



Oakwood Neighborhood
Association
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Kalamazoo, MI 49008

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Spring is coming! Don't forget the Oakwood Community Garden. Volunteers are welcome, weeds are free! Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

ONA Calendar

March 2018 Calendar of Events

14- Senior Pot Luck: **noon**
20- **Open House**. Come meet the Oakwood board of directors and learn more about what's going on. 5:30 P.M.
20 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 P.M with a presentation by city of Kalamazoo on Public Works road projects in our area in 2018- (Child care available)
21- Senior Crafts: 1 P.M.
25- **Easter Party: 1 P.M.**
28- 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

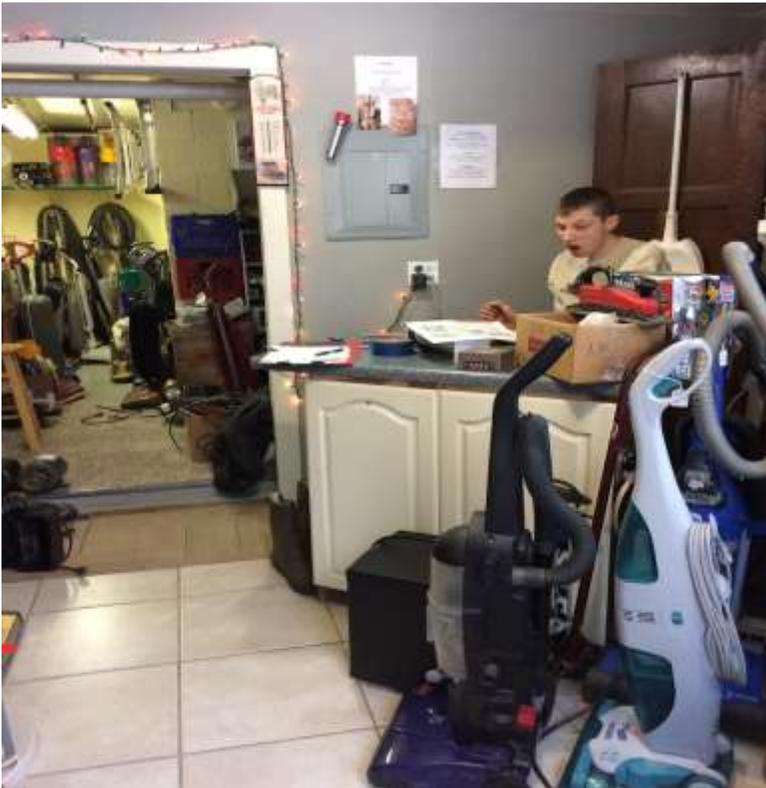
4- Senior cards and socializing: 1 P.M.
11- Seniors out to lunch at Finley's
14- Memorial Beach clean up: 10:00 A.M. (at the park)
17 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 P.M
(child care available)
18. Senior Crafts: 1 P.M.
25- Senior Bingo: 1 P.M.
28- **Neighborhood Yard Sales**

May 2018 Calendar of Events

6- Marathon water station at Glenn Park
(volunteers needed)
12- Memorial Beach clean up: 10:00 A.M.
15- Annual board meeting and elections.6:30 P.M.
19- Annual Bowl A Thon: 7-9 P.M.

Wanted

1. Easter party treats and volunteers.
2. 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.



Tyler Williams: Another Gem of Oakwood by Karen Klein

Tyler Williams' Used Vacs and Repair Shop sits on the corner of Parkview and Barnard in the Oakwood neighborhood of Kalamazoo. It opened in June of 2017. When a customer first enters his shop, he or she will be greeted with a colorfully assorted display of vacuum cleaner brands on either side of the aisle. Each has been cleaned, tuned up, and repaired by Tyler himself. There are Hoovers, Orecks, Dyson, and Dirt Devils. Each has a price tag dangling from its handle, is available for purchase, and range in price from 30-80 dollars.

Tyler is a collector, a fixer, a historian, an entrepreneur, a scrapper, and an industrial artist. He collects all sorts of things, but his real interest is anything to do with plumbing, boilers, electric motors and, of course, vacuum cleaners. It's likely you've seen Tyler pulling a wagon around Oakwood neighborhood filled with old vacuum cleaners, nozzles, valves, scrap metal and other odds and ends.

Tyler is passionate, able, and a whiz with vacuums and industrial materials of all kinds. It is worth coming to his store just to look around at all the fascinating things he has accumulated for sale. You can get your vacuum cleaner fixed, buy a new used one for a great price, and chat about the things that Tyler has collected. He is also going to start fixing lamps. His shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 12-6. Please visit our website for the full story at WWW.oakwoodneighborhood.Org.

**Oakwood Neighborhood
Spring Open House
March 20th, at 5:30pm
At the Community Center
3320 Laird Ave**

Come and meet your board of directors, meet neighbors, voice your concerns, and get involved in your neighborhood. Stay for the board meeting and talk with public safety and public services to find out more about our Community and neighborhood and how we can help make Oakwood a great place to live.



**Come Have Some Fun!
At the Oakwood Easter/
Springtime Party**

Have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny



**Where: ONA Center, 3320 Laird Ave
342-0129
When: March 25, 2018 at 1-p.m.**

**There will be an Easter Egg Hunt, Prizes,
Goodies & Arts & Crafts, and the Easter
Bunny**

From the Desk of the Director:

1. Lots of exciting things are going on this month. We have a **Welcome Spring Open House** at 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. on March 20th for you all to meet our board of directors and hear what is going on in the neighborhood. Also that evening at 6:30 P.M. Public Safety will give us a report and then Public Works will let us know what construction projects will be happening in our area.
2. Our **Easter/Spring neighborhood party** with the Eater Bunny making an appearance will be at 1 P.M. March 25th.
3. And please fill out our **survey** enclosed in this newsletter (and on line) so that we may improve our services and plan for the next ten years. Enter to win a \$25 D & W gift certificate by getting your survey to us by May 1st. Use our drop box at the center or mail them to us at 3320 Laird Ave.
4. **Woods and Knox Streets:** You are the **Building Blocks** sites for this year. The program will get started by the end of March. Watch for a flyer or someone knocking on your door to tell you about the program and meeting times.
5. Keep the **D & W receipts** coming? We are already over \$134,000 collected.

Thank You to:

- ◆ Michael Markel for donating a new trash can for our Memorial Park. Cheri and Justin Norton, and Rachael Grover for installing the new trash can and cleaning out the old one and to Tom Meeth for hauling the old one away.
- ◆ Mercantile Bank in Oakwood for their Jean Day donation to our after school program
- ◆ Andrew Richmond for the time consuming job of repairing the office door.
- ◆ Anita Church and Joan Harmens for sorting through our reading library.
- ◆ Dave Nesius for center repairs including our flag pole
- ◆ Dave Nesius and Ron & RJ Lawson our Friday IT volunteers for all of their extra work in upgrading our office computers.
- ◆ To the mystery donor, who donated scarves to the center
- ◆ The Gospel Mission for free bread and produce and to Jan Sneddon for making the bread runs each week, and Alan Hill, who fills in when needed.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Georgetta Tober for food shopping for our food bank.
- ◆ Ruth Olmsted for coordinating our newsletter folding
- ◆ Mary Meyers, Debra Norton Georgetta Tober and the Hearth & Grove Fellowship and the many others who donate to our food pantry.
- ◆ Our newsletter folders: Janet Loucks, Martha Austin, Georgetta Tober, Sharry Cook, Pat and Cecil Macombre, Denise Fisher, Jan Mercer, Dona Walker, Marcia Weare, and Ruth Olmsted
- ◆ 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.

From the Desk of the Secretary of the Board and the Editor

I love Oakwood Neighborhood. I've never lived anywhere like it where neighbors were neighbors and not just someone who lived next to you. We have a safe and friendly neighborhood here, caring and compassionate. The whole reason I'm a part of the board is because I value this neighborhood so much. I would ask you to join me in this mission to keep Oakwood Neighborhood vital. Come to the Spring Open House on March 20th to see how you might want to get involved, make suggestions of how you want our neighborhood to be and get to know us. I think we're pretty nice.

We have included a survey in this newsletter. Please take a moment to fill it out and send it back. It will help us make our neighborhood meet your needs as a resident and there's a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to D&W for one lucky responder! Please return it by May 1st.

I'm looking forward to meeting you at the Open House!

Marcia Wallace,
Secretary and Editor

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Cheri Norton, Treasurer
Marcia Wallace, Secretary

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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.



Hey neighbors, come worship with us!

Sundays: 9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

Tax clinic will be held here on 3/1 and 3/29 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Call 211 for an appointment.

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

Super Books are in Oakwood!

Super Books are available for the low price of \$40 for a year's worth of savings!

They can be purchased at Kazoo Books and at the Oakwood Community Center.



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