



The Village Voice

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR NIKOLIC

Dear Resident of Oakwood Village,

My name is Erica L. Nikolic, and as a result of the passing of our beloved Mayor Gary V. Gottschalk, I've been appointed to lead Oakwood Village. I am taking this time to introduce myself.

I am a deeply-rooted product of this community, so much so there's a small park named in honor of my family. My aunt, Gloria Wainwright, also served as a councilwoman in Ward 5.

A fourth-generation resident and graduate of Bedford High School, I left Oakwood to attend Duke University and later Fordham University School of Law. Back then, I planned to go out and make my mark in the world. I went on to study and work abroad, which allowed me to build a wealth of experience in contract negotiations, litigation, and international public policy.

Becoming a mother inspired me to reconnect with my roots. When my son was two, I returned to Oakwood with a renewed perspective and a strong desire to contribute to our community. I realized I could put my skills and experiences to meaningful use.

Prior to this appointment, I served as Vice Mayor/Council President. On Council, I chaired the Environmental Committee, where I initiated a community garden, worked with residents to plant over 100 trees, established an annual Earth Day celebration, hosted two EV car shows, and launched the drafting of our first Climate Action Plan. In addition to working closely with the late Mayor Gottschalk to implement policies and initiatives aimed at improving services, infrastructure, and economic development, I also paid strict attention to the village budget as a member of the Finance Committee. Moreover, I served as a liaison between the council and community organizations, representing the village's interests and advocating for residents' needs.

Assuming this role, I do so with excitement, passion, and a steadfast commitment to serving the residents of Oakwood. While we honor and preserve the most valuable parts of the late Mayor Gottschalk's legacy, our shared focus must be on continuing to build a healthier and stronger Oakwood Village. As your mayor, I look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts and concerns.

Proud to serve,

Mayor Erica L. Nikolic Esq.



STATE OF THE VILLAGE

Join Mayor Nikolic for the State of the Village Address, where she will highlight Oakwood's recent accomplishments and share her vision for the future of our community.



SAVE THE DATE!
Wednesday, Nov. 12
5:30 p.m.

Oakwood Community Center
23035 Broadway Ave.
Oakwood, OH 44146

Oakwood Safety Forces Halloween Bash

Join Mayor Nikolic and Oakwood's Safety Forces for a scary good time. Learn safety tips and meet those who protect and serve you daily.

Sun. Oct 26th
1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

**Arrive promptly to ensure you can get your shoes and find your lanes.*

Roseland Lanes
26383 Broadway Ave.
Oakwood, OH 44146

To register:
call 440-232-9988 OR
email: enikolic@oakwoodvillageoh.com





Come and meet your new mayor!

Come discuss YOUR vision for Oakwood with me!

OAKWOOD VILLAGE TOWN HALL MEETINGS

- **Wednesday, Oct. 29th** at 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Nov. 17th** at 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 19th** at 6:30 p.m. *Holiday Party*

Oakwood Community Center | 23035 Broadway Ave.

FREE Food | Music | Trivia | Q&A Session

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Honoring Mayor Gary Gottschalk's Favorites



Mayor Nikolic proudly carries on the beloved traditions of Mayor Gary by hosting these cherished Oakwood Village events. **To register, please call 440-232-9988 or email enikolic@oakwoodvillageoh.com.**

Thanksgiving DINNER GIVEAWAY



Register by Monday, Oct. 27th
 For more information call (440)232-9988

AMISH COUNTRY TRIP



JOIN US FOR OUR CHERISHED OAKWOOD TRADITION
FRIDAY, NOV. 14TH | 7 A.M. - 7 P.M.

TICKETS COST \$25
(INCLUDES LUNCH AND WINE TASTING)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOV. 10TH
 SIGN UP AT VILLAGE HALL WITH A STATE ID OR DRIVER'S LICENSE

SPACE IS LIMITED

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN



Breakfast with Santa
 Saturday, Dec. 13th at 11 a.m.
 Mt. Zion
 1 Mt. Zion Circle Oakwood Village, Ohio 44146

Register to have gifts delivered to your house by Mr. & Mrs. Claus
 Delivery: Sunday, Dec. 14th
Registration Deadline: Monday, Dec. 1st

Growing a Greener Oakwood: Mayor Nikolic's Vision for a Sustainable Future

One of Mayor Nikolic's key initiatives is building a more sustainable Oakwood. Over the past year, the Village launched a tree-planting program to help expand our community's tree canopy — offering free trees for residents to plant in their yards.

As part of this broader sustainability effort, then-Council President Nikolic also introduced a community garden, where neighbors will have a space to learn about planting, harvesting, and growing together. This initiative is scheduled to launch, spring 2026. *Kickoff meetings for those who reserved plots will soon be scheduled.*



Let's grow together!

Sustainable Home Fair

Let's shrink Oakwood's carbon footprint together! Learn how to live greener and smarter. Green vendors and resources will be available to help you establish a more sustainable home.





Let's work together to make our village more sustainable for future generations.
 -Mayor Erica Nikolic

Join us on:
Wednesday, Dec. 10
 6:30 p.m.

Oakwood Community Center
 23035 Broadway Ave.

Community Connections Initiative

New community wellness programs are launching soon in Oakwood Village! Interested in joining?
Call 216-550-3097 or email ericanikolic@oakwoodvillageoh.com to learn more or sign up.

Hands & Hearts Programming



Creative courses that allow learners to work with their hands and connect with their hearts.



Crocheting & Knitting Club

Love to knit or want to learn? Join our Knitting Club! All skill levels welcome — bring your needles and let's stitch together.

Soul Food Cooking Classes

Soul food classes serve up more than just flavor. Join our soul food classes and bring tradition to your table.



Bridging Generations Academy



First project out of the initiative where our seniors from our community teach our youth.

Homework Help

Need help with your math or reading homework? Come join us for a little extra help!



MOVIE Night

HOSTED BY LAC & MAYOR ERICA L. NIKOLIC

SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 9TH & 23RD
AT 6 P.M.

NOVEMBER 13TH & 20TH
AT 6 P.M.

DECEMBER 11TH & 18TH
AT 6 P.M.

CMHA COMMUNITY CENTER
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

LET'S GET BIZ ZEE LINE DANCING

YOU ASKED, MAYOR NIKOLIC ANSWERED!
Line dance classes are now **Free for seniors!**
non-residents and non-seniors pay \$5.

Every Wednesday | 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Oakwood Community Center



Muffins *with the* Mayor

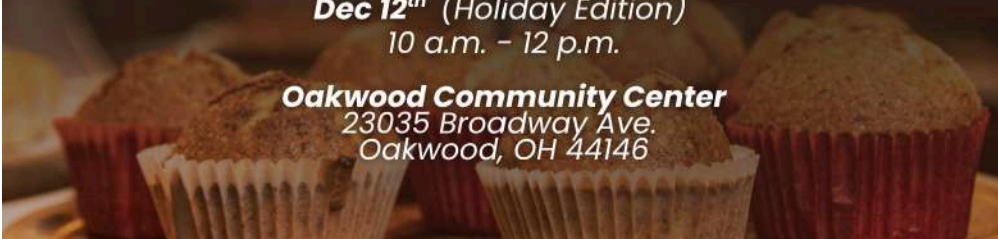
Join Mayor Nikolic during her open office hours and take the opportunity to connect with special guests, including Department Directors.

Oct. 31st (Halloween Edition)
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Nov. 14th | Nov. 28th
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Dec 12th (Holiday Edition)
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Oakwood Reads

Story Time

Have your Preschooler join us for a weekly story time!

Every Tuesday at 2 p.m.
Starting Oct. 28

Oakwood Community Center
23035 Broadway Ave.
Oakwood, OH 44146

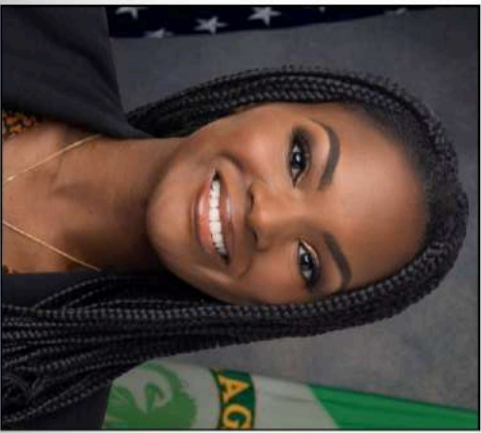


Teen Book Club

Win prizes, make friends, all while building your reading skills!

To register e-mail:
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AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22 | 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, NOV. 20 | 6:30 P.M.
THURSDAY, DEC. 18 | 6:30 P.M.

OAKWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
23035 BROADWAY AVE.
OAKWOOD, OH 44146

Are you looking for a supportive community where you can share, learn, and connect with others who understand the autism journey? We invite you to join our Autism Support Group!



TRICK OR TREAT

with Mayor Nikolic

Friday, October 31 | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Keep an eye out for the Oakwood van on Halloween! Mayor Nikolic will be riding around town passing out candy to kids in the neighborhood.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



STAY IN GROUPS
STAY ON SIDEWALK
WHEN POSSIBLE



EXAMINE CANDY
BEFORE EATING



USE FLASHLIGHTS/
REFLECTIVE CLOTHING
FOR VISIBILITY