

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### TRAFFIC LIGHTS GOING GREEN FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES

We are proud to announce new technology that is creating a "sea of green" as traffic lights change to green when emergency vehicles approach major intersections and cross traffic is stopped. The technology follows police cars, fire engines and ambulances in real time which dramatically accelerates arrivals at incident locations.

This Emergency Vehicle Preemption System works through a box placed in emergency vehicles to communicate with intersections across Beachwood, gauging the route based on speed and turn signals.

This increases responsiveness and safety in the city and, ultimately, can help save lives. Also, this system reduces crashes when responding to a call, which is the cause of 25% of rescue workers' deaths on the job, according to Applied Information, the company that created the technology.

Our safety personnel have told me that they are thrilled with the effectiveness of the technology which is positioned at all major intersections in the city. The devices were installed in safety vehicles and traffic signals by Path Master, which provides the necessary components to make intersections function effortlessly and features itself as the place where "traffic meets technology."

To watch a video describing the preemptive system, please see: [bit.ly/BeachwoodEmergencyVehiclePreemption](http://bit.ly/BeachwoodEmergencyVehiclePreemption).

I recognized the need for the technology, and I've overseen this project since its earliest planning stages. I was aware of the difficulty safety vehicles have in traversing highly trafficked intersections in the city, so this new technology will transform their ability to arrive more quickly.

Our Police Chief, Kate McLaughlin, also supports this addition, saying that she is extremely grateful to be assured that lights will turn from red to green before

vehicles reach an intersection. She said that the technology enables her department to do the best job possible on a daily basis. "Timing is very important, and seconds make a difference," she said.

Fire and police departments worked hand-in-hand with Path Master to complete the project, and it works seamlessly. She added that travel time from one end of the city to the other has been dramatically reduced.

The number of people in the city can balloon up to 100,000 during the day, and being able to control the traffic has been one of our biggest concerns. With this in mind, our Fire Chief, Steven Holtzman, describes the technology as one of the best tools to be installed in the city in recent memory.

I was pleased to see some comments posted on YouTube in response to our video publicizing this improvement: "Amazing to see what forward-thinking cities are doing to serve their citizens!" "Bravo City of Beachwood Ohio! Humbling to see the tools working for the citizens in and around Beachwood."

"Amazing to get to work with these incredible people on incredible projects!" "Great to see a city use the benefits for both Fire AND Police vehicles."

"Saving human lives by keeping everyone else safe. Wow! Great innovative technology."

Truly, this technology is transformational. Installing this preemption system is one of the best things we have done since I have served as Mayor of Beachwood. If we save just one life as a result of the system, it's well worth the investment.



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## LEGISLATIVE RECAP - JULY

**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. This item was approved at the July 10 Council Meeting. 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. In effect, the City of Beachwood reduced its charter millage in an effort to mitigate any tax increase expected by the recent school levy for the tax year 2024.

**Resolution 2023-6 and Ordinances 2023-66 and 2023-67** – The City of Beachwood received a request for Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing for the property at 3800 Park East Drive. PACE is a valuable economic development tool for the City to add to its incentive portfolio and it aligns with the directives of our Economic Development Strategic Plan. The resolution and ordinances were necessary to establish the PACE program and were approved by City Council.

**2023-68** – Council approved the Bills ordinance authorizing payment for various professional services totaling \$80,353.27.

**2023-69** – Council approved an ordinance renewing a contract with Medical Mutual of Ohio for healthcare coverage for city employees. Based on a favorable trend in the City's claims, we were presented with a 3% decrease for our August 1 renewal rate. Subsequent renewals will be based on a calendar year.

**2023-70** – Council approved an ordinance to reimburse Beachwood 23550 Commerce Park LLC for natural gas utilities for the City's portion of that building which houses our Public Works Department in the amount of \$38,465.45.

**2023-71** – Council authorized the Mayor to purchase gasoline for city vehicles from the State of Ohio Term Contracts/Schedules (STS) through Great Lakes Petroleum Company (bid by the State of Ohio).



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**2023-72** – The Public Works Department requested approval to purchase a new cab and chassis from Valley Freightliner and one dump body with a snow and ice control package from Concord Road Equipment. This vehicle will replace a 2001 truck. The total cost for the vehicle is \$257,082.77 and was approved by City Council.

**2023-73** – Council authorized the Mayor to renew a service agreement with Motorola Solutions to provide maintenance services for radio back haul equipment in our dispatch center for the next 4 years for an amount not to exceed \$165,790. The City originally purchased this equipment in 2018 which included maintenance and support for 1 year and renewed the agreement in 2019 for an additional 4 years (sole source).

**2023-74** – Council authorized the City to sell a 1991 vehicle which was originally purchased for the Fire Department as an ambulance and was transferred to the Public Works Department years ago and a 2001 dump truck.

More information regarding these agenda items and back up materials can be found on our website. [BeachwoodOhio.com/AgendaCenter](http://BeachwoodOhio.com/AgendaCenter)

### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

**City Council:**  
August 14 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning:**  
August 31 at 6:30 p.m.

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

# WORK-LIVE-LEARN..THRIVE

## BEACHWOOD JOINS NORTHEAST OHIO ADVANCED ENERGY DISTRICT, PAVING WAY FOR PACE PROGRAM

Beachwood City Council has recently approved legislation to join the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District (NEO-AED). Communities across Cuyahoga County formed the NEO-AED nearly 13 years ago to provide a local tool for commercial and industrial property owners to affordably complete energy efficiency and alternative energy generation projects without huge upfront out of pocket expenses.

Through this program, the City of Beachwood as a partner and joining member of the NEO-AED will be able to work with financial partners to bring a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program to office, retail, industrial, hotel, multi-family and nonprofit property owners in the city. "This partnership with NEO-AED is one that will support future investments in the City of Beachwood," said Mayor Justin Berns. "It is an economic development tool that will have great benefit to new developers and existing commercial property owners in the City of Beachwood."



Interior of The Hiatus. Credit: The Hiatus

PACE financing has been used across the State of Ohio to finance over \$100 million in improvements since 2010. Establishing PACE requires an eligible PACE project. The City of Beachwood had

received a request for the Hiatus, a luxury apartment complex, that made it possible for the City of Beachwood to establish the program.

The benefits to commercial property owners participating in the program include cost savings, payments over time, guidance and community sustainability. Eligible PACE projects can take advantage of project financing with minimal or no down payment, fixed interest rates and terms for up to 20 years on energy efficiency and alternative energy projects. PACE can be used for a variety of projects, including energy-efficient machinery upgrades, roof and window replacement, and heating and air conditioning upgrades.

"Investment in commercial and industrial energy improvement projects has a direct impact on lowering a building's operating cost," says Cathy Bieterman, Director of Economic Development for the City of Beachwood. "The PACE program can benefit commercial property owners by supporting the financing associated with those improvement projects."



Cathy Bieterman,  
Economic Development Director

More information on this program can be found at [www.beachwoodohio.com](http://www.beachwoodohio.com) (Economic Development Resources) or at [www.neoaed.org](http://www.neoaed.org).

## NEW BEACHWOOD POLICE OFFICER SWORN IN ON JULY 6

Congratulations to Joseph Sirna who was sworn in by Mayor Justin Berns on July 6 as our newest police officer. Sirna started the Cleveland Heights Police Academy in July. Wishing him all the best as he goes through the training to become a Beachwood Police Officer!



Top photo: Mayor Berns swearing in Joseph Sirna on July 6.

Bottom photo left to right: Mayor Justin Berns, Joseph Sirna and Chief McLaughlin



## SHRED DAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Beachwood's upcoming free community shred day is scheduled for Sunday, September 10, from 9:00 a.m.-noon in the City Hall parking lot. Bring personal documents, mail and files to have them shredded on-site at no charge.

A maximum of six banker boxes or 12 blue grocery bags are permitted. Please bring your driver's license or ID as proof of residency.





# AUGUST RECREATION GUIDE

## SUMMER SNAPSHOT

Beachwood has been buzzing with activity for all ages this summer from a Juneteenth Community Celebration to our Disco Night pool party. Look back at our summer snapshot of June and July events while you make plans to join us for the upcoming movie night, Dog Paddle, Honkin' Haulin' and, of course, Beachwood's annual Fall Festival!

How can you stay connected with recreation in Beachwood? It's easy! Look for our recreation guide mailed directly to your home, follow us on Facebook (@BeachwoodOHRec), visit our website at BeachwoodRec.com and sign up for our email list.



Mayor Berns, Community Services Director Derek Schroeder and Bartu Hatipoglu with his parents at Leaf Party Day. Credit: Discovery Photo



Beachwood's first Disco themed pool party on July 13. Credit: Discovery Photo



Line dancing at the Juneteenth celebration. Credit: Discovery Photo



Barkin' Brunch at the Beachwood Truck Park. Credit: Discovery Photo



Games at Disco Night! Credit: Discovery Photo



All smiles at Barkin' Brunch. Credit: Discovery Photo



Balloon art was a Juneteenth favorite. Credit: Discovery Photo



A Beachwood Beats concert crowd at BFAC.

### BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

**Bold & Beautiful** | August 11 - September 9 | Artists' reception on August 13 from 1-2:30 p.m.  
Artwork by Nana Kwesi Agyare, Samuel J. Francazio, Karen Hopwood and Sandy Spinks.

**OUTDOOR**

# MOVIE

5 PM *Nights*

Beachwood H.S. Parking Lot  
25100 Fairmount Blvd.

FREE

AUG. 20

Super Mario Bros. Movie

Beachwood Schools Family Night

[BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com)

Bring chairs & blankets. Snack bar available!

Recreation Guide

Fall 2023

City of Beachwood  
BeachwoodRec.com

# FALL GUIDE

Programs and events for all ages!

BeachwoodRec.com

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**DOG PADDLE**  
Summer's Final Pool Pawty

**SEPTEMBER 7**  
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center

**Time Slots:**  
4:00-5:30 PM  
5:45-7:15 PM

**Admission: \$5/dog**

Registration begins August 14.  
Open to resident dogs only. No human swimming.

**Register at [BeachwoodRec.com!](http://BeachwoodRec.com)**



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**HONKIN'  
HAULIN'  
TRUCK  
PARADE**

**FREE  
GOODY BAGS!**

**TRUCKS ON THE MOVE!  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH  
PARADE ROUTE BEGINS AT 1:00 PM**

**YOUR FAVORITE BIG TRUCKS HONKIN' PAST YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.  
DETAILS & MAP AT [BEACHWOODREC.COM!](http://BEACHWOODREC.COM)**

## BEACHWOOD SENIORS

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

- **Learn Rummikub & Canasta**

Tuesday, August 15, 1:00 p.m., Community Center

Calling all want-to-be rummikub or canasta players! We are looking for people who are interested in learning to play through the help of others. If you are a want-to-be player or seasoned player willing to help others enjoy either game, join us for an organizational meeting on August 15.

- **September Senior Day Out - Dianne Palmer & Mike Elkins**

Thursday, September 21, Noon, Community Center

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

Dianne Palmer (vocalist) returns to bring her new show, "Standard Cocktails." Get ready for a feel-good time featuring the talented Mike Elkins at the piano. Register by September 13.

- **Quintessence's Tea Parlor Day Trip**

Tuesday, October 17, 10:30 a.m., Depart from the Community Center

Residents \$68, Non-Residents \$82

This beautifully decorated, antique furnished historical home is just the spot to relax and take in the season along with an array of savory, sweet treats and heartwarming tea. Register by September 14.

### SENIOR DAY OUT

Cleveland's Iconic Crossroads  
Thursday, August 17, at Noon  
Beachwood Community Center

Residents \$13

Non-Residents \$16

Program Only \$5

Register by August 8.

Join local historian and master storyteller Dennis R. Sutcliffe as he shares the story of Cleveland's Iconic Crossroads. Originally known as Doan's Corners, the area began as a stagecoach stop on the road from Buffalo to Cleveland. In the first half of the 20th Century it became an entertainment mecca offering Clevelanders a taste of New York City high-life.

Meal choices include primavera marinara or a roast beef sandwich. All entrees served with a beverage and dessert.

**Register for events at [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com),  
City Hall or call 216.292.1970.**

# WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

## THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### BEYOND HEALTHCARE RIBBON CUTTING

We recently welcomed Beyond Healthcare to our community! Its intensive mental health treatment services are designed to help teens and families heal together. Located at 23600 Commerce Park Rd., Suite A, this facility marks the opening of its third treatment center in the Cleveland area, and there are plans to open more offices across Ohio.

Beyond Healthcare provides holistic intensive mental health care to teens, ages 11-17, and their families. It offers both full day Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHP), after school Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP), and virtual Intensive Outpatient Programs. Behavioral healthcare services coupled with medication management and individual counseling to give teens the tools to manage their mental health conditions and succeed in life. To learn more, visit [beyondhccleveland.com](http://beyondhccleveland.com).



Mayor Berns with Chamber of Commerce Executive Director David Lapierre and members of the Beyond Healthcare team.

### UH EXPANSION FEATURED IN REGIONAL PUBLICATION

Beachwood's Ahuja Medical Center Phase 2 opening was recently featured in *Northeast Ohio Properties Magazine*. It's exciting to see the collaboration and partnerships between local companies, architects, engineers, hospital leadership, the city and so many others who worked diligently to bring this impressive project to fruition. This \$236 million Phase 2 investment, totaling more than 300,000-square-feet of space, offers state of the art healthcare to Beachwood and the region.



University Hospitals Phase 2 expansion of the Ahuja Medical Center. Credit: *Northeast Ohio Properties Magazine*

### ATTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NOW OPEN IN BEACHWOOD

We recently welcomed Attain Behavioral Health which offers services that benefit those who need help with addiction treatment and mental health therapy. Thank you for choosing to base your services in our community! To learn more about their services, visit their website at [attainbh.com](http://attainbh.com) or call 888.389.2095.



# ALWAYS BE AN INSIDER, STAY CONNECTED!

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

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- @BeachwoodPolice

#### Instagram Accounts:

- @BeachwoodOhio

#### Beachwood eList:

Sign up at [BeachwoodOhio.com](http://BeachwoodOhio.com)

