



Oakwood Neighborhood
 Association
 3320 Laird Ave.
 Kalamazoo, MI 49008

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Super Books are In: ONA center, Kazoo Books, Mercantile and Christy's Fine Furniture \$40

ONA Calendar

July 2017 Calendar of Events

26- Senior bingo: 1 P.M.



August 2017 Calendar of Events

City Brush and Bulk Trash pick up. (See View From the Curb for details)

2- Senior drop in: 1 P.M.

4- Art Hop at Epic Center

5- Growlers Game-Fundraiser for the ONA(see flyer)

9. Seniors out to lunch at Marjos In Schoolcraft

15 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 P.M

16- Senior Crafts 1 P.M.

23. Senior Pot Luck at Noon.

24- Back to School Pop Up Party: 2- 4 P.M. see write up.

30- Senior Bingo: 1 P.M.

Amazon Smile Supports Your Neighborhood When You Shop!



Do you already use Amazon to do your online shopping? Go to the link below to add the ONA to your Amazon Smile account and then simply go to <http://smile.amazon.com> instead of the regular site and we will earn .5% of qualified purchases: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-6101091>

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.
 Please register at: www.taichiinfo.com
Computer Help: 1-3 P.M. Fridays

Wanted

1. New Volunteers to assist with Working in our Memorial Park on Woods Lake a few hours per month to remove invasive plants, do weeding, and pick up litter.

Call Tyler Williams at 343-5622 for reconditioned vacuum cleaners or if you have an old vacuum you'd like to donate. He's a great neighborhood resource.



The Oakwood Neighborhood annual reunion was a wonderful time for everyone, young and old. The Kazoo Books reception introduced us to new authors and books and friends. The Friday Night outdoor movie put on by Parks and Recreation was a hit for the neighborhood. Even the weather cooperated.



Back To School Neighborhood Party August 24th from 2-4 p.m. Oakwood Neighborhood Center-3320 Laird Ave.

The end of August is our time to get ready for that famous "Back to School" time. In honor of neighborhoods, schoolyard fun, and our kids, the **Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety** is hosting a party to celebrate all things back to school. Schoolyard games, a few carnival games, maybe some karaoke, hot dogs, and the chance to win great things to bring to school. This is a free party with KDPS.

It's a party that will run from 2-4 p.m. Bring that competitive spirit so that you can win prizes. Now, what will you find? There will be the traditional back to school supplies, but there will also be cool things to put on your back pack, arts and crafts to make book-marks, picture frames, and a neighborhood back to school celebration banner. Did we mention that we will have a photo-booth where you can take a picture with your buddies? If you ride your bike to school, you can bring it and decorate it. We all need to get ready for school.

Celebrate the summer and back to school at our KDPS Block party. For more information about the block party and vendor booths, please call the Kalamazoo Experiential Learning Center at 388-2830 or e-mail deb@eventkalamazoo.com.
www.kalamazooblockparties.com

Kalamazoo
POP-UP
Block Party

Oakwood Neighborhood Party - August 24th 2-4
[Oakwood Neighborhood Center](http://oakwoodneighborhood.org)



From the Desk of the Director:

1. Our next fun fund raiser is a Growler game on August 5th. Tickets are \$15 for a seat and a Growler hat. It is also fireworks night and they will be playing the Wisconsin Woodchucks. Buy a ticket! Support your neighborhood programs! And have a great time!
2. Pop Up Party - August 24th from 2-4 P.M. is a back to school event with Kalamazoo Public Safety. This is a first for Oakwood. Come and help make it a success!
3. Keep the **D & W receipts** coming. We are already up to \$35,000 collected.

Thank You to:

- ❖ Dan from Fletcher's for being our chef and donating the hamburgers and hotdogs for our reunion picnic.
- ❖ For all of our reunion weekend volunteers: Denise Fisher, Debbie Norton, Jan & Doug Sneddon, Tyler Williams, Renee Ruple, Rachael Grover, Alan Hill, Dave Nesius, Alfonso Espinosa, Marcia & Alex Wallace, Cheri & Justin Norton, Patty Slagle, Sally Navarre, Rob Kneen, Kimberly Myers, Kristy Putney, Briggs McGregor, the Lawson family, Dian VaderMolen, Andrew Richmond and Melissa Taylor..
- ❖ Renee Ruple, Karin Larsen, Mike Finn and Ruth Olmsted for getting flowers from Wenke's Good Neighbors Days and/or planting and watering them
- ❖ Rob Kneen for mowing, and Denise Fisher for weeding our Memorial Park.
- ❖ Kimberly Myers for coordinating the community garden and helping to keep the neighborhood center clean.
- ❖ Debbie Norton and Martha Streck for taking good care of the tot lot on Springmont.
- ❖ The Gospel Mission for free bread.
- ❖ Mike Finn for picking up bread donation since October 2010, and to Jan Sneddon for taking over for Mike.
- ❖ Margaret Shoemaker, who is still counting all the D & W receipts towards our \$150,000.00 goal.
- ❖ Tyler Williams for taking good care of our center vacuum cleaners and helping us keep out carpets clean.
- ❖ Janet Loucks for coordinating our senior events.
- ❖ Denise Fisher for Office help on Wednesdays and Dian VanderMolen for office help on Thursdays.
- ❖ Mike Finn for Transportation for center supplies.
- ❖ Vince Whitmore for web site updating.
- ❖ Jill McCormick for art supplies
- ❖ Ruth Olmsted for coordinating our food pantry and 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, Martha Austin, Donna Walker, Dolores DeShong, Sharry Cook, Lynda Lyman, Georgetta Tober, Jan Mercer, Pat and Cecil Macombre, and Denise Fisher.
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 - ❖ Dave Nesius and Ron Lawson our Friday IT volunteers.
- * 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.
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Thank you to all who donated to the Bill Henry memorial fund. That money will be used to update our Community Center.

Margaret Giltner, Georgetta Tober, Linda Lykins, Marvin Triestram, Janet Mercer, Mary Howe, Martha Austin, Charles & Marlene Warren, Laura Crosby, Larry & Carol Healy, Joyce & Raymond Carruth, Cecil and Susan McIntire, Katherine Hinkley, Norman & Barbara Jung, Christopher and Debra Howard, Harold Brant, Arlen Winther, Bonnie Jean Frye, Larry & Karen Morrow, George and Liz Guilford, Dick & Elain Clem, Larry & Jill McClure, Barbara & Richard Shand, Edward and Susan Knapp, Robin McEnroe, Ruth Olmstead, Charlene Balch, Cheryl Lord, Alan Hill, Christine Flagler, Pat Henry and family

Thank you to Ruth Olmstead, who contributed to the ONA in memory of Carolyn Smith.

The ONA sends our condolences to Pat Henry and family and to Carolyn Smith's family.



AARP Seeks Income Tax Volunteers for 2017 Fall Training

Are you looking for a way to serve others who will appreciate and benefit from your help? Got a head for numbers? Like working on computers? Please consider volunteering for the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program. We are focused on assisting seniors and lower income people file their income tax returns. Volunteers provide free, in-person assistance at several locations within Kalamazoo County after receiving detailed training and IRS certification. For more information, go to: www.aarpfoundation.org/volunteer, contact Chris S at 269-349-0972 (leave a message) or email aarpcomm@gmail.com.

Please help me welcome our newest board members to the Oakwood Neighborhood Association Board of Directors, Jan Sneddon, Karin Larsen and Ellie Heacock. These are the people who have stepped up to make Oakwood Neighborhood a safe, friendly, family oriented, and fun place to live. We appreciate those who volunteer their time and skills to sit on the Neighborhood board and commit years to helping Oakwood remain a great place to live.

Marcia Wallace
Board Secretary and Editor



ONA Board of Directors

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

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

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Community of Christ

2523 Amherst Ave.



All Are Welcome!

Summer Sundays: 10:00 Worship



Free Hotdog meals on
Wednesdays 6:00 to 7:00
p.m. starting June 21st

Visit us on the web at
Facebook: Kalamazoo Community of Christ
www.kalamazoocommunityofchrist.com

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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