



Oakwood Neighborhood  
 Association  
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 Kalamazoo, MI 49008

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**Superbooks are still a great value and good through April 2019. They support our neighborhood & local businesses. Get them at the Oakwood Neighborhood Center & Kazoo Books.**

**ONA Calendar**

**December 2018 Calendar of Events**

- 5 - Senior cards and socializing: 1 P.M.
- 9 - Holiday Party 1 P.M.**
- 10-14- 2nd.** Fall Leaf pickup
- 12 – Senior Potluck: Noon
- 16 – Neighborhood Watch/ Board of Directors: 6:30 P.M.**
- 19 – Senior Crafts: 1 P.M.
- 22- Holiday Concert: 7 P.M. see inside for details**
- 26 - Senior Bingo: 1 P.M.

**January 2019 Calendar of Events**

- 2 - Senior cards & coffee: 1 P.M.
- 9- Senior Potluck: Noon
- 15 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 P.M**
- 16 - Seniors Crafts: 1 P.M.
- 23- Seniors cards & coffee: 1 P.M
- 30- Senior Bingo: 1 P.M.



**Chair Yoga with Leslie:** 1:30 Mondays  
**Yoga:** 6:30 P.M. Wednesday  
**Senior Drop In:** 1-3 P.M. Wednesdays  
**Free Bread:** 2-5 P.M. on Wednesdays/Thursdays  
**IT help (computer, phone, laptop) with Dave and Ron:** 1-3 P.M. Fridays

- Wanted  
 Wanted**
- 1. Volunteers and goodies for the Holiday party**
  - 2. Accepting new board member applications**
  - 3. Food bank donations.**



**From the desk of the President  
By Marcia Wallace**

I'm now the President. Unfortunately, our beloved Renee had to move on in life. So, I took the role of President mostly because I believe in this neighborhood and the Oakwood Association. We build our community, keep it strong and always help one another.

We have lost a couple of board members. Barry had to move for his job and Frank became a Boy Scout Leader. We wish them all the best and thank them for their help. But now we ask others to step up, to help out and to join our board of neighbors to keep Oakwood a great place to live and raise a family. Consider attending a board meeting, or visit our neighborhood center and see what is going on..

This issue includes an envelope for donations to the Oakwood Annual campaign. Please give what you can. We depend on donations, fund raisers and volunteers. Your support is very much appreciated so that we can provide programs and activities for our youth, seniors, and neighborhood families.

Don't forget the Bell, Book and Canto concert at the Community of Christ Church on Amherst on December 22nd at 7pm. A donation to the food pantry is the only admission and the music is well worth the price. Join your neighbors, bring your friends for a lovely evening.

Of course there is the Holiday party Sunday December 9th at 1pm. There's food, fun, music, friends and Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus. It's really a nice party for the whole family. Make a plan to join in!

I wish you very happy holidays and the peace and good cheer of the season. May your home be warm and your table filled with laughter.

**Oakwood Holiday Party  
Sunday, December 9th at 1pm**

There will be treats, crafts, stories, music & fun along with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Come and join us at the Neighborhood Center to share the holidays with your neighbors!



**Annual Holiday Giving Campaign**

*Support Your Neighborhood!*

Holidays are a time of giving and helping neighbors, so Oakwood is asking for your generous donation to help support our Neighborhood Center.

Every penny is appreciated and will be used as matching funds for a Gilmore Foundation Grant to update our Oakwood Neighborhood Center.

Please use the envelope included in the newsletter for your donation. You can mail it, drop it in the drop box at the Neighborhood Center or leave it with our Executive Director, Cheryl.



We had lots of fun at the Oakwood Neighborhood Trunk or Treat party and the little goblins loved the Fire truck from Kalamazoo Public Safety. Thanks to all the people who supplied their trunks, the Community of Christ Church who came with hot cider and donuts, and all the Trick or Treaters who came with smiles and open bags. It was a great neighborhood party

### From the Desk of the Director:

1. It is that **Holiday party** time of year. Come on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 P.M. and enjoy music, great treats, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus
2. If you and/or your family need food help over the holidays, please let me know at 342-0129. We have several local churches willing to help.
3. Come to our **Holiday concert benefiting our Food Bank**. It is on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 P.M. at the Community of Christ Church, 2523 Amherst with music provided by Bell, Book and Canto. Admission is a few non perishables for our food bank. This is always a wonderful hour of music.
- 4 Keep the **D & W receipts** coming? We are already up to about \$95,000 for the third time around towards our goal of \$150,000.00. We definitely can use the \$1,000.00 for center repairs.
5. We are also now collecting the UPC barcodes from Spartan **"Our family"** cans, boxes and bottled products. Every bundle of 500 of these labels will give us \$25.
6. If you shop at **Harding's** go to their website and sign up our neighborhood to receive community rewards. Then every time you shop at Harding's we will receive 1-4% of the totals designated to us each quarter.

### Thank You to:

- ◆ Cheri Norton for coordinating our Trunk or Treat party, and Tyler Williams and Maddie Pickett for decorating and the Community of Christ Church for assisting.
- ◆ Karin Lawson for party treats.
- ◆ Margaret Shoemaker, who is counting our D & W receipts towards another \$150,000.00 goal, and for donating cloth bags for our food pantry.
- ◆ Rob Kneen for mowing Memorial Park, and repairing our roof.
- ◆ Pat Henry for donating a new wall clock
- ◆ Carol Kite, Jamie Sanders, Mary Myers, Georgetta Tober, Janet Loucks, Denise Fisher and the Hearth & Grove Fellowship and the many others who donate to our food pantry.
- ◆ Sally Stevens, Denise Fisher and Karin Larsen for their green thumbs around our center.
- ◆ Alex & Marcia Wallace for office supplies
- ◆ Dave Nesius and Ron Lawson our Friday IT volunteers
- ◆ The Gospel Mission for free bread and produce and to Jan Sneddon for making the bread runs each week.
- ◆ Dian Vander Molen for office help on Thursdays.
- ◆ Janet Loucks for coordinating our senior events.
- ◆ Rosie and Kevin Tracey and Ruth Olmsted and Denise Fisher for delivering food to neighbors in need.
- ◆ Vince Whitmore for web site updating.
- ◆ Georgetta Tober for food shopping for our food bank.
- ◆ Ruth Olmsted for coordinating our newsletter folding
- ◆ Our newsletter folders: Martha Austin, Donna Walker, Linda Lykins, Denise Fisher, Ruth Olmsted, Georgetta Tober, Cindy Verhage, Janet Loucks, Parry Slagle, Dian Vander Molen, Pablo Naumann, Jan Mercer, Pat and Cecil Macomber and Fran Hosier.
- ◆ To everyone who is bringing D & W receipts and Our Family UPC codes to the center.

\* Please let us know if we have overlooked your name or business so we can give you the acknowledgement that you deserve for supporting the Oakwood Neighborhood.

### A poem of Nature by Pat Henry

Oakwood is a wonderful place to live.  
We have the joy of nature around us. We have a beautiful memorial park, a nice tot lot, and an interesting garden. So this month I thought I would share a little poem about nature.

God with his paint brush red  
Painted the cardinal bright  
Gave the grosbeak a bib  
And gave the blackbird a stripe  
And dipping his red pant brush in yellow  
Painted the oriole orange  
Leaving out the red  
He painted the goldfinch yellow

I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving and a very merry Christmas!



### The Neighborhood plan is available to view at:

[www.imaginekalamazoo.com/plans/#neighborhood-plans-oakwood](http://www.imaginekalamazoo.com/plans/#neighborhood-plans-oakwood) <<http://www.imaginekalamazoo.com/plans/#neighborhood-plans-oakwood>>

### We want your comments and feedback.

#### ONA Board of Directors

Marcia Wallace, President  
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Ellen Tober, Rachael Grover,  
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## A CATALYST FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

Chemical Bank aims to create a personal bond with each community we serve and every small business, family or customer that walks in our door. Learn more at [ChemicalBank.com](http://ChemicalBank.com).



# Community of Christ

2523 Amherst Ave.



Come and visit your Neighborhood church,  
All are Welcome

Sundays 9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship

Visit us on the web at

Facebook: Kalamazoo Community of Christ  
[www.kalamazoocommunityofchrist.com](http://www.kalamazoocommunityofchrist.com)

## Harding's Community Rewards For Oakwood Neighborhood

### Sign up today and support Oakwood.

1. Register your information on the eCoupon page
2. Go to My Profile by clicking on the head icon on the far right corner
3. Click Community rewards and choose your organization.
4. Click Add Community
5. When checking out at the register, simply type in your 10 digit phone number on the pin pad. No card required!

## Help Us Keep Our Sidewalks Usable for Everyone!

When sidewalks aren't cleared, it can make it hard for some of our neighbors to get to where they need to go. As property owners or occupants it is our duty to make sure that we keep the sidewalks in front of our property clear of debris and snow. It's also important that we keep our lawn and curb lawn mowed so that grass doesn't grow over onto the sidewalk.



CURB LAWN MOWED



SIDEWALKS CLEARED OF DEBRIS



SIDEWALKS CLEARED OF SNOW



EVERYONE CAN USE!

With sidewalks clear and lawns mowed, our neighbors can easily get to the places they need to go. Thank you for doing your part to keep our sidewalks usable for everyone!

For detailed sidewalk maintenance requirements and enforcement information, refer to the City of Kalamazoo's Code of Ordinances sections 23-47 and 23-48.

## Check out our new Boon fundraiser!

Oakwood gets 50% to help fund our programs! Thinking of a gift? Visit [www.Boonsupply.com/collections/fundraiser](http://www.Boonsupply.com/collections/fundraiser)  
Or  
stop by the Neighborhood Center to see a catalogue.

Visit Tyler's Vacuum shop on the corner of Barnard and Parkview for repairs and deals on refurbished vacuums and up cycled, unique lamps  
Call 269-598-3466



See something strange? Hear something concerning? Have a complaint about something in the neighborhood? Please call Kalamazoo Public Safety's new non-emergency number.

**269-488-8911**

## This holiday, make a difference while you shop

Shop for holiday gifts and supplies at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and Amazon donates

You shop, Amazon donates.  
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