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City News

City Manager Budget Note

On the evening of Monday, December 13, I will present the 2011 Budget to Oakwood City Council. This will take place in a public meeting at City Hall. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm and all citizens are invited to attend. Alternatively, citizens can watch the presentation live on Time Warner Cable channel 6 or AT&T channel 99.

School News

2011 National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

Oakwood High School is pleased to announce the names of six seniors who have been named as National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists as well as eight seniors who qualified for the designation of Commended Scholars.

Congratulations to seniors **Ben Hawkins, Jeremiah Johnson, Ellen Milligan, Joey Neff, Caden Ohlwiler** and **Farees Saqlain** on being named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists.

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Library News

Extreme Couponing Skills-January 29



Cindy Ewing, "Domestic Savings Specialist" and local blogger, will visit Wright Memorial Public Library on Saturday, January 29th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. to present her "Coupon 101" class. Cindy's two-hour workshop will include meal planning, where to find and how to organize coupons, stockpiling, how to find your own deals, matching coupons with sales, and how to play the drugstore game.

"I teach Extreme Couponing skills," said Ms. Ewing. "It's not just about saving a few dollars a week with a few coupons. It's about teaching you how to cut your grocery bill by 50% or more."

The program is free and will be held in the library meeting room. Advance registration is needed and is limited to the first 65 people. Contact the Reference Department at (937) 294-7171 to register, beginning Monday, January 10th.

School News: Our New Email Addresses!

We have changed our district email addresses. To reach any Oakwood City Schools' employee the address is:
lastname.firstname@oakwoodschoos.org

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Community Tree Lighting

The Annual Holiday of Lights Ceremony will be held at Shafor Park again this year.

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AMERICA'S STAR LIBRARIES

Wright Memorial Public Library has been recognized again as one of the nation's best libraries.

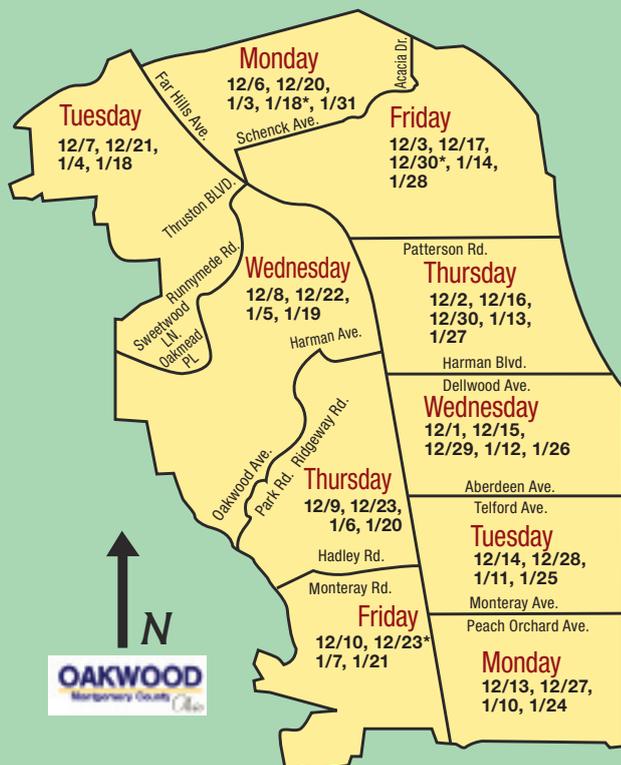
Leaf Pickup

Autumn leaf pickup service is scheduled to conclude on December 17. Please remember that leaves should be raked to the curb or gutter, but must not be bagged. Also, no brush, branches or other yard debris should be included with the leaves. This other yard debris should be placed off the street behind the curb, or in containers with the regular trash if it is a small amount. Please be aware of the safety concerns of having leaves in the street and spread out large piles to avoid blocking entire lanes of roadways. The leaf pickup schedule is the same as the brush and branch schedule per the map below.

Brush And Branch Collection

Brush and branch material may be placed between the sidewalk and curb for automatic collection by the city according to the schedule below. Please do not place any brush and branch material in the streets or boulevards. Brush should be no longer than 6 feet in length and in a manageable pile that is away from trees, poles, fire hydrants and other obstructions.

Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 12/9, 12/23, 1/6, 1/20
- Shroyer Rd. 12/2, 12/16, 12/30, 1/13, 1/27

*Denotes Christmas and New Years weeks

Community Tree Lighting Ceremony At Shafor Park



The Annual Holiday of Lights Ceremony will be held at Shafor Park again this year. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 12. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

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

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



"Lighting Up" of Oakwood Set For Sunday, December 12

The City, under leadership of the Environmental Committee, is "Lighting Up" Oakwood on December 12, beginning at 6 p.m. This event is an effort to brighten the entire community on the onset of the winter holiday season. Luminarias will line the boulevards on Far Hills and on Shafor as well as the city building, community center, Smith Gardens, Huffman Park and other public areas. The committee encourages neighborhood participation and hopes to see many citizens joining in the fun.

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



Dog Licenses

Montgomery County dog licenses will be available at the Oakwood City Building from Wednesday, December 1, 2010 through Monday, January 31, 2011. Under state law, all dogs in Montgomery County that are three months of age or older must be licensed. The cost of the license is \$20. Payment for the license may be made by cash or check payable to the City of Oakwood.



December/January Council Meetings

City council will meet in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 13 and Monday, January 3 and in work session at 5 p.m. on Monday, January 24. All meetings will take place at the city building, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:00 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend any of these meetings. The regular sessions are televised live on cable TV. (Time Warner Ch. 6 and AT&T Ch. 99). Meeting videos will be rebroadcast for a week or so afterwards. Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net/ for broadcast times. Within a day or two after the regular sessions, meeting videos may also be viewed on-line at the city's website: www.mvcc.net/oakwood

Holiday Closings

City offices, the Community Center and the Public Works Center will be closed on Friday, December 24 for Christmas and Friday, January 31 for New Year's.

The City offices, Community Center and Public Works Center will also be closed on Monday, January 17 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please refer to the holiday refuse pickup article herein for refuse collection schedule.

Community Center News

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

JUNIOR HIGH DANCES AT THE OCC: Dances will be held on Friday nights from 9:30 – 11 p.m. on December 3, January 14 and January 28. These dances are for Oakwood students only.



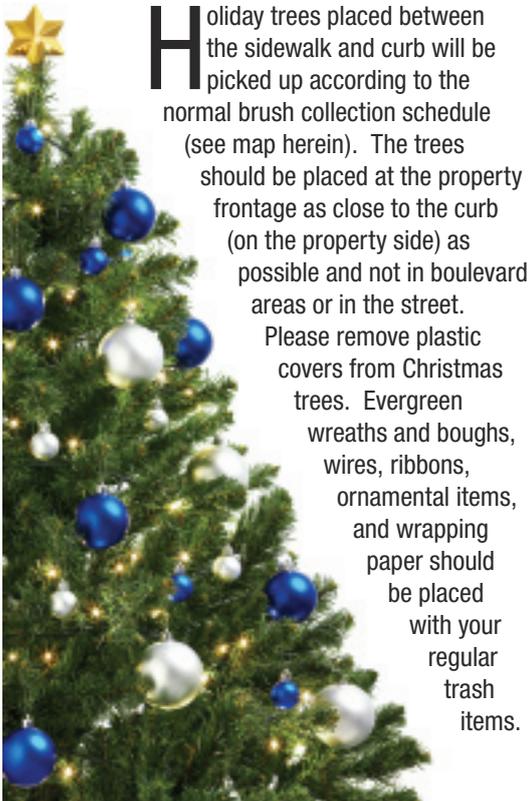
Tax Season Approaches



Please help direct your tax dollars to your community. Oakwood residents who work outside of Oakwood and/or incur business travel outside of their employment city can request a refund from their employment city. If you can provide a list of dates and work locations, along with vacation, holiday and sick days for which you were compensated during 2010, the Oakwood Tax Department will prepare the necessary tax returns in order to return the appropriate portion of your local tax dollars to the city of Oakwood. Your tax amount will not change. This simply directs a larger percentage of your taxes to our city.

For those individuals working outside the city of Oakwood, please review your pay stub to ensure proper withholding. Your taxes should be withheld for your city of employment, if applicable. If your employer also withholds a "courtesy tax", (calculated as the incremental difference between your work and Oakwood city tax rates) please make sure that your resident city is listed as the city of Oakwood. If you have any questions regarding Oakwood income tax and filing requirements, please contact the tax department at 298-0531.

Holiday Tree Disposal



Holiday trees placed between the sidewalk and curb will be picked up according to the normal brush collection schedule (see map herein). The trees should be placed at the property frontage as close to the curb (on the property side) as possible and not in boulevard areas or in the street. Please remove plastic covers from Christmas trees. Evergreen wreaths and boughs, wires, ribbons, ornamental items, and wrapping paper should be placed with your regular trash items.

Holiday Refuse Pickups

Refuse collection will be on the regular schedule during the Christmas and New Year holiday weeks. However, Thursday trash on both weeks will be collected before noon, so please have all of your refuse out and accessible by 7:30 a.m. with driveways clear of obstructions.

Cardboard Recycling

If you wish to recycle large amounts of cardboard, you may drop it off in the containers located at the Creager Field parking lot at Shafor and Irving. These containers are accessible 24 hours per day. Small amounts of flattened cardboard may be placed with your regular recycling items.

Special Pickups

The city's special pickup program suspended during leaf season will begin again on January 5, 2010. You may schedule this service on or after January 3 by phoning Theresa Caldwell at the Public Works Center at 298-0777.

Winter Weather Plowing Policy



Our city policy for responding to major snowfalls is as follows:
Salting: Major streets, hills and intersections take priority with residential streets following. In most situations, all streets are salted.

Street Plowing: We typically plow all streets, but as with salting, place priority on major streets, hills and intersections, with residential streets following. During heavy snowfall, it may be necessary to clear streets of all parked vehicles. Please help us during any snowfall by not parking your vehicle on the streets. In emergency situations, temporary NO PARKING signs may be posted and cars parked in these locations may be towed.

Sidewalk Plowing: When there is an accumulation of 1" or more of snow, sidewalk plows are dispatched. Plows will generally make one pass through the city on all five-foot or wider sidewalks. Please remember that while our city offers this unique service, under city ordinance it is the property owner's responsibility to keep sidewalks at their frontage clear of snow and ice.

Alley Plowing: Alleys are plowed after an accumulation of 4" or more of snow.

Driveway Plowing: If you are plowing your driveway, please make arrangements so that the snow is not pushed into or across the street. Also, please remember that it is the property owner's responsibility to make certain their own driveway is clear of snow and ice to allow the city refuse collection vehicles to enter into the areas in a safe and efficient manner.



Oakwood City Council



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City Manager Budget Note

The budget reflects the work efforts of our city staff and city council, with input and advice from our 31-member citizen Budget Review Committee (BRC).

The 2011 Budget includes spending at about the same level as this year; it includes almost no growth. Our budgeted 2011 revenue is about \$200,000 less than this year. This is primarily due to a significant drop in investment earnings.

Over the past few years we have taken steps to reduce our expenses. This has occurred in many areas, most notably in our personnel costs. We are now operating with seven fewer full-time staff employees than we operated with in 2002. Over the same time period we added approximately one full-time equivalent employee to our part-time workforce. So, our net reduction is six full-time positions. This staff reduction took place through attrition.

We have not raised taxes to support city services since 1991 and, in fact, reduced taxes in 2008 when we allowed one of our two property tax issues to expire. That expired real estate tax issue generated approximately \$340,000 annually. The decision to allow it to expire was supported by many members of the BRC and was made because we received a very large estate tax distribution in 2007. The city presently receives about 6% of the total real estate taxes paid in Oakwood.

As has been the case for over ten years, we rely very heavily on annual estate tax revenue to balance our budget. Estate taxes are imposed and collected by our state government but a significant portion of those taxes are distributed to the city, village or township in which a person resides at their time of death. Unfortunately, estate tax revenue is unpredictable and varies significantly from year to year; it is therefore an unreliable revenue source. City Council, the BRC and staff regularly discuss this issue and have developed several new revenue generating options in the event that estate tax receipts begin to drop sharply or perhaps are eliminated altogether. I will expound on this when I present the 2011 Budget.

Our income tax provides the single largest amount of money to pay for city services. This year we expect to receive about \$5.6 million. For 2011 we are budgeting \$5.8 million, hoping that the economy will begin to improve. Also, we expect to start receiving some new income tax revenue from the Sugar Camp Professional Offices as the buildings become more heavily occupied.

The 2011 Budget commits about \$1,200,000 towards capital improvements and capital equipment. Nearly half of that is for street and sidewalk improvements, most notably the resurfacing of the entire length of Far Hills Avenue through Oakwood. The State of Ohio is contributing \$845,000 towards this project and our Oakwood share is \$211,000. Each year we continue to make significant investments in our public infrastructure and replace capital equipment as needed. With those investments, we are keeping up with our infrastructure needs and maintain the equipment required to provide the comprehensive and high quality services that our citizens expect.

Again, I invite you to attend the December 13 council meeting. If you have questions about our city finances or are interested in being considered for membership on the BRC, please contact me at 298-0600 or e-mail at klopsch@oakwood.oh.us.

Norbert S. Klopsch
City Manager

Dr Martin Luther King Breakfast Celebration

The city of Oakwood is joining the city of Kettering once again in conducting a community breakfast event celebrating the life of Dr. King. The 2011 event will take place at Christ United Methodist Church in Kettering from 7:30 am to 9:30 am on Monday, January 17. Tickets will be available for \$5 for adults and \$2 for students at the Oakwood city building and OCC beginning on Monday, November 22. Please call 298-0600 for more information.

Oakwood Schools Education Foundation Hosts Grants Showcase

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation hosted a Grants Showcase in September featuring projects and programs the Foundation has funded thanks to generous donor support. The event included the unveiling of a permanent recognition display created by local artist, Darren Kall, honoring donors to the *Visions for Tomorrow* Grants Endowment campaign that raised over \$500,000 in principal and ensures that funds will be available for teacher and administrator grant requests for years to come.



OHS Tech Team members helped Showcase attendees complete a survey using iPod Touch Technology. "We were amazed by the iPod Touch technology," said Toni Winger. "We watched the survey results being instantly tabulated and updated on the classroom's White Board. We were fascinated as we toured the various classrooms and had the opportunity to experience firsthand these advanced methods of teaching."

Spanish and French teachers, Senora Gustke and Madame Abner, demonstrated the benefits of the new state of the art foreign Language Lab being used by all Junior High and High School language students.

OHS Energy Team members got donors pedaling the energy bike they use to teach students and adults about energy consumption. They also explained how the thermal imaging camera and blower door will be used by the Energy Team to perform energy audits in the community.

A crime scene was staged in Forensics teacher Melinda Wargacki's classroom. Senior Alex Tathem showed interested donors how to collect crime scene evidence using forensics equipment funded by the Foundation.

Scott Zipperian, Engineering teacher, led donors through the new Engineering Lab and wowed them with the 3-D printer that makes prototypes of student designs. The Foundation is delighted to be part of the new Engineering program, which includes funding for staff Professional Development courses.

The Foundation, established in 1982, has been funding grants for 19 years and has provided more than \$497,000 of support to Oakwood teachers and administrators. The programs and projects benefit students throughout the District and across all curricular areas. "The success of the *Visions for Tomorrow* Grants Endowment campaign will ensure grant funding in perpetuity. We are grateful to our donors who helped us exceed our initial funding goal of \$500,000. The fund remains open and we invite additional support through pledges or one-time contributions," said Ellen Ireland, Foundation Council Chair. Those interested in donating to the Foundation may contact Director, Karen Gillingham at osef@oakwoodschoools.org or call 297-5332.

The Oakwood Schools Education 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 through Philanthropy," the Foundation provides significant annual support for quality initiatives, including teacher and administrative grants, scholarships and special wish list items.

For more information on the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, please contact Karen Gillingham, Director, at 297-5332 or visit www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/osef. Become a friend on Facebook: Oakwood Schools Education Foundation.

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.

Sam Andrews Educational Hall Of Honor Nominations

The Oakwood City School District is accepting written nominations for the Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor. Nominations must be submitted to the Superintendent, Dr. Mary Jo Scalzo, 20 Rubicon Road, Dayton, OH 45409, by March 1, 2011. Information is available on the district home page at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us by calling Sandy Maresh at the Board of Education at 297-5332, or email at maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org.



2011 National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition Continued from page 1

These students scored in the top one-half of 1% among college bound students on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken in October of their junior year. These students are eligible to become National Merit Finalists and possibly receive National Merit Scholarships.

We are also pleased to recognize seniors **Michael Chifala, Olivia Hessler, Tucker Jones, Tyler Maschino, Daniel Pohlman, Abigail Scharrer, Philip Sizak** and **Marcus Viereckl** on being named National Merit Commended Scholars. Although these students do not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships, their score on the PSAT were among the top 5% of college-bound high school students.



Oakwood City Schools Winter Weather Preparedness

How the decision to delay or close school is made.

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

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

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

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

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

How the decision to delay or close school is communicated.

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

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

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

Special Note for Lange School Programs:

For any delay, parents should refer to the Lange calamity day schedule.

- One Hour Delay:

AM Preschool and Kindergarten	- 9:50 a.m.-11:20 a.m.
PM Preschool and Kindergarten	- Usual Schedule
South Connection Start Time	- 8:00 a.m.

- Two Hour Delay

Plan B Schedule	
AM Preschool and Kindergarten	- 10:50 a.m.-12:20 p.m.
PM Preschool and Kindergarten	- 1:25 p.m.-2:55 p.m.
South Connection Start Time	- 9:00 a.m.

- When Kettering Schools are closed and Oakwood Schools are open there will be **no** bus transportation for Kindergarten. Parents will need to transport their children to Lange.

Staying in Touch: Neighborhood Meeting and Luncheon with Residents

Friday, March 4, 2011 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Harman School Auditorium

Oakwood residents **who do not have children in school** are invited to attend a Neighborhood Meeting with the Superintendent on Friday, March 4, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. with lunch following at 11:30 a.m. This meeting is designed to provide residents with an opportunity to talk with the Superintendent and representatives of the Board of Education about school matters, including:

- District News
- Advice for Us – Topics About Which We Are Seeking Participant Input
- Questions for Us – Topics Participants Would Like To Discuss

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Sandy at the Oakwood Board of Education Office at 297-5332, or maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org by February 25th.

Dr. Michael Fowlin to Visit Oakwood Community

Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 7 p.m. | Oakwood High School Auditorium



Dr. Michael Fowlin, is a clinical psychologist and motivational speaker who earned a doctorate in clinical psychology from Rutgers University in 2001.

For more information visit www.michaelfowlin.com

“An inspirational and motivating speaker who really touches the heart of his audience.”
- Ellen Hadley, OHS Senior

In January, Dr. Michael Fowlin will bring his powerful message about tolerance, acceptance of differences and appreciation for diversity to the Oakwood community.

Through his dynamic presentations during the day on January 6-7, Dr. Fowlin will inspire our students to reflect on the way they live out their relationships. On the evening of Thursday, January 6 at 7 p.m., Dr. Fowlin will re-energize adults in our efforts to help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. Parents, you will not want to miss this unique opportunity to hear Dr. Fowlin’s message.

This event, part of our community-wide initiative to promote the 40 Developmental Assets, is sponsored by the Oakwood City Schools and funded through the generosity of an anonymous donor. For more information on the 40 Assets visit our community-wide web site at www2.oakwood.k12.oh.us/~fortyassets.

Asset Builders:

Dr. Fowlin’s presentation promotes 10 of the 20 Internal Assets

“Dr. Mykee is one of the few speakers I’ve heard, that immediately following, every student wanted to share his message with everyone at school. He embodies all that is good with the world and in a short span of time has the audience move from laughter to empathy to determination to make a difference in how people treat others.”

- Peggy Holton, OHS Prevention/Intervention Counselor

“He held us spell bound.” – Student at Community School of Bergen County

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS

December 2010/January 2011

December 2010

1	7:30 p.m. – OJHS Orchestra Concert
1-3	Smith PTO Scholastic Book Fair
7	12:00 p.m. - OJHS Parent/Principal Advisory
8	10:30 a.m. – Smith Holiday Concert
8	7 p.m. – OHS Holiday Choir Concert
9	11:45 a.m. – OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
10	7:30 a.m. – OHS Choir Performance at Oakwood Rotary
10	9 a.m. - Harman Holiday Assemblies
13	7:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting
14	5 p.m. – Board of Education Work Session
15-17	Exams at OJHS/OHS
16	Lange Holiday Parties
17	Harman Grades 1-5 Holiday parties
17	1 p.m. - Harman Grade 6 Holiday Hop
20-24	NO SCHOOL/Holiday Break
27-31	NO SCHOOL/Holiday Break

January 2011

3	Classes Resume
4	11 a.m. – OHS Choir Performance at Smith
4	12:00 p.m. - OJHS Parent/Principal Advisory
6	7 p.m. – Dr. Michael Fowlin Presentation at OHS Auditorium
10	10:20 a.m. - Smith 6th Grade Geography Bee
10	7:30 p.m. – Regular Board of Education Meeting
11	11:45 a.m. – OHS Parent/Principal Advisory
11	5 p.m. – Board of Education Work Session
12	6:30 p.m. – OHS Marketing Showcase
12	3:45 p.m. - Skateworld for Smith School
13	10:30 a.m. - OHS Band Visits Harman
13	11:45 a.m. – OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
14	Smith 5th Grade DARE Graduation
17	NO SCHOOL/Martin Luther King Day
20	10 a.m. - Harman Winter Band & Orchestra Concert
22	8 p.m. – OHS Techno Dance
24-28	Smith Jump & Hoops for Heart
25-26	Lange - Boonshoft Animal Habitats Presentation
26	7 p.m. – OHS Band/Jazz Concert

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

December 2010-January 2011

Calendar dates:

- December 20—Library Board meeting 6 p.m.
- December 24—Library closed on Christmas Eve
- December 25—Library closed on Christmas Day
- December 31—Library closed on New Year's Eve
- January 1—Library closed on New Year's Day
- January 17—Library closed on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 24—Library Board meeting, 6 p.m.
- January 29—"Extreme Couponing Skills," 2 p.m.



Wright Memorial Public Library has been recognized again as one of the nation's best libraries. *Library Journal* has identified a new group of America's Star Libraries, as rated by the *LJ* Index of Public Library Service, a national rating of public libraries. The *LJ* Index offers an indication of how a library's performance stacks up to peer libraries and provides guidance on how all public libraries can better assess and improve what they provide to their users. America's Star Libraries examines public service output measures—circulation, visits, program attendance, and public Internet use. Out of the 7,407 libraries reviewed, only 258 nationwide are given a star rating that indicates they are delivering exceptional service. The top libraries in categories organized by operating expenditures are assigned five, four, or three Michelin guide-like stars. Wright Library earned three stars. The full report is available in the October 1 issue of *Library Journal*.

Shop for the Library

Did you know that your holiday shopping can help support the Library? Visit WrightLibrary.org and click on "Support the Library." When you click through the Library's website to Amazon or Powell's Books, the merchants will give the Library a portion of the sales. By visiting GoodShop.com and entering "Wright Memorial Public Library" as your chosen charity, you can select from hundreds of popular online stores that will donate a percentage of your sale to the Library. GoodShop also notifies you of special offers and discounts at the participating merchants.

E-Mail Addresses Wanted!

Wright Library can now send notices by e-mail to let you know when your books are almost due, when they are overdue, and when the items you have requested are available. If you have not already added an e-mail address to your patron account, please call 294-7171 or stop by the library soon. This provides faster service for library users and saves postage costs.

Gift Book Recommendations

Books make great gifts. Here are some suggestions of recent titles for the book-lovers on your holiday shopping list.

General Fiction

- Freedom* by Jonathan Franzen
- The Finkler Question* by Howard Jacobson
- The Blessings of the Animals* by Katrina Kittle

Historical Fiction

- Parrot and Olivier in America* by Peter Carey

Adventure Fiction

- Arctic Chill* by Arnaldur Indriðason
- Devils in Exile* by Chuck Hogan

Mystery Fiction

- The Odds* by Kathleen George
- The Last Child* by John Hart

Offbeat Fiction

- Room* by Emma Donoghue
- Skippy Dies* by Paul Murray

Pets

- Dewey's Nine Lives: the Legacy of the Small-town Library*
- Cat Who Inspired Millions* by Vicki Myron
- The Lost Dogs: Michael Vick's Dogs and Their Tale of Rescue and Redemption* by Jim Gorant

Business

- Delivering Happiness: a Path to Profits, Passion, and Purpose* by Tony Hsieh

Biography

- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- The Last Boy: Mickey Mantle and the End of America's Childhood* by Jane Leavy
- Just Kids* by Patti Smith

Cooking

- The Food Matters Cookbook: 500 Revolutionary Recipes for Better Living* by Mark Bittman
- In the Green Kitchen: Techniques to Learn by Heart* by Alice Waters

Gardening

- The Nonstop Garden: a Step-by-step Guide to Smart Plant Choices and Four-season Landscapes* by Stephanie Cohen & Jennifer Benner
- New Encyclopedia of Gardening Techniques* by the American Horticultural Society Editors

For Young Children

- The Lion & the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney
- All the World* written by Liz Garton Scanlon & illustrated by Marla Frazee

For School-age Children

- The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* by Rodman Philbrick
- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin
- When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

For Teens

- Clockwork Angel* by Cassandra Clare
- Hothouse* by Chris Lynch





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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 introduce you to Assets 25-30:

- 25. Bonding to School**-Young person cares about her or his school.
- 26. Caring**-Young person places high value on helping other people.
- 27. Equality and Social Justice**-Young person places high value on promoting equality and reducing hunger and poverty.
- 28. Integrity**-Young person acts on convictions and stands up for her or his beliefs.
- 29. Honesty**-Young person “tells the truth even when it is not easy.”
- 30. Responsibility**-Young person accepts and takes personal responsibility.

The 40 Developmental Assets

*where the
Oakwood Community
is key!*

***Working together we have committed to
becoming a community of Asset Builders!***

Our community endeavors to intentionally and strategically construct building blocks to help our young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.

Visit the Oakwood community's 40 Asset website at
<http://www2.oakwood.k12.oh.us/~fortyassets> for information, news, events and more.