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City News

Census

Questionnaires for the 2010 National Census were delivered in mid March and must be completed and mailed back by April 15. Please ensure that this important task is completed. Level of accuracy of the Census results is dependent on the degree to which citizens respond.

School News

Intra-District Enrollment Information

Per Board policy the Oakwood City School District will consider requests for intra-district transfers between Harman and Smith Schools under specific conditions, based upon established criteria. Families should contact principals directly for information on these criteria.

Applications for intra-district transfers may be submitted to the school principal beginning April 15, 2010 and must be received no later than June 1, 2010. The principal will notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) in writing by August 1, 2010 as to whether the intra-district placement is granted or denied.

Library News

Coming Soon—New Library Automated Catalog System

Wright Memorial Public Library is in the process of changing to an updated catalog and checkout system. The old system has been in use since 1991. The process began last fall when staff and Library Advisory Council focus groups met to discuss the improvements that were needed and features that were desirable in a new library computer system. An automation committee composed of staff, library board members, the media specialist from Oakwood Junior/Senior High School, and library patrons was formed early this year to compare the products available from library automation vendors. The library board has been setting aside money for this project for several years, knowing that the old system was becoming obsolete. More information will be forthcoming when a system is selected and a timetable for the transition is established.

P5 THAT DAY IN MAY DATE ANNOUNCED!

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P6 KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AND PARENT ORIENTATION DATES SET:

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P9 OAKWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO PRESENT PROGRAM AT WRIGHT LIBRARY

Wright Library and the Oakwood Historical Society will present "The Classic Architecture of Oakwood Homes"

April/May City Council Meetings

City Council will conduct public meetings on the following dates:

Regular Sessions:

7:30 p.m., Monday, April 5

7:30 p.m., Monday, May 3

Work Sessions:

5:00 p.m., Monday, April 19

5:00 p.m., Monday, May 17

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

Holiday Closing

Monday, May 31, 2009 - Memorial Day. City offices including the OCC and Public Works Center will be closed. The OCC Office and Health Center will be open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 29 and from 12 - 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 30.

Memorial Day Trash Pickup

Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of May 31st 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.

Gardner Pool Hours

Gardner Pool will open Saturday, May 29 and operate daily from Noon - 8 p.m.

Important Leisure Services Department Dates

- **Father/Daughter Dance:** Saturday, April 24, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- **Joy of Drawing:** Join David Smith on Tuesday afternoons for an adult drawing class beginning April 13.
- **Annual 6th Grade Dance:** Friday, April 23, 8-9:30 p.m.
- **American Red Cross Babysitting Course:** Saturday, May 8 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For further details or information, please contact the Community Center at 298-0775.



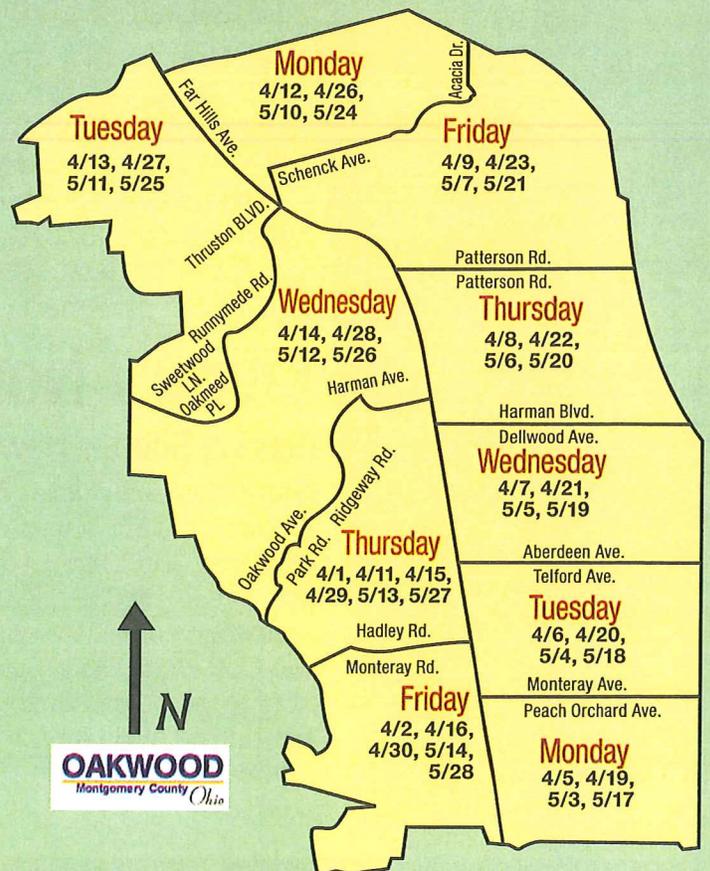
Spring Yard & Garden Cleanup

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' 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 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. Please do not compact the debris into the cans so that it may be easily removed.
- 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.

Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 4/1, 4/15, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27
- Shroyer Rd. 4/8, 4/22, 5/6, 5/20



2010 Curb, Walk and Apron Project

The 2010 curb, sidewalk and apron repair project will take place in the area east of Far Hills from Telford to the south corporation limit. It will also include Aberdeen from Far Hills to Shafor. 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 areas 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 and inspected by June 11th.



Friends Of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale

The twenty-fourth annual Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale will be held on Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17 at the OCC, 105 Patterson Road. The hours are from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

A wide variety of perennials, hostas, ferns, herbs, ornamental grasses, wildflowers and daylilies will be available. A complete listing of plants at the sale is now available at the OCC, by mail, or by calling the OCC at 298-0777. Volunteers are needed to help. If anyone is interested, please contact Carol Collins at 298-0775.



Tax Season Approaches

2009 Oakwood income tax returns are due April 15, 2010. The City of Oakwood has a mandatory filing requirement. Every individual, 18 years of age or older, must file an annual return, whether or not any tax is due. 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.

Should you require an extension of time to file your return, your extension request must be submitted to our office on or before April 15, 2010. Payment of the estimated tax liability must accompany the request as an extension of time to file is not an extension of time to pay the tax due.

Normal business hours for the tax office are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided during the filing season as follows:

Tuesday – Thursday (April 13 – 15) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing

The annual fire hydrant flushing will begin the week of April 5th and last approximately 5 weeks. Please watch for news releases in the Oakwood Register regarding the timing for your particular street.



Oakwood City Council



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Summer Job Opportunities

The city of Oakwood is currently accepting applications for summer employment in the following areas: Pool Concessions; Lifeguarding; Park Supervisors; Boulevard Maintenance; Smith Gardens; General Maintenance (including roadways, water system and refuse); and Day Camp Counselors. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment in order to be eligible for the Boulevard, Smith Gardens and General Maintenance positions and for the Day Camp Counselor positions. The minimum age for all other positions is 16. Employment applications are available at the City Building or the Community Center. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Building/Zoning Permits

As the weather starts to warm and citizens begin thinking about tackling outdoor projects, please remember that many improvements require permits before you get started. Whether you do the work yourself or hire a contractor, check with the city offices as to permit requirements. Improvements such as installing a fence; building a deck; erecting a storage shed or constructing a brick or stone patio or walkway all require permits. Larger projects such as room additions or building a deck may also require a public hearing so plan ahead if your project is time sensitive. Questions as to the need for a permit and the information you and/or your contractor will need to submit should be directed to the zoning inspector at 297-2920 or bunting@oakwood.oh.us

Free Community Shred Scheduled For Saturday, April 24, 2010

If you have confidential papers or other material of a private nature around your home and would like to have it destroyed, representatives from Shred-it will be on hand on Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the J.D. Foell Public Works Center on Shafor Boulevard. This is the third year we have been able to offer this free service to our citizens and there will be individuals on hand to assist you with unloading your documents.

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.

Dumpsters

As an alternative to special pickups, residents can request dumpsters for disposing of debris. There is a \$50 delivery and pickup charge for the dumpsters, and the person requesting the dumpster will also be responsible for the costs incurred by the city for dumping the discarded materials. The dumpsters are to be used for resident generated debris and are not for the use of contractors. 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.



Code Red Notification System

The city of Oakwood uses the "Code Red" telephone notification system as a means of very quickly alerting citizens of emergency situations. Most recently we used it after a major snow storm to ask for citizen assistance in shoveling snow away from fire hydrants. The citizen response to that request was outstanding. The "Code Red" telephone database automatically includes all home (land-line) phones in Oakwood... but it does not automatically include cell phones. As more and more residents use cell phones in lieu of home phones, it is important that we continually add cell phone numbers to the database. To have your cell phone number added, please go to our city website at www.mvcc.net/oakwood. You will find an icon on the home page that directs you to the appropriate site. If you have questions, call the Public Safety Department at 298-2122.



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 6 Saturdays beginning on April 10th and ending on May 15th.

On the same six Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from the public works center at 210 Shafor Blvd. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., but must haul the material themselves. City personnel will assist in loading the mulch.

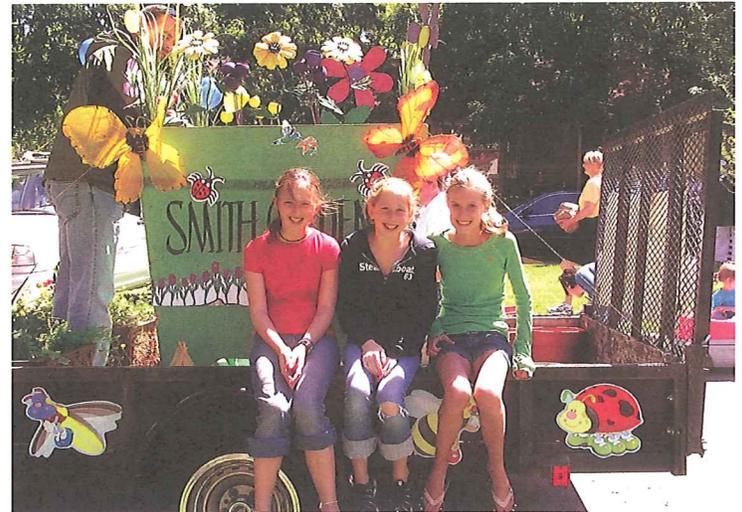
Natural Gas Aggregation

Between November 2009 and March 2010 Oakwood joined seven other south Dayton suburbs in a natural gas purchasing group. In total the group included approximately 27,000 customers. With the power of this large buying group, we saved approximately \$375,000 across the 27,000 accounts. The aggregation contract provided a guaranteed savings when compared to the state government regulated Vectren price. In February we were informed that the guaranteed savings program was not extended and therefore we discontinued the group purchasing program (i.e., the aggregation program). All Oakwood property owners who were part of the purchasing group (most of our home owners) were automatically returned to the state regulated Vectren price. If you have questions about the aggregation program, please call the city administrative office at 298-0600

Pointe Oakwood

Here's what you will be seeing at the Pointe Oakwood residential development over the next few months:

- Paving of Pointe Oakwood Way... the roadway running parallel to Far Hills Avenue up the hill towards W. Schantz Avenue.
- Opening of the model home along Far Hills at the entrance to the development
- Construction on the first sold home. It will be built on the west side of Pointe Oakwood Way.
- Completion of the site grading.
- Landscaping
- Completion of the connector road from Far Hills Avenue to the Old River Fields.



That Day In May

Sponsored By The Oakwood Rotary Club

Oakwood's family festival, 'That Day In May' will be held Saturday, May 15, 2010. Please plan on attending this year's festival which promises to be packed full of fun activities and events for the whole family.

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Pancake Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Oakwood High School cafeteria

Silent Auction

8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

Oakwood High School cafeteria hallway

Fun Run – 8:30 a.m.

Begins at Oakwood High School Stadium

Oakwood 5k & 10k Run 9:00 a.m.

Begins at Oakwood High School Stadium

Community Parade 11:30 a.m.

Begins at Dorothy Lane Market on Shafor Boulevard to Stadium

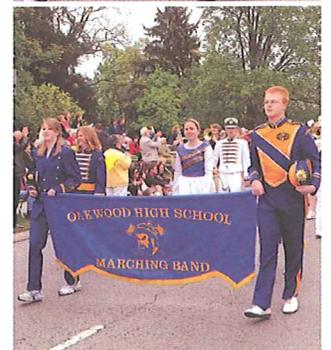
Battle Of The Bands 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Oakwood High School Stadium

Games And Rides 12 NOON – 4:00 p.m.

Oakwood High School Stadium Area

Displays And Refreshments 12 NOON – 4:00 p.m.





Kindergarten Screening and Parent Orientation Dates Set:

PARENT ORIENTATION – Lange School;
Wednesday, April 14, 2010 – 7:00 P.M.

SCREENING APPOINTMENTS – Lange School;
April 19-22, 2010 – 8:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M

Children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2010, may be registered for Kindergarten. Children who will be five years old between October 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011, 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 14, 2010, 7:00 P.M. at Lange): This meeting is for parents ONLY. The purpose of the orientation meeting is to provide an overview of Oakwood's Kindergarten program, explain the Kindergarten Screening procedures and schedule one-on-one screening appointments with parents for the following week. Parents do not need to bring any paperwork to the orientation meeting - just your calendar.

Screening Appointments (April 19-22, 2010): Kindergarten Screening will be conducted on an appointment only basis from April 19 through April 22, 2010. Parents may sign up for appointment times at the orientation session or by calling Lange School at 299-8730 beginning Thursday, April 15, 2010.

Federal Projects Reviewed

The Oakwood City School District receives federal funds through several sources, including those listed below. Public input on the use of these federal funds is welcome, and may be directed to Pam Taiclet, Director of Educational Services, at 297-7802. In the near future, we will be renewing our applications for these funds for the 2010-11 school year. Allocations for the 2010-2011 school year have not yet been determined by the Ohio Department of Education; therefore the amounts below reflect what has been approved for us to receive during the 2009-2010 school year.

Received during the 2009-10 school year:

Title I - Targeted Assistance: Oakwood received \$40,014 towards the salary of one Title I teacher who provides supplemental remedial instruction for elementary students in reading.

Title II A - Improving Teacher Quality: Oakwood received \$36,085 towards the salary of a first grade teacher previously hired to reduce class size.

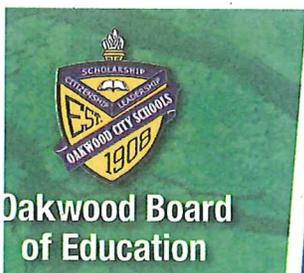
Title II D - Technology: Oakwood received \$358 to provide professional development in the use of educational technology.

Title III LEP – Limited English Proficiency: Oakwood received \$2,702 toward the salary of one part time tutor for children who are learning English as their Second Language (ESL).

Title IV - Safe and Drug Free Schools: Oakwood received \$3,742 from this fund. Oakwood used these funds toward the salary of our Prevention/Intervention Counselor.

IDEA Part B - Special Education: Oakwood received \$309,948 to supplement state and local funds expended to provide salaries for 3 special education teachers and to pay for instructional services we purchase from Montgomery County DDS and Montgomery County ESC. These services include occupational therapy and physical therapy at Lange Preschool.

ECSE – Early Childhood Special Education: Oakwood received \$2,134 to support special education services for 3, 4, and 5 year old children with disabilities. These funds have been used to purchase services from Montgomery County DDS for the Lange Preschool Program.



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Energy Team Receives Education Foundation Grant for Energy Audit Equipment

The Oakwood High School Energy Team - led by Mrs. Heidi Steinbrink, OHS Science Department Chair and made up of 40 9th – 12th graders - has a mission to be educated leaders of an energy responsible society. In addition to educating students and making appearances at community events, The Energy Team added a community service component in 2009 when they partnered with Habitat for Humanity – Dayton to make Green Baskets for new homeowners. According to team member Adam Sobol ('11), 6 baskets have been filled with eco-friendly cleaning supplies and energy efficient household items like low flow shower heads, draft stoppers, LED night lights and CFL light bulbs and donated to Habitat for Humanity. "The Energy Team has been invited to a number of Habitat home dedications to meet the family and present their baskets. All the kids were very moved to participate in this event and to become "part of the family" as one new owner put it," said Mrs. Steinbrink.

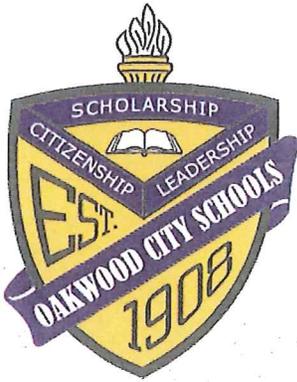
The Team will be augmenting their community outreach by offering Energy Audits to Oakwood homeowners in late 2010. Made possible by a grant from the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, the Energy Team has acquired a thermal imaging camera and a blower door that will be used to find cold spots, detect drafts and energy inefficiencies in homes. "Oakwood Physics and Chemistry teacher Mr. Tony Rainsberger had an Energy Audit performed on his home. He found it useful and thought the service was within the grasp of high school students if they have proper training and equipment," said Mr. Mark Brooks-Hedstrom, Oakwood Physics and Astronomy teacher, who requested the funds for this new equipment from the Foundation. Dr. Kelly Kissock, University of Dayton Professor in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, along with some of his

students will train the Energy Team on how to use the equipment so they can offer Energy Audits to the community. Area residents should stay tuned for a notice from the Energy Team announcing their new community service!

In 2008, the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation funded the purchase of an Energy Bike that the Team uses as an experiential learning tool. They take the bike to community events, science fairs, Harman and Smith Elementary schools as well as other Dayton area schools to show community members and students how their pedaling energy can be used to illuminate light bulbs and power small appliances.

The Foundation is very grateful to Oakwood's teachers and administrators who continually strive to enhance learning opportunities for students. We are so appreciative of the many parents, families and community members who value education and support the Foundation's programs, initiatives and fundraising efforts. Your support enables us to partner with our teachers to bring new and exciting opportunities to our students. For more information about the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, please visit our website: www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/osef or contact Karen Gillingham, Director, at 297-5332.

Picture: OHS Energy Team celebrates with Habitat for Humanity representatives and family at new home dedication.



Letters of Support Being Accepted for Andrews Nominees

Four people have been nominated for the Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor. These educators have been retired from employment for at least three years. **At this time, we are requesting members of the community, former students, and colleagues to send letters of support for the nominee(s) of their choice. Please send letters no later than May 14, 2010 to Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo, Superintendent, Oakwood Board of Education, 20 Rubicon Road, Dayton, Ohio 45409, or via email at scalzo.maryjo@oakwood.k12.oh.us.**

The induction ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2010. The public is invited to attend.

The following persons are nominees:

New Nominees This Year

Judy A. Hennessey, Ph.D.
Superintendent from 1998 to 2004

Carolyn Mowry
Gifted Teacher, 1987-1994
Smith Sixth Grade Teacher, 1994-2000

Candis Pees
Language Arts Teacher, Speech and Drama
Teacher, Speech and Debate Coach, 1986-2006

Ann Simpson
Tutor 1979-1984,
Harman Second Grade Teacher 1984-1986
Smith First Grade Teacher 1986-2002

For additional information, please contact Sandy Maresh at the Oakwood Board of Education, (937) 297-5332 or maresh.sandy@oakwood.k12.oh.us.

We look forward to your letters of support for your nominee. Please respond by May 14, 2010.

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS APRIL/MAY 2010

April 2010

- 1 3:15-4:15:00 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Smith Used Book Sale
- 2 3:15-4:00 p.m. Smith Used Book Sale
- 2 10:00 a.m. Harman 4th Grade Musical
- NO SCHOOL/Spring Break
- 12 CLASSES RESUME
- 12 7:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
- 12 6:30 p.m. Band Parent Meeting
- 13 11:45 a.m. OHS Parent/Principal Advisory
- 13 5:00 p.m. Board Work Session
- 13 7:30 p.m. Athletic Boosters Meeting
- 13 7:00 p.m. Harman PTO Meeting and Speaker Officer Gail Schmidt: Sexting
- 14 8:30-11 a.m. OHS Career Forum
- 14 7:00 p.m. - Lange Kindergarten Orientation for Incoming Parents
- 15 Smith 6th Grade to Cincinnati Zoo
- 15 11:45 a.m. - OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
- 16 Smith School Class Pictures
- 16 7:00 p.m. - OakwoodStock at OHS
- 19-22 Lange Kindergarten Screening
- 19-30 Ohio Academic Assessments at Harman and Smith
- 22 7:00 p.m. - National Honor Society Induction
- 24-25 Prom/After Prom
- 26-27 Lange Boonshoft Presentations
- 27-30 Ohio Academic Assessments at OJHS
- 28 Lange Volunteer Appreciation Day
- 30 2:30 p.m. - Harman 1st Grade Spring Musical
- 30 7:00 p.m. - OJHS Dance

May 2010

- 3 6:30 p.m. Band Parent Meeting
- 3-7 Ohio Academic Assessments at OJHS
- 4 7:00 p.m. - Lange "How to do Kindergarten" Meeting
- 6 7:00 p.m. Harman Grand Affair
- 7 Harman and Smith 6th Grade Field Day
- 10 7:30 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
- 11 Smith Grade 6 Visits OJHS
- 11 11:45 a.m. OHS Parent/Principal Advisory
- 11 5:00 p.m. - Board Work Session
- 11 7:00 p.m. Smith PTO Meeting
- 12 Harman Grade 6 Visits OJHS
- 12 Lange Kindergarten to Visit Harman
- 12 7:00 p.m. - OJHS Sports Recognition
- 13 11:45 a.m. - OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
- 13 Smith 4th Grade to Sunwatch
- 13 6:00 p.m. - Distinguished Alumni Dinner
- 14 Smith 1st Grade Sharing Program AM
- 14 8:00-9:30 a.m. - Smith Volunteer Reception
- 19 Lange Kindergarten to Visit Harman
- 19 Smith Student Council Skateworld Party
- 19 6:30 p.m. - "How to do 1st Grade" Meeting for Parents at Smith and Harman
- 19 7:00 p.m. Spring Choir Concert
- 20 8:30 a.m. Senior High Awards
- 20 Grade 9 Real Money Real World Presentation
- 22 OJHS Music in the Park (Kings Island)
- 24 6:30 p.m. - OHS Spring Sports Banquet
- 25 7:00 p.m. Orchestra Cherry Pie Concert
- 26 Lange Letter Blending Ceremony
- 26 Seniors Last Class Day Before Community Service
- 26 7:00 p.m. Band Spring Awards Concert
- 27 7:00 p.m. Elementary Band & Orchestra Concert at Smith
- 28 Harman's 18th Annual Hot Dog Lunch
- 31 NO SCHOOL/Memorial Day

The Oakwood Schools master calendar can be viewed online at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/oakwood/Oakwood_Calendars.html

LIBRARY CALENDAR DATES

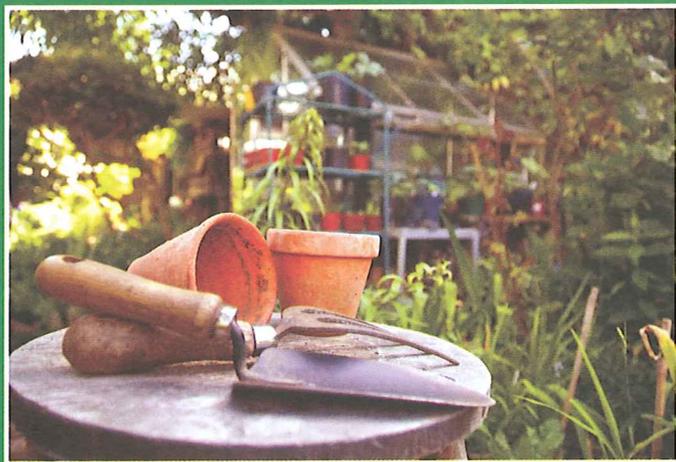
- April 4—Easter Sunday, Library closed
 April 6—"Big Read" book discussion at Starbucks, 7:00 p.m.
 April 19—Library Board meeting, 6:00 p.m.
 April 25—Oakwood architecture program, 2:00 p.m.
 May 4—Library book discussion at Starbucks, 7:00 p.m.
 May 17—Library Board meeting, 6:00 p.m.
 May 31—Memorial Day, Library closed

Wright Library On-the-Road Book Club @ Starbucks

The book club meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 7p.m. to 8 p.m. at Starbucks, 2418 Far Hills Avenue, in Oakwood. New participants are welcome. Advance registration is not needed. Just drop in and join the conversation.

April 6 - Dreamers of the Day by Mary Doria Russell. At the end of World War I, Agnes Shanklin, an Ohio schoolteacher, uses her inheritance to take a trip to Egypt and the Holy Land. While there she meets and socializes with leaders involved in the Cairo Peace Conference staying at her hotel. Russell, an Ohio author, brings to life the unique and rich culture of the Middle East as it was then and still is today. The 2010 Big Read selection!

May 4 - An Unquiet Mind by Kay Redfield Jamison. This insightful memoir describes Jamison's struggle since childhood with manic-depression and how it has shaped her life as a psychologist and professor of psychiatry. A deep and personal inside glimpse at what it's like to live with this difficult and disruptive mental disorder.



New Books for Gardeners

- *The All-new Illustrated Guide to Gardening: Planning, Selection, Propagation, Organic Solutions* edited by Fern Marshall Bradley and Trevor Cole
- *How to Cheat at Gardening and Yard Work: Shameless Tricks for Growing Radically Simple Flowers, Veggies, Lawns, Landscaping, and More* by Jeff Bredenberg.
- *1000 Garden Ideas* by Stafford Cliff.
- *The Garden Primer* by Barbara Damrosch

Explore Library Research Databases for a Wealth of Reliable, Free Information 24/7

When you visit the Research and Homework area of the library's Web site at www.WrightLibrary.org, you may have noticed that "Research Databases" are offered. The research databases include information that has been published electronically and is sold on a subscription basis to libraries. The databases cover many different topics that are useful for consumers, students, business people and researchers of any age or interest. Before the Internet, the same sort of information was found in printed indexes, directories, reference books, and periodicals. An advantage of research databases over a general Internet search is that the information included has been organized, reviewed and edited by an established publisher whose reputation depends on the quality of the product. Some of the research databases can be used to access academic and professional journal articles required for students' research projects. Others include directories of addresses and phone numbers, business and career information, health and medical research, genealogy data and practice versions of standardized tests such as the SAT. There are even databases for antiques prices and recommendations on what to read next.

Here's how to use Wright Library databases from your home or office computer:

Go to www.WrightLibrary.org.

Click on "Research and Homework" at the top of the page.

Scroll down and click on "Research Databases A to Z" or "Research Databases by Category."

Click on the name of a database or the subject category. To learn more about the contents of any database, click the word "Description" that appears next to the database title.

Enter your 14-digit library card number or your zip code as directed.

Contact the Reference Department at 294-7171 or reference@wrightlibrary.org if you have questions about using the databases.

Oakwood Historical Society to Present Program at Wright Library

Wright Library and the Oakwood Historical Society will present "The Classic Architecture of Oakwood Homes" on Sunday, April 25th, at 2:00 PM in the library meeting room. Oakwood is fortunate to have many well-preserved examples of early 20th century architecture in its tree-lined neighborhoods. This program will explore the exteriors of those houses, their remarkable artistic details and some of the historical stories associated with many of the homes. The program will be moderated by Mark Risley, current Oakwood Historical Society board member and past president. Advance registration is needed and is limited to the first 50 people. Contact Wright Library's Reference Department at (937) 294-7171 to register starting on Thursday April 1. Mark your calendars and enjoy a Sunday afternoon at Wright Library.

Oakwood Community-Wide Initiative 40 Developmental Assets

Research has documented 40 positive experiences and influences called the **40 Developmental Assets** that, when practiced intentionally, help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible.

In this edition we would like to introduce you to the first 6 Assets:

- 1. Family Support**-Family life provides high levels of love and support.
- 2. Positive Family Communication**-Young person and her or his parent(s) communicate positively, and young person is willing to seek advice and counsel from parents.
- 3. Other Adult Relationships**-Young person receives support from three or more nonparent adults.
- 4. Caring Neighborhood**-Young person experiences caring neighborhoods.
- 5. Caring School Climate**-School provides a caring, encouraging environment.
- 6. Parent Involvement in Schooling**-Parent(s) are actively involved in helping young person succeed in school.

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