

OAKWOOD

City and School Scene



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City Council News

Congratulations to Judy Cook and Carlo McGinnis on their recent election by Council to continue serving as Mayor and Vice Mayor respectively.

Safety Department News: Beware of Scam

A new VISA and MasterCard telephone credit card scam is making the rounds. Make note so that you do not fall prey. Note—the caller will not ask for your credit card number because they already have it. The scam works like this:

The phony credit card representative calls and says: "This is [name], and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by [name of bank]. Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a marketing company based in Arizona?"

When you say "No", the phony representative continues with: "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297.00 to \$499.00, just under the \$500.00 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to [gives you your address], is that correct?"

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Lange Preschool

In an effort to provide appropriate services to preschool aged children with disabilities, the Oakwood City Schools, in conjunction with Montgomery County MRDD, operates an integrated preschool program at the Lange School which operates four days per week with half-day sessions. Both preschool age children with disabilities, and typically developing children are enrolled in the program. The purpose of this program is to provide children with disabilities intervention services designed to meet their specific needs and the opportunity to interact with typically developing children in a positive learning environment.

Typically developing preschool students are selected for the program through a lottery. To be eligible for the lottery, students must be age 3 or 4 by September 30, 2006; be residents of the district; and be typically developing. Cost of participation in the program is \$400 annually, payable quarterly.

Lottery applications for placement in the program for the 2006-2007 school year will be accepted until April 15. The lottery should take place by May 12, or as soon as the number of spots available is determined.

For additional information and an application, contact Kathy Bartalo or Cathie Newburg, Office of Educational Services, Oakwood Board of Education, at 297-5332.

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When you say "Yes," the phony representative continues: "I will be starting a Fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1-800 number listed on the back of your card and ask for Security. You will need to refer to this Control Number."

Here's the **important** part on how the scam works. The phony representative then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card." He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers." There are seven numbers. The first four are part of your card number and the next three are the security numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card (these are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card).

The phony representative will ask you to read the three numbers to him. After you tell the caller the three numbers, he'll say: "That is correct; I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?"

After you say "No", the phony representative then thanks you and states: "Don't hesitate to call back if you do", and hangs up. You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the card number. In most cases, after the call and within minutes, probably one purchase of \$497.99--and other charges for purchases you didn't make--will be charged to your card.

What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master Card directly for verification of their conversation. The real VISA advises that it will never ask for anything on the card because it already knows the information having issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3-digit PIN Number, by the time you get your statement you will see charges for purchases you didn't make.

Please pass this on to your family and friends. By informing each other and staying one step ahead, we protect ourselves and each other.

Motor Vehicle Registration Tax

Oakwood residents are reminded to report your place of residence as **Oakwood**, Montgomery County, Ohio, when filling out your motor vehicle license plate application. By listing **Oakwood** you make sure the city receives its rightful share of motor vehicles registration and gasoline taxes.

Income Tax Reminder

2005 Oakwood income tax returns are due **April 17, 2006**. The City of Oakwood has a mandatory filing requirement for all residents. Every individual, 18 years of age or older, who resides in Oakwood, must file an Oakwood City income tax 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.

Tax return forms were mailed during January. If you did not receive your income tax forms, please contact the Income Tax Department at 298-0531 or visit the City's web site at www.mvcc.net/oakwood/. Tax forms and instructions will also be made available at the Wright Brothers Branch of the U.S. Post Office and Wright Memorial Public Library.

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood income tax return, please visit the Tax Department before March 31, 2006 if at all possible. 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:

- Monday, April 10 through Thursday, April 13
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- Monday, April 17--8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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

City Council Meetings

City Council will conduct public meetings on the following dates:

Regular Sessions:

- 7:30 P.M., Monday, February 6
- 7:30 P.M., Monday, March 6

Work Sessions:

- 5:00 P.M., Monday, February 27
- 5:00 P.M., Monday, March 20

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

Holiday Closing

City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Monday, February 20 for President’s Day.

Community Center News

Upcoming Events/Classes:

- Annual Junior High Ski Trip, Friday, February 24.
- Family 2-on-2 Basketball Tournament, Saturday, March 11.
- Egg Coloring & Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.
- Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale, Friday and Saturday, April 21-22.

For more details and information, contact the Oakwood Community Center at 298-0775.

Summer Employment Opportunities

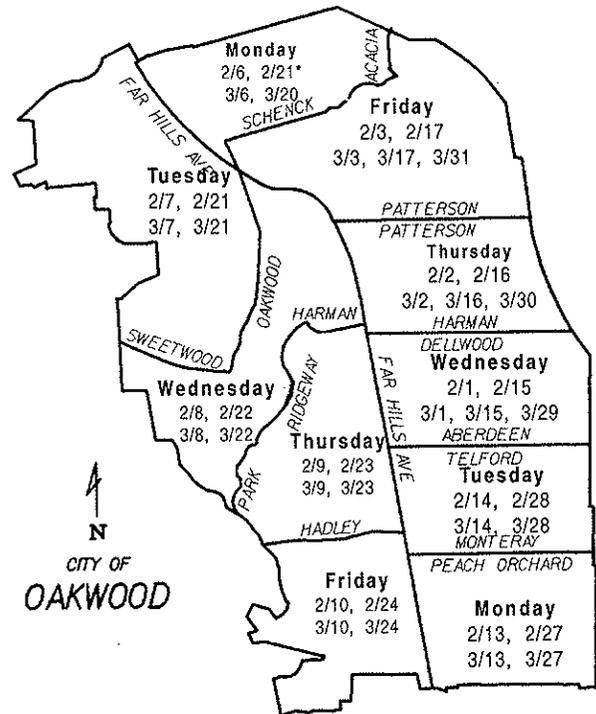
Applications for summer employment with the city of Oakwood are now available at the OCC and city building. Students 16 years of age and older are eligible for lifeguarding and concession positions at Gardner Pool. Students must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment to be eligible for maintenance and landscaping positions. **Equal Opportunity Employer.**

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 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.
- 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: 2/9, 2/23, 3/9, 3/23
 Shroyer Road: 2/2, 2/16, 3/2, 3/16

President's Day Trash Pickup

Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of February 20th will be picked up 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.

Telephone Directory Recycling

Residents may place telephone directories in their recycling container but should limit it to two books due to the weight. Residents may recycle telephone directories during the month of March by delivering them to the city's drop off location at the Creager Field parking lot on Shafor Boulevard near Irving Avenue or in the recycling container in the Dorothy Lane Market parking lot.

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 \$50.00 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).

Water Meter Replacement and Automated Meter Reading (AMR) Project

Thank you to all of the property owners who have had their water meter(s) replaced and transmitters installed. Roughly 80% of the project is complete. All water customers of the city of Oakwood are required to have their meters changed. There is no cost to the residents for this service.

If you have not had your meter changed, please call our scheduling contractor MBS at 1-800-356-1717. If you have any questions on the project, please contact Mike Wenclewicz or Kevin Weaver of the city of Oakwood public works department at 298-0777.

Dumpsters

As an alternative to special pickups, residents can request dumpsters for disposing debris. There is a \$50 delivery and pickup charge for the dumpsters beginning March 1. 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

Citizens will have two options again this year for obtaining leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cy for \$60 and 6 cy for \$80. 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 a total of 6 Saturdays. There will be an initial period of deliveries beginning on April 15th and ending on May 6th. The final two Saturdays will be June 3rd and June 10th.

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.

2006 Curb, Walk and Apron Project

The 2006 curb, sidewalk and apron repair project will take place in the area east of Far Hills from Telford to the south corporation limit. It will also include Aberdeen from Far Hills to Shafor. 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 by June 9th.

Oakwood Schools Schedule Focus Groups

Beginning February 4 and continuing through March 15, the Oakwood Schools have scheduled eight (8) Focus Groups for the purpose of providing members of our learning community—students, faculty and staff, parents, residents, alumni, businesses, and university associates—with the opportunity to discuss their vision of our district’s future. The intended outcomes of this process are an updated mission statement and direction on future district-wide goals.

At each Focus Group participants will:

- share their ideas about the guiding principles upon which our district’s educational mission should be founded;
- engage in a dialogue about the strengths of the Oakwood Schools and the challenges currently facing the system;
- examine the statements of core beliefs and mission drafted by the Board and administrative leadership team.

These Focus Groups will be facilitated by Dr. Scalzo, Oakwood Superintendent. All meetings will follow the same agenda which is designed to elicit extensive feedback on specific questions during a 2-hour period of time. Contributions will be recorded and a note taker will maintain a written record. The input from the Focus Groups will be collated, presented to the Board of Education, and utilized in prioritizing district initiatives during the next five years.

How can you become involved?

To attend a meeting or to help us contact participants for each Focus Group, please contact Mrs. Grace Brown at 297-5332 or by email brown.grace@oakwood.k12.oh.us. A target goal of at least 20 participants per meeting has been set. Participants need only attend **one** of the scheduled meetings.

Focus Group preview materials will be provided to participants when you contact Mrs. Brown. Print copies of these packets are available at all of our school building offices and electronic copies are available on the Oakwood Schools website.

Focus Group Dates and Locations

Saturday	February 4	10:00 A.M.— 12:00 P.M.	OHS Library
Monday	February 6	1:00 – 3:00 P.M.	Smith School
Thursday	February 9	3:45 – 5:45 P.M.	Harman School
Thursday	February 23	7:00 – 9:00 P.M.	OHS Library
Wednesday	March 1	3:45 – 5:45 P.M.	OHS Library
Saturday	March 4	10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	OHS Library
Tuesday	March 7	9:15 – 11:15 A.M.	Lange School
Wednesday	March 15	7:00 – 9:00 P.M.	OHS Library

Children With Disabilities

Ohio School Districts are required to provide free appropriate educational services to all children in their attendance area, ages 3 through 21, who are determined to have a disability. Disability, in this case, means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, multiple disabilities, cognitive disabilities, physical impairments, other health impairments, autism and traumatic brain injury.

Schools are also required to provide evaluations to determine if a child has such a disability. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability, contact your local school district for more information. In Oakwood, please contact Kathy Bartalo, Director of Educational Services, at the Oakwood Board of Education Office, 297-5332.

Intra-District Transfer Reminder

Applications are due by June 1, 2006 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 1, 2006 as to whether the intra-district placement is granted or denied.

February 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
	City Council 7:30 p.m.	Detention	JH/SH Band Concert- Aud 7 p.m.	Detention Muse 12:45 p.m. Zoning App 4:30 p.m		Saturday School
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Jr. High Play 2:30 p.m.	Ath Boosters 7:30 p.m.	Detention	JH Sports Recognition 7:30 p.m.	Detention		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	President's Day City Offices Closed	Detention				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Classes Resume	Detention	WINTER BREAK - BAND TRIP TO ORLANDO			
26	27	28				

March 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Plan Comm 4:30 p.m. 1	Detention 6th Grade Parents-Aud 7 p.m. 2	JH Dance 8-10 p.m. 3	Saturday School 4
Oakwood Giving-WG 2-5 p.m.	City Council 7:30 p.m. 6	Detention Ath. Boosters 7:30 p.m. 7	Band/Choir Concert- Aud 7 p.m. 8	Detention Zoning App 4:30 p.m. 9		Saturday School Turn About Dance-WG 11
		Detention Winter Sports Banquet 6:30 p.m. 14		Detention 16		Saturday School Ath. Boosters Spring Fund Raiser 18
		Detention 21		Detention 23		Saturday School Kids in Sports Day 25
		Detention 28		Detention 30	No Kindergarten 1/2 Day Elementaries 31	
		27	29	30	31	

Kindergarten Screening and Parent Orientation Dates Set

Parent Orientation at Lange School: Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Screening Appointments at Lange School: April 17–20, 2006 from 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2006, may be registered for kindergarten. Children who will be five years old between October 1, 2006 and January 1, 2007, 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 make a one-hour screening appointment, 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 17 through April 20, 2006. Parents may sign up for appointment times at the orientation session or by calling Lange School at 299-8730 **beginning** Wednesday, April 12, 2006.

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