

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 45

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE OAKWOOD VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER THE GARY V. GOTTSCHALK COMMUNITY CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, Gary V. Gottschalk was a lifelong Oakwood resident and graduate of Bedford High School; and,

**WHEREAS**, Gary V. Gottschalk faithfully served Oakwood Village as a Councilperson and then as Mayor from 1992 until his passing on September 12, 2025; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Gottschalk undertook innumerable development and improvement projects that dramatically improved the lives and surroundings of Oakwood’s residents as well as those of persons working in and visiting the Village; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Gottschalk particularly attended to the needs of Oakwood’s Senior Citizens through activities and events held at the Oakwood Community Center; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Gottschalk is sorely missed by his family including his son, Gary B. Gottschalk; grandchildren Gary L. and Gabrielle Gottschalk and Amber Borsch; brother and sister-in-law Jim and Joan Gottschalk as well as the citizens of the Village.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio:

**SECTION 1.** That the Oakwood Community Center be and hereby is renamed the Gary V. Gottschalk Community Center.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Public Service be and hereby is directed to design and place appropriate signage designating the Community Center as the Gary V. Gottschalk Community Center.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: May 26, 2026

Eloise Hardin  
Eloise Hardin, President of Council

Carol Jackson  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

Presented to the  
Mayor May 27, 2026

Approved: 5/27/2026

Erica J. Nikolic  
Mayor, Erica Nikolic

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 2026 -45 was duly and regularly passed by this Council at the meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

Carol Jackson  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

#### POSTING CERTIFICATE

I, Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council of the Village of Oakwood, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, do hereby certify that Ordinance No. 2026 -45 was duly posted on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, and will remain posted for a period of fifteen (15) days thereafter in the Council Chambers in the locations and manner provided in the Village Charter.

Carol Jackson  
Carol Jackson, Clerk of Council

DATED: May 27, 2026