

CITY OF Beachwood Council Update

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NEW YORK BOND-RATING AGENCY AWARDS BEACHWOOD TOP RATING

New York-based Fitch Ratings has once again awarded the City of Beachwood with its highest credit rating of AAA, a rating the City's held since 2000.

Higher bond ratings mean reduced costs for the City when it sells bonds to raise money for municipal projects.

The most highly rated bonds are deemed to be the safest investment and thus carry lower interest rates. Those lower rates mean less cost for us to retire the bonds.

"Financial resilience comes from a combination of ample revenue-raising flexibility and closely managed expenditure controls, supplemented by the City's maintenance of a high reserve cushion," Fitch noted in a report about Beachwood's finances.

Fitch also noted Beachwood's "...excellent institutionalized financial management practices, moderate long-term liability burden and stable economic underpinnings."

Mayor Merle S. Gorden said the top bond rating came after an objective and thorough review of our City's finances by Fitch.

"It's gratifying Fitch acknowledges the City of Beachwood's fiscal discipline and well-run municipal operations," Mayor Gorden said. "We work very hard to provide our residents and businesses with the best services we can, while searching for ways to be more efficient."

The Fitch bond rating report also noted:

- The City's rate of expenditure growth is expected to be in line with revenue growth.
- Per capita income in Beachwood is about double the state of Ohio's average.
- Public safety is the primary City expenditure, comprising about 46% of general fund spending.



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

NEW FIRE STATION

Beachwood is positioning its safety services for a strong future with a new fire station offering residents and businesses superior service for decades to come.

The \$9.7 million construction project will begin soon and the facility is anticipated to open in late 2018.



The new Fire Station 2, to be built at the northeast corner of Richmond Road and Park East Drive, will serve as four facilities in one:

- Police and fire dispatch center
- Police and fire training center
- Emergency operations center
- State of the art fire station

The new structure will be able to accommodate even more growth in dispatching. Beachwood could accept dispatch responsibilities from other cities – which would generate revenue. We already have an arrangement with Pepper Pike to provide dispatching services. As cities look toward regionalization as a way to cut expenses, this new fire station will mean that Beachwood is well-positioned for the future.

We have a very positive attitude toward our business community, knowing that therein lies the wherewithal to provide residents and businesses alike our high quality services. The new fire station is an excellent example of how cooperation between us and our businesses yields benefits for all of our residents and employers.

It's estimated that 90% of the City of Beachwood's tax revenues are generated by city's businesses.

Beachwood is home to more than 2,500 businesses and nearly 12,000 residents. An estimated 100,000 people pass through Beachwood daily. Our safety forces have to be ready to react to a wide array of possible calls. This new fire station will help ensure Beachwood is prepared to continue its excellent safety services far into the future.

BEST PLACE TO RETIRE IN OHIO

According to a study by Smart Asset, Beachwood earned a #1 ranking as the best place to retire in Ohio. The study rates cities by their tax friendliness, recreational & social opportunities for seniors and availability of medical care.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

Usually meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meeting: Monday, May 15. 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, May 25. Questions? Call 216.292.1914.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Meets at 5:30 p.m. Upcoming meeting: Monday, May 15. Questions? Call 216.292.1914.

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ART EXHIBIT



Beachwood Community Center
MON – FRI • 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

SAT • 10 A.M. – 3 P.M., SUN • 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

THE POINTS OF ART • MAY 5 – 28

Featuring *Jodi Ashe-Crossley, Dara Harper, Diane L. Johnson and Darrell Kent*

Opening Reception:

Sunday, May 7 from 1 – 2:30 p.m.

OF SPECIAL NOTE

The Service Department will be closed on Monday, May 29 in honor of Memorial Day. Rubbish pick-up will be pushed ahead one day throughout the week.

SKILLUP COUNTY TRAINING FOR SKILLED JOBS

SkillUp is Cuyahoga County's new and innovative service to create customized training plans so employers can train workers for their skilled jobs. SkillUp acts as a broker to help the employer identify the training providers, coaches employees to help them succeed and reimburses employers for some of their out-of-pocket costs for training. Employers can SkillUp existing, new or temporary employees.



How it works:

1. Employers identify the technical skills they need
2. SkillUp helps employers create a structured training plan to develop those skills
3. Employers pay wages and training costs
4. Employer gets reimbursed for approved training-related expenses

To learn more, call (216) 443-6930.

MASTER PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Beachwood Master Plan was created to act as a framework for future development of the City. It is a vehicle to allow us to prioritize these detailed action items. City Council has created a Master Plan Advisory Committee.

The committee consists of Mayor Merle S. Gorden and the following individuals (from left): Brian Linick, Martin S. Horwitz, William Griswold, Orry Jacobs, Bryan Zabell, Susan L. Hirsch and Larry Coven.



The entire Master Plan can be viewed at www.beachwoodohio.com under the "About Our City" tab.

BE PART OF BEACHWOOD'S LEGACY

Beachwood will be appointing a seven member Charter Review Commission to review the City of Beachwood Charter. Our Charter defines its governing system and acts as its constitution. Chartered cities are permitted more latitude in governance. The Beachwood Charter can be viewed at www.beachwoodohio.com under the "Government" tab.

The City of Beachwood Charter Review Commission will be tasked with reviewing the City's Charter and making recommended changes to City Council for consideration. The last formal review of the Charter was completed in 1999. Any City Council approved changes will go before voters in 2018.

If you are interested in volunteering, please submit a letter of interest along with a resume or biography to the Clerk of Council via email at whitney.crook@beachwoodohio.com. Interested individuals must be residents and registered voters.



SAVE THE DATE

Beachwood Historical Society –
House and Garden Tour
Sunday, June 25

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. • \$15 person

Register at www.beachwoodohio.com

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MULCH NOW AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS

\$2 A BAG

Beachwood produces mulch from the brush it collects from our community. The City is offering mulch to residents for \$2 per bag. Mulch can be purchased at the Service Dept., 23355 Mercantile Road, Monday – Friday, 7:30 A.M. – 3:30 p.m.



BE A MEMBER!

The Beachwood Family Aquatic Center will be open on Memorial Day Weekend, May 27 – 29. The full season runs daily from June 3 – August 15 and on weekends through September 4.



NEW: SENIOR DISCOUNT RATES – SAVE 50%
 Senior Resident Season Membership – \$25.00
 Senior Resident Day Pass – \$3.00
 Senior Non-Resident Guest Pass – \$5.00

(Proof of age along with proof of residency required for purchase. Senior is anyone 60 years or older.) Memberships on sale at City Hall, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

FREE PERSONAL SHRED DAY FOR RESIDENTS

FREE

Bring personal documents, mail and files to be shredded for FREE! Proof of residency required. Rain or shine. Limit: 12 blue bags or 6 banker boxes.

SUNDAY, MAY 21 • 9:00 A.M. – 12 NOON
BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
PARKING LOT

FERTILIZER SAFETY

When fertilizing, please make sure fertilizer stays on the lawn and is cleaned from sidewalks, driveways and streets. Chemicals also pose a health threat to pets. Failure to remove granules from previously mentioned locations is a violation of Ohio Pesticide Law.



OHIOCHECKBOOK.COM

The City of Beachwood is now registered at OhioCheckbook.com, a first-of-its-kind government transparency website that shows taxpayers exactly how their tax money is being spent. This initiative was created by the Ohio Treasurer's Office, setting a new national standard for transparency in state and local government.

**BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY RECREATION THEATER
PROUDLY PRESENTS**

Beauty and the Beast

PERFORMANCES

Saturday, May 6: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, May 7: 2:00 p.m.
 Friday, May 12: 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, May 13: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, May 14: 2:00 p.m.
 Friday, May 19: 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, May 20: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, May 21: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION

Beachwood Middle School

TICKETS - Cash Only

Available at door 30 minutes prior to curtain

\$7 Students/Seniors - \$8 Adults

Questions? (216) 292-1970

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Disney's Beauty and the Beast is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE ROUND-UP

Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up will be **Monday, May 15 – Saturday, May 20 from 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** at the Beachwood Service Department, 23355 Mercantile Road. Residents are invited to dispose of unwanted oil-based paint, pesticides and other household hazardous wastes.

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)

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District can only accept materials originating from a household, not a commercial source.

DISPOSAL OF LATEX PAINT:

Latex paint is not accepted. To dispose of latex paint, solidify and place in your curbside trash.

To solidify, remove the lid and allow liquid to evaporate. For larger amounts, mix in an equal amount of an absorbent material such as cat litter or sawdust and allow to dry. Pour thin layers of paint into a cardboard box lined with plastic, allowing the paint to dry one layer at a time.

MUFFINS WITH THE MAYOR

Join Mayor Gorden while you enjoy a muffin and coffee. Mingle and munch as we celebrate May as “Older Americans Month.” Wednesday, May 10 at 10 AM in the Beachwood Community Center. Free and open to the public.



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E-NEWSLETTER FOR COMMUNITY UPDATES

SIGN UP FOR CODE RED
FOR EMERGENCY UPDATES AND ALERTS

Code RED

WATCH RECORDED CITY MEETINGS
LIVE STREAM ON WEB
BROADCASTED ON TV
PLAYBACK ON WEB

VISIT WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM TO STAY INFORMED

BEACHWOOD HONORS SOLDIERS

The City of Beachwood will once again be creating a field of American flags to honor and commemorate Memorial Day.

“It will be a tribute to the true meaning of Memorial Day and a powerful message of support for families of these fallen heroes,” expressed Mayor Merle S. Gorden.

View the display at Beachwood City Hall (on the lawn opposite Fire Station #1) the week before Memorial Day.