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City News

“Lighting Up” Oakwood Set for Sunday, December 8

The City, under leadership of the Environmental Committee, is “Lighting Up” Oakwood on December 8, beginning at 6:30 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 on 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.

School News

2014 National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

Oakwood High School is pleased to announce the names of two seniors who have been named *National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists*, as well as thirteen seniors who qualified for the designation of *Commended Scholars*. (Continued on page 6)

Library News

Meet the Author: Local Author Plans Visit to Wright Library

On Sunday, January 26th at 2 p.m. Ed Davis will read from his most recent book of poems, *Time of the Light*. Davis says the book “represents what I feel is my best effort to follow my muse down many meandering country roads and forest paths, from West Virginia coalfields to Ohio cornfields. (Continued on page 9)

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Luminaria kits will be sold at the OCC during regular business hours. They are sold at a cost of \$3.50 per dozen.

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Join Brian Potts, A/V Librarian, Saturday, January 4th at 1:30 p.m. for a demonstration on how to download books, magazines, music & videos.



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.

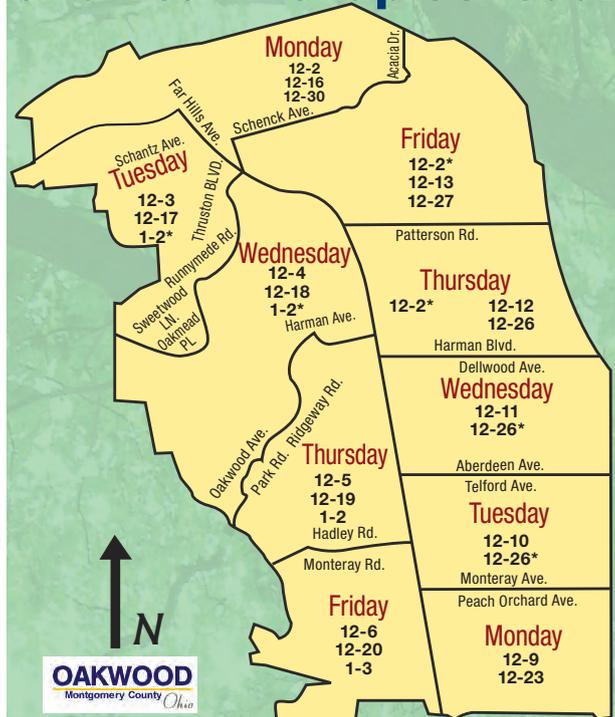
Plowing: During heavy snowfall, it may be necessary to clear streets of all parked vehicles. Please help us during any snowfall by not parking your vehicle on the streets. In emergency situations, temporary NO PARKING signs may be posted and cars parked in these locations may be towed.

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.

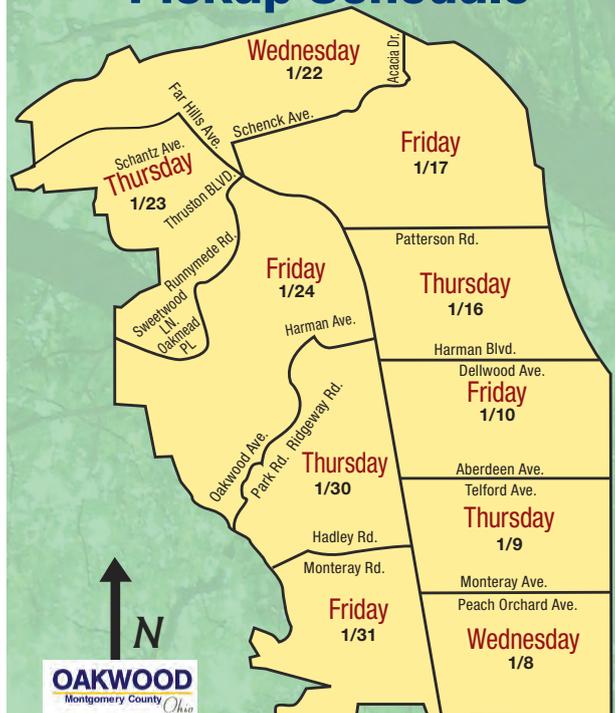
December Yard Debris and Leaf Pickup Schedule



*Holiday Pickup

- Far Hill Ave.: 12-5, 12-19, 1-2
- Shroyer Road: 12-2, 12-12, 12-26

January Yard Debris Pickup Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 1/30
- Shroyer Rd. 1/16



Holiday Tree Disposal

Holiday trees placed between the sidewalk and curb will be picked up according to the normal brush collection schedule (see map on page 2). 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 and ornamental items should be placed with your regular refuse items.

Recycling At Creager Field

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. Also at Creager are containers for recyclables and yard debris.

Yard Debris Collection

Yard debris (no grass, sod, soil or bags) may be placed between the sidewalk and curb for automatic collection by the city according to the schedule on page 2. Please do not place any yard debris in the streets or boulevards. Pieces should be no longer than 6 feet in length and in a manageable pile that is away from trees, poles, fire hydrants and other obstructions. The monthly collection schedule begins again in January.

Leaf Pickup

Autumn leaf pickup service is scheduled to conclude on December 20. Please remember that leaves should be raked to the curb or gutter and must not be bagged. Please spread out large piles to avoid blocking entire lanes of roadways. The leaf pickup schedule is the same as the yard debris schedule. 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 with the regular trash if it is a very small amount.

HOLIDAY REFUSE PICKUPS

The refuse collection schedule during holiday weeks is shown below.

WEEKS OF DECEMBER 23 AND DECEMBER 30

Regular Schedule	Holiday Schedule
Monday	Monday
Tuesday	Tuesday AM**
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday

WEEK OF JANUARY 20 (Martin Luther King Day)

Regular Schedule	Holiday Schedule
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday

**Please note that on December 24 and 31 refuse collection will take place entirely in the morning, so please have all of your materials out by 7:30 a.m. with driveways clear of obstructions.

SPECIAL PICKUPS

The city's special pickup program suspended during leaf season will begin again on January 3. You may schedule this service on or after January 2 by phoning Theresa Caldwell at the Public Works Center at 298-0777.



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

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

The City offices, Community Center and Public Works Center will also be closed on Monday, January 20 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please refer to the holiday refuse pickup article herein for holiday refuse collection schedule.



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 8.

- Come hear the high school band and choir perform holiday tunes.
- Come enjoy hot chocolate and popcorn with friends and neighbors.
- Come take a carriage or wagon ride (free of charge) to view the beautiful luminarias.
- Come watch for a special red-suited visitor and his helpers from the North Pole.

The event is held concurrent with "Lighting Up" of Oakwood.

Luminaria Kits

Luminaria kits will be sold at the OCC during regular business hours. They are sold at a cost of \$3.50 per dozen. The price includes white bags, sand and 10-hour candles. Residents interested in helping with this project should call Carol Collins at 298-0775.



Community Center News

Candy Cane Hunt: Held at Shafor Park on Saturday, December 7 beginning at 1:30 p.m. This event is for children ages 3-12. Rudolph will be there to meet the children and join in the fun.

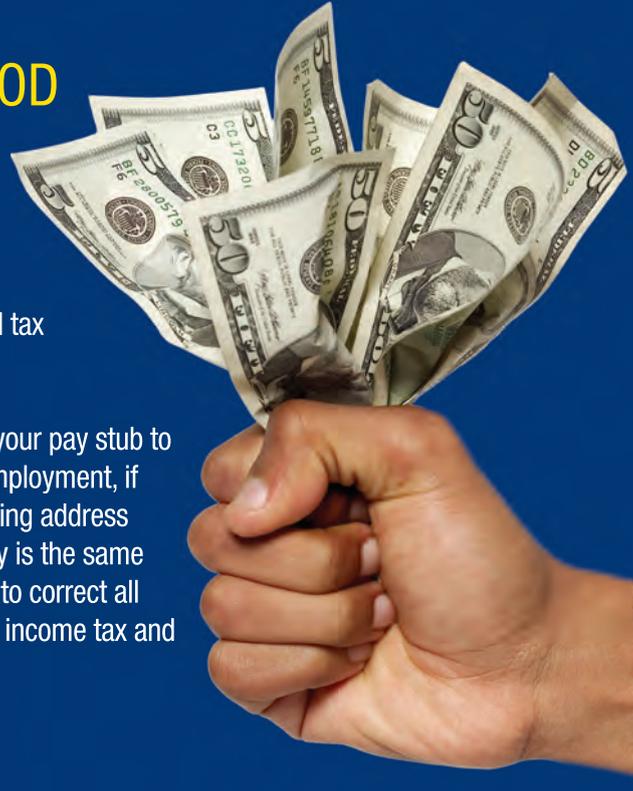
Breakfast with Santa: This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 14 from 9 - 11:30 a.m. and is open to children ages 10 and under. Everyone attending must have a ticket to be admitted. Tickets are available at the OCC.

Junior High Dances at the OCC: Dances will be held on Friday, December 6 from 8:30 - 10 p.m. and Friday, January 31 from 9:30 - 11 p.m. These dances are for Oakwood students only.

HELP DIRECT YOUR TAXES TO OAKWOOD

Oakwood residents who work outside of Oakwood and incur business travel outside of their employment city can and should 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 2014, the Oakwood Tax Department will prepare the necessary tax forms in order to return the appropriate portion of your local tax dollars to the city of Oakwood. Your total tax liability will not change.

For those individuals working outside the city of Oakwood, please review your pay stub to ensure proper withholding. You should only be withheld for your city of employment, if applicable and your city of residence (Oakwood). Because our postal mailing address is "Dayton, Ohio," some employers may assume that your city of residency is the same and withhold accordingly. You should immediately contact your employer to correct all improper withholdings. If you have any questions regarding the Oakwood income tax and filing requirements, please contact the Tax Department at 298-0531.



2014 DOG LICENSE INFORMATION

2014 licenses will be sold at the Oakwood city building from Monday, December 2 to Friday, January 31, 2014. The base fee is \$20, the same as last year, but is for spayed/neutered dogs only. The fee for unaltered dogs is \$24.

There are several exclusions to the \$4 non-spayed/neutered fee:

- If the dog is 9 months old or less
- If the dog is too old or has a medical condition preventing the dog from being spayed/neutered (the owner must get a veterinarian's certification)
- If the dog is used or intended to be used for breeding or show (a Breed Registry number is required)
- If the dog is used or intended to be used for hunting (The owner's hunting license number is required)

If veterinarian certification, breed registry number or hunting license number are provided to avoid the \$4 fee, the license must be purchased by mail to or in person at the Montgomery County Auditor's office, the Animal Resource Center, SICSA, or the Humane Society. Three-year and lifetime dog licenses will only be available at the Montgomery County Auditor's office.



DECEMBER/JANUARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council will meet in work session at 5 p.m. on Mondays, December 2 and January 27, and in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9 and Monday, January 6. All meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:30 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend any of these meetings. The regular sessions are televised live on cable TV (Time Warner Ch. 6 and AT&T Ch. 99). Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net/ for broadcast times. Within a day or two after the regular sessions, meeting videos may also be viewed on-line at the city's website: www.oakwoodohio.gov.



2014 National Merit Semifinalists Dorothy Ayres and Jeffrey Mumford



2014 National Merit Commended Scholars Students
(L-R, front row): Katharine Gordon, Lindsay Stager, Megan Cleary, Caroline Lynch, Megan Wenzke, Anna Shewell (L-R, back row): Wending Zhu, Eric Krebs, Zachary Halpern, William Hix, Frank Obermeyer, Daniel Gardner, Benjamin Wilhite

2014 National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition *(Continued from cover)*

Congratulations to seniors Dorothy Ayres and Jeffrey Mumford on being named *National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists*. These students scored in the top 1% among college-bound students on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken in October of their junior year. These students are eligible to become National Merit Finalists and possibly receive National Merit Scholarships.

We are also pleased to recognize seniors Megan Cleary, Daniel Gardner, Katharine Gordon, Zachary Halpern, William Hix, Eric Krebs, Caroline Lynch, Frank Obermeyer, Anna Shewell, Lindsay Stager, Megan Wenzke, Benjamin Wilhite, and Wending Zhu on being named *Commended Scholars*. These students placed in the top 5% of college-bound high school students.

Oakwood City Schools WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

How the decision to delay or close school is made.

Safe passage to our schools and respect for the importance of the work that occurs in our classrooms guide weather-related decisions.

It is not uncommon for winter weather to cause interruptions to the schedules of surrounding school districts. Most districts make their delay or closure decisions based on the ability to safely provide bus transportation. In our community, however, most students live within a 20-minute walk or a 5-minute drive to school. Therefore, conditions that may delay or close our schools may be different than those of other districts.

There is no one-size-fits-all formula for deciding to close or delay school. Many variables come into play:

- The timing of the storm in relation to the start of school;

- The amount of snow and ice;
- The temperature and wind chill factor;
- The extended forecast prediction;
- The ability of the road crews to make headway in clearing crosswalks and the ability of homeowners in clearing their sidewalks;
- The conditions at the school buildings, i.e. Are the boilers working?
- The advice of the Safety Department and our Groundskeeper.

Before finalizing this decision, the Superintendent typically walks and drives in different parts of the community and checks-in with the Safety Department. Because Oakwood is a 'walking community,' students are reminded to dress appropriately for the winter weather conditions.

Schools Foundation Selects New Student Advisory Council



Oakwood students have long benefited from the work of The Oakwood Schools Foundation (OSF), which provides grants, scholarships and funding for special projects and programs. Now, The Foundation is benefiting from the involvement and input of eleven Oakwood High School students who comprise OSF's new Student Advisory Council.

"This is a great opportunity for students to learn how a non-profit organization is structured and run, and to participate in our initiatives and activities," said Pattie Edmonson, OHS '58, who chairs The Foundation's board. "Plus, we expect to gain so much from them as they share their ideas, skills and talents with The Foundation."

Already this fall, Student Advisory Council members have conducted tours for alumni during homecoming weekend and participated in The Foundation's fall grants review. Throughout the year, they'll be part of this year's Entrepreneurship Competition and Parker Award review committees, lend their expertise to The Foundation's social media efforts, help plan the spring Young@ART fundraiser, and so much more.

"By serving on the Student Advisory Council, I'm able to give back to the Oakwood Schools which helped me grow as a student, friend, and person for the past twelve years. At grant committee meetings, I can provide a student's perspective on various funding decisions and represent the ideas of the senior class of '14."

The five seniors on the Student Advisory Council have been involved with The Foundation in prior years, while the three juniors and three sophomores were chosen from among nearly 30 interested applicants this fall.



The Oakwood Schools Foundation's 2013-2014 Student Advisory Council includes (front row, left to right) Megan O'Connell, Mackenzie Lahmon, Sam Tatham, Melissa Frydman, Ariel Kravitz, Elaina Echevarria, Emma Flanagan; (back row, left to right) Justin Hull, Alex Koenig, Grant Pepper. Not pictured: Sarah Reymann.

How the decision to delay or close school is communicated.

In the event that winter weather conditions cause school to be delayed or closed, we will:

- use the One Call Now system to contact parents. To ensure you are called in an emergency, parents can go to the Oakwood Schools' home page at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us and click the link to One Call Now. Parents may add cell, work or other phone numbers to which you would like emergency messages directed. Parents can update phone numbers at any time.
- announce on TV and radio by 6:30 a.m. the status of school that day.
- publish the status of school that day on our district website at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us.

If school is closed: All classes and programs are cancelled. This includes the preschool program and South Connection.

Special Note for Lange School Programs:

- When Kettering Schools are closed and Oakwood Schools are open there will be no bus transportation for Kindergarten. Parents will need to transport their children to Lange.
- When Oakwood Schools and/or Kettering Schools are delayed, the following Kindergarten bus shuttle will be adjusted according to the following schedule:

	2-Hour Delay	1-Hour Delay
Shuttle pick up at Harman/Smith	10:30 a.m.	No bus
Shuttle departs Harman/Smith	10:40 a.m.	No bus
Shuttle arrives at Lange	10:45 a.m.	No bus

Thank you to the Oakwood community

On behalf of the Oakwood Board of Education, the staff and administration, we extend a heartfelt thank you to our residents for their continued support and passage of our levy request. We are proud to live and work in a community that shows such great support and confidence in our schools. We truly appreciate the commitment to our children and their education.

We will honor your confidence and trust by maintaining the highest level of fiscal responsibility and accountability while focusing on our district's mission of doing what is best for kids.

Once again, we thank the community, parents, staff and students for believing in our schools. We will not let you down.

Dr. Kyle Ramey, Superintendent
Kevin Philo, Treasurer

Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor *Nominations being accepted*

The Oakwood City School District is accepting written nominations for the 2014 Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor. Nominations must be submitted to the Superintendent, Dr. Kyle Ramey, 20 Rubicon Road, Dayton, OH 45409, by March 1, 2014.

To obtain a nomination form and additional information please visit www.oakwood.k12.oh.us, or contact Sandy Maresh at the Oakwood Board of Education, (937) 297-5332 or maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org. 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 1.

2014-2015 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: MARCH 10 - 14, 2014

Look for information in the February/March Oakwood Scene

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS DECEMBER 2013/JANUARY 2014

December 2013

12/4	7 p.m. OJHS/OHS Orchestra Concert
12/6	4 p.m. OHS Talent Show
12/7	8 p.m. OHS Turnabout Dance
12/9	7 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting
12/11	10:30 a.m. Smith Holiday Concert
12/11	7 p.m. OJHS/OHS Chorus Concert
12/13	10:15 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. Harman Holiday Assembly
12/16	6 p.m. Business Advisory Council Meeting
12/18	10 a.m. Harman Band & Orchestra Concert
12/19	COSI at Harman
12/20	Harman Holiday Parties
12/23-31	No School/Holiday Break

January 2014

1/1-3	No School/Holiday Break
1/6	Classes Resume
1/9	11:45 OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
1/13	7 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting
1/16	11:45 a.m. Harman PTO Lunch Meeting with Dr. Ramey
1/20	No School/Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/20	6 p.m. Business Advisory Council Meeting
1/21	No School/Waiver Day
1/22	7:00 p.m. OJHS/OHS Winter Band Concert
1/24	1:00 p.m. District Spelling Bee at Harman
1/24	7 p.m. OJHS Student Council Dance

The Oakwood Schools master calendar can be viewed online at:

www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/oakwood/Oakwood_Calendars.html

Athletic Passes for Senior Citizens

Residents of Oakwood who are at least age 65 qualify for an athletic pass, good for free admission to all home athletic games, excluding tournaments. The pass will admit the holder and one guest. Please visit the Board Office at 20 Rubicon Road to obtain a pass.



Check out our web site!

The Oakwood City Schools web site is a great source of information about events and activities of the district and schools. Read the district and school newsletters and much more. Check us out at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us.

WRIGHT LIBRARY

Visit us at 1776 Far Hills Avenue in Oakwood
 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday-Friday
 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday
 1-5 p.m. Sunday



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Online at www.WrightLibrary.org

Phone us at 937-294-7171.

Download our mobile app at wright.boopsie.com

Youth Services Calendar

December 2013

December 2 Tween Attack, 3:30 p.m.
 December 2 Teen Writing Club@Starbucks, 6:30 p.m.
 December 3 Terrific Tales on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
 December 6 Books & Blocks, 10:30 a.m.
 December 9 Tween Attack, 3:30 p.m.
 December 10 Terrific Tales on Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.
 December 13 Books & Blocks, 10:30 a.m.
 December 16 Tween Attack, 3:30 p.m.
 December 16 Teen Writing Club@Starbucks, 6:30 p.m.
 December 19 Tween Writing Group, 3:45 p.m.

Digital Download – Holiday Edition

Join Brian Potts, A/V Librarian, Saturday, January 4th at 1:30 p.m. for a demonstration on how to download books, magazines, music & videos from the library’s digital collection to your iPad, Kindle or favorite new tablet.

The program will include:

- How to install free software
- Search the collection
- Check-out and download titles
- Transfer titles to a portable device

The program is free and no advance registration is required.

Calendar December 2013-January 2014

December 2013

December 3 Wright Library On-the-Road
 Bookclub@Starbucks, 7 p.m.
 December 9 Device Users’ Group, 7 p.m.
 December 12 Device Users’ Group, 1:30 p.m.
 December 16 Library Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
 December 17 Wright Library Poets@Starbucks, 7 p.m.
 December 24 Library Closed, Christmas Eve
 December 25 Library Closed, Christmas Day
 December 26 Device Users’ Group, 1:30 p.m.
 December 31 Library Closed, New Year’s Eve

January 2014

January 1 Library Closed, New Year’s Day
 January 4 Digital Download – Holiday Edition, 1:30 p.m.
 January 9 Device Users’ Group, 1:30 p.m.
 January 13 Device Users’ Group, 7 p.m.
 January 14 Wright Library On-the-Road
 Bookclub@Starbucks, 7 p.m.
 January 20 Library Closed, Martin Luther King Day
 January 21 Wright Library Poets@Starbucks, 7 p.m.
 January 23 Device Users’ Group, 1:30 p.m.
 January 26 Ed Davis Book Signing, 2 p.m.
 January 27 Device Users’ Group, 7 p.m.
 January 27 Library Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

Holiday Schedule

The library will be closed for the following holidays:

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve Day

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 31, New Year’s Eve Day

Wednesday, January 1, New Year’s Day

Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King Day

Meet the Author: Local Author Plans Visit to Wright Library *(Continued from cover)*

Birds, boots, blues and banjos—there’s even healing dirt, plus many of the kindred spirits, living and dead, who’ve made my journey always interesting and often luminous.”

West Virginia native Ed Davis recently retired from teaching writing full-time at Sinclair Community College. He’s the author of the novels *I Was So Much Older Then* and *The Measure of Everything* as well as four poetry chapbooks. He lives with his wife and cats in the village of Yellow Springs.



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Asset Builder Profile



Linda's commitment to sharing Oakwood's heritage has been instrumental in the development of more than 26 children's history programs at The Long-Romspert Homestead. She has served as a role model for both the youth and adults in our community, training them to be volunteer helpers for children's programs and instilling a love of history. Her years of volunteerism and leadership include organizations like Easter Seals, Special Olympics, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and PTOs, as well as her work as a teacher, a grant writer, organizer, and researcher.

Having a long history of contributing to the communities in which she lives, Linda Pearson found a home at the Oakwood Historical Society, where she now serves as its President. Together with husband Jack and children Sarah (College of Wooster '13) and Jonathan (OHS '10), she moved to Oakwood in 2006.

The Oakwood community has benefited from Linda's dedication to the preservation of Oakwood's history past and present.

Linda Pearson *is* an Asset Builder!

1 Family Support, 3 Other Adult Relationships, 6 Parent Involvement in Schooling, 7 Community Values Youth, 8 Youth as Resources, 9 Service to Others, 14 Adult Role Models, 17 Creative Activities, 30 Responsibility, 33 Interpersonal Communication.

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assets
building blocks for healthy
development of young people

Our 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.