

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As the cover story in this issue indicates, we have a remarkable and sizable group of women and men who have chosen to spend their careers in the City of Beachwood. We are grateful for their dedication and public service, and I'm particularly pleased to see them receive the recognition on these pages that they deserve.

These employees, who have served the City of Beachwood for 25+ years, exemplify the professionally rewarding climate that is present in Beachwood.

Truly, the numbers speak for themselves. They have worked alongside some solid leadership during the past three decades, and I can guarantee that they will continue to have a leader who looks out for everyone's best interests while I'm serving as Mayor.

What's especially exciting about working for this municipality is the way it affords a front row seat, enabling us to witness growth and progress. Beachwood is a highly dynamic community, and its directors, along with their staff, are continually looking for ways to improve our city.

To better comprehend the scope and scale of each city department and its activities, I'd like to encourage you to view our 2023 State of the City Report. I'm pleased to introduce it to our community, particularly because it marks the first time we've ever compiled this type of information in one document. We are making it widely accessible to everyone by posting the report online.

This is a project that could not have been possible without input from our dedicated department directors and their staff. I especially want to acknowledge our public relations consultant, June Scharf, and graphic designer, Ryan Kennedy, who were able to organize all

of this data into such a great resource for our community. Our Economic Development Director, Cathy Bieterman, also plans to use it as a tool for business attraction and retention.



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Aside from looking back at what has been accomplished, the State of the City Report also projects forward and offers a glimpse into our plans for this year and beyond. We are always considering both short- and long-term projects, and I, along with City Council, draw on the expertise of many from within and outside the city as we plan for the future.

We have much to be grateful for here in Beachwood, especially with such a long history of excellent city services in all capacities, and the funding and staffing to extend that level of service into the future. One central element to our success lies with the city's departments, staffed by diligent directors and dedicated employees. As such, I'm very proud of the recognition they have earned here in this issue of the *Buzz*, and in the 2023 State of the City Report.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Berns".

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BEACHWOOD, OHIO

2023

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Featuring department recaps, 2022 accomplishments and a look ahead toward our community's bright future!

TO VIEW: Scan the QR code or visit BeachwoodOhio.com



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CITY HALL VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

Effective March 1, visitors must scan a form of identification to enter City Hall during business hours. For details, see page 6.

DON BALOG NAMED FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to firefighter Don Balog for earning Beachwood Fire Department's 2022 Firefighter of the Year award!

Don has served the city for over 24 years including 20-plus years on the Eastside Technical Rescue Team where he served as commander (Hillcrest Tech Team) and division lead. Don is currently Beachwood Fire Department's honor guard commander and is also the all around go-to handyman.

Don was presented with his award at the February 6 council meeting in front of family, friends, and coworkers.



Left to right: Chief Steve Holtzman, Don Balog, Mayor Berns

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
March 7 at 7:00 p.m.
March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
March 22 at 6:30 p.m.
(Date Change)

Architectural Board of Review:
March 7 at 4:30 p.m.
March 20 at 4:30 p.m.

WORK-LIVE-LEARN..THRIVE

PATROL OFFICERS SWORN IN

Congratulations to Eugene Shippy III, Colm English and Andrew Moore! At the February 6 council meeting, with their families and friends in attendance, these officers were sworn in as patrol officers by Mayor Justin Berns. Wishing you all a fantastic career with Beachwood Police.



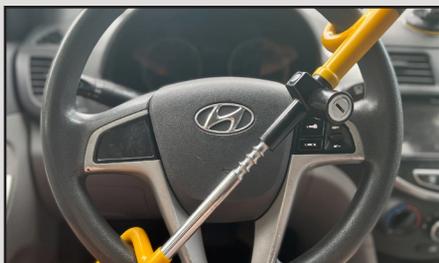
Left to right: Andrew Moore, Eugene Shippy III, Chief McLaughlin and Colm English

STEERING WHEEL LOCKS AVAILABLE

The Beachwood Police Department has obtained steering wheel locks to prevent theft of Hyundai/Kia vehicles. To obtain one, the following criteria must be met:

- Proof of Beachwood residency
- Proof of vehicle ownership
- Vehicle must have key start ignition

One lock per vehicle is available. Visit the Beachwood Police Department, 2700 Richmond Rd., from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. First come, first serve, while supplies last.



METROHEALTH CEO HOLDS SESSION AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Justin Berns welcomed and introduced Dr. Airica Steed on January 23 when she appeared at the Beachwood Community Center for the first stop on her Listening and Engagement Tour, the central piece of her 100-day plan involving meetings with employees throughout the health system, leaders throughout the state and community members throughout Cuyahoga County.

As the first woman, first Black person and first nurse to serve as President and CEO of The MetroHealth System, Dr. Airica Steed is fighting passionately to reverse racial disparities and make sure every person in Cuyahoga County and beyond has an equal chance at a long and healthy life. That's just one part of her vision for the future of the \$1.7 billion, 8,000-employee safety net health system.



Mayor Berns pictured with MetroHealth CEO, Dr. Airica Steed in Beachwood's Art Gallery.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED BY STATE OF OHIO BOARD

Congratulations to William Griswold, Building Commissioner and his staff. The State of Ohio's Board of Building Standards, a division of the Ohio Department of Commerce, awarded Beachwood's Building Department a 2022 Honorable Mention. There are 331 Building Departments in Ohio, and Columbus was the overall winner, with two Honorable Mentions awarded as well.



Beachwood's 2022 Honorable Mention Certificate

HOMETOWN HERO NOMINATIONS

The Beachwood Historical Society and City of Beachwood are accepting Hometown Hero nominations through Friday, April 7. For details, visit BeachwoodOhio.com/HeroNominations or see page 6.

Scan to nominate!



The 2022 Class of Hometown Heroes.

ACTIVE THREAT TRAINING COMPLETED AT BEACHWOOD PLACE

On January 29, Beachwood Police, Beachwood Fire, and Beachwood Place security coordinated an “active threat” training at Beachwood Place. Collaboration during any incident is key to its successful resolution. Trainings such as these ensure that responders are prepared mentally and have the proper response equipment to mitigate the situation. Thank you to everyone who participated and coordinated this event.



Active threat training participants on January 29 at Beachwood Place.

CITY VEHICLES GOING GREEN

Mayor Justin Berns announced at the January 23 city council meeting that all of Beachwood’s inspector vehicles in the Building and Fire Departments are now hybrid models, acquired in an effort to become a “greener” city. The Building Department has six Ford Escapes and the Fire Department has two Ford Explorers.



THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH, RESIDENTIAL SEWER REMINDERS

What did one toilet say to the other toilet? You look flushed! All jokes aside, Beachwood Public Works has been assisting with a number of clogged private sewer lines because of foreign material being flushed down the toilets or poured down drains. Sewer lines are designed to handle water, human waste and toilet paper only. Even wipes and other items marked as “flushable” should not be flushed.

Examples of what **not** to flush:

- Cloth rags or paper towels
- Facial tissue (it does not break down like toilet paper)
- Baby wipes, toilet wipes, towelettes, disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind (even if they are “flushable”)
- Paper (other than toilet paper)
- Prophylactics
- Medications (Prescription, or over-the-counter. Medication disposal container available in the BPD lobby.)
- Feminine hygiene products of any kind
- Beauty products, Q-Tips, cotton balls, hair, dental floss
- Cat litter
- Plastics of any kind
- Grease of any kind – especially cooking grease
- Garden supplies (such as pesticides, fertilizers)
- Paint, varnish, paint remover
- Motor oil, gasoline, or any explosive material
- When it doubt, throw it out (trash bin)

Please remember, only water, human waste and toilet paper should be flushed. A toilet is not a trashcan. Clogged sewer pipes lead to expensive sewer backups for the homeowner due to clean up and repair costs. In addition, the above items clog sewer pumps which caused a 1,200-foot blockage in another state in February at a pumping station. Life is like a sewer. What you get out of it, is what you put into it and sometimes it stinks.

POLICE CHIEF SPEAKS AT ATHENA AKRON LEADERSHIP FORUM

Police Chief Kate McLaughlin was recently invited to be a speaker at the Athena Akron Leadership Forum to address “Taking Charge of Your Future: Being Intentional.” She was one of four guests who appeared at the Portage Country Club. Her remarks elicited a groundswell of support relating to her experiences dealing with challenging circumstances.



Chief McLaughlin (left) speaking at the leadership forum.

“As a long time Beachwood Resident, I would like to state that my family and I are supportive of Chief McLaughlin and her leadership of the Beachwood Police Department. I would also like to salute and recognize those members of the Beachwood Police Department who are doing a fantastic job keeping us all safe.”

Troy Auzenne, Resident

MARCH RECREATION GUIDE

AQUATIC CENTER MEMBERSHIPS

Beachwood Family Aquatic Center memberships go on sale the first day of spring, March 20. Better yet, you're able to spring into savings with a 20% preseason discount for purchasing prior to May 27. Memberships can be purchased in-person at Beachwood City Hall. Two forms of identification for residency are required. A driver's license or photo ID and a utility bill are preferred.

Opening day is Saturday, May 27!

SAVE 20% WITH PRESEASON RATES!

Membership Type	Prior to 5/27	5/27 & After
Per Person	\$60	\$72
Family of 2	\$115	\$138
Family of 3	\$165	\$198
Family of 4	\$175	\$210
Each additional member	\$25	\$30
Seniors (60 & over)	\$35	\$42
Governess	\$70	\$84
Employed in Beachwood*	\$110	\$132

*Restrictions apply



BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

Ileen Kelner Juried High School Art Show | Open through March 12
 Beachwood K-12 Art Show & Music Program | March 15 - April 9

Presented by
 Beachwood Arts Council

ON THE ROAD AGAIN, BOOK YOUR GETAWAY TO SOUTHERN OHIO AND TENNESSEE

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

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 skyline.

TENNESSEE TRIP ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Lodging at Hyatt Place in Downtown Nashville (3 Nights)
- Guided Nashville Tour
- General Jackson Cruise
- Grand Ole Opry Tour & Show
- Country Music Hall of Fame
- Dinner at Opryland Hotel
- Lodging at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Memphis (1 Night)
- Tour Graceland
- Dinner on Beale Street
- Lodging at The Galt House in Louisville (1 Night)
- Louisville Slugger Museum
- Tour Churchill Downs

Full itinerary online at BeachwoodRec.com.

Broadway BABIES
A Youth Theater Showcase
FEATURING DISNEYMANIA

Live Performance!

Sunday, March 19 | 2 PM | Beachwood Middle

RESIDENT REGISTRATION AVAILABLE MARCH 1!
Sign up at City Hall for \$25.
Plots subject to availability.

COMMUNITY COMPLIMENT

“Senior Transportation Team – How can I ever thank you enough for being so totally indispensable when I couldn’t transport myself for the many round trips to medical appointments and food shopping ... and tolerating the many changes I asked for with such patience and grace. It’s been six months since I got a car and six months since I’ve been missing having your company to make these trips more engaging, sometimes educational, sometimes heartfelt and poignant, sometimes fun and entertaining ... but always feeling more like being with friends than anything else.

With admiration and congratulations for the amazing job you do every day getting the Beachwood community from point A to point B and back again with such skill, a well-oiled machine for which I will be forever grateful!”

Evelyn Siegel, Resident

REGISTER TODAY!
BeachwoodRec.com

BEACHWOOD SENIORS

MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

The legendary – and extremely popular – Beachwood Mah Jongg Tournament has returned! Join us for an afternoon of fun, snacks and prizes. If you’ve attended our previous tournaments, you know what a great time you’ll have. We play three rounds and then announce the top 10 winners. You will need 2023 Mah Jongg rules and please bring a set with dice if you have them.

Monday, May 1 | 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Beachwood Community Center

The cost is \$17 per person which includes snacks and prizes. Register by April 21 at BeachwoodRec.com, City Hall or call 216-292-1970.

THE MIND CHALLENGE, JOIN TEAM BEACHWOOD

Do you love trivia? Do you want to represent our city? Join Team Beachwood for The Mind Challenge, a regional competition against other local communities. Play is scheduled for Wednesdays, May 10, 17 and 24 at 1:00 p.m., hosted by Shaker Heights. If interested, call Community Services by April 26 at 216-292-1970 to be added to our roster.

SENIOR DAY OUT

History of Women in Air & Space
Thursday, March 16, at Noon
Beachwood Community Center

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

Register by March 8.

In honor of Women’s History Month, we will be learning about the role of women in aviation and aerospace, their accomplishments, obstacles, and their enduring legacy in all areas of aviation and aerospace. Sara Fisher, Executive Director of Cleveland’s International Women’s Air & Space Museum, will be our guest speaker!



Meal choices include macaroni and cheese with a small salad or a chicken Caesar salad. All entrees served with a roll, dessert and a beverage. Register online at BeachwoodRec.com, in-person at City Hall or by phone at 216-292-1970.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HECK'S CAFE, WELCOME TO THE BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY

To celebrate the restaurant's grand opening, a ribbon cutting was attended by Mayor Justin Berns, Council President Alec Isaacson, and Council Members Barbara Janovitz, Danielle Shoykhet, Josh Mintz, Eric Synenberg and June Taylor, along with owner Fadi Daoud. Also in attendance was Economic Development Director Cathy Bierterman and City Administrator Tina Turick.

Heck's is located in the space formerly occupied by Blu and Moxie, 3355 Richmond Rd., (216) 831-5599, HecksCafe.com



Mayor Berns with owner Fadi Daoud.



A look inside Heck's Cafe.



The ribbon cutting ceremony at Heck's Cafe, located in the space formerly occupied by Blu and Moxie, 3355 Richmond Rd.

COMMERCE PARK BUILDING RENOVATION

Local developer Industrial Commercial Properties (ICP) recently renovated a roughly 116,000-square-foot office/industrial building previously owned by the City of Beachwood at 25550 Commerce Park Dr. In 2021, ICP acquired the north half of the City's Public Works Building, and the department relocated to 23355 Mercantile Rd. The building now has a more contemporary look, achieved by adding a new glass front facade, flooring, roof, LED lighting, grading and landscaping. "ICP has made a significant investment and has been working collaboratively with the City to enable us to set a vision for what future space within the Commerce Park can be," said Mayor Justin Berns. A virtual showing of the building is available on our website at beachwoodohio.com under the Economic Development Recent Projects tab.



An aerial view of the Commerce Park project site.

"Beachwood would not be Beachwood without the promptness and hard work of Beachwood Public Works. I moved here from out of state and am appreciative of the Public Works Department keeping Beachwood clean, neat and tidy. When I moved here, I was told Beachwood's services were great, but Beachwood has exceeded all expectations. I was specifically thrilled with the brush collection crew which was very prompt and accommodating."

Philip Fay, Resident

ALWAYS BE AN INSIDER, STAY CONNECTED!

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- @BeachwoodPolice
- @BeachwoodFire
- @BeachwoodOHRec
- @BeachwoodPublicWorks
- @BarkwoodDogPark

Official Twitter Accounts:

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Beachwood eList:

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