



OAKWOOD SCENE

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City News

Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project

The City of Oakwood and Oakwood 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.

School News

Oakwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame

The Oakwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the **3rd Class of the Oakwood Athletic Hall of Fame**. The following individuals will be inducted at a banquet at the Dayton Country Club on Thursday, August 26, 2010 and will also be recognized at halftime of the home football game on August 27, 2010. The Hall of Fame is displayed on the southeast wall of the portico facing Schantz Avenue. *Continued on page 6*

Library News

Storytime in Smith Gardens

The Library and Oakwood's Leisure Services Department are partnering to present Storytimes in Smith Gardens. On Friday, August 27, Youth Services Librarian Mrs. Bengson will read stories for children of all ages from 10-10:30 a.m. in the garden at the corner of Oakwood Avenue and Walnut Lane.

P2 ICE CREAM SOCIAL
The annual Ice Cream Social will be held this year at Shafor Park on

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The 2010 concrete curb, sidewalk and driveway apron repair project will continue.

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Is your schedule too busy to read all those books your friends are talking about?



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held this year at Shafor Park on Sunday, August 22, 3:30 – 7 p.m. Tickets for this event include your chicken dinner, a drink and ice cream. Advance tickets are available for purchase at \$5.25 and are on sale at the OCC. Tickets at the event are \$7.00. Oakwood Clubs and Organizations may set up a table in the Avenue of Organizations by contacting Vickie Gearhart at the OCC. Call 298-0775 for additional information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Labor Day Closings: City offices, including the Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010 for Labor Day. The Community Center offices, Health Center and Teen Center will be closed on Sunday, September 5 and on Labor Day. Gardner Pool will be open from Noon – 8 p.m. through Labor Day.

August/September City Council Meetings:

Regular Sessions – Monday, August 2 and Monday, September 20 at 7:30 p.m.; Work Session – Monday, August 16 at 5 p.m. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers and conference room, 30 Park Avenue. Citizens are invited to attend or view meetings live on cable television (Time Warner Ch. 6 and AT&T Ch 99). Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net/ for rebroadcast times. Recorded monthly council meetings may also be viewed on the city website at www.mvcc.net/oakwood/

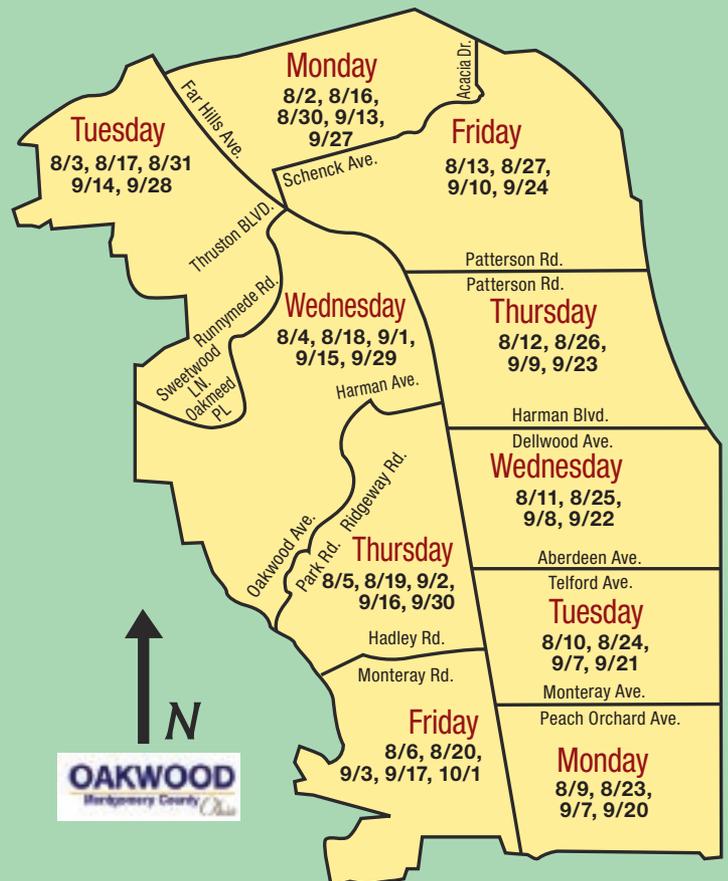


STORY HOUR AT SMITH GARDENS

The OCC, in conjunction with the Wright Memorial Library, is pleased to present another “Story Hour at Smith Gardens”. Spend a magical morning in the Gardens as the Youth Services Librarian, Diane Bengson, reads enchanting stories to your preschoolers. The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday, August 27. In case of rain, the program will be held in the Garden House.



Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 8/5, 8/19, 9/2, 9/16, 9/30
- Shroyer Rd. 8/12, 8/26, 9/9, 9/23



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 existing structures. Awards are given during the months of May, June, July, August and September. Monthly award winners are selected by members of the Property Maintenance Board, and 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 laidler@oakwood.oh.us.

Congratulations to the owners of the following residential and business properties that were selected to receive awards in May or June:

May

Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Basnett,
559 Acorn Drive

Ms. Joanne H. Granzow,
535 Garden Road

Mr. & Mrs. William H. Sneider,
146 E. Dixon Avenue

Ms. Cynthia E. & Madonna L. McCarthy,
259 Telford/1717 Delaine Avenue

Mr. Charles S. Campbell & Chade E. McCoy,
305 Monterey Avenue

Mr. & Mrs. Peter W. Price,
256 Triangle Avenue

Dr. & Mrs. Thomas G. Olsen,
524 Walnut Springs Drive

Mr. & Mrs. Todd S. Laurent,
2736 Fairmont Avenue

Mr. Stefan A. Czerwinski,
221 Wonderly Avenue

June

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Hix,
113 Katharine Terrace

Mr. Christopher Croom & Ms. Susan
McChesney, 331 Schenck Avenue

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Boens,
197 Lookout Drive

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Frank,
43 Wisteria Drive

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Penchaff,
123 Lonsdale Avenue

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Goff,
123 Lonsdale Avenue

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Aidt,
231 Telford Avenue

Mr. Kenneth Ginader,
441 E. Monterey Avenue

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Montesano,
201 Triangle Avenue

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Edwards,
2724 Fairmont Avenue



OAKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER INFORMATION AND DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 11 from 2- 3 p.m. "Back to School Bonanza at Orchardly Park with Shawn Fry. Free craft day for children 4-7. Materials available for first 50 children. A parent or guardian must be in the park with the participating child.
- Junior High Dances are as follows:
Friday, August 27, September 10 and 24 from 9:30-11 p.m. after home football games.
- 2nd Annual Dog Splash. Gardner Pool will hold its second annual Dog Splash on Sunday, September 12 from 1-3 p.m. You must register in advance and bring in a copy of vaccination records.

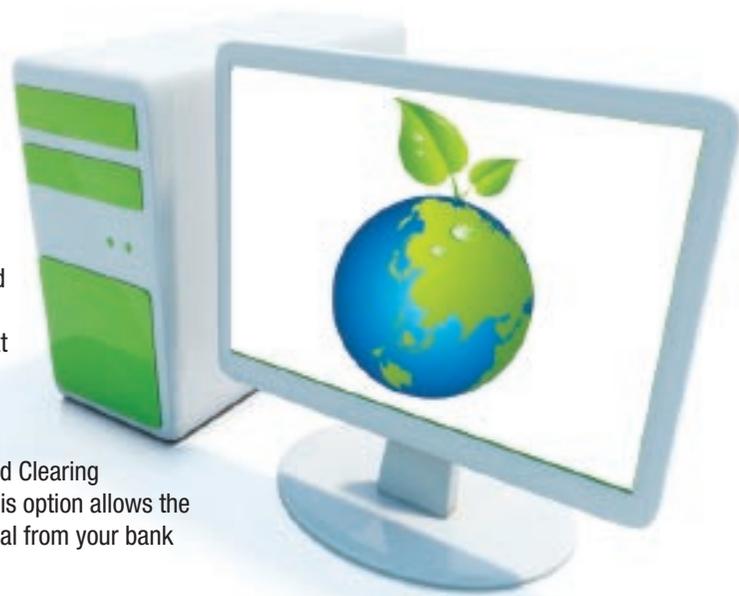
UTILITY BILLING

Utility E-Statements are now available. The City has a more convenient method of receiving and viewing your monthly water, sewer and refuse invoices. Go paperless by having your invoice e-mailed directly to you. The registration process is quick and easy. You will need your 10 digit account number and the current mailing address zip code, all of which can be found on your utility bill. There is no charge for this service.

To register please visit the following website, <https://smartbillcorp.com/OnlineAccess/frmLogin.aspx?ws=Oakwood>, once you're at the web site just follow the instructions under the register tab. You will want to use the dashes when you enter your account number, example 999-99999-99. If you need assistance please call the Utility Billing Department at 937-298-0400.

The City also offers a convenient ACH (Automated Clearing House) payment option. This option allows the City to process a withdrawal from your bank

account in the amount of your current net bill on the net due date. You will still receive an invoice either by mail or e-mail in advance of the payment withdrawal. The invoice will be clearly marked as to the payment amount and the net due date. There is no additional charge to participate in this option. To enroll you will need to complete an authorization form which is available on the City website or if you prefer the Utility Billing Department can mail or e-mail the form to you. Just call 937-298-0400 to request a form.



BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS FROM THE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

With summer upon us, the Oakwood Public Safety Department would like to pass along several reminders about bicycle safety. Each summer we see an increase in reported bike thefts in the community. All too often valuable bikes are stolen and never found. The other increase we see is in injuries related to bicycles. In order to protect your property and yourself here are some suggestions:

- Invest in a quality security lock and always lock your bicycle when not riding it.
- Record the serial number and model number of your bicycle. This increases the chance it can be recovered and returned to you if stolen.
- Consider getting a bicycle license from the Oakwood Public Safety Department.

This service is offered free of charge. This helps us to identify and return bicycles to their owners if they are taken and recovered.

- Parents, make sure that your children always wear a properly sized helmet designed for bicycling. Serious head injuries can be prevented by using a helmet. Basic bicycle helmets can be purchased at a reasonable price from area bicycle dealers. We recommend dealers with knowledgeable staff to ensure a proper fit for your child.
- Bicycles ridden after dark are required to have proper safety lighting in order to be operated on the streets. Remember to obey traffic laws at all times. Have a safe summer.



2010 CURB, WALK & APRON PROGRAM



The 2010 concrete curb, sidewalk and driveway apron repair project will continue through the summer with the goal of substantial completion in early fall. This year's project is the area east of Far Hills Avenue from the south corporation limit to Telford Avenue, and it also

includes the first block of Aberdeen Avenue east of Far Hills. The contractor is Double Jay Construction, Inc.. Please call Bart Bornhorst at 298-0777 with any questions.

LABOR DAY REFUSE COLLECTION

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2010 for Labor Day. Refuse collection will be one day later than usual 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.

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 sidewalks 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.

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 surfaces and must be accessible to city equipment. Special pickups will once again be suspended for leaf collection beginning in mid-October through the end of the year, so please plan your projects accordingly.



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, protects you from liability, and saves our community tax dollars.



CITY OF OAKWOOD VISION STATEMENT

It is City Council's vision of the city of Oakwood to continue its heritage as a premiere residential community:

- Where citizens know and respect one another.
- Where principal emphasis is placed on neighborhood, schools, responsive city services and parks.
- Where citizens contribute to and benefit from strong, responsible stewardship of community resources.
- Where a responsible citizenry helps establish and follows community standards that preserve the quality of individual and community property.
- Where residents feel comfortable and secure in their homes as they move about the community.
- Where education is a vital community tradition.
- Where viable business and professional enterprises are clearly compatible with residential living and not in conflict with the residential integrity of the community.
- Where citizen participation is valued and encouraged to give definition to the high expectations to the community and its residents.
- Where Oakwood benefits from the involvement of its residents and employees in a variety of regional, business, cultural and governmental activities.



Oakwood City Council



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Oakwood City Schools New 2010-2011 Staff Members (As of June 30, 2010)

- Maan Jiang Broadstock, Mandarin Chinese Teacher, Oakwood High School (WSU Dual Enrollment Program)
- Jenna Fox, Social Studies Teacher, Oakwood High School
- Jennifer Gabbard, Art Teacher, Oakwood High School
- Abbie Hartge, Chemistry/Physics Teacher, Oakwood High School
- Elizabeth MacConnell, .5 FTE Speech & Language Pathologist
- Katherine Spotts, Spanish Teacher, Oakwood High School

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation Awards \$34,000 in Spring Teacher Grants

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation recently completed its Spring Grants cycle and is delighted to announce that it will be funding over \$34,000 in teacher and administrator grants, bringing the Education Foundation's total grant support to over \$490,000. The Junior High/High School Foreign Language Department received funding for a Sanako Mobile Language Lab that will be used by 800 language students. "The Sanako Lab is a unique, teacher-led language teaching system that allows students intense practice in listening and speaking," said Mrs. Elaine Long, recently retired Oakwood Junior/Senior High Foreign Language Department Chair. "It offers tools that will keep the students motivated and excited while they acquire language skills." The Oakwood Schools' foreign language instruction begins in the elementary schools and continues through Advanced Placement level in the high school. A dual enrollment Chinese program was added to the offering of Spanish, French and Latin in the 2009-2010 school year.

The Education Foundation also awarded funds to support Project Lead the Way, the School District's new engineering curriculum program that prepares students to be the most innovative and productive leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering, and

Mathematics (STEM). Dr. Kim Kappler Hewitt, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for the Oakwood Schools said, "STEM education is at the heart of today's high-tech, high-skill global economy. For the United States to remain economically competitive, our next generation of leaders must develop the critical-reasoning and problem-solving skills that will help make them the most productive in the world. Project Lead the Way sparks the ingenuity, creativity, and innovation within all of our students."

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, a component of The Dayton Foundation, provides students with diverse and distinctive opportunities that go above and beyond the reach of the district's normal operating budget. Pursuing its mission, "Enhancing Excellence through Philanthropy," the Education Foundation provides significant annual support for quality initiatives, including teacher and administrative grants, scholarships and special wish list items.

For more information about the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, please contact Karen Gillingham, Director, at 297-5332 or visit our website www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/osef. Become a fan on the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation Facebook page!



Oakwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame *Continued from page 1*

For more information or to purchase tickets for the banquet, please contact Mark Hughes, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman at (937) 297-5342.

- **Bob Servis**, Class of 1933, was the 1933 Ohio High School State Golf Champion, captain of the baseball team and lettered in golf, basketball, and baseball.
- **Mike Creager**, Class of 1961, held the football school record for touchdown receptions in a game and career and in track held the shot put and discus schools records.
- **Carrie Roedersheimer Doerr**, Class of 1987, made significant contributions to both cross country and track and set several school records.
- **Nicole Motto**, Class of 2000, lettered in tennis and basketball where she received numerous honors and set several school records.
- **Dan Rasor**, Coach/Trainer, was a science teacher and coached numerous sports and has been the athletic trainer since 1976.
- The **1985 State Championship Golf Team**, coached by Rick Scalzo, will be recognized.

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.



Neighborhood Meetings with the Superintendent

Please join Mary Jo Scalzo, Superintendent of Oakwood City Schools, for a *Neighborhood Meeting* during the 2010-2011 school year. These informal meetings are an opportunity for parents, community members and members of the Oakwood City Schools to talk about school issues.

If you would like to host a meeting during the months of August 2010 through May 2011, please call or email Sandy Maresh at the Board Office at (937) 297-5332 or maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org.

Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Luncheon on Thursday, September 23, 2010

The Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor luncheon and induction ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at Dayton Country Club. The following persons will be inducted: **Judy A. Hennessey, Ph.D.**, Superintendent from 1998 to 2004, **Carolyn Mowry**, gifted teacher from 1987 to 1994 and Smith sixth grade teacher from 1994 to 2000, and **Ann Simpson**, tutor 1979-1984, Harman second grade teacher 1984-1986 and Smith first grade teacher 1986-2002.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon (cost is \$21.00). To make reservations, please call or email Sandy Maresh at the Board Office at

(937) 297-5332 or maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org by Wednesday, September 15th.

On Friday evening, September 24th at 6:30 p.m., prior to the football game, the recipients will be available to meet with you on the Alumni Terrace on the southwest corner of Mack Hummon Stadium. Prior to the start of the home football game there will be a brief awards ceremony.

Sexting, Cyber-Bullying and The Law Parent/Community Meeting

Oakwood High School will host a parent/community meeting on **August 25 at 6:30 p.m.** in the high school auditorium. Richard Mann, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators Attorney will provide our parents with important information on the topic of sexting and cyber-bullying. **All parents and community members are invited to attend.**

He will be speaking to 7th-9th grade students in the auditorium earlier in the day to provide our students with legal information on how the law impacts them regarding sexting and cyber-bullying.



Check out our Web site!

The Oakwood City Schools Web site, which can be found at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us, is a great source of information about events and activities of the district and schools. You can subscribe to individual building



announcements, read the district and school newsletters and much more. Check us out!

Our New Email Addresses!

We have changed our district email addresses. To reach any Oakwood City Schools' employee the address is lastname.firstname@oakwoodschoools.org.

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS

JUNE/JULY 2010

August 2010

- 9 7:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting
- 11 4-6 p.m. – Smith Pick Up School Kits
- 14 10 a.m.-1 p.m. - Lange Work Day and Picnic
- 19 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Harman Open House
- 20 11 a.m. – Harman and Smith New Student Orientation
- 20 9-12 noon – OJHS 7th Grade Orientation
- 20 1-3 p.m. – OJHS New 8th Grade Orientation
- 20 9 a.m.-1 p.m. – OHS Freshman/New Student Orientation
- 23 5:00-6:30 p.m. – Smith Open House
- 24 1st Day of School**
- 25 6:30 p.m.-Sexting, Cyber-Bullying and The Law
- 24-26 KRAL Assessments of Kindergarten Students
- 26 6:00 p.m. - Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner
- 27 1st day for All Kindergarten Students
- 30 7-9 p.m. – OJHS Open House

September 2010

- 1 7-9 p.m. – OHS Open House
- 2 7 p.m. – Elementary Band/Orchestra Rental Night at Harman
- 3-17 Smith PTO Entertainment Book Sale
- 6 NO SCHOOL/Labor Day
- 9 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. – OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
- 13 7:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting
- 14 7-9 p.m. - Lange Parents' Night
- 14 7 p.m. – Smith PTO Meeting
- 15 OJHS/OHS Picture Day
- 15 7-8 p.m. – OHS Junior Parent Meeting
- 15 8:15-9:15 p.m. – OHS Senior Parent Meeting
- 17 Harman and Smith Picture Day
- 20 7-8 p.m. – OHS Freshman/Sophomore Parent Meeting
- 23 11:30 a.m. - Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Luncheon
- 30 Waiver Day – Grades 1-12 Dismissal at Lunchtime
Lange Classes in Session as Usual

The Oakwood Schools master calendar can be viewed online at

www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/oakwood/Oakwood_Calendars.html

LIBRARY CALENDAR DATES

August 4— Vick Mickunas, 7 p.m.

August 11— Summer Family Blanket Concert 6:30 p.m.

August 15— Author visit with Katrina Kittle, 2 p.m.

August 16— Library Board meeting, 6 p.m.

August 24— Book sale preview for Friends of the Library, 4-8 p.m.

August 25-29—Book Sale

August 27—Storytime at Smith Gardens, 10 a.m.

September 6—Library closed for Labor Day

September 20—Library Board meeting, 6 p.m.

September 27—Author visit with Alice Licata, 6:30 p.m.

Book Sale Preview for Friends of the Library

Wright Memorial Public Library's annual book sale will be held from August 24 through 29. The sale will kick off with a special preview night open only to members of the Friends of Wright Library on Tuesday, August 24 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you are not currently a Friends member, you can sign

up in-person anytime the library is open, or you can download a form at www.WrightLibrary.org and mail it to the Friends of Wright

Library. You may also join at the door on preview night.

Annual membership dues are reasonable: \$10 for an individual, \$12 for a family, \$5 for seniors (age 60+), and \$1 for students.

The Book Sale is open to everyone Wednesday through Sunday (August 25-29) during regular library hours. Library hours are 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, and 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the sale, contact Linda Cosgrove, Administrative Services Coordinator at 294-7171.

Book Reviewer Vick Mickunas Will Speak at Library August 4

The Friends of Wright Library are having a special program to encourage new members to join and to provide a fun opportunity for current members to renew for the 2010-2011 year. Book reviewer extraordinaire Vick Mickunas will be the guest speaker on Wednesday, August 4 at 7 p. m. in the Library

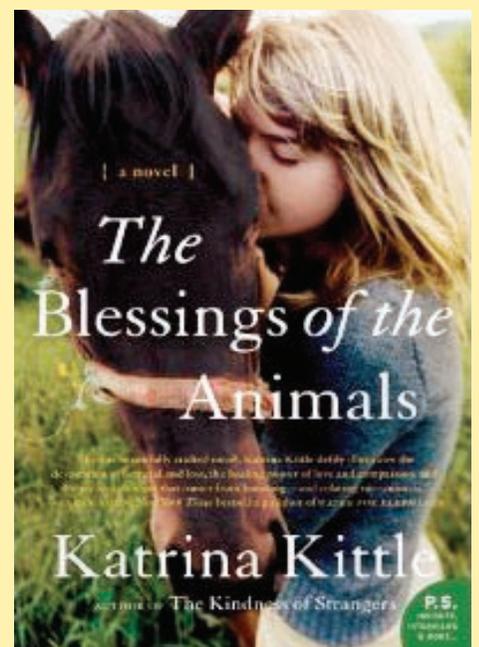
meeting room. His weekly "Book Nook" column has appeared in the Dayton Daily News since mid-2004. He was the host of radio station WYSO's long-running "Book Nook" program and now has a biweekly spot on "WYSO Weekend" on Sunday morning. Mickunas will share anecdotes about the hundreds of authors he has interviewed. The Friends of the Library will provide chocolate desserts and coffee. Friends membership dues will be collected at the door. Individual memberships are \$10, family memberships are \$12. Students can join for \$1. Seniors' (age 60 and up) dues are \$5. This is a great opportunity to get inside information on your favorite authors and to join the Friends before the Book Sale Preview on August 24.

Author Katrina Kittle at Wright Library on August 15



Meet popular author Katrina Kittle at Wright Library on Sunday, August 15 at 2:00 p.m. Her newest novel, *The Blessings of the Animals*, is the story of Cami Anderson, a recently divorced veterinarian. Surrounded by family and friends approaching different milestones in their relationships, Cami learns to come to terms with her own love life while sharing her hopes and fears with an angry horse, a three-legged cat, and an escape-artist goat in her care. Kittle's previous page-turners include, *The Kindness of Strangers*, *Two Truths and a Lie*, and *Traveling Light*.

The author will read from her latest book and there will be time for discussion and questions from the audience. The program will be held in the library



meeting room. No advance registration is necessary. Anyone with questions can contact the library at (937)294-7171.

Library Foundation Sponsors Blanket Concert August 11

Bill Schuerman and the Back Porch Jam will present an outdoor concert for all ages at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11 on the north lawn of the Library. Bring blankets and lawn chairs for seating and a picnic supper if you wish. Rain site is the Library meeting room. The free concert is sponsored by the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation.

Learn a New Language the Easy Way

Wright Library now offers Mango Languages, an online language-learning system that teaches actual conversation skills for a wide variety of languages. Access is easy from your home computer by visiting the Research & Homework area of the Library's Web site at www.wrightlibrary.org.

Mango uses real-life situations and actual conversations to effectively teach a new language. By listening to and repeating after material from native conversations, you'll not only learn the individual words and phrases, you'll know how they're used in practical situations and conversations. Mango promises that you'll learn more than

grammar, vocabulary and conjugation, you'll learn how to communicate. It delivers simple and practical skills for polite conversation. Lessons are available in 22 foreign languages: Arabic, Brazilian Portuguese, Dari, Farsi, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mandarin Chinese, Pashto, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Turkish, Urdu, and Vietnamese. There are also courses in English as a Second Language for native speakers of 14 different languages.

If you have questions about how to use Mango Languages, call the Reference Desk at 294-7171.

Wright Library Selects Polaris Computer System

This fall the Library will install a new computer system to replace the twenty-year-old system that runs the catalog and check-out processes. A lot has changed in twenty years! Patrons soon will be able to choose e-mail notification for holds and overdues, pay fines online with a credit card, receive notices of new materials by favorite authors, and have the option to keep a history of items read. Functions that the Library staff uses to help patrons will be more efficient and streamlined.

The new system will be purchased from Polaris Library Systems, a leading

company in the library automation field. More than fifty other Ohio libraries use Polaris, including Clark County, Franklin-Springboro, Grandview Heights, London, Mason, and Waynesville. The changeover to Polaris is tentatively scheduled for the second week of October.

POLARIS
LIBRARY SYSTEMS



Save Time with Audio Books

Is your schedule too busy to read all those books your friends are talking about? Try listening to unabridged audio books while you drive or work on projects at home. Here is a sample of some recent books on CD available at Wright Library.

Private Life by Jane Smiley
The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest by Stieg Larsson
The First Rule by Robert Crais
Eight Days to Live by Iris Johansen
Blue-eyed Devil by Robert B. Parker
The Help by Kathryn Stockett

The Library's Web site also offers downloadable audio books for MP3 players and iPods.

Back-to-School Program for Parents

Psychologist and author Dr. Alice Licata will talk about her book *It's Not Rocket Science: Down-to-Earth Advice on Raising Stellar Kids* on Monday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library meeting room. Dr. Licata earned her master's and doctorate degrees in clinical psychology from Kent State University. The Kettering resident has two teenaged daughters. Unlike many parenting books that focus on the child's behavior, the focus of Dr. Licata's book is on behaviors that parents can learn to raise their children to be well-adjusted productive people. Dr. Licata says that "Parenting is not about being perfect. It's about how to be rather imperfect, while still getting the job done." Copies of the book will be on sale and the author will be available to sign them at the end of the program. She is donating a portion of the sales to the Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation. No advance registration for the program is needed.



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Oakwood Community-Wide Initiative 40 Developmental Assets

Research has documented 40 positive experiences and influences called the **40 Developmental Assets** that, when practiced intentionally, help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible.

In this edition we introduce you to Assets 13 through 18:

- 13. Neighborhood Boundaries** – Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people's behavior.
- 14. Adult Role Models** – Parent(s) and other adults model positive, responsible behavior.
- 15. Positive Peer Influence** – Young person's best friends model responsible behavior.
- 16. High Expectations** – Both parent(s) and teachers encourage the young person to do well.
- 17. Creative Activities** – Young person spends three or more hours per week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts.
- 18. Youth Programs** – Young person spends three or more hours per week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in the community.

Working together we have committed to becoming a community of Asset Builders!

Visit our website at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/~fortyassets for news, events and information.



We Are *All* Asset Builders!

