

OAKWOOD

City and School Scene



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City

School

Sugar Camp NOT Sold

I was recently informed by Miller-Valentine that their contract with NCR to purchase Sugar Camp has been terminated. Miller-Valentine and NCR were unable to reach final terms on the deal. After all of Miller-Valentine's study, they determined that the purchase price was several million dollars higher than what they could pay to implement their redevelopment plan, even with some public tax dollar assistance from the City of Oakwood.

On November 2nd, the Oakwood Planning Commission reviewed Miller-Valentine's proposed redevelopment concept and made a strong statement in support of the plan. However, since specific details about that development plan were not yet completed, it was not appropriate for the planning commission to formally grant approval, nor was Miller-Valentine expecting such action. That said, Miller-Valentine left that meeting clearly recognizing that Oakwood strongly supported their proposed development. It is unfortunate that they were unsuccessful in acquiring the property.

At this point, we are unsure what NCR will do with the property. It has been on the market for nearly three years. NCR has stated that they may demolish all of the buildings. If this occurs, the value of the property will decline. However, we do not know if NCR will then sell the vacant land or retain it for some future corporate use. NCR has not announced any specific action plan at this time.

City Council and I clearly understand the significance of the Sugar Camp property and continue to retain hope that the property can be reused to the benefit of our city. We will continue to work hard to achieve this goal, yet at the same time will exercise fiscal responsibility before committing public tax dollars to the endeavor.

In The Know: School Crisis Management Plans

All Oakwood schools have developed Crisis Management Plans which outline and explain the specific steps that will be followed in the event a crisis. A "crisis" is defined as any occurrence or condition involving serious and widespread threat to life, health or property. It may result from either natural or human causes and may include, among other events: explosions, floods, tornadoes, toxic spills, civil disturbance and all other acts of violence or potential negative acts that could affect students or staff.

These plans, which have been developed in consultation with the Oakwood Safety Department, identify:

- Members of the Crisis Management Team and their responsibilities;
- Protocol for working with the appropriate law enforcement agencies;
- Prevention and Preparedness Plans;
- Communication Plans; and
- Crisis Procedures.

One component of each school's Crisis Management Plan is the identification of an off-site location to gather students and staff in the event that the school must be evacuated. These off-site locations would also serve as a meeting place for family members after a crisis has occurred. These locations are as follows:

- Lange School— St. Albert the Great Church
- Edwin D. Smith School—Oak. United Methodist Church
- Harman School—St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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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. All residents are invited to hear the high school band and choir and other entertainment, enjoy hot chocolate and popcorn, and watch for a special red-suited visitor and his helpers from the North Pole. The event is held in conjunction with "Lighting Up" of Oakwood. In addition to the activities mentioned above, there will also be carriage and wagon rides (free of charge) to view the lighted community. Rides depart from Shafor Park.

"Lighting Up" Oakwood Sunday, December 11

The City and Environmental Committee are "Lighting Up" Oakwood on December 11, beginning at 6:00 P.M. This event is an effort to brighten the entire community at the onset of the winter season. Luminarias will line the boulevards on Far Hills and 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. They are sold by the dozen at a cost of \$3 per dozen. The price includes the white bags, sand and 10-hour burning candles. Residents may pick up luminarias at the OCC during regular business hours beginning Monday, November 21. 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 Thursday, December 1, 2005 through Tuesday, January 31, 2006. All dogs in Montgomery County that are three months of age or older must be licensed. The cost of the license is \$16. Payment for the license may be made by check payable to the City of Oakwood or by cash.

December/January Council Meetings

City council will meet in a work session at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, December 5 and in regular sessions at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, December 19 and Tuesday, January 3. All meetings will take place in the Council Chambers, 30 Park Avenue. The regular sessions are preceded by an open work session beginning at 6:30 P.M. You are invited to attend any of these meetings. Also, you can view the regular sessions live on cable TV (Channel 21). Please check your cable guide or www.mvcc.net for broadcast times.

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 below for more details.

Safe Winter Travel

Winter travel, whether on foot or in a car, poses additional risks not associated with the other three seasons of the year. Black ice on roadways can lead to accidents that can result in property damage, serious injury or death. Snow covered roads can turn a simple errand into a nightmare.

To avoid risk of damage or injury to you, your car or others, please follow these simple recommendations:

1. Plan ahead, leave early, and know what the weather conditions are on your travel route.
2. Have your vehicle checked, especially for proper tire tread for road handling and maneuverability.
3. Don't drive during travel advisories unless absolutely necessary.
4. Finally, use good common sense as to speed and travel routes if you have to drive in bad weather. Main roads are usually cleared first providing safer travel routes. Remember, speed kills, especially in bad weather.

Holiday Refuse Pickups

The refuse collection schedule will be adjusted during holiday weeks as shown below:

Week of December 19

On normal schedule.

Week of December 26

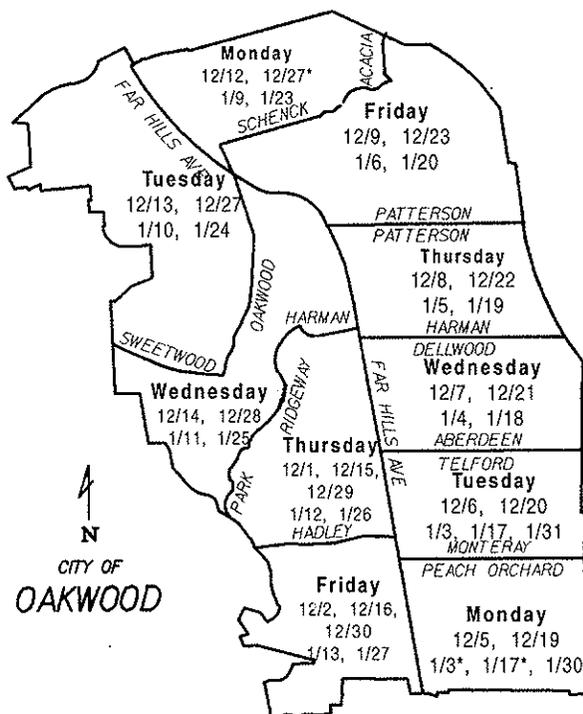
<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Holiday Schedule</u>
Monday	Tuesday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Wednesday	Thursday
Thursday	Friday**

Week of January 2 and 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 30th 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.

Brush/Branch Collection Schedule



* Holiday Pickup

The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

Far Hills Avenue: 12/1, 12/15, 12/29, 1/12, 1/26

Shroyer Road: 12/8, 12/22, 1/5, 1/19, 2/2

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 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.

Leaf Pickup

Autumn leaf pickup service is scheduled to conclude on December 16, 2005. 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.

Special Pickups

The city's special pickup program suspended during leaf season will begin again on January 3, 2005. You may schedule this service on or after January 3rd by phoning Theresa Caldwell at the Public Works Center at 298-0777.

Holiday Tree Disposal

Holiday trees placed between the sidewalk and curb will be picked up according to the normal brush collection schedule (see map below). 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.

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 cardboard may be placed with your regular recycling items.

Community Center News

Candy Cane Hunt: Join the OCC on Saturday, December 3rd in Shafor Park for a candy cane hunt. We will have prizes, hot chocolate, and Rudolph will make an appearance.

Senior Holiday Luncheon: All seniors are invited to the 9th Annual Senior Luncheon Thursday, December 8th. The event includes lunch, entertainment, and door prizes. Space is limited so call the OCC to reserve your place now. The events is free for Oakwood seniors, \$6 for non-senior/non-resident guests.

Snowman Building: C'mon Oakwood families, grab your gloves and your hats. Let's make a snowman that's sure to last! Come down to the Old River Sports Complex and build a beautiful snow creation. Saturday, January 28, 2006, 1:30-3:00 P.M. (This program depends on snow and there is no make up date for lack of snow).

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 2005, 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.

The Oakwood tax forms have been redesigned for 2005. Look for the new forms in your mail during the month of January.

Winter Weather Plowing Policy

In the event of a major snowfall, the city follows this policy to keep streets and alleys clear.

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

Plowing: 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 make one pass through the city on all five-foot wide 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 inches 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.

Crisis Management Plans (continued from page 1)

- Oakwood Junior High–Oakwood Community Center
- Oakwood High School–Oakwood Community Center

For more information about the Crisis Management Plan at your child's school, please contact the principal:

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| • Lange School | Mrs. Kim Kappler-Hewitt | 299-8730 |
| • Edwin D. Smith | Mrs. Nance Bradds | 297-5335 |
| • Harman | Mrs. Gretchen Loper | 297-5338 |
| • OJHS | Dr. John Kronour | 297-5328 |



**Kettering-Oakwood
Martin Luther King
Breakfast**

Monday, January 16, 2006

7:30-9:30 a.m.

**Christ United Methodist Church Activity Center
3440 Shroyer Road at Lincoln Park Boulevard, Kettering**

*Come Celebrate Racial, Ethnic, & Religious Diversity
Through Music, Art, and Presentations
by Community Leaders & Youth*

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leah Gaskin Fitchue, President
Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio

Tickets — Adults \$5, Children and Students \$2 — available at:

- Kettering Government Center
- Kettering Lathrem Senior Center
- Oakwood City Building
- Oakwood Community Center
- KMO Chamber of Commerce
- Wright Memorial Library
- Books & Company

Order tickets by mail with check payable to "City of Oakwood" to:
Tony Klepacz, 4840 Marybrook Dr., Kettering 45429.

Presented by the Cities of Kettering and Oakwood



For More Information, Visit the Breakfast Website:
<http://KOMLK.org>



**School Calendar Revision
January 2006**

One (1) EARLY RELEASE DAY for students has been added to the January 2006 calendar on Monday, January 23, 2006. **On this date, students will be dismissed at 1:30 P.M.** so that teachers may have additional time to compile first semester student data and collaborate with department or grade level colleagues regarding student progress.

The typical noontime lunch hour will be cancelled to accommodate the early release time. This enables the district to meet the State of Ohio's minimum time requirement for a full day of school.

An abbreviated lunch period will be scheduled at the elementary buildings; however, students will not leave the building. Secondary class schedules will be modified so that all seven periods meet before the 1:30 dismissal. The Lange kindergarten schedule will be modified and that information will be communicated directly to Lange parents prior to Holiday break.

Beginning with the 2006-07 school year, two (2) student EARLY RELEASE DAYS—one each semester—will be incorporated as a regular part of the school calendar. The Oakwood Teachers Association (OTA) and the Board of Education agreed upon this modification during the negotiations which recently concluded.

Revised building schedules for Monday, January 23, 2006 will be communicated to school families prior to Holiday Break by principals. For more information, parents should contact your child's principal or teacher.

Weather Closings and Delays

In the event of a major snowfall or an ice storm, the school district will announce on TV and radio by 6:30 A.M. the status of school that day. We will either cancel school or delay the opening to 9:30 A.M. If school is delayed, morning kindergarten and South Connection will be cancelled. The Preschool program and South Connection are not in session on days when the schools are closed for a weather emergency. You can also check on line at www.whiotv.com school delays/closings.

December 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Detention Booster Spirit Sale		Saturday School
			Plan Comm 4:30 p.m.	Detention		Saturday School
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Community Tree Lighting at Shafor Park 6:30 p.m.	Ath Boosters 7:30 p.m.	Detention		Detention		Saturday School
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Holiday Concert 2 p.m.	City Council 7:30 p.m.	Detention				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			WINTER HOLIDAY			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	WINTER HOLIDAY					

January 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Winter Holiday	Classes Resume City Council 7:30 p.m.	Plan Comm 4:30 p.m.	Detention		Saturday School
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Detention Ath. Boosters 7:30 p.m.		Detention Zoning App 4:30 p.m.		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	MLK Jr. Day City Offices Closed	Detention				Saturday School
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Detention		Detention		Saturday School
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Grades Mailed	Detention				
29	30	31				

Community Briefing

Friday, January 27, 2006 ☞ 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Harman School Library

- Lunch with the superintendent and district administrators.
- Designed to engage residents who do not have children in school.
- Information and Discussion Items:
 - Student and Staff Demographics
 - Dollars and Cents
 - Successes and Challenges
 - What Are We Doing Well?
 - How Can We Improve?
- Interested? Transportation available.

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