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City manager discusses recreation options, future plans

By Lance Winkler

Monday morning was spent in fruitful discussion with Oakwood City Manager Norbert Klopsch discussing upcoming plans and priorities for Oakwood in the year 2010. Major projects for the city in 2010 include the Pointe Oakwood/Sugar Camp development, the Athletic/Recreational facility Master Plan, an update in the Municipal Court software and improved guidelines dealing with both Safety Department and Finance Department procedures.

The next formal meeting of the Oakwood City Council is Monday, Jan. 4, 2010. That meeting to be held next week will see the election of a new mayor and vice mayor from the ranks of the three incumbent members and

two newly elected members of the Oakwood City Council.

A farewell reception is planned for outgoing Oakwood Mayor Judy Cook on Monday, Jan. 25 at the Oakwood Community Center from 4 to 7 p.m. Presentations honoring her will be given at 5:30 p.m.

The Pointe Oakwood residential development will see a large increase in infrastructure this year and announced that the road into the development and leading into the area where the soccer fields are has now been completed. More roads and laying of gas and electric lines are expected to be completed this year as well.

The city has received 350 returned survey questionnaires concerning a proposed recreation/sports center as well as recom-

mendations from the 25-member committee.

"There are a lot of things to consider. Interestingly, the challenge before us is that the responses were all across the board," Klopsch said. "For example, Oakwood Sports Director Mark Hughes pointed out that among the student body at OHS, over 200 student participate in track & field. That's over 10 percent of the total student body."

Klopsch also mentioned that as far as swimming goes, another high involvement sport, co-op plans are further in the making with the University of Dayton as the Oakwood swim team already practices there year-round and negotiations to make the RecPlex more accessible to OHS athletes is currently underway.

Two separate venues in Oakwood are under consideration for providing sports and recreation facilities for Oakwood citizens – the Oakwood Community Center and Old River. According to Klopsch, the OCC is the preferred location for programs: children, adults and seniors; the Old River locale is under consideration for a number of other sports uses. Installing a soccer field using synthetic turf is one option being considered. A playground for the younger set is also in consideration.

A high-end proposal is to build a fieldhouse at Old River that would be about the size of three to five basketball courts with an elevated indoor track, and room for basketball, volleyball, tennis, bad-

minton, wrestling, etc.. Restrooms and a concession area would also be included.

According to Klopsch, the committee is about "halfway done with the Master Plan phase." Next on the agenda is a random phone survey of 300 to 400 Oakwood homes to be conducted in February and March. More public meetings are in the offing as well. A formal presentation before the city council is planned for May.

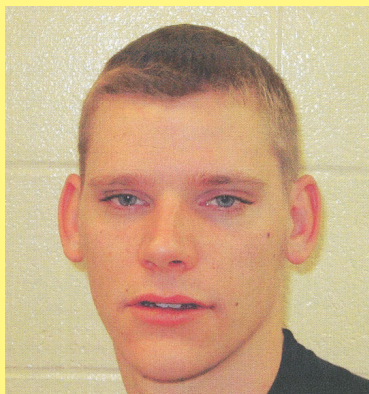
"A rainy day fund of between \$3- and \$4-million is available if the city council wants to use it for that purpose," Klopsch said. "...but it won't cover nearly what people want from the facility. It's council's responsibility to manage that fund and they decide if any portion can be used."

Police nab suspect in rash of car break-ins

By Capt. Randy Baldrige
Oakwood Public Information Officer

On Dec. 27, just after midnight, an alert citizen in the 300 block of Beverly Place called Oakwood 911 to report that a suspicious white male with a hooded jacket just entered her neighbor's vehicle. The complainant stated that the suspect fled after she yelled at him and she then called 911.

Oakwood officers arrived within minutes and began to search the area. One alert officer began checking the bike path which runs between Oakwood and Dayton. After exiting his cruiser he observed two males, one of which matched the caller's description. The officer proceeded to order both subjects to stop and kneel down on the ground. One suspect dropped to his knees and raised his hands and the second suspect fled on foot. Within minutes another Oakwood officer observed this suspect exit the bike path near the 400 block of Patterson Road and ordered him to stop. Again the suspect fled, but got hung up in brush and cut off by several fences. A third Oakwood offi-



Jeremiah A. Lambert

cer and a Dayton officer, who was on patrol in the area, took the suspect into custody without further incident.

When the suspect fled the first officer he threw down a brown bag that was recovered. This bag contained a GPS unit, power cord and four cans of beer. On the ground where the suspect was taken into custody was another small baggie with marijuana and a small flashlight. The Dayton officer charged the suspect with public intoxication and possession of marijuana.

The suspect was photographed and positively identified by the complainant as the individual she observed in the

neighbor's vehicle. The GPS unit found in the bag the suspect threw down was identified by the owner as one that had been in their vehicle. Oakwood officers charged the suspect with theft and one count of failure to comply with a lawful order of a police officer. Both charges are first-degree misdemeanors. The suspect was identified as Jeremiah A. Lambert, white male, age 18 of 4233 Flowerdale Avenue in Kettering. Lambert was processed and transported to the Montgomery County Jail.

At this time, it is not known if this suspect is tied to a recent rash of nighttime car break-ins that have been occurring on the east side of the city. Detectives will be following up on this case to see if the suspect can be linked to the other crimes. The second individual was cooperative with officers and could not be directly linked to the theft. He was released without charges.

Citizens are asked to remain alert to this type of activity and to call the Safety Department immediately to report any suspicious persons or circumstances that they observe.

Decorating Contest winners

Members of the Oakwood Environmental Committee traveled the city from Dec. 13-19 choosing the winners for our Holiday Decorating Event. The city was split into six areas and a winner was chosen in both the daytime and night

scene category. Businesses and multi-families are also chosen. Winners homes are photographed and presented with a certificate at the Oakwood City Council meeting in January. The winners of Oakwood's Holiday Decorating Event are:

Daytime:

240 Far Hills Ave., Rita & Jawn Chasteen
234 E. Dixon, Debra Edwards & Kevin Bennett
100 Patterson, The Wuebker Family
255 Corona, Michael Williams
132 Dell Park, Richard Trehuba
310 Southview, The Kleinhenz Family

Nighttime:

320 Acorn, Paul Vanderburgh
800 Shafor Blvd., Steve Taylor & Patty Herron
226 Telford, Curtis Wozniak
227 Wonderly Ave., The Marshall Family
224 Grandon Road, Jack & Nancy Campbell
906 Harman Ave., Laurie Keller

Multi-Family:

4 Spirea / 1104 Far Hills, Jennifer Lauterbach & The Reasoner's

Business:

2411 Far Hills Ave., "Rife Jewelers"
2501-05 Far Hills Ave., "Shapes" & "Get Dressed"