

Council Update

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NEW YORK BOND RATING AGENCY AFFIRMS BEACHWOOD'S TOP RATING OF AAA

New York-based Fitch Ratings has affirmed Beachwood's highest bond rating of AAA and cited the city's "strong financial management".

Fitch on November 7th affirmed its coveted AAA rating for two existing City of Beachwood bond issues. Fitch also determined that the rating outlook for Beachwood is stable.

Higher bond ratings mean costs savings for the city, because the higher the rating, the more secure the investment is deemed to be for investors. More secure investments carry lower interest rates, thus reducing the costs to the city.

Fitch describes its AAA rating as its "highest credit quality."

Fitch's accompanying economic review of the city offers up numerous, positive descriptions of Beachwood's fiscal management and condition.

Mayor Merle Gordon said the rating is a gratifying endorsement of an efficiently run city.

"Fitch is a credible, objective third party that closely examines a bond issuers financials," Mayor Gordon said. "To have them come back and award us their highest bond rating is a testament to how professionally and well we run the city from a financial standpoint."

Fitch noted that "the city's broad economic base is anchored by the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, which ranks among top taxpayers and is the city's single largest employer. Planned expansion at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation will largely offset the recent closure of the Bank of America facility located in the city. In February 2013 the 600,000 square foot Eaton Corp. headquarters opened, adding approximately 700 new jobs to the city with potentially more in future years."

The report also noted that Beachwood's per capita income is approximately double the average for the state of Ohio. Fitch also recognized the City's conservative budgeting practices which have resulted in net operating surpluses.

"They (AAA ratings) are assigned only in cases of exceptionally strong capacity for payment of financial commitments," according to Fitch.

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CLEVELAND - CUYAHOGA COUNTY EBOLA INFORMATION

The Joint Information Center (JIC) supporting the Cleveland Department of Health (CDPH), Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CBOH), and the Shaker Heights Health Department (SHHD), unified response to the Ebola Virus Disease efforts has prepared the following information for Cuyahoga County Communities:

ANSWERS AND ASSISTANCE REGARDING EBOLA

The Cleveland Department of Public Health and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health want to help you find answers to questions regarding the Ebola virus. You may dial 2-1-1 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week with general questions.

Schools, businesses, organizations and local governments with specific concerns are asked to contact their local Public Health Department for assistance.



- Cuyahoga County Board of Health: 216.201.2001
- Cleveland Department of Public Health: 216.664.2324 or 3747
- Shaker Heights Health Department: 216.491.1480

SUMMER DAY CAMP RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS DECEMBER 8

Beachwood Summer Day Camp registration for residents begins December 8. Register for Kidz, Bison, Sports, Teen Travel and Theater Camp between 8 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at Beachwood City Hall (Recreation Office). Proof of residency required.

An early-bird fee will be offered to all residents who register from December 8 – March 6. Non-resident registration begins March 10.

For more information please refer to your Winter Recreation Guide or visit www.beachwoodohio.com

ATTENTION PEDESTRIANS

We strongly recommend reflective gear to be worn by ALL PEDESTRIANS when walking or running before dawn and after dusk. Safety is our number one concern. Please be cautious.

DID YOU KNOW?

Neighbors need neighbors. Some Beachwood residents could use a hand from time to time to assist with simple chores such as taking out the rubbish. Icy winter conditions make taking out the rubbish a challenge for seniors.

If you want to lend a hand, please forward your address and phone number to the Community Services Department by calling 216.292.1970.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

Usually meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Mondays, December 15 and January 5. Questions? Call 216.595.5462.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Usually meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meeting: Thursday, December 11. Questions? Call 216.292.1914.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Meets at 5:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Mondays, December 15 and January 5. Questions? Please call 216.292.1914.

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216.292.1901

POLICE DEPARTMENT
216.464.1234

SERVICE DEPARTMENT
216.292.1922

BEACHWOOD RECREATION COMMUNITY THEATER PROUDLY PRESENTS

SHREK

THE MUSICAL

BEACHWOOD MIDDLE
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Tickets Available at the Door

Students/Seniors \$7 • Adults \$8

CITY OF
Beachwood

Friday, December 5 • 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7 • 2:00 p.m.

Friday, December 12 • 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 13 • 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 14 • 2:00 p.m.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 FROM 1:00 – 7:00 P.M.
BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

DID YOU KNOW?

LEGAL NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, December 1, 2014 and Monday, December 8, 2014, commencing at Noon, local time, in the Beachwood Community Center of the City of Beachwood, 25225 Fairmount Boulevard, Beachwood, Ohio, a Public Hearing will be held pursuant to Beachwood Codified Ordinances Section 1107.01 regarding the Proposed Natural Gas Aggregation.

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YARD WASTE POLLUTING OUR WATERWAYS

DID YOU KNOW THAT GRASS AND LEAVES CAN HARM OUR CREEKS AND STREAMS?

Few, if any, property owners think it's acceptable to dump tires, machine parts, plastics and other unnatural trash into our waterways. But many still believe it's okay to deposit organic material like leaves and grass onto a stream bank, in a storm drain or into the stream itself.

When it comes to stream dumping, even organic doesn't cut it. Many leaves will naturally fall into the water, but as homeowners, we should be mindful not to upset nature's balance. Leaves, grass clippings and pet waste should never be dumped in or even next to a creek, ditch or pond.

Yard waste should be composted or set out with the trash. Pet waste should always be bagged and placed in the trash.

You can learn more by calling Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District at 216.524.6580 and requesting a free copy of Life at the Water's Edge: Living in Harmony with Your Backyard Stream.

Remember – clean water starts with you!

To learn more contact Claire Posius, Euclid Creek Watershed Coordinator, at 216.524.6580, ext. 16 or cposius@cuyahogawcd.org.

CRIME TREND ALERT

The City of Beachwood and surrounding communities have been experiencing an increase in thefts from vehicles. The suspects are entering UNLOCKED vehicles parked in residential driveways overnight.

In some instances, the suspects proceed to gain entry into the residence through UNLOCKED doors and steal various items such as purses, cash, and small electronics.

The Beachwood Police Department requests that all residents follow these simple crime prevention tips:

- Lock all vehicles parked in your driveway and either remove all valuables from your vehicle or hide them from view.
- Close overhead garage doors and lock man doors leading into the garage.
- Do not keep your car keys/house keys in your vehicle.
- Lock your doors at night.
- Keep outside lights on.

Contact the Beachwood Police Department at 216.464.1234 if you observe anyone suspicious in the area.

HOLIDAY SEASON SHOPPING

Please be alert while shopping this holiday season. Here are some tips:

- Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member.
- Stay alert to your surroundings.
- Pay with a check or credit card when possible.
- Keep a record of your credit card numbers at home.
- Keep cash in your front pocket.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Be extra careful if you do carry a wallet or purse. They are the prime targets of criminals in crowded areas.
- If you keep valuables in your car, make sure they are out of plain view.

If you witness or are involved in anything suspicious call 911 or call the Beachwood Police Department at 216.464.1234.



ART EXHIBIT

Beachwood Community Center



MONDAY – FRIDAY • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SATURDAY • 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

SUNDAY • 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PAINT, PAPER, PEN

Christine Weigand – unique hand cut paper artwork, Christopher Weigand – abstract acrylic paintings inspired by nature, geometry, and the earth and Ralph Solonitz – custom illustrator

Show Dates: December 10 – January 3, 2015

Artists' Reception: Sunday, Dec. 14, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

RUBBISH / RECYCLING

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Service Department will be closed on Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday January 1 for Christmas and New Years Day. Rubbish collections will be delayed one day after each respective holiday. Administrative offices will close at 2 p.m. on December 24 and December 31.

FALL LEAF PICK-UP

Running now until heavy winter storms, leaf trucks will be in operation daily. Collection is constantly on-going from one end of town to the other end of town. Therefore, there is no need to call for a special pickup.

Place UNBAGGED leaves on the tree-lawn only. DO NOT PLACE IN STREET. Leaf piles mixed with other debris – such as grass – WILL NOT be picked up. After January 1, all leaves need to be bagged and will be picked up with your regular rubbish. Questions? Call the Service Department at 216.292.1922.

VETERAN'S DAY SALUTE

On November 11, the City of Beachwood and the Beachwood Historical Society remembered all veterans in a special ceremony at the Beachwood Cemetery. The cemetery is the final resting place of veterans from 7 wars as far back as the Revolutionary War.

The ceremony began with the Beachwood Color Guard taking its position, followed by Mayor Merle S. Gorden presenting a proclamation to recognize our veterans to Rosemary Nemeth and Nancy Hart of the Beachwood Historical Society. Those in attendance then heard from the following veterans: Mary Reynolds Powell, Dr. Jack Jaffe, Ted Hersh and Bill Terry.

Mary Reynolds Powell, a Vietnam nurse, talked about the implications of war. She said, "The most important thing we can do to honor those who served is to listen to their stories. Please, don't ever forget."

Dr. Jack Jaffe, a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy and Vietnam veteran, is proud to have supported our country and carries occupation money on him as a memento of war.

Ted Hersh was born in Czechoslovakia, was taken to Auschwitz where he lost the women in his family and was liberated on April 11, 1945. He came to America in 1948, was drafted in 1952, and served in Korea.

Bill Terry joined the Army after graduating from Beachwood High School. He served in Iraq and Afghanistan and worked his way up to the rank of Major.

Additional participants included the John Carroll University Color Guard and Boy Scout Troop 620.



1. Rosemary Nemeth introduces Veterans, Beachwood Color Guard, from left: Gary Haba, Don Balog, Lisa Budny and Greg Liggett. 2. Ted Hersh. 3. Mayor Merle S. Gorden with Veterans (sitting) Ted Hersh, Al Hersh, Mike Blain, and Dick Barson. Standing: Judy Hersh, Dr. Jack Jaffe, Sylvia Blain and Larry Pollak. 4. Mary Reynolds Powell. 5. Bill Terry. 6. Dr. Jack Jaffe. 7. Mayor Merle S. Gorden presents a proclamation to Rosemary Nemeth and Nancy Hart.