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City and School Scene



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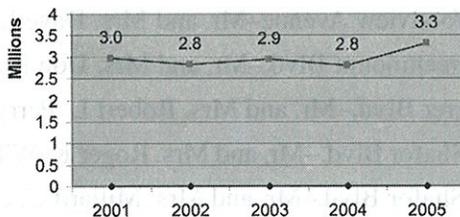
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City Budget Update

Over the past three years my budget message has included a statement about how we are using cash reserves to balance our annual budgets—this in lieu of raising taxes or cutting services. This year our budget reflects the use of \$800,000 of the cash reserves.

As we begin to move through the second half of the year, I am pleased to report that our revenues are higher than expected and our expenses are on budget. This means that we will not need to use cash reserves as originally expected. Through June, our income tax receipts are up \$518,813 over the receipts at the same time last year. This increase is very significant, particularly because our income tax receipts since 2001 have not shown any growth. Our total receipts last year were \$4,699,741. We are projecting to end 2005 at around \$5,200,000. We budgeted to receive \$4,800,000.

Income Tax Receipts (Jan-Jun)



Also, our year-to-date estate tax receipts are significantly higher than is typical at mid year. We have already received \$1,378,042 through the first six months, which is more than we had expected to receive for the entire year. The estate tax is once again allowing us to continue providing very comprehensive city services without raising new taxes.

Norbert S. Klopsch, City Manager

Promises Made – Promises Delivered

In an effort to keep you informed about construction at the Oakwood City Schools, this article provides an update about our two-phase, multi-year construction projects and renovation efforts in order to try to provide the best environment for learning. Oakwood residents have noticed the changes and additions to their schools as they drive and walk by our beautiful historic buildings.

The elementary buildings were completed in August 2004 and have enjoyed a great year filled with students in enhanced classrooms. The new additions were much needed due to record enrollments and provided the space required for the smaller class sizes that Oakwood Schools wish to maintain. Enhancements and renovations at Smith and Harman elementaries included improved lighting, safety upgrades, new flooring, ceilings, and student furniture.

Oakwood Junior and Senior High School underwent the most renovation this past year, with all construction to be completed before school begins on August 29. Again, with the new additions of classrooms, locker rooms, and a larger teacher workroom/community room, we hope the Oakwood Schools can keep pace with the record enrollments at the secondary level. All existing classrooms will have new student desks, flooring, and ceilings with improved lighting. Safety upgrades were also made throughout the buildings.

Because of large numbers of incoming kindergarten students, Lange School will also see some growth this summer with the interior addition of a classroom ready for the start of school. The new playground will also be complete as well.

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Mark Your Calendars

Labor Day Closings

City offices, including the Public Works Center, will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2005 for Labor Day. Refuse collection will be one day late that week. Monday's route will be collected Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be collected Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be collected Thursday and Thursday's route will be collected Friday. The Community Center offices, Health Center and Teen Center will be closed on Sunday, September 4th and on Labor Day. Gardner Pool will be open from 11:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. through September 5th.

August/September City Council Meetings

Mondays: Regular Sessions--August 8 and September 19 at 7:30 P.M.; Work Session--Monday, August 22 at 5:00 P.M. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers, 30 Park Avenue. You are invited to attend or view meetings live on cable television. Please check your cable guide for rebroadcast times.

Ice Cream Social

This year, the annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 21st from 3:30 - 7:00 P.M. at Shafor Park. Games will begin at 3:30 and dinner served from 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.

Pre-sale tickets are available at \$5.25 from July 18 until 5:00 P.M. on August 20. After that, tickets will be \$7. For additional information, phone the OCC at 298-0775.

Water Meter Replacement

The water meter replacement and automated meter reading project is moving along and we are over 70% complete on the installations. The reading network is being finalized and we are optimistic that the bulk of the project will be completed within a couple of months. If you have not yet made an appointment to have your meter(s) changed, please call our scheduling contractor, MBS, at 1-800-356-1717. There is no charge for this work. All meters 1½" and smaller, which is the vast majority, are being replaced by city of Oakwood staff. Any questions should be directed to Kevin Weaver, Director of Engineering and Public Works at 298-0777.

Beautification Awards

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

Congratulations to the owners of the following residential and business properties which were selected as winners for May and June:

May Beautification Awards

- ⊗ 701 E. Schantz Ave.--Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Warwar
- ⊗ 153 Lonsdale Ave.--Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Goelz
- ⊗ 259 Greenmount Blvd.--Mr. and Mrs. Daniel L. Kugel
- ⊗ 204 Monterey Avenue--Mr. and Mrs. John H. Butler

June Beautification Awards

- ⊗ 209 Collingwood Avenue--Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Miller
- ⊗ 519 Woodview Avenue--Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lantz
- ⊗ 249 Greenmount Blvd.--Mr. and Mrs. Don Prizler
- ⊗ 40 Forrer Blvd.--Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Perry
- ⊗ 1901 Shafor Blvd.--Mr. and Mrs. Roger K. Williams
- ⊗ 2222 Shafor Blvd.--Mr. and Mrs. Millard C. Chase
- ⊗ 2506-2508 Shroyer Road--Ms. Sandra L. Napier
- ⊗ 2514-2516 Shroyer Road--Mr. and Mrs. Ted Shisler
- ⊗ 117 Hilltop Avenue--Ms. Deanne M. Stoermer
- ⊗ 1111 Oakwood Avenue--Mr. and Mrs. Brian Hemmelgarn

If you know of a property deserving of recognition, we encourage you to take a minute and complete a nomination form (forms are available at the OCC and city building) or simply call the city offices at 298-0411.

Residential Sign Regulations

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

Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project

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

Oakwood Community Center Dates to Remember

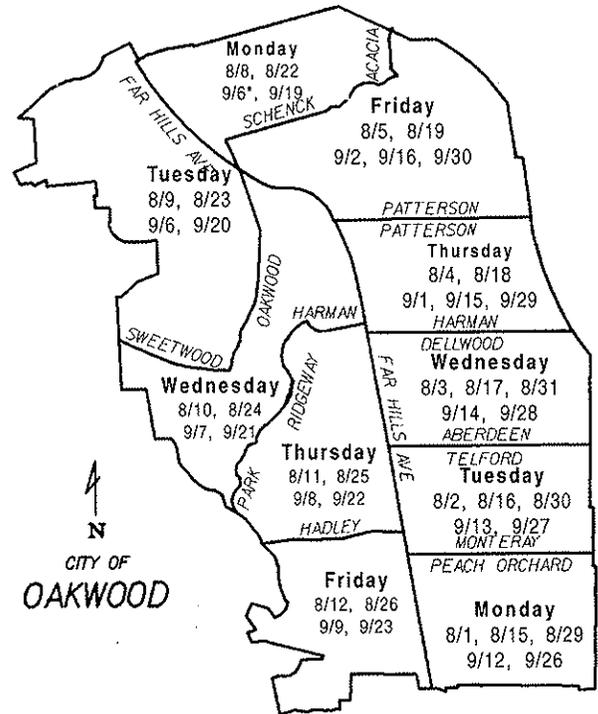
- September Junior High Dances are as follows: Friday, September 2; Saturday, September 17 and Friday, September 30 from 9:30 to 11 P.M. Admission is \$4 with your OCC membership card and \$5 if you don't bring your card or don't have a membership.
- Junior and Senior High OCC Teen Board: Members of this board work with the OCC to coordinate programs and special events at the OCC. If you are interested in serving, please contact Vickie at 298-0775.

Brush and Branch Collection

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

Special Pickups

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



* Holiday Pickup

The following two roads are scheduled as follows:
 Far Hills Avenue: 8/11, 8/25, 9/8, 9/22
 Shroyer Road: 8/4, 8/18, 9/1, 9/15, 9/29

Safety Department Information

Motorists can assist the Oakwood Public Safety Department by complying with the following guidelines if stopped for a traffic violation:

- Stop your vehicle as far out of the lane of traffic as possible. Pull over to the right. By turning on your flashers and stopping as soon as possible, you are telling the officer that you understand their request.
- Stay in your vehicle and turn on the interior light at night time. Good lighting assists in good communications. Relax and **remain in your vehicle**. If you leave the vehicle, you subject yourself and the officer to the dangers of traffic.
- Keep your hands in view, preferably on the steering wheel. Wait for the officer to request your license, registration and proof of insurance.
- Provide the proper documentation. When driving a motor vehicle, you must have in your possession: (1) A Valid Driver's License; (2) Proof of Vehicle Registration; and (3) Proof of Insurance for the Vehicle. If you are stopped and do not have all these items with you, a citation may be issued for this violation in addition to the reason for the stop.
- If you do not agree with the citation or the officer's demeanor, *do not argue* at the scene. All citizens have the right to question their citation before a judge. Every police department has an internal affairs system in place to investigate citizen complaints; the justice system works best when citizens become involved and correctly use the resources available to them.

2005 Curb, Walk and Apron Program

The 2005 concrete curb, sidewalk and driveway apron repair project will continue through the summer with the goal of substantial completion prior to school starting. This year's project is the area west of Far Hills Avenue and the contractor is Wagner Paving. Please call Bart Bornhorst at 298-0777 with any questions.

Story Hour at Smith Gardens

The OCC, in conjunction with the Wright Memorial Library, is pleased to present another fun season of "Story Hour at Smith Gardens." Spend a magical morning in the Gardens as the Children's Librarian, Jennifer Sommer, reads enchanting stories to your preschoolers. The event is scheduled for Friday, August 26, 10:00 A.M. In case of rain, the program will be held in the Garden House.

Smith Gardens Blanket Concerts

The final concert for the season is scheduled for Sunday, August 28 at 7:00 P.M. featuring "The Fries" and is free to the public. In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Oakwood Community Center.

Brush and Branch Trimming

Do tree limbs hang over your sidewalk or the street? Do your bushes obscure stop signs or other street signs near your home? Tree and shrub maintenance by homeowners keeps Oakwood safe and beautiful—and it is the property owner's responsibility. Please take a few minutes this summer to inspect the trees and bushes along your property frontage.

City ordinances require all property owners to trim any tree, plant or shrub so that it measures no less than 8' above the sidewalk and 14' above the street. Vegetation should be cut so that it does not restrict your view as you pull out of your driveway. If you live on a corner lot, be sure that motorists have a clear line of sight from each side of the intersection. Anyone residing near stop signs and other street signs must be certain that the signs are not obstructed by vegetation.

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

New 2005 – 2006 Staff Members

- Terri Blommel, Teacher Assistant–Harman
- Joshua Dear, Spanish Teacher–Harman School
- Keri Hayes, Intervention Specialist–Harman School
- Kathy Kash, Kindergarten Teacher–Lange School
- Mitch Miller, Social Studies Teacher–Sr. High School
- Ron Nelson, Instrumental Music Teacher/Band Director–All Schools
- Melinda Wargacki, Biology Teacher–Sr. High School

Welcome Back

- Bridget Fiore, Social Studies Teacher–Jr. High School
- Susan Lang, Third Grade Teacher–Harman School

Remember!

School Starts August 29, 2005

Promises Made (continued from page 1)

The Oakwood Schools are still on track to complete the most extensive addition and renovation of our schools since their original construction. With excellent timing and bids being under budget, the school district has kept all promises made during the Bond Levy campaign of 2002 and has completed more of the projects that were on its original list.

Tours of the buildings will be available to the Oakwood public before school opens this fall and we are anxious for the community to see the projects completed and how what was promised was delivered. Please check our website and the Oakwood Register for dates and times for tours.

Finally, thank you to everyone who made this construction renovation possible: the voters of Oakwood who continue to support their schools, the students, parents, and employees of Oakwood Schools who continued to maintain excellent education while halls and classrooms were torn up, the Board of Education who helped craft the initial request and were hands-on in the design process, the volunteer community facilities committee who initially prioritized what was needed, the local contractors who met deadlines and did quality work, the architects and construction managers who designed award-winning additions and made sure that details were followed, and finally the past and current residents of Oakwood who established great traditions, high standards, and built beautiful historic buildings that had to be emulated in this endeavor.

August 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Ath Boosters 7:30 p.m. Comp Lab 7-9 p.m.	Plan Comm 4:30 p.m.			
		Band Camp				
		1	2	3	4	5
	Fall Sports Begin City Council 7:30 p.m.	Comp Lab 7-9 p.m.		Zoning App 4:30 p.m.		GSC Car Wash 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
		PSAT Prep 7:30-10 p.m.				
	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Comp Lab 7-9 p.m.				Booster Day
		14	15	16	17	18
Ice Cream Social 3:30 - 7 p.m.		Comp Lab 7-9 p.m. Gr. 9 Orientation 9 a.m. Gr. 7 Parent Mtg. 7 p.m.				New Gr. 8 Orientation 1 p.m. Gr. 7 Orientation 9 a.m.
	21	22	23	24	25	26
	First Day of School					
	28	29	30	31		27

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	Labor Day No School City Offices Closed		Ath Boosters 7:30 p.m. Plan Comm 4:30 p.m.			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
PSAT 7-9:30 p.m.	Jr. Parent Mtg 7 p.m. Sr. Parent Mtg 8:15 p.m.		Open House-Sr. High	Zoning App 4:30 p.m.		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
PSAT 7-9:30 p.m.	Open House-Jr. High City Council 7:30 p.m.	Detention	Band Parents Mtg 7 p.m.	Detention		Saturday School
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
PSAT 7-9:30 p.m.		Detention		Detention		
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Ceremony and Luncheon September 16, 2005

The Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor luncheon and induction ceremony will be held on Friday, September 16, 2005. The following person will be inducted:

☞ **Mrs. Janet Clark**, a fifth grade teacher at Harman Elementary School from 1968 to 1996 ☞

A luncheon will be held at Neil's Heritage House at 11:30 A.M. on Friday, September 16, 2005, where the new inductee, as well as previous recipients of the award, will be honored. The public is invited to attend the luncheon (cost is \$15.50). To make reservations for the luncheon, please call the Board Office at 297-5332 by Monday, September 14.

Friday evening, (September 16) at 6:45 P.M., prior to the game, the recipient will be at the Alumni Terrace on the southwest corner of the Mack Hummon Stadium. Prior to the start of the home football game, a plaque will be presented to the new member of the Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor in a brief awards ceremony.

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