



Oakwood Neighborhood Association  
3320 Laird Ave.  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

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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.**

## Summer Youth Art Drop In



June 20th to July  
29th for youth ages  
5-13

Experience many different forms of art in this six week program, including making and using percussion instruments.

Registration begins May 2nd and is \$10 for students who receive a free or reduced lunch at school and \$20 for everyone else.

### *May Events*

- 6-Trash & brush pickup Madison eastward
- 8-Kalamazoo Marathon
- 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.
- 25 - Annual Senior Tea—noon (see inside for details)
- 26-Trash & brush pickup—Oakland eastward

### *June Events*

- 3 - Trash pickup Madison eastward
- 10 - Trash pickup Madison westward
- 21 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch - 6:30 PM
- 23 - Trash Pickup Oakland Eastward
- 26 - Annual Reunion/Neighborhood Picnic

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

The Community Garden has begun meeting to plan out this year's garden and will begin meeting regularly on Mondays starting around 6:30 PM to plant. Feel free to stop by and join the fun.

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 many ways in which you can help maintain the beach.

Thank you to those who supported our Bowl-a-thon and helped us raise \$2,435 for after-school and senior programs.

Our senior program has been featured by ONE Place at the Kalamazoo Public Library. Check out the article: <http://www.kpl.gov/ONEplace/spotlight/oakwood.aspx>.

The Kalamazoo Marathon will be coming down Parkview on Sunday May 8th. You may want to avoid this route if you are trying to get through the neighborhood. All are



Volunteers from the fraternities and sororities of WMU take a quick picture before heading out to rake neighborhood lawns during Spring into the Streets.



Janet reads a story to the neighborhood youth during the Easter party.

## Join us for the 28th Annual Oakwood Reunion Picnic

Sunday June 26, 2011  
1 PM at the ONA Center

Bring a dish to pass, stories to share, and your appetite. Reminisce with old neighbors, meet new neighbors, and find out something new about Oakwood.



### Annual Tea for Senior Citizens

Janet Loucks

If you are a senior citizen you are invited to come for a tea on Wednesday, May 25th at noon at the neighborhood center.

There is no charge for this meal, but we always accept donations. Please let us know if you will be joining us by calling Janet Loucks at 381-3923. If Janet is not home when you call just leave your name phone number and how many will be coming with you on the answering machine.

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

1. Registration will start May 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Youth Summer Art Drop In, which is a six week program from June 20<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup> for youth ages 5-13 to experience many forms of art. This year will include making and using percussion instruments. Youth ages 14 and up can volunteer to assist and participate as well. There will be a material charge this year. It will be \$10 for those students, who have free or reduced lunches at school, and \$20 for everyone else. Please stop by the center for registration. Class size will be limited.
2. We are now collecting coffee cans, yarn and things to make and decorate drums for our summer youth art drop in.
3. Visit our web site at [www.oakwoodneighborhood.org](http://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, dish and clothes detergent.
2. Paper towels and bathroom tissue
3. A new canopy for our annual reunion

**Thank You!**

- Water Street Coffee Joint for Easter party desserts.
- Keystone Community Bank for the Easter Bunny costume.
- The Gospel Mission for free bread.
- Mike Finn for picking up bread donations.
- Michael Markel, Martha Austin, Mike Finn, Henrietta Schilzband, Debbie Norton, Patty Slagle, Janet Loucks, Liz Stuart, Harold and Betty Knowles and Ruth Olmsted for food for our food bank.
- Dawn Howe, Marian Porter, and Rick Howe for paper goods.
- Tyler Williams and Ruth Olmsted for helping to keep our center clean.
- Our newsletter folders Ruth Olmsted, Janet Loucks, Martha Austin, Connie and Robert Patterson, Jenny Johnson, Kevin Gallagher, Patty Slagle, Gail Camp, Marian Porter, Dolores DeShong, Pat Cramer, Grace Riley, Henrietta Schilzband, Kathleen Olmsted, Anna Rosenblum, and Donna Walker.
- 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.

**E-Newsletter**

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

**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.

**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH THRIFT SHOP**

*Offering gently used clothing  
and miscellaneous items*

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343-3194**

**Open Mon - Thurs 10 to 3  
and Fri & Sat 10 to 1**

**Receive \$1 off any clothing item  
with this ad!**



*Your Friendly Neighborhood Pub*

**MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET  
SUNDAY MAY 8  
10AM-2PM**

**Make Your Reservation Now!**

**\*Check out our new Dinner  
and Munchie Specials\***

Come say "hi!" to our new manager, Tiffany

**(269) 342-5208  
3013 Oakland Ave.**

Don't Forget about Cinco de Mayo...  
Bud Light Lime and Corona Specials!

### A BIG THANK YOU!!!!

To the following sponsors of our 2nd Bowl-a-thon:  
D&W Fresh Market, Main St. Pub, Fletcher's Pub, Oakwood  
Bistro, Edward Jones, Great Harvest Bread Co., Martha Aus-  
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Value, Happy Our Art, Treat Street, Water St. Coffee Joint,  
SolSpring, and Great Harvest Bread Co.

### Waste Reduction: Buy Quality Goods

Michael Markel

This month's waste reduction tip is to buy items that are du-  
rable so that you don't have to throw them away after a cou-  
ple of uses. Instead of buying paper plates, and plastic silver-  
ware and cups, use real plates, silverware, and glasses. When  
buying that next item remember that you could buy the  
cheaper brand, but are you really saving money if that one  
breaks in a month and you have to buy another one. Buy fur-  
niture that will last your lifetime and if you have existing  
furniture that is looking shabby, have it reupholstered instead  
of just throwing it away and buying a new one. Resist the  
urge to buy disposable items such as razors in favor of those  
where you just change out the head or just the blade. Reduc-  
ing the amount of disposable items you buy will ultimately  
reduce the amount of waste the goes to landfills.

**Newsletter deadline for ads and submissions is the  
20<sup>th</sup> 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

Jane Turner

Ellen Tober

Tom Cleveland

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## Community of Christ

2523 Amherst Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008,

This Summer

FREE Outdoor Movies

June 17

July 15

Aug 19

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month

in the East Parking Lot at Dusk

Bring a blanket or lawn chair

Popcorn and beverage

are provided.

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WEB: [www.kalamazoocommunityofchrist.com](http://www.kalamazoocommunityofchrist.com)

FACEBOOK: [Kalamazoo Community of Christ](https://www.facebook.com/KalamazooCommunityofChrist)

FOOD PANTRY  
Opening May 25!



Oakwood Bible Church located at  
4100 Oakland Dr Kalamazoo, MI 49008  
is opening a short-term food resource  
available to Oakwood Neighborhood  
residents

Appointments are necessary  
and are scheduled the  
3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month .

**CONTACT: BILL KIEWIET  
at Oakwood Bible Church  
phone: 269) 349-2835**

HOURS OF OPERATION:

**4<sup>th</sup> week of each Month**

WEDNESDAYS: 9:00AM-11:00AM

THURSDAYS: 1:00-3:00PM

APPOINTMENTS ARE NECESSARY

(Availability is limited to first come first served basis)