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*August Events*

1,8,15 &22- Computer classes, 1 p.m.  
5- National Night Out: 6:30 p.m.  
8-Recycling, Trash & Brush Pick UP  
14- Sundowners: 7:00 p.m.  
19- Board of Directors & Neighborhood Watch:  
6:30 p.m.

Senior Drop In & Free Bread: 1-3 p.m. Weds.

*September Events*

11- Sundowners: 7:00 p.m.  
12-Recycling, Trash & Brush Pick UP  
16- Board of Directors & Neighborhood Watch:  
6:30 p.m.

20-Speakeasy: 10 a.m. in the Youth Room

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## Oakwood Centennial '08



New Board Member-at-Large, Michael Markel and re-elected Treasurer, Diane Stanke staff the ONA table at the events.



Pat & Bill Henry (left), Cheryl Lord, and Cheryl Arendt (right) take a ride around Oakwood. Carriage rides sponsored by D&W.



The band, On the Wings of the Dove, with banjo player Charles Turner (center right), plays on while residents and friends enjoy the festivities.



Local historians, Pat Henry, and Keith and Leone Howard share a laugh while sharing Oakwood history with residents.

**National Night Out  
Celebration at the  
ONA Center  
August 5th  
6:30 pm!  
Food, Games & Fun**

**A good night to get  
to know your neighbors.**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2008

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## From the Desk of the Director... *By Cheryl Lord*

- We will again have an after school program this fall thanks to a John E Fetzer grant through the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. Parks and Recreation will provide staff. Youths ages 3-12 are eligible. Please register with Parks and Recreation of Kalamazoo at 337-8191. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis.
- We have received Michigan NOW grant funds through the Michigan Non-Profit Association. These grants will enable us to improve our capacity building in the areas of human resources and information technology.
- Please join us for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th at 6 30 P.M. We will have a hot dog barbeque, entertainment, door prizes, child ID kits, games, The Station #7 fire truck, and safety displays and information.

**Senior Drop-In for Free Bread and Goodies:**  
Every Wednesday from 1-3 pm.

### *Wish List*

1. Fruit Juices and snacks for youth
2. Volunteer to help clean bathroom once each week
3. Halloween candy and prizes
4. Vacuum cleaner
5. De-icing salt
6. Paper Towels

## Thank You! It's a long one this time...

- The Gospel Mission for free bread for seniors and to Betty and Harold Knowles for helping to deliver it.
- The BigE band for a fabulous show, and the Unity Church of Kalamazoo for hosting the show.
- The Kalamazoo Community foundation for a Good Neighbor Grant for our centennial
- D & W and the Spartan Food Stores for donating the horse and buggy rides for our centennial
- The Oakwood businesses, which sponsored volunteer t-shirts: Initial Attractions, Oakwood Bistro, Sawall, the History of Oakwood, Oakwood Animal Hospital, Curves, Edward Jones and National City Bank.
- The bands, who played at our carnival: On The Wings of a Dove and Bare Bones Brothers
- Julie from Treat Street, who donated the wonderful root beer float ice cream and incidentals for our ice cream social.
- Dan Housler from Main St. Grille, who donated hamburgers and hotdogs and barbecued them for us.(for only a couple hundred people!)

- Kazoo Books for sponsoring a special fund raising event for the ONA
- Continental Styling Salon for the use of their marquee
- The Oakwood businesses, who donated door prizes and gift certificates and/or food: D&W FoodCenter, Water St. Coffee Joint, Bacchus, Hollywood Video, Plush Puppy, Sawall's Health Foods, Oakwood Pharmacy, Kazoo Books, Continental Styling Salon, Romantica Jewelers & Great Clips
- Keystone Community Bank for a very good workshop on preventing identity theft.
- Wenke's Greenhouse for the beautiful flowers decorating our center
- Janet Loucks for the very pretty table decorations for the reunion and for donating arts and crafts supplies
- Bob and Carol Nichols for the paper towels
- Henrietta Schilpzand for paper goods and chips
- Doreen Ellwood for paper cups
- Ruth Olmsted and Pat Henry for flower planting and weeding around the center, the Oakwood Beach and the Station #7 walkway
- Mike Finn and Mark M. and Troy Rozema for seeing to the tot lot on Springmont.
- All the dedicated and hard working volunteers, who made the centennial weekend a reality.
- My wonderful teen volunteers, who ran the summer youth program for six weeks, two hours a day. They are Dan Ramsdell, Nate Boyer, Maddie Baumgart, Katie McDaniel Spike Allwardt and Luke Breznau.
- Irving S. Gilmore Foundation for a grant to bring in a musician, SaMona Bryant and a visual artist, Karen French Hall to our summer youth program
- The city of Kalamazoo, whose partnership provided support for the summer youth program.
- Ron Lawson and David Nessius our tutors for the Friday computer classes

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

### **Annual Board Meeting Election Results:**

The ONA Board has elected two new Board Members-at-Large. They are Anne Beattie and Michael Markel. Look for blurbs in the next newsletter about our new members!

Thank you to outgoing board members Patty Mikowski and Jim Ross. Both members helped further the mission of the ONA and we are grateful for their service.

A big thank you also to Diane Stanke who has accepted re-election to the position of Treasurer!

Thanks to all our neighbors and friends who helped celebrate the Centennial- we are nothing without you!

**Do you ride the Oakland Bus?**

Route changes are bringing increased service to the neighborhood starting in September after the Parkview bridge re-opens. Please call Metro Transit or the ONA office at 342-0129 for more information.

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**Elvis at Oakwood...**



On the evening of June 27th, The Big E, aka Steve Gagnon, wooed audience members young and old with his wonderful singing and fantastic backup band at the Unity Church of Kalamazoo off Whites Rd. near Oakwood.



**July Neighbor Sidewalk Maintenance Drawing Results!**

Nominations for the July gift card drawing are complete and the nominees were from:

3514 Madison, 3504 Hoover, 3821 Springmont & 3316 Hoover

**By random drawing the winner is: 3514 Madison!**

Nominate a neighbor for the monthly gift card drawing that regularly keeps their walk edged and clear for pedestrians through the month of August.

Call 342-0129 or e-mail the ONA Community center at: center@oakwoodneighborhood.org.

**Item or ad for the Oakwood Times Newsletter?**

Submission deadline is by the 20th of the month.

**Ad rates:** ¼ page = \$20, 1/3 page = \$35, full-page ad = \$65, Six month special for ¼ page is \$100

*Main St. Grille*

3013 Oakland Drive 269-342-5208

*August 7th, 8th, and 9th join us in celebrating 11 great years!*



- On the 7th, help us re-live the 80's by wearing your favorite fashions to dinner!
- A Luau is on the 8th! Live music by the JU JU Jones Quartet, will start at 8 p.m.
- Jam on the 9th with DJ Toby from Mad DJ Productions starting at 9 p.m.

**Real Estate Statistics for August**

From Jan Wier, Prudential Preferred Realtors  
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I have been working with the Oakwood Neighborhood for 13 years and this is the first time I have no listings or buyers. OAKWOOD, when considering selling your home, please remember that this is what I do - I am a Realtor. Even if you think you already have a Realtor in mind, please contact me to at least see what I and Prudential Preferred have to offer. I look forward to your calls. Jan Weir, CRS, Weir at YOUR Service!

- There are 31 homes on the market ranging in price, from \$24,900 to \$109,900.
- There are 5 Pending listings, all 2 bedrooms, priced from \$27,900 to \$94,900.
- Four homes have closed, ranging in price from \$27,000 to \$100,000.

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