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## SALT REFUND

Beachwood will receive a \$40,453.91 reimbursement on prior purchases of rock salt. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced that 850 public entities across Ohio would receive reimbursements as part of a \$11.5 million settlement to resolve an antitrust lawsuit against Cargill Inc. and Morton Salt.

"Our goal is always to deliver the best service and the best value to our residents," said Mayor Merle S. Gorden. "I am pleased that Attorney General DeWine was able to ensure that we and all public entities in Ohio are maximizing our dollars."

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*– Mayor Gorden*

## DISTRACTING DRIVING LAW – NO TEXT MESSAGING OR HAND-HELD CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING

Ohio's law to ban texting while driving has primary and secondary levels of enforcement. Secondary enforcement, for adult drivers, means police need another reason to stop and cite violators, such as weaving or speeding. Primary enforcement for drivers under the age of 18, means texting and use of other portable electronic devices will be a primary offense.



Beachwood's law makes all offenses PRIMARY. Drivers are not permitted to use hand-held phones in any manner while driving. They may not dial, answer, talk, listen or text. Hands-free/Bluetooth use is permitted.

The U.S. Department of Transportation reports texting "is by far the most alarming distraction" while driving. A driver engaged in texting is 23 times more likely to be involved in an automobile accident than a non-texting driver.

"This legislation defines our inattention law more clearly," said Police Chief Keith Winebrenner. "This 2-point offense will be a 1st-degree misdemeanor, with a waivable fine of \$101.00."

Go to [www.beachwoodohio.com](http://www.beachwoodohio.com) to view entire ordinance.

## City Contact Information

**CITY OF BEACHWOOD**  
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**CLERK OF COUNCIL**  
 216.595.5493

# WHEN YOU'RE IN *Beachwood*, YOU HAVE ARRIVED!

## SUMMER DAY CAMPS RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS DECEMBER 7

Beachwood Summer Day Camp registration for residents begins December 7. 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 7 – March 4. Non-resident registration begins March 6. For more information please refer to your Winter Recreation Guide or visit [www.beachwoodohio.com](http://www.beachwoodohio.com).

## STRETCH TIME

Visitors can now enjoy new “strength and stretch bars” at Beachwood City Park. Resident Helga Miller, pictured with Mayor Gorden and members of the Beachwood Service Department, initiated the request for this versatile equipment. Users can stretch or tone almost every muscle group in their body by using their own body resistance.



## RECYCLE HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Recycle your broken, burned out strings of Halloween, Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Christmas or New Year's lights. Power strips and cords can be recycled too.

Beachwood Service Department • 23355 Mercantile Rd.  
Tuesday, December 1 – Friday, January 15  
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



## 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.

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

1:00 – 7:00 P.M.

BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### CITY COUNCIL

Usually meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Mondays, December 7 and 21. 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 10 Questions? Call 216.292.1914.

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Meets at 5:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Monday, December 14. Questions? Please call 216.292.1914.

## Departments

**AUDITOR**  
216.595.5492

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**  
216.292.1914

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
216.292.1970

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
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**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

## FALL LEAF PICK-UP

Running continuously through December, leaf trucks are in operation daily throughout the City (weather permitting). Collection is 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. All leaves need to be bagged after January 1. Leaf bags will then be picked up with your regular rubbish on your collection day. Questions? Call the Service Department at 216.292.1922.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Service Department will be closed on Friday, December 25 and Friday, January 1 for Christmas and New Year's Day. Rubbish pick-up will NOT be affected during these holidays. Administrative offices will close at 2 p.m. on December 24 and December 31.

## Art Exhibits

Beachwood Community Center Art Gallery  
MONDAY – FRIDAY • 9 AM – 4 PM  
SATURDAY • 10 AM – 3 PM SUNDAY • 10 AM – 1 PM

### 100 FOR 100 RESIDENT ART SHOW

November 25 – December 17

100 pieces of art designed by current and former Beachwood residents.



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# Council Update

### MISSED A COUNCIL MEETING?

To listen to audio recordings, just visit [www.beachwoodohio.com](http://www.beachwoodohio.com) and click on the link.



## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

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

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



Contact the Beachwood Police Department at 216.464.1234 if you observe anyone/anything 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.
- 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.

## PETER MAX RETURNS TO BEACHWOOD FOR THE CITY'S CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Last month, the City of Beachwood continued its centennial celebration with a return visit from legendary American artist Peter Max.

Max first visited in 2006 for the opening of the Community Center and helped celebrate another milestone with a gift of a commemorative beech tree painting. During the final week of his art exhibition, Max was present to mingle with visitors and dedicate paintings that were purchased.

In preparation for the legendary artist's return, dozens of students yarn-wrapped 100 trees lining Fairmount Blvd. from City Hall to the freeway.

Hilltop Elementary Visual Arts Teacher, Ali Loeb-Munson, also engaged her students in a creative project to honor Peter Max. The students studied his work, identified images and themes and painted pennants.

"American Flag," a gift presented to the city by Max in 2006, is on display in the Beachwood Community Center and the city's new "Beech Tree" painting is now on display in the lobby of City Hall.

Pictured: Peter Max (with Lesley Smith) dedicates Beech Tree painting to Councilpersons James Pasch, Alec Isaacson, Martin Horwitz, Fred Goodman, Melvin Jacobs and Mayor Merle S. Gorden; Phyllis Kalk, Joe Kalk and Eileen Kelner enjoy the show; Peter Max creates "Homage to Monet: Sunflowers" for Beachwood Buzz's October cover; Mayor Merle S. Gorden, Harriet Gorden and Carey Gorden admire Max's rendition of Van Gogh's Starry Night, Suan Choi displays her banner.

