

# OAKWOOD

## City and School Scene



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April/May 2005

City

School

### Safety/City Building Open House

Work on our safety/city building renovation/expansion project is finally completed. To celebrate the event, we will conduct a community open house from 3:00 – 6:00 P.M. on Friday, May 6. Everyone is invited to attend. Please stop by, have some refreshments and take a tour of our wonderful new facilities!

### Gardner Pool Hours

Gardner Pool will open Saturday, May 28 and operate Monday through Friday 11:45 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. and on weekends and holidays from 11:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

### New Resident Breakfast

Our annual New Resident Breakfast event will take place at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday, April 30. All residents who moved to Oakwood over the past year should have received an invitation. If you did not receive one, please call the Community Center at 298-0775 to make a reservation. There is no cost. The event promises to be enjoyable. The meal will be prepared by your city staff and you will hear presentations from Mayor Judy Cook, School Superintendent Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo, Municipal Court Judge Bob Deddens, Wright Library Director Ann Snively and City Manager Norbert Klopsch. Also, we will have entertainment for the youngsters.

### Federal Projects Reviewed

The Oakwood City School District receives federal funds through several sources, including those listed below. In the near future, we will be renewing our applications for these funds for the 2005-2006 school year. Allocations for the 2005-2006 school year have not yet been determined by the Ohio Department of Education, therefore the amounts below reflect what we have received during the 2004-2005 school year. While some funds may increase, others will likely decrease. Public input on the use of these federal funds is welcome, and may be directed to Kathy Johnson Bartalo, Director of Educational Services, at 297-5332.

**Title I-Targeted Assistance:** During the 2004-2005 school year, Oakwood received \$36,092 from this program to provide supplemental remedial instruction for elementary students in reading. These funds have covered part of the salary of one Title I teacher.

**Title II A-Improving Teacher Quality:** During the 2004-2005 school year, Oakwood received \$34,551 from this fund. Combined with the funds from Title V-Innovative Programs, \$8,237, this money was used to reduce class size by hiring an additional first grade teacher.

**Title II D-Technology:** During the 2004-2005 school year, Oakwood received \$955 to provide staff development in the use of educational technology.

**Title III-Limited English Proficient:** Through a consortium of districts, Oakwood was provided \$3,383 during the 2004-2005 school year to support costs of tutoring our students who are learning English as a second language.

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## April/May City Council Meetings

City Council will conduct public meetings on the following dates:

### Regular Sessions:

- 7:30 P.M., Monday, April 4
- 7:30 P.M., Monday, May 2

### Work Sessions:

- 5:00 P.M., Monday, April 18
- 5:00 P.M., Monday, May 16

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

## Tax Season Approaches

The State of Ohio has mandated that all municipal income tax returns have a due date of April 15 for calendar year taxpayers. As such, 2004 Oakwood City income tax returns are due on or before April 15, 2005.

Tax return booklets were mailed in January. If you did not receive your City income tax forms, please contact the Income Tax Department at 298-0531 or go to the City's web site at [www.mvcc.net/oakwood/](http://www.mvcc.net/oakwood/)

The Wright Brothers Branch of the U.S. Post Office and Wright Memorial Public Library also have forms available.

The tax staff is happy to help you prepare your City income tax return at no charge. Normal business hours for the tax office are from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided during the filing season as follows:

- Saturday, April 9, 9:00 A.M. until Noon
- Friday, April 15, 8:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

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

## Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

The annual fire hydrant flushing program will begin the week of April 4<sup>th</sup> and last approximately 5 weeks. Please watch for news releases in the *Oakwood Register* regarding the timing for your particular street.

## Holiday Closing

**Monday, May 30, 2005 - Memorial Day.** City offices including the OCC and Public Works Center will be closed. The OCC Office and Health Center will be open from 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 28 and from 12:00 – 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 29.

Trash pickup for all routes during the week of May 30<sup>th</sup> will take place 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.

## Summer Job Opportunities

The City of Oakwood is currently accepting applications for summer employment in the following areas: Pool Concessions; Lifeguarding; Park Supervisors; Boulevard Maintenance; General Maintenance (including Smith Gardens, 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 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.

## Important Leisure Services Dates

- **Annual 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance:** Friday, April 22, 8:00 – 9:30 P.M.
- **Bike Rodeo/Bike Maintenance:** Saturday, April 23. Bike Maintenance is from 9:30 – 10:30 A.M., Rodeo for K-6 is from 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
- **Father/Daughter Dance:** Saturday, April 23, 7:30 – 9:00 P.M.
- **Salute to Seniors Luncheon:** Thursday, May 5, 11:30 A.M.
- **American Red Cross Babysitting Course:** Saturday, May 21, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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

**Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale**

The nineteenth annual Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale will be held on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16 at the OCC, 105 Patterson Road. The hours are from 3:00 – 8:00 P.M. on Friday and 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 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 will be available at the OCC, or by mail, after April 1. Volunteers are also needed to help. If anyone is interested, please contact Carol Collins at 298-0775.

**2005 Curb, Walk and Apron Project**

The 2005 curb, sidewalk and apron repair project will take place in all areas west of Far Hills Avenue. The purpose of the program is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. We have inspected the areas and marked 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 work must be completed and inspected by June 10, 2005.

**Mulch Program**

Citizens will have two options again this year for obtaining leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cubic yards for \$60 and 6 cubic yards for \$80. Please call 298-0777 to place an order. We are taking orders on a first come, first served basis. Mulch deliveries will take place on a total of 6 Saturdays. There will be an initial period of deliveries beginning on April 16 and ending on May 7. The final two Saturdays will be June 4 and June 11.

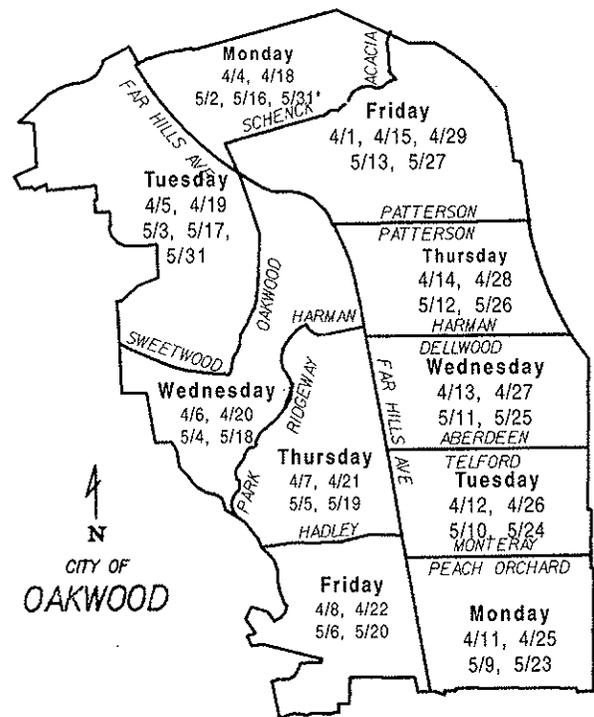
On the same six Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from the public works center at 210 Shafor Blvd. between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., but must haul the material themselves. City personnel will assist in loading the mulch.

**Spring Yard and Garden Cleanup**

As you get ready to tackle the spring yard and garden projects, here are a few things to remember:

- Place larger piles of yard debris including brush and branches into the tree lawn area just behind the curb. Remember that branches should be no longer than 6 feet and should be placed in manageable piles. Also, please do not place these piles around fire hydrants, cable TV boxes or posts/poles.
- Under no circumstances 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.
- 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 map below for your scheduled pickup days.



\* Holiday Pickup

The following two roads are scheduled as follows:  
 Far Hills Avenue: 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, 5/19, 6/2  
 Shroyer Road: 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, 5/26

## 2005 Street Improvements

The city will complete major roadway resurfacing projects this year on the following streets:

- Fairmont between Alpine and Dorothy Lane
- Thornhill

Residents in those areas will receive additional information before construction begins. Call the public works department at 298-0777 for more information.

## 'The All Season Colour Garden' Garden Lecture To Be Held

The City of Oakwood's Environmental Committee and the Department of Leisure Services are delighted to sponsor a very special garden lecture 'The All Season Colour Garden' to be presented by local garden expert, Mary Faso on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the Oakwood Community Center. Mary's lecture will include slides of perennial plants, gardens and garden containers. Additionally, she will talk about the use of perennials for all seasons, specific varieties and characteristics and how to use perennials in the landscape as well as in containers. A question and answer period will follow her presentation. This program is free of charge and open to the public and promises to be a lecture you do not want to miss. For further information, please call the OCC at 298-0775.

## Water Meter Installation

The water meter installation project is in full swing. We need the help of all property owners and residents to keep this project moving forward. There are two ways that you can help. First, if you receive a letter requesting that you call a toll-free number to set up an appointment, please call as soon as possible. This will allow us to maintain a full schedule and will help us complete the project efficiently and at the least possible cost. If you have misplaced your letter, the number to call is 1-800-356-1717. Secondly, if you have not yet received a letter but are willing to have the work done as soon as possible, please feel free to call MBS at 1-800-356-1717 and they will add you to the schedule.

Contact Kevin Weaver or Mike Wenclewicz at the Public Works Center at 298-0777 if you have any questions. Thanks for your help.

## Hills & Dales Metropark

*Note:* Five Rivers MetroParks staff have provided us the following update on their projects.

Exciting things continue to happen at Hills and Dales MetroPark this year. The new shelters are almost complete at White Oak Camp (off Hilton Dr.) If you have not yet had the chance to view these additions to the park, you should make some time to do so. The shelters beautifully reflect the style and rich history of the park. Plans for converting Deep Hollow between Park Road and Oak Knoll into a bikeway/walking trail are still on the drawing board. Details about closing that section of roadway to vehicular traffic, including the time period when that will occur, will be publicized once the plans are finalized.

The major project for 2005 will be providing water, sewer and electric service to several areas of the park. A small new maintenance facility will also be constructed in 2005. New flower plantings will be added this year along with some directional signage. We will be working on the design and implementation of a plan to restore the wetland area near the corner of Park Rd. and Patterson Blvd.

Hills and Dales MetroPark is a jewel of natural area in an urban setting. Five Rivers MetroParks has a plan to restore the park to its natural and historical potential. Below you will find some highlights of the plan. Please come and visit to see all of the new excitement. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call Chris Pion, Assistant Park Manager, 434-9005. Highlights of future projects at Hills and Dales MetroPark include:

- New parking area at the White Oak Camp
- New flush restroom facilities at the White Oak Camp
- New playground at the White Oak Camp
- Construction of a bikeway to connect White Oak Camp to Pawpaw Camp
- Renovation of Twin Oak and Adirondack shelters
- Construction of new shelter at Dogwood Shelter Rd.
- Reconstruction of historic pond at Dogwood Shelter Rd.
- Replacement of Pawpaw shelter
- Upgrade of parking area and drive at Pawpaw Camp
- Construction of new flush restroom facility at Pawpaw Camp

# THAT DAY IN MAY

Oakwood's family festival, "That Day in May" will be held May 21, 2005. Plan on attending this year's festival which promises to be packed full of fun activities and events for the whole family.

## ◆ SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2005 ◆

**Pancake Breakfast 8:00 – 11:30 A.M.**

Oakwood High School Cafeteria

**Silent Auction 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**

Oakwood High School Cafeteria and Shafor Boulevard side of Stadium

**Fun Run 8:30 A.M.**

Begins at Oakwood High School Stadium

**Oakwood 5K and 10K Runs 9:00 A.M.**

**Community Parade 12:00 Noon**

Begins at Dorothy Lane Market, north on Shafor Boulevard

**Battle of the Bands 12:30 – 4:00 P.M.**

Shafor Boulevard side of Stadium

**Games and Rides 12:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

Shafor Boulevard side of Stadium

**Displays and Refreshments 12:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

Oakwood High School Stadium

**Family Concert 6:00 P.M.**

Group to be announced

Oakwood High School Stadium

Free to Public--Sponsored by FOP Lodge #107

**Found Property**

The Oakwood Public Safety Department is in possession of the following property. If you are the owner, contact the Safety Department at 298-2122. Unclaimed Property will be disposed of in accordance with City Ordinance.

<b>Brand</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Boys/Girls</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Wheel Size</b>	<b>Type</b>
Diamond Back	Outlook	Girls	Black/Blue	26"	Mountain
Schwinn	Suburban	Girls	Blue	27"	Street
Murray	Intra City	Boys	Blue	26"	Mountain
Mongoose S.E.	Basher	Boys	Gray	24"	Mountain
Roadmaster	Mountain Fury	Girls	Red	24"	Mountain
Huffy	Snake Rock	Girls	Pink	24"	Mountain
Raleigh	300	Boys	Gray	27"	Road
D.H	Gravity Games	Boys	Silver	24"	Mountain
Dyno	NSX	Boys	Silver	20"	BMX
Pacific	YX240	Boys	Silver	24"	Mountain
Huffy	Rockslide	Girls	Blue	26"	Mountain
Magna	Excitor	Boys	Blue	24"	Mountain
Trek	Mountain Cub	Girls	Pink	16"	Road
Dyno	GT	Boys	Silver	20"	BMX
Mingo	Mountain Ling	Boys	Green	26"	Mountain
Trek	800	Girls	Gold	26"	Mountain
Roadmaster	Terrain	Boys	Silver	20"	Mountain
Trek	Mountain Ion	Boys	Blue	20"	Mountain
Roadmaster	Mountain Climber	Girls	Red	26"	Mountain

**Letters of Support Being Accepted for Andrews Nominees**

Three people have been nominated or renominated for the Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor. These nominees were teachers or other employees involved in the school system who have been retired from their service for at least three years. At this time, we are requesting members of the community to **send letters of support** for the nominee(s) of their choice. Please send letters to Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo, Superintendent, Oakwood Board of Education, 20 Rubicon Road, Dayton, Ohio 45409, by Friday, May 13, 2005.

A committee will meet May 19, 2005 to determine the final recipient(s) of the award. The recognition program will be conducted on Friday, September 16, 2005 at a luncheon to be held at Neil's Heritage House. The public is invited to attend the ceremony. The following persons are nominees:

**New Nominees This Year**

Janet Clark	Harman Elementary 5 <sup>th</sup> grade teacher (1968 – 1996)
Ralph Furguson	Oakwood Junior/Senior High English teacher (1968 – 1996)

**Nominees (previously on nominee list and still eligible)**

Ardeth A. Holmes	Home Economics Teacher (1973 – 1977)
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We look forward to your letters of support for your nominee. **Please respond by May 13.**

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**Title IV—Safe and Drug Free Schools:** During the 2004-2005 school year, Oakwood received \$5,273 from this fund. Oakwood used these funds to contribute toward the salary of our Safe and Drug Free Schools counselor, and to purchase materials and supplies to support activities designed to prevent student alcohol and drug use and to promote a safe school environment.

**IDEA Part B—Special Education:** During the 2004-2005 school year, Oakwood received \$287,473 to supplement state and local funds expended to provide services to students with disabilities. Oakwood uses these funds to pay for instructional services we purchase from other providers, primarily Montgomery County MRDD and Montgomery County ESC; to provide salaries for 3 special education teacher assistants; and part of the salary of one special education intervention specialist.

**ECSE—Early Childhood Special Education:** During the 2004-2005 school year, Oakwood received \$2,882 to support the provision of special education services for 3, 4, and 5 year old children with disabilities. These funds have been used to pay Montgomery County MRDD for the program they provide for our children in the Lange Preschool Program.

**Student Intervention:** During the 2004-2005 school year, Oakwood received \$36,959 to provide reading intervention services to students in grades one through four. These services included after school tutoring, summer school, and supplemental reading instruction during the school year.

## Kindergarten Screening And Registration Dates Set

**Parent Orientation**  
Lange School  
Tuesday, April 12, 2005  
7:00 P.M.

**Screening Appointments**  
Lange School  
April 18 – April 21, 2005  
8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2005, may be registered for kindergarten. Children who will be five years old between October 1, 2005 and January 1, 2006, may be considered for early entrance. Parents interested in early entrance may contact Lange School to request an application and testing information. Children referred for early entrance should participate in Kindergarten Screening.

It is important to note that state law makes kindergarten a mandatory prerequisite for first grade. **All first graders must have successfully completed kindergarten.** Furthermore, state law requires that all entering kindergarten students be screened for hearing, vision, speech and communication, health or medical problems and for developmental disorders.

### **Orientation**

The purpose of the orientation meeting is to explain the Kindergarten Screening procedures, enable parents to sign up for the one hour screening, and provide an overview of Oakwood’s kindergarten program. **This meeting is for parents ONLY.** Parents do not need to bring any paperwork to the orientation meeting—just your calendar.

### **Screening Appointments**

Kindergarten Screening will be done on an appointment basis only from April 18 through April 21, 2005. Parents may sign up for appointment times at the orientation session or by calling Lange School at 299-8730 **beginning** Wednesday, April 13, 2005.

Please bring the following paperwork to the screening:

- Your child’s ORIGINAL birth certificate
- Proof of residency in Oakwood, e.g. deed, lease or utility bill
- Your child’s immunization records
- Custody papers (if applicable)

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Nanci Koepke, the Lange School secretary, at 299-8730.





**Intra-District Transfer Reminder**

Applications are due by June 1, 2005 for intra-district placement and can be turned in to the school office or at the Oakwood Board of Education, 20 Rubicon Road. It will be the responsibility of the principal of the choice school to notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) in writing by August 2, 2005 as to whether the intra-district placement is granted or denied.

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