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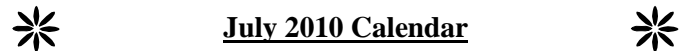
[www.oakwoodneighborhood.org](http://www.oakwoodneighborhood.org)

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Center office hours are 1 pm - 5 pm Tuesday through Friday.



July 2010 Calendar



\* 9-Trash & brush pickup Madison westward \*

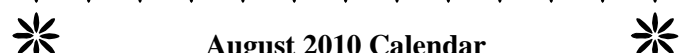
\* 20- Board of Directors Meeting & Neighbor- \*  
hood Watch: 6:30 p.m. \*

\* 22-Trash & brush pickup-Oakland Eastward \*

\* 29-Outdoor Movie: RAD at 9:15 P.M. \*



August 2010 Calendar



\* 3- National Night Out- 7 P.M. \*

\* 6- Trash & brush pickup Madison eastward \*

\* 13- Trash & brush pickup Madison westward \*

\* 17- Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch \*  
Meeting: 6:30 p.m. \*

\* 26-Trash & brush pickup-Oakland Eastward \*



**Recycling every Friday west of Oakland  
East of Oakland recycling is on Thursday  
Computer help every Friday from 1-3 p.m. by ap-  
pointment  
Senior Drop In & Free Bread: 1-3 p.m. Wednes-  
days**

## From the desk of the President

Michael Markel

The reunion on June 27<sup>th</sup> was a great success despite the storm that rolled through and knocked down the tent. We had close to 150 people attend and a great time was had by all. We would like to thank everyone that attended and a special thank you to Dan for grilling the burgers and hot dogs even in the rain.

On Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup> the Kalamazoo Guerilla Drive-in will be providing an outdoor viewing of the 1986 classic movie RAD. The movie will begin at 9:15 PM and is free to everyone so be sure to mark it down on your calendar.

We have new Oakwood t-shirts available for sale. They are \$12 for Youth XL – Adult XL and \$14 for Adult 2XL. Proceeds go to supporting programs such as the Youth Summer Drop-In and the Senior Programs. Stop by the ONA office to pick up your shirt today.

The deadline for the cookbook recipes has come and gone and we were unable to gather enough to put together a cookbook this year. Don't worry if you turned in a recipe, we will keep them on file and try again next year.

Also National Night Out is Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup> and this year it will be at Public Safety Station #7 on Parkview. From 5-9pm. Please park in the ONA parking lot to provide room for the festivities at Station #7. There will be a Fire Engine for tours and Bicycle registrations. Youth under 16 should have a parent with them and a valid ID

## Real Estate Stats for July

Well summer is in full swing, the Stimulus is over and the market continues to be move along. Some areas are much slower than others but Oakwood is doing okay. Currently there are 26 Active listings, with 2 one bedrooms, 17 two bedrooms and 7 three bedrooms, ranging in price from \$21,600 to \$124,900 (on Parkview); Active days on the market range from as high as 505 to newer at 10 days. We have 3 pending sales, a 2 bedroom listed for \$64,900, a 3 bedroom at \$79,900 and a 4 bedroom at \$99,900. We had 4 homes close during the last 30 days, ranging in price from \$18,000 to \$70,000. With college starting soon parents may once again purchase their students a home instead of paying the dorm fees at our local colleges.

Jan Harper Weir CRS  
Weir at YOUR Service!  
Prudential Preferred Realtors  
Mobile: 269-217-8620  
Website: [www.KazooAreaHomes.com](http://www.KazooAreaHomes.com)

I am here to help you with your real estate goals, just give me a call or send me an email.



A great time was had by all at the ONA annual reunion/picnic. Class of 1960-left to right. Betsy Flegal, Kay Almac, Jim Olmsted, Ron Schmellmeyer, Mary Ellen McGuire and Connie Sherman.

*Oakwood Neighborhood Association presents...*

The First Annual

*Oakwood Bowl-A-Thon!*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010**

**6-9PM @ AIRWAY LANES**

\$25 pledge per person to play  
(includes three games and shoes)

Come on out and enjoy a fun night of bowling and prizes to raise funds for ONA's amazing programs such as the After-School Youth and Senior Programs.

*Mystery Bowling!*

*Raffle Prizes*

Whether you need to practice for the upcoming fall league or you're excited to break 100, we welcome all bowling levels!

## From the Desk of the Director:

1. We have a great fund raising event planned for August 28<sup>th</sup> at Airway Lanes from 6-8 P.M. We are planning on great prizes and lots of fun. So register early for a lane. It does not matter how you bowl, just that you want to support Oakwood youth and senior programs.
2. We have received a Harold and Grace Upjohn grant to help continue our after school tutoring program for the 2010-2011 school year.
3. Visit our web site a [www.oakwoodneighborhood.org](http://www.oakwoodneighborhood.org) to see a list of our many programs and some of our accomplishments.

### ***Wish List***

1. ***Food pantry items: canned fruits, soups, canned tuna, chicken and turkey, juices and pasta sauces.***
2. ***Bowlers and volunteers to help our fund raising event August 28th.***
3. ***A new canopy***

### ***A BIG Thank You to:***

- Wenke's Greenhouse for flower donations
- Dan Howsler from Fletcher's Pub for donating the Hamburg and Hot dogs for our reunion, and for being the chef in the rain.
- Reunion volunteer crew: Michael Markel, Kathleen Olmsted, Ruth Olmsted, Jim Jeakle, and Jackie Luedtke
- Mike Finn for mowing, and planting flowers in the tot lot.
- Tom Banner for mowing the Oakwood Memorial Park
- Ruth Olmsted for food pantry help, and flower planting, weeding and watering
- The Gospel Mission for free bread for seniors and families in need.
- Kalamazoo Country Club for lending us grills for our after school picnic and reunion
- Harold and Betty Knowles for picking up the bread donation each week
- Our newsletter folders Martha Austin, Pat Henry, Marian Porter, Gail Camp, Patricia Slagle, Ruth Olmsted, Richard Olmsted, Connie Patterson, Anna Rosenblum, Phil Thoms, Donna Walker and Henrietta Schilzband
- Oakwood Beach clean up crew.....
- Mike Finn paper ware and food
- Sue Mark for office help and flower planting
- Marion Porter for cups for coffee
- Michael Markel for books and food
- Robert and Carol Nichols from Battle Creek for paper towels
- Virginia Stapleton for books for our free lending library
- Ron Lawson and Dave Nesius for Friday computer help time.

\*\*\*\*Please let us know if we have overlooked your name or business so we can give you the acknowledgement that you deserve for supporting the Oakwood Neighborhood.\*\*\*\*



If you have seen this house before you need to see it again to see all of the improvements. OPEN HOUSE Sunday, July 11, 2010 from 12 to 2 p.m. Sellers have outgrown this home and are anxious to sell. Adorable 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, living room, dining room/eating area with main floor laundry. Sliders lead out to the nice sized backyard, room for a garage if you want one. Mechanicals are located in the clean, dry basement with room for storage. New roof, furnace and central air was added. Perfect for downsizers, starters or 2 students. Stop by the open house or call today for your private showing. Jan Weir, Prudential Preferred Realtors, 269-327-8620.



## ***Grace Christian Reformed Church***

1724 Whites Road  
Phone: 345-2864 Website: [gracecrc.net](http://gracecrc.net)

Rev. Gregory Timmer, Pastor  
Joel DeKoekkoek, Youth Director

### **Sunday Worship**

9:30 a.m.

Dec.- Mar. 5 p.m.; Apr.-Nov. 6 p.m.  
(Bible study, education, and other activities as scheduled)

***A Christian community whose mission is to:***

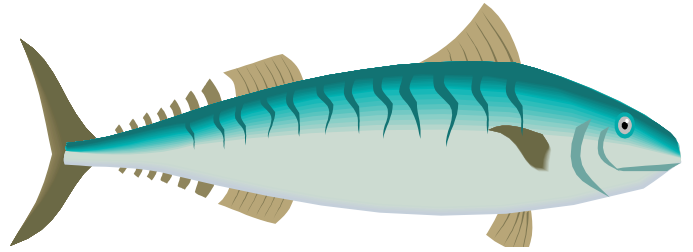
***Exalt God in worship***

***Evangelize in community, nation and world***

***Educate in the Christian faith***

***Encourage in time of need with visits, help, and counsel***

**Kalamazoo Public Safety Mentors  
Youth  
2nd Annual Fishing Program**



Youth will gain basic fishing skills, knowledge and experience in fishing while building relationships with Public Safety Officers. Youth will be introduced to inland fishing at local lakes and will also take a trip to the Wolfe Lake State Fish Hatchery. This program is scheduled for every Wednesday from June 30th through August 25th from 9:00 to 12:00.

For further information, please contact Community Policing Officer– David Juday @ 337-8932 or Judayd@kalamazoocity.org

**ONA Memorial Park and Woods Lake Beach  
By Chris Bartley, FOWL, Landscape Coordinator**

You can plant native flowers at Woods Lake. Be there with shovel, gloves, and long pants on July 17th at 10:00am. Your neighbors have been working on improvements. After consulting with Tyler Bassett who is expert in lakeside plants and David Bills, a Master Gardener who just completed a course in beach protection, your ONA Board members agreed to the changes at the Park planned by Friends of Woods Lake. FOWL intends to remove invasive plants and place the litter in gullies to slow down erosion at no cost to ONA. Then native flowers, shrubs and trees can be planted.

Your park will become a nature preserve needing minimal maintenance. Look for different flowers each month, more butterflies and birds. Come to clear a viewing ledge for your chairs, make new fishing sites in front of the condos and watch the beach sand reappear. Thank your Oakwood neighbors--Jane Turner, Michael Markel, Wade Anderson, Allison Cole, Ellen Tober, and John Voss. The path mower down the hill is Tom Banner. Eight FOWL contacts have cut and planted, including Paul MacNellis retiring from WMU's Landscape Service, which also brought us many Michigan native plants. You can see a team of Kal. Christian football players able to move the fence and the earth. Oakwood residents can learn which invasive plants to pull and identify the important natives to protect. Thank you for your cooperation.

Super Books are available until August 1st at Keystone Community Bank in Oakland Plaza. Initial Attraction at the corner of Parkview and Oakland, Kazoo Books, Shears To You on 9<sup>th</sup> St. and Stadium Dr., and the ONA center. They are still \$39 and a good way to save money while supporting your neighborhood.

**NO HARM NO FOWL :)**



We are excited to announce that our chickens have arrived at the Oakwood Community Garden. We invite our residents to stop by to visit the birds to get a close-up look at our feathery friends. We ask that our residents abide by these few simple rules:

**Do not feed the birds as they are on a special diet.**

**Do not disturb them or their coop in any way.**

**Do not put anything into the coop.**

**Do not climb on the coop.**

I would like to remind everyone that our garden and the coop reside on City property. I would also like to encourage parents to have a conversation with those children in their house that are old enough to visit the garden without an adult about the rules above. This project is the first of its kind in Kalamazoo, and is expected to put a community-wide spotlight on the neighborhood we all live in and love. Please help us to protect our chickens and to be a positive example for other community gardens in Kalamazoo!

**AUGUST 11-13**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**At**

**Community of Christ**

**2523 Amherst Ave.**

**Pastor, Nan Anderson/269-767-2322**

**AGES 3-12**

***This year we'll explore the  
SON QUEST RAINFOREST***

**GET IT! August 11-13**

**GET FOUND! 6:00-8:00pm**

**GET GOD'S LOVE! Open House**

**GET PRAYING! Sat. Aug. 14**

**GET GOING! 10am-Noon**