

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

FACTS MATTER

The city is currently working on some new and exciting projects. With so many things happening in the city, messaging can sometimes get confused. I'd like to take a moment of your time to shed some light on a few topics.

Foremost among the points I'd like to target is social media. I'd like to be very clear that the city uses social media channels primarily to publicize important news, information and events, for your benefit. What we do NOT and will NOT use social media for is debate. As an extension of this framework, we do not dispute the lies and misinformation that are often extended through these platforms.

With this in mind, we urge residents to get the facts and details related to city plans and projects through any of several options. Significant amounts of information are available on our website. We are fully transparent and accessible through this channel. Knowledge may also be bolstered by watching live and/or recorded videos of city meetings, available on our website at BeachwoodOhio.com/WatchMeetings.

Of course, all residents are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings live. Regarding our plans and projects, they are handled by the city's administration which is filled with professionals and public servants who take their work for this community seriously. **Among our top priorities is to provide superior services, which is one of the bedrocks of Beachwood. As such, we take pride in our work, and we deliver generously of our time and efforts.**

One upcoming project about which we are especially excited is the new playground on Fairmount Boulevard, in an extremely visible corridor at the center of the city. This type of project has a long timeline, with many chances for the public to plug in at every step along the way. Key details associated with it:

- 2021 – This project was discussed at a public meeting revealing that over 50% of the equipment is 20 years old (with difficulty replacing parts) and trees were an issue
- 2/2022 – City administration members attended a playground tradeshow in Sandusky
- 7/2022 – County grant meeting included presentation by city officials highlighting issues such as the need to replace mulch surface with rubber, add handicap accessibility and add pavilion for shade
- 8/2022 – County awards Beachwood \$700,000

- 11/2022 – Qualifications of various playground professionals were vetted; this included conceptual design options
- 1/2023 – Playground survey posted on Facebook and the city website for residents to complete
- 3/2023 – Playground presentation with numerous updates at Recreation and Community Services committee meeting
- 5/2023 – Playground video rendering and details posted on city website and Facebook and an additional committee meeting(s) were held as project updates
- 6/2023 – Council approves the purchase of the playground equipment and installation
- 6/2023 – Donation by resident of \$10,000

As our city engineer, GPD was asked to prepare design specifications and probable costs for the sitework necessary to complete the playground project. This project reflects extensive transparency which is a hallmark of my administration. We will continue to conduct ourselves in this manner, as you would expect.

The City of Beachwood follows the law as it relates to competitively bidding projects over \$50,000 which may include items procured under State Bid pricing, or through a cooperative purchasing group. Those products have essentially been bid by another government organization, ensuring a fair price. City Council may waive public bidding when necessary. This usually occurs when the item(s) are from a sole source provider, or if it is a special project wherein a certain manufacturer is desired.

As you consume future messaging, we urge everyone to fully inform themselves with the facts. I'm very pleased with the reality that the city offers every opportunity to make this possible.



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LEGISLATIVE RECAP - JUNE

2023-57 – Council approved an Ordinance amending Ordinance #2021-135 which authorized a Job Creation Incentive Grant agreement for Trailhead Biosystems. The amendment changes the first year of a three (3) year period from 2022 to 2023. The company was unable to obtain occupancy as originally anticipated because of supply chain issues and construction delays due to the pandemic.

2023-59 – Council passed an Ordinance amending appropriations for current expenditures for the 2023 Fiscal year.

2023-55 – An Ordinance adopting 2023 Alternative Tax budget for 2024 was presented to City Council and placed on first reading on May 15 and placed on second reading on June 12. 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. The City of Beachwood will not be levying any charter millage.

2023-60 – Council passed an Ordinance declaring certain property as surplus property and approving its sale on GovDeals. The City sold a 2005 Club Car Villager Golf Cart with an anticipated value of less than \$2,000 for \$5,425.

2023-61 – Council approved an Ordinance amending BCO section 131.03 authorizing the Mayor to Dispose of Personal or Real (City) property of \$7,500 or less.

2023-62 – Council amended fees for Building permits - BCO Chapter 1329, Section 1329.01(d). These fees are intended to keep residential streets clean from debris during construction.

2023-63 – Council passed legislation amending the fee schedule for the cost of nuisance abatement for grass cutting from \$100 to \$125 per cut.

2023-64 – Council passed an ordinance accepting a certain bid from Cargill Inc. through a joint municipal improvement consortium as the supplier of rock salt - a one-year renewal at a price of \$52.21 per ton.



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2023-65 – Council passed an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to purchase and install playground equipment and surfacing from MidStates as a sole source vendor and under the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative and to waive competitive bidding. BCO 121.09 (d)(1) authorizes the City to purchase equipment and materials that have been competitively bid in accordance with a participating cooperative purchasing program. Additionally, Ohio Administrative Code Rule authorizes waiving of competitive bidding if a supplier is the sole source vendor because of its proprietary and unique nature. MidStates was the chosen playground vendor after the City vetted three (3) playground professionals and reviewed their concepts. MidStates has exclusive rights to sell certain playground equipment elements and surfacing. The total amount to be paid to MidStates is not to exceed \$2,414,538. Our City Engineer is creating bid specifications for the required site work. By purchasing this equipment now, the City will save about 12% - 15% of anticipated increases. The City received a \$700,000 grant from the County to be used to offset the cost of this equipment.

As part of our ongoing Sewer Relief program, Council authorized the Clerk to advertise for Bids for the Timberland/Green Sanitary Relief Sewer Phase 1.

More information regarding these agenda items and back up materials can be found on our website.

BeachwoodOhio.com/AgendaCenter

**UPCOMING CITY
MEETINGS**

City Council:
July 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
July 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
July 3 at 4:30 p.m.
July 17 at 4:30 p.m.

WORK-LIVE-LEARN..THRIVE

COMMUNITY GARDENS TAKE ROOT

The Beachwood Community Gardens were buzzing with excitement on Friday, May 26, for the ribbon cutting and grand opening. Mayor Justin Berns, city council members, city administration, Public Works employees and many of the gardeners were on hand for the ceremony. Richard Forman, known by the nickname Mayor of the Community Gardens, assisted Mayor Berns with the ceremonial first plant.

The new location is ADA compliant and features 86 plots. The boxes were beautifully constructed and filled by Beachwood Public Works. Shade shelters and a shed will be installed upon delivery. The city is “rooting” for all our gardeners and looking forward to enjoying this new amenity for many years to come.



Mayor Justin Berns with council members Josh Mintz, Eric Synenberg, Alec Isaacson, Danielle Shoykhet, June Taylor and Public Works Department employees.



The ceremonial first plant with Mayor Berns and Richard Forman.



Resident John Rainsberger working on his plot on a June morning.



Plots in their early stages of growing during early June.



Pops of color along the border of the Ghiandoni family plot.

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY HOURS: City Hall will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. Rubbish collections on Tuesday and for the remainder of the week will be delayed one day.

AMERICAN FLAG TAKES CENTER STAGE OUTSIDE CITY HALL

In honor of Memorial Day, Mayor Berns, Community Services Director Derek Schroeder and Program Manager Shannon Diamond painted the city's annual American flag display on the front lawn along Richmond Road. A new design is being planned for Independence Day, weather pending.

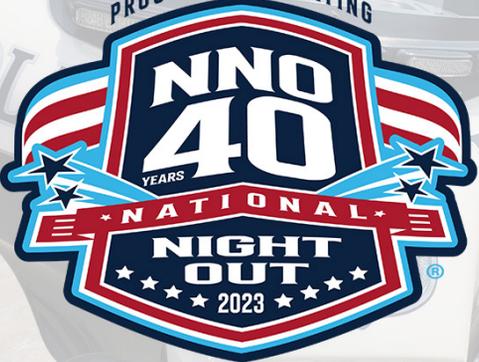


BEACHWOOD HIGHLY RATED ONCE AGAIN

The City of Beachwood is grateful and proud to hold one of the top spots once again in *Cleveland Magazine's 2023 Rating the Suburbs*. We would like to thank all city employees, residents and business owners for making Beachwood a great place to call home.



PROUDLY CELEBRATING



NNO
40
YEARS
NATIONAL
NIGHT
OUT
2023

POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



TUESDAY, AUGUST 1
5-7 PM | CITY HALL PARKING LOT

Emergency Vehicles ★ Meet Our K-9 Unit
Games ★ Activities ★ Demos ★ Food Trucks
MAGIC SHOW BY RICK SMITH JR!

FREE FAMILY EVENT *CITY OF Beachwood* PRESENTED BY BPD
BEACHWOODOHIO.COM

THE MIND CHALLENGE

Team Beachwood went on a roll with their best performance in The Mind Challenge, a regional trivia competition for seniors in a tournament style format. Over 40 cities participated from across Northeast Ohio. Team Beachwood won the Shaker Heights region against Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights and the Partnership on Aging. The next round was a head-to-head showdown with Streetsboro, winner of the Aurora region, where Beachwood came out on top again for a spot in the "Fact Finding Six" semi-final, ultimately finishing fourth overall.

Team members include Les Snider, Rory Sanders, Fred Valins, Linda Waldman, Rick Fishman, Steve Brofman and Chad Cohen.



Team Beachwood at the Fact Finding Six semi-final in Middleburg Heights.

Left to right: Fred Valins, Les Snider, Rory Sanders, Rick Fishman, Linda Waldman, Chad Cohen and Steve Brofman

DEER MANAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

The survey was offered from April 4 to May 30 to gather feedback from residents before determining how to proceed in the future.



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RACE FOR THE PLACE

Race for the Place had tremendous participation again this year including many city staff members. The wonderful weather on June 4 only added to the spirit of celebrating those whose lives have been touched by cancer. The annual 5K run and 1-mile run/walk benefits The Gathering Place located in Beachwood.



Left to right: Dana Canzone, Nathalie Supler, Tina Turick, Jenny Rodriguez, Chief McLaughlin



Left to right: FF Don Coyne, Cpt. Anthony Strazzo, FF Nick Ricco, Mayor Berns, FF Joe DiAntonio, FF Ben Welsh, Ben's wife Alyssa, Council VP Eric Synenberg

DOG RESCUE KITS

Beachwood Police Department would like to thank Joshua Kahn for creating dog rescue kits for his Eagle Scout project. Every marked patrol vehicle received a kit!



Joshua Kahn with Officer Cory Scroggi.

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY HAS TONS OF SUCCESS

Beachwood's first community shred day of the year brought a crowd on Friday, May 12. In total, 614 residents participated with 15,500 pounds (7.75 tons) of paper shredded. Thank you to everyone involved!

Our next shred day is Sunday, September 10, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the Community Center parking lot.



Tim Kolat and Rob Naska unloading a resident's vehicle on May 12.

JULY RECREATION GUIDE

Beachwood Family Aquatic Center

DISCO NIGHT

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

MUSIC & GAMES
SWIM UNDER THE LIGHTS
DESSERT TRUCKS

BFAC Members \$3
City Residents \$5
Non-Resident Guests \$8

REGISTER ONLINE AT
BeachwoodRec.com

SIGN UP BEGINNING MAY 29!

A RECORD SETTING MEMORIAL DAY AT BFAC

On Monday, May 29, the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (BFAC) recorded its highest single-day attendance based on available historical data. In total, 1,482 patrons visited the pool on Memorial Day!

The work of the BFAC management team, lifeguards, Woodside Snacks and seasonal staff is greatly appreciated. Even with a record setting day, the team managed operations in a smooth and efficient manner.

Planning to visit the aquatic center this summer? Rates, the guest policy, splash parties and more are available online at BeachwoodRec.com.



A view from atop the water slide on Memorial Day, May 29.

LEAF PARTY DAY FALLS INTO THE AQUATIC CENTER ON JULY 6

Leaf Party Day continues to grow as 21-year-old Bartu Hatipoglu will lead the 6th annual celebration on Thursday, July 6, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center. Bartu, a resident who doesn't let autism get in the way of his unique ability to connect with others through nature, began bringing leaves to the pool in 2017 to share with now retired Pool Manager Missy Bystrom. The leaves quickly became a favorite of other children at the pool who would follow Bartu around the lazy river chanting 'Leaf Party' as they swung their branches around their heads.

Fast forward to today, the Leaf Party is an annual tradition with leaf-themed crafts, garlands, crowns, T-shirts and more. The event is attended by some of Beachwood's summer camps and is open to BFAC members only.



Bartu's grand entrance at the 2022 event.

JULY CONCERTS

Beachwood Beats continues with a full slate of live music throughout the month of July!

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

- 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.

- 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



BEACHWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2023

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JULY 15
Beachwood Municipal Tennis Courts

Courts located behind the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center.

9 AM Doubles \$35, Rain Date: July 16
Register at BeachwoodRec.com!

CITY OF *Beachwood*

OUTDOOR

movie

Beachwood Community Center
25325 Fairmount Blvd.

5 PM

Nights

FREE

July 23 DC League of Super Pets
Super Hero Costume Night

BeachwoodRec.com
Bring chairs & blankets. Snack bar available!

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	TAI-CHI
Offered every Saturday throughout July!	Offered every Sunday throughout July!
10:00 AM	10:00 AM
Instructor - Julie Konrad	Instructor - Jen Stepien

BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

My Art Through The Ages | On display in the Community Center through Saturday, August 5.
Artwork by Mikhail Bratslavsky, Marcia Gross, Nikki Harris, "Hutch" Stoller and the Skufca family.

BEACHWOOD SENIORS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

- Creative Expression: Bling, Rings and Beads**
Wednesday, August 9, 6:00 p.m., Cleveland Rocks & Beads
Residents & Non-Residents \$22 plus supplies (2499 Lee Blvd., Cleveland Hts.)
Need a little bling for an outfit? How about a handmade gift? Then Cleveland Rocks & Beads is the place to be! Bring a brown bag dinner or snack. Register by August 2. Anticipate \$10 or more in supplies.
- Creative Expression: Awesome Archives**
Thursday, August 24, 10:30 a.m., The Artists Archives of the Western Reserve
Residents \$12, Non-Residents \$15 (1834 E. 123rd St., Cleveland)
The Artists Archives preserves representative bodies of work created by Ohio visual artists. Come see what it is all about as we have a docent guided tour and create a piece of art. Register by August 17.
- Living Life in Retirement: What Is Your Plan?**
September 11-21, Monday/Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Community Center
Residents \$188, Non-Residents \$225
Plan for non-financial retirement factors like replacing your work identity, staying connected, as well as keeping mentally and physically fit. Taught by certified retirement coach, Andrea Jennings. Register by September 7.

SENIOR DAY OUT

Traveling Music
Thursday, July 20, at Noon
Beachwood Community Center

Residents \$13
Non-Residents \$16
Program Only \$5
Register by July 11.

Marshall Griffith, pianist extraordinaire, will take us on a musical trip with songs about places and ways to get there. No need to pack your bag, nor find your passport, just bring your sense of adventure!

Meal choices include a bistro salad or chicken Caesar salad. All entrees served with a roll, butter, beverage and dessert.

SAVE THE DATE:

Senior Day Out - August 17
Cleveland's Iconic Crossroads

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

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS ATTRACT COLLABORATION, FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

The Department of Economic Development hosted two focused roundtable discussions in May, one on workforce development and the other on research, development, innovation and commercialization. Roundtable discussions serve a key role in facilitating communication between business, institutions, regional partners and local government, bringing key insights and on-going practices that can guide future investments and new opportunities.

The first roundtable discussion was focused on workforce development and involved representatives from local college institutions, healthcare partners, industry experts, local and regional partners. There were conversations pertaining to ways we can collaborate with neighboring college institutions to support their programmatic efforts that guide the pipeline for the future healthcare workforce.

The second roundtable discussion covered ideas surrounding collaboration and support for research, development, innovation and commercialization. Beachwood is unique with the cluster developments occurring in these areas. Discussions touched on

present research and its ties to Beachwood-based organizations like Empowering Epilepsy, InMotion Parkinson Support Center, the Alzheimer's Association and the Gathering Place Cancer Support Center. These organizations came together for a tour of Trailhead Bio-Systems to better understand the research being performed here within Commerce Park, in the same neighborhood as their respective organizations.

Follow-up roundtables will be held later this year. Any companies or institutions that would like to participate in those discussions should reach out to the Director of Economic Development, Cathy Bieterman, at 216.292.1915.



Touring Trailhead Bio-Systems in Commerce Park.

CO-WORKING SPACES REMAINING STRONG, BRINGING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Co-working spaces have been on the rise for a number of years, but today, Beachwood's interest in these collaborative work spaces is even stronger as they can provide an opportunity for flexible space in a professional setting. Today these spaces can also serve to bring new social networks and like-minded professionals together. Available here are high tech meeting rooms, unique event spaces, private offices, 24-hour access, administrative support, cafés, fitness options, professional development opportunities, and special perks that support a strong live/work lifestyle. For more details on these unique opportunities in Beachwood, visit BeachwoodOhio.com and the city's Economic Development webpage under "Available Space."

EATON NAMED TOP WORKPLACE

What an honor! Eaton was recently named a Top 100 Global Most Loved Workplace by Newsweek. We're proud to have you here in Beachwood.



ALWAYS BE AN INSIDER, STAY CONNECTED!

Facebook Pages:

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

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