

CITY OF Beachwood Council Update

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BEACHWOOD'S FINANCES ARE SOUND AS A RESULT OF PRUDENT MANAGEMENT

Residents can take great pride in knowing their City's finances are in excellent condition.

"As of July 31, I am projecting a year-end surplus of \$6,257,463 in the General Fund."
— David A. Pfaff

The City's General Fund is used to pay for the general day to day operations of the City. As of July 31, I am projecting a year-end surplus of \$6,257,463 in the General Fund.

Historically, with the exception of 2010, the General Fund has operated at a substantial surplus. A portion of the surplus is routinely transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund to pay for future capital improvements; the remainder is used to maintain a healthy General Fund balance.

Maintaining a surplus in our general fund yields numerous benefits. It is an insurance or "rainy day" fund that can be tapped if there is another national economic downturn or another unforeseen event that would stress our local government. It also ensures, when the City borrows money for improvements, we receive excellent bond ratings from objective, third-party firms such as Moody's – which has given Beachwood its highest rating of Aaa.

Earning these high ratings illustrates our fiscal strength but also means lower borrowing costs (lower interest rates on our bonds and notes) because we have been deemed a much safer risk than other communities.

In accordance with Ohio Budgetary Law, a budget document must be prepared annually. It is a preliminary budget used as a starting point. It is best to refer to our Monthly Cash Basis Reports to measure actual performance during the year. Another very useful tool to measure the City's financial position is the "Statement of Net Position" (formerly the "Statement of Net Assets") in the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

David A. Pfaff
Finance Director



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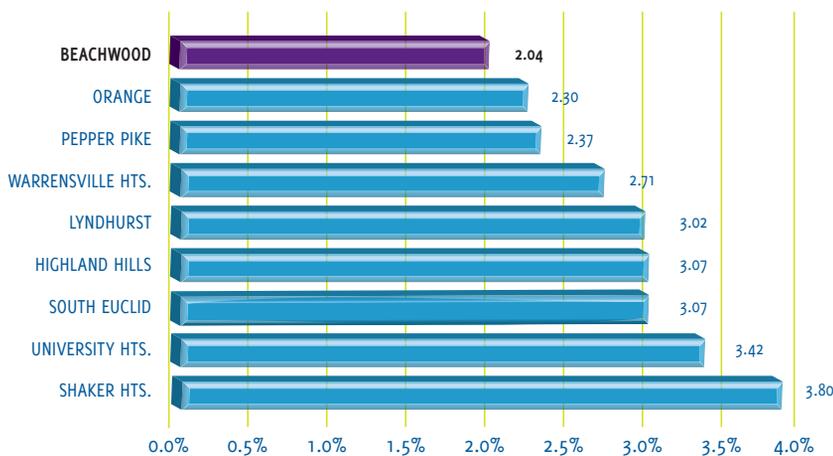
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RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAXES ARE AMONG THE LOWEST IN COUNTY

- In 1997, the City decreased the municipal income tax liability of a majority of its residents by providing a 100% tax credit for those residents working outside the City of Beachwood.
- The Income tax rate increase of 2011 was the first increase in 20 years and did not increase taxes for:
 - Residents whose income is derived from Social Security, pensions, dividends, interest and capital gains.
 - Beachwood residents who work in the City of Cleveland or any of the other approximately 40 cities with a 2% rate or higher.
- Since 1994, we have maintained the same Property Tax Rate of 4 mills.
- The City continually works to enhance the tax base.
 - In the last 5 years, there has been \$629 Million in developments and other investments in Beachwood – resulting in 3,000+ jobs.
 - Cultivating and growing our business community generates tax revenues enabling us to provide excellent services.
- Through effective financial management, the City strives to maintain the tax rates at current levels, an action that should continue to attract new businesses and home buyers.

COMPARATIVE PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR COLLECTION YEAR 2012

(shown as a % of market value)



OF SPECIAL NOTE

Three separate petitions are circulating in Beachwood calling for different Charter Amendments by initiative petition. We will provide updates on these petitions at WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM



FINANCIAL FACTS

- General Fund Budget – approximately \$35 Million
- Overall Budget – approximately \$54 Million
- Yearly General Fund Surplus – \$5 Million on average since 1995
- Aaa bond rating with Moody’s Investor Services
- AAA rating with Fitch Investor Services
- Certification of Achievement for excellence in Financial Reporting Award – 14 consecutive years
- Distinguished Budget Presentation Award – 9 consecutive years
- Clean Audit Opinion with no reportable conditions – since 1998
- Saved \$800,000 – since becoming self-insured for worker’s compensation in 2010
- Saved \$945,000 – The City issued refunding bonds to refund a portion of its outstanding debt, resulting in a net present value savings to the City (2010 & 2012)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

Usually meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Mon., Sept. 16. and Oct. 7. Questions? Call 216.595.5462.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Usually meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Thursday, Sept. 26. Questions? Call 216.292.1914.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Meets at 5:30 p.m. Upcoming meetings: Monday, Sept. 16. and Oct. 7. Questions? Please call 216.292.1914.

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

HAZARDOUS WASTE ROUND-UP

Residents are invited to dispose of unwanted oil-based paint, pesticides and other household hazardous wastes (*no materials from a commercial source*). Resident Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up will be held:

SEPTEMBER 16 – 21, 2013

7:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**BEACHWOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT
23355 MERCANTILE ROAD**

MATERIALS ACCEPTED

- Oil or solvent-based paint, sealers, primers, or coatings (aerosols or liquids)
- Varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs
- Paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine
- Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides
- Caustic household cleaners
- Automotive fluids, motor oil, car batteries
- Adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer
- Kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid
- Mercury, fluorescent bulbs



MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED

- Latex paint
- Explosives, gun powder, ammunition, flares
- Medical waste, pharmaceuticals, sharps
- Radioactive waste (i.e. smoke detectors)

STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

Ord. 432.30: Driver of a vehicle upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any stopped school bus with stop arm and lights activated shall



stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the school bus and shall not proceed until signaled to do so by school bus driver. Where a highway has been divided into four or more traffic lanes, a driver need not stop for a school bus approaching from the opposite direction.

DID YOU KNOW?

BEACHWOOD HAS HIGHLY-RATED POLICE, FIRE DEPARTMENTS



We take care of our residents, businesses and our daily visitors (approximately 100,000 people daily) with some of the best trained and well-equipped safety officers in Northeast Ohio.

- Our Police and Fire Departments have an impressive, life-saving average response time of 2 – 4 minutes. Minutes save lives.
- Few, if any, cities can claim they have received simultaneous accreditation of both their Police and Fire Departments but that's just what Beachwood has done for the last 6 years.
 - The Beachwood Fire Department is the only Department in Northeast Ohio and 1 of only 8 in Ohio to be accredited.
 - The Beachwood Police Department is 1 of 4 in Northeast Ohio to be accredited.
 - ▶ The accreditation process evaluates Beachwood's practices against best practices in the industry and improves service.

Equipment is updated regularly and is reliable.

- Beachwood's newest fire engine is also the tallest in the State – 137' aerial ladder.
- The City's ambulances are equipped with the latest medical technology available.
- The City of Beachwood was one of the first to install Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) in Police and Fire/Rescue vehicles.
 - ▶ Through their in-car computer systems, Beachwood Police can monitor the officers' cameras in real time.
 - ▶ The MDT's used by the Fire Department provide access to valuable information (i.e. building plans, utility shut off locations, etc.)
- In 2012, 48% of all general fund expenditures were used for



safety services to ensure that police officers and fire fighters are at your door when you need them with the most advanced equipment and training.

- ▶ That is 48¢ of every \$1.00 spent on general operating expenses.



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BEACHWOOD SAFETY TOWN

Beachwood Safety Town held its annual graduation ceremonies in August. Children learned about traffic, bus and bicycle safety, how to recognize, understand and enlist help from our City's safety forces, playground safety, and how to cross the street.



Pictured: 1.) Cameron Feuerman driving. 2.) Lacey Fox shows off her diploma with Officer Roger Martin and Investigator Lisa Budny. 3.) Lacey Fox demonstrates her driving skills. 4.) Matthew Leizman driving the course. 5.) Matthew Leizman gets his diploma from Officer Roger Martin.



50 YEAR RESIDENT SALUTE

On August 13, the City of Beachwood hosted its final concert of its Summer Evening Concert Series to a packed crowd in the Beachwood Community Center. Prior to listening to the Prime Time Big Band, Mayor Merle S. Gorden recognized 50-Year residents, presented them with an official city blanket, certificate and thanked them for supporting Beachwood.

Pictured L to R: Marie Hibler, Leon Shon, Fannie Ozan, Mel & Stevie Jacobs, Florence Dobrin, Marty & Carole

Blake, Milt & Elaine Weinstein, Eddie & Ernie Bergsman, Morris Finney, Marcia Summers and Mayor Gorden.

ART EXHIBITS AT BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

BEACHWOOD RESIDENT ART SHOW AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 20

Stop by and see artwork from artists including: Shirley Aaron, Darla Arnold, Jerry Arnold, Bev Brodsky, Morris Burke, Betty Forchheimer, Allen Friedman, Marie Hibler, Alex Klamman, Judy Kossoff, Kam Liao, Sandy Lipman, Annmari Pearson, Debra Zelman Rapoport, Kathy Rothenfeld, Jane Silverman, Morris Schlechter, Gerald Waxman and Ken Weiss.

MASK-FORMATION SEPT. 25 – OCT. 19 OPENING RECEPTION: SUN. OCT. 6, 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Transforming masks used for radiation into works of art.



GALLERY HOURS

MON. – FRI.
9 A.M. – 4 P.M.
SATURDAY
10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
SUNDAY
11 A.M. – 1 P.M.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Susan V. Juris, President of University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center, for being selected as one of Crain's Cleveland Business "Women of Note." Mayor Gorden along with the City of Beachwood congratulates Ms. Juris for this prestigious award. We applaud the passion and determination exhibited in her personal success, as well as her dedication to UH Ahuja Medical Center and her fellow colleagues.

CITY OF *Beachwood* FALL EVENTS

**BEACHWOOD
FAMILY FUN DAY**
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

FREE • 1 – 5 pm • Beachwood Family Aquatic Center Parking Lot
200 ft. zip line ride, pony rides, rock climbing, carnival games, inflatables, face painting, crafts and more!



**HONKIN' HAULIN'
HANDS-ON TRUCKS**
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

FREE • 1 – 3 pm • Municipal Service Center (23355 Mercantile Rd.)
Tour the Municipal Service Center, get in the driver's seat of over 30 trucks, crafts, a maze to navigate and create your own drivers license.



PERSONAL SHRED DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

FREE (residents only) • 9 am – Noon
Beachwood Community Center Parking Lot
Protect yourself from identity theft. Have your personal documents (up to six banker boxes or 12 blue grocery bags) shredded on site. Proof of residency required. Rain or shine.

BEACHWOOD 5K RUN
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:30 am • Fairmount Pre-School
\$20 pre-registration (\$15 ages 18 & under) \$25 day of run (\$20 ages 18 & under)
T-shirts guaranteed for the first 200 registrants.
Visit www.hermescleveland.com to register.

**JUMP BACK JOG
5K RUN/2K WALK**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

10 am • Beachwood City Park West
Prizes awarded to age and group winners.
Pre-registration fees \$11 - 5K run and \$10 - 2K walk.
Race-day fees \$13 - 5K run and \$12 - 2K walk.



**HALLOWEEN
PRINCESSES & PIRATES**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

FREE (for residents) • 1 – 3 pm
Beachwood Community Center
Games, prizes, refreshments and entertainment. Halloween party for 3 – 6 year olds. Registration required (\$5 for non-residents)

CALL 216.292.1970 FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM

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