

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Each year, we appoint various members to our boards and commissions. These members play an integral part in city operations and their service is appreciated. Here, I'd like you to meet our newest appointees:

Rochelle Hecht, *Planning & Zoning Commission*
Serving since Jan. 1999, Chair, Jan. 2010 – Dec. 2013



32-year resident; served as secretary for many years of the Beachwood/Woodmere Democratic Ward Club from its inception; member, Executive Committee, Cuyahoga County Democrats; involved because she likes helping people, wants to do what she can to help out and facilitate things in Beachwood

Paul Kowalczyk, *Architectural Review Board*
Serving since Jan. 2013



Has lived in South Euclid for 16 years; has been a Building Official for 20 years; worked for Pepper Pike and Moreland Hills for the past 6 years; a registered architect in the State of Ohio; Building Commissioner Bill Griswold recommended him for the board due to his previous work reviewing plans for Beachwood; past President of the Building Officials Conference of Northeast Ohio and served on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Building Officials Association

Natalie Keyerleber, *Storm Water Commission*
Serving since Feb. 2020



Has lived in Beachwood for 10 years; member of the Friends of Euclid Creek (watershed group), served on its board twice for a total of 3 years; previously worked as a nurse, retired 4 years ago; on the board because she has an interest in stormwater and how it both positively and negatively affects us; she wants to do her part to keep the water that will filter into Lake Erie clean

Drew Barnholtz, *Civil Service Commission*
Newly appointed, Jan. 2023



Has lived in Beachwood for 13 years; has been a corporate healthcare attorney for 25 years; he was a Prosecuting Attorney for the City of St. Louis for 10 years; has served on the Beachwood 100; on the commission because he wants to give back to Beachwood and is honored to help the city's first responders

Karen Saidel,
Records Commission
Newly appointed, Jan. 2023



Has lived in Beachwood for 13.5 years; has worked in risk management and safety for 13 years; worked on project management, improvement and helped review policy for hospitals; on the commission because she wants to use her experience and learn more about the city so she can help improve Beachwood; and is interested in meeting more people in the community

Alwyn Chao, *Storm Water Commission*
Serving since Dec. 2019



Has lived in Beachwood for 14 years; attended Ohio Wesleyan University, participated in wetlands project; counted/banded birds and studied their wetlands; family was politically active while she was raised in Washington DC; member of Friends of Euclid Creek and routinely volunteers at The Shaker Nature Center handling plant restoration and digging out non-native plants; on the commission because she wants to help Beachwood and help keep the city compliant with storm water mandates; interested in storm water due to drainage issues in her personal life and worked with Beachwood for solutions

Ron Kluchin, *Architectural Review Board*
Serving since Jan. 2003



Has lived in Orange for 37 years; his office has been in Beachwood for 40 years; has been an architect for Orange Village for about 15 years; works with Friendship Circle in Pepper Pike, which offers social events/activities for kids with physical and mental challenges; on the board because he wants to help maintain Beachwood's high standards for architecture

I look forward to working with all our board and commission members during their terms of office.

Mayor Justin Berns
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EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENT

We celebrated the city's employees with a gathering at the Beachwood Truck Park on January 12. The catered event, with food supplied by vendors along with members of the Community Services department staff, featured recognition of those who have served the city for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years. We thank you for all of your contributions to Beachwood!



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CITY MAINTAINS AAA RATING

The City of Beachwood has maintained its Aaa rating as an issuer, according to the new Moody's guidelines. The guidelines took into account revised criteria, including inflation, cost of delivering services, wages and loss of revenue to ensure ratings were still appropriate.

Moody's regularly updates its ratings for cities, with debt burden being one of the key factors. One major financial accomplishment during the pandemic was Beachwood's ability to pay off two debt issuances early in both 2020 and 2021.

Higher bond ratings save the City of Beachwood money when it comes time to issue new debt for large projects like a new Public Works facility. The benefit to investors is their ability to accept a lower interest rate when the risk is lower. The higher the rating, the lower the risk.



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
February 6 at 7:00 p.m.
February 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
February 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
February 6 at 4:30 p.m.
February 21 at 4:30 p.m.

WORK-LIVE-LEARN..THRIVE

BPD FINISHES GYM RENO

The Beachwood Police Department's gym has been fully renovated. A shout-out to Sgt. Neibecker and Officer Miller for spearheading and presenting a well prepared presentation concerning updating the facility. Thank you to the Beachwood 100 for their continuous support of our safety forces and generous donation in the amount of \$20,000.



Mayor Berns, Chief McLaughlin, members of Beachwood Police Department and the Beachwood 100 gather to celebrate the gym renovation.

BPD DELIVERS DONATION

On December 21, officers from Beachwood Police Department donated a check in the amount of \$1,900 that was collected for No Shave November and donated to The Gathering Place, a caring community organization located in Beachwood that helps individuals and families coping with cancer.



BPD with Jill Schwartz from The Gathering Place.

COMMUNITY COMPLIMENTS

"Beachwood transportation staff, I want to express my sincere appreciation for all you do. My requests for transportation are promptly answered and I am always reminded the day before of the pick-up and return time. The drivers are extremely nice and polite, and very helpful with my walker.

I am only a five-year resident of Beachwood, but I can say that this is probably the best community I have lived in. The transportation service for seniors is certainly an asset to us older people. Thanks again."

Marcia Rosenthal
Resident

"We are so grateful to the Beachwood emergency services for the incredible response and assistance they have provided to our family on many occasions.

They are always extremely polite, helpful, caring and efficient. We are very fortunate as Beachwood residents to have such wonderful care!"

**Helen & Dennis
Israelstam**
Residents

FIREWORKS NOTICE

On Sunday, February 26, there will be a fireworks display at the conclusion of the city's February Freeze event. Fireworks will begin between 7:15-7:30 p.m and last about 15 minutes. Please make any accommodations for your pets if needed.

RUBBISH REMINDERS

Rubbish and Recycling Can Placement: Cans should be placed on your tree lawn within three feet of the curb or street. Keep the cans three feet away from each other and any stationary objects like mailboxes, fire hydrants and utility poles. Can handles should face away from the street.

Rubbish Placement Times: Per Ordinance 660.21, rubbish should be placed on the tree lawn no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before the collection day and no later than 7:30 a.m. on day of collection. Empty cans must be removed no later than 9:00 a.m. the day after collection.

Special Pickups: Additional rubbish pickups on a day other than your regular collection day are available. Call the Public Works Department at 216-292-1922 to schedule a pickup. Please call before noon for same day collection. Any trash curbside that has not been scheduled will be in violation of Ordinance 660.21.



Holiday Rubbish Schedule: When the Public Works Department is closed on holidays, except on Thanksgiving, rubbish collection will be delayed one day after the respective holiday for that week only. Thanksgiving Day's collection will be picked up on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Holidays Recognized by the Public Works Department: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Day

Rubbish Can Storage: Rubbish cans should be stored behind your front setback line (behind the front of your house) when not out for collection.

Hazardous Household Materials: Do not place any hazardous household materials in your rubbish. Hazardous household waste requires special disposal. Beachwood residents can drop off hazardous household wastes at the Public Works Department year-round between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Public Works Department is located at 23355 Mercantile Rd. The City cannot accept hazardous wastes from commercial businesses.

For additional rubbish and recycling information, visit BeachwoodOhio.com/PublicWorks or cuyahogarecycles.org.

FIREFIGHTER FOR A DAY

On January 6, the Beachwood Fire Department was honored to have an amazing person join their ranks. Dalya Berezovska, a friend of the department, became a Beachwood firefighter for a day!

Dalya is a Beachwood resident who, along with her mother, always shows tremendous support for the fire department and city. Dalya makes frequent station visits, writes letters and drops off tasty treats to show her love and appreciation for the BFD.

Personnel at the fire department were happy to return the favor and show their appreciation. Dalya became part of the crew for the day and got to experience checking the ladder truck, checking the ambulance, riding in the engine, touring both stations and enjoying a well-deserved lunch.

Dalya learned a lot about the daily life of a firefighter and paramedic, but the team also learned from her! She always shows courage, integrity, respect and a great attitude which are all virtues the department tries to maintain as first responders.

The Beachwood Fire Department would like to thank Dalya, her mother Wendy, Mayor Berns, City Council, Chief Holtzman and Assistant Chief Lutz for helping make the visit so memorable. Special thanks to Local 2388 members who helped organize the event and donated their time to make Dalya's day one to remember. Thank you for your continued support Dalya! We hope you had as much fun as we did!



Dalya holding her city proclamation in front of Assistant Chief Shaun Lutz, Luke Ockenden, Nick Ricco, Chief Steve Holtzman and Michael McDermott.



Dalya and personnel from the Beachwood Fire Department were thrilled to share a number of unique experiences throughout the day.



Helicopters have been mobilized in The Illuminating Co. region to perform comprehensive visual inspections on all Illuminating Co. 138kV lines throughout this month and may hover for short time periods.

HOMETOWN HEROES PROGRAM ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The Beachwood Historical Society and City of Beachwood are collaborating to celebrate our Hometown Heroes once again in 2023! Nominations are currently being accepted at BeachwoodOhio.com/HeroNominations through Friday, April 7.

A successful nominee actively displays the following criteria in their everyday life:

- Must be a resident or individual who works in the city
- Makes a positive impact on the city
- Helps improve the city and society
- Shows dedication to helping others
- Displays courage, care and concern
- Contributions and accomplishments have enhanced Beachwood



Heroes will be celebrated in May with a special ceremony at the Hometown Heroes garden display in Beachwood's City Park West on Shaker Boulevard.



The 2022 class of Hometown Heroes behind the display in Beachwood's City Park West.

FEBRUARY RECREATION GUIDE



FEBRUARY FREEZE
 February 26, 6-7:30 pm
 Beachwood City Hall

Outdoor Winter Fest
 The Rockin' Robots
 Family Activities
 Ice Sculptures
 Fireworks

Cost:
 Canned goods for Harvest for Hunger!

BeachwoodRec.com

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

For the latest details, visit BeachwoodRec.com.

- **Djapo Cultural Arts Institute**
 Feb. 5, 2-3 p.m., Community Center
 African singing, dancing and drums. Part of BAC's Sunday Sounds series.
- **Black History through Stories & Songs**
 Feb. 7, 4-4:45 p.m., Beachwood Library
 Join Miss Donna the storyteller as she shares African-American history and culture. For students in grades K-5. Call 216-831-6868 to register.
- **Black History Cultural Experience**
 Feb. 8, 4-7 p.m., Community Center
 The tastes, sounds and more from local African-American owned businesses.
- **Art Explorers**
 Feb. 9, 4-4:45 p.m., Beachwood Library
 Open to grades K-5. Hear about the life of African-American artist Faith Ringgold and get inspired to create your own work of art. Call 216-831-6868 to register.
- **The TREES Book Discussion**
 Feb. 15, 2-3 p.m., Beachwood Library
 Written by Percival Everett. Books available at the circulation desk one month prior. To register, please call 216-831-6868.



BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY: Celebrating Black History Month through Creative Expression | January 11 - February 12
 Ileen Kelner Juried High School Art Show | February 18 - March 12

GARDEN PLOT REGISTRATION INFO

The Beachwood Community Gardens will move to their permanent location closer to the Community Center parking lot with ADA compliant access this spring. The new layout will accommodate 86 plots, an increase from the previous allotment of 76, plus shade shelters, more hose bibs, a shed and expanded walkway. Registration for the gardens begins February 1 in-person at Beachwood City Hall for \$25 per plot. For more information, visit BeachwoodRec.com.

- **February 1-28:** Returning Resident Gardeners (Must have held a plot in 2022)
- **March 1-April 14:** Registration Open to All Residents
- **April 17:** Registration Open to Non-Residents



Summer photo of the 2022 community gardens.

TENNESSEE AND SOUTHERN OHIO MARK THE RETURN OF OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Beachwood Community Services is proud to announce the return of overnight trips. Come travel and explore new destinations with fellow community members. For details and registration, visit BeachwoodRec.com or call Community Services at 216-292-1970.

• **Southern Ohio Here We Come: Monday, April 24 through Tuesday, April 25**



A canal boat in historic Roscoe Village.

How long have you lived in Ohio but never explored what Southern Ohio has to offer? Well here is your chance! Come see and taste your way through Roscoe Village, 3 Rivers Wine Trail, Sugar Creek and more. We will stay at the Carlisle Inn after enjoying dinner at Gervasi Vineyards. Transportation, tours, tastings and gratuities all included. Payment due by March 24, \$380 for double occupancy.

• **Tennessee Trip: Sunday, May 21 through Friday, May 26**

Join us as we explore the sights and sounds of both Nashville and Memphis on this 5 night, 6 day trip. Some highlights include the Ryman Auditorium, Johnny Cash and Patsy Cline Museum, Loveless Café, a ride on the General Jackson, RCA Studios, Grand Ole Opry, Opryland Hotel, tour of Graceland, Blues City Café and so much more. Transportation, 13 meals, 5 nights lodging, admissions and gratuities are all included. Payment due by April 14, \$2,200 for double occupancy or \$2,875 for single.



A sunset behind the Nashville, Tennessee skyline.

BEACHWOOD

Baseball & Softball



REGISTER TODAY!
Boys and girls ages 5-14.

LEARN MORE:
BeachwoodRec.com



Resident early bird rates end March 3!
Visit BeachwoodRec.com for details.

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT:

We're hiring lifeguards, camp counselors and pool slide/tot pool attendants! Join our team! Applications can be found online at BeachwoodOhio.com/jobs. Apply today.

BEACHWOOD SENIORS

LITERARY LUNCH CLUB

Bring a lunch and enjoy a literary discussion facilitated by Margaret Reardon. Register by the Tuesday before the Friday meeting online at BeachwoodRec.com or call 216-292-1970. See the schedule listed below. Literary Lunch is held at the Beachwood Community Center.

- **March 31, Noon:** *The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man: A Memoir* by Paul Newman
- **April 28, Noon:** *The Winners* by Frederick Bachmann
- **May 26, Noon:** *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus



THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA

Friday, March 31, Severance Hall in University Circle, Departure 10:00 a.m.

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. The cost is \$86 for residents and \$103 for non-residents. Register by February 17 at City Hall or BeachwoodRec.com.

SENIOR DAY OUT

The Dynamic Duo
Thursday, February 16, at Noon
Beachwood Community Center

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

Register by Thursday, February 9.

Debbie Darling, a singer/songwriter along with her accompanist David Strieter, will no doubt delight us with selections of famous Oscar-nominated songs from the 1930s and 1940s. Debbie has performed a wide range of musical styles from opera to jazz to blues and everything in between. David Strieter has been working in the field of music in several different arenas for over 35 years. Join us and rekindle your love for this great music!

Meal choices include penne pasta with marinara or chicken parmigiana. All entrees served with a small salad, garlic bread, dessert and a beverage.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SBA LOAN MANAGEMENT

Companies that have received SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans had a 30 month deferment period which is now coming due. There are online resources that can assist you with a company's repayment which is all included in the Capital Access Financial System (CAFS). This allows borrowers to check loan balances and view upcoming payment information. In addition to the EIDL loans, this system can be used for all SBA loans and Paycheck

Protection Program loans. For more information, simply go to the SBA's Manage My EIDL webpage at www.sba.gov.



U.S. Small Business Administration

UPSKILLING WORKFORCE

Beachwood companies that may be looking for an opportunity to upskill your staff and capabilities have some great resources locally and within the State of Ohio to assist. The State of Ohio TechCred helps employers build a strong workforce with the skills needed in a technology-infused economy. Many of these trainings can be completed online. Locally, the Cuyahoga County Department of Development offers the SkillUp 2.0 Program. This program offers employers support as they upskill their workforce and then offer financial incentives to do it. The team of workforce and training development professionals within these programs will help set a strategic

plan and assist in the implementation of that plan to support the future growth needs of your company. For more information on these programs you can visit TechCred at www.techcred.ohio.gov and the SkillUp 2.0 Program at www.cuyahogacounty.us/skillup-2.



HEALTH INSURANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Offering health insurance as a small business owner always comes with a number of questions; at the same time it can be a good opportunity to focus on retention and value for your employees. Providing health insurance can help with recruitment of new staff, bringing new talent, and offering a compensation program that brings new incentive and retention to current employees. In many cases there are some pre-tax benefits that small business-sponsored programs can offer that reduce the employees' tax burdens. If you are looking for answers to health insurance options, how you can qualify for the small business health insurance tax credit, and health insurance requirements, feel free to reach out to the City of Beachwood Economic Development Office, which can put you in touch with some talented local companies that specialize in health insurance.



ALWAYS BE AN INSIDER, STAY CONNECTED!

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