

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

#### Engaging With Business Owners

One of my priorities as Mayor has been to engage with business owners throughout the city. As such, I'm looking forward to our special event this month, the Mayor's Business Reception at Beachwood's Canterbury Country Club on Nov. 9, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Canterbury offers a relaxed environment where we can get together for casual networking and engaging with business owners and key commercial stakeholders.

One of our primary objectives for this event is to foster increased collaboration and partnerships among businesses, educational and governmental institutions, along with the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce. Promoting partnerships and collaboration within the community is crucial for generating fresh ideas and cultivating future investments in our growing city.

Along with our Economic Development Director, Catherine Bieterman, we have been working with various departments to support initiatives that demonstrate loyalty, as well as support for local businesses and vendors working and/or living in the city. We have created a new purchasing page on our website that allows local and minority businesses to register with the city and provides information about

our purchasing process. We are also hosting our first annual Minority and Women-Owned Businesses Open House on November 15 to encourage engagement between these businesses and our city departments.



**The more we collaborate and work together, the greater our collective strengths become.**

The City of Beachwood comprises a variety of businesses from solid Fortune 500 companies to start-up ventures specializing in innovation. Collectively, Beachwood significantly contributes to our regional economy. The more we collaborate and work together, the greater our collective strengths become. We look forward to meeting with businesses, large and small, that will share their thoughts and ideas with not only me, but other businesses and community leaders.

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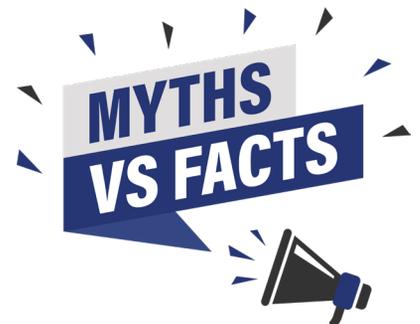
### COMMUNICATION IS KEY - FACTS MATTER

With all the events and projects happening in the city, communication is a key component.

Our approach to social media is to disseminate crucial news, updates and events that directly affect you, the residents, and the business community. What we unequivocally do not and will not use social media for is engaging in debates. We also refrain from disputing falsehoods and misinformation often propagated on these platforms.

Considering this, we strongly encourage everyone to seek accurate information and details about city plans and projects through several means. A wealth of information is readily available on our official website, BeachwoodOhio.com, where transparency and accessibility are paramount. Additionally, you can enhance your knowledge by viewing live and archived videos of city meetings, conveniently found online at BeachwoodOhio.com/WatchMeetings.

Also, we extend an open invitation to everyone to attend our meetings in person. You will witness how the administration, responsible for managing our plans and projects, is composed of dedicated professionals and public servants who are deeply committed to the welfare of our community. One of our foremost priorities is to deliver exemplary services, a cornerstone of Beachwood's identity. Consequently, we take immense pride in our work, and we willingly invest our time and energy to generously serve you.



THE INSIDER



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## LEGISLATIVE RECAP

The legislation below includes the September 18, October 2 and October 16 council meetings.

**2023-89** – Council passed legislation authorizing the Mayor to engage Hennes Communications to provide professional communications services for complex matters. Hennes Communications' practice is focused on helping clients prepare for and manage complicated topics.

**2023-90** – Council approved the Bills Ordinance authorizing payment for various professional services totaling \$27,035.25.

**2023-91** – Council passed legislation amending appropriations for 2023.

**2023-92** – Council adopted legislation declaring 3 police vehicles as surplus property and authorized their sale on Govdeals.

**2023-93** – Council authorized the Mayor to renew its agreement with Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) for the City's liability insurance.

**2023-94** – Council placed an ordinance rezoning PPN# 741-29-020 on North Woodland Road from U1 to U-2A on first reading and referred it to the Planning and Zoning Commission. This is the first step in a lengthy process that will include a Public Hearing.

**2023-95** – Council adopted legislation accepting the Planning Commission's recommendation for the requested variances located at 21515 Chagrin Blvd. (dental office).

**2023-96** – Council authorized an ordinance giving the Director of Transportation consent to complete the Rehabilitation of Chagrin Blvd. drainage structure west of Green Road (ODOT).

**2023-97** – Council passed legislation authorizing the purchase of extrication tools for the Beachwood Fire and Rescue Department in the amount of \$44,764.

**2023-98** – Council approved an ordinance authorizing the City of Beachwood to again partner with the City of Shaker Heights and enter into a contract with Precision Wildlife Management LTD for deer removal for the 2023-2024 season in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. More information about our Deer Management program including our residential surveys and public discussion can be found on our website.

**2023-99** – Council approved the Bills Ordinance authorizing payment for various professional services totaling \$52,545.88.

**2023-100** – Council authorized the reimbursement of funds to Beachwood 23550 Commerce Park LCC for our portion of natural gas for this building in the amount of \$2,116.40.

**2023-101** – Council amended our "Peace Disturbances" Codified Ordinance Chapter 648 adding section 648.12 Lights in Residential Areas. The purpose of this ordinance is to make sure no exterior lighting is unnecessarily shining, glaring, reflecting, or being directed into or towards another residential property.



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**2023-102** – Council placed an ordinance amending Chapter 1121 and 1101 related to certain uses in a U-4 Integrated Business District on first reading and referred it to the Planning Commission. The amendment proposes to update our code as it relates to Dollar Stores, Second-Hand Stores, Vape Shops, Hookah Lounges, and Paraphernalia Outlets. The intent is to make sure they are not adjacent to residential areas. This is the first step in a process that will include a public hearing.

**2023-103** – Council approved the Bills Ordinance authorizing payment for various professional services totaling \$13,585.16.

**2023-104** – Council passed legislation amending the 2023 Budget appropriations.

**2023-105** – Council authorized legislation accepting a tentative agreement with the City of Beachwood Fraternal Order of Police (Police Officers) Union regarding wages and benefits.

**2023-106** – Council approved legislation authorizing the Mayor to continue its agreement with the Cuyahoga County Health Department to provide health services for the City of Beachwood for 2024 and 2025.

**2023-107** – Council passed legislation accepting a bid from Catts Construction for the Timberlane/Green Sanitary Relief project. This project is part of a 5-year sewer program recommended by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS). MCIP funds will cover 50% of the total project costs.

The legislative recap continues on the last page of the City Insider, located beneath Economic Development.

### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

**City Council:**  
November 6 at 7:00 p.m.  
November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning:**  
December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

**Architectural Board of Review:**  
November 6 at 4:30 p.m.  
November 20 at 4:30 p.m.

# WORK-LIVE-LEARN...THRIVE

## BRIAN ROENIGK APPOINTED AS NEW BUILDING COMMISSIONER

The City of Beachwood is pleased to announce the promotion of Brian Roenigk (pronunciation: rennick) to the role of Building Commissioner. Since November 2022, he has served as a building inspector in Beachwood. Brian has worked in construction for more than 39 years and has 17 years of building department experience, including serving as the Assistant Building Commissioner for the City of Strongsville until 2022. He officially started this role October 2.

His previous employment involves longtime service in other local municipalities' building departments, including the City of Avon Lake, the City of North Ridgeville, Lorain County and the City of Westlake. Brian has earned the following certifications: Chief Building Official, Building Inspector, Electrical Safety Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and Residential Building Official.

He has two daughters, one of whom works in Beachwood with the Emily Program which addresses eating disorders, and the other is writing her dissertation in psychology. Both attended Ohio University. As a side pursuit, he operates a small business building guitars on weekends. Also, he was born in Iceland, and he has a 5-pound Chihuahua, Daisy.

Bill Griswold will continue working as a Beachwood Building Commissioner until the end of 2023.



Brian Roenigk

**VETERANS DAY CEREMONY:** Sunday, November 12, beginning at 11:00 a.m., Beachwood Cemetery off Green Road. Join city officials and the Beachwood Historical Society for a salute to our Veterans.

## BEACHWOOD RECEIVES 27-YEAR TREE CITY USA AWARD; HOSTS ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

On September 20, Beachwood Public Works hosted its first Tree City USA Awards Ceremony at the Beachwood Community Center. With an invitation list of over 50 cities and an attendance of more than 115 consisting of urban foresters, members of council, city administrators and mayors, the event was a success. Many complimented the *Tree-riffic Art Exhibit* that filled the Community Center, which was composed of work by local artists, with many living here in Beachwood. Representing Beachwood at this event was Danielle Shoykhet, Council Member; Chris Arrietta, Public Works Director; Derek Schroeder, Community Services Director; Chris Vild, Environmental Manager; Matt Markiewicz, Mat Atkinson, John Behm and Matt Olson, Tree Crew; Alison Ingham-Smith and Michelle Miller, Public Works Administration; Susan Merdler, Senior Adult Manager; Howard Oliver and Darnell Payne, Community Center Staff. Mayor Justin Berns was regrettably unable to attend due to not feeling well and his presence was missed.

Public Works would like to thank the following for their contributions:

### OUR SPONSORS

Balance Solutions, Middlefield Banking Company, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Northwest Hardwoods

### VENDORS AND RAFFLE CONTRIBUTORS

Arborwear, Bur Oak, Davis Nursery, The Flower Loft at Gali's, Giovanni's Ristorante, JRM Chemical, Klynn Nursery, Lake County Nursery, Schichtel's Nursey

### SPECIAL APPRECIATION

Matt Leiden and Stephanie Miller, ODNR Regional Urban Foresters

Beachwood has been a proud Tree City USA member since 1997 and the city received its 27-year award. We would also like to congratulate the City of Lakewood for their award of 46 years, the longest in Northeast Ohio. We were excited and proud to share our beautiful city with all those in attendance.



Alison Ingham-Smith, Beechie (Beachwood's Beech Tree Mascot) and Chris Vild accepting Beachwood's 27-year award.



An award ceremony introduction by Matt Leiden and Greg Guess of the ODNR Division of Forestry.

## WHEN IT COMES TO LIGHTING, BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS

Beachwood City Council recently passed legislation regarding Lights in Residential Districts. The purpose of this ordinance is to make sure no exterior lighting is unnecessarily shining, glaring, reflecting, or being directed into or toward any other home. A resident who is being affected by the light from another property should call the Building Department to issue a complaint. Since lighting is not generally an issue during the day, any pictures and/or examples that can be provided to the Building Department are appreciated. Alternatively, if you wish to contact the Police Department regarding a lighting complaint at night, the Police Department can come out and make a report and provide additional information to our building department for follow-up.



## THANKSGIVING RUBBISH COLLECTION

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 23, please note the following:

- If your normal rubbish/recycling day is Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, your schedule will not change.
- If your normal rubbish/recycling day is Thursday, your collection will be Wednesday, November 22, for that week only.
- Please refrain from placing rubbish/recycling at the curb after Wednesday, November 22.
- If you have a lot of holiday rubbish, please place it curbside no earlier than 6:00 p.m. Sunday but before 7:30 a.m. Monday, November 27 (otherwise it will be in violation of Ordinance 660.21). Contact the office on Monday, November 27, to arrange for a special collection.

## TINA TURICK CELEBRATES 35-YEAR MILESTONE

Congratulations to Tina Turick, City Administrator, for 35 years with the City of Beachwood! We appreciate your daily dedication and commitment to the city. You make an incredible difference and positively impact the lives of so many people.

*Right: Tina celebrating 35 years following a staff meeting on October 2.*



### PRESCRIPTION

### DRUG DROP BOX:

Unwanted or unused prescription drugs are accepted via a drop box during regular business hours (Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) in the Police Department lobby at 2700 Richmond Rd.

## RUN ON TIME WITH YOUR RUBBISH

Public Works is still receiving multiple complaints regarding residents who are placing their trash and/or recycling at the curb too early or leaving their cans curbside after collection.

Please remain mindful of Codified 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 and stored in an area that is not visible from the street. Public Works has been giving notices to those who are in violation, but we will be increasing our efforts to further limit these occurrences. Anyone who is in violation of Codified Ordinance 660.21 will receive a warning violation notice on their door; repeated violations will result in an issued citation which can include a fine and court appearance.

Many residents walk in our wonderful city and trash cans are unsightly. Please help keep your city beautiful!

## Don't be early! Don't run late!

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.



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# NOVEMBER RECREATION GUIDE

## PICKLEBALL TAKES OFF IN BEACHWOOD WITH NEW COURTS

The Beachwood Pickleball Courts celebrated their grand opening and ribbon cutting on Wednesday, October 4, with an enthusiastic crowd ready to hit the courts. The event was highlighted by a ceremony and ribbon cutting with Mayor Berns and all seven city council members plus pickleball-themed giveaways, a target game for all ages and a demo match with Professional Pickleball Registry certified pro and instructor, Bill Tennant. Special thanks to Rosemary Nemeth who helped organize the remaining courts for open play.

The six pickleball courts are part of the recreation area project that also includes the permanent home for the community gardens, fence repairs at the existing tennis courts and two new sand volleyball courts. Courts will remain open on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the off-season. Nets will stay up year-round in anticipation of Northeast Ohio's occasional winter warm-ups! The area promises to be a hub of activity for many years to come.

Fall pickleball lessons sold out in short order. Look for an expanded offering of clinic and lesson opportunities in the spring recreation guide. For more information, visit [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com).



Mayor Berns cutting the pickleball ribbon with council members (left to right) Alec Isaacson, Josh Mintz, June Taylor, Danielle Shoykhet, Barbara Bellin Janovitz, Mike Burkons and Eric Synenberg.



Players wasted no time and lined up for play across the six courts following the ribbon cutting.



A group of enthusiastic Beachwood players joined by council member Josh Mintz (far left) prior to the ceremony on October 4.



The large crowd of all ages enjoyed games and giveaways.

**BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:** African-American Doll & Quilt Guild | Nov. 8 - Dec. 7 | Reception on Nov. 11 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. A cultural experience with countless stories weaved in fabric. Presented by Beachwood Arts Council.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS, WINTER WONDERLAND EXHIBIT

The Beachwood Art Gallery within the Community Center announced a call for artists for a *Winter Wonderland* exhibit, December 13, 2023, through January 6, 2024. This exhibit will focus on the warmth and beauty of winter.

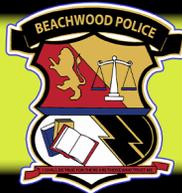
This opportunity is open to professional and amateur artists 18 years and older (2D and 3D works, weight limit 25 lbs.), all mediums welcomed, original work only. All hanging work must be backed, dry and wired for hanging. Any work deemed by Beachwood Art Gallery to be too fragile for public display or not wired sufficiently will not be accepted. No sawtooth hooks.

Please call 216.292.1911 by November 8 to submit your name and for more information.



# STRATEGICAL CRIME PREVENTION

**Sunday, November 19  
9 AM–Noon**  
Beachwood Community Center



A **free** classroom based **self-defense course** led by the Beachwood Police Department Subject Control Officers.

**REGISTER:**  
[BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com)  
or 216-292-1970

Gain the knowledge needed to prevent crime in everyday situations. Tactical advantages and enhancements will be taught that help deter criminals and give increased reaction time. Physical defense options will also be discussed and participants will be given the option to partake in basic hands-on personal defense techniques. Recommended minimum age for participants is 16. Participants under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult.

 25325 Fairmount Blvd, Beachwood, Ohio, [BeachwoodOhio.com](http://BeachwoodOhio.com)

## YOUTH PROGRAMS & CAMPS

- **Youth Karate**  
Mondays/Thursdays, November 9-December 21  
5:45-6:45 p.m., Beachwood Community Center,  
Ages 4-17 (*Adult classes also available!*)  
Residents \$89, Non-Residents \$107  
(No class on November 23.)
- **Parent & Me Warrior Yoga**  
November 16, 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
Beachwood Community Center, Grades K-6  
Residents \$20, Non-Residents \$24
- **Mad Science Brixology: From Here To There**  
Wednesdays, November 29-December 20  
3:25-4:25 p.m., Bryden, Grades K-2  
2:40-3:40 p.m., Hilltop, Grades 3-5  
Residents \$88, Non-Residents \$106
- **Challenge Island Polynesia & Winter Wonderland Camp**  
December 26-December 29, 9:00 a.m.-Noon  
Beachwood Community Center, Grades K-5  
Residents \$169, Non-Residents \$203
- **Challenge Island STEAM-Warts Wizardry**  
January 2-January 5, 9:00 a.m.-Noon  
Beachwood Community Center, Grades K-5  
Residents \$169, Non-Residents \$203
- **Winter Break Chess Camp**  
January 2-January 5, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Beachwood Community Center, Grades K-8  
Residents \$220, Non-Residents \$264  
(Half day options also available.)

## BEACHWOOD SENIORS

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

- **Beginner Mahj Lessons**  
Monday, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20 & Tuesday, Nov. 28, 12:30-2:30 p.m.  
Community Center, Residents \$40, Non-Residents \$48  
Mahj provides countless hours of fun and socialization! This class is for beginners only. Note that the final class is on Tuesday, November 28.
- **Medicare 101 Presentation**  
Monday, November 13, 10:30 a.m., Community Center, Free  
Ivy Kopit of the KAZ Company will present an informational session. Please RSVP at least three days prior to the presentation.
- **Literary Lunch Club**  
Friday, November 17, Noon, Community Center, Free  
Discuss *The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis. RSVP by November 14. Please bring a lunch. Discussion facilitated by Margaret Reardon.
- **Hairspray at Playhouse Square**  
Tuesday, December 5, 6:15 p.m., Depart from Pepper Pike Learning Center  
Residents \$99, Non-Residents \$119  
Tease that hair a mile high and join us for the opening night of *Hairspray*, Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical comedy. Register by November 5.

### SENIOR DAY OUT

**Ohio Notables, Our Presidential Past**  
Thursday, November 16, at Noon  
Beachwood Community Center

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

Register by November 8.

Ohio has produced more U.S. presidents than any other state in the nation, a legacy that has earned the state the nickname, "Mother of Presidents." Join Chief Curator Eric Rivet to learn about the truth behind this claim and to hear stories about the men from Ohio who have held the nation's highest elected office.

Meal choices include a turkey breast sandwich or bistro salad. All entrees served with a cup of vegetable soup, beverage and dessert.

**December Senior Day Out:** A musical afternoon with Mike Wojtila on December 21!

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

### BUILD YOUR NETWORK WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce is a wonderful business organization designed to connect and engage business owners here within the City of Beachwood. New Director, David Lapierre, has been hosting an array of new networking meetings. There is a women's networking event held the second Thursday of every month in the morning. There are several after-hours events with the next one hosted on December 14 at 4:30 p.m. at Mabel's BBQ. There is also a Spirit of Success Awards Banquet on January 18 which will be hosted in the evening at the Marriott. Additional events and membership info can be found on the chamber website at [beachwood.org](http://beachwood.org).



A recent women's networking event and presentation held by the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce.

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING DRIVE GROWTH

To take advantage of growth opportunities, employers are being called upon to increase their training efforts in order to cultivate the skills and talent they need to succeed.

Some frequently used programs that can support these efforts include the Skill-Up Program offered through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development. On-the-job training grants, are another incentive offered to help job seekers with skill gaps for employers hiring Ohio Means Jobs Cleveland-Cuyahoga County jobseekers. A number of other services available to employers can be found through Ohio Means Jobs such as hiring events, pre-employment screening and assistance with market labor information.

For more information about workforce development and training opportunities, please visit our website at [BeachwoodOhio.com](http://BeachwoodOhio.com) under the Economic Development resources page or call Catherine Bieterman, Economic Development Director, at 216.292.1915.

### ELEVATE YOUR BUSINESS, LET'S CONNECT!



Learn more about how Beachwood is a location that checks all the boxes for your business.

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### LEGISLATIVE RECAP CONT.

**2023-108** – Council authorized the Mayor to renew an agreement with Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Buns and DeHaven for traffic engineering services in 2024 for an amount not to exceed \$36,000.

**2023-109** – Council approved legislation authorizing the Mayor to renew a contract with Hall Public Safety for repairs, maintenance, changeovers, and installation of equipment in city vehicles (2024) for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

**2023-110** – Council approved legislation appointing the Law Firm of Roetzel & Andress LPA and Attorney R. Todd Hunt as interim Law Director for the City of Beachwood effective November 1, 2023.

**Council also passed the following resolution(s) and motion(s):**

**2023-8** – A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County.

**2023-9** – A Resolution in support of Israel, mourning the lives lost, condemning the attacks, and hoping that peace and justice is swiftly restored.

**2023-10** – A Resolution supporting the creation of a Revolving Loan Fund to promote the attraction and retention of employment opportunities, business growth, commercial revitalization, and sustainability.

A Motion authorizing the Clerk to advertise for bids for the Cedar Road Culvert Rehabilitation Project.

A Motion authorizing the Clerk to advertise for bids for the acquisition and installation of 5 heating units at our Public Works building garage.

A Motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise for bids for LED light replacement and installation in city parking lots and rejecting all previous bids.

A Motion authorizing the Clerk to advertise for bids to purchase a Pole Mounted Security Camera which will be an invaluable law enforcement tool.

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