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City News

Rental Property Regulations and Restrictions

Owners of Oakwood rental properties are reminded that each time there is a change of tenant the vacated unit must be inspected by the city. Property owners are responsible for scheduling the inspection and paying the \$60 inspection fee.

The Oakwood Zoning Code also provides that no more than two (2) unrelated persons may reside in a single family dwelling unit. However, this restriction does not apply to those persons deemed to have disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Questions regarding rental property requirements and restrictions should be directed to the city's zoning inspector at 297-2920.

School News

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

Please RSVP by February 25th or, if you would like to host a meeting during the months of January through May, contact Sandy at the Oakwood Board of Education Office at 297-5332, or maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org.

Library News

Join the 2011 "Big Read"

Wright Library will be participating again this year in the "Big Read," a community-wide reading and book discussion project, which is a joint effort of area libraries, book stores and the *Dayton Daily News*. The library has stocked multiple copies of this year's selection, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

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This year, every individual, 18 years of age or older, who resides in Oakwood, must file an Oakwood City income tax return

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Preschool lottery applications accepted through April 15

P9 UPCOMING PROGRAMS
Wright Memorial Public Library has an eclectic mix of programs coming up for all to enjoy

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

- Place larger piles of yard debris including brush and branches into the tree lawn area just behind the curb. Remember that branches should be no longer than 6 feet and should be placed in manageable piles. Also, please do not place these piles around 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; this makes it difficult to empty.
- 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.

February/March City Council Meetings

City Council will conduct public meetings on the following dates:

Regular Sessions:

- 7:30 p.m., Monday, February 7
- 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 7

Work Sessions:

- 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 28
- 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 21

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

Holiday Closing

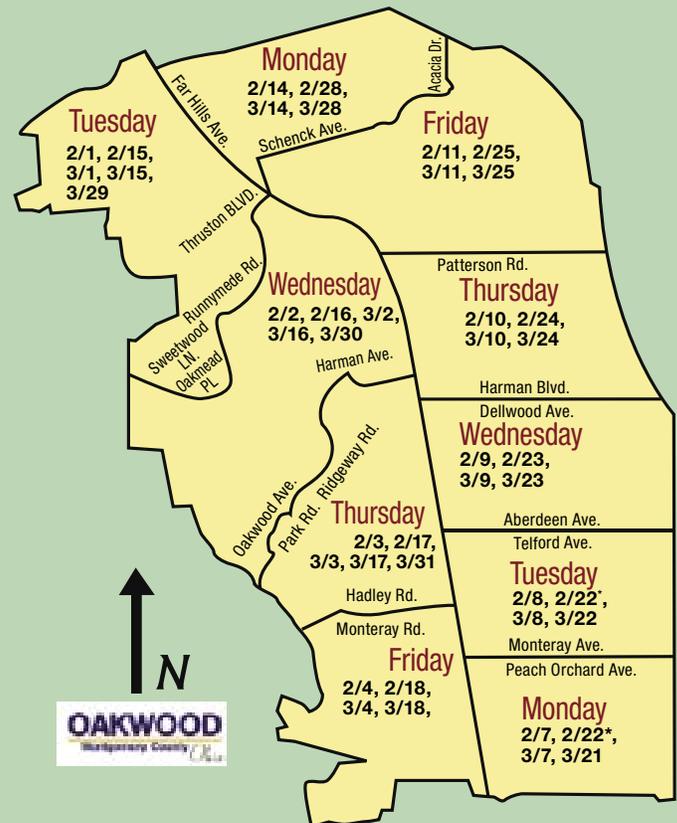
City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Monday, February 21 for President's Day.



President's Day Trash Pickup

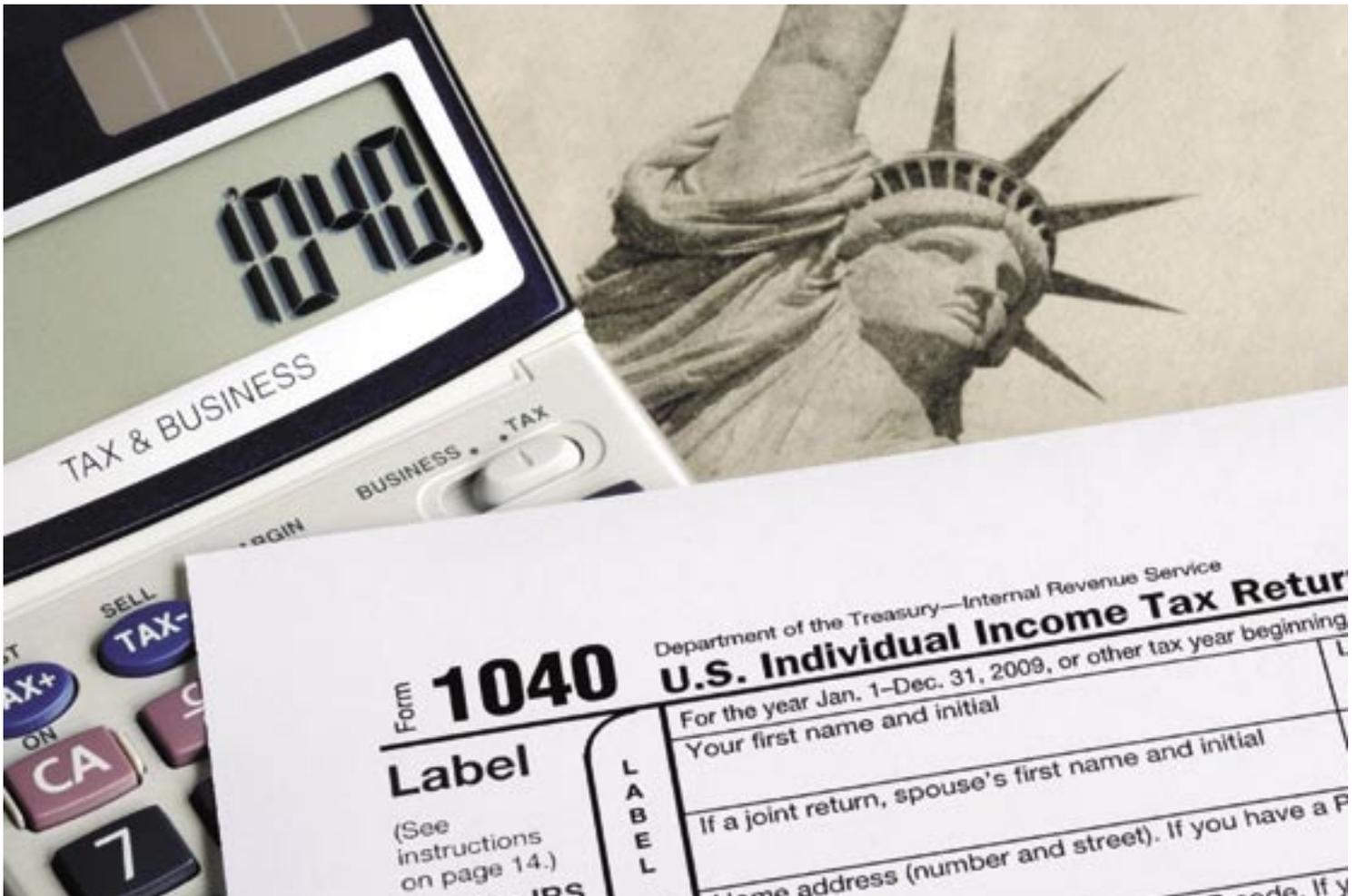
Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of February 21 will occur one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 2/3, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31
- Shroyer Rd. 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24



2010 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Due April 18, 2011

The City of Oakwood has a mandatory filing requirement for all residents. Every individual, 18 years of age or older, who resides in Oakwood, must file an Oakwood City income tax return, whether or not any tax is due. 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.

The 2010 Oakwood income tax return is available at www.oakwoodcitytax.com and has been created in a "fill-in" format which will calculate the tax return for you.

Additional tax forms are available on the City's web site at www.mvcc.net/oakwood. Paper forms will be made available at the City administrative offices, Wright Brothers Branch of the U.S. Post Office and Wright Memorial Public Library.

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood income tax return, please visit the Tax Department before March 31, 2011. Normal business hours for the tax office are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided during the filing season as follows:

Friday, April 15, 2011 and Monday, April 18, 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding your City of Oakwood income tax return, please contact the Income Tax Department at 298-0531.

Motor Vehicle Registration Tax

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





2011 Curb, Walk And Apron Project

The 2011 curb, sidewalk and apron repair project will take place in the area east of Far Hills from Aberdeen Avenue to Patterson Road. The purpose of the program is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. We have begun inspecting the 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 10.

Mulch Program

Citizens will have two options again this spring for obtaining leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cubic yards (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 9 and ending on May 14.

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 and provide proof of residency. City personnel will assist in loading the mulch. No commercial vehicles will be loaded.

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).

Dumpsters

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



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Community Center News

Upcoming Events/Classes:

- **JUNIOR HIGH DANCE,**
Friday, February 11, 9:30-11 p.m.

- **ANNUAL JUNIOR HIGH SKI TRIP,** Thursday, February 24.

- **PRE-SCHOOL BASKETBALL CLINIC,** Saturday mornings, March 5 – March 26.

- **FAMILY 2-ON-2 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT,** Saturday, March 19.

- **EGG COLORING & PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY,** Tuesday, April 19, 6:30-8 p.m.



- **FRIENDS OF SMITH GARDENS PERENNIAL SALE,** Friday and Saturday, April 15-16.

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

Telephone Directory Recycling

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



Summer Employment Opportunities

Applications for summer employment with the city of Oakwood are now available at the OCC, at the city building and on the city's website at www.mvcc.net/oakwood Students 16 years of age and older are eligible for lifeguard and concession positions at Gardner Pool. Students must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment to be eligible for maintenance and landscaping positions. Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation Requests Nominations for “The Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award”

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation is requesting nominations for its new award program, “The Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award.” Mrs. Beverly (Bev) Parker created this legacy award program in memory of her late husband, Mr. Robert (Bob) Parker. Bev and Bob grew up in the Oakwood community and Bev taught at Harman School for many years. The entire Parker family attended and graduated from the Oakwood schools and their grandchildren are continuing in this tradition today.

“We feel such a close bond with the Oakwood education system. We have always believed that the teachers in the Oakwood Schools are exceptional and give much of themselves for the betterment of the children in our community. Our family cannot think of a better way to give back to the schools than to honor the special teachers that go above and beyond what is expected of them,” said Bev. “The Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award is one way that we can show our appreciation and gratitude for all that they do for our children.”

The award program seeks out and honors a current Oakwood teacher who uniquely inspires the full potential of each student with whom he or she works. Eligible teachers will have taught in the Oakwood District for at least five years and can be nominated by parents, students, community members, alumni, faculty members and administrators. The award consists of a \$1,200 prize, half of which is awarded to the recipient and half to an academic department, grade level or program of the recipient’s choosing. The winner will be announced no later than May 31, 2011.

Nomination forms are due by March 15, 2011 and can be downloaded from the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation’s website: www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/osef and



sent to Karen Gillingham, Director Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, 20 Rubicon Road, Dayton, OH, 45409 or emailed to osef@oakwoodschoools.org. Please contact Karen (297-5332) if you have any questions or would like a nomination form mailed to you.

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.

Oakwood City Schools Preschool



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

Process for Selecting Typically Developing Students

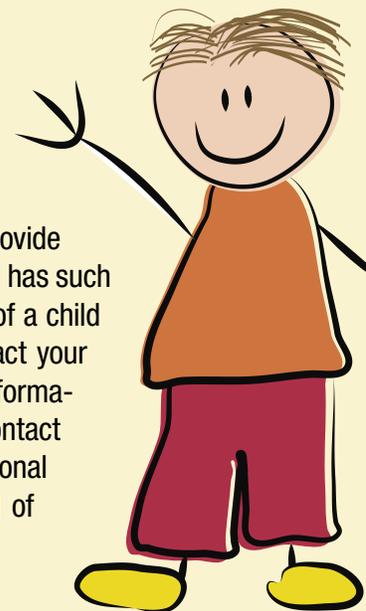
Typically developing preschool students are selected for the program through a lottery. To be eligible for the lottery, students must be age 3 or 4 by September 30, 2011; be residents of the district; and be typically developing. Cost of participation in the program for the 2011-2012 school year is \$800 annually, payable quarterly. **Lottery applications for placement in the program for the 2011-2012 school year will be available January 15 and will be accepted through April 15.** The lottery will be conducted May 2nd. Phone calls will be made to those families selected and families not selected will receive letter notification. Families selected will be required to pay a \$200 non-refundable deposit by June 1st, which will be applied to 1st quarter tuition. Proof of residency will also be required at time of payment. If

the deposit is not received, another student will be selected. For additional information and an application, contact Pam Taiclet or Cathie Newburg, Office of Educational Services, Oakwood Board of Education, at 297-7802.

Children With Disabilities

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

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

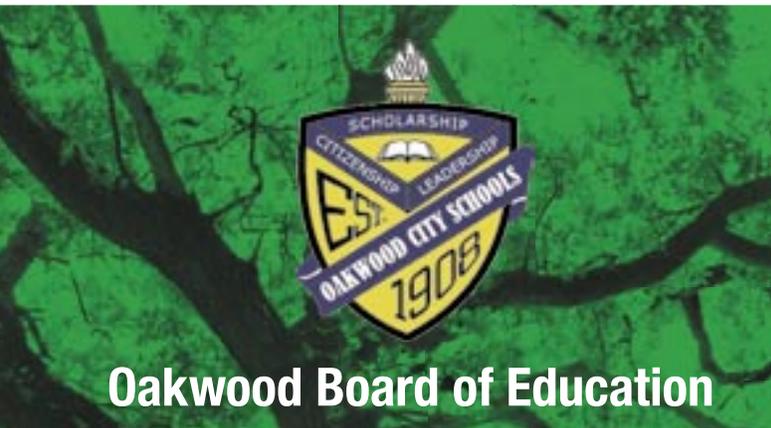


Sam Andrews Educational Hall Of Honor Nominations



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 Ru-

bicon 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.



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OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS FEBRUARY / MARCH 2011

February 2011

- 3 6 p.m. - Harman/Smith 4th Grade Family Science Night
- 4 4 p.m. - OJHS Play
- 5 2 & 8 p.m. - OJHS Play
- 7 OJH Visit to Harman 6th Graders
- 7 7 p.m. - 8th Grade Parent Meeting
- 8 OJH Visit to Smith 6th Graders
- 9 7 p.m. - 6th Grade Parent Meeting at OHS Auditorium
- 10 Lange Valentine Parties
- 10 11:45 a.m. - OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
- 11 2:30 p.m. - Harman Valentines Assembly
- 14 7:30 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting
- 16 7:30 p.m. - Winter Orchestra Concert at OHS
- 17 Smith 4th Grade PM Sharing Program
- 17 7 p.m. - OJHS Sports Recognition Night
- 18 Smith 4th Grade AM Sharing Program
- 21 NO SCHOOL/Presidents' Day
- 22-25 NO SCHOOL/Winter Break
- 28 Classes resume

March 2011

- 4 10 a.m. - Neighborhood Meeting and Luncheon at Harman
- 4 7:00 p.m. - OJHS Dance
- 4-18 Smith PTO Cookie Dough Sale
- 5 8 p.m. - Turnabout Dance
- 7 7 p.m. - PSEO Information Meeting at OHS
- 7 8:15 p.m. - Dual Enrollment Information Meeting at OHS
- 8 12 p.m. - Smith PTO Meeting
- 8 Lange Class Picture Day
- 9 3:45 p.m. - Smith Skateworld Party
- 10 WAIVER DAY-Dismissal at Lunchtime for Harman, Smith, OJHS, OHS Lange Classes as Usual in AM/PM
- 11 NO SCHOOL/District Inservice Day
- 14-18 OGT Testing
- 14 7:30 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting
- 15 6:30 p.m. - OHS Winter Sports Banquet
- 16-18 Harman 5th Grade at Camp Joy
- 19 7 p.m. - Athletic Booster Fundraiser at OCC
- 22-23 Boonshoft Presentations at Lange
- 24 7 p.m. - Harman 6th Grade Musical
- 24 7 p.m. - OHS Musical
- 25 8 p.m. - OHS Musical
- 26 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. - OHS Musical
- 28 6:30 p.m. - 4-6th Grade Parent Meeting Human Growth & Development at Harman
- 31 6:30 p.m. - Celebration of the Arts at Smith

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

February 2011-March 2011

Calendar dates:

Feb. 13 — "Landscape Design," 2 p.m.

Feb. 21 — Library Board meeting, 6 p.m.

Feb. 23 — Author visit with Elsie Fenic, 7 p.m.

March 7 — "Solutions for Common Pet Problems," 6:30 p.m.

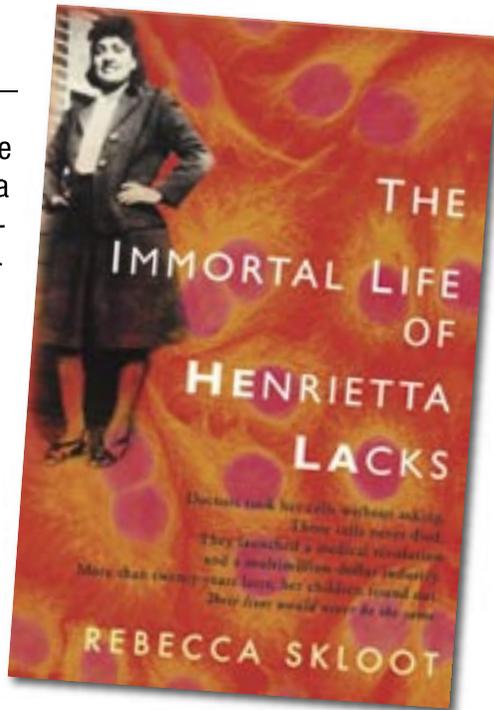
March 21 — Library Board meeting, 6 p.m.

April 10 — "The Classic Architecture of Oakwood Homes," 2 p.m.

"Big Read"

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The book tells the story of Henrietta Lacks, a 31-year-old African American mother of five in Baltimore who died of cervical cancer in 1951. Without her knowledge, her doctors at Johns Hopkins took tissue samples from her cervix for research. From this sample, they created the first viable cell line—known as HeLa. Cells from this line have been used in medical advances from the polio vaccine to AIDS treatments. The author conveys the effect that Henrietta's death and the eventual importance of her cells had on her husband and children. The Lacks family continued to struggle financially and for many years had no knowledge of Henrietta's involuntary contribution to medical science.



The author, Rebecca Skloot, is an award-winning science writer. Her articles have appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*; *O, The Oprah Magazine*; *Discover*; and others. She has worked as a correspondent for NPR's Radiolab and PBS's NOVA scienceNOW. She is a contributing editor at *Popular Science* magazine and has taught creative nonfiction and science journalism at the University of Memphis, the University of Pittsburgh, and New York University. *The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks* is her debut book, which took more than ten years to research and write. Everyone is encouraged to read this fascinating book and participate in discussions at the Library during the Big Read. Watch the Library's web site at www.wrightlibrary.org for announcements of book discussion dates in March and April.

Upcoming Programs

February 13—Principles of Landscape Design

Wright Memorial Public Library and Siebenthaler's will present "Principles of Landscape Design" on Sunday, February 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. The program will provide an overview of the landscape design process. Topics covered will include establishing parameters, site analysis, layout, and material selection. The Siebenthaler Company specializes in design and installation of award-winning landscapes. They are one of Ohio's oldest family-owned and operated nurseries, serving the Miami Valley since 1870. Advance registration is needed and limited to the first 30 people. Contact Wright Library's Reference Department at 294-7171 to register beginning Tuesday, February 1st.

February 23—Author Visit with Elsie Fenic

Local author Elsie Fenic will talk about her book, *White Girl in Harlem: a Memoir* on Wednesday, February 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. The book tells an unforgettable story of the author's unusual childhood growing up in late 1940's Harlem. Elsie Wagner Fenic was born in New York City and lived her first nineteen years in Harlem. She is a retired, award-winning university professor, and resides with her husband in Oakwood. The author will have copies of her book for sale and will donate \$5 from each book sale to Wright Library. No advance registration is needed.

March 7—Solutions for Common Pet Problems

The Library will welcome Joann Hughes, CPDT-KA, on Monday, March 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. She will share solutions for common pet problems like jumping, barking, housetraining issues, and poor socialization. Attendees will learn why certain pets develop problem behavior, what to do if a pet exhibits these behaviors, and what to look for when adopting a new pet. She will answer questions from the audience about pets. Ms. Hughes is the owner and operator of Pawsitive Pet Behavior, LLC. She has been a Certified Professional Dog Trainer since 2004 and has worked extensively with companion animals since 1998. She has experience working with dogs, cats, rabbits, horses and birds. No advance registration is needed.

April 10—The Classic Architecture of Oakwood Homes

The Library again will partner with the Oakwood Historical Society to offer "The Classic Architecture of Oakwood Homes" on Sunday, April 10th at 2:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. The program will be presented by Mark Risley from the Oakwood Historical Society. "This is the third edition of the program. Both the first and second sessions were well attended," said Margaret Peters, Reference Services Coordinator. "This program has generated a lot of interest in the community." 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 homes, their remarkable artistic detail and some of the historical stories associated with them. Advance registration is required and limited to the first 65 people. Contact Wright Library's Reference Department at 294-7171 to register beginning Friday, March 25th.



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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 31-35:

- 31. **Restraint** – Young person believes it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs.
- 32. **Planning and Decision Making** – Young person knows how to plan ahead and make choices.
- 33. **Interpersonal Competence** – Young person has empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills.
- 34. **Cultural Competence** – Young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds.
- 35. **Resistance Skills** – Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.

**The 40
Developmental
Assets**

*where the
Oakwood Community
is key!*

40 Assets in Action

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

The Oakwood Rotary Club is teaming up with Oakwood youth to launch Assets in Action. This initiative will connect Rotarians and young people with residents who need a helping hand – an elderly person on your block, a new mother, a neighbor who needs the driveway shoveled, a resident who needs assistance with errands.

Oakwood youth who want to volunteer and residents who may need assistance are asked to contact Rotarian Jane Voisard at janevoisard@gmail.com; phone (937) 294-1368, or Melissa Brinn at brinn.melissa@oakwoodschoools.org; phone (937) 297-5328.

Assets in Action incorporates Assets #8- Youth as Resources, #26-Caring, #32-Planning and Decision Making.

Visit the Oakwood community's 40 Asset website at

<http://www2.oakwood.k12.oh.us/~fortyassets> for information, news, events and more.