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PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT Q & A

Voters will decide on a proposed charter amendment at a **SPECIAL ELECTION** on **FEBRUARY 3, 2015**. Beachwood voters will be asked if they want term limits imposed on the Mayor and City Council limiting them to a maximum of three (3) consecutive, four (4) year elective terms or fourteen (14) consecutive years whether elected or appointed.

WHAT IF A RESIDENT WANTED TO KEEP A COUNCIL PERSON OR MAYOR IN OFFICE FOR A LONGER PERIOD? According to this amendment, serving a longer period, without a break in service would be prohibited.

IS THIS PROPOSAL UNCONSTITUTIONAL? Brian Reali, Beachwood Law Director has researched this issue and opined that part of the proposal Beachwood will be voting on is "retroactive." In other words, the proposed amendment looks backward. As a result, it means an elected official's prior years of service would count against him/her and prevent them from continuing to hold the same office. According to the Ohio Supreme Court, a "retroactive" law is illegal.

Usually, laws are only forward looking. For term limits to be legal, they must start with a new term and count the years forward, not backward. In Brian's opinion, the proposal before the voters violates this principle of law.

IF THE RETROACTIVE PORTION OF THE PROPOSAL IS ILLEGAL, WHY ARE RESIDENTS BEING ASKED TO VOTE ON IT? The retroactive provision can only be addressed by a court of law. If the amendment passes, a lawsuit would need to be filed to have it removed from our charter. Reali believes if legal action was taken, a court of law would eliminate the retroactive provision.

WHY IS THE ELECTION BEING HELD IN FEBRUARY? The circulators of this proposal submitted them to the City at such a time that state law mandates a special election in February.

ARE ANY OTHER ISSUES ON THE BALLOT AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION? No, this is the only issue on the ballot for Beachwood residents. The cost of the election to the City of Beachwood taxpayers will be approximately \$23,000.00 according to the Board of Elections.

WHERE CAN SOMEONE FIND INFORMATION ON POLLING TIMES/LOCATIONS? Regardless of how you feel about this issue, voting is important and it is your right to exercise. For more information and the full text of the term limit issue contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at (216) 443-VOTE or <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/>.

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NOPEC – GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM

Beachwood voted to implement a natural gas aggregation program. We have been participating in an opt-out electric ‘aggregation’ since 2000. It is managed by the **North East Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC)**, and will soon include natural gas.

Only residents that are not in a contract with another gas supplier – and are current on their utility account – will soon receive an opt-out letter. In an opt-out program, you are automatically enrolled and your savings will automatically show up on your next utility bill after the enrollment deadline. Residents may opt-out or opt back in any time at no charge. The opt-out letters will provide pricing information and instructions if you do not wish to participate. If you are currently in a contract and want to switch to NOPEC – cancel your existing contract and once again you will be automatically enrolled with NOPEC.

We encourage you to visit both www.energychoice.ohio.gov and www.nopecinfo.org to determine your best options. Questions? Call Michelle Kaplan at (216) 292-1910.



SUMMER DAY CAMPS RESIDENT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Beachwood Summer Day Camps registration for residents is now open. Register for Kidz, Bison, Sports, Teen Travel and Theater Camp between 8:00 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 by March 6. Non-resident registration begins March 10.



For more information refer to your Winter Recreation Guide or visit WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM.

Departments

AUDITOR
216.595.5492

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
216.292.1914

COMMUNITY SERVICES
216.292.1970

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
216.292.1915

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
216.292.1913

FIRE DEPARTMENT
216.292.1965

LAW DEPARTMENT
216.595.5462

MAYOR'S OFFICE
216.292.1901

POLICE DEPARTMENT
216.464.1234

SERVICE DEPARTMENT
216.292.1922

ATTENTION

City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Rubbish pick-up will be delayed one day. Monday's collection will be made on Tuesday, January 20.

DID YOU KNOW? CENTENNIAL FACT

Beachwood was a small farming town in Warrensville Township and in June 1915, 151 residents formed Beachwood Village.



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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: Monday, January 5 and Tuesday, January 20. 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, January 29. Questions? Call 216.292.1914.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Meets at 5:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Mondays, January 5 and January 20. Questions? Please call 216.292.1914.

EASTSIDE GREENWAY PUBLIC MEETINGS

The purpose of the Eastside Greenway is to increase pedestrian and bicycle connectivity in the eastern portion of Cuyahoga County. The Eastside Greenway planning process is currently underway and public meetings will be held to share project updates and solicit feedback from the community. At the meetings, a brief overview of the project area will be provided as well as the results of the analysis. This feedback will be taken into account as the plan is finalized in the first half of 2015. More information on the Eastside Greenway can be found at www.eastsidegreenway.weebly.com.

JANUARY 28

Happy Dog at Euclid Tavern in University Circle
(*Underdog, private room downstairs*)
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

JANUARY 29

Beachwood Public Library
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2

Waterloo Brew in Collinwood (*back room*)
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY 3

University Heights Public Library
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

During inclement weather, please keep your walkway clear. In the event of an emergency, it is important for our safety services to get to your home in a safe, timely manner.

WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM

Council Update

UPCOMING 2014 HOUSING INSPECTIONS



Annually, our Building Department conducts approximately 600 exterior home inspections ensuring properties maintain their values. Listed are the City streets scheduled for exterior inspections beginning Spring 2015:

- Albert Lane
- Annesley Road
- Beechmont Court
- Bernwood Road
- Brucefield Road
- Crafton Road
- Dianne Drive
- Duffield Road
- Halburton Road (23250-25545)
- Hawthorne Drive
- Hazelmere Road
- Hendon Road
- Hurlingham Road
- Letchworth Road
- Meldon Blvd.
- Rexway Road
- Richmond Road (2730-2998)
- Selkirk Road
- Shaker Blvd.
- Shakercrest Blvd.
- Somerset Drive
- South Green Road (3200-3379)
- South Woodland Road
- Stratton Road
- Sulgrave Road (3135-3220)
- Sulgrave Oval (2965-3075)
- Wendover Drive
- Willow Lane
- Wimbledon Road
- Woodside Lane

For more information call the Building Department 216.292.1914.

SNOW ORDINANCE

Beachwood Codified Ordinances states when snow falls over a 24-hour period to a depth of 2" or more, an emergency is declared and parking may be prohibited on all City streets. We will make a reasonable attempt to notify the public by tweeting, using local press and Cable TV. However, vehicle owners are responsible to comply with the emergency parking regulations. Vehicles parked in violation may be towed at the owners' expense.

DON'T CROWD THE PLOW

Give snow plow operators space to work. A fully loaded snow plow vehicle can weigh between 20-40 tons and cannot easily stop. In a contest between a snow plow and other vehicle, the snow plow will be the clear winner. When driving behind a snow plow stay behind at least 100 ft.



WEATHERHEAD100 NAMES TWO BEACHWOOD COMPANIES AMONG THE FASTEST GROWING IN NORTHEAST OHIO

The Weatherhead Award was created in 1987 through Case Western Reserve School of Business. This prestigious award is a testament to hard work, commitment, innovation and the dream to succeed. This designation recognizes the fastest growing companies in Northeast Ohio that have demonstrated exceptional growth over the last five years.

Congratulations go to each Beachwood winner on receiving this prestigious award.



AUDIMUTE SOUNDPROOFING (ONE WISH LLC) – Year founded: 2005. Mitch Zlotnik Founder, CEO. One Wish LLC is an e-commerce business that is the parent company for Medic Batteries, Audimute Soundproofing and Retrofit LED Lights. They create custom acoustic products and solutions designed to create extraordinary experiences at work or home.

STRATOS WEALTH PARTNERS – Year founded: 2008. Jeff Concepcion founder and CEO. Stratos Wealth Partners is a wealth management company, providing investment and general financial planning advice to a diverse client base of business owners, individuals and institutions. They are in 25 states and have a total of \$5.6 billion in advised assets under management.

BEACHWOOD RECREATION BASEBALL/SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Sign up now for Youth Baseball and Softball Leagues for Spring/Summer 2015.

BASEBALL PROGRAM

Novice Coed T-Ball: 5 – 6 years
Rookie Boys Machine Pitch: 7 – 8 years
Minor Boys Player Pitch: 9 – 10 years
Major Boys: 11 – 12 Years

SOFTBALL PROGRAM

Rookie Girls: 7 – 8 years
Minor Girls Player Pitch: 9 – 12 years

Fees : \$55 Resident / \$75 Non-Resident

For more information: See Winter Recreation Guide or call 216.292.1970



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

NOT JUST PRETTY PICTURES

Lee Heinen - figurative work

Suzan Kraus - abstract acrylics/collages

Roger Welchans - acrylic/collage paintings

of ancient Chinese urns

William Martin Jean - paintings and works

on paper with a sense of serene classicism

Show Dates: January 6 – 24, 2015

Artists' Reception: Sunday, Jan. 11, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

QUILT SHOW



TO CELEBRATE CITY'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

The Beachwood Historical Society is looking to fill the Beachwood Community Center with handmade quilts. If you have a quilt you wish to lend for this summer-time exhibit, please contact Rosemary Nemeth at rnemeth001@aol.com or Susan Merdler at 216.292.1911 before April 2.

POWER OUTAGES

During a power outage, First Energy's electricity restoration process follows three key principles:

- Safety
- Support for Emergency Services and other emergency responders
- Repairs that will bring largest number of customers back in service

The restoration process insures everyone is treated fairly and service is restored as quickly as possible. To report a power outage call 1.888.544.4877 or visit www.firstenergy.com.

BEACHWOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RECAP

Beachwood's economic development is strong. In 2014, over \$83,000,000 in projects were completed including the following:

OMNOVA SOLUTIONS

- \$17 million Global Headquarters
- 8.5 acres in Chagrin Highlands
- Brought 110 jobs
- \$21 million annual payroll
- 70 additional jobs projected
- Additional Payroll: \$4.7 million



PIADA RESTAURANT

- \$2.5 million project
- Seating for 120
- Adjacent to new ALOFT Hotel
- 50 new jobs



HOSPITALITY PROJECTS

- Remodeled Clarion Hotel
- New boutique Hotel Indigo
- \$8.5 million renovation project
- Hotel Indigo - 100 rooms
- Clarion Hotel - 73 rooms
- Clarion Grand Opening January, 2014
- Hotel Indigo opened October 1, 2014
- 75 new jobs



BASF

- \$25 million R & D expansion
- 50 employees currently
- 90 employees by 2015



TRES POTRILLOS

- 25765 Chagrin Blvd
- Interior/ Exterior Renovation
- \$200,000+ project
- 20 New Jobs



STRATOS WEALTH PARTNERS

- Purchased 41,000 sq. ft. building for their National Headquarters
- \$3 million payroll
- 50 new employees



THE PUB - BRITISH FOOD/DECOR

- Beachwood Place
- Interior/exterior remodel/refacing
- \$1 million project
- 7,000 square feet
- 30 New Jobs



INFINITI OF BEACHWOOD

- 37,000 square feet
- \$9 million project
- 60 new jobs



FOUR SEASONS APARTMENTS

- 144 distinctive luxury apartments
- Fourth and final stage
- \$18.9 million project
- 24 hour fitness studio



CLEVELAND EYE CLINIC

- Expansion and remodeling
- Located at 25101 Chagrin Blvd.
- 9,995 square feet
- Full service ophthalmic practice



2015 DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- The Vue, a project by the NRP Group LLC
- Wiggins Place
- Windsor Heights Alzheimer's Special Care Center
- Life Services Assisted Living
- JEA Senior Living