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Sam Andrews inductees - present & past



The Sam Andrews Educational Hall of Honor luncheon and induction ceremony was held on Thursday, Sept. 17. The following two teachers were inducted (pictured at left): Mrs. Pamela Lahman, who taught at Harman Elementary School from 1973-1981 and E.D. Smith Elementary School from 1981-2003; and Mr. Lester Steinlage, who taught mathematics at Oakwood High School from 1972-1995. Pictured at right: Former Sam Andrews inductees from the past 28 years who attended the luncheon ceremony.

City Council

City seeks input on recreational facilities Master Plan

Public meetings planned on Sept. 21 & Oct. 6

By Lance Winkler

The Oakwood City Council convened on Monday evening, Sept. 21 with all members counted as present. Sugar Camp had a dual status report with councilmember Steve Byington announcing that the sanitary sewers have been installed and the road to the soccer field will be getting curbing in the near future. Oakwood Investment Group developer Herald Williams was also present to give a short update on the model home being built at the site, announcing the slate roof has been installed and with the goal of having it being open for tours by Thanksgiving. Williams also announced that a

second home is in the works and described it as a 2700 sq.ft. "empty-nester" that is still in the planning stage. Williams also brought for display a sample of the slate roofing being used as well as the copper gutters that will be standard on each home.

In the visitors segment, Ohio State Representative Peggy Lehner gave a rather pessimistic report on the state budget, announcing that the original \$54 billion budget has been pared down to \$50 billion. She also mentioned that Ohio's unemployment rate is currently at 11 percent, resulting in billions of income tax dollars lost. She also said she "had grave concerns

about the next budget process."

Oakwood Safety Director Alex Bebris gave his staff report, saying that the new dispatch system has given the department some challenges, and that the transition from a paper based system to a computer-based system has not always been easy. He mentioned that two long-time dispatchers have left the department in the past six months resulting in a 40 percent reduction in the dispatcher workforce. Chief Bebris said he has hired a full time dispatcher and one part-time dispatcher to fill the gap. Forecasting for 2010, Bebris said training will be most problematical as the projected training budget has been

trimmed from \$8,000 down to \$2,000.

City Manager Norbert Klopsch gave his report, announcing that on Tuesday, Sept. 22 and Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakwood High School Auditorium, a meeting will be held seeking public input regarding future plans for athletic/recreational facilities in Oakwood. Klopsch also announced that an in-depth three-page survey is being readied to be sent out via mail in the bi-monthly city newsletter near the end of September.

The next formal meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 5, 2009.

Benefit for Wright Library slated Sept. 24

On Sept. 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Oakwood Florist, Central Perc, and La De Da Salon will be hosting a "Night with the Arts." Local artists will be selling their work at these shops and a percentage of sales will be donated to Wright Library. Artists will include Ann Rismiller, who will offer handmade jewelry and art dolls, Jay Snively with Moonville Studios greeting cards featuring his original black and white photography, Christine Mannix with original fine art digital prints, Carol Fourman with handmade gifts and Pillowcase Dresses, Jaime Faulkner with handmade greeting cards, and Diane Dover with nature-themed art quilts. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served at the participating shops.

Oakwood Florist, Central Perc, and La De Da Salon are located in the Shops of Oakwood on the west side of Far Hills Ave.

City Notes

Routsong application plan set for Sept. 23

The Oakwood Planning Commission will be consider-

ing the tabled Routsong Realty Application for approval of a

Major Site Development Plan for the northeast corner of Oakwood

Avenue and Irving Avenue on Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 4:30