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City News

Ice Cream Social

The annual Ice Cream Social will be held at Shafor Park from 3:30 – 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 14. Tickets for this event include a chicken dinner, drink and ice cream. Advance tickets are available to purchase at the OCC. Oakwood Clubs and Organizations may set up a table in the “Avenue of Organizations” by contacting Karen Earley at the OCC. Call 298-0775 for additional information.

School News

Oakwood Schools Introduces New Administrators

Tim Badenhop has been selected to serve as Principal of OJHS/Associate Principal 9-12 OHS after serving as school psychologist in Oakwood for the past three years. Prior to coming to Oakwood, he was a school psychologist for six years with the Warren County Educational Service Center and was assigned to Carlisle Local Schools. Badenhop received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Art from The Ohio State University. (Continued on page 7)

Library News

Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation 2016 Annual Fund Drive

The Wright Memorial Public Library Foundation has launched its 2016 annual fund drive. Donations to the Library Foundation support the mission of the Wright Memorial Public Library and enhance library services, events, and resources.

This year’s campaign theme “Who did you see at Wright Library?” celebrates the efforts of Wright Memorial Public Library to connect patrons to the world through literature, magazines, newspapers, movies, music, and technology resources, and innovative programs.

Through generous donations, the Wright Library Foundation underwrites summer reading programs and showcases speakers who discuss timely and topical issues and help fund other library initiatives.

The Foundation’s funds are invested and expended for the exclusive benefit of the Library. Anyone wishing to donate to the Foundation’s 2016 annual fund drive can do so by mail, at the Library, or online at www.wrightlibrary.org/wright-library-foundation.

P5 JOHNNY APPELSEED TREE PLANTING PROJECT

The city of Oakwood and Oakwood Environmental Committee will again offer the Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project to Oakwood homeowners.

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Music and dancing are coming to the library in August, with three special performances by local groups.

Special Pickups

To arrange for a special pickup (furniture, appliances, etc.), please contact the public works department at 298-0777. Items for special pickup must be placed on a driveway or other paved surface and must be accessible by city equipment. Special pickups are not available during the fall leaf collection season from mid-October through the end of the year, so please plan your projects accordingly.

Yard Debris

Yard debris collection is a key component of our refuse disposal services. The city collects yard debris on a monthly schedule, so it is important that yard debris be placed out only a day or two before your scheduled pickup. The pickup day for each neighborhood will generally be the same each month. See the adjacent map for the August and September schedule. Here are some reminders for the yard debris pickup service:

- No grass clippings are accepted.
- Place debris in a single pile away from trees, power poles and other obstructions.
- Keep debris out of the street. Place it behind the curb or off of the pavement edge.
- Do not place any debris in center medians.
- No contractor generated material is accepted.
- Dumpsters should be used for large amounts of yard debris. Call 298-0777 to order one. There is no charge when dumpsters are used exclusively for green waste.

As an alternative to city collection, please take advantage of self-dumping options. The Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. is open from 9 a.m. – 12 noon the first Saturday of each month to accept yard debris and other refuse items. Also, there are dumpsters in the parking lot at the Creager Field Dog Park specifically for yard debris. This is available 24/7.

Brush and Branch Trimming

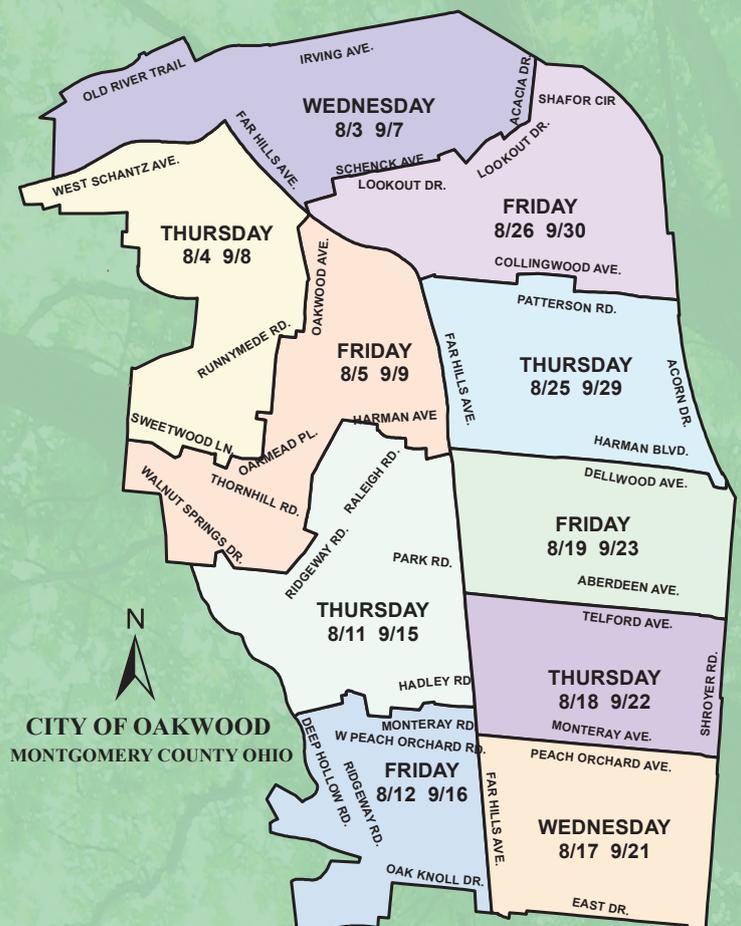
Do tree limbs hang over your sidewalk or the street? Do your bushes obscure stop signs or other street signs near your home? Tree and shrub maintenance by homeowners keeps Oakwood safe and beautiful – and it is the property owner’s responsibility. City ordinances require a clear height of 8 feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet above the street. Also, vegetation should be cut so that it does not restrict your view as you pull out of your driveway. If you live on a corner lot, be sure that motorists have a clear line of sight from each side of the intersection. Anyone residing near stop signs and other street signs must be certain that the signs are not obstructed by vegetation.



Labor Day Refuse Collection

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day. Refuse collection will be one day later than usual that week. Monday’s route will be collected Tuesday; Tuesday’s route will be collected Wednesday; Wednesday’s route will be collected Thursday; and Thursday’s route will be collected Friday.

YARD DEBRIS PICKUP SCHEDULE August and September



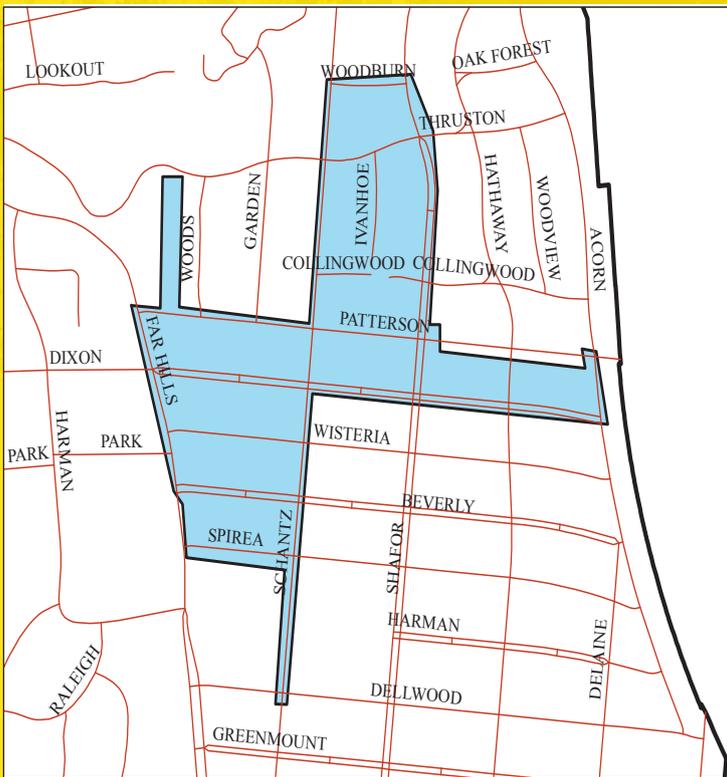
FAR HILLS AVE. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 8/11 & 9/15
SHROYER RD. WILL BE PICKED UP ON: 8/25 & 9/29



2016 Vectren Gas Line Improvements

Vectren continues replacing the underground gas distribution pipes and home service lines in Oakwood neighborhoods. The work in the area shown on the map below is nearly completed. The next work area will be along Shroyer Road and is scheduled to start soon.

The project involves installing new polyethylene piping systems in place of old steel and cast iron pipes. Vectren is also moving indoor gas meters to outside wall locations. This work is the continuation of a multi-year Vectren project in Oakwood. Oakwood residents personally affected by the work will receive 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 with questions about the work.



CITY OF OAKWOOD MONTGOMERY OHIO

Legend

2016 Asphalt Street Resurfacing

The City recently resurfaced the following streets. These projects are a continuation of our commitment to maintaining an excellent roadway system.

- Dellwood Avenue, E. Schantz to Shroyer
- Glendora Avenue, Irving to Schantz
- Sorrento Avenue
- Oak Knoll Drive
- Orlando Terrace
- Oakmead Place
- Walnut Springs Drive
- E. Dixon Avenue, Far Hills to Acorn
- Volusia Avenue, Oakwood to Mahrt
- Mahrt Avenue

The city also replaced sections of deteriorated concrete pavement on E. Schantz Avenue, and will complete additional concrete repair work on Ridgeway Road and Park Avenue.

2016 Sidewalk, Curb and Driveway Apron Project

The 2016 concrete sidewalk, curb and driveway apron repair project will be completed within the next few weeks. The 2016 project is in the area east of Far Hills Avenue from Patterson Road to Irving Avenue. Please call Engineering Technician Tom Long at 298-0777 with any questions or concerns regarding the work.



Traveling Safety

As summer comes to an end and children are preparing for a new school year, please be mindful of back to school safety.

Tips for Drivers

Drivers need to be aware that school is back in session and children will be walking, skateboarding, riding their bicycles, etc. to and from school. Below are some important areas in which drivers should pay attention:

- Watch for children running into the street in and around intersections.
- Watch for children entering the street from behind parked vehicles.
- When driving your children to school, deliver and pick them up in designated areas.
- Watch your speed when entering schools zones. Traffic safety is one of the cornerstones of law enforcement services provided by the Oakwood Safety Department and the school zone laws are strictly enforced.
- Come to a complete stop at all stop signs.

Tips for Walkers

As a walking community, pedestrian traffic increases significantly when a new school year starts. Parents and children should pay close attention of their surroundings as they commute to and from school.

- Pay attention to all traffic signals.
- If crossing Far Hills Avenue, cross at one of the four designated locations where a crossing guard is located (Aberdeen Avenue; Park Avenue; Patterson Road; and Five Points intersection)
- Wear reflective or bright clothing, especially during autumn and winter months, so drivers can see you easier.
- Plan a safe walking route to school. Choose the most direct way with fewest street crossings and use the intersections that have traffic signal controls.

Bicycle Safety Tips

Bicycles are a popular way for children in Oakwood to commute to and from school.

- Don't take short cuts; follow the same route as if you were walking to and from school.
- Always wear a properly sized bike helmet.
- Avoid wearing headphones. Music can be distracting and cause a rider to overlook potential hazards.
- Make sure you follow the "rules of the road": bicycles must comply with all provisions of the traffic code when riding on the street.
- Ensure that your bike is properly maintained.

Personal Safety for Kids

- Encourage your children to be alert and aware of their surroundings.
- Teach your children to report suspicious persons to you, teachers, police officers or other responsible adults.
- If encountered by a suspicious vehicle or person, take notice of the color and model of vehicle, license plate number, male or female drivers/passengers, clothing descriptions and any other distinguishing marks.





Smith Gardens 2016 Blanket Concert Series

The third and final Smith Gardens Blanket Concert is on Sunday, August 7. 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. The concert is FREE and open to the public. In case of rain, the concerts will be held in the Great Room at the Oakwood Community Center, 105 Patterson Road.

Sunday, August 7th at 7 P.M. ~ Soul Express Soul Express is a Dayton, Ohio based dance band specializing in Motown and Memphis soul classics from the 1960s and early 70s. Members Tom Beyerlein, Ken McCall, Chris Demmons, Ron Beavers and Gary Jackson have been playing clubs, festivals, parties and family-friendly concerts in the Miami Valley since 1999. They live to play good music, have fun and get people up on their feet dancing, so bring your dancing shoes! This show is sure to be a family favorite!



Johnny Appleseed Tree Planting Project

The city of Oakwood and Oakwood Environmental Committee will again offer the Johnny Appleseed Street Tree Planting Project to Oakwood homeowners. Applications and detailed brochures describing the project and the tree species will be available in late September from the OCC or by calling 298-0775. Information will also be on the city website. Property owners may choose from four or five varieties of trees. The trees selected will be approximately 2 inches in diameter and will be discounted at 50% to residents. One tree will be allocated for each approved property site at the discounted price but must be planted in the city right-of-way (property frontage). Trees will be planted in the latter part of November or early December. They will be planted by a local nursery, wrapped, staked, mulched and guaranteed for one growing season.

Oakwood Community Center Events

- August 10 from 2-4 p.m. “Orchardly Park Craft Day” at Orchardly Park. Projects are most appropriate for ages 3-6, but all ages are welcome. A parent or guardian must be in the park with the participating child.
- Junior High Dances: Fridays, September 9 and September 16 from 9:30 –11 p.m. after the home football game.
- 8th Annual Dog Splash. Gardner Pool will hold its annual “Dog Splash” from 1 – 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 11. You must register in advance at the OCC and bring a copy of vaccination records.
- Annual Homecoming Hot Dog Supper. This annual family event will be held at the OCC from 5:30 to 7 p.m. before the Homecoming parade and bonfire on Wednesday, September 28. Bring the whole family for dinner, then walk to the bonfire and show your support for the Lumberjacks!



Story Hour at Smith Gardens

The OCC, in conjunction with the Wright Memorial Library is pleased to present another “Story Hour at Smith Gardens”. Spend a magical morning in the Gardens as a Youth Services Librarian reads enchanting stories to your preschoolers. The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday, August 26. In case of rain, meet in the Garden House.



2016 Promises To Be A Great Reunion Year!

Last year, Oakwood alumni from 8 classes celebrated Homecoming 2015 by reuniting with friends, attending the Boosters' Tailgate and OHS football game, having a blast at The Oakwood School Foundation's Come Back Lumberjack party, and touring the halls of Oakwood High School. **This year - October 7-9th - 9 classes will be celebrating: 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, and 1996.**

The schedule of activities for the weekend includes:

Wednesday, October 5

- Homecoming Parade and Bonfire

Thursday, October 6

- 4 p.m. Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Ceremony

Friday, October 7

- 5:30 p.m. Boosters' Tailgate and Hamburger/Hot Dog Cookout
- 7 p.m. OHS Football Game
- 9 p.m. 2nd Annual OSF Comeback Lumberjack Party

Saturday, October 8

- 10:30 a.m. Tour of Oakwood High School
- Tours of Harman and Smith Elementary Schools Following OHS Tour

Oakwood Schools Foundation Awards \$20,920 In Scholarships



At the Class of 2016 Awards Recognition Program in May, The Oakwood Schools Foundation awarded more than \$20,920 in college scholarships to sixteen seniors graduating from Oakwood High School. The recipients shown here are (back row) Amanda Erbe (Sandra Lee Eisenach Scholarship); Rollie Fisk (David R. Collins Scholarship, Kevin Lauterbach Memorial Scholarship); Henry Fulford (Loran & Alberta Warner Scholarship); Nathan Hess (Carl F. Emde Engineering Scholarship); Christopher Anderson (Thomas Neff Memorial Scholarship); Adam Heyl (Helen & Louis Wozar Scholarship); Jack Eifert (Scott Harman Memorial Scholarship); and Allison Trittschuh (John W. Berry, Sr. Memorial Scholarship). Front row, left to right, includes Sally McMillan (Comeback Scholarship); Allison Ross (GLOW Scholarship); Emma Kate Sowder (Centennial Scholarship); Elisabeth Crusey (GLOW Scholarship); Phoebe Gilbert (Barbara Nichols O'Hara Scholarship); and Emmaline Bennett (Robert L. Davidson, Sr. Creative Writing Award). Not pictured: Adam Jefferis (Comeback Scholarship) and Jacob Kordik (Pam and Chip Seidl Scholarship).

The Foundation would like to sincerely thank all of the individuals and families who established these scholarships, as well as the donors who contribute to these important funds each year. The Dayton Foundation held a celebration luncheon on July 28 to honor all of the scholarship fund donors and recognize scholarship recipients.

Do you know a Distinguished Alumni?

Distinguished Alumni Award nominations are being solicited for 2017, and is a wonderful way to recognize and celebrate our alumni that have made significant accomplishments in their careers or community service while maintaining high standards in personal integrity and character. Recipients are honored with a plaque hanging outside of the OHS auditorium, are celebrated at a banquet, and recognized at the Homecoming football game. Please consider nominating one of your special classmates! If you would like to submit a nomination for the 2017 award, or have questions, please contact Alumni Director Amy Martin at alumni@oakwoodschoos.org or 937-298-8711.

COME BACK LUMBERJACKS

After game
tailgate party
with music,
appetizers and cash bar

Come hang out with old friends
and make some new ones!

Alumni and Oakwood Residents (21 or older) welcome.



October 7, 2016 • 9:00 p.m. - Midnight
DAYTON COUNTRY CLUB
Game attire



For more information please contact OSF at:
937-297-5332 or osf@oakwoodschoos.org

Oakwood Schools Foundation Receives \$500,000 Gift



The Oakwood Schools Foundation is profoundly grateful to Barbara Ann Mokrzycki Sanderson (OHS '64) for remembering her alma mater with

a generous provision of \$500,000 in her will. It is a delightful surprise when such a gift comes to the Oakwood Schools, and Barbara's loving legacy will be remembered forever through her generous gift.

Returning to her 50th class reunion in October of 2014 from her home in California, she enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with former classmates. Shortly after, Barbara contacted OSF to establish the Barbara Ann Mokrzycki Sanderson Fund for Facilities for the benefit and support of Oakwood Schools facilities. In 2015, OSF was notified by the estate of her passing, and received a distribution of funds in May of 2016.

The Oakwood Schools Foundation, a component of The Dayton Foundation, provides students with diverse and distinctive opportunities that go above and beyond the reach of the district's normal operating budget. Pursuing its mission, "Enhancing Excellence in Education," The Foundation provides significant annual support for quality initiatives, including teacher and administrative grants, scholarships and special wish list items.

For more information about **The Oakwood Schools Foundation**, please contact Dante Connell, Director, at (937) 297-5332 or dante@oakwoodschooldfoundation.org or visit our website www.oakwoodschooldfoundation.org.

Oakwood Schools Introduces New Administrators (Continued from Front Page)

Badenhop and his wife, Jenn, an emergency department nurse with Cincinnati Children's, enjoy activities centered around their children Audrey, Jonathan, and Heidi - swimming, reading about dinosaurs and Peter Pan, building with Legos, and doing science experiments. In addition to fostering in their children a love of the Buckeyes and trying not to pass on Tim's love of the Browns, causes close to the Badenhops' hearts include prematurity, Down Syndrome, and international ministry.



Regarding his new role, Badenhop stated "I am excited and grateful to have the opportunity to serve in Oakwood in this broader capacity. Though I have already been a part of this team for three years, my initial sense of amazement at the development of the students, the talent of the staff, and the investment of the community has only increased over time. Working as an educator in Oakwood is a privilege, and I look forward to helping build upon our tradition of excellence."



Laura Connor joins the Oakwood City School District's administrative team as the Director of Athletics and Student Activities for Oakwood High School. A mathematics teacher at OHS for the past 16 years, Connor has been an active member of the broader school community. She has coached varsity volleyball and junior high volleyball, served as event supervisor, and was National Honor Society advisor. She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Mathematics from Wittenberg University and her Master of Science Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Dayton.

Connor and her husband Brian, a teacher at Stebbins High School, have three children: Mollie, Evelyn, and Mac. They have been married for thirteen years despite being an Ohio State/Michigan "divided household." She sits on the Board of Trustees for Catch the Building Spirit, which works in coordination with Habitat for Humanity, and loves sharing her passion for helping others with students at OHS. On being named the Director of Athletics and Student Activities, Connor stated, "This truly is my dream job, and I am excited to watch our students on the court, field, and stage as they develop into amazing young adults."

New Staff Members

- Tim Badenhop, Principal OJHS/Associate 9-12 Principal OHS
- Andrea Bortner, Kindergarten Teacher, Lange School
- Sandi Branham, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
- Laura Connor, OHS Director of Athletics and Student Activities
- Leslie Daniel, Intervention Specialist, Smith Elementary
- Brian Hartt, Physics/Engineering Teacher, OHS
- Sarah Schleeauf, Gifted Intervention Specialist, OJHS/OHS
- Amy Samosky, School Psychologist
- Tina Detamore, Health Assistant/Registered Nurse

Oakwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame 2016

The following individuals will be inducted at a banquet at Dayton Country Club on Thursday, August 25, 2016 and will also be recognized at halftime of the home football game on Friday, August 26.

Betty Lee Boren Wood, Class of 1941,
participated in field hockey, tennis, baseball, basketball and golf.

Mary Maher Lawson, Class of 1970,
participated in field hockey, basketball, tennis and cheerleading.

Joey Magill, Class of 1978,
participated in cross country, basketball and track and field.

Nick Lewis, Class of 2005,
participated in football and basketball.

Emma Jandel, Class of 2006,
participated in golf and basketball.

1953 Football Team,
was one of five Oakwood teams that went undefeated for the season.



For information or tickets to this event,
please call the OHS Athletic Office
at (937) 297-5342.

Oakwood City School District to Induct Four Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Reception on October 6, 2016



Deborah Corpus



Joseph Gural



Christine Murphy



Lewis Parlett

The Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor reception and induction ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 4 p.m. at Dayton Country Club. The following persons will be inducted:

Deborah Corpus

Joseph Gural

Christine Murphy

Lewis Parlett

OHS English Teacher, 1993-2011

OHS Social Studies Teacher, 1971-2001

E.D. Smith School Teacher, 1984-2008

E.D. Smith School Custodian/Head Custodian, 1976-2007

The public is invited to attend the late afternoon hors d'oeuvres reception and induction ceremony (cost is \$25.00).

To make reservations, email or call Sandi Branham at the Board of Education Office at branham.sandi@oakwoodschoools.org or (937) 297-5332 by Friday, September 9, 2016.

Oakwood Athletic Project Update

Building new
TRADITIONS

Capital Campaign for Multi-sport Athletic Facility
A partnership among the City of Oakwood, Oakwood City Schools
and the Oakwood Athletic Business Association



On July 5, Oakwood City Council approved a resolution confirming the continued support and approval of construction of the multi-purpose athletic field and track facility located at Old River Sports Complex. The resolution included the final, critical components for the project's success, including the confirmation of a 50-year agreement between the city of Oakwood, Oakwood City Schools and the University of Dayton. This combined with Oakwood City Schools approval of construction bids at its Board of Education meeting June 13, sets the stage for construction to begin. For more details on the project, please reference the July 5, 2016 press release on our website at www.oakwoodschoools.org.



Open Houses

- 8/11/16** 5-6:30 p.m. Smith & Preschool
- 6-7 p.m. Harman
- 8/22/16** 7 p.m. OJHS
- 8/24/16** 7 p.m. OHS
- 9/8/16** 6:30 p.m. Lange



Freshman And New Student Orientation Scheduled For Friday, August 12

An orientation program for all members of the Class of 2020 and new students to Oakwood High School is scheduled for Friday, August 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students will be divided into groups and led through team-building activities facilitated by upperclassmen. New high school students will meet student leaders, guidance counselors and school administrators. Policies and procedures will be discussed and common questions addressed. Freshmen and new students will also receive their class schedules. The orientation will conclude with a picnic on the front lawn of the school from 12 to 1 p.m. Parents and teachers are invited to attend this lunch.

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS August/September 2016

August 2016

- 8/8 7 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
- 8/11 5-6:30 p.m. Smith & Preschool Open House
6-7 p.m. Harman Open House
- 8/12 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 7th Grade Orientation, East Gym
1-2 p.m. 8th Grade Orientation (New Students)
9 a.m.-1 p.m. OHS Freshman and New Student Orientation
- 8/16-18 Lange KRAL Assessments



8/16 FIRST DAY of SCHOOL



- 8/19 First Day of School for All Kindergarten Students
- 8/22 Smith Preschool Begins
7 p.m. OJHS Open House
- 8/24 7 p.m. OHS Open House
- 8/25 6 p.m. Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet at DCC
- 8/31 7 p.m. Junior Parent Meeting, Auditorium
8:15 p.m. Senior Parent Meeting, Auditorium

September 2016

- 9/5 No School/Labor Day
- 9/8 6:30 p.m. Lange Open House
- 9/12 7 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
- 9/15 OHS Picture Day
- 9/21 Smith School Picture Day
5-8:30 p.m. OHS Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 9/23 District PD Half Day/Dismissal at 11:43 a.m.

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

Join us

Hall of Fame Banquet
Thursday, August 25, 2016
6 p.m. at Dayton Country Club

Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor Reception
Thursday, October 6, 2016
4 p.m. at Dayton Country Club

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 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



Wright Memorial Public Library

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

Your Wright Library card can get you so much more than just books! Did you know with your library card you have access to over 150 research databases? Discover your family history with Ancestry.com, learn more about our state with Ohio History Central Encyclopedia, or find out how much that old vase in your attic is worth with Antiques Reference. With so many databases at your fingertips, you can continue to expand your mind and learn more about the world around you. Learn more and find the full list of databases at wrightlibrary.org/research.

New for Fall at Wright Library

- **Spectrum Playdate.** Launched in the summer, Spectrum Playdate is designed for children on the autism spectrum as well as children of typical development. Inspired by two local parents, Spectrum Playdate provides a place for all children to interact and explore new activities in a safe community environment. Check wrightlibrary.org for dates and times.
- **Engaging Arts.** Come together as a family to get engaged with the arts! Once per month a library staff member will lead children, tweens, and their grown-ups through an artistic experience. Check wrightlibrary.org for dates and times.
- **Next Chapter Book Club.** As our Next Chapter Book Club has grown, Wright Library and the Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association will add an additional book club meeting on Thursdays this fall. Book groups will meet Sundays and Thursdays, each reading a different book. For more information, call Wright Library at 937 294-7171 or visit wrightlibrary.org.

Three August performances at Wright Library

Music and dancing are coming to the library in August, with three special performances by local groups. Free and open to the public, the events will be held inside the Library.



- **Bharatnatyam dancers 3 p.m., Aug. 6.** The India Club of Greater Dayton brings a performance of classical fusion Bharatnatyam dances to the library! Join us for this lively and informative show.
- **Native Flute: Keepers of the Land 2 p.m. Aug. 7** John and Deborah DeBoer from the Miami County Park District will perform “Keepers of the Land,” a Native flute program. Families are invited to sing along, and children ages 8+ may play along on provided drums!
- **Funk Lab on Aug. 13** Funk Lab, Dayton’s exclusive hip hop dance studio, is bringing an interactive, family-friendly dance show to the library! These dance crews are something to behold—join us in popping, b-boying, and more contemporary dancing!

National Library Card Month

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. A Wright Library card unlocks the door to a world of possibility. Sign up for a card at the circulation desk today! All Ohio residents are eligible; bring a photo ID with current address. If your photo ID does not have your correct address, a second form of ID with the correct address, such as a recent piece of mail addressed to you, will suffice.



Money \$marts Exhibit Coming to Wright Library in August



Wright Library is pleased to host Money \$marts, an interactive exhibit designed to educate children and teens about earning, saving and spending money in hopes of building healthy money management skills that will serve them through their lives. The exhibit will open Aug. 23 and run through Sept. 10. Free and open to the public, the exhibit features four interactive panels, each geared to a specific age range.

“We strive to offer unique educational experiences that encourage learning and critical thinking,” said Wright Library Director Kristi Hale. “In today’s world, sound financial decision-making is essential to living fully, but many parents are unsure of how and when to educate their children about money concepts. The Money \$marts exhibit teaches these skills through fun, hands-on activities that will generate important conversations between kids, teens and their caregivers.”

Money \$marts was developed by Washington-Centerville Public Library, in cooperation with Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, and was funded by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart investing@your library@, a partnership with the American Library Association.





Mars Explorers Wanted

Will humans colonize Mars in the near future? John Thomas of the Mars Society will share his thoughts on interplanetary travel as well as his expertise on the red planet in this exciting presentation. Learn about our observations and explorations of Mars to date and what it will take to get humans to one of our nearest neighbors. Bring your questions! John Thomas is a computer expert and long-time amateur astronomer. In addition to the Mars Society, he is a member of Miami Valley Astronomical Society (MVAS) and the Astronomical League. 2 p.m. Sunday Sept. 18th

Tedx Youth workshop at Wright Library this fall

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to learn how to make their own TEDx Youth talk. A series of workshops will be offered at the Library on learning about TED talks, developing ideas, creating a script and slides, critiquing, and rehearsing. For dates and times, visit www.wrightlibrary.org.

Looking Toward the Future of Dayton as a “River City”

Come learn about how the Dayton region is turning back to the river, embracing its history and cultural heritage, and looking toward our future as a river city. This session of the Far Hills Speaker Series will inform and educate participants on some of the more recent successes and ways citizens of all ages can “get their feet wet.” Speakers Amy Dingle and Leslie King are members of Ohio’s Great Corridor Association. Dingle is Director of Outdoor Connections at Five Rivers MetroParks. King is Director of the Rivers Institute at the University of Dayton and has been involved in environmental education and connecting people to the natural world for almost 20 years. Ohio’s Great Corridor Association was formed as a way to further leverage the river as a tool for economic development, recreational tourism, and quality of life enhancements which attract the talent and creativity of young professionals and businesses. 2 p.m. Sunday Sept 11th.



August

- 1 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (I); 2 p.m. Boosters (E); 6:30 p.m. Brew-n-Books (T)
- 2 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales on Tuesdays (P); 6:30 p.m. Teen Writing Club (T)
- 5 10:30 a.m. Books & Blocks (I,P); 2 p.m. For Teens Only (T); 6:30 p.m. Spectrum Playdate (E); 7 p.m. Writers’ Cafe (A)
- 6 2 p.m. Paws to Read (P,E); 3 p.m. Bharatnatyam Performance (All)
- 7 2 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities); 2 p.m. Elementary Podcasting (E); 2 p.m. Native Flute: Keepers of the Land (All)
- 8 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (I); 2:00 p.m. Boosters (E); 6:30 p.m. Brew-n-Books (T); Family Kickball 6:30 p.m.
- 9 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales on Tuesdays (P); 6:30 p.m. Teen Writing Club (T); 7 p.m. Book Club (A)
- 10 10:30 a.m. Book Buddies (P,E)
- 11 1:30 p.m. Device Users’ Group (A)
- 12 10:30 a.m. Books & Blocks (I,P); 2 p.m. For Teens Only (T)
- 13 2 p.m. Funk Lab Dance Show (All)
- 16 7 p.m. Wright Library Poets (A)
- 19 6:30 p.m. Spectrum Playdate (E); 7 p.m. Writers Cafe
- 25 1:30 p.m. Device Users’ Group (A)
- 26 10 a.m. Storytime at Smith Gardens

September

- 2 7 p.m. Writers Café (A)
- 6 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales on Tuesdays (P); 6:30 p.m. Teen Writing Club (T)
- 7 3:30 p.m. Teen Advisory Board (T)
- 8 6:30 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities)
- 9 10:30 a.m. Books & Blocks (I,P); 6:30 p.m. Spectrum Playdate (E)
- 10 2 p.m. Paws To Read (P,E)
- 11 1:30 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities); 2 p.m. Far Hills Speaker Series “Looking Toward The Future of Dayton as a River City” (A)
- 12 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (I); 4 p.m. Tweens Create (TW)
- 13 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales on Tuesdays (P); 6:30 p.m. Teen Writing Club (T); 7 p.m. Book Club (A)
- 15 6:30 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities)
- 16 10:30 a.m. Books & Blocks (I,P); 7 p.m. Writers’ Cafe
- 18 1:30 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities)
- 19 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (I); 4 p.m. Tweens Create (TW)
- 20 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales on Tuesdays (P); 6:30 p.m. Teen Writing Club (T); 7 p.m. Wright Library Poets (A)
- 22 6:30 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities)
- 23 10:30 a.m. Books & Blocks (I,P); 12:30 p.m. Spectrum Playdate (E)
- 24 2 p.m. Engaging Arts (E)
- 25 1:30 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities); 2 p.m. Let’s Go Lego (P,E)
- 26 10:30 a.m. Baby Storytime (I); 4 p.m. Tweens Create (TW); 6:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Storytime (P,E)
- 27 10:30 a.m. Terrific Tales on Tuesdays (P); 6:30 p.m. Teen Writing Club (T)
- 29 6:30 p.m. Next Chapter Book Club (adults with developmental disabilities)
- 30 10:30 a.m. Books & Blocks (I,P); 6:30 p.m. Teen Café (T)

KEY: I=Infant; P=Preschool; E=Elementary; T=Teen; F=Family; A=Adult
TW=Tween



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Dan and Lynn Behnke Are Asset Builders!



Dan and Lynn Behnke have been Oakwood residents for 16 years and are the parents of five children, Janie (OHS '14), and future graduates Lily, Ellen, Will, and Henry.

An active school volunteer, Lynn currently serves as Smith PTO President, co-led the redevelopment of Ghostwood, and coordinated fundraising efforts for

her son's Destination Imagination team. She is a devoted caretaker for children of working parents, and creates custom jewelry.

Dan is an Instructor in the Media, Journalism and Film Department at Miami University and owns and operates a small sound company. Serving our community, he has coached Oakwood United soccer and basketball, chaperoned a St. Albert the Great youth mission trip to revitalize Detroit area communities, and worked with the Oakwood FOP Lodge to sponsor audio equipment for Battle of the Bands at That Day in May. He is a technical coordinator working and teaching OHS students about lighting, sound, and scenery for theatrical productions and musicals and is an active Oakwood Athletic Boosters member.

Assets: 1 Family Support, 3 Other Adult Relationships, 4 Caring Neighborhood, 6 Parent Involvement in Schooling, 7 Community Values Youth, 8 Youth as Resources, 9 Service to Others, 14 Adult Role Models, 16 High Expectations, 17 Creative Activities, 26 Caring, 30 Responsibility.

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