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## FLOODING UPDATE FROM MAYOR HORWITZ

City Council and my administration have made the issue of flooding our number-one priority and have been working to find solutions. I know that many Beachwood residents have had floods over the past 2-3 years and in 2020 this has worsened. In addition to massive rain in March and May 2020, the National Weather Service reported that Labor Day 2020 was the third wettest day in Cleveland's history. The *Plain Dealer* reported that east-side communities were even harder hit than Cleveland proper.

Moreover, rainfall is increasing: a September 9 *Plain Dealer* article quoted representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, CWRU, and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) who all attributed these more frequent and higher-intensity storms to climate change.

A view of the rainfall in Beachwood over the past 10 years shows that from mid-2017 until now, our rainfall has doubled over the 7 years prior: search "Beachwood weather averages" at [worldweatheronline.com](http://worldweatheronline.com). The NEORS-owned storm-water systems, many of which were constructed 50-80 years ago, were not built to handle such an influx of rain.

### COMPLETED SEWER PROJECTS

Many Beachwood residents believe that nothing has been done to mitigate flooding; this simply is not true. Over the past 6 years, the City, working with the Cuyahoga County Public Works Department, has invested \$5M in its sewers, with projects including repairs, relining, and separating the storm and sanitary sewers in 22 locations. Separating these systems has helped to prevent storm water and untreated sewage from backing up into basements during significant rainfall.

### PROPOSED SEWER PROJECTS

- In the **Bryden and Green Road area**, we are working with Shaker Heights to create a second culvert that will double the storm-water capacity in that area. This project will aid Bryden and Green residents and homes on the side streets in the area. The construction could begin as early as next spring and could be completed by the end of Summer 2021.
- The **Northwest Beachwood area** is served by sewer systems at Lyndway Road and Glenhill Drive. This project will positively impact homes located between Fairmount Blvd. and Cedar Road and Richmond Road to Green Road. We have completed data gathering from installed flow meters on the major storm-water lines and expect to have recommendations from our city engineer by early October. Completing this project will require a significant amount of capital and cannot be rushed without a complete study.



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- Finally, our Department of Public Works has created a list of residents who would benefit from the **installation of back-flow diverters**. These back-flow diverters are highly effective for flooding that occurs from the backup of indoor drains, but will not remedy issues such as old waterproofing or crushed sewer lines, which are the homeowner's responsibility. These diverters are typically installed by the County Public Works Department; I am proposing that Council approve a program for an independent third-party contractor to install some of these in Beachwood. If you require immediate assistance, you may hire a private plumbing contractor to locate test tees or install a back-flow device at your own expense.

More about these projects can be seen at the August 31 Public Works Committee meeting on our website. Also, the August 2020 *Beachwood Buzz* City Insider page 26 outlined basics about our sewer system and is archived online.

Beachwood does not pay for personal flood damage, nor can it all be fixed tomorrow. Nevertheless, I am committed to developing a City-wide Master Water Plan to help mitigate future flooding.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- If your property experienced flooding on Labor Day, please call the Beachwood Department of Public Works (DPW) at 216.292.1922 with your address. They are creating a database of our hardest-hit flood areas. You may also request a free evaluation of your sewer systems, a service we are happy to provide.
- Please move flood-damaged items to your tree lawn and call DPW at 216.292.1922 to schedule a special rubbish collection at no charge.
- If you are planning a building or paving project, please consider using permeable paving materials.
- Contact our Regional, State and Federal elected officials and demand that they allocate budget to increase capacity of the storm sewers owned by the NEORSD, and ask what legislation they are promoting that will alleviate climate-change activity.

Council and I appreciate the pride our residents take in their homes and we are working to help protect your investment.

## CELEBRATE 50-YEAR BEACHWOOD RESIDENTS!

Bernard Abrahams	Jack Davidson	Toby Katz	Gretchen Russell
Nate Arnold	Ruth and Jerry Dombcik	Gloria Kurland	Jerry Savransky
Betty Blumenthal	Jane Dunay	Sanford and Elaine Jaffe	Fern Weiss
Sheldon Brodsky	James and Emily Eckley	Joyce Raviotta	
Diane Chaitoff	Alan Goldstine	Sheilagh Roth	

## WELCOME, POLICE CHIEF STILLMAN!

For more information see page 6 and also next month's City Insider.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

**CITY COUNCIL**  
 Monday, October 5 at 7:00 PM  
 Monday, October 19 at 7:00 PM  
 Monday, November 2 at 7:00 PM  
 Questions? Call 216.595.5462

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**  
 Thursday, October 29 at 6:30 PM  
 Questions? Call 216.292.1914

**ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW**  
 Monday, October 5 at 4:00 PM  
 Monday, October 19 at 4:00 PM  
 Monday, November 2 at 4:00 PM  
 Questions? Call 216.292.1914

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## SHRED DAY!

Thanks to the 494 Beachwood residents who participated in the Sunday, August 30 Shred Day. We shredded a record 22,760 pounds of material: more than 11 tons! Thanks also to City employees Tim, Tony, Nick, Karen, and Mayor Horwitz for facilitating the transfer of shred materials from vehicle trunks to the shred trucks. The next event will take place in Spring 2021: watch for more information in future issues of City Insider.



## CRIME ADVISORY

**HIDE  
YOUR THINGS**  
**LOCK  
YOUR CAR**  
**TAKE  
YOUR KEYS**

Last month, many vehicles were entered, items taken, and in some cases, vehicles were stolen from Beachwood residential neighborhoods. Most (if not all) were unlocked with the ignition keys left inside. Please be safe: lock up and take your keys any time you leave a vehicle unattended.

If you see suspicious activity, please report it to the Beachwood Police Department at 216.464.1234.

## WANTED: ORIGINAL GARDEN RECIPES

If you have created an original recipe around one of your Beachwood veggie harvests, send it to the City. We will assemble all the submissions in a booklet to be shared on our website. Please send your recipes to [lynn.johnson@beachwoodohio.com](mailto:lynn.johnson@beachwoodohio.com).

**Deadline: October 30**



## BEACHWOOD WINS STATE AWARD

Good record keeping has qualified the City of Beachwood for the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. Auditor of State Keith Faber said, "Congratulations on an audit that highlights your dedication and commitment to transparency and accountability to taxpayers." Our congratulations to the City's Audit and Finance Departments, particularly Audit Director Harvey Rose, Administrative Coordinator Mari Conroy, Assistant Finance Director Michelle Kaplan and Finance Director Larry Heiser.

## ONLINE CITY MEETINGS

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](mailto:whitney.crook@beachwoodohio.com). For information about Planning & Zoning and the Architectural Board of Review, please email [veronica.muth@beachwoodohio.com](mailto:veronica.muth@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. For more information, please call 216.292.1971.

## HYDRANT FLUSHING



The Beachwood Fire Department will conduct hydrant flushing October 24 — October 30.

Hydrant flushing may occur on your street any day during this week. If you experience discolored water, please run the COLD water from the lowest point in your house (for example, a basement sink) until it runs clear.

For more information, call 216.292.1965.

## UTILITY SCAMS: BE SAFE!

The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs warns residents to hang up on utility scam calls that threaten disconnection. Utility disconnection, refund, or discount scams, which target residents and businesses, often spike before weekends or holidays.

The safest thing to do with these calls is report them to Cuyahoga County's Scam Squad by calling 216.443.SCAM (7226) or use the online reporting form at [consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us](http://consumeraffairs.cuyahogacounty.us). Answering --or worse, calling back-- may result in more calls.

### RESIDENTS ARE ADVISED:

- Utilities do not accept gift cards, money wires or Bitcoin.
- Never share Social Security numbers or banking information with anyone who calls you.
- If you have questions about your utility accounts, contact your utility using the number on your bill.
- Do not use callback numbers provided in robocalls or on your Caller ID.

## 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.



### PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

**It's the law!**  
(Beachwood City Ordinance 618.12)

## MASK REMINDER



Our City Playground is considered an outdoor gathering area. Face coverings are required to be worn by all patrons over the age of five.

## NEW ART EXHIBIT



BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER  
*CREATIVE EXPRESSION*

\*Friday, October 2 — Wednesday, October 28

### BY APPOINTMENT

Featuring bright, bold, and colorful work by artists Lisa Gerla-Feder, Meghann Hennen and Deb Steytler.



\*Visit exhibit online or call 216.595.3733 to schedule an in-person appointment. Monday — Friday, 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM

## FALL LEAF PICK-UP

Loose-leaf pick-up has begun and (weather permitting) runs through mid-December.

- Leaves need to be raked into piles on the treelawn
- Keep piles free from other debris such as grass, trees or branches
- Vehicles parked on the street may impede the City's ability to collect leaves



# MULCHING THE LEAVES ISN'T A TRICK

IT'S A TREAT FOR YOUR LAWN!

- Mulch leaves with a lawn mower: leaves provide nutrients for healthy soil
- Apply a good-quality compost along with grass seed while seeding the lawn

## DID YOU KNOW?

Researchers found that mulching leaves in the fall resulted in a greener lawn and up to 80% fewer dandelions the following spring season.



## VETERANS DAY SALUTE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8  
11:00 AM

BEACHWOOD CEMETERY

The Beachwood Historical

Society and the City of Beachwood will partner to commemorate Veterans Day. This program, free and open to the public, will feature local veterans and dignitaries and the presentation of colors. Beachwood Cemetery, located at the corner of South Green and Halburton Roads, is the final resting place of 40 soldiers from the Revolutionary War to World War II.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

Blood donations are **by appointment only**. Please call the Red Cross at (800) 733.2767 or log onto [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule your appointment.

BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER  
1:00 — 7:00 PM

Friday, October 16  
Friday, November 20  
Friday, December 18

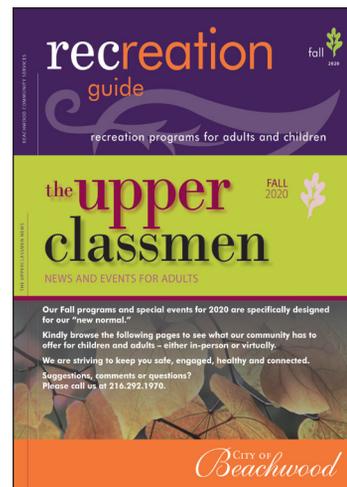


**SAVE A LIFE. GIVE BLOOD.**

## QUICK LINKS FOR QUICK INFO

For instant information about what's going on in the City of Beachwood, visit Quick Links at [beachwoodohio.com](http://beachwoodohio.com). Topics include: COVID-19 Updates, Watching City Meetings, Recreation Programs and Virtual Rec Guide, the Honkin' Haulin' Parade Route and more. Visit today!

## RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES ACTIVITY GUIDE



Activities are available for all ages: in-person, online and hybrid! Be sure to view the Recreation & Human Services Activity Guide on the Quick Link at [beachwoodohio.com](http://beachwoodohio.com).

Browse its pages to see what our community has to offer for children and adults. We strive to keep you safe, engaged, healthy and connected.

Suggestions, comments or questions?  
Please call 216.292.1970.

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

Drivers seeing a stopped school bus with the stop arm out and lights flashing are to stop at least 10 feet from the front of or rear of the bus and not move until signaled to do so by the bus driver.

A driver does not need to stop for a school bus approaching from the opposite direction when traveling on a highway with four or more traffic lanes.



Just bring your creativity, clothes and accessories!

FREE but registration  
is required:  
[WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM](http://WWW.BEACHWOODOHIO.COM)

FREE  
BUILD  
A  
SCARECROW!

Perfect family  
or group activity  
for everyone!

- Sunday, Oct. 11
- Beachwood  
City Park East
- 12:00 - 2:00 PM

SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER  
11

We provide the  
scarecrow  
mounting, straw  
and twine.

VECTEEZ

Presented by: City of Beachwood, Beachwood Historical Society, Beachwood Arts Council

Trucks are  
on the move!

FREE  
goody bags!



- Sunday, Oct. 18
- Starts at 1:00 PM
- Parade route at:  
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