



Oakwood Neighborhood
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**SuperBooks are in! Get them at the Oakwood Community Center or at Kazoo Books.
Get them while they last!**

ONA Calendar

May 2018 Calendar of Events

- 2- Senior cards and socializing: 1 P.M.
- 6- Marathon Water Station at Glenn Park (need volunteers)**
- 9 –Seniors out to lunch at Eberli's on Stadium: **11:30 P.M.**
- 12- Oakwood Memorial Beach cleanup: 10:00 A.M.**
- 15 –Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 P.M
- 15.- Annual meeting and Elections of Board of Directors:
7:00 P.M.**
- 16 – Senior potluck at noon
- 19- Bowl a Thon: 7 P.M. at Revel & Roll**
- 23- Senior Crafts: 1 P.M.
- 30- Senior Bingo: 1 P.M.

June 2018 Calendar of Events

- 6- Senior cards and socializing: 1 P.M.
- 9 - **Oakwood Memorial Beach cleanup: 10:00 A.M.**
- 13- Seniors out to lunch at Cracker Barrel: 11:30 P.M.
- 18 – Youth Summer Art Program begins 3 P.M.**
- 19 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 P.M
- 20. Senior Crafts: 1 P.M.
- 23 – Kazoo Books Reception- meet local authors: TBA**
- 24 – Annual reunion/neighborhood picnic barbeque 1 P.M.**
- 27- Senior Bingo: 1 P.M.

At the ONA Center (3320 Laird Ave):

Chair Yoga: 1:30 Mondays
Yoga: 6:30 P.M. Wednesday
Senior Drop In: 1-3 P.M. Wednesdays
Free Bread: 2-5 P.M. on Wednesdays/Thursdays
Tai Chi: Thursdays 6:30 P.M. **must register on line**
at www.takchiinfo.com or call Kristy at 612-7222
IT help with Dave and Ron: 1-3 P.M. Fridays



Wanted

1. **Volunteers for Marathon Water Station May 6th**
2. **One more new board member to apply for May elections.**
3. **Bowlers needed to have fun and support the Bowl-A-Thon. Bring your friends and family!**
4. **Volunteer to mow the tot lot on Springmont.**



An Article by Karen Klein

Julian Borst sports a brown plaid newsboy hat, and a red t-shirt with a large Bob Marley outlined in black on the front. When I enter his small house on Madison, in the Oakwood neighborhood, the first thing I see are a half dozen running shoes neatly stacked on a small rubber mat in the corner of his entry way. Each shoe has its liner pulled partway out to cool and dry. Just inside his dining room on a window seat is a pile of brightly colored ribbons attached to medals won at numerous races. I can already tell that I'm in the presence of a real runner.

Julian was born in Kalamazoo and raised right in Oakwood; in fact, across the street from his current home where his parents still reside. Julian attended Oakwood Elementary, Woods Lake Elementary, Maple Hill Magnet School, and Loy Norrix High School. He particularly enjoyed drawing at the magnet school and is still an able artist amidst his other talents. Julian is also a wonderful athlete, but his first love is running. Julian started running when he was ten years old because, "I got too fast to bike along with my mom when she ran, so she had me run with her."

When I ask if he took to running right away he smiles and says, "well let's say it was a gradual liking of it." He ran in middle school at Maple Hill Magnet School and then for Loy Norrix, "all four years." His coach was Greg Savicke and Julian still counts him as one of several wonderful mentors he's had in life. I observe to Julian how exciting it is that he is representing Kalamazoo at the Special Olympics. To continue reading, please visit our web site at www.oakwoodneighborhood.org.



Visit Tyler's Vacuum shop on the corner of Barnard and Parkview for repairs and deals on refurbished vacuums Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from noon to 6pm



VOTE!!

Annual Oakwood Board elections are on May 15th at the Oakwood Community Center at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for pizza and get to know your board. Your vote is appreciated.



Don't forget the annual **Kalamazoo Marathon** on **May 6th**. We need Oakwood volunteers for the Glenn Park water station. It's a great way to participate. Contact Dave Nesius at dave.p.nesius@gmail.com

Oakwood Reunion Weekend on June 23rd and June 24th. Mark it on your calendars!

Saturday, June 23rd at 4 P.M. meet us at the Kazoo Books reception for refreshments and to meet local authors. It's a great time to get to know more awesome folks from our community and support a great local business.



Sunday, June 24th at 1 P.M. is the Oakwood Annual Picnic. Hotdogs and Hamburgers are provided, bring a dish to pass and get to know your neighbors.



From the Desk of the Director:

1. It is **Marathon** time and as usual we need volunteers to hand out drinks, cheer the runners, ring bells, and clean up the station area at Glenn Park on Kensington Avenue..
2. **Attention all bowlers and those who want to have fun and win prizes.** Our annual **Bowl A Thon** is May 19th at 7 P.M. at the newly remodeled Revel and Roll.
3. Keep the **D & W receipts** coming? We reached \$150,000 for the second time and received a \$1,000 check (see below) We are starting over again. We are also now collecting the UPC barcodes from Spartan "Our family" can, boxes and bottled products. Every bundle of 500 labels will give us \$25



Thank You to:

- * All the wonderful Easter/Spring party volunteers.
 - * Patrick Krzeminski for being the Easter Bunny
 - * The Mercantile Bank at Oakwood Plaza for providing the costume
 - * Dave Nesius and Ron & RJ Lawson our Friday IT volunteers for all of their extra work in upgrading our office computers.
 - * The Gospel Mission for free bread and produce and to Jan Sneddon for making the bread runs each week, and Alan Hill, who fills in when needed.
 - * Margaret Shoemaker, who is still counting all the D & W receipts towards our \$150,000.00 goal. To everyone, who is bringing D & W receipts to the center.
 - * Dian Vander Molen for office help on Thursdays.
 - * Marcia Weare for office help.
 - * Janet Loucks for coordinating our senior events.
 - * Rosie and Kevin Tracey and Ruth Olmsted and Denise Fisher for delivering food to neighbors in need.
 - * Vince Whitmore for web site updating.
 - * Georgetta Tober for food shopping for our food bank.
 - * Ruth Olmsted for coordinating our newsletter folding
 - * Debra Norton, Mike Finn, Georgetta Tober and the Hearth & Grove Fellowship and the many others who donate to our food pantry.
 - * Our newsletter folders: Janet Loucks, Martha Austin, Patty Slagle, Sharry Cook, Donna Walker, Marilyn Johnson, Linda Lykins, Jan Mercer, Denise Fisher and Ruth Olmsted
- * Please let us know if we have overlooked your name or business so we can give you the acknowledgement that you deserve for supporting the Oakwood Neighborhood.

Youth Summer Art Drop In Program Youth ages 5-13



June 18 – Ju-

ly 27, 2018

Time: 3-5:15 P.M. Monday-Friday

**Place: Oakwood Neighborhood Center
3320 Laird Ave.**

Snacks provided

**\$50 Registration fee
Call 342-0129 for more info.**

ONA Board of Directors

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Our Community Garden, By Kimberly Myers

Our garden season is about to start;
Even though it would seem the snow isn't ready to part!
But keep hope and remember with darkness comes the light,
And, hopefully, you can join us even if your schedule is a bit tight.

Last year we had several folks have their own plot,
Fencing has held up and we can grow quite a lot!
Add the butterflies and birds that come being fed well
And I love to say that our garden is just swell.

So please come up and find some peace in a group or on your own
I know you'll love it and make the garden your second home.

Also, thank you so much to Bryan Birdsall, Debbie Norton and Lowes for kicking off the garden this year.

Feel free to call or text if interested, we have most supplies needed. Just come and find us. First garden meeting, depending on weather will be at the garden at 2529 Springmont Ave. , Thursday, May 10th, 2018 from 6pm to 8:30pm.

Community Garden Coordinator,
Kimberly Myers
269-359-2462

Community of Christ

2523 Amherst Ave.



All Are Welcome!

Sundays until Memorial Day:
9:45 Sunday School, 11:00 Worship

Summer Sundays: 10:00 Worship



Free Hotdog meals on
Wednesdays 6:00 to 7:00
p.m. during the summer
while school is out

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Oakwood History by Pat Henry

Oakwood as a community had its start in 1908. Marion Barnard had purchased the Stevens farm land and sold them to Samuel McCain in 1908 who then plotted off the land into a plat he called Oakwood. The lots were advertised and with an established rural school and a bus line to the amusement park on Woods lake they sold fast after her death in 1910 the rest of her land was then platted off. Oakwood celebrated a centennial in 2008.

Oakwood has had many people that have made the community proud. An art school with publications of art drawings in a magazine published monthly. Businesses that thrived on the corner of Barnard and Parkview and residents that would live their entire life here. Our school mates were very active in sports as a neighborhood team or on into the various high schools they would attend, some were recruited for major league teams. Oakwood became a part of the city of Kalamazoo in 1957. Oakwood has a memorial beach on Woods lake and a granite memorial to her servicemen that died in the 2 world wars. Oakwood has an annual reunion the last Sunday in June and many old and current residents will be there to celebrate their close community. Many of our residents have passed but are fondly remembered as contributing much to the community.

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