



From the desk of...

Council President Johnnie Warren



None of us could have imagined the changes brought in 2020, but here we are still wearing masks, staying six feet from others in public places and maybe doing more online shopping than in the past. Good things can come out of trying times. For me, family has always been important, but in times like these family, friends, and neighbors mean more than ever. As Council President, it is important to me to keep my Oakwood family safe. The enclosed card is compliments of the Village. *“Clean Committed”* reminds us to commit to safe practices. Please remember to mask up, keep your six-foot distance and wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer. Your mask protects others and hand washing protects you. **Not everything faced will be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.**

Homeowner Services



Did you know you may qualify for the occupancy credit; a property tax “discount” just for living in your home? How about a Homestead credit? Do you know someone who is behind on their taxes? Community Housing Solutions can help with these and much more! Contact them at 216.231.5815 or forward this info to someone you know who may qualify. Personal information is always kept confidential.

Spring Clean-Up



Even though it was a mild winter, we had wind and heavy snow which knocked down or broke branches. When cleaning up your yard, please bundle branches and brush together in four-foot bundles for regular Monday trash pick-up. Twigs, rocks, and debris must be kept out of the bundle. If these are present, pickup will NOT take place.

Community Shred Days!



May 22nd and September 18th are this year’s Community Shred Days. Both will take place at the Community Park off Mt. Zion Circle from 9am-12 noon. Bring up to four legal-size boxes for secure on-site shredding. One FREE reusable bag will be issued.

Fire Department Services

Fire Department – contact 440.232.1035 to find out more about FREE services to residents . Please visit the Village website at www.oakwoodvillageoh.com.

- Knox Boxes
- FREE smoke detectors
- CPR classes
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors *at minimal cost*

Police Department Services




Police Department – contact 440-232-1035 or email oakwoodpolice@oakwoodpolice.org for more in Information

Early Notification Program – gives First Responders with information to assist individuals with communication disabilities. Any Oakwood Village caregiver/resident with communication disabilities is eligible to register by a confidential form. More information can be found at Village Hall or at <https://www.oakwoodpolice.org/early-notification-program/>

Citizens Academy – September 1st-October 20th from 6:30-8:30 pm OVPD is offering another class to residents and those working in the Village. You will get an inside look at Law Enforcement in the Village. Over the eight weeks you will have a lot of fun and learn a lot about our Police Department! Find out more at www.oakwoodpolice.org.

Phone Numbers to Keep Handy

Non-Emergency Police & Fire	440.232.1035	Village Hall	440.232.9988	
Service Department	440.232.6957	Building Dept.	440.232.9980	
Community Center	440.735.1157	Animal Warden	440.439.7359	
Sewer Back Up	216.443.8201	EPA Hotline	800.686.6330 or 888.372.7341	
Noxious Odor Hotline	440.439.7403	Call Before You Dig	800.362.2764	
Report Power Outage	888.544.4877	CC Solid Waste Dist.	216.443.4739	
Waste Management	440.287.7575		https://cuyahogarecycles.org/how_to_recycle	

<https://www.wm.com/>



Home Rehab Programs

Community Housing Solutions offers minor home repairs for incomes at or below 35% of area median income. Health and safety issues, handicap accessibility. Visit <http://www.commhousingsolutions.org/> or call 216.651.0077 for more info.

Heritage Home Program offers low interest loans for homes 50 years old or older for electrical, HVAC/furnace, plumbing, roof, kitchen/bath renovation, insulation, window, basement, waterproofing, masonry, painting, compatible additions, finishing attic etc. Call 216.426.3116 or visit <https://cuyahogacounty.us/> for more info.

Home Enhancement Loan Program provides homeowners of occupied or investment properties improvement loans for home projects. Visit <https://www.cuyahogacounty.us> or call 216.443.2149.

Home Weatherization Assistance Program is offered by Cleveland Housing Network to increase energy efficiency assistance. Call 216.524.7100 or visit <https://chnhousingpartners.org/>

NHSGC Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland assists in energy efficient repairs (new windows, roofing, insulation, etc.). Call 216.458.4663 or visit <https://www.ehomeamerica.org/nhsgc>

Rebuilding Together Northeast Ohio offers minor and emergency repairs for senior and low-income homeowners for roof, furnace, ramp, electrical, painting and flooring. Call 216.800.8556 or visit their website at <https://rebuildingtogetherneo.org/>

Veterans Affairs Housing Grants offer spherical adaptation grants for vets. Call MyVA311: 844.698.2311 or visit <https://www.va.gov/>

PUP Signs!



The Village has “Pick Up Poop” signs FREE to residents from NEORSD, as long as supplies last. Stop by Village Hall to get yours before they are gone. Oakwood has a law which states *pet owners must pick up after their pets*. Thank you for keeping Oakwood beautiful for others to enjoy!

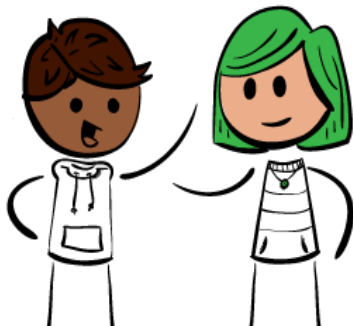
Council meetings



Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, currently via Webex. Please *sign up to receive notifications* of upcoming Council meetings so you can be in the know. Residents are always welcome to join or attend.

Sign up for meeting notifications at www.oakwoodvillageoh.com click on STAY INFORMED on the homepage.

Hey, what’s going on?



Joline: Hi Cindy, did you know Oakwood has an email-based mailing list?

Cindy: No, I didn’t, what’s it for and how does it work?

Joline: You sign up to get emails from them about events and you even get a reminder if you want.

Cindy: What do they do with my personal information?

Joline: Nothing, that is the great part! They don’t share it and they don’t hassle you. They just send an email when something is coming up like the concert schedule, events, meetings, & even newsletters.

Cindy: Ok, I’m interested. How do I sign up?

Joline: Go to www.oakwoodvillageoh.com and click on Stay Informed then complete the form and you are in.

Cindy: Thanks. Joline. I’ll do that. Then. I’ll know what’s going on. Cool!

Meet Up Spot!

Selling items on-line? A secure way to **transact business** is at Village Hall. Arrange to meet at the rear of Village Hall by the “Meet Up Spot” sign. A security camera is always on so you can feel a bit safer in making those transitions with people you don’t know personally.



ReadyNotify -Every Person, Every Emergency



Be alerted to emergency or weather-related issues by joining ReadyNotify on the Village website. ITS FREE! Simply register or if you registered prior to 2019, please register again. ***This program replaces CodeRED.*** Your information is kept safe and is only used to send out alerts.

Check Your Credit Report Annually – Its Free Once Per Year!

Annual Credit Report	877.322.8228	www.annualcreditreport.com
Equifax	800.525.6285	www.equifax.com
Experian	888.397.3742	www.experian.com
TransUnion	800.680.7289	www.transunion.com
Better Business Bureau		www.bbb.org



Cyber Alerts! *If it Sounds Too Good to be True, It Probably Is.*

Many are vulnerable to scams when using computers, tablets, and smartphones. Whether using technology in public or at home you can help protect yourself and loved ones from fraud or financial exploitation. These tips from the Ohio Attorney General may be helpful. Visit www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov for more info.

Internet Tips:

- Install and use a pop-up blocker, pop-up blockers are often available free, including within some internet browsers.
- When conducting internet searches, remember the top search results may not always be from legitimate companies or agencies.
- When searching the internet, try scrolling past websites that may populate first but be labeled as “Ads” or “Sponsored.”
- To reduce security and privacy risks, log out of websites when you are finished.
- Verify the specific network name with the network owner before connecting to Wi-Fi.

Warning Signs of Fraud or Financial Exploitation

- Requests to send money via wire transfer, gift card or prepaid money card.
- Pressure to act immediately.
- Guarantee to make money quickly.
- Requests to keep conversations or relationships secret.
- Anti-virus scan results indicate the presence of malware or other threats on your device.
- Unexplained withdrawals from your bank account, charges to your credit card or missing funds.
- Calls regarding unpaid bills.



Hang up on Business Imposter Scams



Scammers love to use the same old tricks in new ways. One of their favorites is to pose as a business, government official or utility company to pressure you into sending them money or your personal information. Some scammers are pretending to be popular online shopping websites, phishing for your personal information. **If this seems suspicious, that is because it is!** Scammers want you to call the number they give so they can ask for your passwords, credit card number, and other sensitive information to get your money. **If you get a call like this**, there are a few steps you should take:

- **Hang up.** Don't call them back on the number they gave you.
- **Check your credit card account.**
- **Report the fake call to the FTC**

If you gave information to a business imposter, head to IdentityTheft.gov for tips to protect yourself. To learn more about imposter scams, visit the FTC's Imposter Scams page at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/>