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May Events

- 17- Hoover St. " Go Green" Street Fair 3-7 p.m.
- 20- Board of Directors & Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 p.m.
- 28- How To Avoid Identity Theft: 4-6 P.M. See ad inside newsletter
- 30- Last day to order centennial t-shirts
- Senior Drop In & Free Bread: 1-3 p.m. Weds.

June Events

- 12- Sundowners: 7:00 p.m.
- 13-Recycling, Trash & Brush Pick UP
- 16-Summer Youth Drop IN begins: 3-5 P.m.
- 17- Board of Directors & Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 p.m.
- 27-The BigE shows comes to Oakwood-8 p.m.
- 28-Ice Cream Social and Carnival
- 29- 25th Annual Reunion/Neighborhood Picnic
- Computer Tutorials/Help: Fridays 1-3 pm
- Senior Drop In & Free Bread: 1-3 p.m. Weds.

Community Computing...



Senior members of the community get help with the basics of computer use from volunteers during the April 18th computer class offered at the ONA center.

Needed: Youth Volunteers

- We need teens ages 14-17 to assist with our summer youth drop in from June 16th -July 25th, from 3-5 p.m., Monday through Fridays.
- Help with sports, computers, reading and games. Become a mentor for youth ages 5-12.
- Apply by June 6th.
- Call 342-0129 or come to the center on 3320 Laird Ave for more information.

Green Street Block Party Sat. May 17th

On Hoover St. between Amherst & Springmont from 3 to 7 pm

- With the idea of lowering utility bills and raising environmental awareness and property values a group of residents applied for a Kalamazoo Community Foundation grant to hold a Hoover Street "Green" Block Party.
- A fun event to learn about saving energy, recycling, and using more environmentally friendly cleaners and yard/garden materials.
- Food will be served from 3:30 pm to 5 pm, bring your own dishes and utensils to reduce waste (dishwashing station provided).
- Hoover residents that pledge to go green in their households are eligible for prizes!

Note from the Editor... by Niah Venable

We often don't think about how our actions affect others. How we drive, walk, talk, and act in our daily lives can help or hurt those around us. With spring upon us, take the time to renew your relationship with the people and environment that surrounds you. Be thankful for the good things and share with others when you can. Also, don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it. In this spirit, we have moved the Thank You column and the Wish List column to the front page of this issue. Without the caring provide by volunteers of time, money, and resources, the ONA would not be able to as effectively provide for the needs of its residents and other members of the community.

Thank You!

- The Gospel Mission for free bread for seniors and to Betty and Harold Knowles for delivering it.
- Carol Miller from Greenleaf Realty for advertising our annual yard sales
- Spring Into The Street volunteers, WMU 's Alpha Lambda Delta students, Ruth and Kathleen Olmsted, Bree Bennett, Jane Turner, Don Verhage, and Jackie Leudtke
- Cinda McNee for food pantry items.
- Dolores DeShong and Charlene Balch for drink boxes
- Tamara Quinlan, Michael Markel and Kathleen Olmsted for assistance with grant writing
- Ruth Olmsted and Don Verhage for paper goods
- Tamara Quinlan for new valances in our community room
- Our great IT help Michael Markel, Ron Lawson, and David Nessius

* 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.

Wish List

1. Centennial volunteers, June 27th -29th. Please contact the center by June 13th to help.
2. Volunteer to help clean bathroom once each week
3. Door prizes and gifts for the centennial carnival & reunion
4. Volunteers to plant flowers and weed in our neighborhood parks. Contact the center NOW to help.
5. De-icing salt

Computer Drop In/Activity Program
For Youth Ages 5-13



June 16-July 25, 2008 from 3-5 pm, Monday-Friday,
just after the Summer Mini-Camp Program
At the Oakwood Neighborhood Center, 3320 Laird
Snacks provided/registration required Call 342-0129

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

- Please remember to bundle all brush.
- 2008-9 Super Books are still on sale for a limited time. Help support Oakwood by buying yours from the ONA center, Initial Attraction, The Oakwood Pharmacy, Shears to You, or the Keystone Community Bank at Oakwood.
- Centennial t-shirts and hoodies must be ordered by May 30th.
- Elvis is coming to Oakwood to help celebrate our centennial.

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

WANTED: Teens to help with centennial reunion!

- Interview and take pictures of seniors and past residents returning for the celebration.
- Free t-shirts and prizes for participants.

Spring Into the Streets...



Regular volunteer Ruth Olmsted (far right) works with students from WMU's Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society to clean up resident's yards for spring.

Do you ride the Oakland Bus? Please let us know how the route changes since last summer have affected your use of the City bus. Call 342-0129 today!



The Big E Comes to Oakwood!

See Elvis (aka Steve Gagnon), in person at the Oakwood Centennial Celebration on June 27th!

Building Blocks 2008...



Building blocks residents from Site #3 on Adams Street work together to get some painting done on a neighbor's garage.



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Know someone keeping their walk cleared for the use of pedestrians?

- Nominate a neighbor for the monthly gift card drawing that regularly keeps their walk edged and clear for pedestrians through the month of May.
- Call 342-0129 or e-mail center @ oakwoodneighborhood.org.

Free Home Safety Checks by Senior Services

- Make an appointment to have your home checked by volunteers for improvement recommendations for trip/fall hazards, fire safety and ways to secure your home.
- Contact Traci Furman at 382-0515 ext. 123 for info.

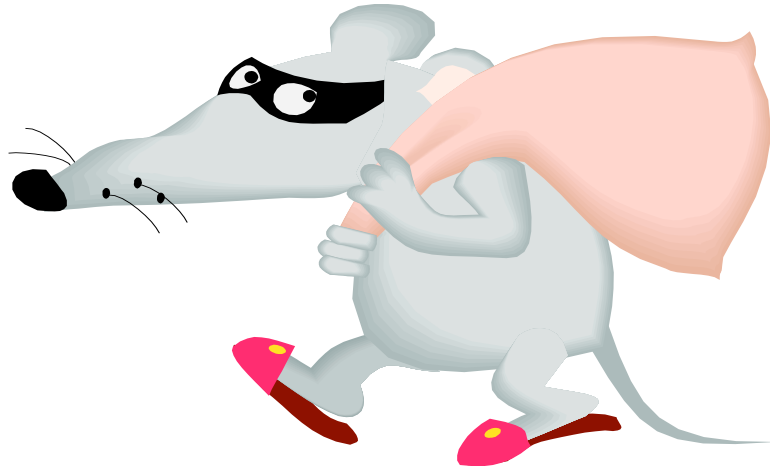
Looking for a way to better afford dinner?

New Genesis Inc. sponsors food for families via Angel Food Ministries, a non-profit, non denominational group that helps distribute first quality food at a good price. For more info call 269-343-7023 or visit the website at www.angelfoodministries.com

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



Don't become another victim!
Join us for an
Identity Theft Seminar
Courtesy of
Keystone Community Bank
Oakwood Plaza Office



Where: Oakwood Community Center
When: May 28, 2008
Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm