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City News

Oakwood Beautification Awards

The Oakwood Beautification Award Program recognizes residential, business and rental property owners who have enhanced their property through the use of trees, flowers or plant material, or by making architectural modifications or building improvements to existing structures. Awards are given during the months of May, June, July, August and September. Monthly award winners are selected by members of the Property Maintenance Board, and will have a sign placed in their yard to recognize their beautification efforts.

School News

OHS Academic Decathlon wins record-breaking National Championship

The OHS Academic Decathlon Team won the USAD Division III National Title for the fourth consecutive year, bringing home 106 individual medals. The team's score was the highest ever for a Division III team. Oakwood City Council recognized the team and their coach, Lori Morris, at their May 4th meeting.



Library News



Unmask!

Get your summer started with heroic action! Let reading be your superpower. Join the library for **Unmask!** Signups begin **June 6** at the library. Join us for free fun for youth of all ages, cool prizes, and great programs and special events. For full summer reading club information and events check out our website

www.wrightlibrary.org/SummerReadingClub2015.

P2 2014 WATER REPORT
The city of Oakwood has prepared the 2014 Consumer Confidence Report for the city's public water system.

**P11 BETTER TOGETHER:
OSF AND OAA TEAM UP**
Alumni Association provides opportunities, resources and encouragement to connect alumni.

**P12 JOIN US FOR SUMMER ESCAPES...
ESCAPE THE ORDINARY WITH
WRIGHT MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Adults, your library card is your passport to Escape the Ordinary.



2014 Water Report

The city of Oakwood has prepared the 2014 Consumer Confidence Report for the city's public water system. This was done in accordance with federal regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The report can be viewed on the city website at www.oakwoodohio.gov/ccr.pdf. The report includes detailed information about our city water system during the 2014 calendar year. The report shows that the city provides high quality water for Oakwood residents and businesses and operates the public water system in compliance with all state and federal rules. A paper copy of the Consumer Confidence Report is available by request by calling the Public Works Center at 937-298-0777.

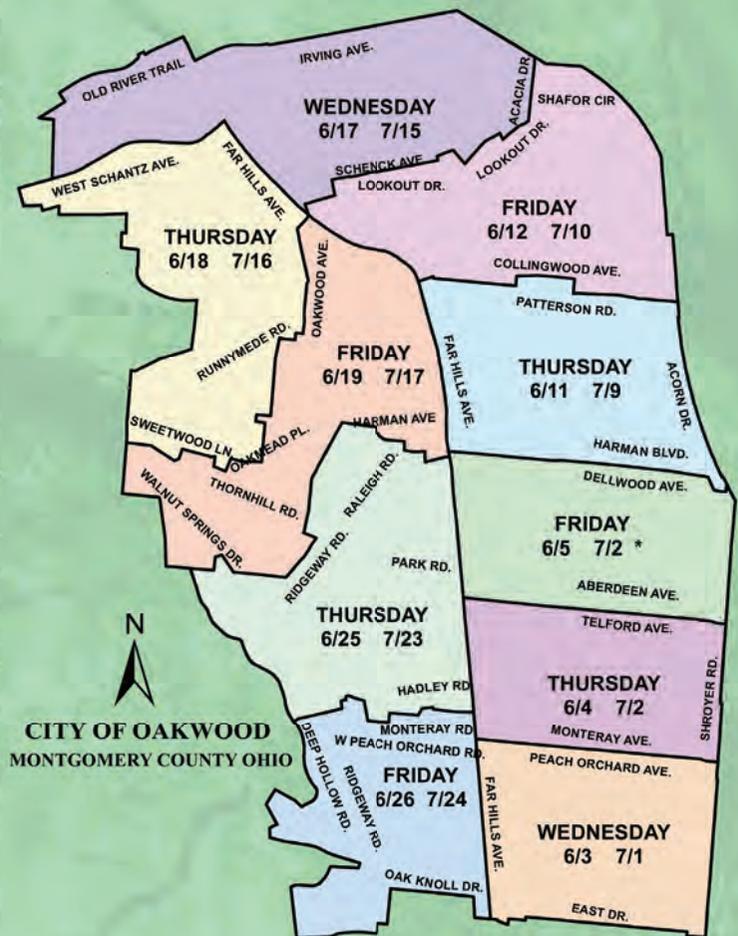
2015 Sidewalk, Curb And Driveway Apron Project

The 2015 sidewalk, curb and driveway apron repair project will take place in the area east of Far Hills from Forrer Road north to Patterson Road. The purpose of the program is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. Residents affected by the work received personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call Engineering Technician Tom Long 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 15.

Recycling Services

Under Oakwood's program, all recyclables may be co-mingled in a single can, or multiple cans if needed. These cans need to have recycling stickers on them which are available at 30 Park Avenue and 210 Shafor Boulevard. The cans also need to follow the same guidelines as refuse cans – 35 gallons or less and less than 60 pounds. Recyclables include glass; plastics with the 1-7 designations in the triangle on the bottom; aluminum, steel, and bi-metal cans; newspaper; cardboard; paperboard (like cereal boxes); junk mail; magazines; and phone books. The city of Oakwood uses refuse trucks which have separate compartments for the garbage and recyclables. The garbage is taken to the Montgomery County Transfer Station and the recyclables to Rumpke.

YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE JUNE - JULY



* = HOLIDAY

FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 6/25, 7/23

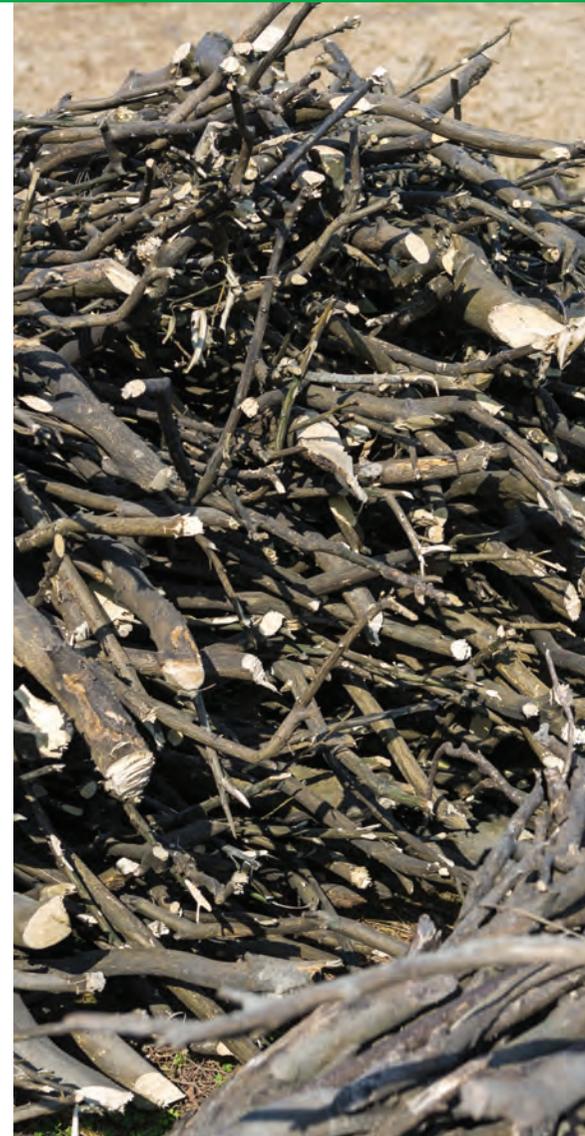
SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 6/11, 7/9

Yard Debris Disposal

As you finish up 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 feet 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 in the street gutter (except leaves in the fall) or anything except yard debris in the tree lawn area.**
- Place small amounts of leaves, small twigs, dead flowers and other such smaller green waste items in with your regular trash... or better yet, drop them in the dumpster at the Creager Field parking lot.
- If you would like to dispose of your yard debris by means other than the monthly city pick-up, you have three choices: 1) You may drop it off at the Foell Public Works Center, 210 Shafor Blvd, on the first Saturday of the month between 9 a.m. and noon; 2) You may drop it in the yard debris dumpster at the Creager Field parking lot (corner of Shafor and Irving); or 3) You may call for a dumpster free of charge (yard debris only).
- Do not stack loose debris around or on tops of trash cans.
- Please remember the 35 gallon and 60-pound limits on trash cans and that all cans must have lids.
- Please recycle as much as you possibly can... it saves us money.
- Remember the three (3) can limit for regular trash (or one roll waste container for alley properties).
- Grass clippings are not accepted, either with regular trash, with curbside collected yard debris, or in dumpsters.
- Contractor generated material is not accepted.

Please refer to the map on page 2 for your scheduled pickup days.



Stormwater Program

The city of Oakwood continues to comply with the EPA Stormwater permit. Oakwood stormwater permit actions include: dry weather screening of outfalls to verify absence of illicit connections; educating residents on stormwater matters; requiring sediment and erosion controls on construction sites larger than 1 acre; regular street sweeping; and staff education on stormwater impacts. The overall goal of the program is to improve the quality of the water in our rivers, lakes and streams by limiting pollutant release into receiving waters. There are several ways that citizens can aid in this effort: 1) do not place any material in the street except leaves during the 10 week collection period in the fall; 2) do not dump oil, lawn debris, or other materials into the storm sewer – this is a direct path to your streams and there is no treatment of this water; 3) limit as much as possible the use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides; and 4) clean up after your pets as the bacteria in the animal waste is very harmful to the streams. The Miami Conservancy District (MCD) has many materials available if you would like additional information. These can be found at: <http://www.miamiconservancy.org/water/riversmart.asp>





Smith Gardens 2015 Blanket Concert Series

The Friends of Smith Gardens and the city of Oakwood are pleased to present the “2015 Blanket Concert Series”. The series is a community favorite and this year’s schedule offers something for everyone. Bring your blanket and join us at Smith Gardens, located in the 800 block of Oakwood Avenue at the corner of Walnut Lane. Parking is available on Oakwood Avenue, some adjacent side streets and around the City Building. In case of rain, the concerts will be held at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road. These concerts are FREE and open to the public.

• Sunday, June 28th at 7:00 P.M. Madcap Puppets

Dare to enter a world of enchanting stories with Alvis and Sydney, two kids attempting to unlock the secrets of their uncle’s mysterious clock shop. Each time they climb through his magical grandfather clock, they are swept away to a land of exciting stories – each more heart-pounding than the last. But these adventures may trap them in the clock forever! In order to escape, they will need help from the audience!

• Sunday, July 26th at 7:00 P.M. The Fries Band

“THE FRIES BAND” is known as the premier vocal band in the Dayton area. They focus on tight 3, 4, & 5 part harmonies that are primarily driven by acoustic guitars. Specializing in the sounds of Crosby Stills Nash & Young, America, The Beatles, Eagles, Jimmy Buffett and more. They have opened up for many national acts such as: Foghat, Kansas, The Guess Who, Gladys Knight, Mick Fleetwood, Henry Lee Summer, The Dixie Dregs, Martina McBride, 1964 as the Beatles, and many more. This will be a great show!

• Sunday, August 23rd at 7 P.M. Viva la Strings

VIVA LA STRINGS is comprised of Greater Dayton and Cincinnati based musicians who have been playing together in ensembles and orchestras for several years. Viva la Strings perform pieces from Mozart to Music of the Night. These soothing sounds are a perfect way to end our summer Blanket Concert Series.

Pre-School Story Hour At Smith Gardens

The OCC, in conjunction with Wright Memorial Public Library, is pleased to present another fun season of “Story Hour at Smith Gardens”. Spend a magical morning in the Gardens as the Children’s Librarian reads enchanting stories to your preschooler. Friday dates: June 26, July 24 and August 28 at 10 a.m. In case of rain, meet in the Garden House.

Oakwood Community Center

Swim Lesson Registration: Registration will be held at the OCC on Monday, June 8 beginning at 9 a.m.

Safety Town Program: Safety Town is designed to teach small children, ages 5 and 6 (must be entering kindergarten in the fall), street crossing safety, home safety and think safety. Two sessions will be held at Orchard Park Elementary School in Kettering. The first session is Monday-Friday, June 15-19 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. with the registration deadline on Wednesday, June 10 at 9 p.m. The second session is Monday – Friday June 22-26 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the registration deadline on Wednesday, June 17 at 9 p.m. Register at the OCC. Class is limited to 22 students per session.

Oakwood Dolphins Swim Team: Swim team begins on Monday, June 8. The season runs through Friday, July 17. Any Gardner Pool member 18 and under may register to join this team.

Annual Ice Cream Social: This tradition is held before school resumes in the fall and is scheduled for Sunday, August 16 at Shafor Park. Tickets will be available beginning Monday, July 13.

Call the OCC at 298-0775 for more information on these and other events.



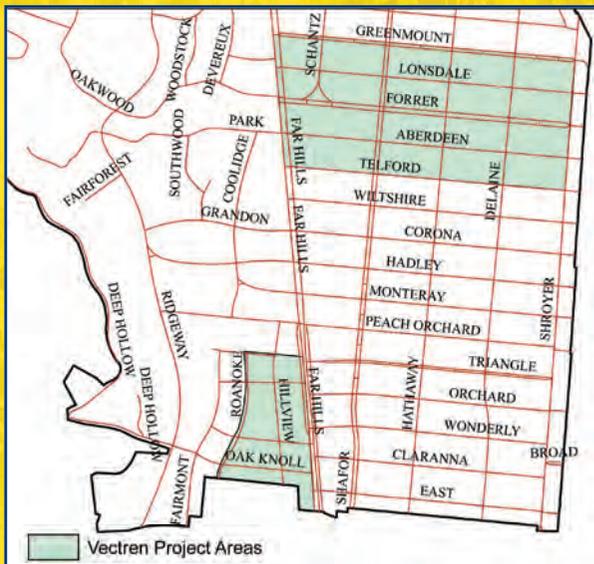
How to Help Prevent Criminal Activity

FBI data shows that criminal activity rises in the summer -- an average of 10 percent, according to FBI statistics. A significant portion of this increase results from thieves preying on vacationing families, and more than half of the U.S population will take a vacation away from home this summer. There are some simple safeguards you can take that will greatly reduce the risks of becoming a victim:



- Stop your mail and newspaper delivery, or have a friend or neighbor collect it daily. If your mailbox is overflowing while you are away or newspapers pile up, criminals will be alerted that you aren't home.
- Exercise some discretion when you talk about your trip. Your blog isn't the best place to announce that you'll be away from home for a month. Being aware of who's around when you discuss your trip in restaurants and even at work isn't a bad idea either. Make sure that your children are discreet, too. No one is saying that you should be suspicious of everyone you meet, but even a chance remark has the potential to lead to unintended and unfortunate consequences. The less information you put out there, the less likely it is to reach the wrong ears and eyes.
- When you leave, make sure all doors and windows are locked and fastened. Doors should have deadbolt locks with a one-inch throw and reinforced strike plate. Before departing, examine your house from the street and make sure no valuables, like expensive electronics or artwork, are visible from the street. If a passerby can see your belongings, so can criminals.
- Even if you stop newspaper delivery and mail service, there are still some gotchas that can make it obvious that you're not around. If you're a diligent homeowner who mows his lawn every week and things start to look overgrown and neglected, it's easy to come to the conclusion that you're not around. Because you can't plan for every contingency, have someone in the area check your house regularly. Whether it's a neighbor or relative, nothing beats having a person check the premises every day or two while you're gone.
- Sign up for the Safety Department's Vacant House Check (VHC) program. Officers of the Oakwood Safety Department can check your home while you are away. Sign up by telephone (298-2122) or in person with the Safety Department Dispatcher. The dispatcher will obtain some basic information such as: the length of your absence, who may be authorized to be on your property while you are away (friends, relatives, lawn/landscape crews, etc.), and some basic emergency contact information. Officers will then check on your home periodically while you are gone and will contact you if there are any issues of concern

Rushing out the door to begin enjoying a vacation can cause people to overlook several easy ways to ensure their homes will be protected. Taking the necessary precautions to protect your home while you're away will save you those nagging worries so you can thoroughly enjoy your trip!



Vectren Gas Pipeline Upgrades for 2015

Over the next several months Vectren will be replacing underground gas distribution mains and home service lines in the Oakwood neighborhoods identified on the map. The work will involve installing a new polyethylene piping system in place of old and outdated steel and cast iron pipes. Also as part of this project, if you currently have an indoor meter, the meter will be relocated to an outside wall. The work being done in Oakwood is part of a multi-year Vectren project across their service territory. Oakwood residents affected by the work have already received more detailed information from Vectren. Although this is not a city of Oakwood project, please feel free to contact Public Works Inspector/Foreman Tom Long at 298-0777 if you have any questions about the work.

Oakwood Junior High School/Oakwood High School: 2014-2015 Year in Review

Social Studies Department

The social studies department increased collaboration between teachers, implemented primary source documents as a way of studying the past, worked on alignment of curriculum to content standards (Common Core and ODE), promoted greater citizenship among students, while also preparing them for college, and are developing a writing rubric grades 7-12.

- OJHS teachers intensified their use of primary source documents and writing document-based questions (DBQ) to better prepare students for high school course work.
- OJHS teacher Jennifer Simpson returned from leave and will teach several high school sections next year.
- Amanda Ammer will teach 7th grade history classes next year, along with Bridget Fiore and Ryan Connelly.
- New OHS teacher Matt Deters, brought several years of teaching and travel experience into the classroom, and immediately became a favorite among students.
- 15 OHS students were awarded cash prizes totaling \$3800 in the sixth annual Oakwood High School Entrepreneurship Competition, sponsored by The Oakwood Schools Foundation with support from Irvin Harlamert (OHS '48). This competition emphasizes the importance of the entrepreneurial spirit and encourages students to explore and understand the value of entrepreneurs.
- OHS International Perspective (OHSIP) students, advised by teacher Mitch Miller, promoted a heightened awareness of issues around the globe, established an open welcoming atmosphere for political discussion, and encouraged student investment in the world around them.
- High scores were achieved on 2014 AP exams, with a 4.05 average. A record 126 students took exams in American Government & Politics, Psychology, U.S. History, AP Comparative Government and European History, with 115 (91%) passing with a score of 3, 4, or 5. The average social studies exam score at Oakwood was 4.05 (out of 5), compared to a school-wide average of 3.55.
- Federal Magistrate Judge Michael Newman spoke with AP US Government students about his position as a federal judge and the challenges of the position, organization of the court system, and entering the legal profession.



8th graders participated in Presidential Greatness Debate

Special Education Department

The special education department spearheads the collaboration of teachers, parents, administrators, related service personnel, and students to improve educational results for students with documented identified needs.

- Gifted Intervention Specialist Amanda Ammer facilitated a visit of Beginning Robotics students to Lange School. Using the Mindstorms software and materials, students taught kindergarten students about robotics.
- History on Display, incorporating the topic of Leadership and Legacy, offered junior high students the opportunity for historical research and current event study, culminating in a Parent Share Fair.
- Project Support, a student group dedicated to the continuous improvement of the school and community, and promoting friendships with students with disabilities, participated in several outings and a Candy Gram Fundraiser that raised over \$200.
- In an effort for our students with multiple handicaps to develop life skills in real-world settings, the following businesses generously provided vocational training opportunities: Miami Valley Hospital, Brookdale Place, Dorothy Lane Market, and Ashley's Bakery.
- Partially through a generous donation from a parent in the community, a Sensory Room was designed and furnished to promote self-regulation, crisis de-escalation, and to facilitate the learning and practice of stress management skills.
- The Oakwood Schools Foundation awarded a grant to purchase 12 Zenergy stationary exercise balls that provide safe movement to foster improvement in concentration and focus while supporting better posture and balance.
- 5 students attended the Montgomery Co. ESC Prom designated specifically for students with multiple disabilities or similar.



Science Department

The science department provides students with hands-on, real life experiences to teach them how to think and communicate science knowledge through inquiry and approach.

- Hosted leading genetics educator Dr. Sam Rhine to speak to AP Biology students, as well as AP students from across the Miami Valley.
- Funded by The Oakwood Schools Foundation and supported by the OJHS/OHS PTO, NASA's "Mohawk Man," engineer at its Jet Propulsion Laboratory, visited OJHS/OHS interacting with 7-12 graders, igniting imaginations and relaying stories and messages about Mars exploration.
- "Full STEAM Ahead" funded by a continuing grant from The Oakwood Schools Foundation, integrated art and science into a series of workshops for 7-12th graders.
- 100% of our AP Biology and AP Chemistry students earned a 3 or higher on the respective AP exams and 60% of our AP Physics students earned a score higher than a 3.
- The OHS Energy Team began modeling a sustainable agriculture by introducing a hydroponic grow system to the high school and was recognized by Habitat for Humanity for providing each new home built with a green housewarming gift.
- Longtime AP Chemistry and Chemistry teacher Jim Slagel retired.



CSI Oakwood: Forensic Science students host alumni

Engineering accomplishments:

- Engineering and maintenance staff redesigned the wood shop into a state of the art Fab Lab facility, now home to numerous pieces of prototyping equipment, including: a laser cutter, 3D scanner, desktop mill, vinyl cutter, CNC router, and several models of 3D printers.
- Independent Study students studied the operational manuals and will develop tutorial videos for Fab Lab equipment.
- Introduction to Engineering Design students worked with Tark, Inc. to redesign the inlet to a CAT scan cooling pump.
- As part of the American Institute of Architects Regional Design Contest, Civil Engineering students developed models for the renovation of the old Gentile Building warehouse into a new modern market. Eight Oakwood students received awards for their design, including \$2100 in scholarships and textbook awards.
- As part of our effort to build bridges into local engineering businesses, we thank Norwood Medical, Yasakawa-Motoman, Woolpert Construction, and the Westcott House for graciously opening their doors to our students and engineering faculty.
- Femineering students participated in numerous activities, developed by senior high leaders, including team building at Camp Kern, Scarecrow Row display, laser cutting holiday decorations, winter sleep over, and a visit to Diamond Rocks jewelry design factory.
- The Oakwood Rocket Team, under advisor Howard Smith, and with seniors Ana Schauer, Greg Smith, and Ben Baker, guided the team to excellent scores that fell just short of qualifying for the national finals fly-off.

Foreign Language Department

Student communication has been a priority with emphasis on the real-life skills of listening and speaking, which are basic to communicating in a second language. We began a two-year audit and review process that focuses on curriculum, materials, technology, and alignment to the state standards as well as the day-to-day aspects of classroom teaching.

- Awarded a grant from OSF for the purchase of digital recorders, providing another tool for classroom speaking activities.
- 65% of Spanish V and French V students who took the 2014 AP exam scored at a 3 or higher.
- Spanish and French students in levels 1-5 participated in the National Language Exams, with many earning bronze, silver and gold medals.
- More than 50 Spanish and French III, IV & V students inducted into La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica and La Société Honoraire de Français. Inductees must maintain an A for 3 consecutive semesters and have an overall GPA of 3.2 to qualify for membership, promote their respective languages, tutor, and participate in a charitable activity.
- French Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society worked together on a service project, raising \$500 donated to Child Fund International.
- Four teachers attended the "Ohio's New World Language's Model Curriculum" conference.
- Welcomed new French teacher Rebecca Veneman.

English Department

The English department examined course curricula and data, collaborated with other departments, partnered with community resource teams, mentored students, and coached nationally recognized academic teams.

- 71 AP English Language and Composition students tested, with 85% earning a 3 or above, while nationally only 56% earned a 3 or above.
- 56 AP English Literature and Composition students tested, with 80% earning a 3 or above, while nationally only 54% earned a 3 or above.
- A generous donation from The Dorothy Koch Family Foundation funded the purchase of a Chromebook mobile lab. Students will use this lab to research scholarly sources, compose literary analysis and research papers, produce visual aids for group presentations, and practice taking electronic assessments.
- 9th grade English and Modern World History teachers designed an interdisciplinary unit that connected the Russian Revolution and the reign of Stalin to the novel *Animal Farm*.
- 9th grade students Trent Gould, Grace Worley, Lydia Johnson, and Katie Connell earned the Honorable Mention Award, placing in the top 25 out of over 300 students in the Good Life Writing Contest.
- 7th and 8th grade Power of the Pen Teams coached by OJHS English teacher Mindy Hoffer earned First Place for Best Performance Overall at the District Tournament, won the Sweepstakes Trophy for most combined points at districts and regionals, and 5 members qualified for the state tournament.
- The Academic Decathlon team, coached by OHS English teacher Lori Morris, won First Place in Ohio and participated in the National Championship Competition in California winning the Division III National Title for the fourth consecutive year.
- Led by OHS Librarian Mindi Ashworth, the English Department participated in professional development opportunities with Wright Public Library, The University of Dayton, and Wright State Library.
- To support the College Credit Plus initiative, the English IV Honors course will serve as the college credit course for high school students.
- Starting in the 2015-16 school year, all 7th graders will take a quarter elective course, Reading and Writing Connections, to support literacy and composition skills.



OJHS Power of the Pen Team

Fine and Performing Arts Department

The fine and performing arts department strives to enhance the student experience through exposure, experience, and technical practice allowing students to cultivate creativity and prepare them to become well-rounded young adults.

- Welcomed Krista Furst as the new OJHS art teacher, bid farewell to Band Director Ron Nelson who is retiring after 33 years (the last 10 in Oakwood), and welcomed Adam Uhlenhake as the new Band Director.
- High school art students participated in the Memory Project creating 40 beautiful portraits (drawings, paintings, digital art, etc.) for Orphans of India. This initiative provides a unique opportunity for students to create portraits for orphaned, neglected, or disadvantaged children and teens around the world, inspiring caring, global friendship, and a positive sense of self.
- 8 Oakwood art pieces were named Regional Winners and advanced to State Judging for the Governor's Youth Art Exhibition.
- Orchestra students participated in many concerts, including the fall concert with grades 7-12, 6th grade holiday concerts, winter concert with the high school groups and combined full orchestra for Phantom of the Opera, junior high band and orchestra concert, and finished up the year with the Cherry Pie Concert for grades 6-12 orchestras; 13 students participated in Solo & Ensemble, many receiving the top rating.
- Symphonic Chorale received an Excellent rating at OMEA District Contest.
- 2014 AP Music Theory scores: 2 students received 5's and 1 student received a 4.
- 2014 AP Studio Art scores: 2 students received 4's and 6 students received 3's.



Memory Project portrait by Ellie Bartlett



Practical Arts Department

The practical arts department provides students with math skills and reasoning skills necessary to take them to the next phase of college and career readiness.

Business Education:

- The Ohio Stock Market Challenge
- Entrepreneurship Competition
- Real Money. Real World.
- Oakwood Chapter of the National Business Honors Society
- Alliance with Wright State and the University of Dayton for investing education
- Philanthropy 101
- Field trips to the Oakwood Municipal Courts and Montgomery County Courts
- Partnerships with local businesses and professionals as guest speakers for career explorations

Junior High Gtt/Engineering:

- PLTW/GTT engineering program completed phase one of its "FAB LAB" model, designed by engineers at MIT
- Installed and is implementing the use of the following new state-of-the-art technology equipment into the curriculum: Affinia 3-D printers, Makerbot replicator 2-X 3-D printer, Zing Laser printer

Computer Science:

- OJHS Computer Applications students worked on keyboarding skills and learned to create and manage checkbooks with spreadsheet software
- OHS Computer Science students learned programming in preparation for the gaming unit overnight.
- OJHS and OHS Cyber Patriot teams learned networking skills through Cisco, built a virtual server for practice sessions, and are recruiting for next year's teams

High School Physical Education:

- Created and tracked personal fitness goals throughout PE courses
- Participated in yoga led by a Professional Yoga instructor
- Participated in "Zumba Day" led by a professional Zumba instructor
- Completed multiple units learning skills necessary to participate in lifetime fitness activities

Health:

- Created video PSA's on dating violence
- Participated in a dying and grief unit
- By using Fatal Vision goggles experienced the negative effects of drinking
- Participated in a unit about suicide awareness and prevention
- Learned and practiced infant, child, and adult CPR

Consumer Science:

- My First Home class explored Pointe Oakwood with Realtor Bob Posner
- Assisted with the Angels for Anna Project producing gym bags to be filled with overnight necessities for parents staying at hospitals with their children
- Everyday Foods and Advanced Foods participated in several cook-off contests, with staff members serving as judges to critique student creations.



Best of luck to OHS Policy Debate Teams, Lauren Pepper and Grady Fultz, and Haley Williams and Maggie Ryan, as they compete at the National Forensic National Tournament in Dallas, TX from June 14-19.



Senior Spencer White is congratulated by Superintendent Dr. Ramey, OSF Chair Phil Schnell, and teachers Mitch Miller and Britt Platt upon receiving an Entrepreneurship Competition award.



Annie Knoll, Charles Kidwell, Reid Huelsman, Peter Roll, and Gabrielle Kronbergs attended the Prom at Montgomery Co. ESC

OJHS and OHS Guidance Departments

Our mission is to help our students with their academic, social, and personal development through individual meetings, class meetings, group presentations, and opportunities for leadership development. Counselors are dedicated to staying current with best practices and attending professional development opportunities to prepare them to provide the support necessary for our students to realize success.

OHS guidance counselors Kelly Owens, Paige Lumpkins, and Adam Woessner:

- Presented scheduling information to 8th grade parents and College Credit Plus information during the Curriculum Night
- Hosted grade level parent and financial aid meetings
- Hosted the 4th Annual College Admissions Panel including professionals from Case Western Reserve University, Miami University, Ohio University, Ohio State University, University of Dayton, University of Kentucky, and the University of Notre Dame
- Administered the PARCC and AIR performance based exams, end of year exams, and the ASPIRE (formerly the PLAN)
- Attended College Connection at the University of Kentucky, NACAC Conference, and local college presentations
- Currently serving the Admissions Advisory Boards at Ohio University and Ohio State University

Prevention/Intervention Counselor, Joan Bline coordinated numerous activities:

- Freshman Orientation
- Freshman Challenge
- Anthony Munoz Leadership Conference
- South Suburban Coalition Meetings
- Mentor Program, Elementary Schools
- 40 Assets Initiatives, including Hospice visits, "Take a Stand Oakwood," Reading for Pleasure Day
- Homeroom Activities
- Senior Service Activities
- Intervention Assistance Team
- Worked with Tanda Garner, MS/LPC-CR, contracted through South Community

Math Department

The OJHS/OHS math department provides students with math skills and reasoning necessary to take them to the next phase of college or career readiness through awareness.

- Oakwood math students again scored well on the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT), Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), Preliminary ACT (PLAN), ACT
- Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) 99% passing rate
- Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) 97% passing rate
- 103 students took AP tests in Calculus or Statistics with 63 scoring 3 or higher
- Algebra 1 and Honors Math 1 students participated in PARCC testing
- College Connection visit to the University of Kentucky to discuss expectations for incoming freshmen with university faculty and the transition from high school to college with OHS alumni
- Teacher Laura Connor spoke at the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics State Convention on preparing students for college mathematics

OJHS guidance counselor Lissa Fickert coordinated:

- Lumberjack Leaders, who welcomed new 7th graders with orientation and activities throughout the year to help them feel comfortable
- Take 5 Program, which promotes a caring culture that revolves around Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness, Relationships, and Resilience
- PARRC and AIR exams



OHS 40 Assets team created cards for hospital patients



Check out our website!

The Oakwood Schools website is a great source of information about events and activities of the district and schools. Check us out at www.oakwoodschoools.org

Be a Lumberjack for Life!

Give the Gift of an OHS Alumni Association Membership

Need that perfect graduation gift? Give the gift of a membership to the OHS Alumni Association to your grad, or yourself! Membership dues are \$10 per year, or \$100 for a Lifetime Membership, and are packaged and ready to give, along with an OHS Alumni window cling!

As a member of the OHS Alumni Association, alumni gain access to our services of providing classmate contact information (with permission from the individual), career networking connections among alumni, as well as the ability to connect with fellow OHS grads if relocating to another part of the country or even world!

To gift a membership or join the OHS Alumni Association, contact Amy Martin at alumni@oakwoodschoools.org, or 937-298-8711.

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS JUNE/JULY 2015

June 2015

6/1	7:30 p.m. Class of 2015 Commencement
6/3	Lange End of Year Ceremony
6/3	7 p.m. Harman 6th Grade Graduation
6/3	7 p.m. Smith 6th Grade Recognition
6/4	2:15 p.m. Early Dismissal/Last Student Day
6/5	Last Staff Day
6/8	7 p.m. Board of Education Meeting

July 2015

7/4	4th of July Holiday/Board Office Closed
7/13	7 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting

The Oakwood Schools master calendar can be viewed online at:
www.oakwoodschoools.org

We're Better Together: OSF and OAA Team Up

Although the Oakwood Schools Foundation (OSF) and the Oakwood Alumni Association (OAA) are two separate and distinct organizations, they share a common mission: support of Oakwood Schools.

Through the years, OSF and OAA have shared this mission by maintaining relationships, establishing partnerships, connecting with alumni, as well as funding teacher grant requests and facilitating scholarships to support our students. Working together, they are collaborating on projects using the resources of both organizations to inform alumni, parents, teachers, students and the community as to how their gifts are being used to support our schools.

In April, a luncheon was hosted by OSF and OAA for representatives of graduating classes from 1950-2000. Alumni joined OAA Director Amy Borgert Martin, OHS '98 and OSF Director Dante Connell to learn about resources available for reunion planning and to receive an update on OSF's recent grant allocations, and most importantly, how their gifts have been managed and distributed.

OSF and OAA have established mutually beneficial partnerships. For example, in 2007, the Class of 1950 established the David R. Collins OHS Class of 1950 Scholarship, through which \$1,000 is awarded every year to a graduating senior with outstanding achievement in English, creative writing, or speech and drama skills. OSF manages this fund, and is grateful to Charles Simms, OHS '50, for his recent generous

contribution to ensure the award continues for many years to come. The OHS Class of 1994 donated the balance of their 20-year reunion fund to OSF, providing a supporting gift on behalf of their class. Class of 1964 alumni donated generously following their reunion, bringing the total donation in honor of their classmates to more than \$2,000.

When the Class of 1965 gathered for their 40th reunion at Homecoming 2005 with almost half of their class attending, they set a goal of raising \$100,000 to be presented to OSF at their 50th reunion in October 2015. The fund has grown each year through significant contributions from classmates. OSF is working with OHS '65 to help match the wish list of Oakwood Schools with the passion of their reunion class to identify a gift that will be meaningful to all.

Under Martin's leadership, the Alumni Association, re-emerging with a renewed vigor and fresh vision, continues to provide opportunities, resources, and encouragement to connect fellow and future alumni. Working together, Connell and Martin look forward to committing the resources, support and experiences of each organization to maintain excellence in our Oakwood Schools.



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Save the Date!

OSF will debut ***Come Back Lumberjacks***, a signature event on **October 2, 2015**. This gathering, after the Homecoming football game, is free and open to all Oakwood alumni and adult community members to meet and mingle at the Dayton Country Club.



Wright Memorial
Public Library

937-294-7171

www.wrightlibrary.org

Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Sunday

Escape the Ordinary

Adult Summer Reading Club
Saturday June 6- Friday, August 14

Read to Win &
Join us for Summer Escapes

Wrap up Party
Saturday, August 15 12:00-4:00

Join us for Summer Escapes... Escape the Ordinary with Wright Memorial Public Library

Adults, your library card is your passport to **Escape the Ordinary** at our summer reading club. Starting **June 6**, read books to earn great prizes. Additional chances to win weekly drawings and grand prizes for each entry received. For full summer reading club information and events check out our website www.wrightlibrary.org/SummerReadingClub2015.



WRIGHT COMPANY FACTORY
INSTAMEET
SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015
10 AM - 1 PM
#WRIGHTFACTORYMEET

Saturday, June 13, 10am-1pm
**Instameet @ Wright
Company Factory**
2815 West Third Street,
Dayton, OH 45417

The Library, in partnership with the National Aviation Heritage Alliance and Tom Gilliam of Daytongram, will host this photography open house at the Wright Company Factory, located at 2815 West Third Street. An Instameet is a gathering

of Instagram users at a designated place to take photographs and share them on Instagram. All photographers are welcome. Visitors can expect a short tour of the property and plenty of free time to take pictures on the grounds of this not-yet-open-to-the-public historic site where the Wright Brothers' company manufactured 120 airplanes between 1910 and 1915. The site is not handicap accessible and does contain some hazards. All visitors must sign a waiver. Recommended for ages 16 and up.

Tuesday, June 30, 7-9pm

Recess for Grown-Ups @ Oakwood High School

1200 Far Hills Ave, Oakwood, OH 45419



Remember recess? Get back that sense of pure freedom grown-up style. Join Wright Memorial Public Library and the Oakwood Community Center for an evening of drop-in Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Yoga. Justina Sanford, the only Baptiste-certified yoga instructor in the Dayton area and owner of Ignite

Yoga Studio in Centerville will lead yoga from 7-8, followed by a Vision and Goals workshop presented by the staff of Lululemon Oakwood. Bring Your Own Yoga mat. Volleyball and Ultimate Frisbee ongoing 7-9. All events held on the grounds behind the High School. Enjoy an active night with friends! Future grown-ups are welcome too. Weather permitting.

Open

Mic

at Flyboys Deli

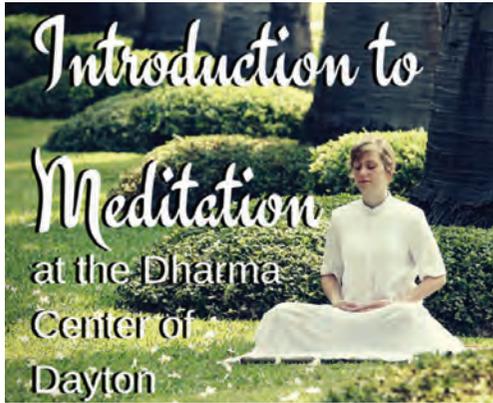


Monday, July 13, 7-8:30pm

Open Mic @ Flyboys

2515 Far Hills Ave. Oakwood, OH 45419

Join The Library and friends upstairs at Flyboys for music, comedy and poetry open mic. Order from Flyboys deli menu, enjoy wine, craft beer or something from their Espresso Bar, and bring your art and your courage. This is a great opportunity to perform in front of an audience! First timers encouraged. Five-minute comedy/poetry slots; ten-minute music slots. One mic, no sound board. Sign-ups start at 6:30pm.



Monday, Aug 10, 7-8:30pm
Introduction to Meditation
@ Dharma Center of Dayton

425 Patterson Rd, Dayton, OH 45419

Mindfulness and meditation are proven ways to enhance your mental and physical health. The practice encourages people to relax, pay attention, and fully experience the present moment. Meditation can also be a way to focus and strengthen the mind. Learn more about meditation and how to get started with this introduction from the Dharma Center of Dayton. People of all faiths welcome.

Special Summer Events

Chris Rowlands in Concert



Join Chris Rowlands for whimsical puppetry and whistle-worthy tunes about biology, specifically local animals and their seasonal processes.

Saturday, June 20, 2015 - 2:00pm

Jim McCutcheon in Concert



Join the library for a concert on the lawn featuring guitarist Jim McCutcheon.

Saturday, August 1, 2015 - 2:00pm

Drawn to be a Hero with Cartoonist Jeff Nicholas

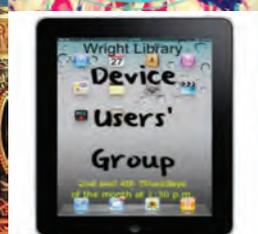
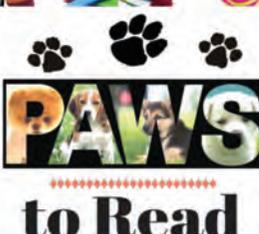
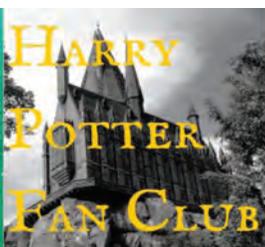


Illustrator, writer, and veteran teacher Jeff Nicholas shares his original art and stories in this cartooning

program -Drawn to Be a Hero. Nicholas will entertain the audience with humorous stories, poems, and original illustrations while teaching how to create his "heroically comical" characters using simple, draw along methods.

Saturday, July 18, 2015 - 2:00pm

Join us for these and other programs this summer! Details at www.wrightlibrary.org.





City of Oakwood

30 Park Avenue
Oakwood, Montgomery County
Oakwood, OH 45419



Pam Rickard is an Asset Builder!



Pam Rickard, Oakwood mother of two boys, Nathan (OHS '11) and Nick (OHS '15), is a Business Operations System Support Specialist at Teradata Corporation. Pam has generously volunteered in Oakwood Schools and for numerous organizations in the greater Dayton community.

As a member of the Smith School PTO, she was a homeroom parent coordinator, cafeteria and library volunteer, Junior Achievement instructor, and volunteer reader with first graders. As an OJHS/OHS PTO member, she served on the directory committee. Pam was chair of the Oakwood Athletic

Boosters, served as past president, and continues to be an active volunteer with the Boosters.

“All parent volunteers are such a great community asset. I am thankful that Oakwood supports parent and community participation in the schools,” said Rickard. “For the last 16 years it has truly been a pleasure to work alongside all the volunteers to help make Oakwood Schools excellent.”

In the greater Dayton community, Pam has supported projects through the Teradata Cares Program, including Ronald McDonald House, local shelters, Community Tissue Services, and Battle of the Businesses. As a CARE Walk supporter and executive committee member for 13 years, Pam continues to support this community walk along with the City of Oakwood, Oakwood Schools, local businesses, and various service organizations to help the underserved and uninsured.

Assets: 1 Family Support, 3 Other Adult Relationships, 4 Caring Neighborhood, 6 Parent Involvement in Schooling, 7 Community Values Youth, 9 Service to Others, 14 Adult Role Models, 26 Caring, 30 Responsibility, 32 Planning and Decision Making

40 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
[www.oakwoodschoools.org/About Us/40 Assets for
information, news, events, and more!](http://www.oakwoodschoools.org/About Us/40 Assets for information, news, events, and more!)

