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City News

TAX SEASON APPROACHES

Help direct your tax dollars to your community. Oakwood residents who work outside of Oakwood and 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 2011, 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.

For those individuals working outside the City of Oakwood, please review your pay stub to ensure proper withholding. You 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 resident city tax rates) please make sure that your resident city is the City of Oakwood.

If you have any questions regarding Oakwood income tax and filing requirements, please contact the Tax Department at 298-0531.

School News

2012 National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

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

Congratulations to seniors **Grant Cothrel, Joshua Halpern, Rachel Ramey, and Tyler Reynolds** on being named **National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists**. These students scored in the top 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. *Continued on page 6*

Library News

Christmas Magic

Plan to put some magic in your holidays Saturday, December 3rd at 3:00 p.m. Jim Kleefeld will put the magic into the holiday season with a magic show suitable for any age. No registration required.

P2 COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT SHAFOR PARK

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

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February 27-March 2

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Looking to improve your level of fitness? Whether you're just starting an exercise program or want to change up your routine, get advice from an expert.

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 11.

- 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” OAKWOOD SET FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

The City, under leadership of the Environmental Committee, is “Lighting Up” Oakwood on December 11, beginning at 6 p.m. This event is an effort to brighten the entire community at 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 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.



Holiday Refuse Pickups

WEEKS OF DECEMBER 26 & JANUARY 2

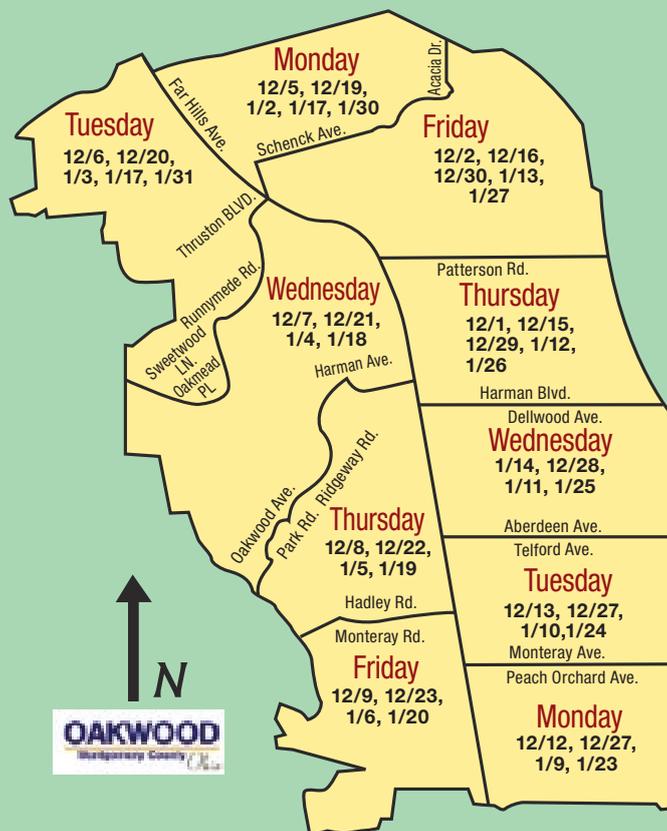
<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Holiday Schedule</u>
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday AM**

WEEK OF JANUARY 16

<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Holiday Schedule</u>
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday

**Please note that on December 30 refuse collection will take place entirely in the morning, so please have all of your materials out by 7:30 a.m. with driveways clear of obstructions.

Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 12/8, 12/22, 1/5, 1/19, 1/26
- Shroyer Rd. 12/1, 12/15, 12/29, 1/12, 1/19



2012 DOG LICENSE INFORMATION

- 2012 licenses will be sold at the city building with a new 2-tier fee. The base fee will remain at \$20, the same as last year, but will be for spayed/neutered dogs only. If an owner's dog from last year is already in the database as spayed/neutered, there will be no proof necessary. If a new dog is signed-up for a license and spayed/neutered is checked off, no proof is necessary. When an owner signs the application, they are signing an affidavit saying all of the information is true.

- Unaltered dog owners will pay \$24.
- There are several exclusions to the extra \$4 non-spayed/neutered fee:
 - If the dog is 9 months old or less
 - If the dog is too old or has a medical condition preventing the dog from being spayed/neutered (the owner must get a veterinarian's certification)
 - If the dog is used or intended to be used for breeding or show (a Breed Registry number is required)
 - If the dog is used or intended to be used for hunting (The owner's hunting license number is required)
- If veterinarian certification, breed registry number or hunting license number are provided to avoid the \$4 fee, the license must be purchased by mail or in person at the Montgomery County Auditor's Office, the Animal Resource Center, SICSA, or the Humane Society.
- Tag prices:

Spayed/Neutered dogs:

- \$20 – regular oval tag
- \$25 – bone-shaped tag
- \$30 – heart-shaped tag

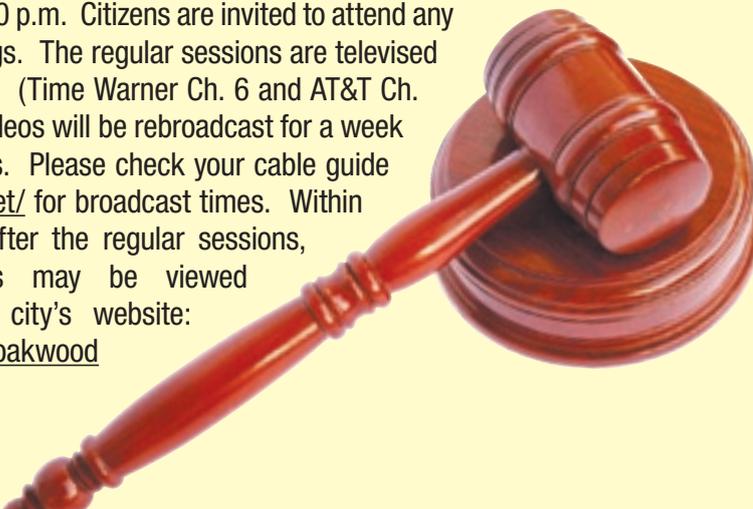
Unaltered Dogs:

- \$24 – regular oval tag
- \$29 – bone-shaped tag
- \$34 – heart-shaped tag



DECEMBER/JANUARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City council will meet in work session at 5 p.m. on Mondays, December 5 and January 23, and in regular sessions at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12 and Tuesday, January 3. 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 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 Monday, December 26 for Christmas and Monday, January 2 for New Year's.

The City offices, Community Center and Public Works Center will also be closed on Monday, January 16 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please refer to the holiday refuse pickup article herein for holiday refuse collection schedule.





COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:

This event is Saturday, December 10 from 9-11:30 a.m. and 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, December 2 and Friday, January 13 from 9:30 – 11 p.m. These dances are for Oakwood students only.

WINTER WEATHER PLOWING POLICY

Our winter weather operations include...

Salting: Major streets, hills and intersections take priority with residential streets following. In most situations, all streets are salted.

Street Plowing: During heavy snowfall, we typically plow every street. It may be necessary to clear streets of parked vehicles. Please help us during any snowfall by not parking your vehicle on the street. 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 make **one pass** through the city. 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.



SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY VERSUS MERE "APPEARANCE"

An important component of the police/citizen partnership is the reporting of suspicious activity. Please remember that the police must focus on behaviors and actions and not just 'appearance'. When calling in activity and/or reporting people that 'seem out of place' in our community, please focus on behaviors and actions.

In 1968, the U.S. Supreme Court established "reasonable suspicion" as the standard for police stops. This standard requires suspicious activity supported by "articulable facts suggesting criminal activity was afoot" before the police can stop a person for investigative purposes. Note here that the focus of the court was on the action – the activity – of the party

and not just someone 'looking out of place'. In simple terms, while a person may 'look' suspicious, they must be doing something suspicious before the police have a reason to stop and investigate their actions or presence. This also means that, by themselves, characteristics such as race, clothing, hair style, age, etc. are not reasons for the police to stop and talk with subjects.

Our world today is filled with different styles of dress, culture, and personal appearance. To be truly effective in fighting crime and responding appropriately to those with ill intentions our focus must be on actions and not appearance. Working together, we will continue to keep Oakwood safe.



HOLIDAY TREE DISPOSAL

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

LEAF PICKUP

Autumn leaf pickup service is scheduled to conclude on December 16. 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 on page 2.



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 on page 2. 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.

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 4. You may schedule this service on or after January 3 by phoning Theresa Caldwell at the Public Works Center at 298-0777.



Oakwood City Council



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2012 National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

Continued from page 1. We are also pleased to recognize seniors **Javan Austin, Erin Cox, Warrington Eggleston, Noah Faust, Sidney Holdren, Anna Johnsen, Amelia Malone, Christopher**



Sneeder, and Sarah Zabarnick on being named **National Merit Commended Scholars.** Their scores on the PSAT were among the top 3% of college-bound high school students.

2012 National Merit Semifinalists

Tyler Reynolds, Rachel Ramey, Grant Cothrel, Joshua Halpern

2012-2013 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

February 27 – March 2

Parents who are considering Kindergarten for their children in the 2012-2013 school year should visit Lange School during the week of February 27 to March 2 to register. The registration form can be downloaded from the Lange School web site at <http://lks.oakwood.k12.oh.us>. Once registered, parents may sign up for a Kindergarten Screening date.

Children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2012, may be registered for Kindergarten. Children who will be five years old between October 1, 2012 and January 1, 2013, may be considered for early entrance.

For information, please contact Lange School at 299-8730 or email: Mrs. Nanci Koepke, Lange Administrative Assistant, at koepke.nanci@oakwoodschoools.org
Mrs. Kathy Bartalo, Principal, at bartalo.kathy@oakwoodschoools.org



Important 2012-2013 Kindergarten Dates:

- Kindergarten Parent Orientation: Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten Screening: Week of April 16, 2012 by appointment only.

SAM ANDREWS EDUCATIONAL HALL OF HONOR NOMINATIONS

The Oakwood City School District is accepting written nominations for the 2012 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, 2012. 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.



Staying in Touch: Neighborhood Meeting and Luncheon with Residents

Friday, March 2, 2012

10:30 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 2, 2012 at 10:30 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 23rd.



Neighborhood Meetings with the Superintendent

Are you interested in hosting a **Neighborhood Meeting with the Superintendent?** These informal meetings are an opportunity for parents, community members, and members of the Oakwood City Schools to talk about school issues. If you would like to host, please call or email Sandy Maresh at the Board Office at 297-5332 or maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoools.org.

Nominations Being Accepted for Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation is delighted to announce that nominations for the second annual Parker Love of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Award are now being accepted. The Parker Award was created by Mrs. Beverly (Bev) Parker in memory of her late husband, Robert (Bob). The Parker Award honors an Oakwood teacher who uniquely inspires the 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.

Bob and Bev grew up in the Oakwood community and their families were very actively involved in the school district. Bob's father was Treasurer of the School Board and his mother was the first Home Economics teacher. Bev was a teacher at Harman School for many years. Their families attended and graduated from the Oakwood schools, and their grandchildren are continuing in this tradition today.

Nominations and letters of support for the second annual Parker Award are being accepted until March 15, 2012. Nomination forms and eligibility information can be downloaded from the Foundation's website: www2.oakwood.k12.oh.us/~osef (News & Events box), or requested from Karen Gillingham, osef@oakwoodschoools.org, (297-5332). Please note that letters of nomination and support are not carried over to the following year.

"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. 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," said Bev.

The first Parker Award was presented to Mrs. Janet Block, Kindergarten teacher, at Lange's closing day ceremony last June. Mrs. Block had an enthusiastic audience of students, parents and family members to congratulate her as Bev presented her with a \$500 check in her name and a \$700 check for Lange School. The following teachers were also nominated: Kathy Allan (OJHS Social Studies), Debbie Corpus (retired OHS English), John Edwards (Harman 4th Grade), Lenora Eubank (Smith 6th Grade), Tim Fleck (Harman 6th Grade), Jennifer Jervis (OHS French), Regina McCauley (OHS, Intervention Specialist), Randy Neff (OHS Math), Tony Rainsberger (OHS Science/Engineering), Heidi Steinbrink (OHS Engineering).



2011 Recipient Janet Block and Bev Parker

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS December 2011/January 2012

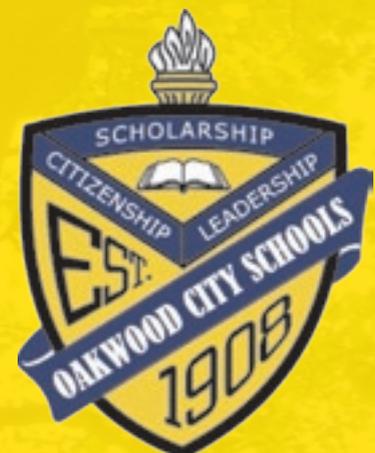
December 2011

12/6	12 noon – OJHS Parent/Principal Advisory
12/7	7:30 p.m. – OHS Choir Concert
12/7	10:30 a.m. – Smith Holiday Concert
12/9	Harman Winter Assemblies for Parents
12/9	4-8 p.m. – OHS Talent Show
12/12	7:30 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting
12/15	Lange Holiday Parties
12/16	Smith Holiday Parties
12/19-30	NO SCHOOL/Holiday Break

January 2012

1/2	NO SCHOOL/Holiday Break
1/3	School Resumes
1/6	9-11 p.m. – OHS Techno Dance
1/9	10:20 a.m. – Smith 6th Grade Geography Bee
1/9	7:30 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting
1/10	11:45 a.m. – OJHS Parent/Principal Meeting
1/12	3:45-5:45 p.m. – Smith Skateworld Party
1/16	NO SCHOOL/Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/19	Smith DARE Graduation PM
1/20	Smith DARE Graduation AM
1/23-27	Smith Jump Rope for Heart Week
1/25	7-9 p.m. – OHS Winter Band Concert
1/27	Harman and Smith Spelling Bees
1/27	7-9 p.m. – OJHS Student Council Dance

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



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:

- 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.
- When Oakwood Schools and/or Kettering Schools are delayed, the following Kindergarten bus shuttle will be adjusted according to the following schedule:

	2-Hour Delay	1-Hour Delay
Shuttle pick up at Harman/Smith	10:30 a.m.	No bus
Shuttle departs Harman/Smith	10:40 a.m.	No bus
Shuttle arrives at Lange	10:45 a.m.	No bus

December 2011 – January 2012

Calendar dates:

December 2011

December 3 – “Christmas Magic”, 3:00 p.m.
 December 19-23 – December Drop-in For Kids
 December 19 – Library Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
 December 24 – Library closed, Christmas Eve
 December 25 – Library closed, Christmas Day
 December 31 – Library closed, New Year’s Eve

January 2012

January 1 – Library closed, New Year’s Day
 January 6 – **NEW DAY & TIME** Books and Blocks, 10:30 a.m.
 School’s Out Movie - *Kung Fu Panda 2: The Kaboom of Doom*, 3:45 p.m.
 January 9 – Music and Movement Storytime Program begins
 January 16 – Library closed, Martin Luther King Day
 January 21 – 7th Annual Mother-Son Superhero Party, 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.
 January 22 – “Fitness for the New Year”, 2:00 p.m.
 January 23 – Library Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Dates:

February 4 – Lincoln Society Program, 2:00 p.m.



Fitness for the New Year

Looking to improve your level of fitness? Whether you’re just starting an exercise program or want to change up your routine, get advice from an expert. Join Karen McGinnis, an Exercise Physiologist with Kettering Health Network Community Wellness program, Sunday, January 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Learn about your fitness options, how to stay motivated, and steps you can take to better your health today. You are invited to bring questions for Karen. No registration required.

About the presenter:

Karen McGinnis is a graduate of the University of Dayton with a P.E. and Health Degree. Her experience includes managing Health Clubs, teaching P.E., coaching field hockey, and working at weight reducing camps. She has been in the health business for over 30 years. Karen currently works with the Kettering Health Network as an Exercise Physiologist. “I love to exercise and help others! Keep moving and help others, that’s my mantra.”

Music and Movement Storytime Programs

Beginning Monday, January 9th Wright Library will be offering 2 Music and Movement Storytime Programs for children ages 6 and under. The 8-week program will meet Mondays, January 9th – February 27th (No program January 16th, Library closed). Choose from one of the following times: 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join Mrs. G, for music and rhyme as the children move around the room using musical instruments, bean bags, shakers, lummi sticks and more. Music and Movement is part of the *Every Child Ready to Read® @ your library®* program. The program is most appropriate for ages 2-5, lap babies are welcome and caregivers are required for children ages 3 and under.

Books & Blocks Moves To New Day & Time

Beginning Friday, January 6th Books and Blocks will begin meeting Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the Library Meeting Room. This program is suitable for children ages 6 and under – ages 3 and under must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Join Mrs. G for drop-in books, blocks, puppets, puzzles and play stations. The program concludes with a snack, story and circle time dances.

Social skills and early literacy skills are enhanced in this interactive program which is part of the *Every Child Ready to Read® @ your library®* program. The program is free and no registration is required.

7th Annual Mother-Son Superhero Party

On Saturday, January 21st Wright Library will host their 7th Annual Mother-Son Superhero Party. There will be two sessions: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Boys, ages 2 to 6, and their mothers or someone special are invited to attend. Children are encouraged to attend dressed as their favorite superhero while they play superhero games, crafts and enjoy a snack.

The party is free, but space is limited. **Registration begins Monday, January 9th.** Please stop by the Children’s Room or call the Youth Services Department at 294.7171 to register.

December Drop-In for Kids: December 19th – December 23rd

Mon., Dec. 19th: Decorate a Cookie Drop-In (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
 Tues., Dec. 20th: Movie - *Beethoven’s Christmas Adventure* (1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)
 Wed., Dec. 21st: Make a Christmas Card Drop-In (3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
 Thurs., Dec. 22nd: Make a Candy Jar Drop-In (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
 Fri., Dec. 23rd: Make a Reindeer Snack/Craft Drop-In (1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.)



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Asset Builder Profile



Mrs. Molly Cobb (OHS '78), born and raised in Oakwood, is married to Steve and they have 3 children, Michael (OHS '07), Kirsten (OHS '07) and Emmy, a seventh grader.

A strong advocate for Oakwood's youth, Molly seeks opportunities to improve the academic experience of students through her work with the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, serving as the Chair of its Grants Committee and on its Advisory Council (#21 Achievement Motivation, #22 School Engagement).

An active volunteer, Molly has supported the OHS Boosters, Hospice, and Oakwood's 40 Development Assets leadership team (#8 Youth as Resources, #14 Adult Role Model).

In building awareness for the 40 Assets Program, Molly demonstrates how we can be more intentional in our words and actions to better support our youth. "Because of 40 Assets, we're thinking more about how our actions impact our children and, more importantly, what we can do to influence them and help them become the best they can be." (#1 Family Support, #6 Parent Involvement in Schooling).

Mrs. Cobb is an *Asset Builder!*

The 40 Developmental Assets

*where the
Oakwood Community
is key!*

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.

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