



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's been quite a moment here in the city with the *Cleveland Magazine* annual ranking of the suburbs being released in the June issue, placing Beachwood at #1. This clearly is information that we all can take pride in and relish, but we can also use it as an incentive to keep up the good work.

Among those who obviously pay attention to all that occurs with home sales are realtors, and they have been helping many people achieve their ownership goal of living in Beachwood. **Our median home price in 2021 was \$348,750, and 222 homes were sold last year.** We have lots of new neighbors, and I hope these new dwellers here are enjoying all that the city has to offer.

I couldn't agree more with longtime realtor Sharon Friedman's statement in this issue's cover story that "Beachwood is a place where you can be born there and die there and do everything in between because there are so many options."

As one who has seen what's available throughout the east side of Cleveland, Friedman also points out that our "recreation facilities are second to none." In fact, **she refers to our Family Aquatic Center as "the Six Flags of Beachwood."** Funny.

Our Community Services Department, in conjunction with the Public Works Department, works hard throughout the year to ensure that the pool and all of our recreation properties operate smoothly. It's notable that **we recently completed construction and installation of a high-quality exercise equipment space to City Park East to promote cardio and strength levels.** Our community services director Derek Schroeder and his staff selected equipment that would offer the best range of fitness opportunities. We invite everyone to accept the challenges it presents.

Among the Community Services Department's many roles, another one is to deliver **a program catalog three times per year filled with 100 - 150 classes and activities. A new one will be released in August.** Residents of all ages can find plenty of educational, recreational and creative opportunities within its listings.

What's particularly exciting is what lies ahead this summer. I encourage everyone to engage in some of these activities:

**CLE Market** – July 13 & Aug. 10 (2nd Wednesday of every month through October), 4-8 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. This marks the event's first eastside location where there's a great selection of products

at competitive prices produced and distributed by locals.

**Yappy Hour** – August 11, 5-7 p.m. Outdoor social opportunity for people and pups next to Barkwood in City Park East. Featuring a DJ, games and contests, plus wine, beer and cocktails for purchase. This is a fundraiser for University Hospital's Pet Pals program which uses trained volunteers and their adult dogs to make short, in-room therapy visits with patients.

**National Night Out** – Tuesday, Aug. 2, 5-7 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. Annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Featuring games, demonstrations, food trucks, crafts, a bike course, the K9 unit and more. Free, open to all and a family-friendly occasion.

**Pickle Ball** – Every Wednesday & Sunday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on the Beachwood courts with a tournament Sat., July 16, sponsored by the Beachwood Historical Society. Winners earn T-shirts and other prizes. Paired entry is \$35. Sign up at beachwoodrec.com. This summer, the Community Services Department will be adding four newly lined pickleball courts within two pre-existing tennis courts, and they will have portable regulation pickleball nets for better play!

**Movie Nights** – Sunday, July 24, *The Addams Family 2*, and Sunday, Aug. 14, *Moana* (including a luau party), free events at 5 p.m.

**Concerts** – All musical genres, something for everyone. Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at BFAC (if raining, at the Community Center), and Thursdays, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Community Center, ending July 28.

**Dog Swim** -Thursday, Sept. 8, after pool closing on Monday, Sept. 5.

We are fortunate to have so many opportunities and options to enjoy right within our borders. I hope you have a wonderful summer in Beachwood!

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## LT. JOHN RESEK APPOINTED TO DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

The City of Beachwood is pleased to announce that Lt. John Resek was appointed to the position of Deputy Police Chief. He is a seasoned police professional who has proudly served the city for the past 21 years. He worked his way up through the ranks as Officer, Sergeant and Lieutenant and he has extensive history and knowledge of departmental operations. He is well positioned to assist Chief Kate Dolan in the administration of the Police Department.



*Lt. John Resek accepting his appointment in Council Chambers alongside Chief Dolan and Mayor Berns.*

## POLICE & FIRE VISIT MANDEL JEWISH DAY SCHOOL



Beachwood Fire and Police met with Mandel Jewish Day School's kindergarten class to talk about community helpers. According to BPD, the students loved the fire truck almost as much as the police car!



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## CHRIS ARRIETTA ACCEPTS REAPPOINTMENT



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Mayor Justin Berns announced with tremendous gratitude that Chris Arrietta, the city's Public Works Director, accepted a reappointment to this key civic position, effective June 1. This occasion follows Mr. Arrietta's retirement date, effective May 31, based on OPERS eligibility after 32 years of public service.

"Over the past three decades, the City of Beachwood benefited by having Mr. Arrietta as a member of its Public Works team. He was originally appointed as Public Works Director in January 2019, and he has a proven exemplary service record," says Mayor Berns. "We are pleased that he will continue working for us as his knowledge and expertise will benefit the city as we move forward."

City Council confirmed this reappointment with a new base salary that registers at a reduced rate compared to his previous salary and is consistent with the city's past practices.

## UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

**City Council:**  
July 5 at 7:00 p.m.  
July 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning:**  
July 28 at 6:30 p.m.

**Architectural Board of Review:**  
July 5 at 4:30 p.m.  
July 18 at 4:30 p.m.

# WORK-LIVE-LEARN...THRIVE

## LEAF PARTY DAY, UNIQUE CELEBRATION FALLS ON JULY 8

Leaf Party Day came to fruition due to the passion of 20-year-old Bartu Hatipoglu, a Beachwood resident who doesn't let autism get in the way of his unique ability to connect with others through nature.

Bartu understands nature and has developed a special relationship with trees and the environment in general. He can often be spotted in the neighborhood planting bulbs, nursing plants back to life and hauling fallen tree limbs back to the woods in his backyard. A composting pile was soon created when Bartu began collecting leaves from the streets of Bryden Road in Beachwood. He quickly got wise to the Public Works Department's pickup times and began collecting from neighbors before the leaves were picked up while his mother rode in her car alongside him. Even snow never thwarted his determination.

In 2017, Bartu began sharing his love for leaves with Pool Manager Missy Bystrom and other employees at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center. His pure spirit and unconditional joy were contagious.

"Little by little, Bartu began bringing leaves to the pool in 2017," Missy explained. "Fast forward, leaves turned into small branches and he began sharing them with pool patrons. Children began following him around the lazy river chanting 'Leaf Party' as they swung their branches with leaves above their heads. It got bigger the following year in 2018 when Community Services Director Karen Carmen, who's now retired, took some delight in his interest in leaves and supported his enthusiasm."

Bartu is a rule follower, but Karen knew telling him not to bring leaves wasn't an option. She purchased stalks of artificial leaves and created an official Leaf Party bucket at the pool entrance. From that point on, Bartu jokingly titled the former Community Services Director as the 'Inspector.'

Year after year, Beachwood's Leaf Party Day has only grown. Bartu is a local legend with the summer campers who rush over to see him while lifeguards chant 'Leaf Party' with the patrons. Community Services Director Derek Schroeder has helped the event expand with leaf-themed crafts, garlands, crowns, t-shirts and more.

Although it isn't officially documented in Beachwood history, employees are fairly certain that Bartu is the first resident to do a flip off the high dive while holding leaves. The 5th annual Leaf Party is scheduled for Friday, July 8, 1-3 p.m. at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center for members only. For more information, visit [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com).



Bartu, in the center, with the Leaf-Guards at the Family Aquatic Center in 2021.

### BEACHWOOD

Get the latest city news delivered straight to your email inbox via the Beachwood eList.

### ELIST NEWSLETTER:

Maximum two newsletters per month. Registering is easy; simply visit [BeachwoodOhio.com](http://BeachwoodOhio.com).

## BEACHWOOD 100 DONATES TO POLICE DEPARTMENT

In an extremely generous gesture to offset the cost of replacing fitness equipment in the Beachwood Police Department's fitness center, a \$20,000 gift was extended by the Beachwood 100. This organization is composed of caring citizens whose annual tax-deductible dues are used solely to create a contingency fund to aid Beachwood's police and fire safety forces during times of personal emergencies and other needs. The organization is run 100% by volunteers.



Members of Beachwood 100, Mayor Berns, City Council and BPD gather in celebration of the donation.

## HOMETOWN HEROES ANNOUNCED



Congratulations to Hometown Heroes who were recognized at Beachwood City Park West on Sunday, May 22. For more information, see pages 12-15.

## LOW INTEREST LOANS AVAILABLE FOR MAINTAINING OLDER HOMES

Beachwood is participating in The Heritage Home Program (HHP) which offers low-interest, fixed-rate, equity-based loans for maintaining and improving houses that are at least 50 years old. The program also offers homeowners free advice on home improvement, repair and maintenance projects that are unique to older homes. Further details are available at [www.heritagehomeprogram.org](http://www.heritagehomeprogram.org) or by calling 216-426-3116.

The City of Beachwood and Mayor Berns will be hosting an information session for residents on **Wednesday, July 13 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers**. Representatives of the Heritage Home Loan Program will provide an overview of the program and answer questions from residents.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Members of the Beachwood Fire Department participated in "Race for the Place" on Sunday, June 5, around Beachwood Place under great weather conditions. City Council President Alec Isaacson extended a proclamation to the organizers of the annual fundraising event. It features a 5K run and a 1-mile walk to celebrate cancer survivors and to support the free programs and services provided by the Beachwood-based organization, The Gathering Place, whose mission is to educate and empower people of all ages during their cancer journey.



Council President Alec Isaacson (center, red shirt) surrounded by members of the Beachwood Fire Department and their family members on June 5 at Race for the Place.

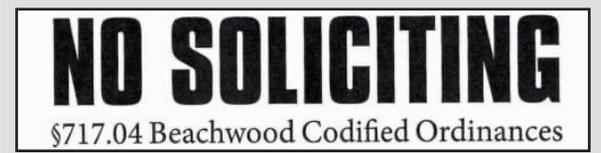
## GOING, GOING, GONE

The Fairfield Inn & Suites on Orange Place in Beachwood being demolished in preparation for the construction of the new Porsche Beachwood dealership



## SOLICITATION ORDINANCE

Beachwood's codified ordinance 717.04 requires solicitors employed by for-profit companies to obtain a permit from the Police Department. The below sticker can be obtained by residents and businesses from City Hall or the Police Department during normal business hours. You can also print the sign below from the city website and tape it to the door. Once the solicitor notices the sticker, they must depart the premises.



## COMMUNITY COMPLIMENT

"I love our Beachwood community. One of our treasures not mentioned often enough is our **Public Works Department**. The men in those big trucks are so kind, and they have gone out of their way to help me out so many times over the years. I'm in the process of moving after 49 years in my home - to a smaller place also in Beachwood - and no matter how much 'stuff' I put out for collection, they make it disappear. I have said many times after hearing stories from other communities that people should move here because of the **service** from our Public Works Department."

**Carol Mandel**  
Proud Beachwood Resident

# JULY RECREATION GUIDE

## NEW FITNESS PARK REVOLUTIONIZING OUTDOOR EXERCISE

Community health and wellness just got easier with the addition of a Fitness Park located in City Park East. The new Fitness Park features state-of-the-art outdoor equipment for all fitness levels.

The project consists of two phases. The initial phase was completed May 27 offering body weight style equipment targeting major muscle groups. The second phase is a sleek, modern fitness court with a supporting mobile app by the National Fitness Campaign. The court offers different exercise zones for a full body workout and circuit style training. The space was created with all ages in mind, making exercise accessible to all in an open-air atmosphere. Beachwood is one of approximately 250 cities nationwide with this unique community asset.



Body weight equipment installed at the Fitness Park during the initial phase on May 27.

A distinct element of phase two is the public art installation on the back of the equipment wall. The artwork is titled "Five Seasons in Ohio" by local artist Eileen Dorsey. Eileen has been honored as *Cleveland Scene's* Best Artist in 2020 and 2018, *Cleveland Magazine's* Best Artist in 2021, 2020 and 2019, and was recognized with "Eileen Dorsey Day" on July 31, 2021, by the Mayor of Westlake. Her work will face outward toward the trails in City Park East and Barkwood Park.

Free community fitness classes are being organized for all to enjoy. The Fitness Park is also open daily for your own workout routine. For the latest Fitness Park details and fitness schedule, visit [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com) or follow Beachwood Recreation on Facebook.

Community fitness class partners include Mandel JCC, Burn Boot Camp, ATP Gym and local fitness enthusiast Robyn Schadick.



Rendering of the second phase containing the fitness court.

**BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:** The Time Travelers' Garden | June 30 - August 28 | 25325 Fairmount Blvd  
Personal approaches to the interconnected, broadly defined ideas of time, travel and the garden.

**YAPPY HOUR**  
LIVE DJ, BEER, WINE & COCKTAILS!  
August 11th  
5:00-7:00 PM  
City Park East

It's 5 o'clock somewhere!

CITY OF Beachwood | POPE'S COCKTAILS | NORTH HIGH

## UH PET PALS JOINS FORCES WITH YAPPY HOUR

Beachwood Community Services and University Hospital's Pet Pals program are teaming up for the second Yappy Hour of the summer on August 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m at City Park East, near Barkwood. The event will serve as a fundraiser for University Hospital's Pet Pals program which uses trained volunteers and their adult dogs to make short, in-room therapy visits with patients. Pet therapy has been known to reduce stress, promote healing, lower blood pressure and lift spirits.

Yappy Hour features a live DJ, beer, wine, cocktails, Scott's Fire and Ice pizza and more. The event is open to all, with food and drinks for purchase. Attendees are welcome to take their four-legged friend on a walk through the park. Barkwood will be available to members only. Sponsored by North High Brewing Company and Pope's Cocktails. For more information, call 216-292-1970 or visit [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com).



## JULY CONCERT LINEUP

Beachwood Beats continues throughout July with a variety of indoor and outdoor concerts. Regardless of location, all summer concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and are completely free of charge. Bring a chair or blanket for outdoor events. Concerts will be moved inside for inclement weather.

### July Outdoor Concerts (Family Aquatic Center)

- July 5: Red Light Roxy - Boogie Woogie
- July 12: Billy & The Biscuits - Zydeco & Cajun Trio
- July 19: FM77 - 70s Tribute Band
- July 26: Dan Zola Orchestra - Big Band & 50-Year Resident Salute

### July Indoor Concerts (Community Center)

- July 7: Harry Bacharach - Pianist
- July 14: Julia Russ - Pianist
- July 21: Mary Beth Ions & Mike Leamon - Violinist & Pianist
- July 28: Moss Stanley - Pianist

## GO GREEN AWARENESS DAY

The Beachwood Family Aquatic Center will be hosting several "Green" vendors on July 24 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to help raise awareness regarding local environmental issues. If you are interested in setting up a booth or joining Beachwood's Green Committee, email Community Services Director Derek Schroeder at [derek.schroeder@beachwoodohio.com](mailto:derek.schroeder@beachwoodohio.com). See you there on Sunday, July 24!



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

You're invited to the City of Beachwood's National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The event will be held in the City Hall parking lot featuring games, demos, food trucks, crafts, a bike course, the K9 unit and more. Free, open to all and a family-friendly occasion.

National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. It is a great opportunity to interact with law enforcement personnel who keep our city safe every day. Thousands of communities from all 50 states participate.

# BEACHWOOD SENIORS

## CHIEN LIAO CELEBRATES 100

Mayor Berns celebrated Chien Liao's 100th birthday last month with a city proclamation. Chien and his wife Kam were the first people of Chinese descent to reside in Beachwood, beginning in 1957. They have



Chien Liao pictured with Mayor Berns.

been married 72 years, and they have two sons, Winston and Wayne, seven grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. The Liaos established the first and only STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) scholarship through Beachwood Schools Foundation that is annually awarded to a graduating BHS senior. Chien was a research and development scientist for Standard Ohio (Sohio) in its petroleum products department. He has more than two dozen U.S. and foreign patents and has published many technical articles. Happy Birthday Chien!

## NATIONAL MAHJONG DAY ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1



Community Services is planning a Game Gathering Get-Together for National Mahjong Day. Need mahjong lessons? Want to play canasta or bridge? Connect with fellow players and community members from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center on August 1.

RSVP before July 27 by calling Beachwood Community Services at 216-292-1911.

## RSVP FOR THE 50-YEAR RESIDENT SALUTE

The City of Beachwood would like to invite all residents who have lived here for 50 years or more to join us for a moment of special recognition at the July 26 Beachwood Beats concert. Newly minted 50-year residents will receive a special gift. The July 26 evening event, held at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center, will feature the Dan Zola Orchestra.

All are welcome to attend for entertainment. The concert is free of charge and open to the public. If you are a 50-year resident and have not been recognized in previous years, please RSVP by calling Beachwood Community Services at 216-292-1970.

## PLAY BRIDGE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Looking to have some fun and make a few new friends? Try Bridge at the Beachwood Community Center. Duplicate Bridge is played on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. or Expert Bridge on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. Both groups are ready to greet new players with open arms. Questions? Call 216-292-1911.

### *Senior Dessert Out*

Thursday, July 21, at 12 PM

Community Center

Pianist Marshall Griffith

REGISTER - [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com)



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