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CITY OF
Beachwood
MAYOR JUSTIN BERNS

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JUNE 2024

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

JOIN OUR TALENT POOL - COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Our community thrives when its citizens actively participate in shaping its future. Your engagement in local government is not just appreciated; it's essential for the continued growth and prosperity of our city. Today, I invite you to become part of a select group of individuals who are ready to step up and serve when opportunities arise by joining our Talent Pool for Committees, Boards and Commissions.

While there are currently no vacancies, you will be considered for future openings by becoming part of this group. To learn more about opportunities to contribute, we invite you to visit our webpage showcasing our various boards and commissions at beachwoodohio.com/boards or reach out to the Mayor's office at 216.292.1901 with questions.

As a member of the Talent Pool, you will play a direct role in shaping our city's future. You can indicate your availability and areas of interest, ensuring that you are matched with opportunities that align with your skills, passions and schedule. And your willingness to serve contributes to the vibrancy and effectiveness of our boards and commissions, allowing them to reflect the diversity and skills within our community.

Below is a list of some of the areas in which residents can participate:

Planning & Zoning Commission – Guides the growth and development of a community

Audit Committee – Oversees financial reporting, internal controls and risk management

Architectural Review Board – Oversees the aesthetic and historical integrity of buildings and developments within the community

Civil Service Commission – Oversees the recruitment, selection and employment practices within the Civil Service system

Records Commission – Oversees the management and retention of public records

Tax Board of Review – Responsible for hearing and adjudicating appeals related to property tax assessments

Charter Review Committee – Temporary committee tasked with reviewing and evaluating the provisions in a municipality charter

Storm Water Commission

– Plays a role in protecting water quality, reducing flood risk and promoting sustainable stormwater management; facilitates development of Storm Water Management Plan, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as part of the Phase II Storm Water Discharge Regulations

Community Improvement Corporation – This is the designated agency for development of Beachwood and has been organized for the purposes of advancing, encouraging and promoting the industrial, economic, commercial and civic development in the city

Loan Review Committee – Assists the Community Improvement Corporation with handling of the Revolving Loan Fund. Members are composed of those with expertise as CPAs, accountants, commercial loan officers, credit analysts, loan review personnel, compliance officers, internal auditors, credit administrators, along with other key stakeholders and professionals

Innovation Committee – Assists the Community Improvement Corporation with business commercialization, innovation, technology, research and development. Members have backgrounds in bio-tech, bio-medical, life sciences, R&D and technology

To be part of our Talent Pool, simply email your contact information and a brief overview of your qualifications and interests to Mayorsoffice@beachwoodohio.com. Your commitment to civic engagement is invaluable, and your willingness to serve sets an example for others in our community. Together, we can continue to build a city that we are proud to call home.

Thank you for your dedication to and enthusiasm for our community's future.



Mayor Justin Berns, MayorBorns@beachwoodohio.com



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

APRIL 15, 2024 - MAY 6, 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 highlights ordinances within these critical focus areas, underscoring the measures we are undertaking within each.

Community Engagement and Program Delivery – Improving Community Well-Being

On April 15, Council passed a **motion authorizing the Clerk to advertise for bids** for the replacement of the 3-Meter Diving Board Platform at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center to make the platform safer for divers.

Resolution 2024-9 was adopted authorizing the city to enter into a contract with SuperGames for the rental of inflatables and other associated equipment for Beachwood's 2024 Fall Festival for \$25,999.

Fiscal Responsibility – Fostering Accountability and Efficiency

Ordinance 2024-47 was approved by City Council authorizing the city to charge a 3% convenience fee to cover the cost of credit and debit card transactions used in the Building Department to pay for fees and permits.

On April 18, Council introduced and passed Ordinance **2024-50** appointing the Law Firm of Roetzel and Andress and attorney R. Todd Hunt to serve as Law Director for the City of Beachwood. Mr. Hunt has over 40 years of experience serving as a municipal attorney.

Infrastructure Improvements – Enhancing Quality of Life and Community Service

On April 15, Council passed a **motion authorizing the Clerk to advertise for bids** for the 2024 Road Program - Phase II which includes work on sections of Timberlane, Letchworth and Wendover, as well as Fire Station Drive.

On May 6, Council approved **Resolution 2024-8** accepting the bid Tri-Mor Corp. submitted in the amount of \$2,045,083.50 for the resurfacing of parking lots at City Hall, the Police Department, Community Center and Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (2024 Road Program Phase I).

Ordinance 2024-52 was placed on 1st reading on May 6. The proposed legislation adjusts the boundaries between the City of Beachwood, Ohio, and Orange Village, designating the Zoning District of the New Territory.

Public Safety – Strengthening Community Resilience

Council approved **Ordinance 2024-22 on May 6**. This ordinance reclassifies several properties currently utilized for institutional and public assembly purposes. The rezoning places these institutions under the proper U-5 zoning category, while implementing appropriate safety regulations for gatherings held at these locations. This ordinance went through the required process for re-zoning of properties - introduced and referred to the Planning Commission on February 5. On March 18, it was placed on a second reading and had a Public Hearing on May 6.

STAY ENGAGED IN YOUR COMMUNITY:



Meeting agendas, minutes including legislation, live and recorded meetings are available on our website at BeachwoodOhio.com or please attend an upcoming meeting.

Council passed **Resolution 2024-6** to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement for wages and benefits with the Fraternal Order of Police, Beachwood Lodge 86 (Sergeants & Lieutenants).

Resolution 2024-7 was approved by City Council accepting a bid from the Ruhlin Company in the amount of \$96,391.00 for the purchase and installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at George Zeiger Drive and Fairmount Boulevard crosswalks. This is the first step toward implementation of these safety devices at other crosswalks in our city.

Council also passed **Resolution 2024-10** approving the Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Plan as adopted by the Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee; and **Resolution 2024-11** selecting Euclid Mayor Kirtsen Holzheimer-Gail to serve as a Member of the Cuyahoga County 9-1-1 Program Review Committee.

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.



In coordination with Community Services, Mayor Justin Berns hosted residents for milkshakes and conversation, in recognition of Older Americans Month.

LIVE & RECORDED MEETINGS

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



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
June 10 at 7:00 p.m.
July 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
June 27 at 6:30 p.m.
July 25 at 6:30 p.m.

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

WORK - LIVE - LEARN - THRIVE

LAW DIRECTOR HIRED

R. Todd Hunt was hired as Beachwood's Law Director in April. Council voted 7-0. Hunt had been serving as Interim Law Director since November 2023 following Steward Hastings' resignation after serving for nearly two and a half years. Hastings is now the Law Director for the City of Sandusky.



R. Todd Hunt, Law Director

Hunt is with the law firm Roetzel & Andress in its Cleveland office where he focuses his practice on municipal law, land use and development issues, tax incentive development, eminent domain, litigation, public sector employment and labor law, antitrust law, and sports law matters. He also serves as the Law Director for the City of Richmond Heights and the Village of Gates Mills and serves as special counsel for several municipalities in Ohio. He has served as a municipal attorney for over 40 years. Two law firms applied for the law director position.

"I'm pleased that we have such a competent and well-respected lawyer serving as our Law Director, and it's great that he has already become familiar with our community since he joined the city last year," says Mayor Justin Berns.

Alec Isaacson, City Council president, added that filling this position has been Council's top priority since January. "As Interim Law Director, Todd was providing excellent service to our city. I'm glad we're able to continue that relationship and I'm looking forward to moving forward on the rest of council's priorities."

BUILDING DEPT. ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Beginning June 1, the Beachwood Building Department will offer the convenience of credit card payments for residents and contractors. Please note that a 3% convenience fee will be applied to all credit card transactions. If you prefer not to incur this fee, the Building Department will continue to accept cash and checks as alternative forms of payment.

For questions, please contact the Building Department at 216.292.1914.

STRATEGICAL CRIME PREVENTION

Sunday, June 16
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
or 216-292-1970

FREE SHRED DAY

It was a beautiful day to shred away! A total of 319 residents participated in the May 10 shred day resulting in 11,910 pounds (5.96 tons) of shredded paper. Thanks to all who participated! The next free shredding event will be held on Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Beachwood Community Center parking lot.



Tim Kolat (left) and Dano Montoni (right) with an Absolute Shredding team member.



RECYCLE RIGHT

Don't let your recycling efforts go to waste

Please DO NOT bag recyclables!

ONLY THESE ITEMS GO IN YOUR RECYCLE CAN

If an item is not listed to the right, it is not recyclable in Beachwood's curbside program. Don't be a wish-cycler; This is when non-recyclable items are placed in the recycle can with hope they will be recycled. A truck's entire load containing any wish-cycling could be diverted to the landfill. In addition, the City of Beachwood could be charged a fee for the load contamination.

Please help by doing your part to keep the City of Beachwood recycling fees low and assure all recyclables are processed properly.

Public Works will periodically check recycle can contents and give notices to those who are not compliant.



CANS
Empty & Rinse



CARDBOARD
Flatten Boxes



GLASS
Empty & Rinse



PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS
Empty, Rinse & Replace Cap



NEWSPAPER & MAGAZINES



OFFICE PAPER

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

Please no "Wish-cycling" or bagged recyclables. If it is not specifically listed above, throw it out as contaminated loads lead to higher recycling rates to Beachwood.

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BEACHWOOD 100 HOLDS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

May 2 was a truly heartwarming evening as we witnessed the incredible generosity of Beachwood 100 during their annual scholarship ceremony. Thank you, Beachwood 100, for your unwavering commitment to giving back and making a difference by supporting our heroes and their families.



Scholarship recipients along Mayor Justin Berns, Councilman Eric Synenberg and members of the Beachwood 100.

HERITAGE HOME PROGRAM

The city recently held an informational meeting to highlight the Heritage Homes Program which offers technical and financial assistance to owners of homes that are at least 50 years old. Eligible projects include insulation and energy efficiency upgrades, new roofs, gutters, and/or chimney repairs, kitchen and bathroom remodels, painting - inside and out, aging in place and accessibility projects.



Beachwood's Heritage Home information session held in Council Chambers.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Beachwood celebrated Arbor Day under blue skies with a gathering of kindergarten classes, city administration members, including those in the Public Works Department, and city council members. Six classes planted six trees on the property north of the community gardens, then they enjoyed a snack and refreshments.

Mayor Justin Berns noted that “the act of planting trees symbolizes our commitment to environmental stewardship and serves as a tangible expression of our dedication to building a more sustainable world.”

Left to right: Chris Arrietta, Public Works Director; Mayor Justin Berns; Ali B. Stern with her children, City Council; Brian Roenigk, Building Commissioner; Derek Schroeder, Community Services Director; Chris Vild, Environmental Manager; Danielle Shoykhet, City Council; Jillian DeLong, City Council; Josh Mintz, City Council; Mark Lopez, Assistant Public Works Director

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 humaneociety.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.



FERTILIZER SAFETY

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.



JUNE RECREATION GUIDE

Freedom Day

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Beachwood's Community Celebration

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

FAMILY ACTIVITIES - MOVIE TRUCK - DJ
 VENDORS - FOOD TRUCKS - FUN

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African American Affinity Group

Visit BeachwoodRec.com
 or email AfricanAmericanAffinity@beachwoodschoools.org

BEACHWOOD FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

LUAU Night

THURS, JUNE 27
8:00-10:00 PM

MUSIC & GAMES **SWIM UNDER THE LIGHTS** **DESSERT TRUCKS**

Lei Back & Soak In The Family Fun!

BFAC MEMBERS \$3
CITY RESIDENTS \$5
NON-RESIDENT GUESTS \$8

REGISTER ONLINE:
BEACHWOODREC.COM

BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY: *If It Stands Still | June 1 - June 28 | Opening reception on June 1, 5:00-7:00 p.m.*
 Artwork by Kathleen Craig, Cody Heichel, and Jean Koeller. Presented by Beachwood Arts Council.

SUMMER SPECIALTY CAMPS

Beachwood Community Services offers a diverse selection of specialty camps that extend beyond the traditional summer camp schedule, providing participants with an opportunity to delve deeper into their interests as summer draws to a close. Some of the offerings include:

- **Game Builders by Classroom Antics**
 July 29-Aug. 2, 1-4 p.m., Ages 7-9
 Beachwood Middle School
 Residents & Non-Residents \$259
- **Skyhawks Flag Football**
 July 29-Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Ages 6-12
 Hilltop Elementary School
 Residents \$155, Non-Residents \$186
- **Era's Tour Fashion by Upcycle Academy**
 July 29-Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Ages 8-13
 Beachwood Community Center
 Residents \$345, Non-Residents \$414
- **Crayola Wild World Art**
 July 29-Aug. 2, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Ages 6-12
 Beachwood Community Center
 Residents \$344, Non-Residents \$413

For a full list of specialty camps, see the recreation guide at BeachwoodRec.com.
 Questions? Call 216.292.1970.

STOP & REGISTER TODAY!

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SAFETY TOWN

Partnership Early Childhood Education Center

July 29-Aug. 2

The essentials of safety for incoming kindergarten students!

REGISTER: BeachwoodRec.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! GRADES 6-12!
EMAIL: Shannon.Diamond@beachwoodohio.com

SHELLY DRENSKI PROMOTED TO ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

Shelly Drenski was recently promoted to the position of Administrative Coordinator in the Community Services Department. Her position handles the senior van scheduling in addition to Barkwood membership, community garden fobs, assistance with events and office tasks. Shelly will now take on the responsibility of City Hall front desk supervision and scheduling.



Shelly Drenski,
Administrative Coordinator

“Shelly is a vital member of our Community Services team. She provides outstanding customer service for our residents. I’m very excited to announce her promotion to this expanded role,” stated Derek Schroeder, Community Services director.

DECADES THEATER PRODUCTION

Decades – The Musical took center stage on Saturday, May 4, for Beachwood Community Theater’s spring youth showcase directed by Julie Matthews and Debi Lewin of Marquee Showcase Productions. The youth cast took their audience on a trip through the best of the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s. Family and friends gave this talented group a standing ovation!



Right: Nothing but smiles from the Decades cast.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

- **Concert: 3 Birds & The Wire (Harmony Group)**
Tuesday, June 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (FREE)
- **Concert: Band TBA (Visit BeachwoodRec.com)**
Tuesday, June 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (FREE)
- **Juneteenth Community Celebration**
Wednesday, June 19, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Aquatic Center Parking Lot (FREE)
- **Outdoor Movie Night, Soul**
Wednesday, June 19, 5:00 p.m.
Aquatic Center Parking Lot (FREE)
- **Concert: Rachel Brown & The Beatnik Playboys (Country/Honky Tonk Band)**
Tuesday, June 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (FREE)
- **Luau Pool Party Night**
Thursday, June 27, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center
Members \$3, Residents \$5, Nonresident Guests \$8
- **Barkin’ Brunch**
Sunday, June 30, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Beachwood Truck Park (Food & drinks for purchase.)
- **Concert: Bob Frank & His Delta Blues Cats (Acoustic Blues Group)**
Tuesday, July 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center (FREE)

BEACHWOOD SENIORS

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

- **Delightful Destressing with The Gathering Place**
Wednesday, June 12, Noon-1:30 p.m., The Gathering Place
Free, RSVP required by June 6.
Did you know The Gathering Place has a picturesque garden and path for destressing within nature? Come uncover stress management like art therapy, meditation and more with The Gathering Place staff followed by a garden tour. Bring your own brown bag lunch; dessert will be provided.
- **Art Tour & Lunch at UH Ahuja**
Monday, July 15, 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UH Ahuja Medical Center
Free, RSVP required by July 10.
The UH Art Curation team will lead an art tour through their recent UH expansion. The collection features regional, national and international artists working in various mediums. Lunch cost at the UH Duvin Cafe on your own.
- **Wooster Trip to The Ohio Light Opera**
Friday, July 26, departs at 9:15 a.m. from the Community Center
Residents \$136, Non-Residents \$163
Shop in downtown Wooster, grab lunch at the Broken Rocks Cafe, then head over to the Ohio Light Opera’s performance of *The Sound of Music*. Transportation, lunch and the performance are included. Register by July 1.

SENIOR DAY OUT

Here Comes The...
Thursday, June 20, at Noon
Beachwood Community Center
Residents \$13
Non-Residents \$16
Program Only \$5
Register by June 12.

The honor of your presence is requested at the program of the British Royal Weddings! Hear more about the location, dresses, music, pomp and ceremony of these royal weddings. Fun facts uncovered about each. Prepare for the program with a special movie screening of *Elizabeth Windsor* at 1 p.m. on June 13 in the Community Center.

Meal choices include a cheese quiche or chicken salad/tuna fish salad mini-croissants. All entrees served with a side salad, beverage and dessert.

July SDO (7/18): Around America! Interesting facts and personalities from 50 state in 40 minutes or less. Register by July 10.

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

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON SPEAKER ADDRESSES INNOVATION

Dr. Elad Granot, Dean, Boler School of Business at John Carroll University, spoke at the Chamber of Commerce's luncheon at Heck's last month to address innovation. He stressed the importance of building a thriving innovation ecosystem that demands collaborations and commitments. The key components involved in this ecosystem are government, education, non-profits and business. Passion and a global mindset are beneficial as well.



Granot stressed the importance of reframing failures and setbacks as opportunities for growth and learning. He also noted that "data is now the currency of business." It can create predictive models at a pace which humans cannot duplicate.

He pointed out that it's not as necessary today for people to know how to code. Artificial intelligence can handle that task. But professionals still need to be technologically informed. He also explained that entrepreneurs and businesses need to think in global terms since suppliers are worldwide, as well as consumers.

Top Right: Catherine Bieterman, Economic Development director; Dr. Elad Granot; Mayor Justin Berns; David Lapierre, Chamber of Commerce executive director

Bottom Left: Dr. Elad Granot speaking to attendees as he stressed the importance of innovation. Photography by Discovery Photo.



SKODA GORDON DENTISTRY'S NEW BUILDING

There are changes transforming on Chagrin Boulevard. Recently, the City of Beachwood supported, through a Community Reinvestment Area Tax Abatement, revitalization of an underutilized office building for Skoda Gordon Dentistry's new medical office building. The new office building and its intended dental services will have state of the art dental/medical equipment and technologies, energy conservation applications, ADA compliant entryways in doors and restroom facilities, and adequate parking. In total, the development will include new construction of a 5,000-square-foot dental services office building with a partial second floor for administrative offices with ceilings and large window areas for natural light.



The beginning of demolition at 25115 Chagrin Blvd.

SWISS-AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT

The City of Beachwood's Economic Development director, Catherine Bieterman, recently attended the Swiss-American Partnership Summit in Cleveland. Through a partnership between the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce and the Collaborative Chambers of Commerce, the city continues to engage with various national and international organizations to identify key global connections that can advance dialogue around business and innovation between local companies and international opportunities.



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