

# Livability and Community Vibrancy

## New Preschool

A modern new facility for the Oak Ridge School District's preschool program has just been completed, and is located across from the Scarboro Community Center. The facility's design is specific to safety and learning requirements for early education, and current students are scheduled to begin using the building at the end of March 2020.



## Gateway Project

The Oak Ridge Gateway is a project to construct a city entrance monument on South Illinois Avenue, in the vicinity of the Bethel Valley Road split. The project is made possible by a grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation, awarded in 2019, and the selection process for a design team is underway. The project will present a new image for the city and help increase community and corporate pride.



### Core Objective

*Foster characteristics and outcomes that create an attractive, safe, creative, welcoming community with a strong sense of being uniquely Oak Ridge!*

During the Blueprint process, citizens said that they want a future city that is true to our unique past, but ratchets up on the things that are held dear – science and innovation, education, and development of the arts.

## Oak Ridge History Museum Scarboro Memorabilia Wall



As counterpart to the American Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE), the new Oak Ridge History Museum focuses on history and people's day-to-day lives during World War II. The museum opened in late 2018, in the Midtown Community Center (Wildcat Den). It contains the largest collection of original Ed Westcott photographs.

The Scarboro Memorabilia Wall is located in the Scarboro Community Center. In 2008, a member of the community suggested the Memorabilia Wall as a means to capture the African American involvement and participation in the growth and development of the history of the community. Phase I was completed and dedicated in 2011, and Phase II was completed in April 2019. Photos, newspaper articles and other related documents show how the community has changed while retaining its rich heritage.

