

Ward 2 Newsletter

Spring is Coming!

Winter is ending and with it, the birds will return, and flowers will begin blooming. I am excited about the growth and upcoming projects in the Village.

New Initiatives!

We once had a strong camaraderie when Ward 2 was called "The New Development". I would like to bring back that camaraderie with some new initiatives for our Ward!

Recently I had the opportunity to participate in a community event where many young people returned to the Village. In conversing with them, they referred to Oakwood simply and fondly as "The Wood". This event inspired me to promote an annual homecoming to rekindle the community spirit of "The Wood". I would like to bring all generations, from Baby Boomers to Generation Z together with several initiatives mentioned in this newsletter. Read further for more details!



Coffee at the Curb

The first initiative is "Coffee at the Curb". This has been very successful in other communities and I believe it will be effective here by bringing generations together as a community. May 9th is our first event so please join me at Hyannis & Raynham for **FREE** coffee and pastries from 9:30-10:30am. Bring your coffee cup and a lawn chair. Look for the white truck!

The Wood

The second initiative is "The Wood". This endearing term is used by many residents to identify Oakwood Village. The purpose of "The Wood" is to further enhance the neighborhood spirit which currently exists. It will bring all walks of life and generations together emphasizing love of community. It takes all of us to keep the Village of Oakwood vibrant. Will you join me in planning our first event? At "Coffee at the Curb" we will combine ideas to plan our first Block Party to be held in September. More details to follow.

Council Meetings

Residents are always welcome at attend Council meetings which take place every 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00pm in Oakwood Village Council Chambers. Come out and be in-the-know of what is happening in the Village. Hope to see you soon!



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with any concerns you may have.

Upcoming Events!

- March 6th – Sunrise Breakfast
- April 25th – Take Back Drugs Day
Sam's Club 10am-2pm
- May 16th – Stream Clean Up 9am –
11am Forbes Woods Park
- June 13th – Community Shred Day
- August TBD – Community Yard Sale
Date to be determined
- Sept. 19th – Community Shred Day



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Stream Clean Up!

Oakwood Village, Hawthorne Valley Youth Council & Cuyahoga County Soil & Water Conservation District have partnered to create a fun morning at the Forbes Woods Park. Yes, I said fun! Join us Sat., May 16th at 9:00am. Forbes Woods is located on Forbes Road just east of I-271 on the north side of the road.

- Free donuts and coffee
- Wear your boots
- Dress for the weather

Plan on having fun with others as we beautify the stream, you may or may not know even exists. This park displays a spectacular vista of rolling hills and ravines as it joins up with the Metro Parks.



Registration is a must, so we have enough tools for volunteers.

Contact Jacki Zevenbergen of CCSWCD at 216.503.1338 or email her at jzevenbergen@cuyahogawcd.org to register.

Ward 2 Clean Up!

The Building Dept. staff, and I will be performing the annual exterior review of Ward 2 in the upcoming weeks. With Spring just around the corner, flowers will be blooming, and the sun will be shining. Join me as we all take the time to clean up our yards after the winter winds have dislocated branches and leaves.



Farmers Market is coming to Oakwood!

Clearing the land near Richmond Road and Broadway Avenue has begun for a new building. Look for more details from the Mayor's Office in the upcoming months!



Year of the Charter Review

The Charter Review Commission meets every five years to review our Charter, otherwise known as our Constitution. The purpose of the CRC is to review the Charter for any updates needed.



A copy of the Charter can be obtained from the Village website. Visit www.oakwoodvillageoh.com then scroll to the bottom of the Home page and click on Codified Ordinances. You will be taken to the online portal. The Charter and all the Village Codified Ordinances can be searched and viewed from there.

You may also request a copy from the Clerk of Council at 440.201.1020 or by email at dhladky@oakwoodvillageoh.com

Early Notification

Oakwood Village Police Dept. has developed an Early Notification Program to assist individuals with communication disabilities in the event of an emergency. Residents who may benefit from this program include those with Autism, Alzheimer's/dementia, Down Syndrome, speech/hearing impairments, developmental disabilities, mental illness, physical disability, & visually impaired. This **FREE** program enables residents with communication disabilities to register with the OVPD in the event of emergencies at their residences. For more information go to <https://www.oakwoodpolice.org/early-notification-program/> or call 440.232.1035.



Reusable Bags

Oakwood Village has been awarded the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District Recycling Awareness grant again this year!

With the grant, Oakwood will receive *reusable grocery bags* for **FREE** distribution to residents. If you wish to receive one, please contact our Clerk of Council, Deb Hladky, 440.201.1020, who will place your name on the list. When the bags are available (some-time in Spring) you will be contacted.



What do Fire and Addresses have in Common?

If the house address isn't displayed, it makes it much more difficult to find the house where the emergency is taking place. Please make sure your address is properly displayed so it can be seen from the street. Your local Fire and Police thank you!



Hawthorne Valley Youth Council

HVYC is in its tenth year! Youth in 7th - 12th grades learn about local and state government while doing exciting and fun community projects. If your student is in Junior or High School, join us Sept.-May for this exciting & rewarding organization! Make a difference in you & your community.

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories.

SHARE: <https://2020census.gov/en>

The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail.

Why We Conduct This Count

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

The results of the census also determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and they are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

Counting Everyone

Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical for you and your community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

Note:

The U.S. Census will *never* call you, will *never* ask for your social security number or other personal identifiable information.

It is important to know that the Census Bureau will **not** send unsolicited emails to request your participation in the 2020 Census. Further, during the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau will **never** ask for:

- Your Social Security number.
- Your bank account or credit card numbers.
- Money or donations.

In addition, the Census Bureau will **not** contact you on behalf of a political party.

You will receive information in the mail about the U.S. Census and the importance of responding.

How the Census Bureau Protects Your Data

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. In fact, every employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life.

For more information visit <https://2020census.gov/en>

The Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District Seed, Tree and Plant Kit Sales!

This is a great way to purchase seedlings while saving money.
Below is information about the sale.

You may also visit <https://www.cuyahogawcd.org/programs/native-seed-tree-and-plant-kit-sales>
for more information.

Cuyahoga County Soil & Water Conservation District

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2020 Tree Seedling Sale Info

Native Conifer Species	Height	Width	Growth Rate	Sunlight	Soil Moisture	Soil pH	Comments/Uses	Sapling -2.5'	Pack of 5 -12"-18"	Pack of 25 - 6"-9"	Pack of 100 -6"-9"
Bald Cypress	50'-70'	20'-45'	M	S, P	M, W	A	long living, deciduous conifer	n/a	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$60.00
White Pine	60'-80'	20'-40'	F	S	M	A, N	timber, windbreak, wildlife	\$5.00	\$10.00*	\$20.00	\$60.00
Native Broadleaf Small Trees & Shrubs (<20')							Comments/Uses	Sapling - 3'-4'	Pack of 5 - 12"-18"	Pack of 25 - 6"-12"	Pack of 100-6"-12"
American Plum	15'-25'	15'-25'	F	S	D, M	N	edible fruit, fragrant flowers, attracts birds	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Chestnut Oak	50'-70'	50'-70'	S-M	S	D, M	N	wildlife, timber	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Chokecherry	20'-30'	15'-20'	M	S, P, SH	M	N	edible fruit, showy white flowers	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Hackberry	40'-60'	40'-60'	M-F	S, P	M	N	edible fruit, attracts wildlife, unique bark	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Ohio Buckeye	20'-40'	20'-40'	M	S, P, SH	M, W	A	attracts wildlife, Ohio's state tree	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Pawpaw	15'- 30'	15'- 30'	F-M	S, P	M, W	A, N	edible fruit, wildlife	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Red Maple	40'-70'	30'-50'	M	S, P	W	A	lovely fall foliage, wildlife	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Red Oak	50'- 60'	50'- 60'	F	S	D, M	N	tolerates dry conditions, timber, landscaping	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Native Broadleaf Large Trees								Sapling - 3'-4'	Pack of 5 - 12"-18"	Pack of 25 - 6"-12"	Pack of 100-6"-12"
Redbud	25'- 30'	26'- 33'	M	S, P	M, W	B	adaptable, edible pink-magenta flowers	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
River Birch	40'-70'	40'-60'	F	S, P	W, M	N	unique flaky bark, wildlife	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Sassafras	30'-60'	25'-40'	F	S, P	M	A	aromatic, wildlife, roots can be used for teas	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Swamp White Oak	50'- 70'	50'- 70'	M-S	S, P	M	A	adaptable, bottomlands, timber, wildlife	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Thornless Honey Locust	60'-80'	60'-80'	F	S	M	N	attractive, wildlife	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Tulip Poplar	60'-90'	30'-50'	F	S	M	A	showy flowers, attracts wildlife, medicinal	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Washington Hawthorn	25'-30'	25'-30'	M	S	M	N	shrubby tree, showy flowers, attracts wildlife	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
White Flowering Dogwood	20'- 30'	20'- 25'	M-S	S, P	M	A	spring flowers, red/burgundy autumn color	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
White Oak	50'- 70'	50'- 70'	M-S	S, P	D, M, W	N	timber, wildlife, long-lived, ornamental	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Winterberry	3'-12'	3'-12'	S-M	S, P, SH	M, W	A	red fruits, attracts birds and butterflies	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00
Witch Hazel	15'-20'	15'-20'	M	P, SH	M	A	attractive fall color, wildlife, medicinal	n/a	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$90.00

Growth Rate: F = fast 12"/year, M = medium 6"-12"/year, S = slow 2"-4"/year
Soil pH: A = acidic (6.5 or less), N = normal pH range (6.5 - 7.5) B = basic/alkaline (7.5 or higher)
Light Required: S = sun, P = part sun/part shade, SH = shade
Soil Moisture: D = dry, M = medium, W = wet

Additional Items	Cost	Order Deadline: March 24, 2020
Wildflower Seeds	plant up to 200' sq. with perennials, grasses and showy annuals	\$5.00
Boundary Marking Paint	8" wide yellow aerosol spray, long-lasting and fast-drying	\$7.00
Tree Tube and Wood Stake	4' height, improves seedling survival and reduces wildlife damage	\$5.00
Marking Flags	21" metal shaft with 2.5" x 3.5" white flag	\$0.10
Dibble Bar	tapered thin wedge cast blade to quickly plant seedling trees	\$55.00
Rain Barrel	stores up to 55 gal. of rain water, use to water plants and/or animals	\$65.00

Deadline to order is March 24th Trees will come in April 17th.

To order: Native Trees (choose Cuyahoga SWCD as your pick up location)

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