

CITY OF *Beachwood* Insider

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JANUARY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING



"Justin, along with Council and our Mayor, have been diligent to keep our taxes reasonable and keep us safe. ... Justin's father, Sheldon Berns, served with distinction between 1972 - 1978, and they are the only father-son team that has served as [Beachwood] Council Members."

– Kenneth A. Kraus

Pictured to the left: Kenneth A. Kraus administered the Oath of Office to Justin Berns

"We welcome every voice on this council and I am honored and privileged to swear in Mike Burkons. Mike has been a watchdog of council and now can watch from within. He is involved and knowledgeable."

– Mayor Martin S. Horwitz

Pictured to the right: Mayor Martin S. Horwitz administered the Oath of Office to Mike Burkons



"As a lawyer, Council person, community leader, mother, daughter and wife, Barbara is at the top of her field in everything she does. ... One word that best describes Barbara is empathetic. She looks at another person's point of view before she makes a decision and is known for her collaborative efforts."

– Leon A. Weiss

Pictured to the left: Leon A. Weiss administered the Oath of Office to Barbara Bellin Janovitz

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"I know June through work, social, and all types of opportunities. One word that describes her is dazzling. She is dazzlingly bright. ... She takes on projects that other people are afraid to tackle and goes after them with every effort. ... She is caring and makes me proud to call her my friend."

– Gerald B. Chattman

Pictured to the left: Gerald B. Chattman administered the Oath of Office to June E. Taylor

City Administrators Swearing-In



Pictured above: Council President James Pasch administered the Oath of Office to Diane A. Calta, Harvey S. Rose and Whitney M. Crook

Planning and Zoning Commission Members Swearing-In



Pictured above: Mayor Martin Horwitz administered the Oath of Office to Orry Jacobs and Rochelle Hecht



Pictured above: Mayor Martin Horwitz administered the Oath of Office to Alec Isaacson, June E. Taylor and Justin Berns

Civil Service Commission Swearing-In



Pictured left: Mayor Martin Horwitz administered the Oath of Office to Pete Smith, Civil Service Commission Chair

PLEASE NOTE..

City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents Day.

Rubbish and recycling will not be collected by the City on February 17. Collections will be delayed one day, so if your regular collection day is Monday, your collection day will be Tuesday, Wednesday's will be Thursday and Thursday's collection will be Friday.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, February 3 at 7:00 PM
 Thursday, February 20 at 7:00 PM
 Monday, March 2 at 7:00 PM
 Questions? Call 216.595.5462

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Thursday, February 27 at 6:30 PM
 Questions? Call 216.292.1914

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW

Monday, February 3 at 5:30 PM
 Tuesday, February 18 at 5:30 PM
 Monday, March 2 at 5:30 PM
 Questions? Call 216.292.1914

JUSTIN BERNs



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COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

After the Oath of Office was administered to those elected in 2019, City Council elected James Pasch as City Council President and Barbara Bellin Janovitz as City Council Vice President.

City Council President

James Pasch (sworn-in by Cuyahoga County Council Member Sunny Simon) “My pledge is that when decisions are hard, it doesn’t mean that we will always get it right, but we will always try our best. ... When we think of challenges ahead we have to think about what’s going to continue to separate us as a tremendous city. ... We’re all up here for the same purpose. I thank the community for putting your trust in us.” – James Pasch



City Council Vice President



Barbara Bellin Janovitz (sworn-in by Chair of the Cuyahoga Democratic Women’s Caucus Cindy Dempsey)

After congratulating the newly sworn-in City Council members, President, and Vice President, Mayor Martin Horwitz concluded with the following statement:

“As Mayor, and with [City Council’s] input, I want to build bridges between City Council, our Directors, our residents and our businesses. I want us to study the best practices of cities around the corner and around the country. I look forward to setting priorities as a team and working collaboratively on issues of security, services, sustainability and economic development. I am confident that under this new leadership and new Council we will be able to discuss issues openly, value each member’s opinion and build consensus for projects that will ultimately enhance our reputation as one of the premier suburbs in Ohio.”

SEVERE WEATHER INFO

When Beachwood City Schools are closed due to severe weather, all Beachwood Recreation and Upperclassmen programs will be cancelled.

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Overnight Senior Trips

The City of Beachwood announces four overnight trips in 2020:

- **Atlanta, Georgia**
April 26-30
- **Los Angeles, California**
May 17-21
- **Montreal-Quebec City**
August 9-13
- **The Greenbrier Resort, West Virginia**
October 20-22



A \$200 deposit per trip will reserve your space. Travel insurance is recommended. Questions? Call 216.595.3733.

FROM OUR POLICE CHIEF

At the end of 2019, the Jewish community was again targeted in a violent, anti-Semitic attack. The Cuyahoga County Police



Chiefs Association sent a letter condemning such cowardly acts, which are painful reminders of the damage that can be caused by hate and ignorance. The group wants residents to know that the brave members of its police forces

are paying close attention to all houses of worship, as well as the diverse religious and ethnic communities that make Cuyahoga County so special. Hatred has no home here.

“As our Cuyahoga County Police Chiefs Association states in this letter, we stand together with our houses of worship to prevent and combat crimes motivated by hate and ignorance,” said Police Chief Gary Haba. “A hearty thank you to the Jewish Federation of Cleveland for your continued support of our efforts.”

RX DRUG DROP BOX

A prescription drug drop-off box is located in the Police Department lobby. Residents can deposit unused, unwanted or expired prescription pills at the Drug Drop Box at the Police Department, Monday – Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. No liquids or needles are allowed.

ART EXHIBITS

BEACHWOOD
COMMUNITY CENTER

Art Gallery Hours
MON – FRI • 9 AM – 4 PM
SAT • 10 AM – 3 PM, SUN • 10 AM – 1 PM

ILEEN KELNER

Juried High School Art Show

February 9 – March 1

Exhibit features drawings, fiber art, jewelry, paintings, photographs and sculptures by students representing 22 regional high schools. The show and reception are free and open to the community.

Opening Reception: Sunday, February 9, 2:00 – 4:30 PM

Awards Ceremony: 3:00 PM

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IRS SCAMS

To protect you and your loved ones against IRS scams, Better Business Bureau has these tips:

- The IRS always mails a bill, then follows up with a phone call. They will never demand immediate payment over the phone. Similarly, the IRS doesn't threaten to involve local law enforcement, and the IRS cannot revoke your driver's or business licenses or immigration status. Don't trust your caller ID.
- Ask About Payment Method. Remember, gift cards are for gifts. Government or other agency officials will never demand payment in gift cards. The IRS also does not accept payment via wire transfer or prepaid debit card.
- The Internet has made it possible for scammers to use fake IDs when they call your home.



If you receive a suspicious call, don't make any important decisions based on what your caller ID says. Avoid answering calls from phone numbers you don't recognize, even if they appear to be local. If it's

important, the caller will leave a message.

Mat Pilates Class

This 4-class/2-week course will provide you with the basic knowledge needed in pilates conditioning. The instructor, Valentin has been teaching pilates internationally for over 20 years.

For more information visit www.beachwoodohio.com

BARKWOOD'S EXTENDED HOURS

Barkwood now has a night light and extended hours.

Visit daily from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

We welcome our 292 members representing 355 dogs!



Dogs must be registered to utilize Barkwood. Separate small and large dog areas are available. Open to Beachwood residents only.

The following must be presented to register:

- Proof of residency (current utility bill and driver's license)
- Verification of vaccinations from the veterinarian
- \$25 annual fee

Forms and additional information available at www.beachwoodohio.com.

For more information, call 216.292.1970.

Barkwood also has its own Facebook page! Give it a "Like," post your pictures, and learn about the new Barkwood livestream.

Visit www.facebook.com/BarkwoodDogPark



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

1:00 - 7:00 PM

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE, GIVE BLOOD

INTERNMATCH

Beachwood's InternMatch 2020 online opportunity center is now live! Internship opportunities with Beachwood companies are posted for students looking for Summer 2020 placement. Whether you are a local business seeking an intern or a student seeking a summer internship, we are here to help.

Beachwood businesses: prepare your job descriptions. Register online now for excellent summer interns! Search InternMatch at www.beachwoodohio.com

CITY OF BEACHWOOD BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Beachwood Recreation is pleased to offer our Youth Baseball/Softball leagues for the Spring/Summer of 2020. Please be sure to note that you must place your child in the league based on the age they will be up through August 31, 2020. Plus, some of our Girls Softball and Boys Baseball programs will be operated in conjunction with O.C.E.R. (Orange Community Education & Recreation) and other communities.

BASEBALL PROGRAM

Novice Coed-TBall	5-6 Years
Rookie Boys Coach Pitch	7-8 Years
Minor Boys Player Pitch	9-10 Years
Major Boys	11-12 Years
Pony Boys (Part of the Lyndhurst Dads' Club)	13-14 Years

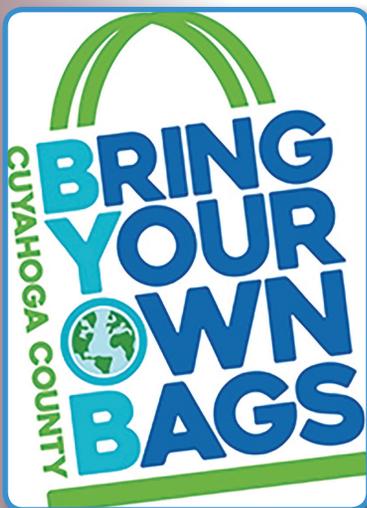
SOFTBALL PROGRAM

Rookie Girls Coach Pitch	7-8 Years
Minor Girls Player Pitch	9-12 Years



Detailed descriptions, ages, locations and fees for all leagues can be found in the Winter Recreation Guide or online at www.beachwoodohio.com. Questions? Call 216.292.1970 or email frank.vicchiarelli@beachwoodohio.com.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY'S PLASTIC BAG BAN NOW IN EFFECT



Though now in effect, enforcement is being delayed until July 1 to make the transition easier for everyone. Plastic bags harm our health and quality of life. The ban is being put into effect to protect Lake Erie, rivers, parks, and natural resources. Each year, more than 300 million bags are discarded in Cuyahoga County alone, and drinking water treatment plants cannot filter them out of the system. Also, water and sewer systems run more smoothly without plastic bags clogging storm drains and discharging into our lakes, streams and creeks.

Bag bans work. They have been in effect in China for more than a decade, and Ireland for 17 years. In Chicago, bag usage dropped by more than 50 percent in the first month of its program. Currently, 127 countries and 349 jurisdictions have regulations on plastic bags.



According to the EPA, 102 billion plastic bags are used and discarded in the U.S. every year. We can help reduce this tremendous pollution waste.