



Oakwood Neighborhood Association  
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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. Now available  
locally at the ONA center, Keystone Bank, KaZoo Books,  
Initial Attraction and the Mercantile.**

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

### *June Events*

- 3 - Trash & brush pickup Madison eastward
- 10 - Trash & brush pickup Madison westward
- 20 - Youth summer art drop-in begins
- 21 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch 6:30 PM
- 22 - Senior Bingo 1:00 PM
- 22 - Oakwood Summer Hop 3:00-7:00 PM
- 23 - Trash & brush Pickup Oakland Eastward
- 26 - Annual Reunion/Neighborhood Picnic

### *July Events*

- 1 - Trash & brush pickup Madison eastward
- 8 - Trash & brush pickup Madison westward
- 19 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch 6:30 PM
- 28 - 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 PM by appointment  
Senior Drop In: 1-3 PM Wednesdays  
Free Bread: 2-5 PM on Wednesdays

## From the Desk of the President

Michael Markel

Summer is here, and that means that the neighborhood is abuzz with a number of activities! We held an open house at the Oakwood Memorial Beach to celebrate the last year's accomplishments. Although it rained, everyone still had a good time. There are a number of opportunities for you to volunteer at the beach to help remove invasive plant species and care for the beach. Contact the center for more information.

This month also brings work to the community garden on Springmont. With most of the vegetables planted, it is time to weed and water. Anyone who wants to participate can stop down on a Monday evening after 6:30 PM to find out what is planted where, and you are welcome to come weed at any time.

June means it is time for our annual neighborhood reunion. This year Oakland and Parkview area businesses will hold an Oakwood Hop on the Wednesday before the reunion with special evening activities. We look forward to seeing you and your family at the reunion! Check the newsletter calendar for details.

The Building Blocks program is under way as well. This month brings a reminder that city ordinance requires that lawns be maintained regularly. The city does enforce this and will fine you if they need to come out to mow your lawn for you.

Get out there and enjoy everything that the Oakwood Neighborhood has to offer during the summer!



Thanks to several volunteers, we operated a refreshment and cheering station for the Kalamazoo Marathon. Special thanks to Dave Nesius for organizing our large group of volunteers.

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

Sunday June 26, 2011  
1 PM at the ONA Center



Everyone is welcome! Bring a dish to pass, stories to share, and your appetite! Reminisce with old neighbors, meet new neighbors, and learn about Oakwood.



Though challenged with rain, our Oakwood Memorial Beach Celebration gathered dedicated beach supporters Ruth Olmstead, Wade Anderson, Chris Bartley, Michael Markel, and Jim Jeakle, as well as many others not pictured.

## Area Businesses to Host Summer Hop June 22

Jackie Luedke

Come enjoy a wonderful summer afternoon at the Oakwood Summer Hop hosted by area businesses. This event offers food, live music, prizes, raffles, giveaways, pet adoption, and games for all ages from 3-7pm on Wednesday, June 22.

Food specials include half racks of ribs, pizza, specialty sandwiches, and numerous other samplings. Prizes from drawings and raffles include a wine basket, a Reisenethel Market basket, a dental exam and x-ray, an electric toothbrush, numerous giveaways, and even a charcoal grill!

Activities for kids include live music, face painting, a manicure and fake tattoo stand, coloring, and games.

For more detailed information of what each business is doing, visit [www.oakwoodneighborhood.org](http://www.oakwoodneighborhood.org). Come celebrate Oakwood and everything our wonderful local businesses offer!

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

1. Registration is on for our Youth Summer Art Drop In, 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's projects 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. The caretaker of our tot lot on Springmont would like to thank everyone who has been helping to keep it clean and those who are kindly picking up after their dogs.
3. Come out for our first Oakwood Summer Hop on June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3-7 PM, sponsored by our newly formed Oakwood Business Association.
4. Youth ages 14-17 who would like apply for summer employment with Y.O.U. need to contact me at the center ASAP. We have several neighborhood applications on a first come first serve basis.

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, canned pastas, dish and clothes detergents, macaroni & cheese, canned tuna, and helpers.
2. A new canopy for our annual reunion.
3. Volunteers to help with the neighborhood reunion.

### Thank You!

- Plush Puppy salon for Bowl-a-Thon support.
- The Gospel Mission for free bread.
- Tom Banner for keeping Oakwood Memorial Park mowed and looking good.
- Mike Finn for picking up bread donations and mowing the tot lot.
- Carl Awe for paper towels.
- Gail Vader, Janet Loucks, Nancy Walker, Charles Turner, Mary Taylor, Michael Markel, Martha Austin, Mike Finn for food for our food bank.
- Karen Henry for cat food and Michael Markel for dog food.
- Mary Taylor for cook books for our reading library.
- 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, Marian Porter, Anna Rosenblum, Dave Henry, Nathan McCoy 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.

### 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.

### 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).

## June Cooking Class: Vietnamese Cuisine!

Did you guys miss me? I did :). I took a nice short break between my Spring and Summer semesters. Ok, finally we are making Vietnamese cuisine this month. After our last class discussions, we are going to try the new cooking method where you will make some dishes on your own. Of course, I'll be there to demonstrate. Here is the menu:

1. Rice noodle with beef broth or Pho. (I will make)
2. Rice noodle with Veg Broth or Pho (I will make)
3. Steamed/Hot rice spring rolls (You will Make)
4. Almond Tofu Desert (You will Make)

As always, I can only make reservations with a \$10 deposit. Here are the final dates:

1. Wednesday 6/15: 6 to 8pm
2. Saturday 6/18: 5 to 7pm
3. Sunday 6/19: 1 to 3pm
4. Wednesday 6/22: 6 to 8pm (Optional, if other three classes are full)

**What to Bring:** Knife, cooking brush (to brush oil), flat pan (to cook the Spring Roll Skin).

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person. Class is RSVP only with a \$10 deposit.

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

The hot Spring rolls are very different than the colds ones that we made before, very delicious but challenging. ARE you up for it? :)

Pacific Rim Food premium Asian market is located at 1926 Whites Road, open Mon-Sat 10 AM - 8:30 PM and Sun 12 PM - 6 PM.

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

Email: [Pacificrimfood@yahoo.com](mailto:Pacificrimfood@yahoo.com)

Online shopping available: [www.Pacific-Rim-Food.com](http://www.Pacific-Rim-Food.com)

## 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, and proof of income.

If accepted, 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

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

### A Little Bit About Us by Pat Henry

I would like to thank the residents that live on the corner of Oakland and Edgewood Drive for the nice upkeep of the entry into Oakwood at that point.

We do miss the old church that many of us had helped to build in the 50's, but are so thankful that D&W has cleaned up and made that corner so neat – and so many kudos to the memorial park volunteers – the park looks so good and with those flags flying what better tribute to our servicemen.

Wasn't that a nice write up in the Kalamazoo Gazette (May 22) by Al Jones about our Oakwood businesses and reunion? Let's make a big showing for the merchants and attend the "Summer Hop" 3-7pm Wednesday June 22, then plan to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Oakwood Reunion 1-4pm Sunday June 26 at the ONA Center. The Reunion is for all Oakwood residents past and present! Come and hear what the ol' timers have to say about their days in Oakwood and why they still need to get together to reminisce about old times and remember old friends.

We will be missing several of our old time friends, many of whom have been at the reunions since the start: Betty Allen Jackson, Robert Nichols, Robert Peck, and Betty Helmer. To their families, our deepest sympathies. Donations can be made in their memories to the ONA.

We need prayers and wonderful thoughts for other neighbors having a bad time with health issues, namely a few, Frannie, Doreen, Gail, and Phil.

The businesses in Oakwood help to support us. Please support them!

### Waste Reduction: Water Use by Michael Markel

This month's waste reduction tip has to do with water. Although you might not think about water as something that is wasted, it is. The worst part is that you get charged twice for this waste: once for the water used, and again for the sewer usage. To help reduce your water waste, fix any leaks around your house. Even a slow drip can waste over a gallon of water a day. Reduce shower length and fill the dishwasher and washing machine before running them. Water plants early in the morning or early in the evening to reduce the amount that evaporates and prevent your plants from getting fungal infections. Don't run the water while brushing your teeth or shaving. You can also install low flow sink aerators that use as little as a half-gallon per minute but still get your hands clean.

**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

#### ONA People

Michael Markel President  
Don Verhage, Vice President

Diane Stanke, Treasurer  
Bree Bennett, Secretary

At Large Members:

Jackie Luedtke

Jim Jeakle

Janet Loucks

Kathleen Olmsted

Ellen Tober

Tom Cleveland

Liz Stuart

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## FOOD PANTRY



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  
3rd week of each month .

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

HOURS OF OPERATION:

**4th 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)

## Community of Christ

2523 Amherst Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Now showing:

June 17th's Outdoor Movie

### Secretariat

*Will be shown in the East Parking Lot  
at Dusk*

Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

Popcorn and beverage are  
provided.

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