

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

EMBRACING SUSTAINABILITY: A PATH TOWARD A HEALTHIER FUTURE

As your Mayor, I'm proud to share with you the strides our community has made in embracing sustainability and how these efforts are crucial for our collective well-being and enhancement of our environment.

In recent years, sustainability has emerged as a cornerstone of responsible governance. It encompasses a holistic approach to ensure the long-term health and vitality of our society, economy, and environment. Our community has recognized the importance of this ethos and has embarked on a journey toward a more sustainable future.

Our most recent initiative is the adoption of the **Rust Belt Rider food scrap composting program** which kicked off last month on Earth Day. Beachwood is the first city in Cuyahoga County to provide this service free for residents. Food scrap collection bins are located next to public recycling bins behind the Beachwood Community Center.

This service can accept 100% of your kitchen-generated food scraps. But no liquids, plastic, or trash. Bins are accessible via a 4-digit lock code made available through online registration for the program at BeachwoodOhio.com/composting.

You may not be aware of all our ongoing sustainability initiatives, so I have highlighted some of our most recent ones below:

- Integration of hybrid vehicles into our city's fleet, marking a significant step toward reducing emissions and promoting cleaner transportation.
- Use of solar-powered speed awareness signs, harnessing renewable energy to enhance road safety while minimizing our carbon footprint.
- An annual tree program dedicated to planting site-specific species throughout our landscape, enriching our city's green canopy and fostering biodiversity.
- Recycling 100% of the curbside brush and leaves collected, diverting organic waste from landfills, and contributing to a circular economy.
- A curbside recycling program, empowering residents to actively participate in waste reduction and resource conservation efforts.
- Continuous enhancements and maintenance of our storm and sanitary sewers, ensuring efficient water management and minimizing the risk of pollution.
- Pioneering the creation of an alternative energy section within our municipal code, setting a precedent for sustainable development and inspiring neighboring communities to adopt similar standards.
- Collaboration with First Energy to transition all streetlight lamps to

energy-efficient LEDs, thereby reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

- Our Municipal Center was constructed in alignment with LEED guidelines, the gold standard for sustainable building design and operation. Featuring motion-operated lights and faucets, recycled carpeting, LED lighting, and geothermal energy systems, our facility exemplifies sustainable practices in action.
- Installation of two electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the Aquatic Center parking lot, facilitating the adoption of clean transportation options, and supporting the growing EV community.
- Replacement of Municipal Center parking lot lights with energy-efficient LEDs, furthering our commitment to energy conservation and sustainability.

In addition, we offer two community shred days annually. These events not only provide a vital service for residents to securely dispose of sensitive documents but also contribute significantly to our efforts in waste reduction and community engagement. Our next shred day is scheduled for Friday, May 10, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

On a final note, our sustainability initiatives have caught the attention of the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. This recognition materialized as a \$4,482 grant to support our 2024 shred day program and to enhance the eco-friendliness of our rubbish collection fleet with a new wrap.

As we forge ahead into the complexities of the 21st century, sustainability remains an important initiative. It's through collaborative efforts and a steadfast commitment to innovative solutions that we'll navigate these challenges and pave the way for a more prosperous and resilient future. Your input and ideas are invaluable in this journey, so please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions or suggestions.

Together, let's continue to build a brighter, more sustainable tomorrow.

Mayor Justin Berns
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

MARCH 18, 2024 - APRIL 1, 2024

The city is focusing on six key areas essential for the city's advancement. These delineations serve not only as a roadmap but as a guiding light for our city's progress. Each legislative update will highlight ordinances within these critical focus areas, underscoring the measures we are undertaking within each.

Fiscal Responsibility – Fostering Accountability and Efficiency

Ordinance 2024-43: In pursuit of fiscal responsibility, City Council has approved the acquisition of two 28-yard rubbish/recycling trucks at a total cost slightly exceeding \$1 million. These new units are intended to replace aging vehicles for which sourcing parts has become challenging. Their introduction into our fleet will not only ensure balance but also enhance reliability, thereby bolstering the effectiveness of our programs.

Infrastructure Improvements – Enhancing Quality of Life and Community Service

Ordinance 2024-44: In response to a previous motion by City Council, bids were requested for the installation of a changeable copy sign at the intersection of Richmond and Fairmount. Guide Studios developed a comprehensive signage package aimed at enhancing the navigability and visual appeal of our city. This initiative marks the initial phase of a broader program slated for gradual implementation. Through this ordinance, Council has approved the bid submitted by Archer Sign, not exceeding the amount of \$174,860.75.

Ordinance 2024-42: City Council adopted this ordinance granting authorization for the city to revise its agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) pertaining to the Richmond/Chagrin I-271 corridor project, thereby facilitating the transition to the project's final design phase. The City of Beachwood has established a dedicated webpage for this project, serving as a platform for ongoing updates at BeachwoodOhio.com/CorridorProject.

Innovative Partnerships – Strengthening Community Connection Through Collaboration

Ordinance 2024-41: City Council approved the renewal of a shared services agreement between the City of Beachwood and the Beachwood Board of Education, reinforcing our longstanding partnership. Under this agreement, the schools continue to provide student transportation services for city camps and grant access to their facilities. In reciprocation, the city offers essential security services to the schools and extends the use of tennis courts for school activities. This ongoing partnership not only streamlines resource utilization, but also strengthens community bonds, ultimately enriching the lives of Beachwood residents. The contract remains in effect until July 31, 2027.

FREE COMMUNITY SHRED DAY: Friday, May 10 | 3:00-6:00 p.m. | Beachwood Community Center Parking Lot
Paper bags and banker boxes only, no blue grocery bags. ID required for residency verification.

Public Safety – Strengthening Community Resilience

Ordinance 2024-22: This ordinance proposes the reclassification of several properties currently utilized for institutional and public assembly purposes. The proposed rezoning aims to designate these properties under the U-5 zoning category, specifically tailored to accommodate institutional activities while implementing appropriate safety regulations for gatherings held at these locations. This ordinance was introduced and referred to the Planning Commission on Feb. 5. Subsequently, it has been placed on the second reading and scheduled for a Public Hearing on May 6.

Note: Only the focus areas with relevant action are highlighted above.

For a complete list of all our ordinances, resolutions, or motions passed by City Council, or for more information regarding these agenda items and backup materials, please visit our city website at BeachwoodOhio.com/AgendaCenter.



Third-grade students from Hilltop Elementary visited City Hall for a tour on March 19.

LIVE & RECORDED MEETINGS

Scan the QR code or visit our website at BeachwoodOhio.com/WatchMeetings.



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
May 6 at 7:00 p.m.
May 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
May 30 at 6:30 p.m.

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

WORK - LIVE - LEARN - THRIVE

Free Family Event!

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BEACHWOOD
1949 2024
FIRE DEPT
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75-Year Celebration



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1-4 PM
PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER
3777 Richmond Road, Beachwood

DEMOS, TOURS, ACTIVITIES, DJ, FOOD TRUCKS & MORE!

ECLIPSE CAPTIVATES ALL AGES AT HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM

The city, in partnership with Beachwood Schools, hosted an extraordinary Beachwood Blackout watch party where residents and visitors alike forged unforgettable memories. This once-in-a-lifetime, out-of-this-world occurrence drew more than 2,000 people, spanning generations, inside Beachwood High School's stadium. The city extends heartfelt gratitude to Crestmont Automotive for its generous support in providing eclipse glasses to all attendees.

For extended coverage and additional photos, see pages 36-37.



Residents and visitors from as far away as Utah and even Malaysia, gathered in Beachwood to view the eclipse. Photography by Discovery Photo.

LIGHT OHIO BLUE WEEK



Show your support for local law enforcement during Light Ohio Blue, a statewide campaign May 8 through May 18. Residents and businesses are encouraged to change their exterior lights to blue to show their support.

EARLY BIRDS GET A VIOLATION

Public Works has still been receiving complaints regarding residents who are placing their trash and/or recycling to the curb too early for collection. Please remain mindful of Codified Ordinance 660.01: Rubbish should be placed on the tree lawn no earlier than 6 p.m. on the evening before the collection day and no later than 7:30 a.m. on the day of collection. Empty cans must be removed no later than 9 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 in violation. Anyone in violation of the ordinance will receive a warning 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!



While I rarely have the occasion to contact the Beachwood Police Department, I recently needed to contact them twice within 24 hours, and in both cases, I appreciated their helpfulness and responsiveness. The first was simply a case of connecting us with the owner of a lost dog that was wandering behind our house in the afternoon. On the second occasion, my family was awakened around 1:30 a.m. by a couple arguing quite loudly inside their car in our driveway. Since I did not feel comfortable approaching the car, I was pleased that the police officers arrived within a few minutes, calmly addressing the couple and peacefully resolving the situation in a short period of time. I appreciate knowing that Beachwood Police Department is there for residents at all times of the day. Many thanks.

Chris Keller, Resident

COMPOSTING PROGRAM Q&A

On Earth Day, the City of Beachwood proudly introduced a free residential composting program with Rust Belt Riders, becoming the first city to offer this free service in Cuyahoga County. Beachwood is now minimizing waste and promoting a more sustainable community, one food scrap at a time!

Learn more at BeachwoodOhio.com/composting.

Q: How do I sign up? Does it cost anything?

A: Registration for the free program is required to participate. Visit BeachwoodOhio.com/composting. If you have trouble signing up online, call City Hall at 216.464.1070. You'll be given a unique code to unlock the collection bins upon registration.

Q: Where are the collection bins located?

A: Food scrap collection bins are co-located with the public recycling bins behind the Beachwood Community Center.

Q: Why do we need to compost? What is the benefit?

A: It's all about the soil! Compost can support thousands of microorganisms vital to healthy soil while also offsetting rainwater runoff and cleaning our water from pollutants. Diverting food scraps from your trash generates less food waste that typically finds its way to landfills generating methane in the atmosphere.

Q: What is compostable?

A: A good rule of thumb is that if it is food, it can be composted! The service can actually accept 100% of your kitchen generated food scraps. This includes raw and cooked food, moldy cheese, pits, peels, shells, nuts, seeds, bones, pantry items and even BPI certified plates/cutlery. To educate yourself or search for a specific product, download the Betterbin app on Apple and Android or visit about.betterbin.app.

Q: What items are not acceptable?

A: Human waste including diapers, used tissues, dyed cardboard, pizza boxes, pet food, Q-tips, rubber bands and twist-ties, staples (some tea bags use them), plastic wrap, junk mail, pet waste, and any non-BPI certified compostable products (if it doesn't have 'BPI certified' on it - it's not!).

Q: What is the best way to collect food scraps?

A: Rust Belt Riders recommends a 5-gallon bucket with a lid. Plan to empty your bucket weekly into the drop-off bins.

KEEPING YOUR TREE HEALTHY

The birds are chirping, the days are getting longer, and many will be starting landscape projects. Mulch can either be your tree's best friend or a slow death. Volcano mulching leads to a multitude of issues including root rot, decay of the trunk, pest infestation, weakened roots, nutrient deficiencies and tree death.

Proper mulching should be 2-4 inches deep, keeping it away from the tree trunk. It should resemble a donut with little to no mulch in the middle near the tree trunk and a thicker layer along the perimeter of the mulch bed. Not only do trees keep Beachwood attractive, but they also play a vital role in the ecosystem.

If you have questions, please contact Beachwood Public Works Department at 216.292.1922.

Working Together To Feed People,
Not Landfills!

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SCAN THE QR CODE! >  < REGISTER TODAY!

Get started by scanning the QR code or visit BeachwoodOhio.com/composting.

ACCEPTABLE TO COMPOST

- Eaten & Uneaten Fruits/Vegetables
- Meat & Seafood
- Peels, Rinds, Pits & Skins
- Pantry & Dry Storage Items
- Moldy & Expired Food
- Bones, Shells & Eggshells
- Coffee Grounds, Tea & Filters
- Food Soiled Paper & BPI Items

UNACCEPTABLE TO COMPOST

- Plastic Cups, Containers & Straws
- Styrofoam of Any Kind
- Plastic Bags & Wrappers
- Rubber Bands & Twist Ties
- Produce Stickers
- Empty Cardboard Boxes
- Large Amounts of Oil
- Yard Debris

Learn more about what you can compost with the Betterbin app.

SAY NO TO THE VOLCANO!

Volcano mulching leads to death of the tree.

Proper mulching will keep your tree happy and healthy.

NO **YES**

Questions? 216.292.1922

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MAY RECREATION GUIDE

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BARKIN BRUNCH

Dog-Friendly!



SPECIALS & TREATS!

11AM - 1PM

Beachwood Truck Park
24619 Chagrin Blvd.

Sunday, May 26
Sunday, June 30
Sunday, July 28
Sunday, August 25

Learn more at BeachwoodRec.com
or BeachwoodTruckPark.com.

BEACHWOOD BEATS BRINGS THE SUMMER HITS

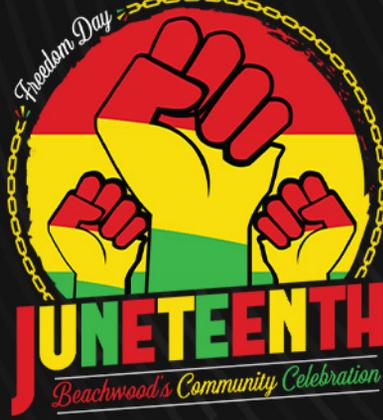
Take in your favorite hits this summer with Beachwood Beats on Tuesday evenings at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center, 25125 Fairmount Blvd. The free, family friendly concerts are open to both residents and nonresidents of all ages from 6:30-8 p.m. Concert attendees should bring their own chair or blanket for seating. A concession stand is available at the Aquatic Center for refreshments. Questions? Call Community Services at 216-292-1970.

- **June 11:** 3 Birds & The Wire - Dianne Palmer, Harmony Group
- **June 18:** Masterpiece - Motown/Disco/Funk/Pop
- **June 25:** Rachel Brown & The Beatnick Playboys - Country/Honky Tonk Band
- **July 2:** Bob Frank & His Delta Blues Cats - Acoustic Blues
- **July 9:** FM Project - Steely Dan Tribute Band
- **July 16:** Blue Lunch - Jump/Blues/Swing Band
- **July 23:** FM 77 - Music of the 70s
- **July 30:** Cleveland TOPS - Swing Band



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Freedom Day



BEACHWOOD CITY SERVICES
African American Affinity Group

JUNE 19 4:00-7:00 PM
BFAC Parking Lot

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

Outdoor movie nights are the perfect opportunity to gather with friends and family for free summer fun! Movies are shown in the Beachwood High School parking lot, 25100 Fairmount Blvd., with the exception of the June 19 movie, which will be shown



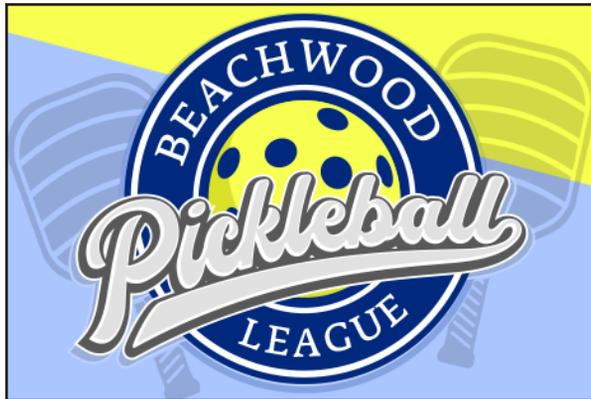
at the Juneteenth Community Celebration. All movies begin at 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own chairs and blankets. Snack bar available with concessions for purchase. For more information, visit BeachwoodRec.com.

- **June 19:** *Soul* (Juneteenth Celebration, BFAC parking lot)
- **July 21:** *Trolls Band Together*
- **August 11:** *Wonka* (Beachwood Schools Family Night)

NEW PICKLEBALL LEAGUES

New courts, new leagues! Beachwood is excited to announce the addition of pickleball leagues to the community. Beginner, intermediate and advanced adult leagues will be held weekly with the choice of Tuesday evenings (6-9 p.m.), Friday evenings (6-9 p.m.), or Sunday mornings (9 a.m.-noon).

Leagues include six weeks of matches plus playoffs. All matches are played at the new Beachwood Pickleball Courts at 25125 Fairmount Blvd. Play is scheduled and organized by representatives from The Little Leagues. The fee is \$120 per team, open to residents and non-residents. Sign up online at BeachwoodRec.com or call Community Services at 216-292-1970.



TENNIS

Summer Programs

Instructor: David Cole
Beachwood High School Varsity Coach

Adult Intro to Tennis, Adult Cardio
Tennis and youth programs
beginning at age 4!

Register at BeachwoodRec.com.

A photograph of a tennis racket and several tennis balls on a green court surface.

BFAC, WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Early Bird Membership Rates: Save 20% on your BFAC membership through Friday, May 24, with early bird pricing. All membership sales occur at City Hall. Membership is available to residents only.

New Aqua Aerobics Class: Join instructor Paula Flauto for Aqua Cardio Stretch on Fridays, June 7 through August 9, from 11:00-11:45 a.m. No class on July 5. The class is designed for all ages and fitness levels with cardio moves followed by big stretches. Reserve your spot at BeachwoodRec.com. All payment will take place at the BFAC desk before class. Members are free, residents are \$5 and non-residents are \$10.

Pool Party Nights: Registration for Luau Party Night (June 27) and Disco Party Night (July 25) begins Monday, May 13. Swim under the lights, enjoy music, games and dessert trucks.

BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

Beachwood K-12 Art Show | May 1 - May 28 | Opening reception on May 1, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Beachwood students put their artistic talent on display, presented by the Beachwood Arts Council.

BEACHWOOD SENIORS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

- **Making A Connection In May with Mayor Berns**
Monday, May 13, 10:15 a.m., Community Center
Free, RSVP required by May 10.

May is Older Americans Month and the 2024 theme is *Powered by Connection*, recognizing the impact of meaningful relationships. Join Mayor Berns to make connections and conversation over a morning milkshake.

- **Hooray for Hartville Trip**
Monday, June 24, Depart at 8:30 a.m. from the Community Center
Residents \$53, Non-Residents \$64
Shop Hartville's array of merchandise from antiques to sweets. We'll also stop at the famous hardware store too. Register by May 20.

CALL FOR 50-YEAR RESIDENTS

The City of Beachwood would like to invite residents who have lived here for 50 years to join us for a moment of special recognition at the upcoming May 20 City Council meeting. Newly minted 50-year residents will receive a commemorative gift. If you have not been previously recognized at a 50-year resident salute, please RSVP by calling Community Services at 216.292.1970 by Friday, May 10.

SENIOR DAY OUT

Scandalous or Ingenious?
Thursday, May 16, at Noon
Beachwood Community Center

Residents \$13
Non-Residents \$16
Program Only \$5
Register by May 8.

Meet Cassie Chadwick, the most dangerous woman in America in 1905! Her trial, the "trial of the century," was held in Cleveland. She bilked businessmen and banks out of millions of dollars. Decide for yourself if she was a criminal, a little crazy, or a savvy businesswoman! Her story is told by Ruth Pangrace.

Meal choices include a 1/4 lb. all beef Kosher style hot dog, a 1/3 lb. all beef hamburger or a veggie burger. All entrees served with baked beans, chips, a beverage and ice cream novelty.

June SDO (6/20): Hear the stories behind the British royal weddings! Register by June 12.

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

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ANTICA ITALIAN KITCHEN & BAR

Beachwood recently welcomed Antica Italian Kitchen & Bar to the community, next to Heck's Cafe and under the same ownership. Joining Mayor Justin Berns at the ribbon cutting: Council Members Jillian DeLong and June E. Taylor, along with Economic Development Director Cathy Bieterman, City Administrator Tina Turick and Public Relations Consultant June Scharf. Beachwood Chamber of Commerce Director David Lapierre also attended. Reservations are offered through OpenTable.



The ribbon cutting ceremony at Antica Italian Kitchen & Bar, 3355 Richmond Rd.

TEELA BENNETT DESIGN

Teela Bennett Design held their grand opening on April 4, sharing their new design studio at 23945 Mercantile Rd. The company is growing quickly in both residential and commercial interior design. Tehilla Bennett leads a team of designers and client coordinators, responsible for overseeing every facet of each project from start to finish. They specialize in custom designed spaces and homes from top to bottom. Visit their website at teelabdesign.com.



Tehilla Bennett holding a city proclamation from Mayor Justin Berns.



UPCOMING COFFEE HOUR, MAY 24

The Economic Development Office is hosting their next One-Stop Business Resource Center coffee hour on Friday, May 24, at 9 a.m. These coffee hour sessions provide companies with a more in-depth explanation of the business resources available and how to use them. The May discussion will be focused on financing opportunities and loan structuring. RSVP for the May 24 coffee hour by emailing Catherine Bieterman, Economic Development Director, at catherine.bieterman@beachwoodohio.com.

CALL FOR JUNETEENTH VENDORS

In partnership with the Beachwood Schools African American Affinity Group, the City of Beachwood is now accepting vendors for our annual Juneteenth Community Celebration! Vendor registration is currently available online for \$25 at bit.ly/Beachwood-JuneteenthVendors2024. The event is on June 19 from 4-7 p.m. outside the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center, 25125 Fairmount Blvd. Vendors must be an African American owned business.



RECENT JOB FAIR BOASTS STRONG TURNOUT

The City of Beachwood co-hosted a successful job fair in partnership with Ohio Means Jobs, the Tri-C Eastern Campus, the City of Warrensville Heights, the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce and the Cuyahoga East Chamber of Commerce. This collaborative effort provided a valuable platform for employers to connect with qualified job seekers and students. In total, 43 employers were able to showcase their open positions, convey job details and even conduct interviews onsite.



**ALWAYS BE AN INSIDER,
STAY CONNECTED!**

OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES



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@BeachwoodPolice
@BeachwoodFire
@BeachwoodOHRec
@BeachwoodPublicWorks
@BarkwoodDogPark

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Instagram Account:

@BeachwoodOhio

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