



WARD 3 - FALL BULLETIN



A NEW PUBLIC SERVANT IN YOUR VILLAGE COUNCIL

Greetings and welcome to a brand new Fall season. I would like to introduce myself to you. I am Anthony A. Akins, Sr., your newly appointed Councilperson for Ward 3.

You may have received notice a while ago about the untimely passing of Diana J. Cobb. She was a faithful, dedicated Councilperson of Ward 3, having served the Village of Oakwood for many years. Due to the loss of this great public servant, a vacancy was created in the office of Ward 3 Councilperson. In accordance with Section 7.06 of the Village Charter, Oakwood Village Council was required to fill this vacancy within thirty (30) days after the date the vacancy occurred. On September 8, 2009, I was appointed as your Ward 3 Councilperson to fill this vacancy and I will serve for the duration of Dianna's unexpired term which ends December 31, 2009. Since Diana was running for reelection and was unopposed, another vacancy will occur on January 1, 2010. At that time, Oakwood Village Council will appoint a Ward 3 resident for a two-year term and then a Ward 3 Councilperson will be selected at the general election to be held in November of 2012 to serve out the balance of Diana's unexpired 4 year term. As your current Councilperson, my goal is to remain in this seat for a long time, so that like Councilperson Cobb, I may have the honor of serving you for many years.

I have been a resident of Oakwood Village for 21 years. I am a product of the Bedford City School system. I served in the United States Navy and was honorably discharged in 2000. Years later, I graduated from college with a Bachelors degree in Health Administration and a Masters degree in Business Administration. My wife and I have been married for 9 years and we have three children. For more information about me, you may visit the Oakwood Village website. The web address is: <http://www.oakwoodvillageoh.com>.

TIPS FOR THE COLD AND FLU SEASON

As we say farewell to the summer months, we must continue to press forward into the remainder of 2009. Yet, the weather is still warm enough to enjoy a variety of outdoor family activities. Therefore, we must remain aware of the fact we are in the midst of cold and flu season. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health has provided suggestions for making sure we protect ourselves from cold and flu viruses. The CCBH advises us to:

- Wash our hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid close contact with anyone with a cold.

Also remember that if there isn't access to facilities for washing our hands, we should consider using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Carrying around a small bottle in our pockets isn't such a bad idea. Encourage children to keep their hands out of their mouths and eyes when in public. Furthermore, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services advises we cough and sneeze into a tissue or our upper sleeve; not our hands. HHS also suggests we constantly discard used tissues into a wastebasket.

FIRE SAFETY REMINDER: FREE SMOKE DETECTORS

Don't forget to check the batteries in your smoke detector and replace them if needed. If you are a resident and in need of a smoke detector, each resident's household is eligible to receive up to two (2) free smoke detectors from Oakwood Village Hall or the Oakwood Fire Department. Proof of residency is required by providing a copy of a utility bill for your home or your driver's license. Smoke detectors are simple to install and they help make our lives safer. Pick up your smoke detector today!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 440-665-3360 or at aakins@oakwoodvillageoh.com. For emergency situations, please call 911 and for non-emergency police, please call 440-232-1035.

