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Clerk of Council

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Non-Emergency 298-2122

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT 298-2122
Public Safety Director
Police and Fire Services
Emergency Medical Services
Public Safety Records
Info Line (Recordings) 293-INFO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT 298-0402
Finance Director
Assessments
Vital Statistics
Refuse Billing
Water & Sewer Metering/Billing 298-0400
Income Tax 298-0531

PUBLIC HEALTH 298-0600

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES 297-2920
City Inspector
Permits and Zoning
Pre-Sale Housing Inspections
Property Maintenance Issues
Rental Housing

LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT 298-0775
Leisure Services Director
Health Center & Teen Center
Horticulturist & Smith Gardens
Parks & Recreation Programs
William E. Gardner Pool 297-2933
Leisure Line (Recordings) 297-2935

MUNICIPAL COURT 293-3058
Clerk of Courts
Small Claims Court & Traffic Violations

PERSONNEL/HUMAN RESOURCES 298-0411

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 298-0777
Public Works Director
City Engineer
Bulk Pick-ups
Street, Alley, Water & Sewer Maintenance
Waste Collection (Refuse & Recycling)
Water Treatment Plant Information

CITY WEBSITE:
www.mvcc.net/oakwood

OTHER FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

OAKWOOD SCHOOLS

Board of Education 297-5332
Oakwood High School 297-5325
Oakwood Junior High School 297-5328
Edwin D. Smith Elementary School 297-5335
Harman Elementary School 297-5338
Lange School (Kindergarten) 299-8730

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Dayton Power & Light 331-3900
Hills & Dales Shelter Rental Info 275-7275
Kettering Inspection Dept. 296-2441
Montgomery County Property
Tax Information 225-4326
RTA (Route & Schedule Info) 226-1144
Time Warner Cable 294-6400
Vectren 1-800-909-7668
Wright Brothers Post Office 1-800-275-8777
Wright Memorial Public Library 294-7171



William Duncan
Mayor



Steve Byington
Vice Mayor



Stanley Castleman
Council Member



Rob Stephens
Council Member



Anne Hilton
Council Member

OAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL

Oakwood is served by a council/manager form of government. Oakwood City Council is comprised of five members who are elected on a non-partisan basis for four-year overlapping terms. The mayor and vice mayor are selected by their fellow council members for two-year terms.

City Council is the policy-making body of the community. Council appoints a full-time professional city manager to implement city policies, enforce ordinances and direct delivery of citizen services. The city manager serves as chief administrative and operating officer of the city.

City Council normally meets in formal session on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. Meetings are open to the public and citizen attendance is encouraged. These formal meetings are broadcast live on the local cable Government Access channel (Time Warner Channel 6 and AT&T Channel 99). The meetings are re-broadcast several times during the week or two afterwards (check www.mvcc.net for dates and times). The meetings are also viewable through the city website at www.mvcc.net/oakwood.

Council also meets in work session typically once each month. These work sessions are held at the city building and normally begin at 5 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. During summer months, council may meet only once per month. The schedule for upcoming Council meetings is posted on the city website. Also available on the website are Council meeting agendas, minutes and legislation.

To help in performing city business, Oakwood City Council relies on the assistance of many Oakwood citizen committees. The current list of council-appointed committees is as follows:

- [ADA Compliance Committee](#)
- [Athletic/Recreation Master Plan Committee](#)
- [Board of Health](#)
- [Board of Zoning Appeals](#)
- [Budget Review Committee](#)
- [Comprehensive Planning Committee](#)
- [Environmental Committee](#)
- [Human Relations Commission](#)
- [Martin Luther King Breakfast Committee](#)
- [Personnel Appeals Board](#)
- [Planning Commission](#)
- [Property Maintenance Board](#)
- [Public Facilities Task Force](#)
- [Tax/Sewer/Water/Assembly Appeals](#)

In total, the current slate of committees provides opportunities for about 150 residents to be involved in the business of providing local public services. Citizens interested in serving on a committee should contact Clerk of Council Cathy Gibson at 298-0600 or should send an e-mail to Mayor Bill Duncan at duncan@oakwood.oh.us or City Manager Norbert Klopsch at klopsch@oakwood.oh.us

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BILL DUNCAN



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Each year we publish this annual report. It highlights the events of the previous year and provides a means of informing you about many important issues facing our community. We send the report to every household and business in Oakwood. We hope you take some time to read it and get better acquainted with how our city operates. You should find it interesting and useful.

2010 marked our 102nd anniversary. We incorporated as a village in 1908. We began as the premier residential community in the Dayton and Miami Valley region and remain such today. We enjoy this distinction because of our beautiful neighborhoods, our excellent schools and library, unmatched city services, public safety, recreation and leisure; but most of all because of our citizens.

Within this report you will find information about significant city projects completed in 2010. Here are a few other highlights:

- In January, several hundred people attended the 7th annual Kettering-Oakwood Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast.
- In April, over 150 Oakwood volunteers participated in a cleanup of the Acorn corridor sewer access road.
- In May, over 800 walkers participated in the 9th Annual Breast Cancer 5K CARE Walk. The event raised over \$17,500 to support a cure for breast cancer.
- That Day in May, sponsored by the City and the Oakwood Rotary Club continued the tradition of the pancake breakfast, 5K and 10K runs, community parade, games, rides, refreshments and displays. 2010 included a car show.
- The Oakwood Historical Society created a Shafor Heights self-guided walking tour booklet highlighting the architecture and history of Oakwood homes in the area bounded by Patterson, Shafor, Spirea and Schantz. In addition, the society completed a four-year restoration of the Long-Romspert Homestead on Far Hills Avenue. The home is now an educational house museum.
- The Oakwood Sister City Association held several special events. Their mission is promoting peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation—one individual, one community at a time. We have two sister cities: Le Vesinet, a suburb of Paris and Outremont, a suburb of Montreal. This summer we will celebrate the 35th anniversary of our twinning with Outremont.
- We were honored as a Tree City USA for the 28th consecutive year and have planted over 2,500 trees during the 32 years of our Johnny Appleseed program.

Oakwood has always been blessed with elected leaders who truly believe in community service and who always focus attention on what they believe is best for the entire community. This tradition continues. Councilmember Stanley Castleman completed his seventh year of service and Steve Byington his third. Rob Stephens and Anne Hilton finished their first year in office and have been a great addition to the leadership team.

Again, I hope you find time to review this report. If you have any questions about it or about any other issue or aspect of our community, please contact me, any member of City Council, or City Manager Norbert Klopsch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William D. Duncan". The signature is stylized and cursive.

William D. Duncan
Mayor



MESSAGE FROM CITY MANAGER NORBERT KLOPSCH

Dear Fellow Citizens:

It is my pleasure to present the city's 2010 Annual Report. The report includes an introduction of each city department followed by a series of questions and answers. The data and narrative will give you a good understanding of the services provided by your city staff. I hope you find this report informative and useful.

As I reflect back on the year I am reminded about many good things that took place throughout our community. Mayor Bill Duncan's message on the previous page highlights a few, but there are many, many more. Oakwood is a singularly special place in which to live, work and play:

- We have a city where people really care about one another.
- We have a community that truly values important things like education and taking care of property.
- We have citizens who are willing to pay the extra costs to have this special Oakwood community.
- We have citizens who get involved in what we do and in how we do it.
- We are a community that is very generous in supporting regional efforts and caring for others.

One of my primary responsibilities is stewardship of our public funds. Many pages in this report include information about our city finances. Please take some time to read them. You will find details about where your income and property tax dollars go, how much we rely on annual estate tax revenue to pay for city services, and much more.

Regarding estate tax, there is an effort underway in Ohio to eliminate this source of revenue. While there are differing opinions on estate (or inheritance) tax, the fact is that it has been a major source of revenue for many years and repeal of the tax would make it impossible for us to continue providing our comprehensive services, unless we raised income or property taxes. Presently, the estate tax provides about 20% of the money we need annually to pay for Oakwood city services...including police, fire and emergency medical services, roadway maintenance, parks and recreation services, etc.

The annual city budget is our principal financial document. When approved by City Council, it provides the formal authorization for all city spending. The budget includes a broad range of information about our city and is available to all citizens in hard copy and on-line. You can find it on our city website at www.mvcc.net/oakwood under on-line resources.

Each year we develop the city budget with involvement of our citizen Budget Review Committee ("BRC"). The BRC consists of 35 Oakwood residents with representation from each of our 7 voting precincts. The committee met four times in 2010 and provided important oversight and counsel.

The single biggest change in our community continues to occur at the Pointe Oakwood residential development. Over the past three years we have cleaned up the site and prepared it for construction of patio homes, town homes and condominiums to meet an important community need. All of the homes will be part of a homeowners association. All will be built with an "Age in Place" concept. They will have elevator options and other structural details to provide handicap accessibility if needed. We expect several homes to be built this year. Further in this report you will find more details about this important project.

In June, 2010, Oakwood City Council approved our first community-wide master plan addressing athletic and recreation facilities. The plan was developed with major involvement of a 25-member citizen committee, City Council, staff and a planning consultant. It provides a guide for Oakwood athletic and recreation facility operations, maintenance and capital improvements over the next 5-10 years. You can find the report on our city website under on-line resources.

In closing, I again encourage you to read this report. I think it is very important that our citizens understand as much as possible about what we do and how we do it. We have a wonderful city in which to live and work. Our excellent schools, beautiful homes, unmatched community character and ambiance, and neighborly environment are second to none. Although you can point to many features or attributes that make our city special, our most valuable resource is the fine citizens who have chosen Oakwood for the place to live, raise their families and retire. If you have any questions about this report or have any other issues that you wish to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to call (298-0600) or e-mail (klopsch@oakwood.oh.us).

Sincerely,

Norbert S. Klopsch
City Manager

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BUILDING, ZONING, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND LAND USE

In addition to having one of the top school systems in the State of Ohio and offering citizens a myriad of unique city services, one of the distinguishing features that sets Oakwood apart from other suburban communities is our commitment to enforcing the city's Zoning and Property Maintenance Codes. With a majority of the city's housing stock more than 70 years old, it's important that existing structures be continually maintained and upgraded as necessary. Deputy City Manager Jay Weiskircher and Inspector Dave Bunting oversee enforcement of the Zoning Code, and are assisted by a 15-member Property Maintenance Board primarily responsible for hearing appeals and variances of the Property Maintenance Code and, when needed, for authorizing the issuance of citations for non-compliance.

Although Oakwood employs a full-time zoning inspector, we do not employ inspectors certified to conduct plumbing, electrical, HVAC or structural inspections. Due to the limited number of building permits generated each year by Oakwood projects, it is not cost effective to have several individuals on staff performing each of these functions. Therefore, the city of Oakwood has an agreement in place with the city of Kettering Planning and Development Department to perform plan review, issue permits and conduct the necessary inspections on projects requiring specialized oversight. By contracting with the city of Kettering, Oakwood citizens not only save money, but also benefit by receiving services from qualified inspectors. A majority of costs associated with providing these specialized services are borne by users through permit fees and are not paid with public tax dollars.

Here are some key questions and updates on building, zoning, property maintenance and land use issues that we thought might be of interest to our citizens.

What work was accomplished in 2010 at Pointe Oakwood?

Construction on the model residence at the main entrance to Pointe Oakwood was completed in mid-year and an Open House was held in late August. During the course of the year, the remaining infrastructure for Phase I was also completed along with the access road to the Old River Soccer Fields. Additionally, Pointe Oakwood Way, the street that runs parallel to Far Hills Avenue, was constructed along with several cul-de-sacs. Plant material, trees, sod and irrigation systems were installed along the Far Hills Avenue frontage and at the main entrance. In late fall, all barren areas within the development were power-seeded and in early December, about 30 trees were planted along the soccer field access road.



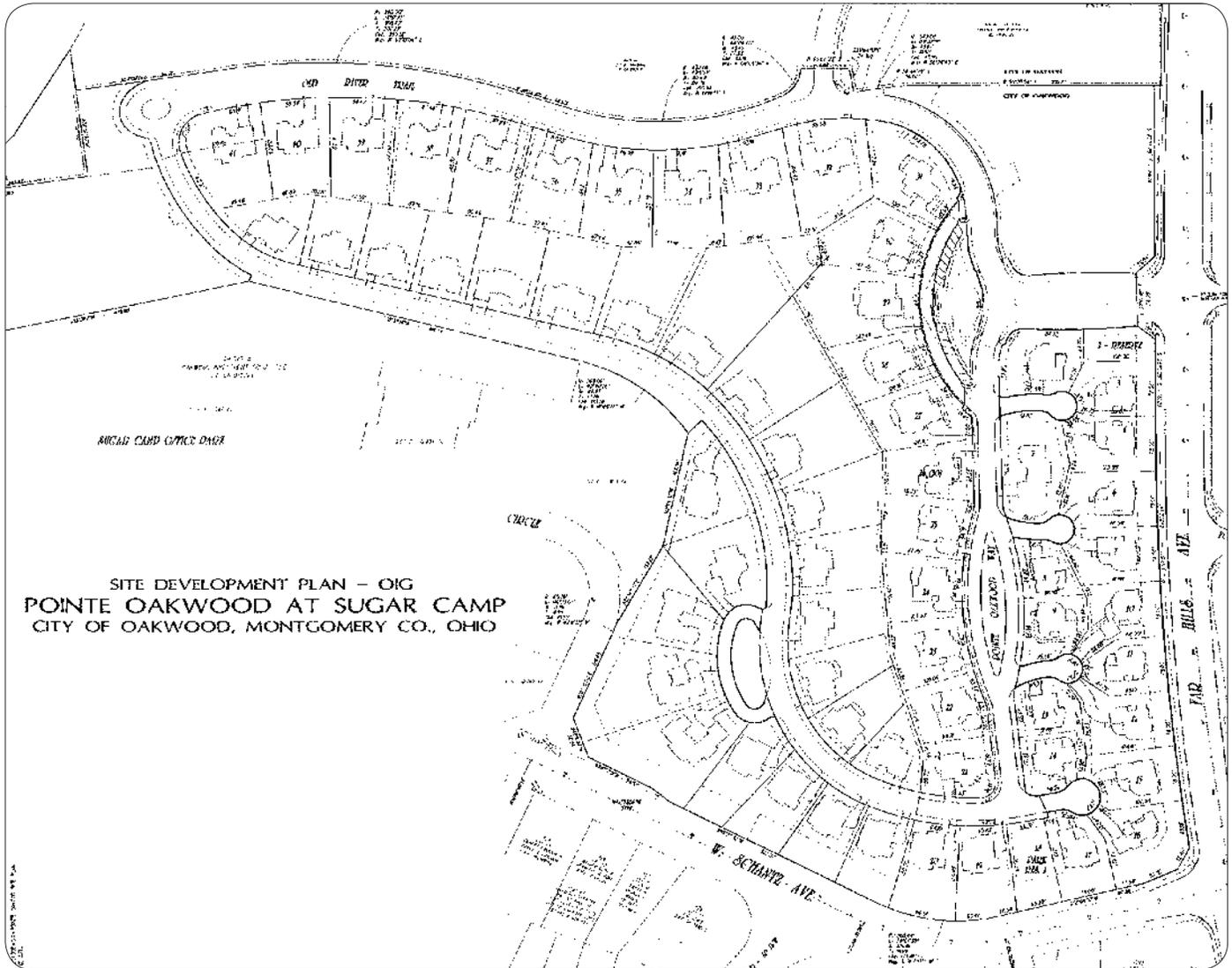
Pointe Oakwood Model Home

Now that the infrastructure and public streets are in, what is planned for 2011?

With the Phase I road system now completed, there is increased emphasis on marketing the development. Prospective buyers may view the model residence from noon to 5:00 p.m., five days a week. The developer still estimates an 8 to 10 year build out for the project. Construction on additional homes is scheduled to begin later this year.

City Council recently approved amendments to the Pointe Oakwood Residential Master Plan. How has the plan changed since it was originally approved in 2007?

The original Master Plan included 125 units of which nearly half were to be doubles. In response to strong preferences expressed by potential buyers, the Master Plan was amended in May, 2008. In that amendment, the number of single residence units increased nearly twofold while the number of doubles or attached units decreased by 60% resulting in an increase to 147 units. The most recent amendment allows for some larger lots to accommodate single story homes with larger garages thereby decreasing the overall density of the development to 128 units; nearly the same density as the original 2007 plan. Marketing representatives for the developer indicate that interest in the development continues to be strong as many former and current Oakwood residents look to downsize from their existing homes.



Sugar Camp Site Plan

What is the status of the Sugar Camp office buildings?

In December, 2010, nearly 60 employees who had been working on the site for nearly two years relocated to Teradata's new headquarters at Austin Landing. The remaining available space at Sugar Camp is being actively marketed but with a less than robust economy combined with a glut of office space both in downtown Dayton and the adjoining suburbs, it is a very challenging time for leasing office space. Nonetheless, we remain optimistic that the attractive buildings, beautiful view of Dayton, campus-like setting, ample free parking, and close proximity to downtown Dayton distinguish Sugar Camp as an ideal location for tenants seeking a unique professional office setting.



Are there any updates on development of the former Routsong Funeral Home property at the southeast corner of Oakwood Avenue and Irving Avenue?

After about 18 months of work by the applicant and city staff, and with input from the immediate neighborhood and the community at large, in May, 2010, City Council approved a Master Development Plan for the site. The approved plan, which had undergone a number of architectural enhancements and site modifications during the public hearing process, includes an 8,100+ square foot retail building, 43 parking spaces and room for a drive-thru feature. The applicant is working to secure tenants for the approved building and no date has been set for initiating development of the site.



Far Hills Business District



Oakwood Retail Center Rendering

In the Far Hills Business District, did the city recently purchase the private parking lot behind the Oakwood Club?

In December, the city purchased the 39 space parking lot behind the Oakwood Club. This lot had previously been owned by D&G Management, which developed the new Oakwood Retail Center and also owns the retail spaces currently occupied by Talbott's, Whispers, Starbucks, Edward Jones Investments and Graeters. The parking lot will remain open for public use and when funds become available, the city intends to undertake safety and aesthetic improvements similar to those completed in 2008 when the municipal parking lot across the street was built.

Are there any improvements planned for the Far Hills Business District in 2011?

With partial federal funding assistance available through the RTA, the city will replace the street light poles installed in the Far Hills Business District more than 35 years ago. The existing poles, originally installed in the mid-1970's when much of the current streetscape and parking configurations were completed, have reached the end of their useful life. The new poles will complement and enhance the current streetscape theme and site amenities. We anticipate that the pole replacement project will get underway in late summer or early fall.

There have been some discussions within the community regarding housing, property maintenance and quality of life issues along the Irving Avenue and Shroyer Road corridors. Does the city have any immediate plans to address these concerns?

The city has had ongoing dialogue with residents along Irving Avenue regarding an increase in the number of non-owner occupied residences in this area during the past several years. In addition to looking at ways in which existing policies and regulations pertaining to rental properties might be enhanced, the Oakwood Safety Department is placing greater emphasis on parking and traffic control in the area. Administrators from the University of Dayton are also involved in looking at ways in which the university can take a more pro-active approach to issues impacting the adjoining student neighborhood.

In addition to the ongoing efforts along Irving Avenue, discussions continue with the cities of Dayton and Kettering regarding issues outside of Oakwood that impact these community edge areas. The city has set aside funds in the 2011 budget to undertake a study of the Irving Avenue and Shroyer Road corridors. The study, which will include opportunities for community comments and input, will focus on identifying improvements designed to enhance the overall appearance of these two important areas.

I own a single family home in Oakwood and wish to rent it out. Are there inspection requirements and zoning restrictions regarding the use of the property?

Yes, an inspection is required each time there is a change of tenant and, under the Oakwood Zoning Code, no more than two unrelated persons may reside in a single dwelling unit at any time. If you own rental property in the city and have questions or need to schedule an inspection, or if you are aware of a property where more than two unrelated persons reside, please contact the zoning inspector at 297-2920.

If I am considering a room addition, adding a garage, building a deck, or some other major improvement what do I need to do in order to obtain a permit?

Major projects such as those described require submission of a certified plot plan and detailed scaled drawings that effectively describe the project. Once these items are submitted, the city reviews the plans for Zoning Code compliance. If the zoning setbacks are met and the plans conform in all other respects to city regulations, the plans are approved and forwarded to the city of Kettering for review and issuance of the necessary permit(s).

If zoning setbacks are not met, or if there are other issues that require special use approval or variances, then the application is forwarded to either the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) or the Planning Commission, and a public hearing is held. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the proposed project is either approved, denied, or approved with conditions. If the project is approved or approved with condition(s) that the applicant has agreed to meet, the plans are forwarded to Kettering for review and issuance of the necessary permit(s).

Since the BZA and Planning Commission only meet once a month, it is important for property owners planning major improvement projects to submit their plans well in advance of when they hope to begin construction.



MOST OF THE INVESTMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY IS DRIVEN BY RENOVATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO EXISTING STRUCTURES. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MOST COMMON IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; HOW MANY PERMITS ARE ISSUED ANNUALLY FOR THESE TYPES OF IMPROVEMENTS; AND WHAT HAS BEEN THE TOTAL INVESTMENT IN NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS?

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Driveway, Patio, Sidewalk, etc. projects on Private Property	170	194	152	129	179
Permits Value	\$750,064	\$866,424	\$580,248	\$488,627	\$700,512
A/C Unit/Heat Pump	114	78	84	79	126
Permits Value	\$664,305	\$588,053	\$409,071	\$413,788	\$605,689
Fence/Retaining Wall	91	91	66	94	81
Permits Value	\$249,818	\$303,885	\$173,231	\$246,161	\$231,160
Accessory Structure (Garages, storage sheds, decks, etc.)	15	24	17	31	35
Permits Value	\$68,400	\$67,465	\$46,866	\$175,600	\$198,237
Residential Addition/Remodel	88	59	61	49	63
Permits Value	\$2,886,955	\$1,475,994	\$1,682,475	\$1,887,895	\$2,205,070
Residential – New Home Construction	1	1	3	1	0
Permits Value	\$950,000	\$501,000	\$2,763,146	\$250,000	0
Business Addition/Remodel	6	2	9	1	8
Permits Value	\$161,500	\$52,000	\$823,100	\$20,000	\$495,155
Business – New Business Construction	1	0	0	0	0
Permits Value	\$975,000	0	0	0	0
All Other Permits/ Value Includes:	126	114	71	46	18
Beth Abraham Synagogue In 2007-\$3,500,000	\$758,320	\$4,459,302	\$712,071	\$780,298	\$283,305
Total Number of Permits	612	563	463	430	510
Total Value	\$7,464,362	\$8,314,123	\$7,190,208	\$4,262,369	\$4,719,128

This chart shows that during 2009 and 2010 there was significantly less construction activity than in the previous years. While last year saw an increase of nearly 19% in the total number of permits issued, the total value of permits, which increased \$460,000 in 2010, is still significantly lower than the previous three year period from 2006 through 2008. This trend is fairly typical of other suburban communities within the greater Dayton area and is representative of the economic downturn we have experienced both locally and nationally during the past two years.



WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOME OF THE MOST COMMON HOME PROJECTS?

The following matrix identifies many of the most common improvement projects and whether those projects require a permit or zoning consideration. This list is not intended to be all-inclusive.

	ZONING REVIEW	BZA OR PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING	PERMIT REQUIRED
Air Conditioning/Heat Pump Equipment	Yes	May be needed	Yes*
Arbor or Trellis	No	No	No
Backflow Device	No	No	Yes*
Deck	Yes	May be needed	Yes*
Driveway Apron Replacement	No	No	Yes
Driveway Resurfacing	No	No	Yes
Driveway Replacement	No	No (If no expansion of existing driveway.)	Yes
Electrical Wiring (New, upgrade or renovation)	No	No	Yes*
Entrance Pillars	Yes	May be needed	Yes
Fence	Yes	No	Yes
Flag Pole	No	No	No
Gazebo	Yes	May be needed	Yes*
Garage	Yes	May be needed	Yes*
Greenhouse	Yes	No	Yes*
Hot Tub	Yes	No	Yes
Irrigation System	No	No	No
Landscaping (Plant material only)	No	No	No
New Construction (Room additions or new homes)	Yes	May be needed	Yes*
Painting	No	No	No
Patio	Yes	May be needed	Yes
Play Structure (12 feet in height or under)	Yes	No	Yes
Porch Enclosure	Yes	May be needed	Yes*
Signs (Permanent)	Yes	May be needed	Yes
Roof Shingles	No	No	No (Yes if roof decking is being replaced.)*
New Steps	Yes	No	Yes
Replacement Steps	No	No	Yes
Siding	No	No	Yes* (If the work requires removal of electric meter.)
Sump Pump	No	No	Yes*
Sidewalks – Public	No	No	Yes
Storage Shed	Yes	No	Yes
Swimming Pool	Yes	May be needed	Yes*
Walkways (Private)	Yes	May be needed	Yes
Water Heater	No	No	Yes*
Water Softener	No	No	Yes*
Window Replacement	No	No	No

*Permits issued by the city of Kettering.

PUBLIC SAFETY

CRIME

The Oakwood Public Safety Department is one of approximately 32 fully consolidated police and fire departments in the country. All of Oakwood's sworn officers are state certified in law enforcement, fire fighting and emergency medical services. The underlying strength of the department is that any officer responding to an incident is trained in the basics of all three disciplines and can take immediate action in providing public safety services.

One significant advantage to consolidation is that Public Safety Officers (PSO's) on police patrol, typically the first officer on the scene, can respond very quickly to a fire call and extinguish small fires even before the fire truck and other firefighters arrive. Another distinct advantage is that the PSO's are trained and equipped to respond to life-threatening emergencies and to take immediate action on any medical situation, even when they are working their police shift.

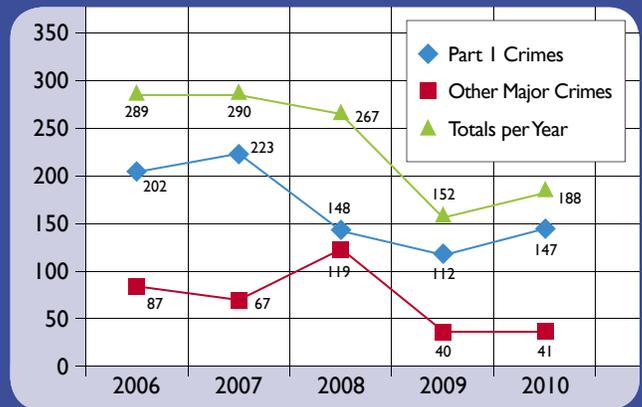
Oakwood's Public Safety Department is the second oldest consolidated department in the United States. Formed in 1927, the concept has been successful in providing our citizens with one of the most secure and safest cities in Ohio and an extremely quick and knowledgeable response to any emergency.

The 37-member Public Safety Department is led by Chief Alex Bebris, Captain Dave Lantz and Captain Randy Baldrige.

WHAT ARE OUR CRIME STATISTICS?

Our annual crime statistics are fairly consistent and are low compared to other cities. In 2010 our crime totals increased slightly from 2009.

We categorize crimes into two areas: "Part I" and "Other Major". A breakdown of each for 2009 and 2010 is as follows:



CRIME	2009		2010	
	OFFENSES	CLEARANCES	OFFENSES	CLEARANCES
PART I CRIMES				
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0
Attempted Murder	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	2	2
Assault	6	5	8	4
Burglary	16	10	32	19
Larceny	88	37	103	40
Auto Thefts	2**	2	2*	2
PART I TOTALS	112	54	147	67
OTHER MAJOR CRIMES				
Arson	0	0	2	0
Forgery, Fraud, Counterfeiting	5	2	8	3
Morals	2	1	5	3
Vandalism	20	7	21	2
Narcotics	12	11	5	4
Carrying Concealed Weapon	1	1	0	0
OTHER CRIMES TOTALS	40	22	41	12
ALL MAJOR CRIMES TOTALS	152	76	188	79

*Both vehicles were stolen from Oakwood and recovered elsewhere.
 **Both vehicles were stolen from Oakwood. One was recovered in Oakwood and one was recovered elsewhere.



Criminal activity increased in 2010, albeit modestly, after significant declines from 2007-2009. There are many possible reasons for these increases.

First, when the overall national economy is on the decline, law enforcement officers know that they can expect crime rates to rise all over the United States. As more people lose their jobs and homes, they start to feel a sense of desperation, and sometimes turning to criminal activities appears to be the only solution. The number of robberies, burglaries, and auto thefts almost always increases when times are tough, and the worse the economy gets, the more these and other crimes are likely to occur. It is well known that the national economic downturn has impacted Ohio especially hard.

Secondly, because of the relatively few reported crimes in Oakwood, one suspect's actions can have a substantial impact on criminal activity in the community. Most criminals have a tendency to not only generally commit one type of crime, (e.g. burglars tend to be burglars), they also tend to commit multiple acts of the same offense. As an example, in the first quarter of 2010, investigators arrested one suspect for 7 burglary offenses. This one individual accounted for 20% of the reported burglaries in the community for the entire 2010 year.

What constitutes a Part One Crime and what is the Uniform Crime Report?

Part One Crimes are part of the traditional Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) guidelines. Part One Crimes are defined by the FBI as "Index Crimes". These crimes include Homicide, Sexual Assault, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Aggravated Burglary, Burglary, Larceny, including Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Auto Theft and Arson. The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet a need for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation. In 1930, Congress tasked the FBI with collecting, publishing, and archiving those statistics. Today, the FBI produces several annual statistical publications, such as *Comprehensive Crime in the United States*, from data provided by nearly 17,000 law enforcement agencies across the United States, including the city of Oakwood.

Who investigates serious crimes that occur in Oakwood? What can citizens like me do to avoid becoming a victim?

The Public Safety Department investigates every reported crime in the city. Serious crimes are investigated by our criminal investigations section. Oakwood has one experienced investigator assigned to handle more complex or significant cases. One additional safety officer occasionally assists the primary investigator. Fortunately, Oakwood has very few violent crimes. Most of our Part One Crimes are property crimes, which include thefts from vehicles.

To help citizens avoid becoming victims, the department needs every resident to be vigilant and report suspicious persons, activity and circumstances. Whenever in doubt, call the Safety Department. We encourage citizens to get to know their neighbors and look out for their neighbors and neighborhood. Know who belongs and watch your neighbor's property when they are away on business or vacations. Use lights inside and outside of your home and consider removing large bushes and shrubs from your exterior that may conceal would-be thieves. If you have an alarm system, use it. Always remove valuables from your vehicles, park in well lighted areas if possible and lock your car doors.

How many investigated crimes are solved?

As shown by the table below, the department 'clears' approximately 40% of all reported larcenies. While this number may seem relatively small, Oakwood investigators are much more successful than the national average, where only approximately 12% of burglaries are cleared and 22% of larcenies are cleared.

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total Larcenies	142	176	104	88	103
Clearances*	35	63	30	37	40
Percent Cleared	24.7%	35.8%	28.8%	42.0%	38.8%

*Clearance of a crime for reporting purposes does not necessarily mean that an arrest was made or a suspect identified. In certain situations, elements beyond law enforcement's control prevent the agency from arresting and formally charging the offender. When this occurs, the agency can clear the offense exceptionally. Under FBI reporting guidelines, "Clearance" means that the case is no longer under investigation because: 1) an arrest has been made; 2) the case is exceptionally cleared; or 3) the case was unfounded.

Larcenies, especially thefts from vehicles, and bicycle thefts, can be difficult to clear. Residents can prevent many of the larcenies in our community by doing the following:

- Locking garages.
- Locking vehicles and removing items of value.
- Obtaining bike licenses from the Safety Department and securing bicycles in garages.
- Reporting any suspicious activity to the Safety Department immediately.

PUBLIC SAFETY

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Patrol visibility and traffic enforcement play a key role in reducing crime, vehicle accidents, OVI* and traffic offenses that often directly or indirectly contribute to vehicle accidents. Studies have shown that active visible patrol is an effective deterrent to many of these problems. Our goal is simple; keep our community safe for residents, pedestrians and motorists and maintain a reputation that Oakwood is a community where traffic laws are enforced and those with criminal intentions should endeavor to avoid.

YEAR	OVI*	ACCIDENTS	INJURIES	DEATHS	CITATIONS
2006	10	221	28	0	2035
2007	19	203	34	0	2198
2008	15	193	16	0	1997
2009	13	127	15	0	2434
2010	12	186	14	0	2354

*Operating Vehicle under the Influence (formerly DUI).

Over the past few years our level of traffic enforcement, as measured by the number of citations written, had dropped. Beginning in early 2009 the department implemented performance standards for patrol officers. These standards were carefully developed with the intention of increasing patrol activity and enforcement consistency amongst officers. The department is committed to making further improvements in performance in 2011.

Last year, what were the causes of our vehicle accidents?

CAUSES	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS
Assured Clear Distance.....	51
Failure to Yield.....	21
Improper Backing.....	19
Failure to Control.....	9
Inattention.....	11
Improper Turn.....	9
Disobey Traffic Device.....	13
OVI.....	4
Snow/Ice.....	6
Other.....	10
Hit & Run.....	33
TOTAL.....	186

What do Public Safety Officers do while assigned to patrol duty?

In addition to traffic enforcement, officers also perform vacant house checks, after hours checks on businesses, conduct OVI patrols, respond to citizen calls, perform foot patrols in parks and business areas, conduct crime prevention activities, visit block parties, investigate suspicious individuals and vehicles, make contact with citizens, conduct follow-up investigations on previous complaints, respond to fire and EMS calls for service, direct traffic and monitor school areas.

I see these little camera-like antennas on the back of one of our police cars, what are they and what do they do?

The devices you see mounted on the patrol car's trunk are license plate scanners. These small cameras capture license plate images on cars the patrol car passes. The plates are sent to the cruiser's on-board computer and checked against wanted vehicles and persons through the Ohio Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS). Nightly the computer downloads updated information with new stolen vehicles and persons with warrants. This technology was provided by a grant from The Department of Homeland Security. Many domestic and foreign based terrorist and criminal enterprise groups have their initial contacts with local, county and state law enforcement. This technology is intended to assist law enforcement in locating, investigating, and arresting individuals who have or are in the process of committing criminal acts.

FIRE

Oakwood citizens and businesses benefit greatly from the fast fire response time - an important advantage of a consolidated Public Safety Department.

What is our response time to fire scenes as compared to the ideal national standard of six minutes?

Response	2007	2008	2009	2010	National Standard
Average Engine Response Time to Scene	4.28mins	4.29mins	4.65mins	4.50mins	6 Minutes
Average Cruiser Response Time to Scene	2.14mins	2.32min	1.95mins	1.64mins	None



FIRE (cont.)

The department continues to maintain an exceptional response time that is well below the national average for the first responding apparatus. The first arriving public safety officer conducts an emergency assessment and requests additional resources when necessary. Small fires can at times be contained by the first arriving officer. Over the past several years the department has taken an aggressive approach to fire training and developed a standardized fire training guidelines manual. Practical application of basic skills and tactics, combined with improved incident management training, allow us to continually improve our overall fire response capabilities.

What has been Oakwood's fire loss record in recent years?

YEAR	ALARMS RECEIVED	HANDLED BY FIRE CREW	PATROL OFFICERS	FALSE ALARMS	NO DAMAGE	DAMAGE INVOLVED	TOTAL FIRE LOSS
2006	148	127	21	39	126	22	\$ 97,250
2007	125	107	18	33	112	13	\$100,308
2008	124	108	16	31	112	12	\$ 94,665
2009	72	65	7	26	39	33	\$205,837
2010	73	61	12	39	69	4	\$6,500

I see fire loss was down significantly last year. What is the primary cause of fires in Oakwood and what steps should citizens take to make our homes less likely to experience a devastating fire?

The primary cause of fires in Oakwood is typically electrical or human factors, such as unattended cooking or combustibles left too close to an ignition source. We recommend that every home have working smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors. Fire alarm systems are also helpful. Have a multi-purpose fire extinguisher near your kitchen and in other locations if possible. At least one on every floor of the home is best. If you burn a wood fireplace have it inspected regularly for creosote buildup. Many older homes experience a breakdown in the chimney liners that can lead to fires. A chimney inspection

can prevent this from occurring. Never use portable heaters in close proximity to combustible materials. Never discard fireplace ashes in anything but a metal container with a lid and place them outside away from the structure. If smoking materials are used inside of a home, use proper containers and disposal methods. Never leave food unattended on a stove.

If a fire does occur, immediately call 911 and get everyone out and away from the structure. Give the dispatcher as much information as possible about the location of the fire and anyone who is unable to exit on their own. Once out, account for everyone and never go back inside. If pets are inside tell the firefighters upon their arrival. Firefighters are trained and equipped to enter into your home for the purposes of rescue if conditions permit.

RESCUE

How many medic runs do we have in an average year? Of those runs, what happened to the patient?

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total Medic Runs	543	511	517	471	429

ACTION TAKEN	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Removed by medic vehicle	442	441	441	409	366
Removed by police cruiser	3	3	3	7	3
Removed by mutual aid*	20	21	14	7	0
No removal**	72	43	48	43	59
Dead on Arrival	6	3	11	5	1

* "Mutual Aid" means we were assisted by medics from another jurisdiction – usually this is Kettering.

** These are patients who did not need to be transported to the hospital. They either received treatment on-site, or refused treatment and transport.

RESCUE (cont.)

With in-house staff assistance we were able to reduce the times we called mutual aid for medics in 2010. This kept response times low and provided more Oakwood residents with service from their own department.

We continue to provide our emergency medical technicians and paramedics with comprehensive training opportunities to meet the growing challenges and demands of providing exceptional advanced emergency care to our community. To

monitor our service delivery we have a Quality Assurance Committee that is made up of paramedics, command staff and our physician medical advisors. The QA Committee looks at medic run reports to assure that personnel follow established regional care and treatment protocols. We continually evaluate our training and equipment, and new technology available in the emergency care field.

How quickly do safety officers respond to calls for medical emergencies as compared to the ideal national standard of 4 to 6 minutes for the first unit and 13 minutes for a medic?

MEDICAL RESCUE TIMES	National Standard	2008	2009	2010
First unit on scene	4-6	2.11	2.05	2.04
Medic response time	13	3.68	3.87	3.55
Average on-scene time (medic)		16.65	15.68	16.48
Average run time		57.00	57.76	57.27

All time listed in minutes.

TRAINING

How many hours of training are accomplished annually for the department to maintain current certifications for Public Safety Officers?

TRAINING	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Police	1699	2513	1249	1369	1952
Fire	1891	1713	1217	1295	979
Rescue	1756	1392	502	537	448
Communications/General	79	924	40	356	208
TOTALS	5425	6542	3008	3557	3587

Note: The reason that training hours in 2006 and 2007 were so much higher is that the department hired and trained several new officers in those two years. We also allocated more time for fire training in 2006 and 2007 to implement some improvements in this area.



LEISURE SERVICES

The mission of the Department of Leisure Services is to enhance the quality of life of Oakwood residents by offering a variety of activities that encourage overall wellness, cultural enrichment and fellowship with neighbors. Its purpose also includes building upon the natural beauty of the city through the improvement, care and maintenance of parks, public gardens, boulevards and rights-of-way. The department is managed by Carol Collins who supervises a full-time staff of seven and provides oversight to dozens of program leaders, volunteers, seasonal and part-time employees.

When the Department of Leisure Services was created in 1987, a goal was to make each recreation program as self-sustaining as possible. What are the top ten program areas for which fees are received?

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Pool Membership	\$125,873	\$121,113	\$134,797	\$130,670	\$135,774
OCC/Health Center Membership Dues	85,186	79,353	84,489	78,378	76,119
Sports Activities Fees	46,015	43,396	44,880	39,067	40,276
Pool Concessions	29,635	32,892	32,697	29,873	28,601
Dance Classes and Lessons	36,234	36,711	38,222	32,521	31,830
Old River Rentals	12,665	25,950	22,030	23,780	29,650
Smith Gardens	18,696	20,472	22,385	22,994	23,460
Exercise, Fitness Programs	22,087	21,340	17,504	16,799	17,167
Swim Lessons, Pool Passes	23,001	15,125	22,904	21,224	23,125
Tumbling, Gymnastics	7,511	7,762	6,864	7,572	9,382
Other Misc. Programs	92,410	69,714	56,329	58,102	67,244
TOTAL	\$499,313	\$473,828	\$483,101	\$460,980	\$482,628

To what extent does the General Fund subsidize Leisure Services programs?

The Leisure Services Department received \$448,073 in General Fund tax dollars in 2010 compared to \$549,334 in 2009. The money is used to help operate Leisure Services programs. Total expenses for the department in 2010 were \$951,680 compared to \$1,049,727 in 2009.



The Department of Leisure Services also has responsibility for maintenance of the city's natural areas and boulevards. What is the value of publicly owned trees and what are the annual expenses to maintain and replace them?

Total value of street/park trees	\$15,598,154
Average street tree value	\$1,939/tree
Average park tree value	\$1,698/tree
2010 Expenses:	
Annual Quadrant Pruning Program	\$14,493
Tree Removal and Trimming	\$31,396
Stump Removal	\$7,795
Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project (city portion)	\$5,881
Community Tree Planting	\$12,734
Emerald Ash Borer Treatment	\$54,990
TOTAL:	\$127,289

What are the major special community events and activities that are coordinated by the Department of Leisure Services?

- Pictures with the Easter Bunny/ Eggstravaganza
- 2 on 2 Basketball Tournament
- Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale
- Spring Health Fair
- New Resident Pancake Breakfast
- That Day in May
- Kite Nite at Old River Sports Complex
- Summer Blanket Concert Series at Smith Gardens
- Princess Garden Tea Party
- Teddy Bear Picnic
- Pre-School Story Hour at Smith Gardens
- Wii Bowling Tournament
- Orchardly Park Crafts
- Youth Talent Contest
- Family Night Fun
- Gingerbread House Class
- Community Photography Contest
- Safety Town
- Community Food Drive
- Ice Cream Social
- Homecoming Hotdog Supper
- Senior Luncheons
- Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project
- Pumpkin Carving
- Scarecrow Row
- Family Fall Festival
- Candy Cane Hunt
- Letters from Santa
- Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Dances
- Breakfast with Santa
- Lighting up Oakwood
- Holiday of Lights
- Holiday Decorating Event
- Snowman Building at Old River
- Community Book Swap
- Holiday Break
- Family Basketball Tournament
- AARP Driver's Safety Course



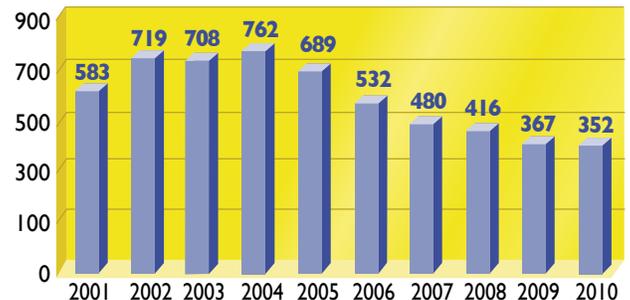
Annual memberships are an important indicator of citizen interest in Leisure Services offerings. How many Oakwood Community Center, Health Center and Pool memberships did we have during 2010 and how does this compare to the past nine years?

OCC MEMBERSHIP	2,912
HEALTH CENTER	352
POOL MEMBERSHIP	805

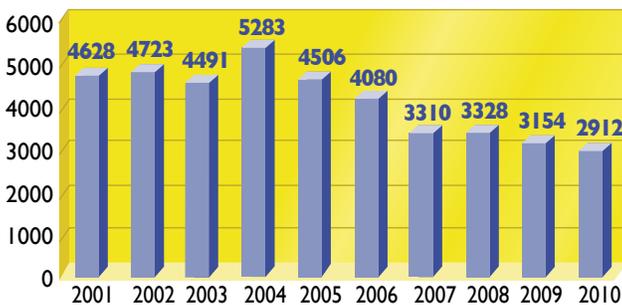
Note: We have approximately 9,200 citizens living in Oakwood.

HEALTH CENTER MEMBERSHIPS

There were 7,777 visits to the Health Center in 2010.

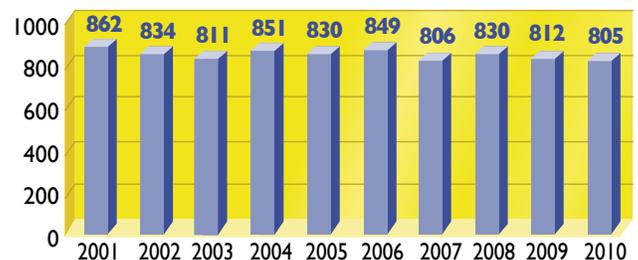


OCC MEMBERSHIPS



POOL MEMBERSHIPS

There were an additional 982 daily passes purchased in 2010. Total visits to the pool in 2010 were approximately 35,700 as compared to 32,300 in 2009.





What are the benefits of purchasing an OCC Membership?

By joining the OCC, you are entitled to discounts on a Health Center Membership and the Gardner Pool Membership. It also entitles you to the lowest possible rate offered on all of the classes, sports programs and OCC sponsored events. If you plan on taking classes, enrolling in programs or participating in events, your membership will pay for itself in a short period of time. An OCC Membership is valid one year from date of purchase.



How many people swim at Gardner Pool every season and how many employees does it take to run the pool?

In 2010, there were 35,700 visits to the pool, which is an increase from 32,300 in 2009. The hot summer weather was the primary cause of the increase in attendance. The figures do not reflect swim lesson or swim team participants. Staff includes a Pool Manager, Assistant Manager, Head Lifeguard, nine full-time guards, 5-6 substitute guards, a concession supervisor, 7 full-time concession workers and 4-5 substitutes. Additionally, the city employs four swim team coaches.

A new entrance to Old River Sports Complex was opened September of 2010. The new address for Old River Sports Complex is 225 Old River Trail and is off of Far Hills Avenue at Springhouse Road. What kinds of activities were held during the year?

Old River Sports Complex is open from early spring through late fall for a variety of activities. It is opened 7 days a week in the Spring and Fall, and 5 days a week in the Summer; upon request.

The city of Oakwood utilizes the complex for recreational sports and special events. City sponsored spring recreational sports include kickball, coach pitch and tee-ball clinics. City sponsored fall recreational sports include youth soccer for grades 1 thru 6 and preschool outdoor soccer. Special events include Snowman Building in February, Kite Nite in April, Youth Soccer Camp in July, Sports Camp Week in August and in 2010 Lacrosse Camp was added in June. We look forward to continue these programs as well as adding others.

Oakwood City Schools use of Old River Sports Complex is from June to late October for boys and girls High School/Junior High School soccer practice and open fields.

In addition, Old River Sports Complex facility is rented to non-city or school organizations. These include: Oakwood United Soccer Club, 3 area soccer tournaments, University of Dayton Club Soccer, Dayton Coed Soccer, Greene County Football Club, Dayton Amateur 40+ Soccer, Olympic Development, Oakwood Flag Football, as well as others. More than 85,000 people attended and utilized Old River Sports Complex for sports and special events in 2010.



How many years has the city of Oakwood been a Tree City USA and what is the significance of this program?

The city of Oakwood has been a Tree City USA for 29 consecutive years and was one of the first communities in the Miami Valley to receive this award by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Oakwood meets four major criteria each year to qualify for this national award. They are as follows:

- 1) A city department is designated and responsible for tree maintenance.
- 2) The city's forestry program must have an annual budget of \$2 per capita.
- 3) The city must have in place a tree ordinance.
- 4) The city must sponsor an Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.

How many trees have been planted through the Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting program?

In 32 consecutive years, a total of 2,535 trees have been planted through this project at a total cost of \$289,354. The program is offered each year and includes a 50% discount to homeowners for trees that are planted in the rights-of-way. In 2010, the homeowners cost ranged from \$67.50 to \$68.50 for a 2" diameter tree.

Are there rooms available to rent at the OCC for meetings or parties?

Yes, there are three rooms available to rent: The Great Room, which is perfect for a reunion, reception or large party; the Teen Center, which is just the right size for a birthday party or meeting; and the Large Classroom which can accommodate 10-15 people comfortably for a meeting or presentation. For information on room rentals, please contact the OCC at 298-0775.

What new programs were offered in 2010?

The vitality of the Department of Leisure Services is very important to the community. During the year, the Oakwood Community Center staff added new programs to encourage and increase participation. Some of the added programs were Lacrosse Camp, Intro to Ballet Workshop, Coffee and Classes with the Experts, Eye Health Lecture with Free Eye Exams, Focusing on Balance, Camera Tips & Tricks, Beginning Fencing Program, Beginning Guitar and a Youth Etiquette Program that was extremely successful!

What types of fitness classes are available at the OCC?

Together with our fitness instructors, we have developed a diverse selection of exercise classes to fit into your schedule and that will suit your individual fitness level and goals. Classes are available in the mornings and the evenings, and you can register for the whole session or buy class passes to attend on a drop-in basis. We realize that everyone has busy lives, but exercise, health and fitness should be an important part of it! No more excuses!



I've heard a little about the Emerald Ash Borer insect. Should we be concerned about it?

Yes. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has destroyed millions of ash trees throughout the upper Midwest and it is vitally important that Oakwood does its part in responding to the threat imposed by this insect. Prior to the confirmed discovery of EAB in Huber Heights in July 2007, the city of Oakwood's Department of Leisure Services developed an EAB Management Plan that focuses on trying to preserve the ash trees in the community. The city's tree inventory identifies the ash trees in the city rights-of-way, parks and natural areas. They continue to be monitored and inspected by city staff and the city's tree contractor.

What are we doing to protect our ash trees?

In 2007, the city treated 102 ash trees in our parks and boulevard areas. In 2008, the city treated 793 trees in the city's parks, boulevards and city rights-of-way at a cost of \$49,563. In 2009, the city treated 888 trees in the city's parks, boulevards and rights-of-way at a cost of \$54,036. The contractor used 6,110 vials of Imicide which is injected directly into the tree. In 2010, the city treated 882 trees at a cost of \$54,990. Additionally, residents were given the opportunity to have private property ash trees treated at the same price that the city paid for treatment of public trees.

Has the treatment helped?

To date, there has been no activity or evidence of the insect in Oakwood.

From where does the city get information about EAB?

The city remains in contact with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and receives regular updates on the insect's movement and on new treatments available to combat EAB. As of September 2010, all of Ohio's 88 counties have been quarantined and it is illegal to transport wood across state lines. Wood can be transported within quarantined counties. It is recommended that residents who do not use wood as a primary heat source purchase small quantities through local vendors instead of large quantities that will not be entirely used in one season.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE GOALS

Customer Service

The OCC's brochures are available in PDF form on the City's website, www.mvcc.net/oakwood. Residents and patrons are able to access our program and events schedule as well as office hours, membership forms and other information online. Brochures are published and delivered to every property owner in April, August and December of every year.

Annual Quadrant Pruning Program

The city of Oakwood takes great pride in its beautiful tree-lined streets. Many of the trees in the tree lawn areas need to be trimmed each year to meet code height limits. The City has contracted with American Forestry Service to provide this tree trimming service at no cost to residents. Letters of notification are sent to each household prior to trimming.

Annual Community Book Swap

2010 was the second year of the now annual Community Book Swap. We received well over 2,000 books again this year. Residents brought gently used books to the OCC and received a ticket for each book donated. Then, on the day of the swap, they were able to exchange their tickets for new books. This is a great way for people to enhance their home library without spending a penny!

New Resident Breakfast

The city of Oakwood held a new resident family pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 6, 2010 to welcome residents who moved into the community during the past year. Nearly 100 people attended this wonderful community event.



ENGINEERING & PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department responsibilities include:

ENGINEERING: To provide quality professional engineering and surveying in managing, operating and improving Oakwood's infrastructure. This includes development of short-term and long-range capital improvement plans and implementing an annual capital improvement program. Services include project budgeting, design and preparation of construction plans and contract documents, and construction engineering and inspection.

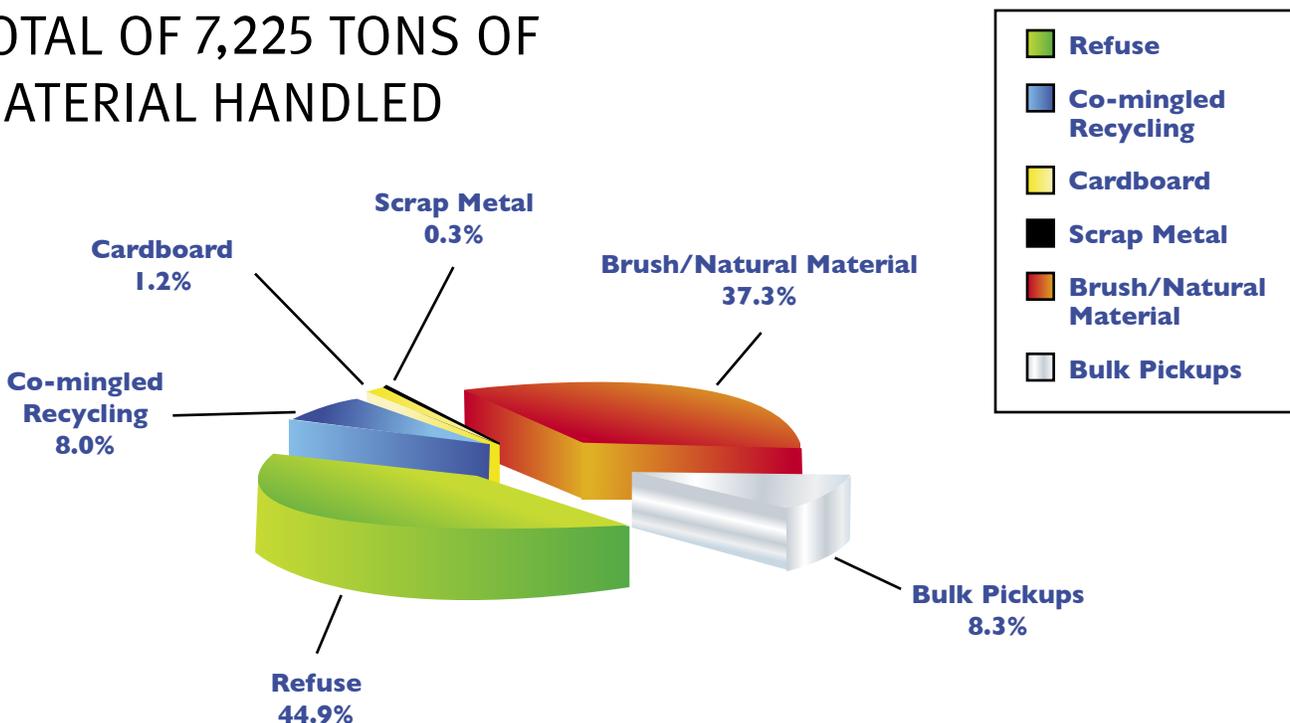
PUBLIC WORKS: To provide the following public services:

- Refuse Program - Includes weekly household waste collection and disposal, a comprehensive recycling program, a bulk pickup program and year around yard debris pickup. Also includes fall leaf pickup and a spring mulch delivery program.
- Roadway Maintenance - Includes routine repair of asphalt and concrete streets and alleys, maintenance of sidewalks and other structures within the public rights-of-way, snow and ice removal, and maintenance of the city's traffic control systems including traffic signals and street signs.
- Utilities - Includes operating and maintaining the city's water production and treatment facilities and the water distribution system, including fire hydrants. Also includes sanitary sewer line cleaning and repair, and storm sewer maintenance.

Kevin Weaver, PE., PS. is director of this department. The department includes an assistant director, two foremen, a water production superintendent, an engineering technician, department secretary, and 24 public works employees.

Weekly refuse collection is one of the primary components of the Public Works Department's service delivery program. What was the mix of our solid waste stream in 2010?

TOTAL OF 7,225 TONS OF MATERIAL HANDLED



Each week refuse, recycling and bulk pickup crews make over 3,200 residential collections, which translates to over 166,000 pickups for the year. With all these stops, how many times last year did service crews miss scheduled pickups?

Misses for the year

Refuse and Co-Mingled Recycling	212 (Less than 1% of total pick-ups)
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COMMENT: In 2010, we had 469 cases of inaccessible trash. These reflect individual reports from our service crews where they could not make pickups due to locked garages, cars in the driveway, locked driveway gates, loose dogs, etc.

Another important task of the Public Works Department is to make sure Oakwood streets are free of ice and snow. One way to measure this effort, and the severity of our winters, is to track the tons of salt and overtime used in any one year. What does the data show?

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Tons of Salt	299	1,196	1,585	752	1,662
Overtime hours	106	886	1,107	497	1,176

Part of the city's snow removal operation includes plowing the sidewalks. The city dispatches sidewalk plowing crews during snowfalls of one inch or more. How long has the city provided this service?

We have plowed sidewalks since 1966, after the completion of major roadway widening improvements to Far Hills Avenue. This plowing is a unique service and is a supplement to property owner work efforts. Residents are ultimately responsible for the safe condition of sidewalks on their frontage and must view the city plowing as a supplement only. The city does not apply deicing salt to sidewalks.

Where does the city get its water?

We have eight water production wells and three water treatment plants. We produced 99.9% of our own water in 2010. The city continues to maintain backup connections to the city of Dayton water system and to the Montgomery County water system. The city's total water use over the past five years looks like this.

Water use	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
In million gallons	384	533	417	410	449

The total gallons used each year is highly dependent on rainfall levels – this because of all the irrigation water we use. In 2010 our annual average daily water use was 1.23 million gallons. Our single highest daily water use was 2.30 million gallons on August 30.

What is the value of the city's "infrastructure"?

The infrastructure is valued at over \$100 million and consists of:

- Eight water production wells and three water treatment plants.
- A 1.5 million gallon water storage tower and a water distribution system including 44 miles of underground water main pipes and 346 fire hydrants.
- 39 miles of underground sanitary sewer pipes.
- 25 miles of underground storm sewer pipes.
- 51 miles of roadways and alleys, and 46 miles of sidewalks.
- 17 signalized traffic intersections.

What major roadway infrastructure projects were completed in 2010 and what did they cost?

Project	Cost
Curb, Sidewalk and Apron Repair	\$210,000
Concrete Street Repair Project	\$90,000
Far Hills and Patterson Intersection Improvements*	\$230,000
Asphalt Pavement Maintenance Project	\$410,000

*\$185,000 Federal Stimulus Money



The city has a five-year capital improvement program that represents a list of projects tentatively planned for upcoming years. What are some street maintenance and repair projects and anticipated costs?

STREET MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Funding	2011	2012	2013	Five-Year 2014	2015	Program
Annual Asphalt Pavement Repair	200,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	2,000,000
Bi-Annual Concrete Street Repair		160,000		160,000		320,000
Deep Hollow Bike Gutter Removal	60,000					60,000
East Drive Roadway Reconstruction					520,000	520,000
Kramer Road Reconstruction			250,000			250,000
Far Hills Mill and Overlay (ODOT) (1)	1,056,000					1,056,000
Orchard Dr. Parking/Green Space			30,000			30,000
Park Avenue Streetscape					150,000	150,000
Park Road Walking Path	25,000					25,000
Sweetwood Lane Reconstruction				150,000		150,000
Thornhill Road Curb Replacement				100,000		100,000
Traffic Signal Head Replacement					20,000	20,000
Woods & Thruston Reconstruction		350,000				350,000
Sidewalk, Curb and Apron	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	700,000
Total	1,481,000	1,100,000	870,000	1,000,000	1,280,000	5,731,000

(1) \$845,000 State of Ohio DOT Funds

I've read about Phase 2 Stormwater requirements with which the city of Oakwood must comply. What are they and what can residents do to help?

In March of 2003, the city of Oakwood was required to submit a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). The SWMP is a plan for accomplishing specific goals to limit pollution that enters the region's streams and rivers.

Some of the tasks that the city is completing to meet these requirements include:

- continuing street sweeping operations on a regular basis to keep debris out of the storm sewer;
- dry weather screening of manholes to help identify and eliminate illicit connections;
- mapping of the city's outfalls to rivers and streams;

- controlling construction run-off;
- modifying internal day-to-day practices to help limit pollution;
- submitting an annual report on the year's activities to the OEPA;
- public participation and communication with residents.

Citizens in the community can do some simple things to help prevent pollution to our rivers and streams. Please clean up after your pets because the bacteria from their waste is very dangerous to fish and other wildlife in the rivers and streams. Please do not put oil into the storm or sanitary sewers – one quart of oil can pollute 100,000 gallons of water. Please keep plant material (except for leaves during the 10 week collection period in the fall) out of the street as it will be washed into the storm sewers and eventually into the rivers and streams.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE GOALS:

Far Hills Avenue (State Route 48) Mill and Overlay: In 2011 we will work with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) on a \$1,056,000 project to repave the entire length of Far Hills Avenue (State Route 48) within Oakwood. This project requires a 20% contribution by the city with the remaining 80% being paid by ODOT. The project is scheduled for early summer and is expected to take 8-10 weeks to complete.

Refuse Update: In 2011 we will complete a major update to the refuse program booklet and a thorough review of refuse operations. That review will include identifying refuse program enhancements and finding ways to reduce overall program costs.

Retroreflectivity Requirement Compliance Program: During 2011, the engineering and street departments will develop a program to comply with federal mandates regarding sign reflective characteristics. The program will include establishing a schedule for inspecting and updating the signs throughout the city as required by the 2015 and 2018 federal deadlines.

FINANCE

Our Finance Department provides fiscal oversight to seven broad fund classifications, and manages income tax collection, payroll, water, sewer and refuse billing, accounts receivable and accounts payable.

The finance department is managed by Cindy Stafford, CPA and consists of seven employees. Six are full-time and one is part-time. The finance department prepares the annual budget and monitors all city expenditures.

How is our City budget organized?

Our budget document is organized into seven specific fund classifications as follows: General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Capital Improvement Fund, Internal Service Funds, Trust & Agency Funds, Enterprise Funds, Debt Service Fund.

The first five (General, Special Revenue, Capital Improvement, Internal Service and Trust & Agency) cover all of our city operations except the water and sewer utilities. We refer to these five as “Non-Enterprise Funds”. The sixth (Enterprise) covers all operations relating to our water and sewer utilities. The seventh (Debt Service) accounts for any long-term bond debt. We are pleased to report that the city currently has no long-term bond debt.

How are the Water and Sewer Enterprise Funds different than the Non-Enterprise Funds?

Enterprise Funds are operated like a business, but intended to operate at a break-even point, rather than at a profit. Customers are billed for services provided. Under Ohio law, Water and Sewer revenues cannot be used for any purpose other than to provide water and sewer services to the residents and businesses who use these utilities.

The Non-Enterprise group of funds is comprised of all other funds that provide public services to the community, and may be subsidized in whole or in part by General Fund revenues such as property, income and/or estate taxes. Some examples of services provided by Non-Enterprise Funds are Public Safety (police, fire and emergency medical services), refuse collection, street maintenance and repair, street lighting, and operation of the Oakwood Community Center.

How are the Water, Sewer and Non-Enterprise Fund Budgets organized?

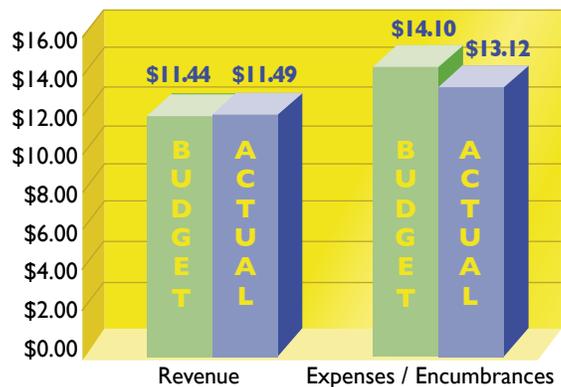
From a budgetary standpoint, our Water, Sewer and Non-Enterprise operations are separate and unique. All of the costs involved in producing, treating, storing, distributing and billing for our public water system are paid for by our residents and

businesses who use the water. This is accomplished through our water billing system. Likewise, all of the costs involved in operating and maintaining our sanitary sewer system and the costs we pay to Dayton and Montgomery County for the treatment of our wastewater are paid for by the residents and businesses who use our sanitary sewer system. None of our general tax dollars (e.g., income tax, property tax, estate tax) are used to pay for any costs related to the water and sewer utilities.

How did our revenues and expenses in 2010 compare to what we had budgeted?

Our Non-Enterprise Fund revenues were very close to our budgeted amounts and our expense/encumbrances were slightly less than budgeted.

Revenue Vs. Expenses Non-Enterprise Funds Year-End 2010 \$ Million Dollars



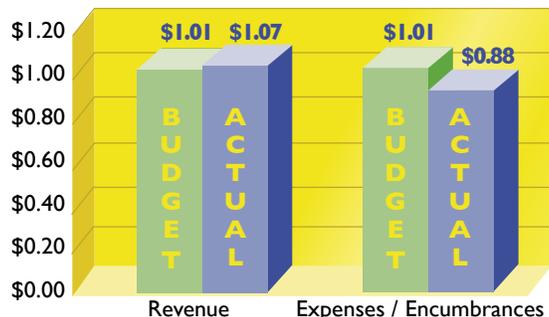
Included above, in 2010 Council approved previously unanticipated supplemental expenditures totaling \$546,209 as detailed below:

Additional expenditures for sidewalk, curb and apron work:	\$70,000
Additional expenditures for safety department equipment:	\$40,000
Additional costs on the Far Hills Avenue and Patterson Road intersection improvements project:	\$184,209
Acquisition of the parking lot located on Orchard Drive behind the Oakwood Club and adjacent to the Far Hills Business District:	<u>\$252,000</u>
	\$546,209

The Non Enterprise Fund balances decreased by \$2,132,955 in 2010. Our year-end balances totaled \$12,300,517.

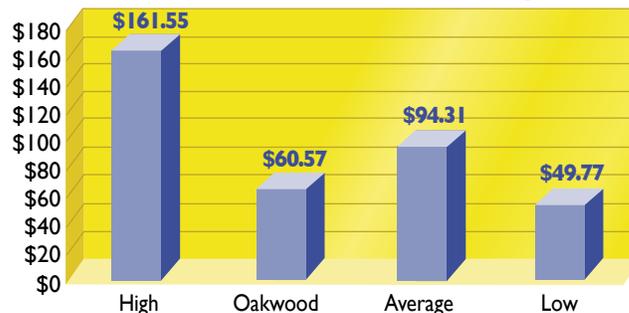


Revenue Vs. Expenses Water Funds Year-End 2010 \$ Million Dollars



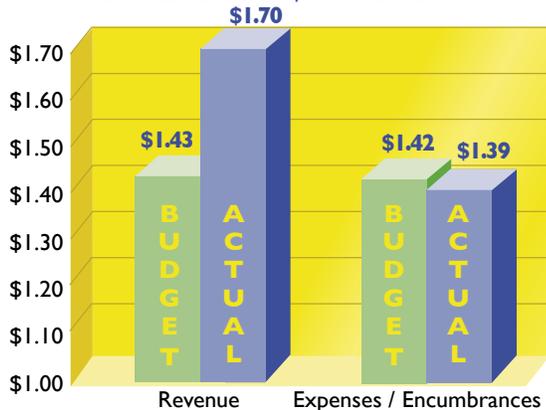
Our Water Fund revenues were slightly more than the amount budgeted; these revenues can vary greatly depending in large part on the amount of irrigation water used throughout the city during the summer months, which is a function of the amount of rainfall in a given year. Our 2010 expenses were less than budgeted primarily because the capital improvement costs were lower than anticipated. Our Water Fund balances increased by 198,283 in 2010.

Annual Water Rate Survey



Our sewer rates rank 50th lowest out of 63 jurisdictions. Unlike our water system which is 100% run by Oakwood, about 75% of our sewer operation (i.e., the wastewater treatment) is contracted. We use Montgomery County and the city of Dayton wastewater treatment plants and must pay County and Dayton rates.

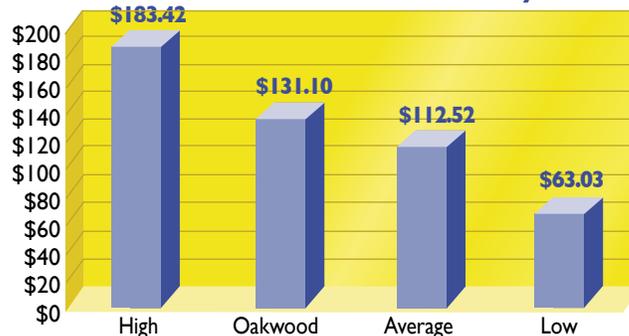
Revenue Vs. Expenses Sewer Funds Year-End 2010 \$ Million Dollars



The Sewer Funds received more revenue than budgeted during 2010 as a result of the 2009 sewer rate increase. Expenses were slightly less than budgeted. Accordingly, the Sewer Funds ended the year with balances totaling \$577,971, which is up \$323,661 from year-end 2009.

Note: The previous three sets of bar charts reflect actual cash received and spent or encumbered for the fiscal (calendar) year 2010. They do not include money transferred between funds, money spent that had been encumbered (or committed) from a prior year's budget, or money borrowed or spent to pay off short-term debt.

Annual Sewer Rate Survey



What is the City's annual budget?

Shown below are the 2011 budget figures.

FUND CLASSIFICATION	ACTUAL BALANCE 01/01/11	EST. REVENUE	EST. EXPENDITURES	EST. BALANCE 12/31/11
NON ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES				
Non-Enterprise	14,433,472	11,355,901 ⁽¹⁾	13,511,428 ⁽²⁾	12,277,945
WATER UTILITY				
Water	1,196,569	948,100	945,092	1,199,577
SEWER UTILITY				
Sewer	577,972	1,634,000	1,494,160	717,812

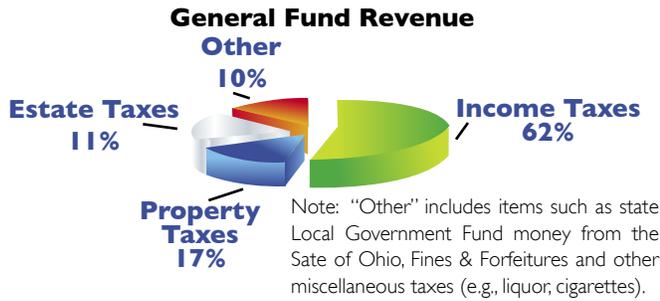
⁽¹⁾ This figure does not include \$2,524,000 of short-term borrowing in accordance with the debt management policy on our public facilities and land acquisition projects.

⁽²⁾ This figure does not include \$2,600,000 that we will pay on short-term debt.

How do our water and sewer rates compare to those in other Miami Valley communities?

Based on the 2010 rate survey, our water rates are the 6th lowest out of 66 jurisdictions. We have not raised water rates since 1994 and will not raise them in 2011.

What percentage of the City's 2010 General Fund revenue was generated by Income Taxes, Property Taxes, and Estate Taxes?



How are my property taxes collected and who receives my property tax dollars?

The amount you pay in property taxes is a function of the assessed value of your property and the property tax millage for our city. The residential total effective millage rate used for 2011 property tax collections is 85.51, as compared to the 2010 residential total effective millage rate of 79.03. The increase is a result of Oakwood voters approving a school levy in November, 2010, and Montgomery County voters approving a Human Services levy in November, 2010. The total effective millage can be broken into two components, as follows:

Inside millage (non-voted) – the tax rate imposed by governmental bodies without need for vote by its citizens. Inside millage is limited to 10 mills and is divided between Montgomery County, Oakwood City Schools and the city of Oakwood.

Outside millage (approved by voters) – the tax rate proposed by government entities (e.g., county, city, schools, Sinclair, Human Services) and approved by citizen vote.

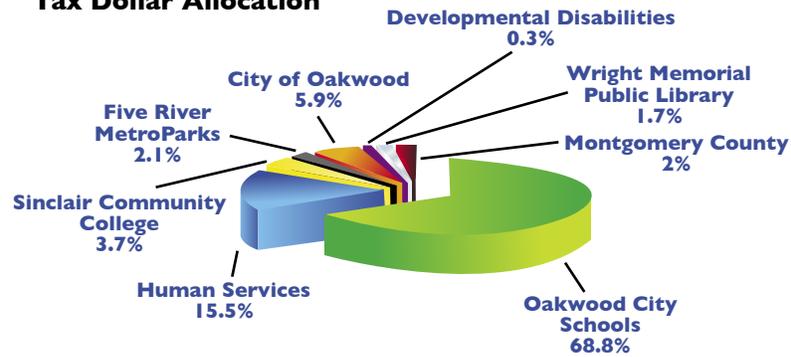
That total effective millage is shared by the organizations shown below, and Oakwood property taxes are comprised of the following effective millage rates:

	Inside Mill.	Outside Mill.	Total Mill.
Oakwood City Schools	4.72	54.13	58.85
Human Services*	0.00	13.24	13.24
Sinclair Community College	0.00	3.20	3.20
Five Rivers MetroParks	0.00	1.80	1.80
City of Oakwood	3.58	1.45	5.03
Wright Memorial Public Library	0.00	1.42	1.42
Developmental Disabilities	0.00	0.27	0.27
Montgomery County	1.70	0.00	1.70
TOTAL	10.00	75.51	85.51

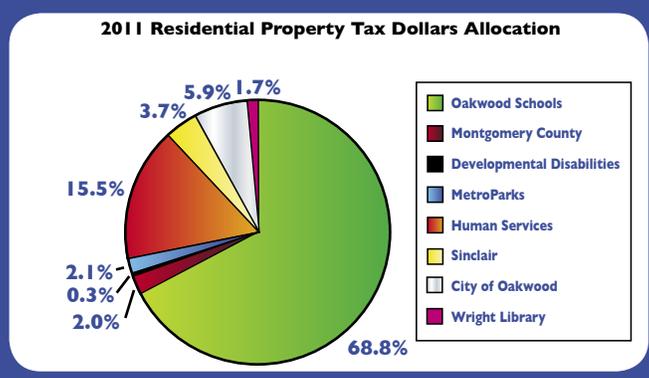
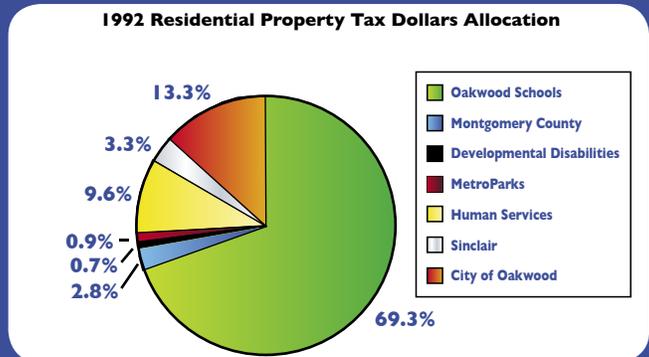
*This includes money that goes to support the County Human Services Programs (e.g., ADAMHS Board for Montgomery County, Montgomery County Children Services, Montgomery County Combined Health District).

Based on the millages, your residential property tax dollars are distributed as follows:

Residential Property Tax Dollar Allocation



HOW DOES THE 2011 PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR ALLOCATION COMPARE TO THE ALLOCATION IN 1992, THE LAST TIME THE CITY OF OAKWOOD RAISED PROPERTY TAXES TO PAY FOR CITY SERVICES?





How are my property taxes calculated?

Here is the formula for an owner-occupied single-family property:

$$\text{Assessed Value of your property} \times 35\% \times \text{millage} \div 1,000 \times 87.5\% = \text{Annual Property Tax}$$

So, if your property is assessed at a value of \$200,000 your annual property tax would be calculated as follows:

$$\$200,000 \times 0.35 \times 85.51 \div 1,000 \times 0.875 = \$ 5,238$$

Your property tax dollars would be distributed as follows:

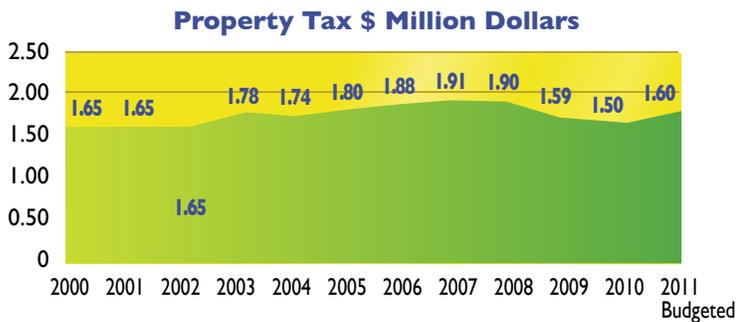
Oakwood City Schools	\$ 3,605
Human Services	\$ 811
Sinclair Community College	\$ 196
Five River MetroParks	\$ 110
City of Oakwood	\$ 308
Wright Memorial Public Library	\$ 87
Developmental Disabilities	\$ 17
Montgomery County	\$ 104
Total	\$ 5,238

Who receives my income taxes and estate taxes?

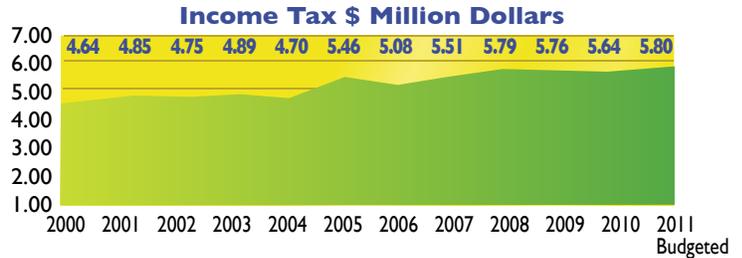
The city of Oakwood receives 100% of those taxes. They are used to help pay for the Non-Enterprise public services.

Have the property, income and estate taxes that go to the City and pay for city services changed much in recent years?

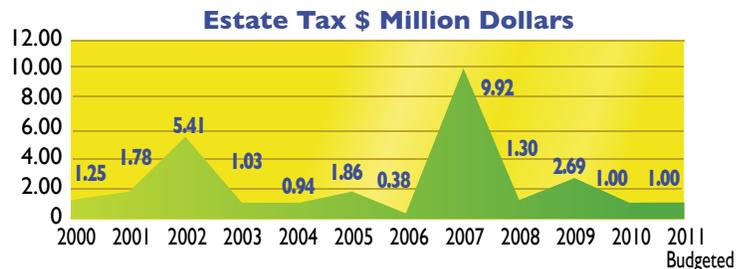
Below is the history since 2000.



- Property reappraisals occur every six years. The 2008 reappraisal valuations became effective in 2009.
- Although the 2008 reappraisal resulted in a modest revenue increase for the City in 2009, in 2008, the city council voted unanimously to allow a 1978 property tax issue to expire, resulting in an overall decrease in revenue.
- The city has not asked property owners for an increase in voted property taxes for city services since November, 1991.

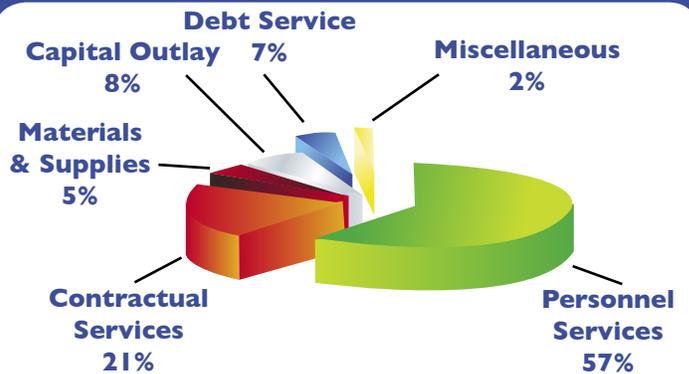


- Our income tax receipts have generally seen steady growth over the years. However, economic conditions resulted in a slight decline in 2009 and 2010. We budgeted 2011 receipts to essentially match 2009, even given the state of our economy. We anticipate a continual increase in income tax revenues as more professional offices are filled at Sugar Camp and as the local economy continues to improve. We have not raised our income tax rate since 1984.



- As you can see from the graph above, annual estate tax revenue varies dramatically from year to year. The spikes in 2002 and 2007 are very unusual, in fact unprecedented. Our estate tax receipts over the 10-year period from 2000 through 2010 average \$2.6 million per year; however, excluding the two "spike" years, the annual average is reduced to approximately \$1.2 million. Estate taxes are imposed by our State and Federal governments – Oakwood has no local control over these taxes. The state of Ohio is presently considering a law change (House Bill 3) that would eliminate the estate tax. If approved, this change would have an enormous negative affect on our city and our ability to pay for public services.

What are the different categories of expenditures incurred by the City, and what percentage of the total was expended in each category for 2010?



EXPENDITURES	ACTUAL 2010	% OF TOTAL
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$9,334,652	57.35%
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$3,362,432	20.66%
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES	\$867,699	5.33%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$1,377,755	8.46%
DEBT SERVICE	\$646,734	6.68%
MISCELLANEOUS	\$246,857	1.52%
TOTAL	\$15,836,129	100.00%

Does Oakwood invest the money it holds in the fund balances?

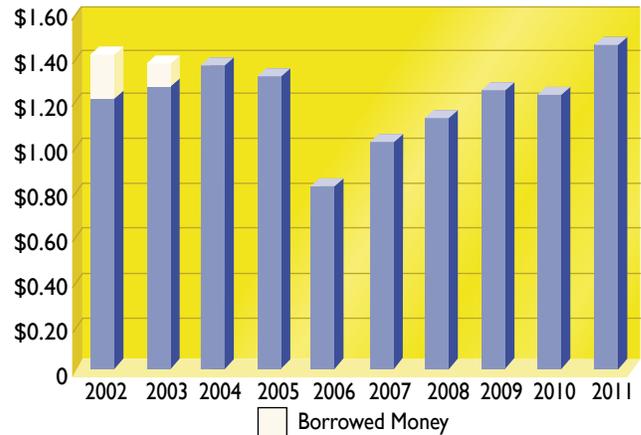
Yes, most of it. We keep all dollars not immediately required for cash flow safely invested. All investments are guided by an investment advisor and are overseen by the City Manager and Finance Director. Our investment protocol is governed by city ordinances which encompass a philosophy of protecting principal first and maximizing value next. As of December 31, 2010 the city of Oakwood had \$12,849,316 invested at an average rate of return of 1.66%. In 2010, our total investment income was \$328,987.

A few years ago Oakwood began accepting credit cards as payment for various non-OCC related fees and services (e.g., water bills, sewer bills, refuse bills, taxes, etc.). How does this work?

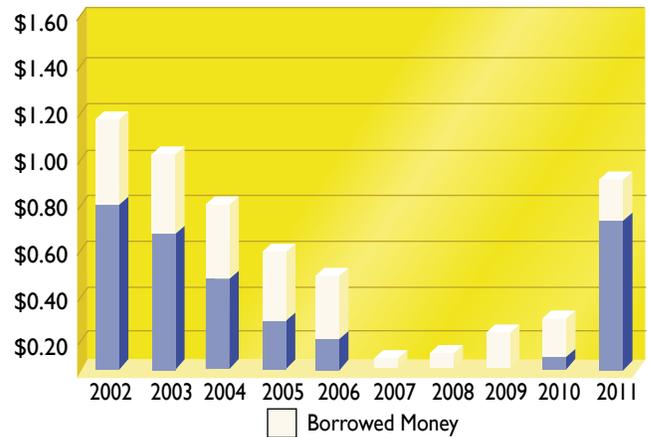
Effective January, 2006, the city of Oakwood partnered with Official Payments Corporation to provide this convenient service. Credit card payments can be made by calling 1-800-272-9829 or by logging on to the website www.officialpayments.com and providing the requested information. A convenience fee will be added by Official Payments Corporation for providing this service. The user fee is required in lieu of the city using general tax dollars to provide this service. The Oakwood Community Center continues to accept traditional credit card payments as they have in the past; their system is not affiliated with Official Payments Corporation. As Community Center fees are structured to accommodate credit card transaction fees, no convenience fee is added to charges made for Oakwood Community Center membership dues, programs or classes.

I know that the City has cash reserves that can be used during times when annual expenses exceed annual revenues. What is the 10-year history of our beginning year fund balances?

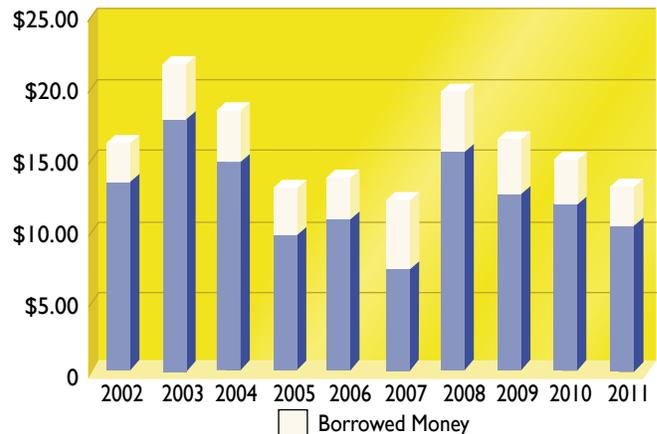
Beginning Year Cash Balances Water Funds \$ Million Dollars



Beginning Year Cash Balances Sewer Funds \$ Million Dollars



Beginning Year Cash Balances Non-Enterprise Funds \$ Million Dollars





Do we have debt?

At the close of 2010, we held \$1.10 million in debt for public facilities projects (the Public Works Center and Administration/Safety Building) and \$1.5 million for the Old River athletic fields acquired in September, 2006. Annually, we have been paying down our public facilities debt by an amount of \$350,000, and our

Old River acquisition debt by an amount of \$200,000. Although we have the cash reserves to pay off all of our debt obligations, our annual investment earnings have provided greater returns than the interest expense paid on our debt and have therefore chosen to pay the debt off slowly and strategically.

COMMENTS AND FUTURE GOALS:

Financial Software and Departmental Procedures:

During 2010, we began testing and implementing new municipal finance software. We anticipate the implementation to be completed during 2011. The municipal financial suite used by Oakwood consists of numerous applications (Finance, Payroll, Utility Billing, Fixed Assets, Income Tax, and Accounts Receivable and Cash) involving a substantial investment of both money (acquisition cost) and time (training). In conjunction with the implementation of the software, the finance department will begin a multi-year project to update and document all policies and procedures for each major job function.

LEGAL AFFAIRS

Oakwood's Department of Law is headed by our City Attorney, Robert F. Jacques, an attorney in private practice with the law firm of Altick & Corwin Co., LPA.

The office of the City Attorney was established by the Charter of the city of Oakwood, which was approved by Oakwood voters on May 3, 1960, and was last amended at an election on November 8, 1988. The Charter provides that the Oakwood City Attorney shall serve as the Director of the Department of Law. Chapter 127 of the Administrative Code of Oakwood sets forth the duties of the City Attorney and specifies that he or she shall be accountable to the City Manager and to the City Council.

The Department of Law is responsible for advising the City Council, the City Manager, municipal boards and commissions, and the administrative officers and departments on relevant matters of current and emerging law. In addition, the Department of Law drafts and reviews legislation, contracts, and other legal documents, and represents the city in civil cases and criminal prosecutions.

Also serving the city within the Department of Law are Attorneys Dennis J. Adkins and Scott A. Liberman, also with the firm of Altick & Corwin Co., LPA.

Mr. Adkins prosecutes charged violations of municipal ordinances and state laws in Oakwood Municipal Court. Mr. Adkins also provides training to the Oakwood Public Safety Department on matters relevant to effective law enforcement, and to the personnel of Oakwood Municipal Court on procedural and substantive legal matters.

Mr. Liberman serves as Oakwood's tax collection attorney. In that capacity, he advises the Department of Finance in its tax collection efforts, and when necessary, files suit against delinquent taxpayers.

Can the City Attorney advise a citizen with regard to matters involving the city of Oakwood or decisions made by the Council?

No. The City Attorney's role is to advise city officials as they perform the duties of their public offices. The City Attorney does not represent any individuals of the public, nor does he represent city officials in personal matters. The City Attorney is a resource for the members of Council and for city officials in the course of performance of their official duties. As such he renders legal opinions on matters of interest to the Council and/or to city officials.

What is the significance of the Charter of the city of Oakwood?

Article XVIII, Section 18.07, of the Ohio Constitution was adopted in 1912, and is known as the "home rule amendment." It was intended to free municipalities from control of the Ohio General Assembly and state officials, thereby allowing municipalities to exercise local self-government through adoption of a charter to provide for the structure and organization of municipal government.

The charter of a municipality is essentially the constitution of the city or village and sets forth the framework under which it will operate. It designates the distribution of power and duties of elected and appointed officials, boards and commissions, and city officials and citizens.

The city of Oakwood has chosen a council-manager form of government. In Oakwood, the council has the power to adopt ordinances and resolutions, make certain appointments and exercise related powers. The mayor, who is a member of the council, presides at council meetings and is designated as the ceremonial head of the city, without the power to exercise administrative or executive authority. The mayor has one vote as do each of the four other council members.

Executive and administrative authority is vested in the city manager, who is appointed by a majority vote of the council. The city manager is responsible for faithfully executing and implementing the ordinances and resolutions enacted by the council. All other employees of the city report to the city manager, who oversees the performance of all of their job functions.

What is the difference between a resolution and an ordinance?

According to the Charter of Oakwood, an ordinance is required for all actions which are of "a general or permanent nature" or for "granting a franchise, or levying a tax, or appropriating money, or contracting an indebtedness to be evidenced by the issuance of bonds or notes, or for the purchase, lease or transfer of public property."

A resolution is an enactment by the council that does not fall into any of the above listed categories and that addresses a matter which does not apply to the general population and is of a temporary or short-term duration. An example of a resolution is an authorization for the city manager to enter into a contract for a specified project or purchase.

Are the procedural requirements for enactment of an ordinance and resolution the same?

No. An ordinance is required to be introduced at two separate meetings, unless an emergency is declared or three-fourths of the council members vote to dispense with the second reading. In contrast, a resolution is introduced and voted on at a single meeting. A resolution takes effect immediately upon passage.

As a general rule, ordinances do not go into effect until thirty days after passage. However, certain ordinances go into effect immediately upon enactment:

- those declared to be an emergency;
- those providing for appropriations;
- those which are intended to raise revenue; and
- those intended to make public improvements which are petitioned for by the owners of a majority of the foot frontage of property befitted and specially assessed for the cost thereof.



MUNICIPAL COURT

The Oakwood Municipal Court was established on January 1, 1934. Its authority is derived from section 1901.01 of the Ohio Revised Code and its territorial jurisdiction coincides with the corporate limits of Oakwood. The court's mission is to provide high quality and courteous services to the litigating public. It is charged with deciding cases fairly and will impose meaningful sentences in criminal/traffic cases.

Judge Robert Deddens is serving his fourth six-year elected term as Municipal Judge. His responsibilities as Judge include appointing and supervising a full-time Clerk of Courts who in turn supervises a part-time Clerk. A part-time Bailiff is employed to serve subpoenas and eviction notices, and to immobilize vehicles.

What is the authority of our municipal court?

Like all municipal courts, Oakwood court has authority to conduct preliminary hearings in felony cases and has jurisdiction over traffic and non-traffic misdemeanors. The court also has limited jurisdiction in handling civil cases in which the amount of money in dispute does not exceed \$15,000 and in handling small claim cases in which the amount of money in dispute does not exceed \$3,000.

What are the court hours of operation?

The court is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Non-jury, criminal and traffic proceedings convene at 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays of each week. Jury trials are scheduled every other month throughout the year as needed. In addition, the judge is on call for the purpose of conducting criminal arraignments when called upon to do so by public safety officers. Civil proceedings commence at 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays of each week.

What is the process used by the court in dealing with serious criminal and traffic cases?

When a person is arrested and charged with committing a serious crime or a serious traffic offense, the police officer notifies the court which immediately schedules an arraignment to set bail. Arraignments are held anytime day or night, on short notice. The judge meets with the officer and defendant promptly after the arrest. This reduces police time and the cost of housing and monitoring prisoners. It also ensures that the prisoner is not unnecessarily jailed pending trial. Prisoners who do not make bail are transported to the county jail.

Does Oakwood have a jail?

Yes, and it includes two cells. However, our jail is classified as a Temporary Holding Facility ("THF") meaning that we may only incarcerate a prisoner for a maximum period of six hours. Given the availability and close proximity of the County jail, this THF meets our needs.

When a person pays a traffic citation for a violation of a city ordinance, how much of the fine and court costs go to the state and how much goes to the City and County?

	COURT COSTS	CRIMINAL TRAFFIC/FINES	SEAT BELT FINES	COURT COST SEAT BELTS
(Court Costs are currently \$84 or \$89 for moving violations)				
State	44% (approx)	0%	100%	29% (approx)
County	0%	25% (approx)	0%	0%
City	56% (approx)	75% (approx)	0%	71% (approx)

- Effective September 29, 2008 an additional \$10 was mandated by the State for all moving violations. (The \$10 is distributed at \$6.50 to the Drug Enforcement Fund and \$3.50 to the State Alcohol Treatment Fund).
- The \$24 court cost going to the State are for the Innocent Victims of Crime Fund and the Public Defender Fund.
- Fines for violation of state codes are paid to the County Treasurer while fines for violation of Oakwood ordinances are paid to the City.
- Effective October 16, 2009 an additional \$5 court cost was mandated by the state for an Indigent Alcohol Treatment Fund on all moving violations.

Do we have jury trials in Oakwood?

Yes. When a defendant requests a jury trial, the Clerk of Court on behalf of the Court summons eighty residents from the city of Oakwood to report as prospective jurors. From those who report, eight jurors and one alternate are selected for the actual trial. No jury trial in the last 16 years has lasted more than one day. Jury trials are typically scheduled on Fridays. Jury trials are not permitted for minor misdemeanors (such as a speeding ticket) when jail is not a possible sentence.

What are some of the legal requirements that affect jury duty?

Ohio law dictates the circumstances under which a prospective juror may be excused. The circumstances include: 1) a physical or mental condition which must be supported by a physician's documentation. 2) if a person can demonstrate that jury service would cause "extreme undue physical or financial hardship." 3) the person is over 75 years of age and would like to be excused. A person may be permanently excused if the judge determines that the underlying grounds for being excused are of a permanent nature.

The law also: 1) Provides for a minimum fine of \$100 for failure to appear for jury service. 2) Prohibits employers from taking disciplinary action that could lead to the discharge of any permanent employee as a result of being summoned to serve as a juror, and 3) Prohibits employers from requiring employees to use vacation or sick leave for time spent on jury duty.



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.



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