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# OAKWOOD SCENE

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## City News

### Property Tax Vote on May 7...To Retain City Services

On May 7, Oakwood residents will vote on a 3.75 mill property tax to provide funding for police, fire and EMS services, to maintain the city roadway systems and other public infrastructure, and to maintain parks and public recreation facilities.

This is the first requested tax increase for city services since 1991.

The following are some points to consider regarding the proposed levy:

1. In 2012, the city conducted 28 neighborhood meetings, three town hall meetings and three open house events. Through extensive community dialogue and citizen input, city leaders developed a multifaceted plan to solve the financial shortfall caused by cuts to the Local Government Fund and the elimination of the estate tax. The plan calls for a combination of continuing cost cuts, fees and taxes. (Continued on page 3)

## School News

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## Library News

### WRIGHT LIBRARY DEVICE USERS' GROUP

On the theory that two or more brains are better than one and that if you are experiencing a problem, someone else is too, Wright Library offers a forum for users to gather and exchange information, helping each other find solutions. This group is for novices, as well as for those with more experience, perhaps with a specific problem to solve. In addition, a librarian experienced with numerous devices will be present to offer assistance and provide access to users' guides and other helpful resources. (Continued on page 10)

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## P11 PLANNING YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN

Who doesn't enjoy a homegrown tomato in the summer? As a home gardener there are few things more satisfying than harvesting and consuming the fruits of your labor.

## DUMPSTERS

As an alternative to special pickups, and for all remodeling projects, residents can request dumpsters for disposing of resident generated debris (no contractor generated debris allowed). There is a \$75 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 monthly 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.

## FOELL CENTER DROPOFF

On the first Saturday of the month from April to October between 9 a.m. and noon there will be the opportunity to drop refuse material at the Foell Public Works center at 210 Shafor Boulevard. This service provides an alternative to special pickups and dumpsters. You may drop off household trash, recycling, special pickup items and yard debris. Proof of residency is required, and contractors will not be allowed to use this service.



## MULCH PROGRAM

Citizens will have two options again this year for obtaining leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cy for \$85 and 6 cy for \$125. 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 6 and ending on May 4.

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.

## ANNUAL FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The annual fire hydrant flushing will begin the week of April 15 and last approximately 5 weeks. Please watch for news releases in the Oakwood Register regarding the timing for your particular street.



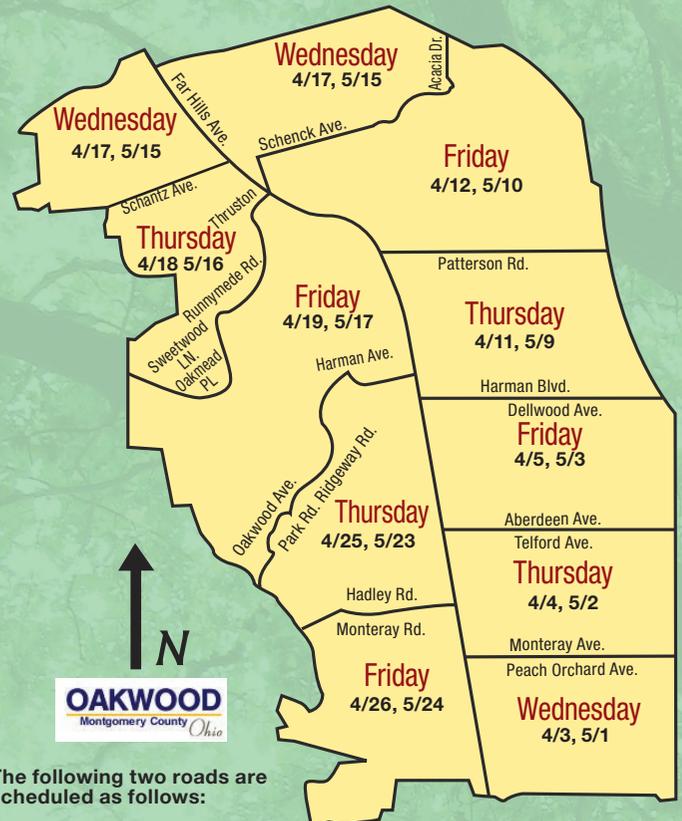
## MEMORIAL DAY TRASH PICKUP

Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of May 27 will occur 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.

## 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 \$100 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 wheel 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.

## Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 4/25, 5/23
- Shroyer Rd. 4/11, 5/9



## TORNADO & SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

April is the traditional beginning of severe weather season in our area of the country. Here are some valuable reminders from the Oakwood Safety Department and American Red Cross. More tips and information can be found online.

Review your household disaster plans and know what various severe weather statements mean. **A tornado watch** means conditions are favorable for developing tornados. **A tornado warning** means a tornado has been sited or indicated on weather radar. When a warning is issued persons should go underground to a basement, storm cellar or interior room. An interior hallway on the lowest level of a sturdy structure is also a safe alternative if no basement exists.

Signs of a tornado are dark, often greenish clouds, a wall cloud or clouds containing debris, large hail, a funnel cloud or roaring noise. Mobile homes and temporary structures are not safe during tornados, seek other shelter. If caught outdoors or in your vehicle, immediately attempt to seek shelter in a basement or sturdy structure.

Thunderstorms also generate watches and warnings, if they meet certain severe criteria. Remember if someone can hear

thunder, they are close enough to be struck by lightning. During a severe thunder storm warning, seek shelter indoors and away from windows, avoid bathing, plumbing fixtures and electrical equipment such as TV's and do not use landline telephones. If caught in your car, pullover to a safe area off the roadway, turn on your hazard flashers and keep your windows rolled up. Avoid parking by trees or structures that could be blown onto your vehicle by high winds.

Have a radio on for weather updates and statements. Consider investing in a NOAA Weather Emergency Radio. These radios can be programed to set off a number of audible warnings when the National Weather Service issues a severe weather statement for your area. This is especially important if a warning is issued at night or when you are not in a location to monitor weather conditions.

If a tornado or severe thunderstorm warning is issued for our area, please don't call the safety department to inquire about details. Dispatchers will be busy with monitoring conditions and dealing with actual emergencies. Monitor your radio or TV and take precautions as necessary. Please only call 911 to report, storm related injuries, damage or other emergency situations.

## PROPERTY TAX VOTE ON MAY 7 (Continued from cover)

- 2. The city receives only 6 cents of every dollar paid in Oakwood property taxes. The percentage of city services paid for with property taxes is at its lowest level in 60 years.
- 3. Oakwood spending in 1991 (the last time property taxes were raised for city services) was \$7.9 million, and in 2012, was \$12.0 million. This represents a 2.0% annual rate of growth over the past 22 years. This is lower than the rate of inflation over that time period.
- 4. The city lowered property taxes in 2008 when it allowed a 5.5 mill property tax to expire.
- 5. The city has cut costs in each of the past four years (2008 through 2012) and will spend less this year than last year.
- 6. The city eliminated 10 full-time positions, through attrition, over the past few years, a 10% reduction in personnel. This has been possible through the use of new technology and other operating efficiencies. The city plans to eliminate four additional positions over the next two or three years, while still retaining excellent city services.
- 7. The 3.75 mill issue would generate about \$1.07 million annually. It would cost the owner of a \$200,000 home about \$230 per year, while allowing the city to remain the safest, best maintained and most desirable community in which to live.

## 2012 OAKWOOD INCOME TAX RETURNS ARE DUE APRIL 15

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.

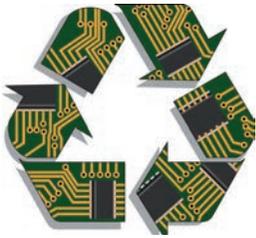
(The 2012 Oakwood income tax return is available on our website at [www.mvcc.net/oakwood](http://www.mvcc.net/oakwood) and has been created in a "fill-in" format which will calculate the tax return for you. Additional tax forms are available in the City administration office, Wright Memorial Library, and the Oakwood Community Center.

Should you require an extension of time to file your return, a copy of your federal extension must be submitted to our office on or before April 15, 2013. 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 on Monday, April 15 when the office will be open until 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding your Oakwood income tax return and/or filing requirements, please contact the Income Tax Department at 298-0531.

## ELECTRONIC RECYCLING & PRESCRIPTION DRUG DROP-OFF EVENT



The city of Oakwood is partnering with Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley on a community electronic recycling event on Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Foell Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Boulevard.

Working and non-working electronic items being accepted include computers, monitors, hard drives, printers, toner cartridges, keyboards, speakers, cords/cables, software, router switches, servers and scanners. Televisions will not be accepted. Receipts for tax purposes will be provided to those who donate.

On the same day, and during the same hours, members of the Oakwood Public Safety Department and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department will also be on hand at the Public Works Center to collect unused and expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs. This includes pills, liquids and capsules. No sharps or aerosols will be accepted. All items collected will be taken to an approved facility for proper disposal.

**Both events are being offered free of charge.**

## FRIENDS OF SMITH GARDENS PERENNIAL SALE



The twenty-seventh annual Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale will be held on Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20 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.

## Gardner Pool Hours

Gardner Pool will open Saturday, May 25 and operate daily from Noon – 8 p.m.

## Summer Employment Opportunities

The 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.

### Important Leisure Services Department Dates

- Father/Daughter Dance: Saturday, April 27, 7:30—9:00 p.m.
- Joy of Watercolor Painting: Join David Smith on Tuesday afternoons for an adult drawing class beginning April 9.
- Annual 6th Grade Dance: Friday, April 26, 8-9:30 p.m.
- American Red Cross Babysitting Course: Saturday, May 11 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

## HOLIDAY CLOSING

Monday, May 27, 2013 – 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. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 25 and from 12-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 26.



## 2013 CURB, WALK AND APRON PROJECT

The 2013 curb, sidewalk and apron repair project will take place in the area of Oakwood 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 finished 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.



## THAT DAY IN MAY

SPONSORED BY THE OAKWOOD ROTARY CLUB  
Oakwood's family festival, 'That Day in May' will be held Saturday, May 18, 2013. 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 18, 2013 Schedule of Events

PANCAKE BREAKFAST – 8 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.  
OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
OUTDOORS NEAR OAKWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
ON SCHANTZ AVENUE.  
RAIN LOCATION IS THE OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL  
CAFETERIA.

SILENT AUCTION – 8 A.M. – 2 P.M.  
UNDER THE PORTICO NEAR THE OAKWOOD  
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

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

JUSTIN ROBERTS AND THE NOT READY FOR NAPTIME  
PLAYERS AND THE BATTLE OF THE BANDS - 12 NOON TO 5 P.M.  
AT THE OAKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM NEAR  
THE PRACTICE FIELD

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.  
GREAT FOOD AND FUN!



## APRIL/MAY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council will conduct public meetings on the following dates:

### REGULAR SESSIONS:

7:30 p.m., Monday, April 8

7:30 p.m., Monday, May 6

### WORK SESSIONS:

5:00 p.m., Monday, May 20

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

## APRIL/MAY 2013 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' and should be placed in manageable piles. Also, 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 would like to dispose of your yard debris other than on the monthly schedule, you have two choices. You may call for a dumpster free of charge (no trash bags or other debris), or you may drop it off at the Foell Public Works Center on the first Saturday of the month from April to October between 9 and noon.
- 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.
- Contractor generated material is not accepted.
- Please refer to the enclosed map for your scheduled pickup days.

## Got Art? Fabulous Works Will Be Featured At Fundraiser For The Oakwood Schools Foundation



**Young@ART**  
SHOW, SALE, FUNDRAISER  
APRIL 20, 2013

Looking for a great evening of art, mingling and fun? Don't miss Young@ART 2013, the second-annual art show fundraiser benefiting The Oakwood Schools Foundation. This year's location sponsor is Sugar Camp and the lead sponsor is Deck the Walls. "This event provides a unique way for The Foundation to collaborate with students, teachers and the community,"

said Phil Schnell, event co-chair. Young@ART will feature an exhibition by some of Oakwood's most talented artists—our junior and senior high students. While enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres guests may also bid on unique silent auction items which feature works by student, faculty and community artists, and much more.

Tickets for Young@ART are \$25/person and can be purchased at the Oakwood Community Center, from any OSF Advisory Council member, or by contacting Julie Halpern, OSF Director, at 297-5332. For more information about Young@ART, including an up-to-date list of sponsors and community artists participating, visit [www.oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org](http://www.oakwoodschooolsfoundation.org).

For more than 30 years, The Oakwood Schools Foundation has provided significant annual support to our District by funding grants, scholarships and special wish list items, all for the benefit of Oakwood students. A component of The Dayton Foundation, the OSF funds quality initiatives that go above and beyond the reach of the District's normal operating budget. Thanks to the generosity of parents, alumni, students and the community, The Foundation has awarded more

than \$625,000 since 1991 to fund teacher-proposed grants for state-of-the-art classroom technology, unique academic programs, innovative learning materials and more.

This year, the Young@ART silent auction will include pieces by Oakwood faculty, student artists, and alumni, parents and city residents. "There's so much talent in our community, and these special pieces by area artists will both inspire today's students and raise important funds to help The Oakwood Schools Foundation continue its mission of funding grants, scholarships and projects that benefit Oakwood students," said Julie Cannon, event co-chair.

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## 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. The amounts below were approved for the 2012-2013 school year. In the near future, we will be renewing our applications for funding in 2013-14.

### Received during the 2012-13 school year:

**Title I - Targeted Assistance:** Oakwood received \$131,213 to provide supplemental remedial reading instruction for elementary students – 1 Title I teacher, 1 paraprofessional, and administrative oversight.

**Title II A - Improving Teacher Quality:** Oakwood received \$29,960 towards the salary of a first grade teacher previously hired to reduce class size.

**IDEA Part B - Special Education:** Oakwood received \$301,356 to supplement state and local funds expended to provide salaries for 3 special education teachers and to pay for instructional services we purchase from Montgomery County ESC. These services include occupational therapy and physical therapy for special education students.

**ECSE – Early Childhood Special Education:** Oakwood received \$2,425 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 ESC for OT and PT for special education students.



## OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS APRIL/MAY 2013

### April 2013

- 4/1-5 **No School/Spring Break** (Board Office Closed on 4/1/13)
- 4/8 7 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
- 4/9 9 a.m. OJHS Parent/Principal Advisory Meeting
- 4/9-11 Smith PTO Used Book Sale
- 4/10 7 p.m. Kindergarten Orientation for Parents
- 4/11 11:45 a.m. OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
- 4/11 6-8 p.m. Smith Celebration of the Arts
- 4/11 7 p.m. Presentation: Gerda Weissmann Klein at OHS Auditorium
- 4/13 6-9 p.m. Oakwood Stock at OHS
- 4/15-18 Kindergarten Screening Week
- 4/15 6 p.m. BAC Meeting
- 4/19 7 p.m. Harmanize Outdoor Premiere
- 4/20 7 p.m. OSF Young@ART 2013
- 4/22-26 OAA Testing Week
- 4/26 7 p.m. JH Dance
- 4/27 6:30-11:30 p.m. OHS Prom
- 4/28 12-2:30 a.m. After Prom at OHS
- 4/29 7 p.m. Dr. Michael Fowlin Presentation for Community and Families
- 4/30 7 p.m. Lange How to do Kindergarten Parent Meeting

### May 2013

- 5/1 Lange Letter Blending Assembly
- 5/1 Harman Class Pictures
- 5/2 Smith Class Pictures
- 5/3 10:45 a.m. Harman 1st Grade Assembly
- 5/3 6th Grade Track & Field Day
- 5/6 Harman/Smith 6th Grades Visit OJHS
- 5/6-10 AP Testing Week
- 5/8 Smith 1st Grade Sharing Program (PM)
- 5/9 Smith 1st Grade Sharing Program (AM)
- 5/9 11:45 a.m. OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
- 5/9 7 p.m. Harman A Grand Affair
- 5/13 7 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
- 5/13-17 AP Testing Week
- 5/14-17 Harman 3rd Grade Poetry Cafe
- 5/14 7 p.m. Smith PTO Meeting
- 5/15 Kindergarteners Visit Harman/Smith
- 5/15 7 p.m. OHS Spring Concert
- 5/16 8:30 a.m. OHS Awards (Grades 9-10)
- 9:45 a.m. OHS Awards (Grades 11-12)
- 5/16 7 p.m. OJHS Spring Sports Recognition Night
- 5/17 9 a.m. Harman Shakespeare Festival
- 5/17 7 p.m. OHS One Act Festival
- 5/20 6 p.m. BAC Meeting
- 5/20 6:30 p.m. OHS Spring Sports Banquet
- 5/21 7 p.m. Cherry Pie Concert
- 5/22 Last day for Seniors
- 5/22 6:45 p.m. OHS Band Spring Concert
- 5/23 Harman 4th Grade Informance for Parents
- 5/23 Harman Hot Dog Lunch
- 5/23 6 p.m. OHS Drama Banquet
- 5/27 **No School/Memorial Day** (Board Office Closed)
- 5/28 6:30 p.m. Class of 2013 Awards at UD
- 5/30 8:30 a.m. OJHS Awards
- 5/30 Harman 2nd Grade Travel Around the World
- 5/30 6 p.m. Speech & Debate Banquet
- 5/31 8:30 a.m. Senior Breakfast
- 5/31 Harman 6th Grade Dance
- 5/31 Harman 2nd Grade Pen Pal Lunch
- 5/31 Harman 4th Grade Year-End Picnic at Shafor Park
- 5/31 Lange Fun Day

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)



## **Dr. Michael Fowlin returns to Oakwood community Monday, April 29, 2013 at 7 p.m. Oakwood High School Auditorium**

*Dr. Michael Fowlin is a clinical psychologist and motivational speaker who earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from Rutgers University in 2001. For more information visit [www.michaelfowlin.com](http://www.michaelfowlin.com)*

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In April, Dr. Michael Fowlin will again bring his powerful message about tolerance, acceptance of differences and appreciation for diversity to the Oakwood community. Dr. Mykee last visited our community in January 2011.

Through his dynamic presentations during the day on April 29-30, Dr. Fowlin will inspire our students to reflect on the way they live out their relationships. On the evening of Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m., Dr. Fowlin will re-energize adults in our efforts to help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. Parents, you will not want to miss this unique opportunity to hear Dr. Fowlin's message.

*This event, part of our community-wide initiative to promote the 40 Developmental Assets, is sponsored by the Oakwood City Schools and funded by The Oakwood Schools Foundation thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor. For more information on the 40 Assets visit our community-wide web site at [www2.oakwood.k12.oh.us/~fortyassets](http://www2.oakwood.k12.oh.us/~fortyassets)*

*Asset Builders: Dr. Fowlin's presentation promotes 10 of the 20 Internal Assets*

*"Dr. Mykee's inspirational presentation changed how students perceive each other. The emotionally charged program gave us a chance to connect with our classmates in a new and better way." ~ Hailey Kemp, Sophomore*

*"I have heard Dr. Mykee Fowlin several times and never miss an opportunity to attend one of his sessions. Dr. Mykee is not simply a speaker, but a visionary who shares and lives his message. He embodies all that is good with the world and manages to have the audience not only hear his message, but feel it. We move from laughter to tears to determination -- determined to 'Be the Change.' " ~ Peggy L. Holton, Prevention/Intervention Counselor*

## **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, 2013 and must be received no later than June 1, 2013. The principal will notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) in writing by August 1, 2013 as to whether the intra-district placement is granted or denied.

## **2013-2014 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION**

- **Kindergarten Parent Orientation:**  
Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
- **Kindergarten Screening:**  
Week of April 15, 2013 by appointment.

If you missed Kindergarten registration in March, 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: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).

## Letters of Support Being Accepted for 2013 Andrews Nominees

Four educators have been nominated for the 2013 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 17, 2013** to Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo, Superintendent, Oakwood Board of Education, 20 Rubicon Road, Dayton, Ohio 45409, or via email at [scalzo.maryjo@oakwoodschoools.org](mailto:scalzo.maryjo@oakwoodschoools.org).

The induction ceremony will be held on ***Friday, September 20, 2013***. The public is invited to attend.

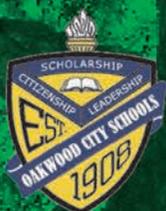
### \*Nominees-to-date:

<b>Janet L. Achbach</b>	Oakwood Junior High School and Oakwood High School English Teacher, 1973-1975, 1985-2004
<b>Joseph R. Boyle, Jr.</b>	Oakwood High School Principal, 1998-2009
<b>Ted D. Shisler</b>	Oakwood High School Chemistry Teacher, 1965-1969
<b>Joseph R. Suter</b>	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).

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We look forward to your letters of support for your nominee.  
Please respond by May 17, 2013.



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To get started simply click on the Freading or Freegal logos found on the Library's homepage, [www.wrightlibrary.org](http://www.wrightlibrary.org). To learn more about these and other new digital services plan to attend the **Digital Download Program Saturday, April 6th at 1:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.**



## WRIGHT LIBRARY DEVICE USERS' GROUP *(Continued from page 1)*

The Wright Library Device Users' Group meets the **2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 1:30 p.m.** in the Library Meeting Room. Users of any electronic media device are welcome, whether you have a tablet (e.g. iPad, Nexus), an ereader (e.g. Kindle, Nook), mp3 player (e.g. iPod, Sansa Clip), or even a smartphone (so many). Bring your device and any passwords you will need to access content sources (i.e. Kindle users - Amazon account information).

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

**April 11 and 25**

**May 9 and 23**

## SEARCHING FOR YIELD IN A LOW INTEREST RATE ENVIRONMENT



In our uncertain economy investors continue to search for yield in a low interest rate environment. On **Saturday, April 13th and Thursday, April 18th from 2-3 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room** Merrill Lynch Financial Advisors James Priest and Jason Fisher will be offering two identical sessions for those investors searching for yield. Their presentation will discuss five ways to consider investing for yield in a low interest rate environment.

James Priest, CSNA and Jason Fisher, CSNA are Financial Advisors with Merrill Lynch who both have deep roots in Dayton and the surrounding communities. James is a graduate of Oakwood High School and Jason is a graduate of Chaminade-Julienne High School. Their practice is concentrated in Goal Based Retirement Planning with an emphasis on listening to client needs. James and Jason hold the Series 7, 66 and Insurance licenses. Both advisers are also Certified Special Needs Advisors.



## PLANNING YOUR VEGETABLE GARDEN

Who doesn't enjoy a homegrown tomato in the summer? As a home gardener there are few things more satisfying than harvesting and consuming the fruits of your labor. Whether you are an experienced home gardener or just starting out, you won't want to miss **"Planning Your Vegetable Garden" Sunday, May 5th from 2-4 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.** Lisa Helm, Master Organic Gardener, will cover topics including bed preparation, plant selection, crop rotation, companion planting, intensive vs. rows, organic vs. conventional, watering and maintenance.

Ms. Helm was certified as a Master Organic Gardener in 2003 and designed and built the demonstration vegetable garden that year at Possum Creek MetroPark. In 2008 she founded Garden Station art park and community garden, which reflects her interest in permaculture, green construction and outsider art. Since then Lisa has helped form a Dayton Urban Farmer's group, organized local Parking Day events, a Sustainable Living Workshop series and was a speaker for the 2012 Miami Valley Gardening Conference.

## LIBRARY CALENDAR DATES April - May

### April

- 1-5 – Spring Break Drop-In for Kids, 1 p.m.
- 6 – Digital Download Program, 1:30 p.m.
- 11 – Device Users' Group, 1:30 p.m.
- 11 – Reading Rabbits, 4 p.m.
- 14 – FUNday Sunday, 2 p.m.
- 13 - Searching for Yield in a Low Interest Rate Environment, 2-3 p.m.
- 15 – Library Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 17 – TAB:Teen Advisory Board, 3:45 p.m.
- 18 - Searching for Yield in a Low Interest Rate Environment, 2-3 p.m. (Repeat of 4/13)
- 18 – Family Storytime, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 - Poetry: A Short Course, Part 1, 2-4 p.m.
- 25 – Device Users' Group, 1:30 p.m.
- 27 – Young Artists, 2 p.m.
- 28 - Poetry: A Short Course, Part 2, 2-4 p.m.

### May

- 3 – Books and Blocks, 10:30 a.m.
- 4 – Young Artists Art Show, 2 p.m.
- 5 - Planning Your Vegetable Garden, 2-4 p.m.
- 7 – Terrific Tales on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
- 8 – Teen Writing Club, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 – Device Users' Group, 1:30 p.m.
- 14 – TWG:Tween Writing Group, 3:45 p.m.
- 16 – Family Storytime with Mrs. Mills, 10:30 a.m.
- 20 – Library Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 23 – Device Users' Group, 1:30 p.m.
- 27 – Library Closed, Memorial Day Holiday

## SPRING BREAK DROP-IN FOR KIDS

While the kids are home from school, stop by the library for something fun. No registration necessary. For grades K-5.

- April 1 - April Fool's Doughnut Seeds, 1-2 p.m.
- April 2 - Dazzling Dragonfly, 1-2 p.m.
- April 3 - Movie "Toys in the Attic", 1-2:15 p.m.
- April 4 - CD Flower, 1-2 p.m.
- April 5 - Movie "Diary of a Wimpy Kid:Dog Days", 1-2:30 p.m.



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### Asset Builder Profile

Chris Epley, OHS alumnus ('87) and Board of Education Vice-President, has a 20+ year history of contributing to his Alma Mater and community. He coached Boys' Soccer for 6 years, was the voice of Boys' Soccer at Mack Hummon Stadium for another 7 years, and was the official scorekeeper for the Boys' Basketball

Team for 5 years. Currently, he assists the coaches on his son's basketball team, is a Rotary Reader at Lange School, and volunteers with other elected officials and Rotarians at the annual Ice Cream Social and That Day in May events. Active professionally in the legal community, Chris is a field supervisor for UD's School of Law Externship Program where he is also an adjunct professor and an Alumni Board Trustee. Chris and his family, wife Eileen and children Jack and Lily, are actively involved in life at Harman School much like Chris, his sister, and his parents, Dr. Jerry and Connie Epley, were in the 70's-early 80's.

The 40 Developmental Assets are the building blocks that help children grow up to be healthy, caring, and responsible. Having benefited from a community of Asset Builders as a youngster, Chris is now an Asset Builder for today's youth and young adults.

Assets: 1 Family Support, 3 Other Adult Relationships, 6 Parent Involvement in Schooling, 7 Community Values Youth, 9 Service to Others, 14 Adult Role Models, 28 Integrity.

Chris Epley **is** an **Asset Builder!**

## The 40 Developmental Assets

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

Visit the Oakwood community's 40 Asset website at <http://www2.oakwood.k12.oh.us/~fortyassets> for information, news, events and more.