



Oakwood Neighborhood
 Association
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Superbooks are still a great value, good through April with lots of bargains. They also support local business. Get them at the Oakwood Community Center or at Kazoo Books.

ONA Calendar

September 2018 Calendar of Events

- 12- Seniors out to lunch at the Summer Thyme Café
- 17- After School tutoring program begins:
- 18 - Board of Directors/Neighborhood Watch: 6:30 P.M**
- 19. Senior Crafts: 1 P.M.
- 24- Open House 3-4 P.M. and 6-7 P.M.
- 26- Senior Bingo: 1 P.M.



October 2018 Calendar of Events

- 3 - Senior cards and socializing: 1 P.M.
- 10 – Seniors out to lunch at Fletchers
- 13 - Oakwood Memorial Beach cleanup: 10:00 A.M.**
- 16 – Neighborhood Watch/ Board of Directors: 6:30 P.M.**
- 17 – Senior Crafts: 1 P.M.
- 24 – Senior Potluck: noon
- 27 – Trunk or Treat ; 4– 5:30 P.M.**
- 31 - Senior Bingo: 1 P.M.



Chair Yoga with Leslie: 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 and must register on line at www.taichiinfo.com or call Kristy at 612-7222
IT help (computer, phone, laptop) with Dave and Ron: 1-3 P.M. Fridays

Wanted

1. Volunteers and goodies for the Trunk or Treat party
2. Volunteers to help us keep Memorial Park in good shape.
3. Food bank donations.



**From the desk of the (interim) President
By Marcia Wallace**

First, let me introduce myself in a new role. I'm now the Board President as well as your friendly newsletter editor. I'm filling in for Renee Ruple who is taking some personal time. I'll fill the role of President for as long as needed. I feel honored to be asked to serve my neighbors in this capacity.

I want to tell you about your current board, an amazing group of neighbors giving their time and talents to make this a welcoming, safe, beautiful, and great for all our neighbors. They are working hard to make sure our sidewalks and roads are fixed as part of our "Imagine Kalamazoo" drive. Help us out and come in to the Community Center to make your mark on the neighborhood map. With your input, we can put in a request to the city to repair our roads and sidewalks to make Oakwood a friendlier and safer place.

We are about to get a whole new face to the Tot Lot on Springmont. We're getting new playground equipment and new landscaping thanks to Kalamazoo Parks and Recreation. We're expecting construction to begin in the spring.

Look forward to our annual Trunk or Treat Halloween celebration this October. We love volunteers, the more trunks, the better! There is never enough candy and fun!

As a board, we work for you, our neighbors. We only ask for your support and your input. You are welcome to any board meeting, they're always open. At the Trunk or Treat Party, we will also be asking for your input on how to improve our neighborhood, as we did at the reunion. This is your chance to speak up and participate in making your neighborhood better.

Thanks for listening. I'm looking forward to improving Oakwood and meeting neighbors and making Oakwood a neighborhood everyone wants to live in.

Trunk or Treat

Halloween Celebration!
October 27th, 4-5:30 p.m.
Oakwood Community Center
3320 Laird Ave.

Treats, cider, donuts and face painting



Open House

September 24th

3-4pm

6-7pm

Come add your comments to Oakwood
Neighborhood's
Five-Year Plan

See you there!



**Bit of history: Oakwood schools
Pat Henry**

School days are again amongst us. Oakwood has had schools since the early 1800 the first school was called "Toad Hollow". It was built on Barnard property around the end of Knox street having about 20 students. In 1885 a one room school house was built where the public station is located It was called "Lake View". In 1908 when the land was platted out and called "Oakwood". The school became "Oakwood". In 1912, Western Normal School,(1903) teachers college would use the school as a training school for its rural school program . It had 8 grades and 34 students. Oakwood was growing. Another room was added in 1918. In 1924 a brick 6 room structure was built and again population growth another addition in 1928. 6 rooms and gymnasium was built it would house students thru the 9th grade with then the choice of Kalamazoo city schools. With bus service available and tokens given out there was no problem continuing your high school education. Student population was still growing so a new junior high was built on Oakland Dr. in 1952, original intent was for 7th grade but 6th grade was added. On January 1st, 1957 Oakwood had voted to be a part of Kalamazoo city and the school board voted to be annexed to the city school district , June of 1957 We were a art of school district #2 encompassed the neighborhood from the city limits of Kalamazoo (Winchell St.) to Angling rd. Many, many fond memories of my old "Golden Rule Days".

From the Desk of the Director:

1. How lucky you all are to have your own private neighborhood beach. However, our Oakwood Memorial Beach can become overgrown and unusable if we do not get more volunteers to help keep it up and to make improvements. Come to our beach clean ups on the second Saturday of each month. Or call the center at 342-0129 to see how you can help.
2. Our Oakwood After school program will be starting September 17th. There may be a few spots left. Please reregister at 337-8191 with Parks and Recreation of Kalamazoo.
3. If you are a senior or physically unable to do **fall yard work** please give us a call. We may be able to find a youth group or volunteers to assist you.
4. We are planning another **Trunk or Treat** Party this October 27th from 2-4 P.M. We hope for good weather and need more decorated trunks with goodies for the youth. Last year we were a bit overwhelmed with the youth turnout. So come and enjoy a few hours of fun and some donuts and cider.
5. Keep the **D & W receipts** coming? We are already up to about \$75,000 for the third time around towards our goal of \$150,000.00. We definitely can use the \$1,000.00 for center repairs.
6. We are also now collecting the UPC barcodes from Spartan **"Our family"** cans, boxes and bottled products. Every bundle of 500 of these labels will give us \$25.
7. If you shop at **Harding's** go to their website and sign up our neighborhood to receive community rewards. Then every time you shop at Harding's we will receive 1-4% of the totals designated to us each quarter.

Thank You to:

- ◆ Rob and Molly Lehman's generous donation to support our senior programs.
- ◆ Fletcher's and Dan Housler for donating the hot dogs and hamburgers for our reunion picnic and for being the master grilling chef.
- ◆ Our many reunion picnic volunteers: Denise Fisher, Debbie Norton, Karin Larsen, Ron, Karrie and R.J. Lawson, Dave Nesius, Renee Ruple, Alfonso Espinosa, Alan Hill, Patricia & Liz Olsen, Jan and Doug Sneddon, Cheri Norton, Marcia & Alex Wallace, AJ Smrek, Pat Henry, Sally Navarre, Dian Vander Molen, Rob Kneen, Lyle Carlson, And Andrew Richmond
- ◆ Rob Kneen for mowing Memorial Park
- ◆ Margaret Shoemaker, who is starting all over again to count D & W receipts towards another \$150,000.00 goal, and for donating cloth bags for our food pantry.
- ◆ Kim Myers and Debbie Norton for taking care of the community garden on Springmont.
- ◆ Lee Anne and Marie Dunning, Mary Myers, Jill McCormick, Phil Lawson, Dave Nesius, Lavonna VanFulpen, Oakwood Bible Church, Paul and Diana Morton Thompson and the Hearth & Grove Fellowship and the many others who donate to our food pantry.
- ◆ Karin Larsen, and Sally Stevens for their green thumbs around our center.
- ◆ Dave Nesius and Ron & RJ Lawson our Friday IT volunteers
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Dian Vander Molen for office help on Thursdays.
- ◆ Janet Loucks for coordinating our senior events.
- ◆ Rosie and Kevin Tracey and Ruth Olmsted and Denise Fisher for delivering food to neighbors in need.
- ◆ Vince Whitmore for web site updating.
- ◆ To everyone who is bringing D & W receipts and Our Family UPC codes 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

Thank You continued:

- * Georgetta Tober for food shopping for our food bank.
- * Ruth Olmsted for coordinating our newsletter folding
- * Our newsletter folders: Martha Austin, Donna Walker, Sharry Cook, Linda Lykins, Denise Fisher, Ruth Olmsted, Georgetta Tober, Cindy Verhage, Kim Myers and Emily, and Al Risso.

FREE CLOTHING - SEPT. 15 10AM - 1PM



Come on down to Grace Christian Reformed Church on Saturday Sept. 15 from 10AM - 1PM for a large selection of gently used clothing (all sizes - kids to adults) Also, free hot dogs will be available for lunch!

1724 Whites Road - (269) 345-2864
gracecrc.net

Join us for Sunday worship at 9:30AM & 5PM

ONA Board of Directors

Renee Ruple, President
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2523 Amherst Ave.



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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

Harding's Community Rewards For Oakwood Neighborhood

Sign up for Hardings Community Rewards today to help your organization of choice. It's easy and only takes a couple of minutes.

1. Register your information on the Ecoupon page
2. Go to My Profile by clicking on the head icon on the far right corner
3. Click Community rewards and choose your organization.
4. Click Add Community
5. When checking out at the register, simply type in your 10 digit phone number on the pinpad. No card required!

Check out the Oakwood Neighborhood **Boon** fundraiser! Oakwood gets 50% to help fund our programs! Thinking of a gift? Visit www.Boonsupply.com/collections/fundraiser

Visit Tyler's Vacuum shop on the corner of Barnard and Parkview for repairs and deals on refurbished vacuums Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from noon to 6pm
Call 269-598-3466



Help Us Keep Our Sidewalks Usable for Everyone!

When sidewalks aren't cleared, it can make it hard for some of our neighbors to get to where they need to go. As property owners or occupants it is our duty to make sure that we keep the sidewalks in front of our property clear of debris and snow. It's also important that we keep our lawn and curb lawn mowed so that grass doesn't grow over onto the sidewalk.



CURB LAWN MOWED



SIDEWALKS CLEARED OF DEBRIS



SIDEWALKS CLEARED OF SNOW



EVERYONE CAN USE!

With sidewalks clear and lawns mowed, our neighbors can easily get to the places they need to go. Thank you for doing your part to keep our sidewalks usable for everyone!

For detailed sidewalk maintenance requirements and enforcement information, refer to the City of Kalamazoo's Code of Ordinances sections 23-47 and 23-48.

See something strange? Hear something concerning? Have a complaint about something in the neighborhood? Please call Kalamazoo Public Safety on the non-emergency number.

269-337-8994

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