

# CITY OF *Beachwood* Council Update

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## BEACHWOOD ACQUIRES TALLEST FIRE ENGINE IN OHIO

The highly accredited City of Beachwood Fire Department recently took possession of a new 137-foot fire engine. The new CR 137 is North America's tallest aerial ladder fire truck and is the tallest in service in the State of Ohio.

"When making this investment, we considered not only what would best serve our community but also what could best improve the safety of the entire region," said Beachwood Mayor Merle S. Gordon. "This 13-story ladder will help protect lives and property in Beachwood and also our neighboring cities and counties."

This fire engine replaced a 105-foot tall truck purchased in 1998. "The CR 137 provides us – Beachwood's Fire Department and our mutual aid partners – with new and better capabilities," states Chief Patrick Kearns.

The CR 137 cost \$863,000. Kearns said the engine serves as both a ladder and a pumper truck – "a very versatile combination unit that is expected to serve the city well for the next 20 years."

"Beachwood's Fire Department is continuously finding ways to meet and exceed the industry's best practices and improve public safety in our community," said Fire Department Chief Kearns. "My team is grateful to have this new resource at our disposal."

Councilman and Safety Committee Chairperson Melvin Jacobs added, "The Beachwood Department of Fire Rescue earlier this year distinguished itself by again earning reaccreditation by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI), making it the only fire department in Northeast Ohio and one of only six in Ohio to receive this prestigious award."

Also this year, in the spirit of regional cooperation, Beachwood now oversees police and fire dispatch services for the City of Pepper Pike.

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## NEW CITY OF BEACHWOOD WEBSITE IN THE WORKS

The City of Beachwood has selected CivicPlus to design a new website. With over 1,100 towns, cities and counties as customers, CivicPlus brings a great deal of eGovernment experience to the project. The new website will include tools designed to provide an interactive online structure to help residents and businesses navigate easily.



**CIVICPLUS**

Jim Douth, Beachwood's Director of Economic Development, is focusing on developing a more comprehensive economic development presence on the new website. "Our visitors will be able to gather a wide variety of information using fewer clicks. We are working with CivicPlus to incorporate our vision with their expertise to produce a website that will be state of the art."

The new website redesign is underway and will go "live" in Spring 2013.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS ON THEIR RECENT PROMOTIONS

Commander Keith Winebrenner, Lieutenant Gary Habu, Lieutenant John Korinek, Sergeant Kevin Owens, Sergeant Charles Piro and Sergeant Richard Lessick.



## GIOVANNI'S RISTORANTE TOP IN THE NATION

Carl Quagliata could not be more pleased to receive Zagat's highest honors for Giovanni's Ristorante in Beachwood. Zagat survey's placed Giovanni's in the top 120 restaurants in America. "Wonderfully surprised, its probably the best award this restaurant has ever received. I don't think there can be a greater honor." Congratulations to Giovanni's Ristorante on receiving this acclaimed award as one of the top distinguished dining establishments.

## CODE RED REPLACES REVERSE 911



The City of Beachwood is replacing its Reverse 911 system with a new system called Code Red, a faster, user-friendly system with capabilities to communicate via texts, emails and phone calls. Code Red, which will be utilized by all City Departments, is expected to be operational by the end of this year. Residents will soon be notified about how to provide information to be used with Code Red.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### CITY COUNCIL

Usually meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Monday, December 3 and 17. 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 6. Questions? Call 216.292.1914.

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Meets at 5:30 p.m. Upcoming meeting: Tuesday, December 11. Questions? Please call 216.292.1914.

## Departments

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# VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

On November 11, the City of Beachwood and Beachwood Historical Society partnered to hold a community event at the Green Road Cemetery/Warrensville East Cemetery to pay tribute to our fallen heroes and to all veterans.



The ceremony began on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, signifying Armistice Day, the formal ending of World War I. The event included presentation of the Colors by the Beachwood Color Guard and playing of patriotic music by

Paul Smith, comments by Mayor Merle S. Gorden and President of the Beachwood Historical Society, Rosemary Nemeth. Local veterans Dick Barson, Les Giesler, Donald Jaffe and Josh Hershman, who recently returned from his second tour in Afghanistan, spoke from the heart, sharing details and emotions of their experiences while serving our country.

Beachwood's Cub Scouts Pack 119 and John Carroll ROTC also participated in the program as did Jake O'Shaughnessy who ended the ceremony with TAPS.

This manicured cemetery, located at the corner of Halburton and South Green Roads, is the final resting place of 40 soldiers from the Revolutionary War (1775-1783); War of 1812 (1812-1815); Mexican-American War (1846-1848); Civil War (1861-1865); Spanish-American War (1898); World War I (1914-1918) and World War II (1939-1945).

Special thanks to Nancy Hart, member of the Beachwood Historical Society,

who researched cemetery records focusing on veterans.

Future plans are to mark the unmarked graves and to utilize penetrating radar, a technology to further understand the history of this cemetery by identifying where the deceased are buried. Donations will gladly be accepted towards these two goals of the Beachwood Historical Society.

For more information contact Rosemary Nemeth at 216.591.0229.

*Pictured: 1. Positioned in front of the Beachwood Color Guard are (from left): Mayor Merle S. Gorden with Veterans Josh Hershman, Dick Barson, Morris Finney Jr., Phil Levine, Donald Jaffe, Les Geisler, Tom Kuskins and Fred Isenstadt. 2. Morris Finney Jr. brought framed memorabilia of his uncle, Edward Finnebergh, who was shot down while serving. 3. Members of Beachwood Cub Scout Pack 119. 4. Firefighter Dave Peterson, Lieutenant Gary Haba, Firefighter Michael Lucas and Investigator Preston LaFrance 5. Dick Barson looks on as Cub Scout Adam Brindle thanks Josh Hershman for his service to our country. 6. Rosemary Nemeth and Nancy Hart of the Beachwood Historical Society.*



## CEDAR CREEK GRILLE OPENS IN BEACHWOOD

On November 7, Cedar Creek Grille held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate its grand opening at LaPlace.

Under the ownership of the Rick Doody, Cedar Creek Grille is a classic American grill specializing in fish, sandwiches, burgers and prime grade steaks featuring fresh, local and organic ingredients.

The ambiance of Cedar Creek Grille brings back the classic American grill of the 1950's and 1960's. Its design includes cherry wood ceilings and wainscoting, old barnwood and marble mosaic floors, a reclaimed wood butcher-block bar from an old factory in Cleveland, a chef's table and white tablecloth covered tables surrounded by leather booths.

Customers will also enjoy Cedar Creek Grille's covered terrace and wood-burning fireplace in warmer weather.

In recognition of the opening of this new establishment, Mayor Merle S. Gorden and City Council proclaimed this day as "Cedar Creek Grille Day" in the City of Beachwood urging all residents to welcome and patronize them.

While presenting the proclamation to Doody, Mayor Gorden said, "It's a great pleasure to welcome you to the City of Beachwood. This surpassed my expectations and is a real gem for our community."



*Pictured from left: 1. Beachwood Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Wayne Lawrence, Executive Chef Rob Records, Owner Rick Doody, Mayor Merle S. Gorden and Managing Partner Devin Rench. 2. Councilman Martin S. Horwitz, Councilman Mel Jacobs, Owner Rick Doody, Councilman Fred Goodman and Councilman Mark Wachter.*

### UPCOMING ART SHOW BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

#### PIECES AND PARTS CREATE ABSTRACT ART



December 12 – 31

Opening Reception:  
Sunday, Dec. 16  
1:30 – 3:00 p.m.



Featuring the artworks of:  
Linda Stiller - Glass,  
Cindy Fello - Collage, Anthony Martino - Paint  
and Jen Doss - Paint

*Pictured above: painting by Anthony Martino*

## BEACHWOOD WELCOMES NEW ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR

Bill Hanna is a partner at Walter & Haverfield. He is also the Law Director for the Village of Richfield and the Assistant Law Director for the City of Cleveland Heights.

*Pictured left: Assistant Law Director Bill Hanna and Law Director Margaret A. Cannon.*



### CHECK OUT THE WINTER RECREATION GUIDE

Be sure to look in your Winter Recreation Guide for information on youth programs, sports, summer camps, new classes and more!



In celebration of the Community Theater's 28th season and just in time for the holidays, Beachwood Community Theater presents Disney's *Aladdin Jr.* This fun-filled, family production features talented youth, teens and adults from Northeast Ohio. Experience the magic of *Aladdin* with all your favorite characters!

### Performances

Nov. 30 • 8 PM   Dec. 1 • 7 PM   Dec. 2 • 2 PM  
Dec. 7 • 8 PM   Dec. 8 • 2 PM   Dec. 9 • 2 PM  
Dec. 14 • 8 PM   Dec. 15 • 2 PM

### Tickets

\$7 Students/Seniors, \$8 Adults

### Location

Beachwood Middle  
School Auditorium

Disney's

BEACHWOOD RECREATION  
COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS

# Aladdin JR.



VISIT [WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM](http://WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM) FOR DETAILS

## SUMMER DAY CAMP RESIDENT REGISTRATION BEGINS DECEMBER 10

Beachwood Summer Day Camp registration for residents begins December 10. Register for Kidz, Bison, Sports, Teen Travel and Theater Camp between 8 a.m. and 4:30 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 10 – March 8. Registration for non-residents begins March 11.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE REFER TO  
YOUR WINTER RECREATION GUIDE OR VISIT  
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## GIRLS WINTER WIFFLE BALL LEAGUE (GRADES 3 – 5)



Beachwood High School from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday's, Jan. 10 – Feb. 28  
\$45/Resident; \$50/Non-Resident

Have some fun during the cold months by playing one of America's favorite summer games, wiffle ball. Games will be held on the weekends and also come with some instruction from the Beachwood Varsity Softball coaches and their players. Jerseys and umpires will be provided.

## GIRLS INDOOR WINTER ADVANCED FAST PITCH TRAINING (GRADES 7 – 12)

Beachwood High School South Gym from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday's, Dec. 9 – Mar. 3 (No class Dec. 23, 30 or Jan .6)  
\$30/Resident; \$35/Non-Resident

Players will develop their fundamental and advanced throwing, fielding and hitting skills. Sessions will be led by the professional staff of Academic Sports (current and former high school coaches and collegiate players) with specific goals and objectives. Speed, strength and agility sessions will help develop the explosive movements needed to play softball at a higher level.