

From the Desk of the President Michael Markel

It is already fall, and that means it will soon be time for Fall Into the Streets! If you need help with fall yard work, please contact Cheryl at the center to be added to the list..

There is still time to participate in the community garden. We ask that anyone who would like to receive food from the garden participate by weeding. We meet every Monday night starting at 6:30 PM. You are welcome to come work at any other time that works for you. If you are unsure of what to do, stop down on a Monday night for a lesson.

Golf Outing Benefit Planned for Resident

Upcoming benefits are planned for resident Betty Knowles, a volunteer in need of chemotherapy not covered by Medicare.

Colette Johns, a close friend of Betty's, is organizing the benefits to generate funds required for Betty's treatment to be scheduled. Betty and Colette met over 7 years ago at Wal-Mart, where Colette works. Betty was receiving care for breast cancer at the time, after which time Colette developed a similar cancer, and the two got to know each other well.

Betty, a longtime volunteer in our community, moved to Oakwood in 1980 with husband Harold. Upon retirement about 8 years ago, Harold decided to get involved in volunteering. As Oakwood residents, Betty and Harold received the Oakwood Times newsletter and decided that getting involved in their own neighborhood was a "cool opportunity." Initially, Harold became a neighborhood board member for a while. Harold and Betty have since continued their work in the community. Steady for the last 3 years, they have gone weekly to the Gospel Mission to pick up bread for Oakwood's free bread program. Harold and Betty are also consistent contributors to Oakwood's food bank and regularly donate toys and other items for children served through ONA holiday events.

Colette describes Betty and Harold as very sweet people who are strongly dedicated to their community.

Betty enjoys living in Oakwood and describes it as a very nice, quiet, and caring neighborhood where neighbors get along, watch out for one another, and help out when needed. She indicates that she relies highly on her faith through life's challenges.

We hope you will participate in the events organized to provide the funds Betty needs in order to start chemotherapy.

The Golf Outing will be held September 24th at States Golf Course with a shotgun start at 9am. States Golf Course, an 178 hole, par 72, 6272 yard course with a full service restaurant and a bar located at 20 E. West Street, Vicksburg, phone 649-1931, is providing a benefit rate of \$45/round for 18 holes and lunch, as well as prizes at the door, 50/50 for closest to hole, and 4 rounds of golf to lucky winners. Contact benefit organizer Colette Johns at 626-8024 to register.



Staff and students crafted pottery during Oakwood's Summer Youth Art Drop In program.

Join us for the Beach Build at Oakwood's Memorial Beach!

When: Saturday, September 10, 2011, 9AM-1PM, check-in 8:45 AM

Where: Oakwood Neighborhood

What: An unsafe and broken staircase down to Oakwood Beach has been a hazard all summer. Join neighbors to rebuild the Oakwood Beach staircase. In addition to building a new staircase, volunteers will clean the beach area, beautify the trail area surrounding the beach, and remove invasive plants from native gardens.

Why: 2011 marks the 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a moment that through tragedy brought together cultures, bridged differences, and united citizens of goodwill around the world in a spirit of unity and commitment. In tribute to all of those who were lost and the tens of thousands who rose in service, 9/11 has been designated a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

For this 10th anniversary, more than 1 million Americans are expected to serve in their communities. You can join this historic effort and we are here to help. The Volunteer Center is joining forces with HandsOn Battle Creek to unite many communities at project sites in the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek areas on **Saturday, September 10th, 2011**. See www.volunteerkalamazoo.org for more information.



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

1. Oakwood's After School Tutoring Program will start its registration soon. It is a first come first serve program run by Parks and Recreation with funding in part from the Harold and Grace Upjohn Foundation. The Program is for youth 5-13 years of age. Please call 337-8191 for information and registration.
2. Our first Fall Into the Streets will be on October 14th. If you are senior, or need assistance with yard work or leaf raking due to special circumstances please register at 342-0129.
3. 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 our food pantry, especially canned fruits and meats, canned pastas, dish and clothes detergents, macaroni & cheese, and canned tuna and helpers.
2. Paper towels.

Thank You!

- Steve Hopkins and the Y.O.U. city youth work group for all of their hard work this summer making Oakwood look good. They cleaned all the storm drains, weeded, picked up litter, trimmed bushes, and worked on our beach.
- 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.
- Gail Camp, Janet Loucks, Marta Kourliandtchik, Hearth and Grove Fellowship, Michael Markel, Martha Austin, Mike Finn, Linda McDonald for food for our food bank and youth programs
- Michael Markel for food pantry dog food.
- Ruth Olmsted for weeding and keeping our gardens watered and looking great, and for taking care of our food pantry.
- Our newsletter folders Ruth Olmsted, Scott and Jeff Ridenour, Martha Austin, Grace riley, Rosie Trevino, Kevin Gallagher, Janet Loucks, Jan Mercer, Patti Slagle, Darrion Hinds, R.J. Lawson, Henrietta Schilzpan, and Dawn Howe.
- Dhara, Nita, and Arjav Patel, Marta Kourliandtchik, and Darrion Hinds for cleaning, filing, and sorting in the office and youth/senior activity rooms.
- 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.

Silent Observer

Kalamazoo County Silent Observer offers a confidential web tip information system available at <http://kalamazoosilentobserver.com>.

You can also call Silent Observer at 343-2100.



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 editor@oakwoodneighborhood.org.



Youth with Bryan Zocher from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, which provided youth program funding.

Xin's September Cooking Class: Asian Cuisine

How is your Summer? What a beautiful day! Sorry for not having a cooking class last month and no BBQ party, but I have a good menu for you this month! If you are having a small BBQ party, please invite me, PRF's parking lot is always available. Here is the menu for this month's cooking classes:

1. Szechuan Eggplant with Chicken and without for Vegetarians (secret recipe from my Dad)
2. Vegetable Fried Rice (I think I make the best fried rice in town... Hee hee...)
3. Stir Fried Yamaimo (part of potato family, but much healthier and very popular in Asia right now)

As always, I can only make reservations with a \$10 deposit. Please give your feedback; I will select 2 or 3 of the following dates: Saturday 9/17, 12-2pm; Saturday 9/17, 5-7pm; Sunday 9/18, 1-3pm; Monday 9/19, 6-8pm; Wednesday 9/21, 6-8pm; Saturday 9/24, 5-7pm; Sunday 9/25, 1-3pm; Monday 9/26, 6-8pm; Wednesday 9/28, 6-8pm; Saturday 6/18, 5-7pm; Sunday 6/19, 1-3pm; Wednesday 6/22, 6-8pm (Optional, if other three classes are full).

Also, please email your feedback about our cooking method. Do you like to cook on your own, half and half, or do you prefer when I do everything?

Cost: \$25.00 per person. Class is RSVP only with \$10 deposit.
Location: Oakwood Neighborhood Association, 3320 Laird Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

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A Little Bit About Us by Pat Henry

We are so fortunate to live in a State with so much water – our little neighborhood boasts an abundance of it, with:

Woods Lake, a stomping ground for many, from an amusement park in the 1800's to a city park in the 2000's. With help from the Red Cross, many Oakwoodites learned to swim, received life saving training, and learned how to row a boat.

Lime Kiln Lake, the "ol' swimming hole" not available now as a swimming area—but fun in the early 40's—the perfect spot to catch a fish through the ice.

And Michigan, receiving the most votes for their Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes Beach—now part of the National Park System—our kids to enjoy for a long time to come.

To me, the most beautiful of all shorelines is the whole area of Lake Michigan—from Warren Dunes to Mackinaw City, the steps to the top at Arcadia, the Artisian well at Pierport—God surely blessed Michigan not only with his palm print but with nature!

Summer is coming to a close. It was hot! With the rain, grasses stayed green. School bells will be calling soon, but there is still that one last jaunt of "freedom"! Drive safely. Summer sure went fast.

Our sympathies to the Ralph Allen family, former Oakwood resident and a past president of the Oakwood Little League.

Doesn't the beach look great? Many volunteers continue to maintain it. Keep our business in Oakwood, and remember the ONA!

Waste Reduction: Saving Water by Michael Markel

If you have a garden of flowers around your house, you can reduce waste and water runoff by installing a rain barrel. You can buy them at most home improvement stores, or create one your self from any bucket or large barrel. Simply put it under the downspout of your house and catch water every time it rains. You can then use this water to water your garden or your flowers.

You can also catch the water in your shower with a bucket while waiting for your shower to warm up in the morning.

Newsletter deadline for ads and submissions is the 20th of each month. Suggested donation for ads: quarter page \$20, third page \$35, full page ad \$65. Six month special for ¼ page is \$100. Electronic submissions in pdf or doc format are appreciated!

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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.

Welcome To

FALL HOURS

starting September 11, 2011

11:00 AM Sunday Worship

7:00 PM Wednesday Prayer and
Fellowship

7:00 PM Thursday Bible Study

Visit us on the web at
Facebook: Kalamazoo Community of Christ
www.kalamazoocommunityofchrist.com

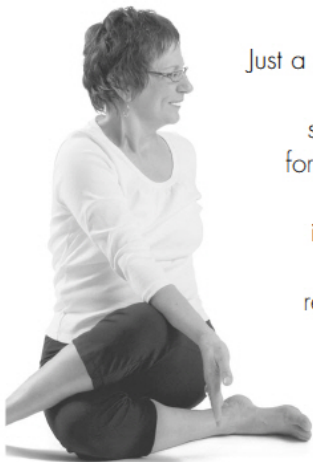


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Yoga and Bodywork

Help Wanted

We need volunteers to pick up bread each Wednesday at the Gospel Mission from December 7th through the end of February. Please Contact the ONA center at 342-0129 to help!

September Events

- 2 - Trash & brush pickup Madison eastward
- 9 - Trash & brush pickup Madison westward
- 10 - Neighborhood Volunteer Day: See inside
- 13 - Friends of Woods Lake Meeting 7 P.M.
- 20 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch 6:30 p.m.
- 22 - Trash & brush pickup Oakland eastward

October Events

- 7 - Trash & brush pickup Madison eastward
- 14 - Fall Into the Streets: 1-4 P.M.
- 14 - Trash & brush pickup Madison westward
- 18 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch 6:30 p.m.
- 21 - Senior Field Trip TBA
- 27 - Trash & brush pickup-Oakland Eastward
- 30 - Halloween Party: 1 P.M.

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