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CITY NEWS

Tenant Identification Requirement

Within the next 30 days owners of rental property within the city of Oakwood will be receiving a letter outlining ordinance requirements to provide the names of tenants residing at each Oakwood rental property location. A Tenant Identification Form must be completed and returned to the city within 30 days. As a reminder, landlords are also responsible for promptly notifying the city of tenant changes and to complete the forms necessary to schedule a rental inspection.

If you own rental property within the city and do not receive a Tenant Identification Form by the end of February, please contact the city offices at 297-2920.

SCHOOL NEWS

Junior High Principal Search

The Oakwood Board of Education and the Administrative Team have established a timeline for the Oakwood Junior High principal search. The position 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 Board of Education meeting in May.

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.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Library Reminders Available by E-mail

Would you like an elf to remind you when your library books are due? An independent Web site called Library Elf makes this possible for many public libraries, including Wright Memorial Public Library. Sign up for the free service at www.libraryelf.com.

Programs for Adults

"YouTube, Blogger, Flickr, and del.icio.us?" February 26

You may have heard of these Internet services, but do you know what they are and how to use them? Wright Library is presenting an overview of the latest ways that anyone can participate in the online environment. This program will introduce blogs, RSS, wikis, photo sharing, social bookmarking and other ways to create your own

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City Council Meetings

City Council will conduct public meetings on the following dates:

Regular Sessions:

- 7:30 P.M., Monday, February 5
- 7:30 P.M., Monday, March 5

Work Sessions:

- 5:00 P.M., Monday, February 26
- 5:00 P.M., Monday, March 19

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

Holiday Closing

City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Monday, February 19 for President's Day.

Summer Employment Opportunities

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

Community Center Classes and Events

- **Annual Junior High Ski Trip** to Mad River Mountain will be on Friday, February 23. Registration deadline is February 14. Seats on the bus are limited.
- **Family 2-on-2 Basketball Tournament**, Saturday, March 10.
- **Pre-School Basketball Clinic** for children ages 4 and 5. This is a clinic and not a league. No games will be played. Children are taught basic skills in this four week program. Sessions are held on Saturday mornings March 3-24. Registration deadline is February 22.
- **Junior High Dances** will be held on Fridays February 9 and March 23 from 9:30-11:00 P.M. Dances are limited to Oakwood age junior high students only.
- **Egg Coloring & Pictures with the Easter Bunny**, Saturday, March 24, 1:30 - 3:00 P.M.
- **Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale**, Friday and Saturday, April 20-21.

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

Motor Vehicle Registration Tax

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

President's Day Trash Pickup

Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of February 19th will be picked up one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

2006 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Due April 16, 2007

The city of Oakwood has a mandatory filing requirement for all residents. Every individual, 18 years of age or older, who resides in Oakwood, must file an Oakwood City income tax return, whether or not any tax is due. This includes college students who are away at school. Retired residents who have income derived exclusively from non-taxable sources (interest, dividend, social security and/or pension income, etc.) must notify the tax office in writing in order to be exempt from the filing requirement. If you have any questions regarding filing requirements, please contact the Income Tax Department at 298-0531.

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

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood income tax return, please visit the Tax Department before March 30, 2007 if at all possible. Normal business hours for the tax office are from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided during the filing season as follows:

- Tuesday, April 10 through Thursday, April 12, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
- Monday, April 16, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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

Spring Yard and Garden Cleanup

As you get ready to tackle the spring yard and garden projects, here are a few things to remember:

- Place larger piles of yard debris including brush and branches into the tree lawn area just behind the curb. Remember that branches should be no longer than 6 feet and should be placed in manageable piles. Also, please do not place these piles around fire hydrants, cable TV boxes or posts/poles.
- Under no circumstance should you place anything except yard debris in the tree lawn area.
- Place small amounts of leaves, small twigs, flowers and other such smaller yard debris items in with your regular trash.
- If you have extra yard debris, place it in bags next to your cans. Please limit these extra bags to not more than two. If you have more than two, you will need to call for a special pickup.
- Do not stack loose debris around or on top of cans.
- Please remember the 35 gallon and 60-pound limits on trash cans and that all cans must have lids.
- Grass clippings are not accepted, either with regular trash or with curbside yard debris.

Please refer to the map below for your scheduled pickup days.

Mulch Program

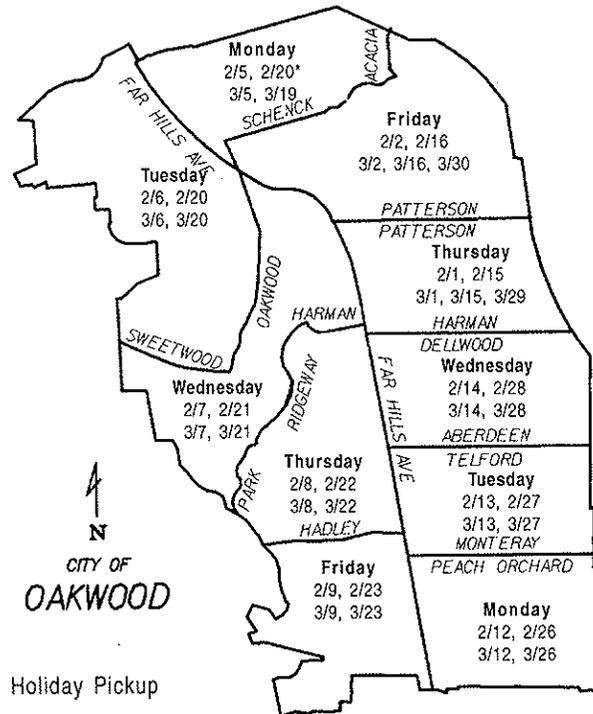
Citizens will have two options again this year for obtaining leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cy for \$65 and 6 cy for \$85. Please call 298-0777 to place an order. We will be taking orders beginning in March on a first come, first served basis. Mulch deliveries will take place on a total of 6 Saturdays. There will be an initial period of deliveries beginning on April 14 and ending on May 5. The final two Saturdays will be June 2 and June 9.

On the same six Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from the public works center at 210 Shafor Blvd. between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., but must haul the material themselves. City personnel will assist in loading the mulch.

Special Pickups

Special pickups can be scheduled by calling 298-0777. All Oakwood property owners are entitled to two special pickups per calendar year at no cost. Additional pickups will be charged at \$50 each. If you are a tenant, you must coordinate your special pickups with the property owner. For special pickups, all items must be placed in an open area where the city bucket loader can safely access them (e.g., on driveways away from structures and fences). Special pickups are suspended from mid-October through the end of the year due to leaf collection activities.

Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



* Holiday Pickup

The following two roads are scheduled as follows:
 Far Hills Avenue: 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22
 Shroyer Road: 2/1, 2/15, 3/1, 3/15, 3/29

Dumpsters

As an alternative to special pickups, residents can request dumpsters for disposing of resident generated debris (no contractor generated debris please). There is a \$50 delivery and pickup charge for the dumpsters. The person requesting the dumpster will also be responsible for the costs incurred by the city for dumping the discarded materials. If you would like to use the dumpsters for disposing of brush and branch material, rather than waiting for the regularly scheduled bi-weekly pickup, please call to schedule a dumpster delivery. There is no charge when using dumpsters for brush and branch disposal. Call 298-0777 to schedule this service.

Telephone Directory Recycling

Residents may recycle telephone directories during the month of March by delivering them to the city's drop off location at the Creager Field parking lot on Shafor Boulevard near Irving Avenue. Please do not place more than 2 phone books with your regular recycling container due to increased weight and volume. Also, during the month of March, there will be a telephone directory recycling container in the Dorothy Lane Market parking lot.

2007 Curb, Walk and Apron Project

The 2007 curb, sidewalk and driveway apron repair project will take place in the area east of Far Hills from Aberdeen Avenue 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. We have begun inspecting the area and marking sections of concrete requiring repairs. Residents affected by the work will receive personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call Bart Bornhorst, Engineering Technician, at 298-0777 if you have any questions. For those who choose to do the repair work themselves, please remember to obtain a permit in advance and that all work must be completed by June 8th.

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content on the Web for free. The program will be presented at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, February 26 in the Library Meeting Room. It is free and no registration is required. Please contact the Reference Desk at 294-7171 if you would like more information.

Adventure & Suspense Book Club March 5 and April 2

The Adventure and Suspense Book Club hops a camel and heads to Egypt in March. American orphan Jenny Benet persuades her British uncle to take her along on his archeological dig to search for the buried pyramid of Pharaoh Neferankhotep. Surprises lie in store for them as they are pursued through the desert by the nefarious Lady Audrey Cheshire. Read *Buried Pyramid* by Jane Lindskold and discuss the adventure on Monday, March 5, from 6:30 to 7:45 P.M. in the Library Meeting Room. For April, follow Dexter Morgan, a well meaning serial killer who works for the Miami police department. He only murders bad people—really! Read *Darkly Dreaming Dexter* by Jeff Lindsay for the discussion on Monday, April 2, same time, same place. For more information, or to sign up for the club, call the Wright Library Reference Desk at 294-7171. Copies of the books will be available to check out from the Library.

“Big Read” Book Discussion, March 18

Wright Library has joined the “Big Read” again this spring. This year's selection, *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls, is a memoir of growing up with parents who were eccentric and creative, but also neglectful. Multiple copies have been purchased for patrons to borrow.

Read the book and come to the Library for a “Big Read” book discussion at 2:00 P. M. on Sunday, March 18 in the Library Meeting Room. Refreshments will be served. Advance registration is not necessary.

Internet Searches: Librarians Do It Better

Many people are not aware of what libraries have to offer in the way of research. Librarians are handy people to know when accurate information is needed. Library professionals have been working online for much longer than the general public and are skilled searchers. *Reuters Health* reported that a recent study presented at the American Medical Library Association's annual meeting showed that patients are more likely to find what they are looking for with a librarian-mediated search. Over the last five years, Ruti Volk, manager of the Patient Education Resource Center at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, and his colleagues have done about 2,100 searches for cancer patients. After each librarian-mediated search, patients were asked to complete an evaluation on the information provided to them. Results from 513 evaluations revealed that 64% of patients said they were not able to get the information from any other source.

Call Wright Library's reference librarians at 294-7171 whenever you need research help!

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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. These teams will meet in March and April on dates yet to be determined. Participants will work with district administrators to formulate interview questions and meet with candidates as part of the interview team. Participants should expect 3-5 meetings over a 6 week period in March and April. If interested, please send a letter of interest to Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo, Superintendent, Oakwood City Schools, 20 Rubicon Road, Dayton, OH 45409.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo at the Board Office at 297-5332 or by email at scalzo.maryjo@oakwood.k12.oh.us, or her assistant, Sandy, at the number above or by email at maresh.sandy@oakwood.k12.oh.us.

Lange Preschool

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

Typically developing preschool students are selected for the program through a lottery. To be eligible for the lottery, students must be age 3 or 4 by September 30, 2007; be residents of the district; and be typically developing. Cost of participation in the program is \$400 annually, payable quarterly. Lottery applications for placement in the program for the 2007-2008 school year will be accepted until April 15. The lottery should take place by late May, or as soon as the number of spots available is determined. For additional information and an application, contact Kathy Bartalo or Cathie Newburg, Office of Educational Services, Oakwood Board of Education, at 297-7802.

Children With Disabilities

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

Schools are also required to provide evaluations to determine if a child has such a disability. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability, contact your local school district for more information. In Oakwood, please contact Kathy Bartalo, Director of Educational Services, at the Oakwood Board of Education Office, 297-7802.

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 sessions for kindergarten, preschool, and South Connection are cancelled.
- afternoon sessions will operate as usual.

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 for school closings/delays.

March 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				JH Gr. 6 Parent Mtg 7-9 p.m.	HS State Orchestra Contest	HS State Orchestra Contest
	Book Group-Library 6:30 p.m. Band Par Mtg 7 p.m. SH PSEO Info Night 7-8 p.m. City Council 7:30 p.m.	SH Parent/Principal Mtg 11:45 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. Athletic Booster Mtg 7:30-9:30 p.m.	Plan Comm 4:30 p.m.	JH/SH PTO Mtg 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Zoning App 4:30 p.m.	JH Student Council Dance 8-10 p.m.	SH Turnabout Dance 8:30-11:30 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	SH OGT Testing	SH OGT Testing SH Winter Sports Banquet 6:30 p.m.	SH OGT Testing SH Band/Choir pre- contest concert 7 p.m.	SH OGT Testing	No School SH OMEA HS Band/ Choir Contest 4-9 p.m.	SH OMEA HS Band/ Choir Contest 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. SH Ath Boosters Spring Fund Raiser 7-11 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Big Read Program- Library 2 p.m.	SH OGT Testing Library Board Mtg. 7 p.m.			SH Cheerleading Tryouts 3:30-6 p.m.	OCC JH Dance 9:30- 11 p.m.	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	SH Cheerleading Tryouts-Clinics 6:30-8 p.m.					
					SH Band @ "Wintergarden" 7-7:45 p.m.	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Kindergarten Screening and Parent Orientation Dates Set

Parent Orientation: Lange School, Tuesday, April 10, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.

Screening Appointments: Lange School, April 16-19, 2007 from 8:30 A.M.– 3:30 P.M.

Children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2007, may be registered for Kindergarten. Children who will be five years old between October 1, 2007 and January 1, 2008, may be considered for early entrance. Parents interested in early entrance may contact Lange School to request an application and testing information. Children referred for early entrance should participate in Kindergarten Screening.

It is important to note that state law makes Kindergarten a mandatory prerequisite for first grade. All first graders must have successfully completed Kindergarten. Furthermore, state law requires that all entering Kindergarten students be screened for hearing, vision, speech and communication, health or medical problems and for developmental disorders.

Parent Orientation—April 10, 2007—7:00 P.M. at Lange

The purpose of the orientation meeting is to explain the Kindergarten Screening procedures, enable parents to make a one-hour screening appointment, and provide an overview of Oakwood's Kindergarten program. This meeting is for parents ONLY. Parents do not need to bring any paperwork to the orientation meeting—just your calendar.

Screening Appointments—April 16-19, 2007

Kindergarten Screening will be done on an appointment basis only from April 16 through April 19, 2007. Parents may sign up for appointment times at the orientation session or by calling Lange School at 299-8730 **beginning** Wednesday, April 11, 2007.

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