

# OAKWOOD SCENE

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## CITY NEWS

### New Residential Rental Property Registration Program

For many years, the city of Oakwood had a program in place where all landlords were required to register their rental properties. Landlords residing outside of Montgomery County had to appoint an agent with domicile or an office within the county for purposes of receiving notices of ordinance violations and/or court proceedings. Recently, however, a state law was passed which supersedes the city's Landlord Registration Program. The new law requires that the County Auditor assume responsibility for registering all rental properties within the county. If you own rental property within the city of Oakwood or anywhere in Montgomery County, you must complete a Residential Rental Property Registration form. These forms are available through the Auditor's office or on its website

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Dr. Kronour Accepts Superintendent Position With Tipp City Schools

Effective January 1, 2007, Dr. John Kronour, who currently serves as the Oakwood Junior High Principal and Director of Technology, will assume the Superintendency of the Tipp City Schools. Dr. Kronour, who has served Oakwood Schools for nine years, will continue his role with Oakwood Schools through December 8.

In his statement, Dr. Kronour underscored his appreciation for the Oakwood community. "I have had a wonderful nine plus years in Oakwood and have enjoyed every minute of working with students, staff, and parents. However, the opportunity to be a superintendent is calling and I am excited by this new challenge. Thanks for all of the support I have

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### BookLetters for Book Lovers

*BookLetters* is a recent addition to Wright Library's web site [www.WrightLibrary.org](http://www.WrightLibrary.org). Readers can sign up to receive monthly e-mailed newsletters that will keep them informed about new titles of interest. There are about twenty-five different choices including current fiction, nonfiction, mysteries, business, and books for teens and children. Each newsletter features several new titles with a description and a link directly to Wright Library's catalog so you can place a hold on the title right away.

### Book Donations Accepted Year-Round

Please keep the library's annual book sale in mind year-round. Wright Library accepts donations of used books, videos, DVDs, and CDs all the time and is already

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at www.mcauditor.org. Although Montgomery County now has responsibility for landlord registration, Oakwood rental property owners are still required to provide the city the names of tenants and report tenant changes so an Oakwood rental inspection can be conducted. Questions regarding the Rental Registration program should be directed to the Montgomery County Auditor's office at (937) 225-4314.

**Community Tree Lighting Ceremony at Shafor Park**

The Annual Holiday of Lights Ceremony will be held at Shafor Park again this year. The event will take place at 6:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 10. All residents are invited and encouraged to hear the high school band and choir and other entertainment, enjoy hot chocolate and popcorn, and watch for a special red-suited visitor and his helpers from the North Pole.

The event is held in conjunction with "Lighting Up" of Oakwood. In addition to the activities mentioned above, there will also be carriage and wagon rides (free of charge) for citizens to view the lighted community. Rides depart from Shafor Park.

**"Lighting Up" Oakwood Set For Sunday, December 10**

The City and Environmental Committee are "Lighting Up" Oakwood on December 10, beginning at 6:00 P.M. This event is an effort to brighten the entire community at the onset of the winter holiday season. Luminarias will line the boulevards on Far Hills and Shafor as well as the city building, community center, Smith Gardens, Huffman Park and other public areas. The committee encourages neighborhood participation and hopes to see many citizens joining in the fun.

Luminaria kits will be sold at the OCC. They are sold by the dozen at a cost of \$3.25 per dozen. The price includes the white bags, sand and 10-hour candles. Residents may purchase luminarias at the OCC during regular business hours beginning Monday, November 20. Residents interested in helping with this project should call Carol Collins at 298-0775.

**December/January Council Meetings**

City council will meet in work sessions at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, December 11 and Monday, January 22; and in regular sessions at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, December 18 and Monday, January 8. All meetings will take place in the Council Chambers, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:00 P.M. Citizens are invited to attend any of these meetings. The regular sessions are televised live on cable TV (Channel 21). Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net/ for broadcast times.

**Holiday Closings**

City offices, the Community Center and the Public Works Center will be closed on Monday, December 25 for Christmas and Monday, January 1 for New Year's.

The City offices, Community Center and Public Works Center will also be closed on Monday, January 15 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please refer to the holiday refuse pickup article for refuse collection schedule.

**Community Center News**

**Candy Cane Hunt:** Join the OCC on Saturday, December 2 in Shafor Park for a candy cane hunt. Children ages 6-8, 2:00 P.M., and children ages 3-5 at 2:30 P.M.

**Senior Holiday Luncheon:** All seniors are invited to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Luncheon Wednesday, December 6, 11:30 A.M. Free to all Oakwood seniors 60 and older, \$6 for non-senior or non-residents.

**Breakfast With Santa:** This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 9 from 9:00-11:30 A.M. The event is open to children ages 10 and under. Everyone attending must have a ticket to be admitted. Tickets are available at the OCC.

**Adult Open Gym:** Tuesday nights, 8:30-10:00 P.M. from December 5 to March 6 at Edwin D. Smith Elementary School. Open to adults 18 and over, \$1 for residents and \$2 for non-residents. Identification is required for admittance.

**Cardboard Recycling**

If you wish to recycle large amounts of cardboard, you may drop it off in the containers located at the Creager field parking lot at Shafor and Irving. These containers are accessible 24 hours per day. Small amounts of flattened cardboard may be placed with your regular recycling items.

## Tax Season Approaches

Help direct your tax dollars to your community. Oakwood residents who work outside of Oakwood and incur business travel outside of their employment city can request a refund from their employment city. If you can provide a list of dates and work locations, along with vacation, holiday and sick days for which you were compensated during 2006, the Oakwood Tax Department will prepare the necessary tax returns in order to return the appropriate portion of your local tax dollars to the City of Oakwood.

For those individuals working outside the City of Oakwood, please review your pay stub to ensure proper withholding. Taxes should be withheld for your city of employment, if applicable. If your employer also withholds a "courtesy tax," (calculated as the incremental difference between your work and residence city tax rates) please make sure that your residence city is the City of Oakwood.

For those individuals who did not use a paid preparer to prepare their 2005 City of Oakwood income tax return, tax return forms for 2006 will be mailed during the month of January. If you have any questions regarding Oakwood income tax and filing requirements, please contact the tax department at 298-0531.

## Safety Department Reminder

With cooler weather upon us, more people will be using their furnaces, fireplaces and alternative sources of heating. Before using fireplaces, residents are encouraged to have them inspected by a certified chimney inspector who can clean and remove creosote buildup. Chimney fires are often cited as the cause of residential structure fires. This is especially true in older homes where chimneys are old and linings deteriorated, allowing hot embers and creosote to penetrate into the structural members of the home. Care should also be used when heating with alternative heating methods such as kerosene and propane devices.

## Holiday Tree Disposal

Holiday trees placed between the sidewalk and curb will be picked up according to the normal brush collection schedule (see map below). These items should be placed at the property frontage as close to the curb (on the property side) as possible and not in boulevard areas. Please remove plastic covers from Christmas trees. Evergreen wreaths and boughs, wires, ribbons, ornamental items, and wrapping paper should be placed with your regular refuse items.

## Winter Weather Plowing Policy

In the event of a major snowfall, the city follows this policy to keep streets and alleys clear.

**Salting:** Major streets, hills and intersections take priority with residential streets following. In most situations, all streets are salted.

**Plowing:** During heavy snowfall, it may be necessary to clear streets of all parked vehicles. Please help us during any snowfall by not parking your vehicle on the streets. In emergency situations, temporary NO PARKING signs may be posted and cars parked in these locations may be towed.

**Sidewalk Plowing:** When there is an accumulation of 1" or more of snow, sidewalk plows are dispatched. Plows will make **one pass** through the city on all five-foot wide sidewalks. Please remember that while our city offers this unique service, under city ordinance **it is the property owner's responsibility to keep sidewalks at their frontage clear of snow and ice.**

**Alley Plowing:** Alleys are plowed after an accumulation of 4" or more of snow.

**Driveway Plowing:** If you are plowing your driveway, please make arrangements so that the snow is not pushed into or across the street. Also, please remember that it is the property owner's responsibility to make certain their own driveway is clear of snow and ice to allow the city refuse collection vehicles to enter into the areas in a safe and efficient manner.

## Leaf Pickup

Autumn leaf pickup service is scheduled to conclude on December 22, 2006. Please remember that leaves should be raked to the curb or gutter, but must not be bagged. Also, no brush, branches or other yard debris should be included with the leaves. This other yard debris should be placed off the street behind the curb, or in containers with the regular trash if it is a small amount. Please be aware of the safety concerns of having leaves in the street and spread out large piles to avoid blocking entire lanes of roadways. The leaf pickup schedule is the same as the brush and branch schedule per the map below.

## Special Pickups

The city's special pickup program suspended during leaf season will begin again on January 3, 2006. You may schedule this service on or after January 3<sup>rd</sup> by phoning Theresa Caldwell at the Public Works Center at 298-0777.

**Brush and Branch Collection**

Brush and branch material may be placed between the sidewalk and curb for automatic collection by the city according to the schedule below. Please do not place any brush and branch material in the streets or boulevards. Brush should be no longer than 6 feet in length and in a manageable pile.

**Holiday Refuse Pickups**

The refuse collection schedule will be adjusted during holiday weeks as shown below:

**Week of December 18 - Normal schedule**

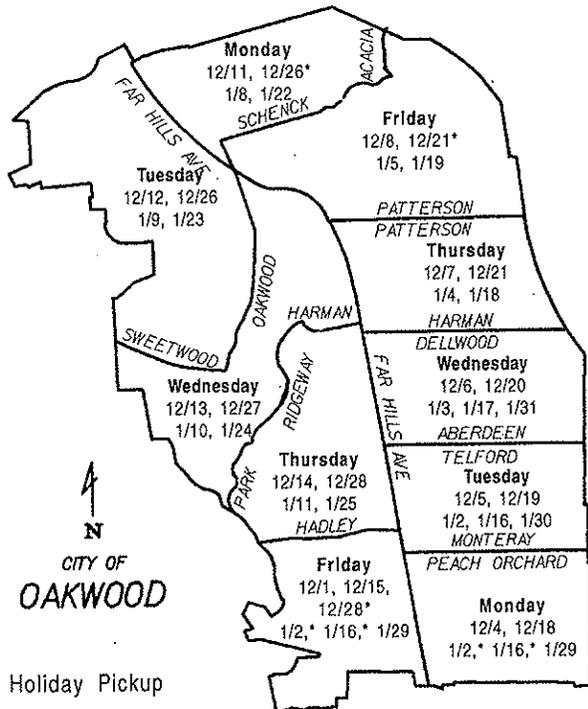
**Week of December 25**

<i>Regular Schedule</i>	<i>Holiday Schedule</i>
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday**

\*\*Please note that on December 29<sup>th</sup> refuse collection will take place entirely in the morning, please have all of your materials out by 7:30 A.M. with driveways clear.

**Week of January 1 and Week of January 15**

<i>Regular Schedule</i>	<i>Holiday Schedule</i>
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday



\* Holiday Pickup

The following two roads are scheduled as follows:  
 Far Hills Avenue: 12/14, 12/28, 1/11, 1/25  
 Shroyer Road: 12/7, 12/21, 1/4, 1/18, 2/1

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stockpiling materials for the 2007 sale. The library counts on proceeds from the book sale to provide about \$5,000 of the operating budget, so donations are always welcome.

**Internet Class for Adults Meets January 17 at Wright Library**

An introduction to basic Internet search strategies will be presented at 6:45 P.M. on Wednesday, January 17 in Wright Library's meeting room. The program also will demonstrate tips for getting the most out of the library's electronic information resources, including Antiques Reference, a database with pictures and auction prices for over 400,000 antiques and collectibles. The class will last about an hour. Contact the Reference Department at 294-7171 if you would like more information.

**Adventure and Suspense Book Club News**

The Book Club will not meet in January because the regular meeting date falls on New Year's Day. The selection for the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, just in time for Presidents' Day, will be *Executive Actions* by Gary Grossman. An up and comer on the thriller scene, Gary Grossman creates a tense story about an attempted takeover of the American presidency by a hostile foreign power.

Wright Library invites adults (age 18 and over) to join the Adventure and Suspense Book Club. The meetings are held on the first Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:45 P.M. in the Library Meeting Room. Discussions are led by Laura, a reference librarian and veteran book group leader. Participants are welcome to bring a "brown bag" supper. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be served. For more information, or to sign up for the club, please call the Wright Library Reference Desk at 294-7171.

**Holiday Closings**

Wright Library will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 15<sup>th</sup>).

**Library Board Meetings**

- 7:00 P.M. Monday, December 18
- 7:00 P.M. Monday, January 22

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received over the years! I will miss working in Oakwood.”

In his role as Junior High Principal, Dr. Kronour encouraged junior high students to take responsibility for learning and encouraged the staff to develop professionally through peer coaching and student-centered instruction. He instituted a group email list to communicate directly with junior high parents and encouraged parent involvement through the Junior High Parent Advisory.

Dr. Scalzo, Superintendent, stated “Dr. Kronour has served the students, staff, and community of Oakwood with integrity, expertise, and professionalism. We congratulate him on this achievement and wish him all the best in his new position!”

Mr. Ed Bowman will serve as Interim Junior High Principal for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year and will not be a candidate for the position. Mr. Bowman served as Oakwood High School Principal from 1988-1995 and Director of Educational Services from 1995-1999. In 1999, Mr. Bowman left Oakwood to become the Superintendent of the Greene County Educational Service Center and served in that position from 1999-2002. In August 2002, Mr. Bowman retired after 31 years in public education, but one year later began serving as the Administrative Consultant/Business Director for the Dayton Early College Academy until 2005. He is an adjunct instructor at the University of Dayton as well as a consultant and board member for several Greene County children services associations. Ed

Bowman is a student-centered educator and a positive, affirming “people person.” He is coming “home” with a deep respect and appreciation for the work to which Oakwood Schools are committed.

Dr. Kronour and Mr. Bowman will work together during the weeks of November 27 and December 4, with Mr. Bowman assuming the responsibilities as Interim Junior High Principal on December 11.

The Oakwood Board of Education and the Administrative Team have established a timeline for the principal search. The junior high principalship will be posted in January 2007, and applications will be accepted through the end of February. Candidates will be screened in March and April, with the Board anticipating approval of the new principal at the May Board of Education meeting.

Several opportunities will be available for faculty, staff, parents, students, and community members to communicate their expectations for the next Junior High Principal. Dr. Scalzo will meet with faculty, staff, and students in January. Interested community members are invited to attend one of two meetings at the Board of Education Office scheduled for February 8, from 7:00-8:00 P.M. and February 9, from 10:30-11:30 A.M. You can also volunteer to serve on an interview team.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo at the Board Office at 297-5332 or by email at [scalzo.maryjo@oakwood.k12.oh.us](mailto:scalzo.maryjo@oakwood.k12.oh.us), or her assistant, Sandy, at the number above or by email at [maresh.sandy@oakwood.k12.oh.us](mailto:maresh.sandy@oakwood.k12.oh.us).

### Weather Closings and Delays

In the event of a major snowfall or an ice storm, the school district will announce on TV and radio by 6:30 A.M. the status of school that day. We will either cancel school or delay the opening to 9:30 A.M.

**If school is delayed:** morning kindergarten and South Connection will be cancelled.

**If school is closed:** the Preschool program and South Connection are also closed.

**For Lange School only:** when Kettering Schools are closed there will be no bus transportation for kindergarten. If Oakwood Schools are open, parents will need to transport their children to Lange.

You can also check on line at [www.whiotv.com](http://www.whiotv.com) for school closings/delays.

# December 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					JH/SH Spirit Wear Sale 11 a.m.-2 p.m. SH Orchestra-Schuster Center 7-9 p.m.	Candy Cane Hunt- Shafor Park 2 p.m.
	Band Parent Mtg 7-9 p.m.	JH Play Auditions 3:30- 5:30 p.m. Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.	JH Play Auditions 3:30- 5:30 p.m. Senior Holiday Lunch 11:30 a.m.	JH Play Auditions 3:30- 5:30 p.m. Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Lighting Up Oakwood 6 p.m. Oakwood Tree Lighting Ceremony-Shafor Park 6:30 p.m.	Athletic Boosters Mtg 7:30-9 p.m.	Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m. JH/SH Orchestra Concert	Plan Comm 4:30 p.m.	Zoning App 4:30 p.m. Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.		Breakfast With Santa 9-11:30 a.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
SH Holiday Concert 2-4 p.m.	Library Board Mtg 7 p.m. City Council 7:30 p.m.	Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.	JH/SH PTO Lunch 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Christmas City Offices Closed Library Closed	Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.		NO SCHOOL-HOLIDAY BREAK		
24				Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.		
NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY BREAK						
31	25	26	27	28	29	30

# January 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	New Year's Day No School City Offices Closed Library Closed	Classes Resume Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.	Plan Comm 4:30 p.m.	Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.		
	City Council 7:30 p.m.	SH Parent/Principal Mtg 11:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.	Athletic Booster Mtg 7-8:30 p.m.	JH/SH PTO Mtg 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m. Zoning App 4:30 p.m.		
7	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-No School City Offices Closed Library Closed	Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.		Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.		
14				JH/SH Exams		
	Early Dismissal 1:30 p.m. Library Board Mtg. 7 p.m.	Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.			JH/SH Gifted Music Assessment 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	HS Solo and Ensemble Contest
21		Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.				
PTO Dinner-Father Daughter-Mother/Son 6-8 p.m.		Jr. Wrestling 7-8:30 p.m.				

**Dog Licenses**

Montgomery County dog licenses will be available at the Oakwood City Building from Friday, December 1, 2006 through Wednesday, January 31, 2007. All dogs in Montgomery County that are three months of age or older must be licensed. The cost of the license is \$16. Payment for the license may be made by cash or check payable to the City of Oakwood.

**Community Briefing**

**Thursday, January 25, 2007 ❖ 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

**Harman School Library**

- ❖ Designed to engage residents who do not have children in school.
- ❖ Lunch with the superintendent and district administrators.
- ❖ Information and discussion items:
  - ❖ Student and Staff Demographics
  - ❖ Dollars and Cents
  - ❖ Successes and Challenges

Interested? Transportation available.

Please R.S.V.P. to Sandy at the Oakwood Board of Education 297-5332

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