



Oakwood Neighborhood Association
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Super Books are now available.

They make great gifts while benefiting your neighborhood.

They are \$39 for the set of two books, which includes a special dining book where you can get \$8 - \$12 off a second meal at more than two dozen restaurants.

The Kalamazoo Marathon is Coming! We Need You!

Jane Turner

You are invited to be a part of the excitement/refreshment station located in your very own neighborhood. We are very pleased to share that the Kalamazoo Marathon, scheduled for Sunday, May 8th, is running through on Parkview and Broadway! We are going to be heading up the excitement/refreshment station needed to keep the participants ready to complete the last half of their 26 mile run. We need as many volunteers as possible to staff 2 hour shifts for this very exciting event that the Oakwood and Winchell neighborhoods are partnering to support. Do you have a special talent? Singing, dancing, drumming, cheerleading, or playing an instrument? **Please help us cheer on the runners!** Please call or email Cheryl Lord at the Oakwood neighborhood Center to let us know of your interest in participating 342-0129 or email center@oakwoodneighborhood.org.

April Events

8-Trash pickup Madison westward
10-16-D & W Non Profit Days use #94693
12-Friends of Woods Lake: 7:00 p.m.
13-Senior ice cream social & D&W Pharmacy visit
16-Volunteer day in Oakwood (see inside article)
16-Spring Into the Streets #2: 9 a.m. to noon
17-Easter Party: 1:00 p.m.
19-Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 p.m.
23-Oakwood Beach Cleanup 10:00 a.m.
28-Trash pickup-Oakland Eastward
30-Bowl-A-Thon fund raiser
30-Neighborhood yard sales

May Events

6-Trash & brush pickup Madison eastward
8-Kalamazoo Marathon (see article to left)
13-Trash & brush pickup Madison westward
14-Oakwood Beach open house 11 a.m - 3 p.m.
17-Annual Elections/Board of Directors 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 appointment
Senior Drop In: 1-3 P.M. Wednesdays
Free Bread: 2-5 P.M. on Wednesdays

From the Desk of the President

Michael Markel

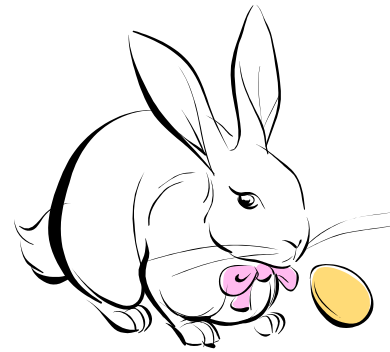
We have all heard by now about the city budget and how there were no layoffs, but in order to do that the city has dipped into some cash reserves that they had. The current forecast is for tax revenue to continue to decrease, which means the city will probably be making cuts next year. The ONA receives approximately half of its annual income through a grant from the city. This money pays for our director's half-time salary and to keep the building open. If funding from the city does not continue at the same level as this year, ONA could be forced to reduce the number of days that it is open and/or cut some of the programs that are offered. In order to prevent that scenario from happening, the ONA has been holding fund raisers such as the Annual Bowl A Thon. If every household in the Oakwood neighborhood contributed just \$25 a year (just over \$2 a month) we could keep the building open and available for the programs that you all enjoy.

Please consider attending our Bowl A Thon or helping out in some way to continue the many good things that the ONA provides the neighborhood. If you have a child in the after-school tutoring program or summer youth art drop in, if you have ever attended the annual reunion, holiday parties, or National Night Out, or utilized any of the green spaces such as Oakwood Memorial Beach, the Springmont Tot Lot, or the Community Garden, you know of the many opportunities the ONA provides to residents of the neighborhood.

The Friends of Woods Lake and the ONA will be holding an open house at the Oakwood Memorial Beach on Saturday May 14th from 11 AM to 3 PM. There will be burgers, games for the kids, and opportunities to learn about the beach property and the many ways in which you can help maintain the beach.

We have also been working hard with our two consultants from Recover MI. The outcome of this consultation will result in more publicity of the many programs the ONA offers and possibly a new event in coordination with the many businesses in the Oakwood area. Look for more information soon and for articles in the news regarding ONA programs.

Neighborhood Easter Party



Sunday April 17
1:00 PM

Join us at the ONA Center
for treats,
games, crafts,
and the Easter
Bunny!



The seniors with pillows they created during the senior craft day.

From the Desk of the Director...By Cheryl Lord

1. Our after school tutoring program is currently full.
2. Spring Into the Streets will be April 16th to assist seniors and residents with disabilities, who could use assistance with spring yard work. Please call 342-0192 to get on the list.
3. I am looking for teens fourteen and older to volunteer with our youth summer drop in. Youth between 5 and thirteen can be registered for the summer art drop in beginning May 1st. Call 342-0129 for information.
4. We are now collecting coffee cans, yarn and things to make and decorate drums for our summer youth art drop in.
5. Our history of Oakwood book is still missing from the office at the center. If you have it please return it. We do need it for a reference.
6. Visit our web site at www.oakwoodneighborhood.org to see a list of our many programs and some of our accomplishments this past year.

Wish List:

1. Food donations for food pantry, especially canned fruits and meats, beans and pastas.
2. Prizes and candy for the Easter party
3. Paper towels and bathroom tissue
4. A new canopy for our annual reunion

Thank You!

- The Gospel Mission for free bread.
- Keystone Community Bank for the Easter Bunny Costume
- D & W Fresh Market for bottled water for our Spring Into the Street volunteers
- Mike Finn for picking up bread donations and donating to the food bank.
- Michael Markel, Mike Finn, Henrietta Schilzband, Connie Patterson, Patty Slagle, Liz Stuart, Ruth Olmsted, and the Hearth and Grove Fellowship for food for our food bank.
- Dawn Howe for paper goods.
- Carl Awe for paper towels.
- Tyler Williams, Ruth Olmsted, and Patty Slagle for helping to keep our center clean.
- Our newsletter folders Ruth Olmsted, Janet Loucks, Martha Austin, Connie and Robert Patterson, Richard Olmsted, Fern and Cutter Olmsted-Meade, Dick Olmsted, Henrietta Schilzband, Sue Turner, and Patty Slagle.
- Ron Lawson and Dave Nesius for IT assistance.

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



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D&W PHARMACY MEET & GREET

Neighborhood D&W Pharmacist Larry Frigo is planning to visit the Oakwood Community Center again on April 13th. On this visit, Larry and his pharmacy students plan on scheduling appointments with individuals to provide a thorough review of their medications, evaluate potential drug interactions, and suggest more cost-effective alternatives when such options exist. Each client will spend approximately 10 minutes with the pharmacist and will be provided with a medication index card to keep in their wallet or purse for rapid access in emergency situations. Call Cheryl Lord at 342-0129 for more details.

Calling those 55 and over

Janet Loucks

We would love to share the fun of the Senior Drop-In at 1 PM each Wednesday. It is a whole new program. Some of us like to play games while others just enjoy catching up on the latest neighborhood news. Sometimes we play Bingo or have a craft class, all free of charge. The coffee pot is always on. We will look forward to meeting you at the Senior Ice Cream Social and program on April 13th.

Spring Water System Flushing

The City will be flushing water mains in our neighborhood on April 12, 13, 14, and 15 with day shifts between 7 AM and 3:30 PM and night shifts between 10 PM and 5:30 AM. If you notice any damages (washouts, flooded areas, hydrants left running, etc.) please call (269) 337-8146 or in the event of an emergency call the water emergency number at (269) 337-8148.

**Computer help is available by appointment on Fridays
from 1-3 PM at the center.**

Give us a call at 342-0129 to schedule a time.

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Waste Reduction: Buy Bulk

Michael Markel

This month's waste reduction tip is to buy items in bulk quantities. Items such as grains, beans, spices, and cereals can be bought in bulk quantities from your local grocery store. These items can then be placed in reusable storage containers to keep them fresh. Each time you buy bulk products you are saving the amount of packaging that goes into packaged foods, especially foods that come in individual servings. If you like the convenience of individual servings when you get home with your bulk purchases put them into smaller containers that can serve as a single serving.

**Newsletter deadline for ads and submissions is the
20th of each month.**

Suggested donation for ads: ¼ page = \$20,

1/3 page = \$35, full page ad is \$65

Six month special for ¼ page is \$100

Electronic submissions in pdf or doc format are appreciated!

ONA People

Michael Markel President

Don Verhage, Vice Pres.

Diane Stanke, Treasurer

Bree Bennett, Secretary

At Large Members:

Jackie Luedtke

Jim Jeakle

Janet Loucks

Kathleen Olmsted

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Community of Christ

2523 Amherst Ave.

Celebrate the Risen Lord!

Palm Sunday 4/17/11

11:00 am Worship

Good Friday 4/22/11:

7:00 pm Worship

Easter Sunday 4/24/11:

9:30 am Son-rise Praise Service

10:00 am Easter Brunch

11:00 am Easter Worship

FREE Movie Night

April 15, 2011 7:00pm

Evan Almighty

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For more information go to:

WWW.KalamazooCommunityofChrist.com

FACEBOOK:Kalamazoo Community of Christ

Calling all Potential Board Members

Do you want to improve the quality of life in your neighborhood while building skills for your resume?

Do you enjoy the satisfaction of helping others?

Do you have a favorite project such as the environment, youth, or seniors?

Then the ONA board is looking for you. May is annual elections and we are looking for hard working, passionate people to join the board and help make a difference in the Oakwood neighborhood. Potential board members should have creative ideas and be willing to help put on the events that the ONA provides. We have three positions available and many opportunities such as fund raising, marketing, building maintenance, and board development.

If you are interested in joining an organization that serves the community and knows how to have fun, you can stop by the ONA office to fill out an application. Applications should be returned no later than May 1st.

E-Newsletter

Interested in receiving the Oakwood Times newsletter electronically? To sign up, please send your email address to michael@oakwoodneighborhood.org.