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City of Oakwood Expands Partnership with Georgia Mountains YMCA
YMCA to provide fitness and after-school programs

OAKWOOD, Ga. (Sept. 12, 2011) – The City of Oakwood and the Georgia Mountains YMCA are expanding their partnership to include YMCA-run fitness and after-school programs for City residents.

The Oakwood City Council approved a resolution tonight that the YMCA will develop the fitness and after-school programs beginning Oct. 1.

“We have successfully partnered with the YMCA for the last five years on our aquatics program and have been discussing adding other programs,” Oakwood City Manager Stan Brown said.

“Providing healthy lifestyle opportunities for our citizens and bringing people downtown are key components of the Oakwood 2030 plan. The Oakwood Family YMCA will do that.”

With the expanded services, the total cost for the City’s parks and recreation program next year will be approximately \$50,000.

“For what we see as a very moderate investment, we will be able to offer a lot more opportunities for our citizens, better utilization of our facilities, and lay the foundation for a more enhanced parks and recreation program in the future,” Brown said.

The Oakwood Family YMCA fitness program will be located in one of the City’s community buildings on Railroad Street near the City swimming pool. Oakwood will lease exercise equipment for the center and the YMCA will provide staff. The YMCA will start by offering 10 exercises classes each week such as yoga, Zumba and step aerobics. The membership fee has not been determined.

The YMCA operates after-school programs in many Hall County schools. Parents in Oakwood will be able to sign up their children at the new office.