

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We are very excited to announce the launching of a new page on our website to demonstrate the City's sincere commitment to investing in and supporting local, minority and women-owned businesses. We are actively searching for minority-owned businesses and vendors working and living in the City of Beachwood while seeking the best value for goods and services. The new webpage makes it easy to register with the City. We plan to use this information to build our internal database and as a resource to our community. Please visit the page at BeachwoodOhio.com/purchasing.

The new page also showcases our purchasing policies and procedures. The procurement of all supplies, materials, equipment, and services for the City of Beachwood is made in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes and/or regulations, and our internal controls are tested by the state auditor annually to ensure compliance. The City of Beachwood is a charter city which means we operate under the City's local charter and ordinances, rather than a statutory City which operates under the general laws of the state.

Purchasing 101

In Beachwood, any expenditure over \$25,000 must be approved by City Council. And any purchase of \$50,000 or more requires sealed competitive bids unless purchased under state bid pricing or another cooperative purchasing group approved by the Ohio Revised Code or City Ordinance (those products have essentially been bid by another government organization). Additionally, Council may waive competitive bidding. Some reasons this may occur include: a sole source distributor or manufacturer; compatibility with our existing software or equipment, or a product that is custom or unique.

PURCHASING

\$25,000 ↑

Must be approved by Council.



\$50,000 ↑

Must be competitively bid, unless waived by Council.

Professional Services

A professional service is a personal service of a specialized nature requiring the exercise of a unique skill and aptitude such as an architect, doctor, lawyer or engineer.

Professional services are selected based on qualifications. After the selection is made, the City reviews costs to ensure a fair price. A presentation was given at a public Council committee meeting regarding our engineering services to help illustrate the difference in professional service contracts and general contracts. If you're interested in more information on the subject, the presentation can be found online at bit.ly/BeachwoodEngineeringProposal.

We encourage you to take the time to visit and familiarize yourself with our website BeachwoodOhio.com which has a lot more to offer than just this new purchasing page. There is a calendar of events, information on our public meetings including agendas, minutes and recordings. There is also an abundance of information about

our departments and many resources for our residents and businesses. Beachwood has a lot to offer and the administration and City Council are committed to making sure that your tax dollars are spent prudently.

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LEGISLATIVE RECAP - MAY

2023-52 – Council approved a bid award to Tri-Mor for an amount not to exceed \$500K (slab and joint quantity) for our Concrete Patch Program. Tri-Mor is a quality contractor with the lowest and best bid who has successfully completed several road projects. This work is proposed for Richmond, Commerce Park, Mercantile and South Green Roads.

2023-53 – The City previously passed legislation for GPD to provide limited engineering services for a Traffic Signal System upgrade (12 intersections along and/or adjacent to Richmond Road) to improve traffic operations in an amount not to exceed \$111,500. Since that time, the City requested a contract modification to completely reconstruct the 12 intersections. This approach was recommended because the traffic stanchions are at the end of their life expectancy (over 30 years) and we wanted to be proactive in replacement as the most cost-effective time to do so is when we are already doing work at those intersections. This includes the pedestrian signals and ADA ramps at the crosswalks. The additional design estimate, which was approved by City Council, is \$167,693. The design fees for this project are estimated at approximately 6% of the construction and well under the industry standard. Once this project is designed, it will be bid and awarded in accordance with City Policy. This project was discussed at length in a public meeting held on May 1, 2023.
<https://beachwoodoh.new.swagit.com/videos/225314>

2023-55 – The 2023 Alternative Tax budget was presented to City Council and placed on first reading. The purpose of an alternative tax budget is to let the County know the amount of property tax we are requesting and is used by the County to set the City's property tax collection for 2024. There will be a follow-up resolution accepting the rates from the County. This item must be read at three separate Council meetings before passage. As previously voted on by City Council, the City of Beachwood will not be levying any charter millage.

2023-56 – The Building Department permit fees were updated to require a deposit for all new single-family homes. This has been implemented in an effort to ensure that contractors keep our streets clean from debris and dirt during the construction process.



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PROJECTS APPROVED FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING

Council approved several motions seeking authorization to **competitively bid** the following city projects:

1. The installation of new **basketball courts** just west of the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center parking lot. The goal is to have these basketball courts completed this summer.
2. The installation of **EV Charging Station(s)** at the Community Center parking lot adjacent to the future Community Gardens. Our goal is to have these charging stations constructed this summer.
3. The **replacement of windows** at the Municipal Center. These windows were installed about 20 years ago and are deficient. They have broken seals and etching on the glass.
4. The **replacement of all nonfunctional parking lot lights and the addition of LED lights to existing lighting poles** located in the City Hall, Community Center, Police Department and Aquatic Facility parking lots.

More information regarding these agenda items can be found on our website.
BeachwoodOhio.com/AgendaCenter

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
June 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
June 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
June 5 at 4:30 p.m.
June 20 at 4:30 p.m.

WORK-LIVE-LEARN..THRIVE

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Families throughout the Beachwood community came together on Sunday, May 7, for an afternoon of tours, demonstrations, a kid's challenge and more at the Public Safety Center. The open house welcomed an estimated 1,000 attendees. The Beachwood Fire Department would like to personally thank everyone in attendance and all the staff that made it possible.



An auto extrication demonstration outside the Public Safety Center. Photography by Discovery Photo.



Who doesn't love a high-five from Sparky?!

MCKAYLA SZABO SWORN IN

McKayla Szabo was sworn in on Monday, May 8, as the newest Beachwood Firefighter/Paramedic. She has worked part-time with the City of Brecksville for just under one year and with University Hospitals in the emergency room since January 2022. McKayla's uncle, who set her on the path to becoming a firefighter, is a Captain with the Parma Fire Department. McKayla is the second full-time female firefighter and paramedic for the City of Beachwood.

Right: McKayla Szabo being sworn in by Mayor Berns at City Hall on Monday, May 8.



GREEN ROAD CLOSURE

Beginning in mid-June (exact date to be determined), Catts Construction will start the Bryden and Green Road Storm Sewer Improvement Project. This is a very comprehensive construction project and is scheduled to be completed within 120 days of the start date.



Please be advised this will affect traffic patterns in that area. Green Road will be closed from Chagrin Boulevard to S. Woodland Road with local access only. In addition, Bryden Road will be closed from Letchworth Road to Green Road with local access only. Both of these closures are effective through the duration of the Storm Water Improvement Project. Digital message signage will alert drivers a few weeks prior to the closures so alternative routes can be planned. Detour signs will be posted once the project begins.

Periodic project updates will be posted on the Public Works Facebook page (@BeachwoodPublicWorks) and also on the construction webpage, BeachwoodOhio.com/PublicWorks.

Questions? Please call Public Works at 216.292.1922.

FERTILIZER SAFETY REMINDER

When fertilizing, please make sure fertilizer stays on the lawn and is cleaned from sidewalks, driveways and streets. Chemicals also pose a health threat to pets. Failure to remove granules from previously mentioned locations is a violation of Ohio Pesticide Law. Please be sure to advise your landscaper to comply while fertilizing.



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Second graders in Bryden Elementary School's Student Leadership Council and Save the Earth Club joined city administration and council members for the annual Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, May 5. Mayor Justin Berns gave an Arbor Day proclamation, students read a poem and then got to work planting two red maple trees along Letchworth Road with Chris Vild, Environmental Manager for the City of Beachwood. City council members Josh Mintz and Danielle Shoykhet were in attendance to lend a hand.



Mayor Berns, city administration and council members with the Bryden students.

HAVE YOU SEEN A FOX?

According to Animal Control, foxes provide a vital service in controlling the rodent population. Animal Control does not recommend their removal. The Humane Society reports that typical adult cats and dogs are not at risk from a fox attack, though kittens and very small (less than 5 pounds) adult cats could be prey for a fox so it's best to keep those cats indoors. Foxes have a natural fear of people and will usually run away if they see you. If they have learned to associate people with food, you may scare them away with squirt guns or loud noises (similar to how you would haze a coyote). For more information, please search "foxes" at humanesociety.org. Foxes can be trapped by a private, certified firm but cannot be relocated (they must be euthanized). Because of this, there has to be a history of the fox being a nuisance for it to be trapped.



A family of young foxes living in a resident's backyard this spring!

CALLING ALL TREE-RIFIC LOCAL ARTISTS

The Beachwood Art Gallery within the Community Center is seeking artists for their *Tree-rific Exhibit*, September 14 through October 7. This exhibit will focus on the beauty and importance of trees, nature and environmental stewardship.

This opportunity is open to professional and amateur artists, 18 years and older. Both 2D and 3D works in all mediums are welcome within a 25-pound weight limit. Limited to original work only.

All hanging work must be backed, dry and wired for hanging. Any work deemed by Beachwood Art Gallery to be too fragile for public display or not wired sufficiently will not be accepted. No sawtooth hooks.

Please call 216.292.1911 by July 28 for more information or to express interest in participating.

HELP, I HAVE A SEWER BACKUP!

If you are experiencing a sewer backup, Public Works can help!

- **Why should residents contact Public Works at 216.292.1922 first?**

Beachwood Public Works has staff with a combined 100+ years knowledge and skill in the sewer field. There is no cost to a Beachwood resident for the sewer services provided by Beachwood Public Works. Our first and only priority is to get the problem resolved. If it is determined the issue is beyond the scope of Beachwood Public Works or is an internal issue, we will make a recommendation on the next steps.

- **What does Public Works do when they arrive?**

Public Works does all their work from the outside. First, they will locate the outside clean outs (inspection or test tee) and a camera will be inserted into the line to get a visual of the blockage. If a blockage is located in the lateral, Public Works will either snake and/or jet to clear the line. Though rare, there are cases Public Works is unable to clear a blockage (or the issue is located in the internal plumbing) and the resident must contact a private contractor.

- **What if I have a backup after hours or on the weekend?**

If it is after normal operating hours (Mon. – Fri., 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.), please call Beachwood Dispatch at 216.292.1935 and they will contact Beachwood Public Works.

- **What should not be flushed or put in the drain?**

The most common causes for blocked laterals are tree roots, grease, feminine hygiene products, wipes, facial tissue and paper towels. Tree roots are difficult to prevent, but there are preventative measures for the others. If a residence has a history of roots in the laterals, we recommend calling Beachwood Public Works for a yearly inspection. Even if wipes (paper towels or facial tissue) are marked flushable, they should be placed in the rubbish. Grease should never be placed in the toilet or a drain. Please remember: Only water, human waste and toilet paper should be placed in the toilet or drains. If in doubt, throw it out in the rubbish.

- **Can Beachwood Public Works recommend a private contractor to a resident?**

Beachwood Public Works cannot make recommendations on a private contractor. The Beachwood Building Department has a list of contractors who are registered to work in the City of Beachwood.

JUNE RECREATION GUIDE

JUNE TEENTH

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

JUNE 19

4:30-7PM

LOCATION:
Outside Beachwood
Family Aquatic Center

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - BALLOON ARTIST
DJ - VENDORS - FOOD TRUCKS - FUN

For more info, visit
BeachwoodRec.com
or email AfricanAmericanGroup@beachwoodschoools.org

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Beachwood City School's
African American Affinity Group



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Beachwood Beats is back with a free summer concert series on Tuesday and Thursday evenings!

Outdoor Concerts - Family Aquatic Center, 6:30 p.m.

- June 6: Masterpiece - Motown, Funk, R&B
- June 13: FM77 - 70s Tribute Band
- June 20: Tischler Klezmer Orchestra - European Soul
- June 27: Rachel Brown & The Beatnick Playboys - Oldies, Country, Honky Tonk
- July 11: Blue Lunch - Swing & Blues
- July 18: Funkology - 50s Music Through Today
- July 25: Risk Factor - The Rock Spectrum

Indoor Concerts - Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

- June 8: Red Light Roxy ***50 Year Resident Salute***
- June 15: Light of 2 Moons - Doo Wop Music
- June 22: Piano Cleveland - Watch Party & Family Fun
- June 29: Marshall Griffith & Virginia Crabtree
- July 6: Moss Stanley Duo - Pianist & Vocalist
- July 13: Nick Puin Quartet - Great American Songbook
- July 20: The Four Kings and a Queen - Motown
- July 27: Dan Zola Orchestra - Big Band

50 YEAR RESIDENT SALUTE, JUNE 8:

The City of Beachwood would like to invite all residents who have lived here for 50 years to join us for a moment of special recognition at the June 8 concert. Newly minted 50-year residents will receive a commemorative gift. If you have not been recognized previously, RSVP by calling Community Services at 216-292-1970 prior to June 5.

Beachwood Family Aquatic Center

DISCO

NIGHT

THURSDAY, JULY 13
8:00-10:00 PM

SWIMMING, DESSERT TRUCKS, MUSIC, GAMES
BFAC MEMBERS \$3, RES. \$5, NON-RES. GUESTS \$8

REGISTER: BeachwoodRec.com

OUTDOOR

movie

5 PM *Nights*

Beachwood Community Center
25325 Fairmount Blvd.

FREE

June 25
The Addams Family 2
Halloween Costume Night



Bring chairs & blankets. Snack bar available!

HARVEST FOR HUNGER
OUR COMMUNITY. ONE FOOD DRIVE!

Beachwood Can

MAKING A BELIEF ABOUT FOOD
FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

FOOD DRIVE JUNE 16-23

BFAC members can bring
10 non-perishable food
items in exchange for two
free guest passes!

CITY OF Beachwood  Greater Cleveland
Food Bank
MEMBER OF FEEDING AMERICA

Limit 2 free passes per household.

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE TRIP

Join Beachwood Community Services as we travel to Niagara-on-the-Lake for the Shaw Festival and more, August 8-10. We will explore downtown, see two shows, head into Toronto for an afternoon, visit a winery and on the way home, we will make a stop at the Duty-Free Shop!

The trip includes transportation, two nights at The Prince of Wales Hotel, two performances (*Gypsy* and *The Shadow of a Doubt*), tour of CN Tower, Casa Loma, wine tour and tasting, five meals and gratuities. Double occupancy is \$1,150 per person and single occupancy is \$1,420 per person. A \$200 deposit is due upon registration. The final payment is due by June 30.

BAGELS WITH BERNS

On May 3, Bagels with Berns was held at the Beachwood Community Center in celebration of Older Americans Month. The Mayor spent the morning connecting with residents and answering their questions over a delicious morning snack.



Presented by the Beachwood Historical Society & City of Beachwood



Beachwood City Park West Pavilion

YOGA & TAI-CHI

Free | Open to the Public | Rain or Shine

YOGA

Offered every Saturday
throughout July!

10:00 AM

Instructor - Julie Konrad

TAI-CHI

Offered every Sunday
throughout July!

10:00 AM

Instructor - Jen Stepien

BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

My Art Through The Ages | June 8 - August 5 | Artists' reception on June 11, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Artwork by Mikhail Bratslavsky, Marcia Gross, Nikki Harris, "Hutch" Stoller and the Skufca family.

BEACHWOOD SENIORS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

- **Making Waves: Stories of Summer**
Friday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Community Center
Residents \$25, Non-Residents \$30
Sit back and sip some lemonade as Amy Rosenbluth guides us through a creative writing experience. Amy is the co-founder of Lake Erie Ink, a writing space for youth and academic support. Register by June 16.
- **Ann Arbor Day Trip**
Thursday, July 20, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., depart from Community Center
Residents \$90, Non-Residents \$108
Visit the amazing Ann Arbor Street Art Fair and The Guild's Summer Art Fair with over 900 artists on hand! Transportation provided. Lunch and dinner at your own expense. Register by June 15.
- **Chautauqua Institution Day Trip**
Wednesday, August 2, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m., depart from Community Center
Residents \$143, Non-Residents \$172
Enjoy a morning literature lecture with Kwame Alexander, a *New York Times* bestselling author. After the program, grab lunch at The Athenaeum. Transportation, lunch, gate pass and snacks included. Register by June 27.

SENIOR DAY OUT

The Art of Love: Artistic Love Stories & Affairs
Thursday, June 15, at Noon
Beachwood Community Center

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

Register by June 6.

Music may be the food of love, but art has also acted as a powerful aphrodisiac. It is often said that the greatest artists also have the greatest love affairs. Let's look at famous couples whose intense passions sparked each other's best works. Join Felicia Stadelman for this *Through the Eyes of the Artist* program!

Meal choices by Caterology include a BBQ chicken salad or a vegan delight (grilled red and yellow peppers, onions, zucchini and yellow squash on vegan friendly focaccia bread). All entrees served with a beverage and dessert. Register by Tuesday, June 6.

Register for events at BeachwoodRec.com,
City Hall or call 216.292.1970.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TIES STRENGTHENED WITH FRENCH LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS

Mayor Justin Berns and Economic Development Director Cathy Bieterman attended a business development luncheon last month with Consul General of France Yannick Tagand and Cedric Le Rouge, Executive Director for the French American Chamber of Commerce, at the French-themed Edwin's Restaurant in Shaker Heights. The French American Chamber of Commerce's office is located in Beachwood.

The objective was, in part, to find connections for local businesses looking to conduct business in France. The meeting also provided an opportunity to engage with the Collaborative Chamber Alliance which represents multiple local and international chambers including the British American Chamber, Greater Cleveland Chinese Chamber, Hungarian Chamber, Nigerian Chamber, Swedish-American Chamber and other global chamber representatives.



Mayor Berns among local leaders.

Later in the afternoon, the General Counsel, Cedric Le Rouge and Cathy Bieterman met with Eaton's Vice President of Public Affairs & Community Affairs and Eaton's Corporate Communications and their Director of Public Affairs Electrical Sector Public and Community Affairs to discuss further collaboration around their sector business operations and engagement on changing policies among other supportive initiatives.

Our Economic Development Office collaborates with regional and international organizations, such as Team Neo's Global Business Development, to foster new business relationships, bring new opportunities to local companies and identify resources that can further support the global presence of our business community, especially pertaining to cluster development initiatives.

If your business is interested in developing international business relations, please contact Cathy Bieterman at CatherineBieterman@BeachwoodOhio.com.

UH's CONNOR WHOLE HEALTH RELOCATES

The City of Beachwood is pleased to welcome University Hospital's Connor Whole Health to its new location at 3723 Park East Drive. The space has been made possible through the generosity of Sara and Chris Connor. This state-of-the-art facility was intentionally designed to include spaces for meditation, music therapy and yoga therapy, in addition to patient rooms for all clinical services.



ELEVATE YOUR BUSINESS, CONNECT WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT!

The City of Beachwood is a thriving hub that is home to 2,500 businesses. Learn more about available properties, business resources, upcoming projects and more.



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ALWAYS BE AN INSIDER, STAY CONNECTED!

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