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CITY COUNCIL *Update*

City of Beachwood and Beachwood City Schools Receive the Auditor of State Award with Distinction

Recent financial audits of the City of Beachwood and the Beachwood City School District by Auditor of State Dave Yost's office have returned clean audit reports. Their excellent record keeping has earned both the city and school district the Auditor of State Award with Distinction, presented by Auditor Yost at the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce luncheon.



"These awards are a testament to the Beachwood community," Auditor Yost said. "The taxpayers of Beachwood should take great pride in their city and schools and the high standards to which they hold them."

The Auditor of State Award with Distinction is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a "clean" audit report:

- The entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State's office in the form of a CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report);
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:
 - ◆ Ethics referrals
 - ◆ Questioned costs less than \$10,000
 - ◆ Lack of timely report submission
 - ◆ Reconciliation
 - ◆ Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
 - ◆ Findings for recovery less than \$100
 - ◆ Public meetings or public records

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Pictured: City of Beachwood Finance Director David Pfaff

The Auditor of State's office, one of five independently elected statewide offices in Ohio, is responsible for auditing more than 5,600 state and local government agencies.

Thank You Beachwood Recycling Up 50%

Since residential recycling containers were distributed in Fall, recycling numbers have dramatically improved – by 50%– in the past three months compared to 2010. In September, we recycled 35 tons, in October 47 tons, and in November 63 tons. This is good for the environment and for our City’s budget since we get paid for recyclable materials. Furthermore, our trash numbers are down 10%, resulting in additional savings.



Thank you Beachwood! Your efforts are paying off. As a reminder, please dispose of all trash and recyclables in your City containers and place them on the curb, three-feet apart with lid opening facing the road. Recyclables will be picked up in CITY CART ONLY. Blue bags are no longer picked up separately.

Don’t Crowd The Plow

Give snow plow operators space to work. A fully loaded snow plow vehicle can weigh between 20 and 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 feet.



Snow Ordinance

Section 452.15 of the Beachwood Codified Ordinances states when snow falls over a 24-hour period to a depth of two inches or more, an emergency is declared and parking may be prohibited on all City streets.

The Mayor and or the Chief of Police shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the public by tweeting, using local press and radio and the City of Beachwood HAR Radio 1630 AM. However, vehicle owners are responsible to determine the existing conditions and comply with the emergency parking regulations.

Vehicles parked in violation may be towed at the owners’ expense



Sign Up for BPD Tweets: Safety & Convenience

Following Beachwood Police Department Tweets is a valuable service. Find out where there are traffic jams, power outages, etc.

Just text 40404 and enter the phrase, “Follow BeachwoodPolice” on your text’s subject line. If you want to receive messages online, sign up for a free twitter account at www.twitter.com and follow Beachwood Police.

Tweeting is powerful in numbers. Register today and help keep our community safe.



If you see anything suspicious, call 216.464.1234.

Upcoming Meetings

CITY COUNCIL

Usually meets first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meeting: **Tuesday, January 3 and 17**. For more information call **Karen Navolan** at 216.595.5462.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Usually meets last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meeting: **Thursday, January 26**. For more information call the Building Department at 216.292.1914

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Usually meets first and third Tuesdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. Upcoming meeting: **Tuesday, January 3 and 17**. For more information call the Building Department at 216.292.1914.

Guild & Geller

UPCOMING EXHIBIT
BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 – SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Artists' Reception:
Sunday, January 8 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
FREE and open to the community

The City of Beachwood invites you to attend an exhibit featuring members of the Hillcrest Art Guild, a non-profit organization in existence for over 50 years representing artists from 14 eastern-suburb communities, as well as Rozalind Geller, an artist and resident of R.H. Myers. Her dream is to have an exhibit at the Beachwood Community Center. This exhibit blends a variety of media making a wonderful collection.



Pictured Above: Roz Geller

Geller has been shown at several area galleries. She utilizes most mediums, including acrylic, oil, chalk, pen and pencil but says she most enjoys her calligraphy and Hebrew writings. In her collection are a beautiful Ketubah and a seven-foot quilt.

The Beachwood Community Center gallery hours are:
Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Power Outages

In the event of a power outage, contact the Illuminating Company at 1.888.544.4877

For complete City information, visit
www.beachwoodohio.com

Sounding the Alarm on Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless, invisible gas that results from the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels, such as wood, kerosene, gasoline, charcoal, propane, natural gas and oil.

With furnaces running in full force, please pay extra attention to this life-saving information. Every home should be outfitted with carbon monoxide detectors. Mounting locations vary, depending on manufacturer. If you purchase a ceiling-mounted detector, do not place it next to or over a fireplace or stove. A separate detector should be placed on every floor of your home, ideally in a bedroom. Make sure the alarm is loud enough to wake you up.



When carbon monoxide detectors were introduced, they had a limited lifespan of two years. However, as technology developments have increased this may vary according to model. Newer detectors are designed to signal a need to be replaced after that time span – a signal that is differentiated from the low-battery sound.

Although fire alarms look and sound similar to carbon monoxide detectors they do not serve the same purpose. It is important to install both detectors in your home.

Here are some simple steps to help keep your family out of harm's way. **If your carbon monoxide detector goes off:**

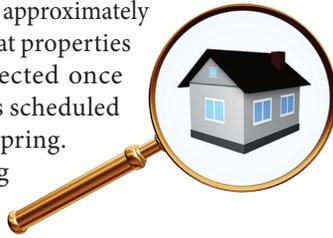
- Do not ignore it and don't panic.
- Make sure all household members including pets get outside immediately, in fresh air.
- Check to see if anyone shows signs of carbon monoxide poisoning, including: shortness of breath, nausea, headaches, dizziness or light-headedness, and if they do, call 911.
- Ventilate the building by opening all windows and doors.
- Do not return to your home until all appliances and chimneys have been checked by a professional.

A separate detector should be placed on every floor of your home, ideally in a bedroom. Make sure the alarm is loud enough to wake you up.

For more information call the Beachwood Fire Department at 216.292.1965

2012 Housing Inspections

Each year our Building Department conducts approximately 600 exterior home inspections to insure that properties maintain their values. Homes are inspected once every five years. Listed are the City streets scheduled for exterior inspections beginning this spring. For more information call the Building Department at 216.292.1914.



- Allen Blvd.
- Biscayne Blvd.
- Brian Drive
- Bridgeton Drive
- Cardington Drive
- Deborah Drive
- Deptford Drive
- Fairmount Blvd.*
- Greenwich Ln.
- Hilltop Drive
- Maidstone Ln.
- Margot Court
- Meadoway
- N. Woodland Rd.
- Orchard Way
- Penshurst Drive
- Ramsay Road
- Richmond Road*
- Sittingbourne Ln.
- Tunbridge Ln.
- Twickenham Drive

* Fairmount Blvd. (24235- 26796) and Richmond Rd. (2116-2623)

Valentine's Day Father Daughter *Winter Formal*

GIRLS IN GRADES 1 – 5 & DAD, GRANDPA, ETC.

Attention Girls! Take your special man (Dad, Uncle, Grandpa) out for an evening of dining, dancing and decadence! This a chance for you to wear your favorite party dress/gown and go all out! Enjoy dinner, dancing and plenty of surprises. Space is limited.

WHEN: Sunday, February 12

LOCATION: Beachwood Community Center

TIME: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

FEE: \$35 per couple

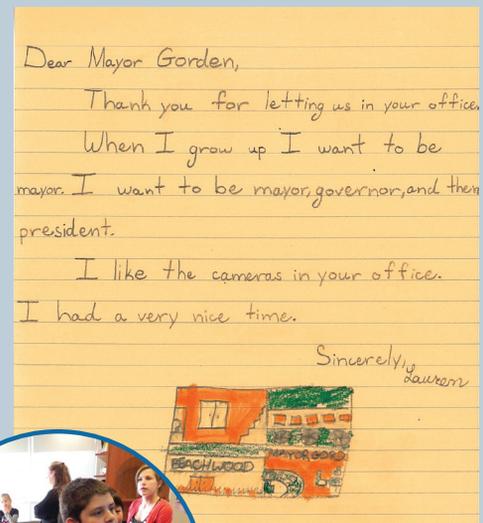
DEADLINE: Monday, January 30

Pre-registration required, call 216.292.1970



Hilltop Third-Graders Visit City Hall

On November 13, 125 Hilltop third-graders visited City Hall to see first-hand how our government operates. The students had an opportunity to tour our facility and visit with the Mayor in his office. Graciously, each of them wrote a thank-you note following their visit.



Picture: Emily Isaacson and Sam Horowitz watch security screens in Mayor Merle S. Gordon's office to observe what's going on in and around City Hall.



The City of Beachwood proudly recognizes the following residents as they reach milestone events. Congratulations to:

Hazel Gross – On September 6, 2011, Hazel Gross celebrated her 100th birthday. A resident of R. H. Meyers on the Menorah Park Campus, Gross was honored at week-long events by B'nai Jeshurun, including a family barbecue, brunch and dinner in her honor at Mayfield Country Club. R. H. Myers Administrator Stew Collins had the honor of presenting the City's proclamation.

Pictured: Stew Collins presents Proclamation Hazel Gross.



Julius "Julie" Abrams – On November 26, 2011, Julius "Julie" Abrams celebrated the eighty-fifth anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah at Bnai Jeshurun Congregation, followed by a luncheon for all fellow-congregants. Abrams, a Beachwood resident since 1954 and member of the synagogue for more than 50 years, has attended daily services for more than 30 years. He celebrated this milestone by changing his parasha (Torah portion)... again! There were glowing tributes from the rabbis and Abrams's daughter, Louise Abrams Fuerst. Her speech included six attributes for staying young:

- Keep a routine and stay busy.
- Be persistent.
- Keep religion in your life.
- Listen to your daughter. She knows what's best for you – but don't tell her everything.
- Maintain relationships with the youngest people possible.
- Get up when you fall down – or life pushes you down.

Eliza Leonard – On December 7, 2011, Eliza Leonard celebrated her 104th birthday. A resident of Park East Care and Rehabilitation Center since 2005, Leonard was born in Cleveland, Georgia and moved to Cleveland in 1916. She was a foster mother to many children in her community, a Black Cross Nurse representing Marcus Garvey's Movement, and a woman of faith who attended the Pentecostal Church of Christ and Mt. Moriah AME Church. A few of her favorite things are the color pink and sweets.

Additional proclamations were presented to DeVore Technologies as being named Business of the Year; Adele Adler, in recognition of Dick Adler, as being named Citizen of the Year; and Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage as being named Civic Organization of the Year. For more information about these awards, see page 32.

Poll Workers Needed

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections must employ nearly 6,000 Poll Workers to serve at the polls on Election Day and is currently hiring for the March 6, 2012 Primary Election.



Poll Workers provide an important service for the community and work on the front lines of the democratic process. Poll Workers earn \$172.10 for their service and must complete training prior to working on Election Day.

Cuyahoga County residents who are interested in serving as a Poll Worker may call 216-443-3277 to complete an application by phone or fill out an online application at the following link <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/online-pollworker-application.aspx>.



ADULT CPR CLASS

The Beachwood Fire Department will be conducting a Heartsaver CPR/AED class. This class is geared toward the layperson rescuer which covers adult CPR, AED (Automated External Defibrillator) usage and the choking victim.

In addition, the class covers children (ages 1 – 8) CPR and AED usage. All participants will receive a 2 year certification card. Please note: this class is not BLS Certified.

Upcoming classes will be held on Wednesday, January 4, February 1 and March 7. 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Beachwood Fire Station #1, 2655 Richmond Road. Class fee is \$18, pre-registration required. To register call Beachwood Recreation at 216.292.1970.