

Youth Opportunities Unlimited Now Accepting Applications

Youth Opportunities Unlimited is currently accepting applications for youth who meet the following criteria:

- High school students in the second semester of their junior year
- Youth 18 or 19 years of age, not in school, interested in attending a GED preparation program. Interested participants must have a drop slip from the last school they attended.
- Youth 19-21 years of age interested in finding a job and the opportunity to earn a credential.

Required documents to schedule an appointment include:

- Picture ID
- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Address
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Income

If accepted in to the program, you may be eligible for the following services:

- Paid work experience
- NovaNET—On-line high school credit recovery program
- GED preparation assistance for 18 and 19 year old youth
- WorkKeys/KeyTraining—Skills Assessment
- Tutoring and High School completion assistance
- Job preparation assistance
- Supportive services
- Scholarship/Financial Aid Assistance
- College/Career Development
- Occupational and Technical Training

Youth Opportunities Unlimited Mission Statement: Youth Opportunities Unlimited is dedicated to providing activities and services for Kalamazoo and St. Joseph county youth (14-21) that will help them acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to be successful students, achievement driven employees, and responsible, self-sufficient citizens in a multi-cultural society.

Y.O.U. is located at 422 East South Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007, phone (269) 349-9676.

SHOP D&W April 4-16, 2011

D&W is once again providing an opportunity for you to help the Oakwood Neighborhood Association as you do your shopping.

2% of your total purchase will be donated by D&W to ONA during this "School Days" promotion!

You do not need a coupon, just tell the cashier at any local D&W location the code number:

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Oakwood Neighborhood Association



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(269)342-5208



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ST. PADDY'S ALL IN
ONE DAY = PRICELESS!!*



**FEATURING OUR FAMOUS
CORNER BEEF & CABBAGE**

GREEN BEER ON TAP!!!

FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS!!!

**BRAND NEW MENU BEGINNING
FEBRUARY 28TH!!!**

Storm Branch Pickup

Brush from the ice storm will be picked up on regular bulk trash pick up days in March. Branches should be no longer than 4 feet and three inches thick and stacked by the side of the road.



Invites you to **PARTY**
YOUR ART OUT!!!

Join the crowd at the latest rage, Canvas Painting

Spring Break Art Camp for Kids

Tuesday April 5, Wednesday April 6, Thursday April 7:

10-11:30 am 5-7 year olds

1-3 pm 8 years and up

April 7: 6:30-9pm Specially for teens, Abstract Circles

All classes are \$25 individually
or register for all three days for \$65

Reserve your spot at happyourart.com
or call 269-343-5670

1924 Whites Rd, Oakwood Plaza, Kalamazoo
email: rebecca@happyourart.com



Our ONA after school tutoring program group includes a participant displaying an achievement award from Woods Lake School for outstanding improvement in reading. Congratulations!

Kalamazoo Neighborhood Safety Initiative April 16, 2011 9:00am-1:00pm

Oakwood Neighborhood Association is participating in the first ever Kalamazoo Neighborhood Safety Initiative, where hundreds of community volunteers will be completing service projects throughout Kalamazoo. We need your help with projects right here in the Oakwood neighborhood!

We will be working on cleaning up our tot lot, storm drains, picking up litter, and other projects to make Oakwood cleaner and safer. Interested? Call 492-3720 or email matt@volunteerkalamazoo.org to sign up today. All volunteers receive a Kalamazoo Neighborhood Safety Initiative T-Shirt.



March Cooking Class!

Hello to all from Xin at Pacific Rim Foods! I want to say, you all did an excellent job last class! None of the dumplings turned into wonton soup; yea! I have to say, the third class was most efficient though. Congrats!

This month we are going to make some Japanese Cuisine:

1. Japanese Okonomi Yaki (the sauce contains dried fish) - It is like a pan-fried pancake and some refer it as Japanese Pizza (this is one of Anson's favorite dishes)
2. Japanese Beef Curry
3. Japanese Vegetable Curry
4. Edamame Beans

Please vote on the following dates, and based on your votes, I'll narrow them down to 3 classes or so:

1. Tuesday, 3/22 = from 6 to 8pm
2. Wednesday, 3/23 = from 6 to 8pm
3. Sunday, 3/27 = from 1 to 3pm
4. Tuesday, 3/29 = from 6 to 8pm
5. Wednesday, 3/30 = from 6 to 8pm
6. Saturday, 4/2 = from 5 to 7pm
7. Sunday, 4/3 = from 1 to 3pm

Note that the class may last longer than 2 hours.

PS: Please make sure to bring a good knife, electric pancake makers if you have one!

As always, feel free to e-mail me with any questions or cooking ideas!!!

Location: Oakwood Neighborhood Association - 3320 Laird Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Cost: \$25 per person, \$20 for vegetarians. The class is by reservation only with a \$10 deposit.

Pacific Rim Food is a premium Asian market located at 1926 Whites Road. Business hours are Mon - Sat 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM and Sun 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Phone: (269)382-0888, Fax: (269)382-1388

Email: Pacificrimfood@yahoo.com

Online shopping available: www.Pacific-Rim-Food.com

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