

# CITY OF *Beachwood* Insider

January 2022

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## A WELCOMING WORD FROM MAYOR JUSTIN BERNIS

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all Beachwood residents, business owners and workers in our fine city! As your new mayor, I consider it my honor and privilege to wish you well as we begin 2022.

I could simply say that the campaign trail led me to this leadership position, and that would be true, but my path in Beachwood extends far beyond that time frame. Most recently, my service as a city councilperson has put me in a position to be fully integrated with and aware of all the important city issues and developments. Extending further back, my time as president of the Parent Teacher Organization has sensitized me to internal issues from the consumer side of education, as well as the challenges that staff members face. My three children have been attending Beachwood Schools since kindergarten, too.

Reaching even further into my past, it was my entire childhood spent in Beachwood that shaped my extremely positive perception of our city. I had an outstanding educational and social experience here, culminating in my 1987 class of graduation.

My attention now is fiercely focused on city operations and governance, and through these channels, I'm excited to strengthen my connection to Beachwood. I've heard from a wide range of constituents over the past six months, and I feel well apprised of the concerns belonging to many of our stakeholders. The points they raised are helping to shape my priorities.

I'm happy to share highlights of my agenda and what Beachwood community members can anticipate.

- **Safety Measure:** City Council will vote soon to acquire license plate readers, which will enhance the city's ability to track and trace civic offenders.
- **Signage:** City Council will ask for RFPs (Requests For Proposals) for the creation of an electronic sign with rotating messages, similar to the one in front of Beachwood High School, to communicate relevant, valuable and time-sensitive information.



*Pictured left to right: Katherine Dolan, Chief of Police; Justin Bernis, Mayor; Steven Holtzman, Chief of Fire and Rescue*



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- **Beachwood Place:** I will closely monitor operations in this great community asset with a plan to be a visible presence there, walking the floors frequently. I also will be in communication with the owner to help shape the property's future.
- **Pickleball Courts:** City Council will be working on plans to create this recreational opportunity, which will be located next to the tennis courts.
- **Renovated City Playground:** The Recreation/Community Services committee will be considering which surface should replace the wood chips now present, with a rubberized product or synthetic turf as options. Also, new equipment will be purchased.
- **Barkwood Comfort Station:** This will be the second comfort station installation within Beachwood City Park, on the east side of Richmond Road.
- **Business Retention:** I will meet regularly with business owners, operators and leaders to enhance the city's partnerships with these important elements of the community.
- **Senior Community:** Residents can expect the same high level of service they've been receiving with regard to specialized van transportation, rubbish pickup and curated recreational programming, including exercise, trips, outings and educational opportunities.
- **Children:** Our camps will be open. Resident registration has begun.
- **Orthodox Community:** Additional attention will be paid to the Green Road corridor, particularly during Shabbat.
- **Police:** The BPD's presence will be visible and active.
- **Department Leaders:** I have contacted and established solid communication with nearly all of the department directors at Beachwood City Hall, as well as those involved with Beachwood City Schools, including Superintendent Bob Hardis and Athletic Director Ryan Peters.

All public meetings are held in-person at Beachwood City Hall

- **Infrastructure/Improved Traffic Safety:** Improvements at the intersections of Chagrin and Richmond, and Chagrin and I-271 are under serious consideration. We are planning a connector road from Commerce Park leading to Chagrin Highlands, and we will continue the sewer upgrading.

I am pleased to say that I enjoy very warm relationships with city council members, and I anticipate positive collaboration with them. Drawing on their considerable time, energy and concerted effort, I expect that we will work together to address city issues and advance the city's ability to function at its historically high levels.

Finally, I'd like to mention that I pride myself on being an attentive, receptive listener. As such, I'm certainly interested in community members' thoughts, concerns and needs for change. Together, we can achieve our goals for contentment, peace and prosperity.



*Pictured left to right: Chris Vild, Environmental Manager; Tim Tremaglio, Superintendent of Streets and Utilities; Mark Lopez, Assistant Public Works Director; Justin Berns, Mayor; Chris Arrietta, Public Works Director; Mike Rider, Superintendent of Field Operations; Anthony Tribuzzo, Superintendent of Public Parks and Grounds*

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, January 3 at 7:00 PM  
Questions? Call 216.595.5462

### CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 PM  
Questions? Call 216.595.5462

### PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

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

### ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW

Monday, January 3 at 4:30 PM  
Tuesday, January 18 at 4:30 PM  
Questions? Call 216.292.1914

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## INTRODUCING NEW WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Beachwood Community Services has a new website, [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com), and Facebook page, Beachwood OH Rec, to enhance your experience. It is now easier to find information about programs, special events, and registration deadlines and view photos from past events. We invite you to visit our website, like our Facebook page and participate in all we offer!

## HOLIDAY HOURS

City offices will be closed Friday, December 31. Rubbish collection will NOT be impacted. They will also be closed Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day and rubbish pick up will be delayed one day that week. If your typical collection day is Monday, your collection will be Tuesday, Tuesday pick ups will be Wednesday, etc.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT STATS NOVEMBER 2021

- 349 EMS calls
- 18 MVAs
- 3 SWAT calls
- 58 fire calls
- 2 Tech Rescues



**TOTAL CALLS: 430**  
In comparison:  
November 2020 total: **389**

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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

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



## 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.

## CITY COUNCIL VACANCY



Due to the results of the November 2, 2021 General Election, Councilman Justin Berns will be sworn-in as Mayor of the City of Beachwood effective January 1, 2022. As such, a vacancy will be created on the Beachwood City Council. Residents are encouraged to apply! Learn more at the "Council Vacancy" Quick Link online at [www.BeachwoodOhio.com](http://www.BeachwoodOhio.com).

## 2022 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

### YEAR-ROUND COLLECTIONS

- Household Hazardous Waste (Latex paint NOT accepted)
- Computer Recycling
- Scrap Tire Round-Up: Automotive only (20" and smaller), must be removed from rims

### Campaign Sign Recycling

May 1 – 31 and November 1 – 30

### Holiday Lights Collection

December 1 – January 30

### WHERE?

Public Works Department

Monday – Friday, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Beachwood Public Service Center, 23355 Mercantile Road  
West driveway

### Resident Shred Days

Sundays, May 15 and September 11, 9:00 AM – Noon  
Community Center Parking Lot, 25325 Fairmount Blvd.



## OVERNIGHT TRIPS HAVE RETURNED!

**Overnight Trips will be returning in 2022!**

The first will be a bus trip to Tennessee May 1 – 6. Explore Nashville, Memphis and the peak of Kentucky while in route.

Additional information and trips will be coming soon. If interested, please contact Shannon Diamond at 216.595.3747.



## PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

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

# BEACHWOOD SUMMER DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration is open to Beachwood residents only, with early-bird rates, through March 4. Register for Kidz, Bison, Sports, Teen Travel and Theater Camp between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, at Beachwood City Hall. Proof of residency (driver's license AND current utility bill) are required. Phone, fax, or online registrations are not accepted.

Non-residents may get a registration number on March 2, 10:00 AM, by visiting [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com) and clicking on Online Program Registration. They must then:

- Accept terms, and create an account or sign in
- Go to Spring/Summer Recreation Programs
- Click Camp Non-Resident Wait List Number
- Register to receive a Wait List Number



This number is your place in line for non-resident camp sign up, which will start promptly at 10:00 AM on Sunday, March 6, at the Beachwood City Hall. Numbers will be called in order.

Failure to be present when your number is called will forfeit your place in line. Having a Wait List Number DOES NOT guarantee a place in camp.

For more information, please refer to the current Recreation Guide or call 216.292.1970.

## FEBRUARY FREEZE

February Freeze

Sunday, February 27 • 6:00 — 7:30 PM

City Hall Parking Lot



Join us for February Freeze, our inaugural event that celebrates winter! The event will help warm you up, keep you moving, and show you the beauty of winter. We are Ohioans ... we can handle it! Be prepared to ignite your love for winter and get ready to see winter sparkle. Bring the entire family!

More information will be posted at [beachwoodrec.com](http://beachwoodrec.com), on our Facebook page and in next month's City Insider.

## AHEAD IN THE COUNT SOFTBALL CLINIC

Beachwood High School Aux. Gym

January 9 — 30

Grades 3 — 4 • 2:00 — 3:00 PM

Grades 5 — 6 • 3:00 — 4:00 PM

Fee: \$60/resident • \$72/non-resident



Heathyr Ullmo brings a wealth of experience to the City of Beachwood. She was a standout 4-year collegiate

softball player at Malone University and an All-American Scholar Athlete in 1999 and 2000. She's also coached in various communities. In this clinic, all participants will learn how to field, throw, hit, run the bases, and understand the basic rules of

softball. There will be four 1-hour sessions focusing on the fundamental skills needed to play softball. These sessions will benefit any player wanting to focus on the details of playing softball or just starting to learn how to play.

Questions?

Please email [AheadintheCountSoftballClinics@gmail.com](mailto:AheadintheCountSoftballClinics@gmail.com).

For City of Beachwood baseball and softball league information, view your winter Recreation Guide or visit [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com).

## PARENT COACHES NEEDED

Beachwood Recreation programs cannot be offered without parental involvement. Interested in coaching? Contact Frank Vicchiarelli at 216.292.1970. The City requires Youth Sport Volunteer Adult Coaches to submit to a background check.



## NEW ART EXHIBIT

BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER



### PORTALS INTO PRINT MAKERS & PAINTERS

January 13 — February 13

Artists' Reception  
Sunday, January 23  
1:00 — 2:30 PM



#### FEATURED ARTISTS:

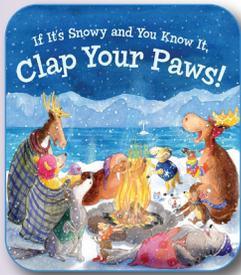
Karen Beckwith      John Saile  
Kelly Pontoni      Rebekah Wilhelm

View exhibit:

Monday — Friday, 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM

For weekend appointments, please call 216.292.1970.

## STORYWALK IN CITY PARK EAST



The January and February book featured on the StoryWalk® in Beachwood City Park East is *If It's Snowy and You Know It, Clap Your Paws!*, written by Kim Norman and illustrated by Liza Woodruff.

The team behind the delightful *Ten on the Sled* has created another irresistible winter-themed romp. This humorous

variation on the classic song "*If You're Happy and You Know It*" introduces adorable animals playing joyfully in the snow. They tumble on the tundra, catch snowflakes on their tongues, sculpt snowcritters, and make a frosty fort. But can they go with the flow when their wild adventure drifts in a surprising direction? Young readers will laugh and sing along!

The StoryWalk® Project was originally created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library to help build children's interest in reading, while encouraging healthy activity for children and adults. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.



## H.E.A.L.T.H.Y.

HEALTH EDUCATION AND LEARNING TOGETHER HELPS YOU

Beachwood Community Center

11:00 AM — Noon

Registration required three days prior to event

#### SCAMO!

Tuesday, January 11

This game helps to educate players on scams and scam-related terms. The Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs, Division of Consumer Protection, designed this game to use in the fight against scams because it wants you to be safe. Danelle Musil, consumer affairs specialist, will be our emcee. Join us for a fun game of SCAMO and learn ways to keep yourself, your family, and your friends safe from scams.

#### LIVING YOUR BEST LIFE

Friday, February 11

So much is said about living your best life. What does this mean? How do we set our intentions? What tools can be used to reach this state of being? Together, with Lori Rosenberg, MS, CapTel outreach program, Education & Installations, we will examine tools, resources, and ways to begin creating a life that you would like to live. Light snacks provided by CapTel.

Questions or would you like to enroll? Please call 216.292.1970 or visit [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com).

## CITY PARK WEST SLEDDING HILL



The Beachwood City Park West sled hill is located on the south end of the park. Bring your friends and family for a great winter activity!

Please observe the following rules and be courteous of other users.

- All sledding is done at your own risk: use caution
- No building of ramps, jumps, or moguls
- No supervision provided
- Parents are responsible for children
- Be considerate and return to top of hill along outside edge of sledding area
- Sledding is a hazardous activity and may present substantial risks
- Users assume full responsibility for determining if conditions are safe for sledding

## IMPORTANT ADVISORIES

- DO NOT call 911 or non-emergency police numbers for road conditions. You can see real-time traffic cameras and weather hazards at <https://ohgo.com/>.
- Prepare for adverse winter weather. Shop for necessities well before the storm. Stock up now on flashlight batteries, flashlights, fireplace wood, candles (use safely), and portable cell-phone chargers. A portable AM/FM radio is also helpful.
- During the bitter cold: check on your neighbors, especially the elderly. Do not leave pets outside for very long. Make certain you have several days' worth of medications. Consider purchasing a back-up generator (but never run generators indoors). Replace your smoke, CO detector, and garage-door-backup batteries.

Most importantly, let common sense guide you through the winter, and make snowmen: lots of snowmen!



## DO NOT BE A VICTIM



### AUTOMOBILE

- ALWAYS lock your vehicle and take your keys with you.
- Park in well-lit, heavily traveled areas.
- 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...

### HOME

- 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.

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.

## GOT AN ISSUE? TEXTMYGOV!

When you need to report a pothole, request a special rubbish collection, etc., use our new TextMyGov communications system by texting "Hi" (no quotes) to 216-545-0041.

A graphic for TextMyGov. On the left is a smartphone screen showing a list of services: Pothole, Street Light, Animal Control, Garbage Can, Pickup, Contact, Permits, and FAQ. To the right of the phone is the TextMyGov logo and the text "Text the city to find information and report issues!". Below that, it says "Try it today, Text Hi to: 216.545.0041". At the bottom, there is a small line of text: "View terms and privacy policy info at textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions. Msg & Data rates apply. Msg frequency varies."/>

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## SENIOR DAY OUT (SDO)

January 20 • Rockin' with Ron • Noon  
February 17 • Ya Gotta Have Heart • Noon  
See Recreation/Upperclassmen Guide for details!



## 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.



## 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



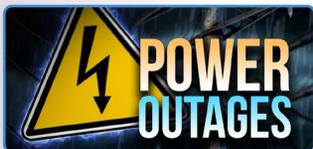
Give snow-plow operators space to work. A loaded snow-plow vehicle can weigh between 20–40 tons and cannot easily stop. In a contest between a snow plow and a car, the snow plow will be the clear winner. Stay at least 100 feet behind the plow when driving.

## 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 on social media. Vehicle owners are responsible for complying with emergency-parking regulations.

## POWER OUTAGE INFORMATION



If your power goes out due to an accident 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.

## SENIOR GAMES - FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER  
12:30 — 3:30 PM

Every Monday & Wednesday ..... Mahj & Canasta  
Every Tuesday ..... Duplicate Bridge  
Every Wednesday ..... Party Bridge

## RECYCLING: BACK TO THE BASICS

Recycling contamination is an issue across the nation. It happens when well-intentioned recyclers put prohibited items in their recycling, which can ruin the recycling process. The best way to avoid contamination in your recycle bin 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. 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.

**The following items are prohibited from your recycle bin, per the Solid Waste District:**

**DO NOT RECYCLE**

- Plastic bags and wraps
- Wrapping paper or cardboard boxes with metallic inks
- Cords, hoses, chains, wires, holiday lights, or other things that may get tangled
- Textiles and clothing
- Takeout containers (Styrofoam, plastic)
- Yard waste
- Durable plastic items (furniture, toys, PVC pipes, flower pots)
- Clothes hangers (plastic, metal)
- Ceramics (pottery, dishes, bakeware)
- Tempered glass (window panes, drinking glasses)
- Wood and construction debris
- Batteries and hazardous materials

## 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.