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BEACHWOOD REQUIRES FACE COVERINGS

Prevent the spread of coronavirus: thoroughly and frequently wash hands, practice social distancing, and wear a face mask. To help limit the spread of the coronavirus, Beachwood City Council voted to mandate the wearing of facial coverings (face masks) in Beachwood public indoor areas.

"This is a public health requirement in the midst of the largest public health crisis of our lifetime," said Council President James Pasch. "There is nothing more important than our health, and science shows that a simple face mask helps blunt the spread of the virus. If we all wear masks, we will all be safer."

For more information, see page 6.



POLICE CHIEF GARY HABA RETIRES



The City of Beachwood thanks former Police Chief Gary Haba for his service to our community.

Haba was named police chief in 2017. He retired on July 17, after serving our community for 25 years. Gary Haba said highlights of his career included training at the FBI National Academy in 2014, launching Beachwood's two K-9 units and building relationships with The Jewish Federation of Cleveland. The City of



Beachwood wishes him success in all of his future endeavors.

Capt. Richard Lessick will be in charge of the Beachwood Police Department until a new chief is hired.

SPECIAL NOTICE

City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. We wish you a happy holiday! All rubbish pick-ups will be delayed one day throughout the week.



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TOWN HALL FOR RACIAL EQUITY

On July 8, the City of Beachwood hosted a Town Hall for Racial Equity, moderated by broadcast reporter Darrielle Snipes. City Council President James Pasch and Civil Service Commission Chair Pete Smith served as panelists for this open, honest discussion about race. Mayor Martin Horwitz and Police Chief Gary Haba were originally slated as panelists. The Mayor was unable to attend because he was in the hospital and Police Chief Haba retired.



The conversation was scheduled for community members to voice their opinions so City Council members and administrators can come up with solutions. About 90 individuals participated via Zoom.

Pete noted, "The dynamics and subjects that will undoubtedly come to light tonight are centuries old and we're not going to solve them in 90 minutes. However, I encourage us all to actively listen without assumptions of what we believe we do and do not know."

James added, "There's no way to solve a problem without listening to our shared or your personal experiences. That's where the real work begins. So tonight I ask you to share your stories of what it's been like for you to live, work, and raise your kids in the City of Beachwood. What concerns do you have? What hopes do you have? We will try our best to answer some of your questions tonight. We will also do a lot of listening. All of my Council colleagues are on the phone this evening as well as several members of the Beachwood

Board of Education. As elected officials we are here to listen, because we know that's where real change starts."

A Q&A session followed the opening comments. Additional details may be found on page 14.

WATCH FOR SCHOOL BUSESSES

Drivers seeing a stopped school bus with the stop arm out and lights flashing are to stop at least 10 feet from the front or rear of the bus and not move until signaled to do so by the bus driver. When traveling on a road with four or more traffic lanes, a driver does not need to stop for a school bus when it is approaching from other direction.



**AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

1:00 – 7:00 PM

Beachwood Community Center

Call 1.800.RED CROSS for an appointment

SENIOR RUBBISH ASSISTANCE

Are you 80+ years of age or disabled with no one in your single-family home to assist you with your rubbish & recycling bins? We can help. Call 216.292.1922 to register.

Public City meetings are now held online and can be viewed on the City website. For information on how to participate or submit a comment, please email whitney.crook@beachwoodohio.com. For information about Planning & Zoning and the Architectural Board of Review, please email veronica.muth@beachwoodohio.com.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

Monday, August 17 at 7:00 PM

Questions? Call 216.595.5462

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 PM

Questions? Call 216.292.1914

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW

Monday, August 3 at 4:00 PM

Monday, August 17 at 4:00 PM

Questions? Call 216.292.1914

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BEACHWOOD FLOODING

Beachwood has recently endured significant rain events, which have overwhelmed the capacity of many of its sewer systems and caused water to back up into some residents' basements. Mayor Horwitz and City Council are committed to improving Beachwood's sewer systems. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is evaluating short-term and long-term solutions through the collection and analysis of sewer-study data, collected both by the City of Beachwood and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS).

SEWER 101

The sanitary main (graywater/blackwater) is separate from the storm main (rainwater). These mains run to each home via sanitary and storm connections. The DPW uses each connection's Test Tee to access, clean out, and video the connections from the Tee to the main and the Tee to the home.

Most of these house connections were built with clay-tile pipes 50-70 years ago. Over time, separations in these pipes can occur, causing groundwater to infiltrate connections and flow into homes. Sewer mains in the street can fill during heavy rains and the water can make its way into basements through floor drains, if the storm water infiltrates the sanitary sewers. If water is coming through the walls of your home, this can be a basement waterproofing issue and does not necessarily mean there is a sewer back up. Additionally, storm sewer lines are always higher than sanitary lines, so any storm-sewer leakage may run into the sanitary system, which may then back up into a home.

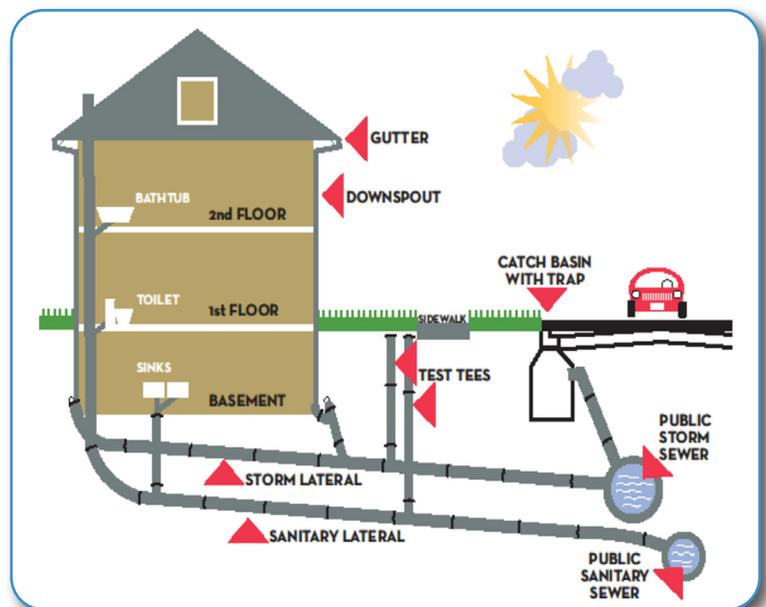
If you are concerned about blockages or other potential issues with your sewer systems, please call the DPW at 216.292.1922 to schedule an evaluation.

IDENTIFYING IMPROVEMENTS

NEORS has mapped Beachwood's sewer systems to find improvements. A preliminary report of this data identified a cost of \$20M for Beachwood's tier-one (critical) fixes, which would include capacity increases and sewer replacements in areas including Bryden Rd., Lyndway Rd./Glenhill Dr., Greenlawn Ave., and Halcyon Rd. The City would be responsible for the cost of these improvements, because Beachwood owns the sewers and NEORS treats the waste water.

The City, in coordination with the Cuyahoga County Public Works Department, has invested \$5M in its sewers over the past 6 years. Some of the projects include repairs, relining, and separating the storm and sanitary sewers that share manholes in 22 locations. Replacing the actual storm sewers to increase capacity would also mean replacing the sanitary sewers and replacing the roads that these sewers are beneath.

The City of Beachwood does not pay for personal flood damage, nor can it fix all of the issues tomorrow. Replacing sewers is a big investment. The City administration is evaluating these issues through its own studies and those completed by NEORS and will make recommendations to City Council accordingly. For more information, residents are invited to view the recent City Council discussion on this issue via the "Watch Council Meetings" Quick Link on the home page of www.BeachwoodOhio.com; click the "Council Committees" heading on the Live Stream page and navigate to "Committee of the Whole, April 6, 2020."



SENIOR WELLNESS CALLS

Since mid-March, the Community Services Department has made over 5,500 phone calls to seniors in our area. Daily, weekly or bi-weekly calls are available free-of-charge. Interested in receiving a check-in phone call (or know someone that does)? Call 216.292.1970 and we will gladly add them to the call list.



NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT

The Beachwood Fire Department recently took delivery of a Pierce Rescue Pumper replacing a 1998 vehicle. This new fire engine has double the water-carrying capacity of the previous truck, along with a full complement of rescue tools and airbags for specialty rescues. It will be used to protect the City of Beachwood for many years to come.



NATIONAL DOG DAY!



National Dog Day on August 26 celebrates all breeds, pure and mixed, and serves to help galvanize the public to recognize the number of dogs that need to be rescued each year. National Dog Day honors family dogs and dogs that work selflessly to save lives, keep us safe and bring comfort.

In recognition of this special day, we share that Barkwood now has 352 members, with 430 dogs: a reason to celebrate!



NOISE/LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

The City of Beachwood requests as a courtesy to your neighbors that all landscaping noise ceases by 5:00 PM. Because of social distancing, more families are spending time outdoors and loud noises are disruptive.

Our City Ordinance states the any objectionable or unreasonable noise that may be a disturbance to neighbors or other residents in the City should be limited between 7:00 PM and 7:00 AM, Monday through Friday, and 7:00 PM to 9:00 AM on Saturdays, Sundays and official holidays.

SUMMER FUN BOX



Running out of things to do with the kids? Order a Summer Fun Box today! It includes directions and materials for all sorts of fun and enriching activities.

You can get yours for \$15 each via: www.beachwoodohio.com/registration.

50 YEAR RESIDENTS

Have you been a Beachwood resident for 50 years?

Let us honor you! We will deliver a special gift to your home.



Please call 216.595.3733

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 through Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. No liquids or needles.





SUBSCRIBE NOW!

This postcard has been mailed to all residential Beachwood addresses.

Should urgent City news require your attention, we want to let you know immediately. In addition, you will be kept up-to-date on City programs and events.

Stay informed and register TODAY.

BEACHWOOD: Help Us Keep You Informed!

[There has never been a more important time for you to register for City of Beachwood notifications.](#)

If there is a City emergency that requires your attention, we want you to know immediately. As we look to the future, we will let you know as City programs resume and businesses reopen. The City of Beachwood is committed to reaching every resident by email and/or text message.

Register today with your email and mobile number one of three ways:

1. **ONLINE** at www.beachwoodohio.com by clicking Notify Me at the Alert Center and registering for BEACHWOOD eLIST
2. By **VOICEMAIL MESSAGE** at 216-292-1905; or
3. **EMAIL** the information to: elist@beachwoodohio.com

Your information will not be shared.


Martin S. Horwitz, Mayor


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STAY
INFORMED!

BARKWOOD NOW OPEN: BEACHWOOD DOGS REJOICE!

In light of many places reopening and the number of Barkwood families who have requested that the park return to pre-COVID-19 operation, we have re-opened Barkwood without restrictions. Barkwood hours are 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM daily.

We trust you understand the risks associated with the use of a public facility and will make responsible choices that are best for you, your dog, other Barkwood members and their dogs.

PLEASE:

- Do not take your dog to Barkwood if you are sick or have recently been in close contact with a person with COVID-19.
- Do not take your dog to Barkwood if your dog is sick. Signs of sickness may include fever, coughing, shortness of breath, lethargy, vomiting or diarrhea.
- Limit your dog's interaction with others outside your household.
- Consider bringing a portable water bowl.
- Facial coverings are required.
- Maintain social distancing (6 feet) at all times.
- Refrain from touching other dogs.
- Sanitize your hands before and after your Barkwood visit.



The Barkwood live stream/camera is online at www.beachwoodohio.com.

***We reserve the right to change these operating hours/procedures if regulations are not followed or when we receive new medical warnings. Busy times/heavy attendance may require a cue for entrance.



HEAL. SIT. STAY.

All 2 legged animals:

We require wearing a facial covering.



IF A COYOTE IS IN YOUR BACKYARD, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Coyotes are common throughout Ohio in both rural and urban settings. They are most active at dawn and dusk, but may be seen frequently throughout the day. Coyotes eat a variety of foods, including small mammals, insects, fruits and berries, and items meant for pets and humans. If a coyote is in your yard:

1. Identify that the canine is truly a coyote and not a stray dog. If the animal is a stray dog, contact Beachwood Police.
2. Remove all "attractants" to possibly deter the coyote from returning. This includes removing garbage and pet food before nightfall and cleaning up around grills.
3. Keep small dogs and cats inside or supervise them at night when coyotes are most active. Coyotes are curious but generally fearful of humans. Clap your hands and shout to scare off coyotes.
4. If the coyote seems to lack a fear of humans or is presenting a conflict even after removing attractants, contact a nuisance trapper by calling the Division of Wildlife at 1-800-WILDLIFE (945.3543) or visit www.wildohio.com.



UPCOMING DRIVE-IN MOVIE



FROZEN II
AUGUST 16

STAY IN YOUR CAR
Beachwood High School Parking Lot
Movie Starts 5:00 PM

Reservations are Mandatory
www.beachwoodohio.com
LIMITED SPACE!
Questions? 216.292.1970



RECREATION PROGRAMS: VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON



The City of Beachwood created a Virtual and In-Person Rec Guide on its website with links to activities, education and resources available to you and your family. Many offerings are free and

a few have a minimal fee. If you have an idea or resource that you would like to share, please email recreation@beachwoodohio.com.

BEACHWOOD VAN SERVICE

The Beachwood Community Services Department continues to provide van service to resident seniors and residents with disabilities to get to medical appointments, or to pick up pre-paid grocery and pharmacy orders. To schedule a ride, please call 216.292.1970.



USE CAUTION & BE SEEN

Use caution when walking at dawn, dusk and evening hours. Add reflective items to your clothing. When and if it is necessary to walk in the street, please walk facing traffic and if in a group, single file.

FOLLOW US Details regarding the effects of COVID-19 are changing on a daily basis. Stay informed by following the City of Beachwood online:

- WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM
- FACEBOOK.COM/BEACHWOODOH
- TWITTER.COM/BEACHWOODOH



We continue to encourage residents to claim a free CodeRED emergency communications account. Click the red circle icon on the left-hand side of www.BeachwoodOhio.com