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City News

OUR SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL CHALLENGE

SEVERAL ACTIONS TAKEN LAST YEAR by our governor and our state elected leaders have directly resulted in a major reduction in financial resources available to pay for the services provided to you by the city of Oakwood. The most notable action was elimination of the estate tax. Our city is facing a loss of approximately \$2,600,000 annually, about 20% of our total revenue.

While it would be wonderful if the city could find ways to cut 20% of its budget without cutting or otherwise reducing the scope and quality of public services, that is simply not possible. A couple weeks ago your city leaders began conducting a series of neighborhood meetings to discuss this issue and to obtain citizen input. The meetings are being hosted by Oakwood residents, primarily members of the citizen Budget Review Committee (BRC), and will continue over the next few months.

In general, our options in addressing this major financial shortfall are:

- Implement Shared Services Agreements with Neighboring Communities
- Cut Expenses
- Cut Services
- Raise Taxes
- Raise Fees

Our best option may well be some combination of the above. In addition to the neighborhood meetings, the city will also conduct Town Hall style meetings. Dates and times of the Town Hall meetings will be announced through the Oakwood Register and on the city website. For more information about this issue, please see the city website at www.mvcc.net/oakwood.

The Following is the current Citizen Budget Review Committee membership:

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School News

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council will conduct public meetings on the following dates:

Regular Sessions:

7:30 p.m., Monday, February 6

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

Work Sessions:

5:00 p.m., Monday, February 27

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

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 20 for President's Day.

President's Day Trash Pickup

Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of February 20 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.



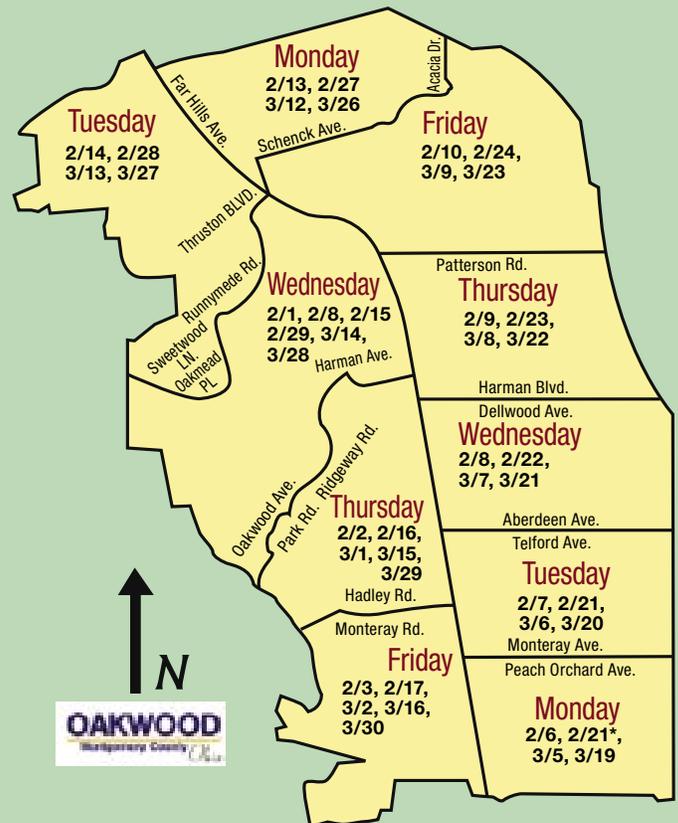
Spring Yard And Garden Cleanup

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.
- If you have extra yard debris, place it in bags next to your cans. Please limit these extra bags to not more than two.
- 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 enclosed map for your scheduled pickup days.

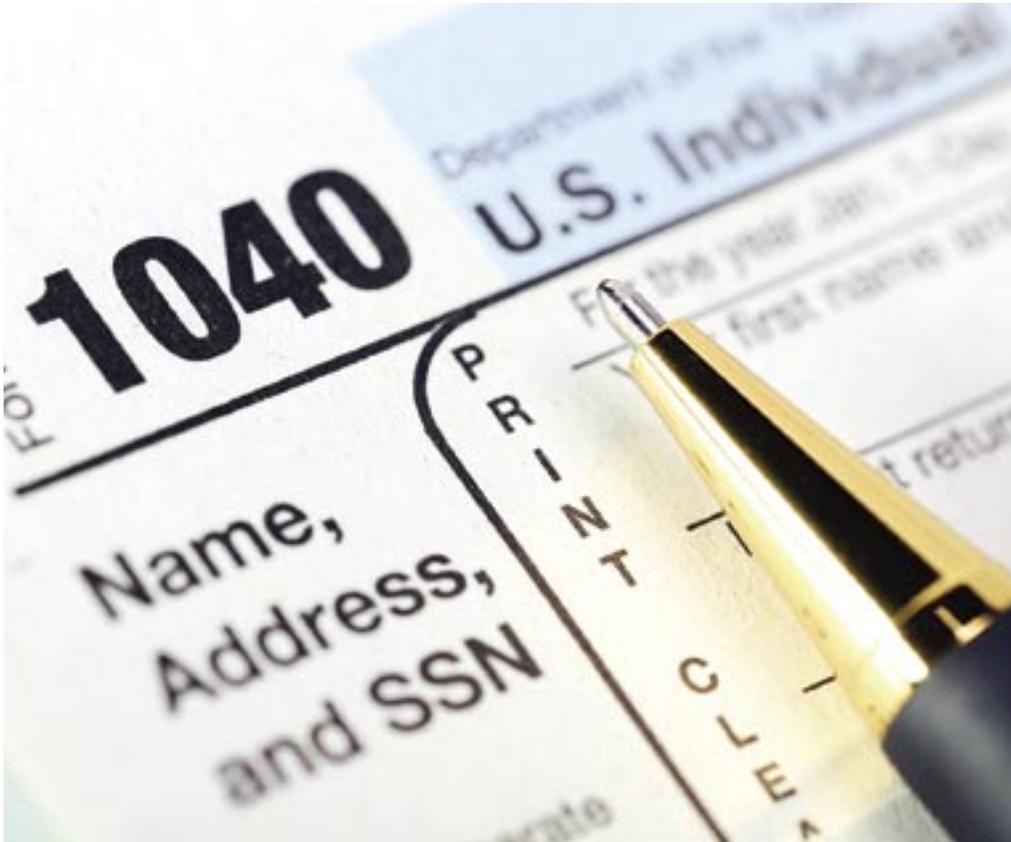
Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 2/9, 2/23, 3/8, 3/22
- Shroyer Rd. 2/2, 2/16, 3/1, 3/15, 3/29

*President's Day Holiday Adjustment.



2011 Oakwood Income Tax Returns Are Due April 17, 2012.

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.) may request an exemption of this mandatory filing requirement by notifying the tax office in writing of their income status.

In an effort to reduce printing and mailing costs, the 2011 Oakwood income tax return is available at www.oakwoodcitytax.com/tax 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. If you do not have internet access, forms will be made available at the City administrative offices, at the Wright Brothers Branch of the U.S. Post Office, and at Wright Memorial Public Library.

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood income tax return, please visit the Tax Department before March 30, 2012. 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:

Monday, April 16, 2012 and Tuesday, April 17, 2012 - 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.

COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Upcoming Events/Classes:

- Junior High Dances, Fridays, February 3 and 17, 9:30-11 p.m.
- Annual Junior High Ski Trip, Thursday, February 24
New Location: Perfect North Slopes
- Pre-School Basketball Clinic, Saturday mornings, March 3 – March 24.
- Family 2-on-2 Basketball Tournament, Saturday, March 10
- Egg Coloring & Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Thursday, April 5, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale, Friday and Saturday, April 20-21

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



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 interested in maintenance and landscaping positions must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment. Equal Opportunity Employer.



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, 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.



Motor Vehicle Registration Tax

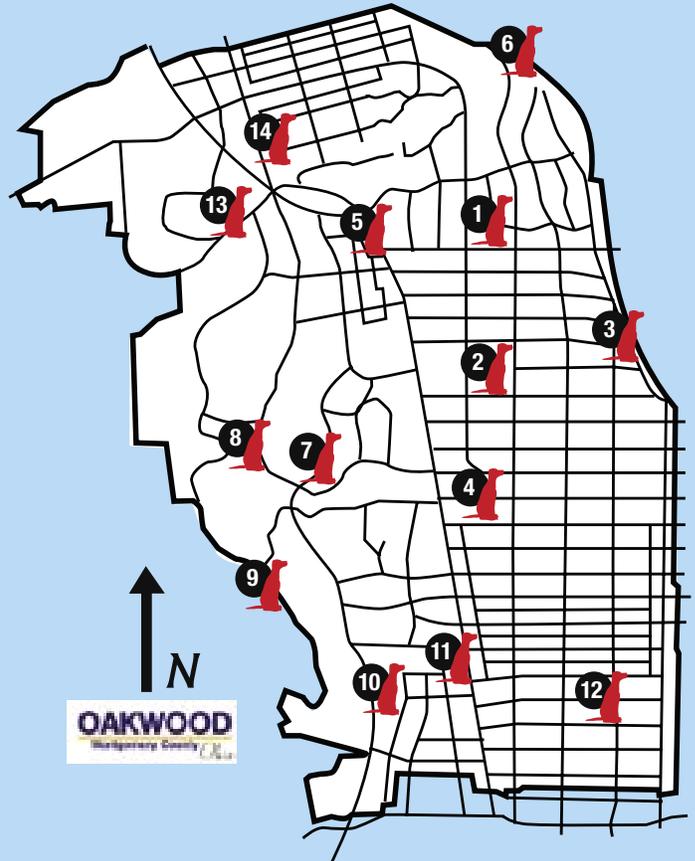
Oakwood residents are reminded to report your place of residence as Oakwood, Montgomery County, Ohio, when filling out your motor vehicle license plate application or renewal. By listing Oakwood you make sure the city receives its rightful share of motor vehicle registration and gasoline taxes. These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

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. If you place phone books in your regular recycling container, please remember the 60 pound weight limit.

DOGI-POT STATIONS

The map below shows the general location of Dogi-pot stations in Oakwood. The city installed these in an effort to make it convenient for citizens to clean up after their dogs. The city initially stocked the containers with bags but is no longer doing so as a cost saving measure. Please carry your own bags and use the containers as needed. The containers are emptied regularly.



DOGI-POT Locations

1. Patterson Rd. by OCC and Shafor Park
2. Shafor Blvd. at Dellwood Corner
3. Acorn Dr. and Spirea Dr. at Green Space
4. Behind Library in Green Space
5. Alley North of Dixon by Far Hills
6. Dog Park at Shafor Blvd. and Irving Ave.
7. Forrer Rd. at Ridgeway Rd.
8. Runnymede Rd. at Houk Stream
9. Deep Hollow at Park Rd.
10. Ridgeway at Fairridge Park
11. Hillview Ave. at Alpine Ln. in Green Space
12. Orchardly Park at Wonderly Ave.
13. Rubicon Rd. close to Thruston Blvd.
14. Schenck Ave. east of Oakwood Ave.



**A REMINDER
TO ASSIST
YOUR PUBLIC
SERVANTS
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EACH DAY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY hundreds of police officers, sheriff's deputies, emergency medical and fire personnel are involved in making emergency responses. Often times these responses are to provide emergency aid and assistance to someone in crisis. Too often emergency responders are delayed or involved in near miss crashes because of inattentive drivers who fail to pull over in compliance with Ohio traffic laws. Section 4511.45 of the Ohio Revised Code requires drivers to pull over to the right side of the roadway and stop upon the approach of an emergency vehicle with its lights and sirens activated. Often times drivers stop suddenly or end up blocking

the lane of travel for the emergency vehicle. The Oakwood Public Safety Department reminds drivers to always pay attention to their surroundings. If an emergency vehicles approaches, slow gradually, signal and pull as far to the right side of the roadway as possible, or off the roadway when it is safe to do so. Remain pulled over until the emergency vehicle is well passed and look for other emergency vehicles that may be coming prior to signaling and merging back into traffic. Emergency responders must get safely to where they are needed and want to go home safe to their families at the end of their shifts. You can help, Please remember to **"GO RIGHT FOR SIRENS AND LIGHTS"**.



2012 Curb, Walk and Apron Project

The 2012 curb, sidewalk and apron repair project will take place in the area east of Far Hills from Patterson Road to the north corporation limit. 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 Engineering Technician Bart Bornhorst 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 Monday, June 11th.

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 \$75 and 6 cy for \$100. 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 five Saturdays beginning on April 14 and ending on May 12.

On the same five 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.



Oakwood City Schools Preschool

In an effort to provide appropriate services to preschool aged children with disabilities, the Oakwood City Schools 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, 2012; be residents of the district; and be typically developing. Cost of participation in the program for the 2012-2013 school year is expected to increase. Tuition will be determined at the January Board of Education meeting. **Lottery applications for placement in the program for the 2012-2013 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.

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.



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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, koepke.nanci@oakwoodschoools.org, or 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.

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012

February 2012

2/2	6:00 p.m. – 4th Grade Harman and Smith Family Science Night at Harman
2/6	7:00 p.m. – OJHS 8th Grade Parent Meeting
2/8	7:00 p.m. – 6th Grade Parent Meeting at OHS Auditorium
2/9	11:45 a.m. – OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
2/10	4:00 p.m. – OJHS Play Performance
2/10	Harman Valentine Assembly
2/11	2:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. – OJHS Play Performance
2/13	7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting
2/13-17	Harman Jump Rope for Heart
2/14	Lange Valentine Parties
2/14	7:00 p.m. – Smith PTO Meeting
2/15	7:00 p.m. – Orchestra Winter Concert
2/16	Smith 4th Grade Sharing Program (Afternoon)
2/16	7:00 p.m. – OJHS Sports Recognition Night
2/17	Smith 4th Grade Sharing Program (Morning)
2/17	3:45 p.m. – Smith Skateworld Party
2/20	No School/Presidents' Day
2/21-24	No School/Winter Break
2/27	Classes Resume
2/27	6:00 p.m. – Business Advisory Council Meeting

March 2012

3/2	10:30 a.m. – Neighborhood Meeting & Luncheon with Residents
3/3	8:00 p.m. – OHS Turnabout Dance
3/5	7:00 p.m. – OHS College Admissions Counselor Panel
3/6	Lange Class Picture Day
3/6	6:00 p.m. – OHS Energy Fair
3/8	No School/District Waiver Day
3/9	No School/District PD Day
3/10	7:00 p.m. – Athletic Booster Fundraiser
3/12	7:00 p.m. – Board of Education Meeting
3/12-16	OGT Testing
3/13	12:00 p.m. – Smith PTO Meeting
3/13	6:30 p.m. – OHS Winter Sports Banquet
3/14	7:00 p.m. – PSEO Info Night
	7:45 p.m. – Dual Enrollment Info Meeting
3/15	11:45 a.m. – OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
3/15	3:45 p.m. – Smith Skateworld Party
3/17	7:00 p.m. – OJHS/OHS Jazz Concert
3/19	6:30 p.m. – 4th-6th Grade Human G&D Parent Meeting at Harman
3/19	6:00 p.m. – Business Advisory Council Meeting
3/20-21	Lange Boonshoft Presentations
3/21-23	Harman 5th Grade to Camp Joy
3/24	7:00 p.m. – OHS Musical <i>Anything Goes</i>
3/23	8:00 p.m. – OHS Musical <i>Anything Goes</i>
3/24	2:00 & 8:00 p.m. – OHS Musical <i>Anything Goes</i>
3/28	7:00 p.m. – Harman 6th Grade Musical
3/29	6:00 p.m. – Smith Celebration of the Arts

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

OSEF Announces Fall 2011 Grants

The Oakwood Schools Foundation is delighted to announce its Fall 2011 grant awards. More than \$10,000 was awarded to enhance the educational experience of our students. Since 1991, the Foundation has provided over \$580,000 in grant funding.

Lange School kindergarteners will benefit from two grants. The first will equip Lange with an inventory of sensory equipment designed to help students focus on their learning. Young learners develop body awareness, attention span, and physical coordination most successfully through activities that involve their senses.

The second has increased Lange's library of guided level reading books. All-day Kindergarten provides additional time for reading instruction. The new books will better enable teachers to differentiate lessons for their students.

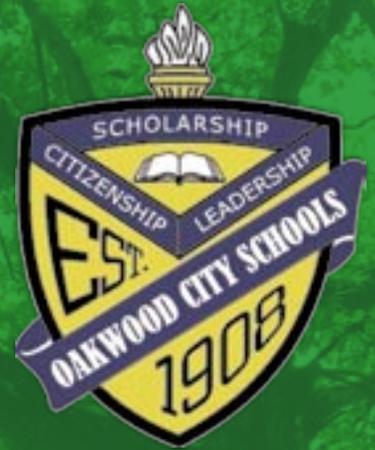
Harman's general music program has been equipped with six sonar xylophones. These percussion instruments will be utilized in music composition lessons and offer a beautiful accompaniment during school-wide performances.



Lange School

For the third year, the Foundation will sponsor the Smith and Harman Fourth Grade Family Science Night, "Science Rocks and Rules," on Thursday, February 2, 2012, at Harman. Fourth graders and their families visit twelve activity stations staffed by OHS students that showcase different scientific concepts. Past years provide evidence that this is a fun-filled night of hands-on experimentation.

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



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Information is available on the district home page at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us, by calling Sandy Maresh at the Board of Education at (937) 297-5332, or email at maresh.sandy@oakwoodschoos.org.

Check out our web site!

The Oakwood City Schools web site is a great source of information about events and activities of the district and schools. Read the district and school newsletters and much more. Check us out at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us.



February-March 2012

Calendar dates:

February

February 1 - Teen Writing Club, 6:30 p.m.

February 3 - Afterschool Movie - *"Dolphin Tale"*, 3:45 p.m.

February 4 - Abraham Lincoln Visit, 2:00 p.m.

February 7 - Tween ATTACK! Valentines, 3:30 p.m.

March

March 4 - "Get Organized...Stay Organized", 2:00 p.m.

March 5 - **NEW PROGRAM** Young Scientist @ Your Library
10:30 a.m.

March 11 - Local Author Rev. Richard Venus, 2:00 p.m.

Teen Writing Club

The Teen Writing Club includes teens in Grades 7-12 who are serious about writing. The Club gathers twice a month to learn the craft of writing, do some writing, share their writing and give critiques. This group is about mutual support, creativity and having fun! February 1, 6:30 p.m., February 16, 3:30 p.m., March 7, 6:30 p.m., March 22, 3:30 p.m.

Tween ATTACK!

Students in Grades 4-8 can stop by the library after school on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. and ATTACK their favorite activities with Mrs. Bengson: crafts, cooking, and science experiments. February 7 - Valentines, February 14 - Race Track, February 28 - Pierced Suncatcher

NEW PROGRAM Young Scientist @ Your Library

Come explore your senses and investigate the making of a tornado, how magnets attract objects and where we find common germs around us. This storytime, most suitable for children 3-5 years of age, is full of questions that send us to the books for answers! Beginning Monday, March 5th through April 9th from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Library Meeting Room. Children 3 years of age and under MUST be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Drop-In Activities for Kids

Winter Break: February 20-24

Monday - Dip & decorate pretzel sticks

Tuesday - Library Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday - Indoor S'mores

Thursday - Movie (TBD)

Friday - Make a fairy princess or a dragon

March 8-9

Thursday - Make a rice krispie worm craft

Friday - Movie (TBD)

All activities will be held at 1 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room

Abraham Lincoln Plans Visit to Wright Library

The Lincoln Society of Dayton and Wright Library will welcome *Abraham Lincoln* on Saturday, February 4th at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Lincoln will share stories from his childhood, his election and the coming war.

"We couldn't be more excited about *Mr. Lincoln's* visit," said Margaret Peters, Reference Services Coordinator, with a smile. "It's such an honor to have a U.S. President visit our library."

Mr. Lincoln plans to talk about growing up in Indiana and Kentucky, about the schools he attended and his home life. He will also talk about Grace Bedell, the young girl who influenced his campaign and who received a visit from Mr. Lincoln after he was elected.

This presentation is appropriate for students of all ages. No advance registration is required.

Firsdon To Present

"Get Organized... Stay Organized"

Lori Firsdon, owner of Forte Organizers, will present "Get Organized... Stay Organized" at Wright Library on Sunday, March 4th from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Plan to join professional organizer, Lori Firsdon, for this fun and informative class. You'll learn how to take control of your paperwork, better manage your to-do list, organize any room in your home and get answers to your organizing questions. Ms. Firsdon will share tips and techniques to help you become more efficient in your home and more productive in your life.

Ms. Firsdon works with individuals and families at home, as well as business people at work and in group settings. Raising five children and balancing a career while teaching others how to be organized has given her valuable insight on what organizational challenges most people face.

The program is free and will be held in the Library Meeting Room. Advance registration is required and is limited to the first 65 people. Contact the Reference Department at (937) 294-7171 to register beginning **Friday, February 17th**.

Local Author Rev. Richard Venus

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Every Place Is Holy Ground: When Religion Is Not Enough. In it he addresses some of the conclusions and questions that he has accumulated as he wonders and seeks to find answers in the midst of a mysterious and fascinating world. He will share from his book, answer questions and be available for a signing afterwards

Rev. Richard Venus holds master's degrees in counseling, journalism and religion. As a journalist, he covered cops, cows and crime for the *Hillsdale Daily News*. As a United Methodist minister, he served churches in Detroit's inner city and in surrounding suburbs. Since becoming a Unitarian Universalist, he has served churches in Michigan and Ohio. He is the recipient of two Unitarian Universalist Association's Best Sermon awards and writes for both spiritual and secular audiences. Currently he is serving the First Universalist Church of New Madison.

The author will have copies of his book for sale. The program is free and no advance registration is required.



City of Oakwood

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Asset Builder Profile



Mrs. Carolyn "Toni" Winger (OHS '53) asks herself each day, "What did I do today that was worthy?" (Asset #39 Sense of Purpose). Inspired by the remarks of a former teacher, Toni has embraced a lifelong commitment to volunteerism through her work with numerous organizations including the Sister Cities Association, Oakwood Historical Society, Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, and the Dayton Opera Guild (Asset #9 Service to Others).

Toni's upbringing instilled in her the realization that education and the arts are essential to a strong and vibrant community.

Toni's leadership is instrumental in safe-guarding our community treasures for future generations (Asset #14 Adult Role Model).

Mrs. Winger 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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