

CITY OF *Beachwood* Insider

December 2020

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ONLINE TOWN HALL: MEET CHIEF STILLMAN



Save the Date!

Wednesday, January 13 • 7:00 — 8:00 PM

Meet Police Chief Kelly Stillman and learn about his career experience, policing in a diverse city, police training, community outreach, departmental goals, policies and procedures and more.

Registration is required. Visit the "Meet Chief Stillman" Quick Link on our home page at beachwoodohio.com. Questions? Call 216.292.1901.

Scott Morrison, Discovery Photo

BARKWOOD WINS STC PROJECT OF THE YEAR



The Synthetic Turf Council (STC) recently awarded SYNlawn its *Project of the Year for Commercial Installations* for Barkwood, recognizing our City's dog park for innovation and quality reflecting the STC mission. Barkwood is the largest municipal turf dog park in the U.S. with more than 22,000 square feet of synthetic turf, allowing dogs to socialize year-round without getting muddy paws.

Barkwood opened with 117 members. Now, we have 408 members representing 485 dogs. That's something to bark about!

Residents can learn how to register their dog at the "Barkwood Dog Park" Quick Link at www.beachwoodohio.com or call 216.292.1970, Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.



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VETERANS DAY SALUTE: *Thanking Veterans*

Last month, the City of Beachwood and the Beachwood Historical Society saluted veterans in a ceremony at the Beachwood Cemetery. Members of the Beachwood Fire and Police Departments' Honor Guard presented colors. Thanks to all the veterans, scouts, and others for taking part. For additional information, see page 12.



THANK YOU, BEACHWOOD!

Thank you for voting! In Beachwood, 79.54% of registered voters voted in the November General Election, which exceeded the Cuyahoga County percentage of 65.5%.

Beachwood Registered Voters: **10,164**
 Vote-by-Mail Ballots Requested: **5,723**
 Vote-by-Mail Ballots Returned: **5,355**
 Total Ballots Cast: **7,988**



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Blood donations are **by appointment only**. Please call the Red Cross at (800) 733.2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment.

BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER
 Friday, December 18
 1:00 — 7:00 PM



HOLIDAY HOURS

City offices will close at noon on Thursday, December 24 and remain closed through Friday, December 25. They will also close at noon on Thursday, December 31 and remain closed on Friday, January 1. Rubbish collection will NOT be impacted.

Happy holidays!

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, February 17, 2021
7:00 PM

Virtual Town Hall Meeting:
Sewer / Stormwater Education & Action



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, December 7 at 7:00 PM
 Monday, December 21 at 7:00 PM
 Questions? Call 216.595.5462

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 PM
 Questions? Call 216.292.1914

ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW

Monday, December 7 at 4:00 PM
 Monday, December 21 at 4:00 PM

Questions? Call 216.292.1914

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BEACHWOOD EXPANDS CRA TO ENTIRE COMMERCIAL AREA

Beachwood City Council recently voted to expand the city's Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) to include all commercial property. The expanded CRA provides tax abatements up to 50% on the improved value of properties for up to 10 years. CRA benefits will be decided on a case-by-case basis and the plan was unanimously approved by the Beachwood Board of Education.

Beachwood expects State of Ohio approval for the CRA expansion by the end of 2020.

This will make our community an even more vibrant commercial center. Developers interested in more information should call James Heller at 216.292.1915 or William Griswold at 216.292.1944. For more info, read this month's cover story.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Dates in February/March 2021 TBA

The Academy may be cancelled or postponed depending on public-health concerns.

The Citizens Police Academy is a 12 - 14 week program that will increase cooperation and communication between community members and police officers and deepen participants' knowledge of police department operations. Participants must:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Be a Beachwood resident of or work in the City
- Have no pending criminal charges
- Have no felony convictions
- Have no pending civil litigation against the City or many other municipality, state, federal government or agencies

Background checks are performed and character references must be provided. To receive an application, please email jamey.Appell@beachwoodohio.com.

FIRE SAFETY REMINDER

The Beachwood Fire Department reminds you to change your furnace filters and to test your smoke and CO detectors monthly. It is recommended you have a CO detector on every level of your home, preferably five feet off the ground and near sleeping quarters. Smoke alarms should be in every sleeping room and outside every sleeping area.



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FALL LEAF PICK-UP

Loose-leaf pick-up has begun! Weather permitting, it runs through mid-December.

- Rake leaves into piles on the tree lawn
- Keep piles free from debris such as grass and sticks
- Vehicles parked on the street may impede the City's ability to collect leaves

DO NOT BE A VICTIM OF THEFT

WHEN PARKING YOUR VEHICLE:



- ALWAYS lock your vehicle and take your keys with you.
- Park in well-lit, heavily traveled areas if possible.
- DO NOT leave valuables in plain view. Take them with you, leave them at home, or secure them out of sight prior to arriving at your destination.

Valuables include:

Purses, jackets, money, wallets, phones, tablets, laptops, sunglasses, backpacks, shopping bags...

- Be aware of your surroundings and PLEASE report suspicious persons or activity by calling the Beachwood Police Department at 216.464.1234 or 9-1-1.

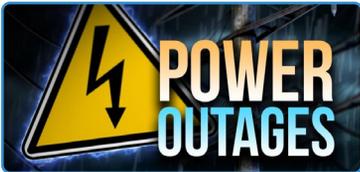
SENIOR RUBBISH ASSISTANCE

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.

QUICK LINKS: QUICK INFO

For instant information about activities in the City of Beachwood, visit Quick Links at beachwoodohio.com. Topics include: COVID-19 Updates, Watch City Meetings, Recreation Programs, Virtual Rec Guide and more. Visit today!

POWER OUTAGES

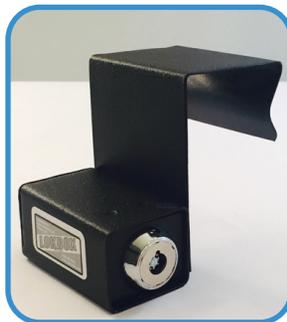


If your power goes out due to an accident or force of nature such as high winds, lightning or storms. Please call First Energy at 888.LIGHTSS (888.544.4877), not 911. This

will allow the power company to track and repair outages while leaving our dispatchers free to handle emergency calls. You may also report outages by texting REG to 544487 (LIGHTS). You will need your account number and ZIP code.

LOCKBOX PROGRAM

In an emergency, every second counts! The Beachwood Department of Fire-Rescue offers a lockbox program to expedite access into homes during emergencies. Pay a one-time \$30 fee for a small, secure metal box that hangs over your front door with a spare key inside. The box is locked by a unique key, accessible exclusively by the Beachwood Fire Department and only used in the event of an emergency. Residents interested in purchasing a lock box should call 216.292.1965.



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.



NEW ART EXHIBIT

FREE

BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

ARTFULLY CALM

Wednesday, December 9 — Thursday, January 7

BY APPOINTMENT

Featuring work by:
Yolanda (Loni) Litten
Linda Merchant Pearce
Nancy Minter
Eva Volf



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

WE CAN'T HELP YOU IF WE CAN'T FIND YOU!

When we are responding to an emergency, we rely on your address sign! Address signs obstructed by foliage or objects can reduce our response time when every second counts. Please make sure that your address numbers are clearly visible: the bigger the numbers, the better.



CRIME ADVISORY

AUTO & HOME BREAK-INS are on the rise. Protect yourself and your property with these simple tips:
LOCK your car doors and do not leave any car keys or house keys in your vehicle
LOCK your doors even if you're in the house
SET your security alarm at night when home
CLOSE your garage door even during the day
KEEP valuables out-of-sight: if you must keep valuables in your car, put them in the trunk
REMEMBER: if you see something suspicious in the city, call 911 immediately. Do not hesitate because you don't want to be wrong or you're not sure. The police would rather respond to a suspicious person call immediately to make a determination about the activity than to wait and the person and/or vehicle has left before police arrive. Also, to reach Beachwood Police Dispatch FROM YOUR CELL PHONE, it's more efficient to call 216.464.1234.

RECYCLING: BACK TO THE BASICS

Recycling contamination is an issue across the nation and a major problem in Cuyahoga County. It happens when well-intentioned recyclers mistakenly put the wrong items into their recycling, which can wreak havoc on the recycling process. The best way to avoid recycling contamination in your curbside recycling is to only recycle these five items:

- **CANS:** Empty and rinse.
- **CARTONS:** Empty, rinse and replace the cap.
- **GLASS BOTTLES & JARS:** Empty and rinse.
- **PAPER & BOXES:** Flatten cardboard items.
- **PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS*:** Empty, rinse and replace cap.



Place these items loose – not bagged – in your recycling bin or cart. All items should be clean, empty and dry.

*Plastic bottles and jugs include items with an opening or neck that is narrower than the body.

SEVERE WEATHER?



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

DON'T CROWD THE PLOW



Give snow-plow operators space to work. A loaded snow-plow vehicle can weigh between 20–40 tons and cannot easily stop. In a contest between a snow plow and a car, the snow plow will be the clear winner. Stay at least 100 feet behind the plow when driving.

SNOW ORDINANCE



Beachwood Ordinance states when snow falls over a 24-hour period to a depth of 2" or more, an emergency is declared and parking may be prohibited on all City streets. We will make an attempt to notify the public by tweeting and using local press. Vehicle owners are responsible for complying with emergency-parking regulations.

GOT DRUGS?

Residents are encouraged to safely dispose of unused, unwanted or expired prescription medications in the Drug Drop Box, located at the Beachwood Police Department. Prescription drugs are the number-one abused substance for ages 12 to 17: often from the medicine cabinets of their parents, grandparents and friends. All prescription medications can be dropped off, except for liquids or needles. Vaping devices and cartridges may also be dropped off.



RECYCLE BROKEN HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND POWER CORDS

The Public Works Department accepts broken holiday lights and power cords dropped off for recycling in December and January, Monday – Friday, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM



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MEET POLICE CHIEF KELLY STILLMAN: ONLINE TOWN HALL

JANUARY 13
7:00 – 8:00 PM

COURTESY OF SCOTT MORRISON, DISCOVERY PHOTO

LEARN MORE ABOUT:



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- **His Career Experience**
- **Departmental Goals**
- **Department Policies & Procedures**
- **Policing in a Diverse City**
- **Police Training**
- **Community Outreach**

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