



Oakwood Neighborhood
 Association
 3320 Laird Ave.
 Kalamazoo, MI 49008

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ONA Calendar

January 2018 Calendar of Events

- 16 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 P.M with a presentation by Hailey Olsen**
 From the Climate Change Coalition from the Nature Center
- 17- Senior Crafts: 1 P.M.
- 24- Senior cards and socializing: 1 P.M.
- .31- Senior Bingo: 1 P.M.



At the ONA Center (3320 Laird Ave):

Chair Yoga: 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
Tai Chi: 6:30 P.M. Thursdays 6:30 P.M. must register on line at www.takchiinfo.com or call Kristy at 612-7222
IT help with Dave and Ron: 1-3 P.M. Fridays

February 2018 Calendar of Events

- 7- Senior drop in: 1 P.M.
- 14- Seniors potluck at noon.
- 20 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 P.M**
- 21. Senior Crafts: 1 P.M.
- 28- Senior Bingo: 1 P.M.

March 2018 Calendar of Events

- 7- Senior drop in: 1 P.M.
- 14- Seniors potluck at noon.
- 20- Meet and Greet Neighbors and Board 5:30 P.M.**
- 20 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 P.M**
- 21. Senior Crafts: 1 P.M
- 25- Easter Party 1 P.M.**
- 28- Senior Bingo: 1 P.M.





December was the Oakwood Neighborhood Holiday. As you can see, it was a great hit. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus visited and handed out gifts, Al Rizzo provided excellent music and Janet Loucks read stories to the children.



Good friends, good food and smiles. The holiday party was a fun time for everyone.



Come to your neighborhood association meeting, January 16th, 2018 at 6:30 pm, to see a presentation titled Community Conversations: Climate Resiliency for Reducing Carbon Footprints. This will be done by the intern, Hailey Olson, of the Kalamazoo Climate Change Coalition a program of the Kalamazoo Nature Center. She will be speaking on how to reduce your carbon and ecological footprint in your household regarding energy, water, landscaping, and waste management. Every suggestion she makes will be followed by a local resource to help you accomplish the tasks. The presentation will be 15 minutes with time for questions after so if you feel you want more information on any of those categories we will see you there!



From the Desk of the Director:

1. Congratulations Woods and Knox Streets. You have been chosen for **Building Blocks** this year. The program should get started by the end of March. Watch for a flyer or someone knocking on your door to tell you about the program.
2. I am looking for supervisors and resident organizers for **Building Blocks** starting in March through the end of May. These are paid positions. If interested, please contact me at the center at 342-0129 or by e-mail center@oakwoodneighborhood.org. Decision will be made by the end of January.
3. Keep the **D & W receipts** coming? We are already over \$100,000 collected.

Thank You to:

Grace Christian Reform Church and the Oakwood Bible Church for providing food baskets and presents for families in need in Oakwood.
Bell, Book and Canto for their great holiday concert and food bank donations.
Initial attraction for their holiday efforts supporting our food bank
Dave Nesius and Ron Lawson our Friday IT volunteers for about a dozen years.
Walt and Connie Zablocki (a.k.a. Santa and Mrs. Claus) who came all the way from Mendon to make our holiday party a fun experience for our youth.
To all the Santa Elves that help put on our holiday party Tyler Williams, Janet Loucks, Marcia Weare, Georgetta Tober, Patricia Slagle, Dian Vander Molen, Rachael Grover, Kim Myers, Ron, Karrie and RJ Lawson, Marie and Leeann Dunning, Marcia Wallace, Cheri Norton and Donna Walker,
Al Rizzo for singing and playing guitar to add to our holiday spirit.
To the mystery donor, who donated scarves to the center that the youth from the after school program received and also used as an art project decorating them and putting their names on them.
Esther Vandecar for donating youth blankets.
Chemical Bank for donating personal hygiene items and providing a financial workshop for our seniors
The Gospel Mission for free bread and produce and to Jan Sneddon for making the bread runs each week.
David Conty and Lucinda Keyser for donation of 2 concert tickets.
Margaret Shoemaker, who is still counting all the D & W receipts towards our \$150,000.00 goal.
Dian Vander Molen for office help on Thursdays.
Marcia Weare and Marilyn Johnson for office help.
Janet Loucks for coordinating our senior events.
Rosie and Kevin Tracey for delivering food to neighbors in need.
Vince Whitmore for web site updating.
Denise Fisher for food shopping for our food bank.
Ruth Olmsted for coordinating our newsletter folding

Denise Fisher, Debbie Norton, Georgetta Tober and the Hearth & Grove Fellowship and the many others who donate to our food pantry.
Our newsletter folders: Ruth Olmsted, Patty Slagle, Martha Austin, Janet Loucks, Sharry Cook, Pat and Cecil Macombre, Denise Fisher, Dian Vader Molen, and Dolores Deshong.
To everyone, who is bringing D & W receipts 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.

Thanks to those neighbors who donated to the Oakwood Neighborhood Association Annual Campaign.

Mary Swartz, Cecil and Susan MacIntire, Cynthia and John Running Johnson, Douglas and Susan Korinek, Barbara and Brian Menlen, Dolores DeShong, Pat Henry, Briggs McGregor, Harold Knowles, Jeffrey Wiesman, Kathy Tinklenberg, Beverly Harmon, Daniel Cook, Rachael & Gregory Grover, Georgetta Tober, Martha Austin, Karin & Mr. Larsen and other neighbors.

THANK YOU!



ONA Board of Directors

Renee Ruple, President
Alfonso Espinosa, Vice President
Cheri Norton, Treasurer
Marcia Wallace, Secretary

At Large Members:

Ellen Tober, Rachael Grover, Sue Mark, Frank Dawson,
Barry Wade Jr., Jan Sneddon, Karin Larsen
Ellie Heacock

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FOOD PANTRY



at Oakwood Bible Church
located at 4100 Oakland Dr
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
is a short-term food resource
available to
Oakwood Neighborhood
residents

CONTACT: PASTOR BILL
at Oakwood Bible Church
phone: (269) 349-2835

HOURS OF OPERATION:
4th week of each Month
WEDNESDAYS: 10:00AM-11:00AM

APPOINTMENTS ARE NECESSARY

Community of Christ

2523 Amherst Ave.



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

Oakwood Open House *March 20th at 5:30 PM*

Come and join your neighborhood board of directors for an open house and open discussion. Refreshments will be provided, board members available to talk about your concerns. Please consider joining us on the Neighborhood Board. This is a grass roots neighbors organization and it runs on volunteers. If you want to help make our neighborhood a great place to live, consider adding your voice and skills.

Soapbox

Wanted

1. New board members including a treasurer and someone experienced in fund raising. This is a great time to join our board. We will be developing a neighborhood plan for the city and we will be receiving free board training from ONE Place as well as deciding important issues for the neighborhood.
2. Easter party treats and volunteers.

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