



CITY OF Beachwood

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

If you've never thought about the property surrounding the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center as the recreational center of the city, now is the time. It's being transformed into a well-planned collection of several high-demand facilities offering opportunities for all ages.

Specifically, we are beginning the process of creating six pickleball courts, two volleyball courts, 10 shade shelters, an enlarged and relocated community gardens space which will include additional hose bibs, a shed and expanded walkway. The project is being handled in the first-class manner residents have come to expect from this city and its Public Works Department, led by Chris Arrietta.

This is a highly comprehensive and ambitious project that involves earthwork/grading, concrete, conduit for future lighting, and additional stormwater drainage. The City Council voted last month, after discussion in an August committee meeting, authorizing GPD to develop plans for this project based on a revised scope. Their vote authorizes the city's engineer, GPD Group, to begin designing plans so the project can be bid on.

Many of you have expressed interest in these projects, and we heard you loud and clear. With respect to the community gardens in particular, their present spot was always a temporary one, and now that we have witnessed the facility's tremendous success, the time has come to move them to a permanent location. We currently have 38 boxes (76 individual gardens) along with one raised accessible garden. The new location will be closer to parking lots surrounding the City Hall and Community Center, which will better accommodate residents, and will be ADA compliant. The location will also eliminate the need to walk through the tennis and pickleball courts to access the gardens. The new plan will have a total of 43 boxes which will accommodate 86 individual 8X8 garden plots. (See site plan on the adjacent page.)

The Community Garden relocation project is scheduled to be completed by Memorial Day weekend 2023, dependent upon the weather. Pickleball courts should be ready sometime late summer/early fall 2023 and

will be located next to the eight existing tennis courts.

Throughout much of the planning for this development, which is in close proximity to the Beachwood City Schools' property, we have collaborated closely with the district's administration. They recently resurfaced basketball courts at Hilltop for community use and we respected the school district's interest in preserving our tennis courts which are needed for the school's tennis program.

We continue to make creative use of our space, most notably with our City Hall and Community Center parking lots which have been host to concerts, movie nights, CLE Market, Fall Festival and other special events. I'm very proud of the work handled by the Community Services Department, led by Derek Schroeder, which executes on all the details related to these events. We are also working on plans to upgrade our current playground and have

obtained funding toward this project. Once plans are developed, this concept will be presented to City Council for approval/funding.

I hope residents share my excitement for what lies ahead next spring and summer. But if you can't wait that long and would like to walk the site to better understand how it will be designed and utilized, please feel free to reach out to Public Works Director Chris Arrietta, who will be happy to give you a tour. Chris can be reached at Chris.Arrietta@beachwoodohio.com or 216.292.1922.

Very soon, it's going to be a whole new season for recreational opportunities in Beachwood!

Mayor Justin Berns
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FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDED FEMA GRANT FOR EQUIPMENT

The Fire Department recently was awarded a grant through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to purchase a new breathing air compressor system for filling a Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). SCBAs allow firefighters to enter Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH) atmospheres. Beachwood was approved for \$58,000 and the grant covers 95% (\$55,238.09) of the cost, so Beachwood's share will be 5% (\$2,761.91).

Once this need was determined to be a priority, Lt. Chad Thompson worked on applying for and writing the grant. This award enables crews and mutual aid cities to fill air bottles following fires, hazardous materials incidents and low oxygen environments to quickly and safely place these units back in service for the next emergency. Thank you Lt. Thompson for your diligence and dedication!



NEW RESCUE SQUAD ARRIVES



The new rescue squad is made by Lifeline Ambulance and is equipped with four wheel drive to allow crews to provide emergency services even during the worst weather conditions. This rescue squad also has the latest siren technology to alert drivers that an emergency vehicle is approaching. As with all of our ambulances, our paramedics have the newest technology in cardiac monitoring and cardiac compression assist devices.



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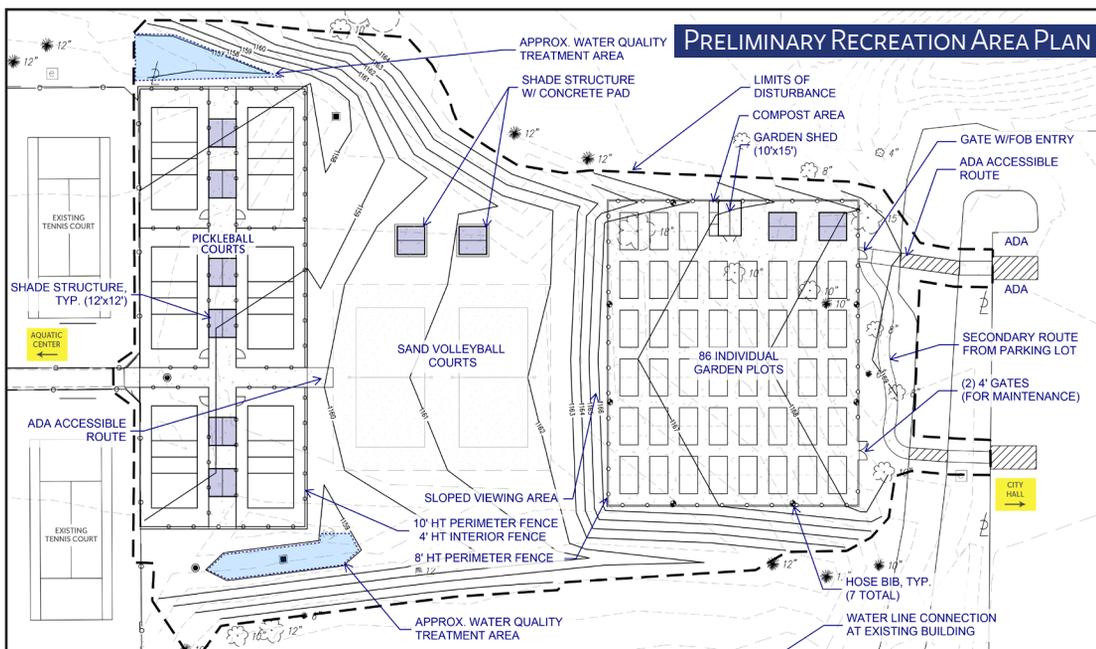
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UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
November 7 at 7:00 p.m.
November 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
November 7 at 4:30 p.m.
November 21 at 4:30 p.m.

WORK-LIVE-LEARN...THRIVE

POLICE MOVE INTO CO-HATCH AT BEACHWOOD PLACE

The Beachwood Police field office is scheduled to open on or about November 1. This office is located in a highly visible spot on the second floor of Beachwood Place, right off the food court. The purpose of the office is to have another working location for officers within the City of Beachwood but outside the main station. Police Chief Kate McLaughlin is seeking greater visibility of Beachwood police officers within and around Beachwood Place.

“We believe a more visible presence at Beachwood Place will step up security and enhance community relations,” McLaughlin explained. “The office will act as a deterrent to those who go to Beachwood Place for purposes other than dining and shopping.”

Any person/persons that need to be booked into jail will be transported back to Beachwood Police Jail for processing. This location will not be utilized for arrestees. Two officers will be assigned to this location during Beachwood Place hours.



Exterior of the new Beachwood Police field office located right off the food court within Beachwood Place.

SERGEANTS SWORN IN TO SERVE COMMUNITY



We welcome newly sworn in sergeants (left to right) Luis Reyna, Benjamin Bouw and Michael Neibecker, pictured with Police Chief Kate McLaughlin. We appreciate your hard work!

SHOWCASE CELEBRATES OPENING, FEATURES HOTTEST TRENDS

Showcase recently opened on the second level of the mall, near the food court. The store features products in categories including seasonal events, toys, candy, tech, beauty, “as seen on TV” and health. The chain calls itself “Home of the Hottest Trends,” and the world’s largest retailer of its kind. With 130 permanent stores in North America, Beachwood is the first Ohio location. Showcase offers fun, interactive and unique products, all in a retail environment where you can “try it before you buy it.”



Mayor Berns and Showcase District Manager Sammy Gardner at the new Beachwood Place store.

Remember to
VOTE

Tuesday, November 8
Questions? Visit boe.cuyahogacounty.gov or 216-443-8683.

DEER MANAGEMENT

Beginning in December 2022

- Safety is our top priority
- Program goals are to:
 - Reduce property damage
 - Minimize motor vehicle accidents
 - Maintain a healthy herd

Please visit beachwoodohio.com or scan the QR code for detailed information about our Deer Management program.

FALL LEAF REMOVAL ENDS DECEMBER 16

Beachwood Public Works will continue loose leaf pick up through December 16, weather permitting. Please make note of the following:

- Leaves need to be raked into piles on the tree lawn near the curb, not into the street or on sidewalks.
- Leaf piles need to be free of all other debris such as grass, twigs, branches or rocks.
- Please keep piles a few feet away from any stationary objects like mailboxes, hydrants, utility poles and traffic signs.
- Vehicles parked in the street may impede the ability to collect leaf piles.
- Residents should expect one leaf pick up per week. It is not necessary to request a special pick up for loose leaves as the crew follows a systematic pattern. All piles will be collected when the crew arrives in your area.



WOODSIDE LANE BLOCK PARTY



Council members Alec Isaacson, Danielle Shoykhet and Josh Mintz enjoying the rescheduled block party on Woodside Lane with fellow residents. Book your 2023 block party when registration opens next spring.

COMMUNITY COMPLIMENT

"The City of Beachwood is extremely fortunate to have such a good professional staff watching our finances. Because we are all taxpayers, we all want the best in this city. I review monthly financial statements, and I do sometimes make some comments to the auditor. I've talked to him about some things I'd like to do before the end of the year. We are blessed with professionalism and people who care about our city."

Moe Safenovitz

Audit Committee Member
41 Year Resident

"Thank you very much for your comments and I will offer as chair of this committee that we're also blessed to have you on the committee as well because we couldn't do it without your support. You're independent of the city, yet you are a citizen who cares, so on behalf of the committee and the city, we appreciate your hard work and dedication."

June Taylor

Audit Committee Chair
City Council Member

KINDLAND PLEDGE

The City of Beachwood is now a proud partner of Kindland. Presented by the Cleveland-based non-profit, Values-in-Action Foundation, the Kindland movement looks to inspire a ground swell of positivity. Commit to spreading kindness by visiting www.viafdn.org/kindlandpledge and share an act of kindness on social media using #Kindland and tag @BeKindland.



VETERANS DAY SALUTE: Sunday, November 6 | 11:00 a.m. | Beachwood Cemetery on Green Road
Held in partnership with the Beachwood Historical Society. Local veterans, presentation of colors and more.

MENORAH PARK OPENS NEW PATIOS

Mayor Justin Berns recently joined staff and guests at Menorah Park for a ribbon cutting to celebrate the creation of five patio spaces throughout the campus. These areas were made possible through donations made by Richard and Karen Spector, Iris November with Mort of blessed memory (in honor of retired Chief Development Officer Joel Fox) and Terry Kovel. Flower art work was created by local artist Hector Vega.



Above: Mayor Berns speaking at the ceremony.

Right: Staff, residents and Mayor Berns cutting the ribbon at Menorah Park.

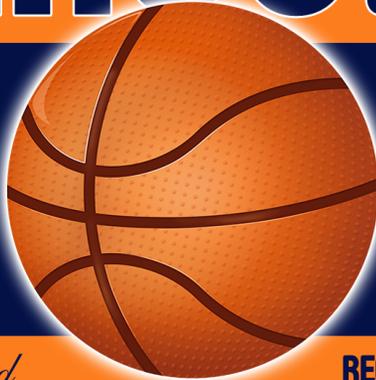


NOVEMBER RECREATION GUIDE

★ BEACHWOOD YOUTH BOYS & GIRLS ★

BASKETBALL LEAGUES

★★★★★
GRADES
3-6



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CITY RESIDENTS
\$75
NON-RESIDENTS
\$95
★★★★★

CITY OF
Beachwood

REGISTER TODAY!

Beachwood Boys Youth Basketball: The league will be divided into grades 3-4 and grades 5-6. Practices begin in December with games starting in January. Game times and schedules will be determined as soon as possible.

Bison Girls Youth Basketball: The program begins with clinics to teach fundamentals and form rosters in December. Teams participate in the Eastside Girls Youth League playing games in Beachwood and surrounding communities. Games on Thursdays or Sundays.

★ **SIGN UP AT BEACHWOODREC.COM!** ★

UPCOMING YOUTH PROGRAMS

- **Challenge Island, Time Machine Island**
Grades 3-5, Nov. 7-Dec. 19
2:30-3:30 p.m. at Hilltop
Residents \$113, Non-Residents \$141
Set your clocks to go back in time while testing your STEAM savvy! Whiz back to ancient Egypt, the California Gold Rush and more.
- **Challenge Island, Shark Tooth Island**
Grades K-2, Nov. 9-Dec. 21
3:00-4:00 p.m. at Bryden
Residents \$113, Non-Residents \$141
Chomp into some fin-tastic STEAM challenges! An incredible Challenge Island adventure.
- **Mad Science Brixology**
Grades 3-5, Nov. 30-Dec. 21
2:30-3:30 p.m. at Hilltop
Residents \$88, Non-Residents \$110
Explore exciting engineering careers and develop creative problem-solving skills through custom LEGO builds!
- **Winter Break Chess Camp**
Grades K-8, Dec. 21-Jan. 6
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Community Center
Prices vary from \$99-\$200
One week camps available throughout winter break. Full or half day sessions by Progress with Chess.

Register online at BeachwoodRec.com!

ART GALLERY

The Beachwood Art Gallery is located inside the Community Center at 25325 Fairmount Blvd. Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- **The Personal Work of the Pretentious Cleveland Portrait Artists**
Open through November 12
- **Harmony**
Open November 16-December 16
Reception: Nov. 19, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Presented by the Beachwood Arts Council
- **The Africa The World Seldom Sees**
Open December 21-January 8
Reception: Dec. 22, 4:00-6:00 p.m.



BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY
THEATER

SEE IT LIVE!
FALL YOUTH PRODUCTION

Nov. 5 & 6 - 2 PM
Beachwood Middle

FREE ADMISSION

For more info, visit
BeachwoodTheater.com

FALL FESTIVAL DRAWS CROWD OF ALL AGES

Residents and visitors braved a windy weekend for the 5th Annual Fall Festival presented by Crestmont. For the very first time, the festival began on Saturday night with a kickoff concert featuring Escape, a Journey tribute band. Sunday's festival activities were highlighted by cultural entertainment, rides, inflatables, a balloon twister, magicians and much more. For the full album of festival photos, visit Beachwood Recreation on Facebook.



Fans on their feet outside the Community Center for the Journey tribute concert on October 1.



Carnival games outside City Hall on Sunday, October 2.



Photography by Discovery Photo. Visit Beachwood Recreation on Facebook for more.

BEACHWOOD SENIORS

Learn more and register at [BeachwoodRec.com!](http://BeachwoodRec.com)
Questions? Call 216-292-1970.



A group of seniors gathered at the September Delightful Dianne event.

NOVEMBER SENIOR DAY OUT

Battle for the Ballot: Cleveland's Suffragist Movement

Thursday, November 17, at Noon (Register by November 9)

Beachwood Community Center

Residents - \$13, Non-Residents - \$16, Program Only - \$5

The Cleveland History Center of the Western Reserve Historical Society will tell the story behind the Cleveland women who advocated for suffrage and went on to help establish the League of Women Voters. Meal choices include an oven roasted turkey breast sandwich or a cranberry bleu salad. Register today.

THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA

Friday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m.

Severance Hall

Join us for a matinee featuring conductor Thomas Ades and violinist Pekka Kuusisto playing *Inspiration: The Tempest*. Seats are in the orchestra level and transportation is included. More information and pricing will be included in the winter recreation guide. Stay tuned.

2023 THEATER TRIPS

Theater has returned to Cleveland and we can return to the theater! Though it may be months ahead of a performance date, tickets and bus transportation need to be booked in advance. Let us know if you are interested in the following performances by calling Community Services at 216-292-1911. Prefer an evening performance or weekend matinee? We'd love to hear your thoughts.

- The Tina Turner Musical at the Connor Palace, April 25-May 14
- Come From Away at the Connor Palace, July 25-July 30

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

#1 BENCH IN SPORTS OFFERS HEATING/COOLING SOLUTIONS

With football season in full swing, viewers can make note of a direct local tie to the game. Beachwood is home to Dragon Seats, the #1 bench manufacturer of state-of-the-art seating that offers quick heating and cooling solutions for athletes in need of temperature regulation during outdoor sporting events.



The Cleveland Browns bench by Dragon Seats.

The strong, durable benches are fabricated from resilient and durable fiberglass and can be brand customized. The seats also can be equipped with optional water misting assemblies, which spray a fine mist of water to help keep players cool in extreme heat. Retractable wheels make the benches easy to maneuver on to the field, too.

Dragon Seats supports 21 National Football League teams and numerous collegiate football programs as well, including The Ohio State University. The benches are also used by several of the nation's top ski resorts, along with local site Boston Mills Brandywine. Additional usages include baseball dugouts, golf courses and tennis courts.

A typical seat is 12 feet long with eight slots in front and a large opening in the back where a portable, 120-volt heater connects. For cooling, a unit the size of a water cooler handles the task. The benches also have "hot hats" which warm the bladders on the inside of helmets. All elements are American-made.

Frank Floyd is the founder, CEO, president and chairman of Bourne Creations LLC, a holding company that designs, manufactures, sells, distributes and services the benches under the Dragon Seats name. Frank's children, Molly and Franklin, work alongside him in the business.

COUNCIL APPROVES SITE PLANS FOR PORSCHE DEALER

Beachwood City Council voted on Monday, October 3, in favor of preliminary site development plans for the construction of a new Porsche dealership to be located at 3750 Orange Place in Beachwood. The proposed facility consists of a 57,061-square-foot showroom and service facility, and a 6,648-square-foot detail building. In addition, there is a proposed display pad to accommodate three vehicles, viewable from bordering I-271.

The dealership will move from its present location at 25855 Chagrin Blvd. in Beachwood. In this new, larger location, it will house 35 additional accounting department positions.

Beachwood Mayor Justin Berns is deeply grateful for The Penske Group's commitment to the City of Beachwood. "We are extremely happy that the Porsche dealership will remain in Beachwood, a choice that we are aware involved site searches around many nearby cities. This new prime location, next to the highly trafficked I-271 and Chagrin Boulevard corridor, will present great opportunity for commerce."



Site rendering of the proposed dealership.

ALWAYS BE AN INSIDER, STAY CONNECTED!

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