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## City News

### UPDATE ON OUR SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CHALLENGE

**Several actions taken last year** by our state elected leaders will significantly reduce the financial resources available to pay for the public services provided to you by the city of Oakwood. The most notable action was elimination of the Ohio estate tax. In total, our city is losing approximately \$3,000,000 annually, about 20% of our total revenue. *Continued on page 2*

## School News

### Intra-District Enrollment Information

Per Board policy the Oakwood City School District will consider requests for intra-district transfers between Harman and Smith Schools under specific conditions, based upon established criteria. Families should contact principals directly for information on these criteria.

Applications for intra-district transfers may be submitted to the school principal beginning April 16, 2012 and must be received no later than June 1, 2012. The principal will notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) in writing by August 1, 2012 as to whether the intra-district placement is granted or denied.

## Library News

### Historical Society Presents Architecture Program

Back by popular demand, Wright Library and the Oakwood Historical Society will present **"The Classic Architecture of Oakwood Homes"** on **Sunday, May 20th** at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. The program will be presented by Mark Risley, past-president of the Oakwood Historical Society.

Oakwood is fortunate to have many well-preserved examples of early 20<sup>th</sup> century architecture in its tree-lined neighborhoods. This program will explore the exteriors of those homes, their remarkable artistic detail and some of the historical stories associated with them. Advance registration is required and limited to the first 65 people. **Contact Wright Library's Reference Department at 294-7171 to register beginning Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## P5 2012 CURB, WALK AND APRON PROJECT

The 2012 curb, sidewalk and apron repair project will take place in the area east of Far Hills.

## P7 2012-2013 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

Parent Orientation and Screening Dates Scheduled

## P10 BIG READ 2012

Join your friends and neighbors in the Big Read Community Reading Project.

## UPDATE ON OUR SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CHALLENGE Continued from page 1

Our options in addressing this major financial shortfall are:

- Cut Expenses
- Cut Services
- Implement Shared Services Agreements with Neighboring Communities
- Raise Taxes
- Raise Fees

Over the past two months, the city has conducted a series of neighborhood meetings and two Town Hall meetings. The purpose of the meetings is to:

- 1) Inform our Oakwood residents about the impact of losing the estate tax and other state funding cuts;
- 2) Share with our residents the options we have in addressing the \$3,000,000 annual shortfall; and
- 3) Obtain feedback from our citizens that will help city leaders make the best financial decisions for our community.

The meetings have provided a good forum for extensive dialogue with our citizens. They have been hosted by Oakwood residents, primarily members of the citizen Budget Review Committee, and will continue over the next few months. If you would like to host a meeting, please contact City Manager Norbert Klopsch at 298-0600 or [klopsch@oakwood.oh.us](mailto:klopsch@oakwood.oh.us)

In addition to continuing the neighborhood meetings, the city will also conduct an additional Town Hall meeting on Thursday, May 10. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Oakwood Community Center. For more information about this issue, please see the city website at [www.mvcc.net/oakwood](http://www.mvcc.net/oakwood)

## FRIENDS OF SMITH GARDENS PERENNIAL SALE

The twenty-sixth annual Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale will be held on Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21 at the OCC, 105 Patterson Road. The hours are from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. A wide variety of perennials, hostas, ferns, herbs, ornamental grasses, wildflowers and daylilies will be available. A complete listing of plants at the sale is now available at the OCC, by mail, or by calling the OCC at 298-0777. Volunteers are needed to help. If anyone is interested, please contact Carol Collins at 298-0775.

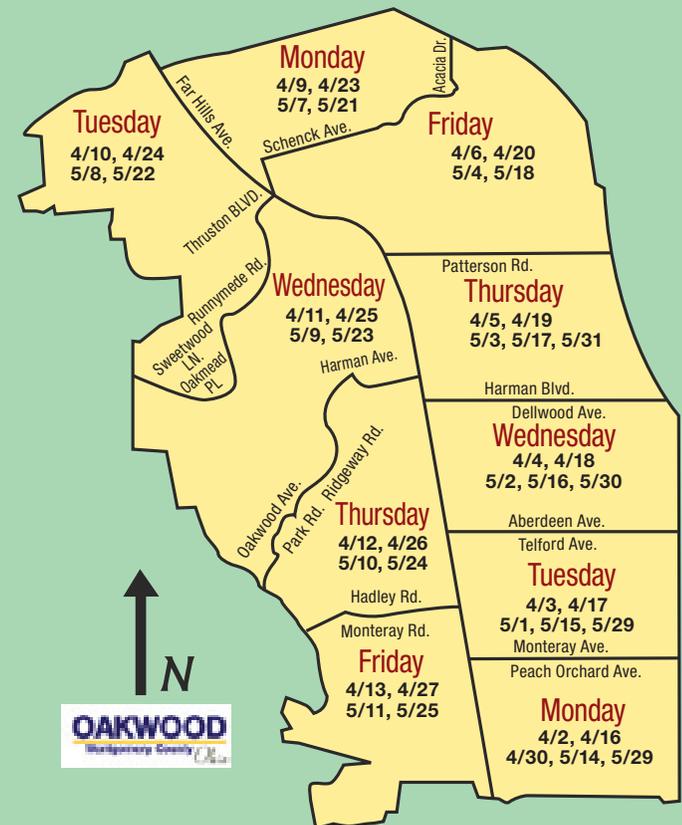
## SPECIAL PICKUPS

Special pickups can be scheduled by calling 298-0777. All Oakwood property owners are entitled to two special pickups per calendar year at no cost. Additional pickups will be charged at \$50 each. If you are a tenant, you must coordinate your special pickups with the property owner. For special pickups, all items must be placed in an open area where the city bucket loader can safely access them (e.g., on driveways away from structures and fences). Special pickups are suspended from mid-October through the end of the year due to leaf collection activities.

## MEMORIAL DAY TRASH PICKUP

Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of May 28 will be one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

## Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, 5/17, 5/31
- Shroyer Rd. 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/29



## TAX SEASON IS HERE

**2011 Oakwood income tax returns** are due April 17, 2012. The traditional filing deadline of April 15 has been extended due to the observation of Emancipation Day in the District of Columbia.

All residents, 18 years of age or older, must file an annual return, whether or not any tax is due. Retired residents who have income derived exclusively from non-taxable sources (interest, dividend, social security and/or pension income, etc.) must notify the tax office in writing in order to be exempt from the filing requirement. The 2011 Oakwood income tax return is available at [www.oakwoodcitytax.com/tax](http://www.oakwoodcitytax.com/tax) and has been created in a "fill-in" format which will calculate the tax return for you. Additional tax forms are available in the City administration office, Wright Memorial Library, Wright Brothers post office branch, Oakwood Community Center and on the City's web site at [www.mvcc.net/oakwood](http://www.mvcc.net/oakwood)

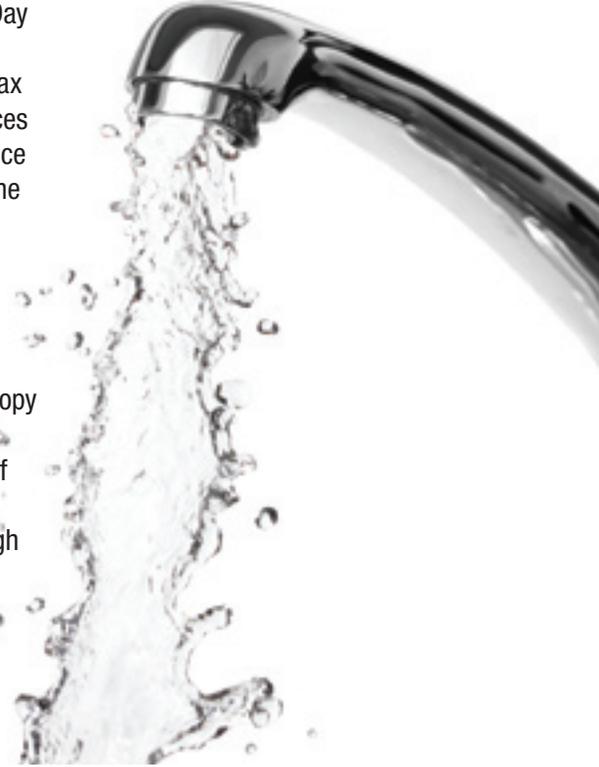
Should you require an extension of time to file your return, an extension request or a copy of your federal extension must be submitted to our office on or before April 17, 2012. Payment of your estimated tax liability must accompany the request as an extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay the tax due.

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

Monday (April 16) 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Tuesday (April 17) 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

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



## APRIL/MAY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council will conduct public meetings on the following dates:

### Regular Sessions:

7:30 p.m., Monday, April 2

7:30 p.m., Monday, May 7

### Work Sessions:

5:00 p.m., Monday, April 16

5:00 p.m., Monday, May 21

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

## UTILITY BILLING

**A**s the City continues to look for ways to cut costs, we encourage residents to utilize paperless options for both receiving and paying the monthly utility bill.

Residents can register via the city's website at [www.mvcc.net/oakwood](http://www.mvcc.net/oakwood) to have your monthly utility bill e-mailed directly to you. The process is quick and easy; just click on the "On-line E-Statement" link under the Water/Sewer/Refuse Department tab. To register you will need your Oakwood water/sewer/refuse account number (printed on your monthly statement) and a valid e-mail address.

Direct payment of your monthly utility bill through an ACH (Automatic Clearing House) is also a simple process. Complete a "utility bill authorization form" (available at the City Building or on the City's website under the Water/Sewer/Refuse Department tab). The completed form will authorize the City to process a withdrawal from your bank account in the amount of your current net bill on the net due date each month. You will still receive an invoice either by e-mail (E-Statement) or regular mail.

The city is no longer providing return envelopes with the monthly utility bill. To expedite processing please address envelopes to the attention of the City of Oakwood, Finance Dept – WSR, 30 Park Ave., Dayton, OH 45419.

There is no charge to participate in either the E-Statement or ACH programs.



## GARDNER POOL HOURS

Gardner Pool will open Saturday, May 26 and operate daily from Noon - 8 p.m.



## SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

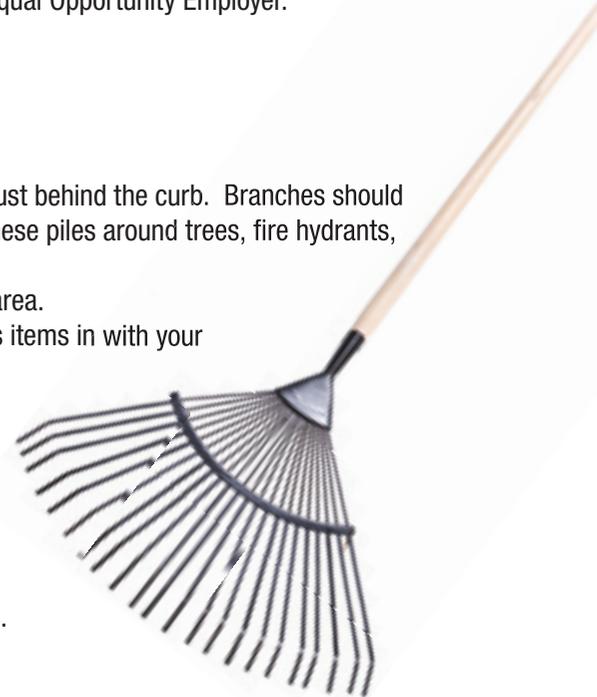
**T**he city of Oakwood is currently accepting applications for summer employment in the following areas: Pool Concessions; Lifeguarding; Park Supervisors; Boulevard Maintenance; Smith Gardens Maintenance; General Maintenance (including roadways, water system and refuse); and Day Camp Counselors. Applicants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

## SPRING YARD AND GARDEN CLEANUP

As you get ready to tackle the spring yard and garden projects, please remember to:

- Place larger piles of yard debris including brush and branches into the tree lawn area just behind the curb. Branches should be no longer than 6' and should be placed in manageable piles. Please do not place these piles around trees, fire hydrants, cable TV boxes or posts/poles.
- Under no circumstance should you place anything except yard debris in the tree lawn area.
- Place small amounts of leaves, small twigs, flowers and other such smaller yard debris items in with your regular trash.
- If you have extra yard debris, place it in bags next to your cans. Please limit these extra bags to not more than two. If you have more than two, you will need to call for a special pickup or a dumpster.
- Do not stack loose debris around or on top of cans.
- Please remember the 35 gallon and 60-pound limits on trash cans and that all cans must have lids.
- Grass clippings are not accepted, either with regular trash or with curbside yard debris.

Please refer to the enclosed map for your scheduled pickup days.



## ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

**T**he annual fire hydrant flushing will begin the week of April 16th and last approximately 5 weeks. Please watch for news releases in the Oakwood Register regarding the timing for your particular street.

## IMPORTANT LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT DATES

- **Father/Daughter Dance:** Saturday, April 28, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- **Joy of Drawing:** Join David Smith on Tuesday afternoons for an adult drawing class beginning April 10.
- **Annual 6th Grade Dance:** Friday, April 27, 8-9:30 p.m.
- **American Red Cross Babysitting Course:** Saturday, May 5 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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



## 2012 Curb, Walk and Apron Project

**T**he 2012 curb, sidewalk and apron repair project will take place in the area east of Far Hills from Patterson Road to the north corporation limit. The purpose of the program is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. We have begun inspecting the areas and marking sections of concrete requiring repairs. Residents affected by the work will receive personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call Bart Bornhorst, Engineering Technician, at 298-0777 if you have any questions. For those who choose to do the repair work themselves, please remember to obtain a permit in advance and that all work must be completed and inspected by June 11th.

## Dumpsters

**A**s an alternative to special pickups, and for any remodeling project, residents can request dumpsters for disposing of resident generated debris (no contractor generated debris allowed). There is a \$50 delivery and pickup charge for the dumpsters. The person requesting the dumpster will also be responsible for the costs incurred by the city for dumping the discarded materials. If you would like to use the dumpsters for disposing of brush and branch material, rather than waiting for the regularly scheduled bi-weekly pickup, please call to schedule a dumpster delivery. There is no charge when using dumpsters for brush and branch disposal. Call 298-0777 to schedule this service.

## Mulch Program

**C**itizens will have two options again this year for obtaining leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cy for \$75 and 6 cy for \$100. Please call 298-0777 to place an order. We will be taking orders beginning in March on a first come, first served basis. Mulch deliveries will take place on 5 Saturdays beginning on April 14 and ending on May 12.

On the same five Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from the public works center at 210 Shafor Blvd. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., but must haul the material themselves and provide proof of residency. City personnel will assist in loading the mulch. No commercial vehicles will be loaded.

## HOLIDAY CLOSING

**M**onday, May 28, 2012 - Memorial Day. City offices including the OCC and Public Works Center will be closed. The OCC Office and Health Center will be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 26 and from 12-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 27.



# THAT DAY IN MAY

**SPONSORED BY THE OAKWOOD ROTARY CLUB**

Oakwood's family festival, 'That Day In May' will be held Saturday, May 19, 2012. Please plan on attending this year's festival which promises to be packed full of fun activities and events for the whole family.

## SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2012

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST – 8 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.  
OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**SILENT AUCTION – 8 A.M. – 1 P.M.  
OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA HALLWAY**

**FUN RUN – 8:30 A.M.  
BEGINS AT OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM**

**OAKWOOD 5K & 10K RUN – 9 A.M.  
BEGINS AT OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM**

**COMMUNITY PARADE – 11:30 A.M.  
BEGINS AT DOROTHY LANE MARKET ON SHAFOR BOULEVARD TO STADIUM**

**BATTLE OF THE BANDS – 12:30 P.M. TO 3 P.M.  
OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM**

**GAMES AND RIDES – 12 NOON TO 4 P.M.  
ON SHAFOR BOULEVARD BETWEEN DELLWOOD AND HARMAN BOULEVARD**

**DISPLAYS , REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH  
12 NOON TO 4 P.M.  
LOTS OF GOOD FOOD TO CHOOSE FROM.**



## Oakwood Schools Foundation Sponsors 4th Grade Family Science Night

By Grace Hahn (OHS '12)

**O**n February 2nd, the Harman auditorium overflowed with engaging scientific experiments led by OHS students, ranging from paper bridges and bouncing bubbles to homemade gloop and exploding film canisters. Over 100 fourth graders and their families participated in the fourth annual Family Science Night sponsored by The Oakwood Schools Foundation.

Attendees of all ages were surprised and intrigued. One standout experiment used nail polish to tie-dye pencils, leaving them with a colorful, sleek decoration. Cautious 4th graders learned how just a bit of lubricant can allow a stick to poke completely through a balloon without making it pop. Sidney, a Harman student, found that she could bounce bubbles on her fingers while wearing special gloves. "Because the gloves are clean, they don't have any dirt that would make the bubbles pop," said Sidney.

Oakwood teachers, Kim Walther and Monica Brouwer, worked together to host Family Science Night and will present their model for Family Science Night at this year's National Science Teacher Association's conference. "We are delighted to sponsor Family Science Night," said Molly Cobb, The Oakwood Schools Foundation Grants Chair. "It is a fun evening of learning that reinforces what is being taught in the classroom. I also like that it provides a leadership opportunity for high schoolers as they assist the elementary students with the science experiments."

*The Oakwood Schools Foundation thanks Grace for her contribution to this article.*

## Letters of Support Being Accepted for 2012 Andrews Nominees

Three educators have been nominated for the 2012 Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor. At this time, we are requesting members of the community, former students, and colleagues to send letters of support. Please send letters no later than May 11, 2012 to Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo, Superintendent, Oakwood Board of Education, 20 Rubicon Road, Dayton, Ohio 45409, or via email at scalzo.maryjo@oakwoodschoools.org.

The induction ceremony will be held on ***Friday, September 21, 2012.*** The public is invited to attend.

### Nominees

**Ed L. Bowman** Oakwood High School Principal, 1988-1995  
Director of Educational Services/Assistant Superintendent, 1995-1999

**Robert F. Morgan** Oakwood High School Business Teacher, 1972-2002

**Joseph R. Suter** Oakwood High School English Teacher, 1965-1970, 1971-1972

Nominations for the Hall of Honor may be submitted at any time. To be eligible for the current year, nominations must be received by March 1st. For additional information regarding the Hall of Honor please visit [www.oakwood.k12.oh.us](http://www.oakwood.k12.oh.us), or contact Sandy Maresh at the Oakwood Board of Education, (937) 297-5332 or [maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org).

**We look forward to your letters of support for your nominee. Please respond by May 11, 2012**

## Oakwood City Schools Federal Projects Reviewed

The Oakwood City School District receives federal funds through several sources, including those listed below. Public input on the use of these federal funds is welcome, and may be directed to Pam Taiclet, Director of Educational Services, at 297-7802. In the near future, we will be renewing our applications for these funds for the 2012-13 school year. Allocations for the 2012-2013 school year have not yet been determined by the Ohio Department of Education; therefore the amounts below reflect what has been approved for us to receive during the 2011-2012 school year.

### Received during the 2011-12 school year:

**Title I - Targeted Assistance:** Oakwood received \$40,384 towards the salary of one Title I teacher who provides supplemental remedial instruction for elementary students in reading.

**Title II A - Improving Teacher Quality:** Oakwood received \$30,251 towards the salary of a first grade teacher previously hired to reduce class size.

**Title II D - Technology:** Oakwood received \$293 towards using technology to collect, manage and analyze data to enhance teaching.

**Title III LEP – Limited English Proficiency:** Oakwood received \$2,744 towards the salary of one part time tutor for children who are learning English as their Second Language (ESL).

**IDEA Part B - Special Education:** Oakwood received \$310,623 to supplement state and local funds expended to provide salaries for 4

special education teachers and to pay for instructional services we purchase from Montgomery County DDS and Montgomery County ESC. These services include occupational therapy and physical therapy for special education students.

**ECSE – Early Childhood Special Education:** Oakwood received \$2,005 to support special education services for 3, 4, and 5 year old children with disabilities. These funds have been used to purchase services from Montgomery County DDS for the Oakwood Schools Preschool Program.

## 2012-2013 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

- **Kindergarten Parent Orientation:**  
Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
- **Kindergarten Screening:**  
Week of April 16, 2012 by appointment only.

If you missed Kindergarten registration in February, then April is the time to register. For information, please contact Lange School at 299-8730 or email:

Mrs. Nanci Koepke, Administrative Assistant,  
[koepke.nanci@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:koepke.nanci@oakwoodschoools.org), or  
Mrs. Kathy Bartalo, Principal, [bartalo.kathy@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:bartalo.kathy@oakwoodschoools.org).

To learn about the five important Kindergarten readiness areas to help your child thrive in Kindergarten and beyond visit [5toThriveDayton.org](http://5toThriveDayton.org).

## OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS APRIL/MAY 2012

### April 2012

4/2-6	NO SCHOOL/Spring Break
4/9	Classes Resume
4/9	7 p.m. – Board of Education Regular Meeting
4/10	7 p.m. – Smith PTO Meeting
4/11	7 p.m. – Kindergarten Orientation for Incoming Parents
4/11	8 a.m.-12 p.m. – OHS Career Forum
4/12	11:45 a.m. – OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
4/13	7 p.m. – OakwoodStock
4/16	6 p.m. – Business Advisory Council Meeting
4/16-19	Kindergarten Screening for Incoming Students
4/18	9:30 a.m. – Harman PTO Meeting
4/21	6:30 p.m. – OHS Prom
4/22	12-3 a.m. – OHS After Prom
4/23-27	OAA Testing
4/25	3:45 p.m. – Smith Skateworld Party
4/25	Lange Volunteer Appreciation
4/25	1:30-2:30 p.m. – OHS Speech Showcase
4/27	11:45 a.m. – OJHS Ice Cream Social
4/27	2:55 p.m. – Special Olympics Pep Rally
4/27	7 p.m. – OJHS Dance

### May 2012

5/1-2	Lange Boonshoft Presentations
5/1	7 p.m. – How to Do Kindergarten Meeting at Lange
5/2	2 p.m. – Harman 1st Grade Spring Pictures
5/3	Smith Spring and Class Picture Day
5/3	2:30 p.m. – Harman 1st Grade Spring & Summer Assembly
5/4	12:30 p.m. – Smith 6th Grade Track & Field Day
5/7	9:30 a.m. – Harman 6th Graders Visit OJHS
5/8	9:30 a.m. – Smith 6th Graders Visit OJHS
5/8	7 p.m. – Smith PTO Meeting
5/9	Smith 1st Grade PM Sharing Program
5/9	7 p.m. – OJHS Sports Recognition Night
5/10	11:45 a.m. – OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
5/10	Smith 1st Grade AM Sharing Program
5/10	7 p.m. – Harman A Grand Affair
5/11	8-9:30 a.m. – Smith Volunteer Reception
5/11	South Suburban Teen Coalition Battle of the Bands
5/14	7 p.m. – Board of Education Regular Meeting
5/16	7 p.m. – OHS Spring Choir Concert
5/16	Harman/Smith Kindergarten Visits Smith
5/17	3:45 p.m. – Smith Skateworld Party
5/17	8 a.m. – OHS Senior Awards
5/17	12 p.m. – OHS Real Money-Real World
5/17	7 p.m. – Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner
5/18	3:30 p.m. – One Act Festival
5/21	6 p.m. – Business Advisory Council Meeting
5/21	6:30 p.m. – OHS Spring Sports Banquet
5/22	7 p.m. – Cherry Pie Concert
5/23	OHS Seniors Last Day
5/23	7 p.m. – OHS Spring Band Concert
5/24	Harman 4th Grade Sharing Program (Time TBA)
5/24	6 p.m. – OHS Drama Club Awards
5/28	NO SCHOOL/Memorial Day
5/29	6:30 p.m. – Class of 2012 Awards at UD
5/31	8:30 a.m. – OJHS Awards Ceremony
5/31	11 a.m. – OJHS Spring Fling

The Oakwood Schools master calendar can be viewed online at [www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/oakwood/Oakwood\\_Calendars.html](http://www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/oakwood/Oakwood_Calendars.html)

## 5th Annual Oakwood High School Distinguished Alumni Awards Announced

The Oakwood High School Alumni Board is pleased to announce the Distinguished Alumni Award recipients for 2012. The award, which recognizes OHS Alumni who have made significant accomplishments in their careers and communities, will be given to four exceptional individuals this year:

**Ms. Kathy Fitchey Calvin**, Class of 1967, Chief Executive Officer of the United Nation Foundation; **Dr. Robert Gaines, Jr.**, Class of 1960, internationally recognized orthopedic surgeon; **Mr. David L. Smith**, Class of 1939, art teacher and artist; **Mr. Charles Whalen, Jr.**, Class of 1938, former U.S. Congressman.

We invite you to join us at the award dinner on Thursday, May 17th, at the Dayton Marriott. A social hour will be held from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m., with dinner and presentations following. Contact Rande Rinn Chapman ('74), Alumni Director at 937-298-8711 or email: [alumni@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:alumni@oakwoodschoools.org) to purchase tickets. You may also download your dinner reservation form at [www.oakwood.k12.oh.us](http://www.oakwood.k12.oh.us) and click on Alumni.

*You may nominate an individual for future awards by downloading the form at [www.oakwood.k12.oh.us](http://www.oakwood.k12.oh.us) (click on Alumni) or pick up the form at the Oakwood Board of Education, 20 Rubicon Road, Dayton, OH 45409. Deadline for nominations is January 1st of each year.*



## April-May 2012

### April

**April 2-6** – Spring Break Drop-In Activities for Kids, 1 p.m.

**April 4** – Big Read 2012, 7 p.m. Oakwood Starbucks

**April 8** – Library Closed, Easter

**April 15** – Big Read 2012, 2 p.m. Wright Library Meeting Room

**April 17** – “The Town of Oakwood”, 7 p.m.

**April 22** – “The Thunderstorm”, 2 p.m.

### May

**May 20** – “The Classic Architecture of Oakwood Homes”, 2 p.m.

**May 28** – Library Closed, Memorial Day

## Wright Library Expands Digital Collection

**W**right Library is expanding its digital collection in order to shorten the waiting time for eBooks and Audiobooks from the **Ohio eBook Project**. The library is purchasing additional “copies” for Wright Library patrons only.

As part of the Ohio eBook Project the library has been able to offer patrons a large number of eBooks and Audiobooks that simply would be too expensive to purchase on their own. The collection is in high demand, however, and many patrons have found themselves waiting to gain access to many titles, especially new releases by popular authors. The library hopes by purchasing these additional copies patrons will have a shorter waiting time. The next time you log-in: Sign-in at the Ohio eBook site ([www.ohioebooks.org](http://www.ohioebooks.org)) with your Wright Library Card.

## NEW! TrueFlix

**W**right Library has subscribed to a fun, new online resource that you and your child can access from home. **TrueFlix** is an online resource that focuses on engaging subject-area content in science and social studies for students spanning grades 3-6. Each of the TrueFlix subject areas will help your child hone literacy skills, bolster their understanding of crucial subjects relating to science and social studies, and help enhance their ability to be able to organize and assemble information—for class reports, exams, and assignments. Each TrueFlix subject area is supported with a deep and dynamic reservoir of related content and primary sources featuring videos, audio, images, and text.

Your children can access TrueFlix anywhere there is an Internet connection – it’s like having access to the library’s collection 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can access TrueFlix by going to [www.wrightlibrary.org/youth](http://www.wrightlibrary.org/youth) and clicking on the TrueFlix logo for remote access. Type in your complete library card number and hit ‘enter’. You will be taken to the TrueFlix Main Page and can begin using the database.





## Big Read 2012

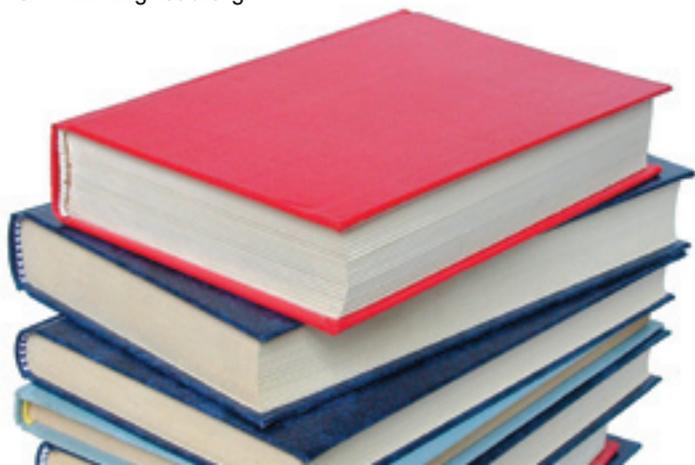
Join your friends and neighbors in the **Big Read** Community Reading Project. Here in the Miami Valley, 2012 will be the seventh year for the Big Read. The Big Read is all about communities reading the same book, then getting together to talk about it. This year's selection is *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers. The six-week reading event is sponsored by local libraries, bookstores, non-profit organizations, and the *Dayton Daily News*.

Share your thoughts with your neighbors and listen to their views at two community book discussions:

**Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 p.m., Oakwood Starbucks**  
**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2-3 p.m., Wright Library Meeting Room**

*Zeitoun* tells the story of Abdulrahman Zeitoun, a Syrian-American owner of a painting company in New Orleans. Choosing to ride out Hurricane Katrina in his home, Zeitoun helped out afterward—bringing in clean drinking water and rescuing neighbors and abandoned pets. Then, while in his own home, he was arrested by the National Guard and charged with looting and terrorism. He was held in jail for many days without trial, appropriate medical care or a chance to communicate with his family. Eggers' book confronts issues of race and justice in an era of homeland security.

Both sessions will be free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. For a list of dates for all the discussions groups, visit [www.BigRead.org](http://www.BigRead.org).



## “The Town of Oakwood”

Wright Library and the Oakwood Historical Society will present **“The Town of Oakwood” Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. “The Town of Oakwood” lecture will follow the creation and development of the town of Oakwood from 1872-1908, the “rocky years”.

In 1872 four men purchased and platted 78+ acres of rural farmland in Van Buren Township with hopes that people would follow. They quickly learned few people were willing to move so far out of the city. Three of the four investors bailed, lost their money, and died. An early Dayton biographer called Oakwood “a failure”. Come hear the whole story as it is presented by Mackensie Wittmer and Harrison Gowdy of the Oakwood Historical Society. Additional financial support was provided by the Oakwood Rotary Foundation.

Advance registration is required and limited to 65. **Contact the Reference Department at 294-7171 to register beginning Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## “The Thunderstorm”

Wright Library will welcome Mark Risley when he presents **“The Thunderstorm” Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. Thunderstorms fill up the skies, light up the night, water our lawns and gardens, wash our streets and frighten our pets. They can also kill indiscriminately.

Oakwood Historical Society past-president Mark Risley will draw upon his commercial aviation weather background to present an educational, in-depth look at these magnificent and powerful atmospheric giants. He will discuss their causes and development, present a dissection of a thunderstorm cell and, most importantly, talk about storm safety. Advance registration is required and limited to 65. **Contact the Reference Department at 294-7171 to register beginning Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## Mrs. Sommer Selects Odyssey Award Winner

**M**rs. Jennifer Sommer, Youth Services Supervisor, recently returned from the American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meeting in Dallas, TX. Mrs. Sommer was there as part of the **Odyssey Committee** awarding The Odyssey Award given annually to the producer of the best audiobook for children or young adults.

Mrs. Sommer and her fellow Committee Members spent the last year listening to more than **500 audiobooks** submitted for consideration for this prestigious award. The award is based on production quality, looking at such things as narration, sound quality, background music and sound effects. It was named in honor of Homer's eighth century BC epic poem to remind us of the ancient roots of storytelling, while living in our modern world.

"Rotters," was named the 2012 Odyssey Award winner. The book is written by Daniel Kraus and narrated by Kirby Heyborne.

Four Odyssey Honor audiobooks also were selected:

"Ghetto Cowboy," written by G. Neri and narrated by JD Jackson;

"Okay for Now," written by Gary D. Schmidt and narrated by Lincoln Hoppe;

"The Scorpio Races," written by Maggie Stiefvater and narrated by Steve West and Fiona Hardingham;

"Young Fredle," written by Cynthia Voigt and narrated by Wendy Carter.

For additional information on the Odyssey Award and other ALA Youth Media Awards, visit [www.ala.org/yma](http://www.ala.org/yma).



## Drop-In Activities for Kids

Spring Break: April 2-6

Monday - Coconut Mice

Tuesday - Scuba Eggs

Wednesday - Plant a Seed

Thursday - Carrot Patch Cookies

Friday - Movie: *HOP*

*All activities will be held at 1 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.*

## Tween ATTACK!

Grades 4-8 @ 3:30 p.m.

April 10: ATTACK PEEPS! Make "Peepshi" - candy sushi from marshmallow peeps.

April 17: ATTACK CRAFTS! Make your own kaleidoscope.

May 1: ATTACK COOKING! Make Frizzy Fruity Drinks and play "Scattergories."

May 8: ATTACK CRAFTS! Make a Mother's Day gift for someone you love.

May 15: ATTACK COOKING! Make peanut butter balls.

May 22: ATTACK CRAFTS! Make a yarn painting.

## WAM: Wright Anime Manga

Grades 7-12 @ 3:45 p.m.

April 11, May 9, May 23

## Teen Writing Club

Grades 7-12

April 19 @ 3:30 p.m.

May 2 @ 6:30 p.m.

May 17 @ 3:30 p.m.



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## Asset Builder Profile

Mr. Edgar Herrman (OHS '39) attended Washington & Jefferson College, enlisting in the U.S. Air Force as a USAAF Cadet in 1942. Edgar served our country for 39 months as a navigator, instructor, and member of a B-24 crew.

After a 50-year career in sales in Des Moines, Iowa, Mr. Herrman returned home to the Dayton area in 1996. The great, great, great grandson of John Shroyer, Mr. Herrman began working on his family's genealogy. While researching, he discovered that the Ladies Association

of Mount Vernon was making available portraits of George Washington to schools across the country. Through the generous donation of Mr. Herrman and his '39 classmates, he presented a portrait and U.S. Flag to each of our schools this year. (Asset 7 Community Values Youth, Asset 9 Service to Others).

Mr. Herrman's passion, dedication, and commitment to Oakwood exemplifies our district's vision. He is proud of his Oakwood education. He has committed the resources for students to achieve. He has demonstrated what it means to appreciate belonging to a special place. (Asset 39 Sense of Purpose, Asset 14 Adult Role Model).

**Mr. Herrman is an *Asset Builder!***

## The 40 Developmental Assets

*where the  
Oakwood Community  
is key!*

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

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