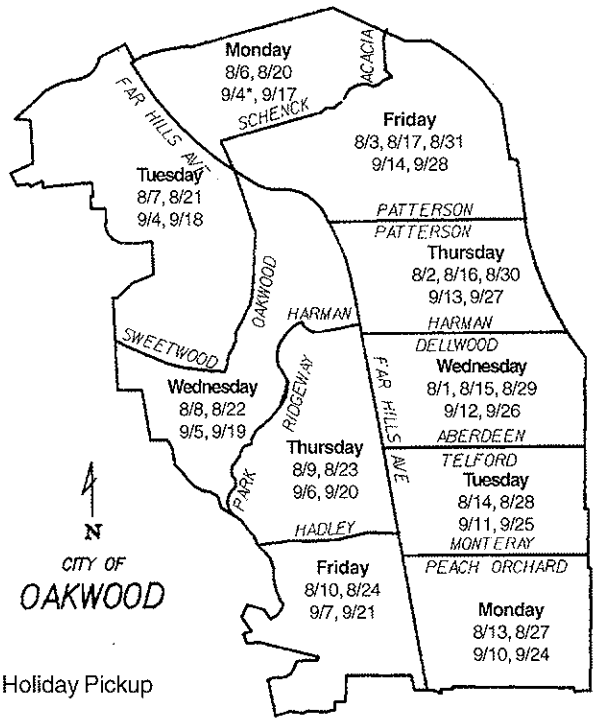
2007 Curb, Walk and Apron Project

The 2007 concrete curb, sidewalk and driveway apron repair project will continue through the summer with the goal of substantial completion prior to school starting. This year's project is the area east of Far Hills Avenue between Aberdeen and Patterson. The contractor is JJ Construction. Please call Bart Bornhorst at 298-0777 with any questions.

Special Pickups

To arrange for a special pickup (sofas, stoves, etc.), please contact the public works department at 298-0777. Items for special pickup must be placed on driveway or paved surface and must be accessible to city equipment. Special pickups will once again be suspended during leaf collection season beginning in mid-October through the end of the year, so please plan your projects accordingly.

Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:
Far Hills Avenue: 8/9, 8/23, 9/6, 9/20
Shroyer Road: 8/2, 8/16, 8/30, 9/13, 9/27

Residential Sign Regulations

Under city ordinances, property owners in residential districts are limited to posting one sign on a zoning lot, and the sign must be located at least eight (8) feet from an adjoining lot. Signs must be placed on private property and may not be located in the public right-of-way. Signs advertising a business, (e.g., roofing, concrete, asphalt or painting contractors) are not permitted. Garage sale signs are only permitted to be located on the lot where the sale is taking place. If you have any questions regarding the sign regulations, please call the zoning office at 297-2920.

Story Hour at Smith Gardens

The OCC, in conjunction with the Wright Memorial Library, is pleased to present another fun season of "Story Hour at Smith Gardens." Spend a magical morning in the Gardens as the Children's Librarian, Jennifer Sommer, reads enchanting stories to your preschoolers. The event is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on Friday, August 24. In case of rain, the program will be held in the Garden House.

Smith Gardens Blanket Concerts

The final concert for the season is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 26 featuring "Chazz" and is free to the public. In case of rain, the concerts will be held at the Oakwood Community Center.

Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project

The City of Oakwood and Environmental Committee will again offer the Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project to Oakwood homeowners. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and the tree species will be available in mid to late September from the OCC or by calling 298-0775. Property owners may choose from four or five varieties of trees. The trees selected will be approximately 2" in diameter and will be discounted at 50% to residents. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at the discounted price and must be planted in the city right-of-way. Trees will be planted the latter part of November or the beginning of December. They will be planted by a local nursery, wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season. For more details, call the OCC at 298-0775.

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in *The Memory of Running* by Ron McLarty. Becoming involved in all these extra lives gives me insight into other ways of life and points of view. Reading challenges me to think critically about ideas and allows me to be inspired by more people than I will ever have the chance to meet. It also gives me the pleasure of appreciating language for the way a very particular and well-chosen combination of words can convey more than the sum of its parts. I fell in love with books at an early age and grew to believe that there's no way to live life to the fullest without being a reader.

What lives would you like to live? Wright Library offers you many opportunities.

Best regards,
Ann Snively, Library Director

Summer Family Blanket Concert August 13

Tom Scheidt will perform "The Positive Plant Show" on Wright Library's north lawn at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, August 13. The program is for all ages and will feature a variety of music with a positive theme. Bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating and a picnic supper if you wish. Rain site is the library meeting room.

The Summer Family Blanket Concerts are funded in part this year by contributions made to the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation in memory of John Arthur Daly.

A Neighborhood Hot Spot: Wireless Internet Access at the Library

Wright Library now provides free wireless Internet access. Patrons can bring laptops to the library and take advantage of the WiFi network to access the Internet and the Library's catalog and databases.

Users are advised against sending any sensitive personal or financial information while using the wireless access and should be aware that the Library's Internet policies prohibiting unlawful activities and accessing sexually explicit images apply to laptop computers used on the premises.

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Book Sale

The annual Book Sale will be held August 21-26 in the Library meeting room. There will be a preview on Tuesday, August 21 from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Prices during the preview are $2 each for hardback books and $1 for paperbacks, videos, and all other items. The sale continues through the rest of the week, 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Friday, and 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday. Regular prices are $1 for each hardback book and 50 cents for all other items. Sunday is bargain day with all items $2 per bag.

This year the sale will have a large number of old mystery books. Sale books come from donations and items withdrawn from the library's collection because they are in poor condition or no longer needed.

Volunteers are needed to set up and to help during the sale. Contact Linda Cosgrove, Administrative Services Coordinator, at 294-7171 if you would like to volunteer.

Digital Videos New at Your Library

The State Library of Ohio has added eVideos to the Ohio eBook Project. They are conveniently available to anyone with a valid library card from Wright Memorial Public Library. Visit the Library's web site at www.wrightlibrary.org and click on "Download eBooks." E-videos can be checked out and downloaded wherever you access the Internet.

The eVideo collection includes A&E Biography titles, documentaries, children's titles, feature films, travel, sports documentaries, musical instruction and others. Users can download eVideos to their Windows-based PC, notebook, or a wide-variety of portable media players to enjoy anytime, anywhere. Downloading eVideos requires OverDrive Media Console, the same software that patrons may already have for eAudio books and eMusic. This software is available for free on the Ohio eBook Project web site. High speed Internet access is required for eVideo use.

The Ohio eBook Project also offers eBooks, eAudio books and eMusic. The collection currently has over 3,500 titles. New videos, audio books, music and eBooks are added monthly. The project is funded in part using LSTA funds awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the State Library of Ohio.

Oakwood City Schools New 2007-2008 Staff Members

- Dan Weckstein, Principal-Jr. High School
- Randy Dorsey, Technology Coordinator
- Kim Munn, Speech and Language Pathologist-Jr./Sr. High School/Smith School
- Kate Grunkemeyer, Physical Education Teacher-Harman School
- Kimberly Walther, 4th Grade Teacher-Harman School
- Jennifer Janicki, 2nd Grade Teacher-Smith School
- Jodie Nixon, 1st Grade Teacher-Smith School
- Laura Green, Social Studies Teacher-Sr. High School
- Sally Manley, Science Teacher-Sr. High School
- Kristin Bull, Intervention Specialist-Jr./Sr. High School
- Matt Briddell, Latin/Social Studies Teacher-Jr./Sr. High School
- Rande Chapman, Library Aide-Jr./Sr. High School
- Polly Mayhew, Educational Aide-Jr. High School
- Michelle Herbert, Cook-Smith School

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Earline C. Grice for a contribution to Wright Library that was used to pay for refinishing the front door. Thanks to Ms. Grice, the door is beautiful again.

OJH/OHS: The 2006-07 Year in Review

Practical Arts Department

The Practical Arts Department had another successful year! This year a team of senior high students from the *Personal Financial Management* course placed 2nd (out of 121 teams) in our division and 20th in the state in the annual Ohio Stock Market Simulation through Wright State University. In this event, student groups have the opportunity to invest $100,000 in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and various commodities over a ten-week period. The students on this winning team were: Airi O'Brien (12), Matt Kearns (12), Ashley Lynn (11) and Nick Rudy (12).

This year's Film Festival, held on May 19th, exhibited 31 films by 62 junior high students, senior high students and community members. The festival was sponsored and run this year by the Oakwood Jr./Sr. High Film Club. The winners received cash prizes from fundraisers and a donation from Dr. Jacqueline Miller. The winners in each age group were as follows: Junior High: 1st place - "You Can Save a Life" by Sarah Lofquist, Drew Barker, Sarah Manavis and Savannah Doscik; 2nd place - "Rowing: a PSA" by Adam Sobal; and 3rd place - "News for Cool Jews" by Maika Fox and Rachel Wynn. At the high school level: 1st place - "Life Really Is" by Ryan Crosby; 2nd place - "Promises in the Attic: The 1913 Great Dayton Flood and the Creation of the Miami Conservancy District" by Ruth Reveal, Michael McGovern and Torey Hollingsworth; 3rd place - "The Heist" by Michael Cobb, Mitch Jones, Robert Nyerges, Chris Adams and Brian Stewart. At the community level: 1st place - "The Bunnyman Project" by Joe Fulford. Congratulations too all winners!

All physical education classes utilized the President's Physical Fitness standards in 2006-07 year. The President's Fitness Award represents the top 15% of students tested in the United States. In Advanced PE, 9 students met all 5 of the President's Physical Fitness standards and 16 students met 4 out of 5 of these standards. In the Junior High classes, 32 students met the President's Physical Fitness standards and 41 received the National Fitness award. The National Fitness Award represents the top 50% of students tested in the United States. The Senior High PE classes had 26 students meet the President's Physical Fitness standards.

This year's architectural studies class had two award winners in the American Institute of Architects' Student Design Competition. Anna Chifala won third place honorable mention award and a $1000 scholarship, and Sarah Shewell won the award of merit and a $300 scholarship. In January, the high school computer and media classes held an open house where parents, teachers and community members were invited to see projects created by the first semester broadcasting, web design, hypermedia, digital design and computer applications students. Finally, this year the Advanced Graphic Arts class did a service learning project for the local non-profit organization "We-Care Arts," where they developed a video for the organization which was shown at the We-Care Arts gala fundraising banquet and silent auction.

Fine Arts Department

Throughout the year, student artists found many opportunities to showcase their artwork.

In the Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition, our students entered nearly one hundred pieces of art, with 27 regional winners and two state winners. In the Third Congressional District Art Exhibition, 47 students exhibited their work at the Dayton Art Institute with one student receiving Honorable Mention.

Beginning with "Music Around the World," vocal music students had a busy year that saw the Women's choir receive an Excellent rating in state competition while 13 students received Superior or Excellent ratings in OMEA competition. *Seussical, the Musical* drew performers from all musical departments with a cast from all four schools in three lively, fun-filled performances.

Performances for band began last July with a concert at the John Gray "Farm" and ended with their spring concert featuring Jacob Cameron as tuba soloist, with a performance at Cedar Point. A highlight early in the year was a guest performance by Indian Tabla artist, Sandip Burman. New in 06-07 was a program giving interested fourth grade students an opportunity to find out what playing an instrument is all about. Students were able to explore different instruments and get guidance on the best instrument for them. Also new was a freshman orchestra that received an Excellent rating in its debut performance at the state competition.

For the first time ever, both the Senior High School Symphony Orchestra and the Senior High School Concert Band performed in concert in the Wintergarten of the Schuster Center. Also, for the first time, the concert band performed before delegates at the OMEA conference in Columbus in February. The senior high orchestra closed its schedule with the 14th Cherry Pie Concert. One hundred seventy string players from grades 5-12 filled

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the high school auditorium with a "surround sound" performance of Beethoven's *Ode to Joy*.

Math Department

Math students found much success, scoring well on the PSAT, ACT, SAT, OGT and AP tests. Our junior class students participated in one of two tests from the Ohio State University. These tests, the Early Mathematics Placement Test (EMPT), and the Calculus Readiness Test (CRT), are designed to assist students in planning math courses to take as seniors.

Members of the math department, along with the guidance department and other departments, visited the University of Dayton as we continue to investigate the connection from high school to college and expectations of incoming freshmen. OHS is in the third year of the College Connection study. Our faculty especially enjoyed the opportunity to connect with college people in an effort to continue to properly prepare our students for life after Oakwood!

The math department also developed a course of study for the new *Finite Mathematics and Calculus* course, which was adopted by the district at the March 12 Board meeting. This will be a year-long course beginning next fall which includes a variety of topics from both calculus and finite math such as derivatives and differentials, continuity and limits, techniques of integration, linear programming, Markov chains and game theory. Also this fall, the Center for Educational Policy and Research will conduct an Alignment and Challenge Audit of our 9-12 math program. We will use this data along with our other data points to continue to improve our math program.

Science Department

Several students received awards for their work in the sciences this year. Anne Murphy was presented with both The Outstanding Senior Science Department Award as well as the Women in Science Award and Scholarship. Anne will be majoring in chemistry with an eye on pediatric medicine this fall at Case Western Reserve University. David Wang received the Outstanding Junior Science Award for his outstanding performance in the sciences. Science teachers also worked closely with Amanda Ammer, the Teacher Enrichment Specialist, to guide science students in selecting and developing projects for competition. Three senior high students competed this year in the district, county and regional science fairs: Brian Telek with "Clean Energy and Pure Water," Meredith Baer "Do Ultrasonic Waves Affect Bacteria Growth?" and Rachel Warwar, "Effects of Insulators on Calorimetric Efficiency."

Approximately 120 students at Oakwood High School had the opportunity to take our new *Forensic Science* class, taught by Melinda Wargacki, as an elective semester-long course this year. The course covered a wide range of topics including the history of forensic science, fingerprinting, trace evidence (hairs and fibers), blood spatter, entomology, anthropology, toxicology, and crime scene processing. Through the generosity of the Oakwood Foundation and PTO, students were able to work with the tools of forensics science instead of just reading about the processes in textbooks. Students demonstrated their forensic knowledge by processing a mock crime scene as their end of course project.

Through another grant funded by the Oakwood Foundation, Oakwood students now have access to a 14 computer wireless mobile lab with printer for research, presentations and lab investigations. An array of probe-ware compliments the computer lab including EKG sensors, dissolved oxygen, temperature and pH probes, allowing students to upload results for data analysis directly.

Teachers have access to some great new tools to enhance the learning experience for students. The addition of two ELMO projectors enables teachers to demonstrate concepts such as dissections, sample writings, and chemical reactions as they are projected on the wall for all students to see in the class. Three additional interactive SmartBoards will complement the SmartBoards used in the Junior High and by the Math department. The generosity of the Oakwood Foundation is allowing Oakwood students a consistent opportunity to integrate technology into their everyday learning experiences and lives.

Foreign Language Department

The Foreign Language department completed another productive and rewarding year highlighted by new study materials and a variety of accomplishments. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to 17 students for their performances on the National Latin Exam, 24 students on the National Spanish Exam and 27 on the National French Exam. Latin, French and Spanish clubs flourished, providing cultural enrichment via food, activities, lively music and dancing, and friendly competition at the state convention. Forty-five students were inducted into the National French Honorary and the National Spanish Honorary.

In June, 38 students traveled with Madames Jervis and Abner to France.

Also, congratulations to Senora Helen Gustke who earned National Board Certification.

Social Studies Department

Like all of our other departments, the Social Studies department thrived both in the classroom and throughout the community. The junior high staff continued their commitment to the service learning with fairs, markets, walks and other fundraisers. Bridget Fiore organized a walk for Darfur where her classes reached out to junior and senior high school students as well as community members. Kathy Allan organized a new group, "Lumberjacks Without Borders" which raised $5,000 to purchase an ark through Heifer International. Students in the junior high learned about cultures around the world and what it meant to be a citizen of the world!

At the high school level, the Social Studies department, supported by the Oakwood Class of 1943, sponsored an American Dream Essay contest. Our first place winner was Annie Wang who won a $3000 scholarship. Mary Tellers and Jackie Malone won $1500 and $1000 scholarships, respectively. The class of 1943 also sponsored a book compiling the essays of the 27 contest entries.

Janet Hess helped students with their exhibits for National History Day. Matt Money prepared a display on trench warfare during WWI. Michael McGovern, Tory Hollingsworth and Ruth Reveal made a documentary on The Great Dayton Flood and the Miami Conservancy District that qualified for state level competition where they received an excellent rating.

English Department

2006-07 has been a very busy year for the English Department. We welcomed two new teachers to our staff: Lori Kavanagh, who teaches 11th and 12th grade English and K. C. Weaver, who teaches 9th grade.

Inkblots, the school's literary magazine added more student artists to the ranks of the published in 2007. More than 80 pieces of fiction, poetry, photography, and art appeared in Issue 3. The Inkblots' staff also awarded its first cash prize to the two winners of this year's writing and art competition. Annie Wang won for her illustration "Circle of Life" and Aaron Collins won for his poem "Four Years." Copies are available for $1 at the high school.

Inspired by the NPR program "This I Believe," Marianne Woeste developed a contest for OHS students following the same format of the radio program. More than 40 students entered the contest, sharing their various beliefs and stories. Their diverse beliefs included topics such as angels, adoption, fate, friendship, and moderation. Just when you think there's no hope in the world, you read the thoughts of young people and find yourself renewed.

The seventh grade Power of the Pen team placed second, and the eighth grade team placed fourth at the district competition. The seventh grade team placed third at the regional competition. In the District competition, the following students placed: Rachel Ramey - 5th place and a Best of Round, Emily Ratton - 8th place, Olivia Gillingham - Best of Round, Madeleine Gillingham - 5th place and Ellen Milligan - 10th place and a Best of Round. The following students placed in the regional competition: Olivia Gillingham - 3th place, Emily Ratton - 5th place, Rachel Ramey - 7th place and Best of Round, Madeleine Gillingham - 9th place. Ellen Milligan also placed 8th overall in the state competition.

On March 10-11, Oakwood High School's Academic Decathlon team, led by Lori Kavanagh, participated in the state competition, finishing first in the small school division and second overall among all Ohio schools. This was the team's fifth year competing, achieving their highest score to date. Team members Annie Wang and Kira Fenstermacher won the coveted Golden Eagle, awarded for being the highest scoring student in each category. Michael McGovern and Jackie Malone earned gold medals in speech, scoring first and third overall among all Ohio schools.

On April 26 and 27, the Decathlon team participated in the Virtual Small School Nationals where they placed third in the nation. Team members Annie Wang and Chris Mudry received medals for their essays, team member Kira Fenstermacher received a medal for her Music test, and team member Jackie Malone received a medal for her Language and Literature test.

The Oakwood Writing Center continues to assist 7-12 grade students who need help developing their writing skills. Services include pre-writing, writing, and proofing guidance. Any student is welcome, whether it is for long-term skills work or a one-time visit.

In continuing with Oakwood's theme of helping others, the 8th grade class raised $7005 for Daybreak, a homeless shelter for teens. They came up with the idea from Oprah and coined the campaign "Oakprah" paying it forward for fellow, yet less fortunate, teens of the Miami Valley.

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The Special Education Department

The Special Education Department was excited to have added two new intervention specialists to their department. Beth Hiltbrunner in the Learning Center and Nicole Morgan in the Resource Room have both been wonderful additions to our staff! They both took and passed their Praxis III exams this past spring.

Collaboration and co-teaching was an initiative for the entire department. We are now co-teaching in grades 7-10 in math, 7-8 in English and in the geophysical and forensic science classes in the high school. We are working with both the Math and English departments to expand our co-teaching efforts for the next year.

Our TES teacher, Amanda Ammer, worked diligently to make sure all of our gifted students received the necessary instruction that they need. She also runs the Lego League, Science Fair competition, the 8th grade service-learning project and brings many differentiated instruction opportunities to the staff throughout the year.

Nicole Morgan and Regina McCauley advised Project Support. They had several exciting outings throughout the year with our special education students. They hosted Abilities Awareness week this spring, and also had two fund raising cookouts for the entire school.

The Guidance Department

The Guidance Offices at the High School and Junior High had a busy year! We welcomed Mrs. Nicole Wagstrom to our office as the Student Assistance Counselor. She did a great job as advisor to SADD, Career Forum coordination and worked very well with students helping them make positive choices.

At the Junior High, Lumberjack Leaders continued their third year of successfully integrating new students and serving as positive role models for all students. This program has really had a great effect on the spirit of the junior high!

Lissa Fickert, junior high counselor, and the senior high counselors utilized the Ohio Career Information System, exposing our students to potential careers; colleges, and the many possibilities available to them post-Oakwood! The KUDER Career Planning System (KCPS), a career assessment program, was introduced at the high school. This system allows each student to take three assessments, the Kuder Career Search with Person Match, the Kuder Skills Assessment and the Super's Work Values Inventory. The combination of the results of all three of these assessments produces a list of potential careers that could be a "fit" for the student. In addition to the career piece, students can access information about various careers, university matches and information on college majors, resume writing and other items related to life after Oakwood. This program comes to us through our Career Education Program affiliation with Kettering and Centerville. It is our goal to have all students "logged on" as they go through their high school years with us.

Mrs. Jacques and Mrs. Owens traveled to the National Association of College Admissions Counselors meeting in Pittsburgh, PA where they learned the latest information regarding the ever-changing college admissions process. Mrs. Owens attended the state meetings of the same organization sharing practices with other high school counselors in Ohio. Mrs. Jacques, Mrs. Owens and Mr. Curlett each took extensive tours of dozens of colleges all over the U.S. in hopes of being as knowledgeable as possible of the many opportunities available to our students.

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The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation

Over the last 15 years, the Foundation has broadened students' learning opportunities by awarding more than $330,000 in quality grants, funding such projects as: innovative technology and equipment for Science and Math; the Accelerated Reader program for elementary students; on-site master teachers and technology to improve writing skills; and the Lange School Playground challenge, to name just a few. However, each year the Foundation is unable to fund some of the unique, creative projects our teachers and staff propose for the students.

We need your help in raising the final $100,000 to make our goal. Please consider the value of an Oakwood education to the community and in the lives of the students of our unique school system, and join this important initiative. Your contribution will move us closer to our goal of providing a legacy for students in generations to come. Gifts of $5,000 and above will receive permanent recognition, and pledges of $1,000 or more are payable over the next four years. All gifts, no matter the size, are appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration. Please call us at 937-297-5332 for further information, or mail your contribution to P.O. Box 351, Dayton, OH 45409, designating the gift for the Endowment Campaign.

To provide a legacy for the education of today's children and future generations of Oakwood students, I/we commit $_____ to be paid over a period of _____ years (pledges of $1,000 or more are payable over the next 4 years). All gifts will be recognized. Gifts $5,000 and above will be recognized permanently.

Name(s): _____ OHS class year _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Thank You!

Remember!

School Starts August 22, 2007

August 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Secondary Summer Camp Session-Reading 9:30-11:30 a.m. Secondary Summer Camp Session-Math 1-3 p.m. Marching Band Camp 1-8 p.m. 1	Secondary Summer Camp Session-Reading 9:30-11:30 a.m. Secondary Summer Camp Session-Math 1-3 p.m. Marching Band Camp 1-8 p.m. 2	Secondary Summer Camp Session-Reading 9:30-11:30 a.m. Secondary Summer Camp Session-Math 1-3 p.m. Marching Band Camp 1-8 p.m. 3	4
5	Fall Sports Begin Band Parent Mtg 7-9 p.m. 6	Superintendent Neighborhood Mtg 7 p.m. Ath Boosters 7:30 p.m. 7	8	Superintendent Neighborhood Mtg 10 a.m. Zoning App 4:30 p.m 9	Board of Education Retreat 9 a.m. 10	Girls Soccer Car Wash 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 11
12	Summer Family Blanket Concert-Library 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Mtg 7:30 p.m. City Council 7:30 p.m. 13	Board of Education Work Session 5 p.m. 14	Fall Parent/Athlete Mtg 7 p.m. 15	16	SH Freshman Orientation 9-11 a.m. 17	SH Booster Day 5-9 p.m. 18
Ice Cream Social-OCC 3:30-7 p.m. 19	Gr. 7 Orient 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Gr.8 Orient 1-2 p.m. Harman Open House 7 p.m. Library Board 7 p.m. 20	Staff Day 21	**First Day of School** JH Fall Parent/Athlete Mtg 7 p.m. SH Marching Band Show/Mtg 8-10 p.m. 22	Smith Open House 6:45-8:15 p.m. 23	24	25
Book Sale-Library 26	Dome Parent Mtg 7 p.m. 27	28	OJHS Open House 29	Superintendent Neighborhood Mtg 7 p.m. 30	31	

Book Sale at Library

September 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	**Labor Day** No School City Offices Closed Library Closed 3	Band Parent Mtg 7-9 p.m. Ath Boosters 7:30 p.m. 4	Plan Comm 4:30 p.m. SH Open House 7:30 p.m. 5	6	7	8
9	Board of Education Mtg 7:30 p.m. 10	Board of Education Work Session 5 p.m. 11	SH/JH Picture Day 12	PTO Mtg-JH 11:45 a.m. Zoning App 4:30 p.m. 13	Andrews Hall of Honor Luncheon 11:30 a.m. 14	15
16	City Council 7:30 p.m. Library Board 7 p.m. 17	18	Superintendent Neighborhood Mtg 9:30 a.m. SH Junior Parent Mtg 7 p.m. SH Senior Parent Mtg 8:15 p.m. 19	20	21	22
23 PSAT Prep 6:30 p.m. 30	OSEF Golf Outing 24	25	26	27	28	SH Homecoming Dance 7-11 p.m. 29

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Although there are more homes on the market now than in recent years (145 at the end of June as compared to 122 at the end of June in 2006 and 91 in 2005) our property values continue to rise well above the area average and we most certainly do not have a vacant housing problem. The Dayton Area Board of Realtors reports that the total number of homes sold in Oakwood over the past four years is as follows:

Annual Home Sales In Oakwood

	2006	2005	2004	2003
# Sold	186	193	177	198
Avg. Sale Price	$270,643	$260,059	$241,928	$239,531
High	$985,000	$1,700,000	$1,200,000	$1,100,00
Low	$94,500	$82,900	$94,000	$85,000

The steady increase in home value indicates that Oakwood continues to be a desirable location for current and new residents alike. The annual increase in home values in Oakwood from 2000 to 2006 was 31.7%. The increase throughout the entire Dayton area during that period was 11.1%

In reviewing population estimates, one must be careful to recognize that the only accurate population numbers are those derived from the decennial census. Population estimates for intervening years are calculated from formulas that do not apply well to cities like Oakwood, cities that are well-established, almost fully developed, and that are not suffering from blight or population migration. Oakwood remains a wonderful city with an excellent school system and unique public services. Homes here are well maintained and, as a whole, continue to increase in value.

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