

## THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### PROGRESS & CONTINUED DEDICATION

#### Dear Beachwood Residents,

As we enter the fall season, I want to share some updates that reflect our city's progress and continued dedication to our residents. At the heart of Beachwood's success is our commitment to public safety, transparency, strategic partnerships, and fiscal responsibility—the foundation of our community's strength and resilience.

#### Transparency & Civic Engagement

One of the ways we foster a strong community is through transparency and active civic engagement. The voices of our residents are invaluable, and your participation in the governance of Beachwood plays a critical role in shaping our city's future. As part of our ongoing efforts to involve the community, we anticipate potential vacancies on some of the city's boards and committees as we near the end of the year. These boards are essential in advising and supporting city initiatives, and we welcome residents who are passionate about Beachwood to consider applying for these opportunities. Serving on a board or committee is a rewarding way to give back to the community and help guide important decisions that impact our city.

#### Public Safety

Public safety is a top priority for Beachwood, and I am pleased to announce important updates that will further strengthen our efforts to ensure the safety of all residents. We recently appointed Dan Grispino as our new Chief of Police, a decision I made with the utmost care and confidence. Chief Grispino is a seasoned leader with a deep understanding of law enforcement and a commitment to upholding the high standards of public safety that Beachwood is known for. I look forward to working closely with him as he leads the Beachwood Police Department into this next chapter.

In addition to leadership changes, the Beachwood Fire Department continues to invest in top-tier resources to enhance public safety. A new ambulance, equipped with the latest life-saving technology, is now in service. This state-of-the-art vehicle will ensure that our emergency responders have the tools to provide the best possible care to our residents when it matters most.

#### Strategic Partnerships

Our city's strategic partnerships are another critical aspect of maintaining public safety and ensuring a collaborative approach to addressing broader security concerns. We are proud to share that a Beachwood Police Officer is currently being considered for a position on the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). This role would allow our officer to work on national security issues and provide direct coordination between the Cleveland Jewish Federation and the Beachwood Police Department. The JTTF works to enhance familiarity and cooperation among local, state, and federal investigators, and this potential opportunity would bring specialized training and expertise to our community. It's another example of how Beachwood strives to be proactive in ensuring community safety and well-being.

#### Fiscal Responsibility

In addition to our focus on safety and engagement, I am pleased to report outstanding news regarding our city's financial health. The audit for the 2023 fiscal year is complete, and I am proud to share that Beachwood received a clean audit with no management letter or material findings. This result is the highest opinion a city can achieve, and it speaks to our strong financial practices and responsible management of public funds. I want to thank our Finance Director, Larry Heiser, and his team for their hard work and professionalism throughout the audit process.

As always, I encourage all residents to stay informed and involved as we continue working together to make Beachwood a thriving and safe community. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,



**Mayor Justin Berns**

MayorBerns@beachwoodohio.com



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216.464.1234

## DAN GRISPINO SWORN IN AS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

The City of Beachwood swore in Daniel Grispino as the new Chief of Police during the Sept. 3 City Council meeting. In front of a council chamber full of family, friends, and police officers from both Shaker Heights and Beachwood, Chief Grispino has assumed his new role, bringing over 22 years of distinguished service in law enforcement, along with a wealth of experience, education, and leadership.



Mayor Berns swearing in Daniel Grispino on Sept. 3.

Grispino joins Beachwood from the Shaker Heights Police Department, where he served for 18 years, most recently as Commander of the Uniform Patrol Bureau. His extensive career has seen him excel in roles ranging from Patrol Sergeant to Administrative Lieutenant, focusing on community services and mental health crisis response.

Mayor Justin Berns welcomed Grispino as the new Chief of Police, calling it “a momentous day” for the city. “Dan brings with him a wealth of experience, a deep commitment to law enforcement, and a proven record of leadership,” Berns said. “Appointing my first police chief is among the most pivotal decisions I’ve made as mayor, and I have complete confidence in Dan’s ability to lead our police department. Together, we will continue to make Beachwood a safe and welcoming place for all.”

Chief Grispino addressed his officers and the community during his swearing-in ceremony. “To the Beachwood police officers, bring your best every day for these residents. And you can count on me to support you unequivocally every day. You have the hardest job in America, and I’ll be honored to work alongside you in this noble profession,” he said.

He also reassured Beachwood residents of his commitment to professionalism, adding, “What you can expect from me is someone who will bring and expect professionalism in the department. Our officers will treat everyone with the dignity and respect they deserve, and it will be a police department that everyone will respect.”

Chief Grispino officially began his tenure as Beachwood’s Chief of Police on Sept. 13, 2024.



Chief Grispino, his wife Danielle, and their two children with Mayor Berns.

### STAY ENGAGED IN YOUR COMMUNITY:



Meeting agendas, minutes including legislation, live and recorded meetings are available on our website at [BeachwoodOhio.com](http://BeachwoodOhio.com) or please attend an upcoming meeting.

## THANK YOU CHIEF McLAUGHLIN

After 22 years in law enforcement and serving as Chief for two departments, Chief Kate McLaughlin has retired from her duties as Beachwood Police Chief. We thank Chief McLaughlin for her service and commitment to keeping the Beachwood community safe.



Chief McLaughlin, her husband Craig, and their daughter alongside Mayor Berns.



### UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

**City Council:**  
Oct. 7 at 7:00 p.m.  
Oct. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning:**  
Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

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

# WORK - LIVE - LEARN - THRIVE

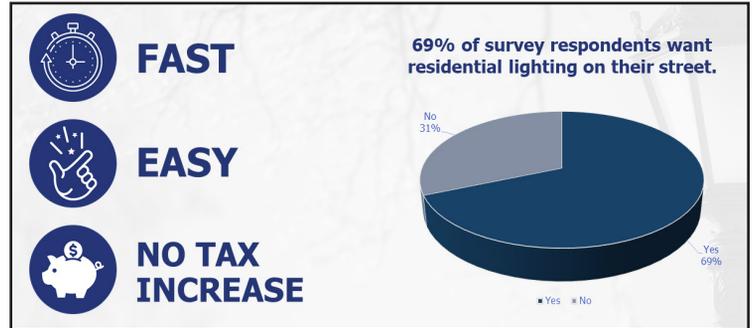
## RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING PROJECT UPDATE & SOLAR INITIATIVE

Beachwood's ongoing efforts to improve residential street lighting have provided valuable insights through the carriage light pilot program earlier this year. The city has 650 streetlights installed along major roads and most residential intersections. However, an estimated 900-1,000 additional streetlights would be required to achieve comprehensive lighting across the community.

The city hosted a focus group in February 2024, held a carriage lighting demo with a survey in May 2024, and a committee meeting in August 2024 as options are being thoroughly explored to determine the best solution for the community.

### Resident Preferences: What We Learned

According to a recent survey, 69% of Beachwood residents expressed a desire for increased residential street lighting, with many favoring solutions that are implemented quickly, efficiently, and without a tax increase.



### The Carriage Light Pilot: Mixed Reactions

The city piloted a carriage light program responding to the need for more immediate lighting solutions. The program offered homeowners the option to install sidewalk or carriage lights on their property and reimbursed them for the cost. While the program was designed to be a cost-effective solution that requires no city maintenance, the feedback was mixed.

A survey revealed that only 45% of residents wanted carriage lighting installed on their property. Top concerns included insufficient light emission, dissatisfaction with the aesthetic, and the inability of these lights to fully illuminate the street. Furthermore, homeowners were responsible for obtaining a free permit, handling installation logistics, and covering maintenance and electricity costs.

Based on the pilot program results, the city is no longer pursuing carriage lights as a viable option for a community-wide residential lighting solution.



### Looking Ahead: Exploring Solar Street Lighting

In response to residents' concerns about the limitations of the carriage light program, the city is exploring a potential solar street lighting pilot program. This initiative would offer a more comprehensive solution to Beachwood's street lighting needs while addressing environmental and fiscal responsibility considerations.

Over the coming months, residents can expect more details about this solar street light pilot program as the city works to find the best balance between cost-effectiveness, environmental impact, and long-term maintenance. Beachwood remains committed to finding a lighting solution that meets the community's expectations while ensuring fiscal responsibility and sustainability.

### BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

**Northern Ohio Textile Artists Annual Exhibition | On display through Nov. 16 | 25325 Fairmount Blvd.**  
Explore the inaugural exhibition organized by the Northern Ohio Textile Artists (NOTA).

## NEW FIREFIGHTER SWORN-IN

The Beachwood Fire Department welcomed Firefighter Nico Morgano, sworn in by Mayor Berns at the Sept. 3 City Council meeting. We're happy to have you, Nico!

*Nico Morgano pictured with his family alongside Mayor Berns and Chief Holtzman.*



# VETERANS DAY SALUTE

The Beachwood Historical Society and the City of Beachwood partner to commemorate Veterans Day with an annual ceremony at the Beachwood Cemetery. The location is the final resting place for 40 soldiers from the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican-American War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II.

The ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10, featuring dignitaries, local veterans and the presentation of colors. Please join us for this special occasion on Sunday morning.

The presentation of colors on a sunny November day during the 2023 ceremony with the Boy Scouts on hand.



# GET INVOLVED: BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

We're excited to announce an update to the Boards and Commissions page on the City of Beachwood website, making it easier for residents to engage in civic leadership.

The enhanced page now features a convenient, user-friendly form that allows residents to express their interest in serving on one of our boards or commissions as vacancies arise. This streamlined process empowers more community members to actively contribute to Beachwood's growth and future. If you're passionate about Beachwood and want to help shape our city, we encourage you to apply!

# NEW EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PAGE

The City of Beachwood is working to help keep you and your family safe with new preparedness resources on our website. Compiled from trusted sources such as Ready.gov, FEMA, and other national agencies, these resources are designed to help residents plan and stay safe in various emergencies. From creating a basic emergency plan to preparing your family for winter storms, we've gathered essential information in one convenient place. We've also included a link to register for emergency notifications through ReadyNotify. Visit our website at [BeachwoodOhio.com/EmergencyPreparedness](http://BeachwoodOhio.com/EmergencyPreparedness) or scan the QR code to explore these comprehensive guides and ensure your household is ready for anything.



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# RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT, CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Do you have a story that showcases Beachwood's heart and spirit? We want to hear from you! We're excited to announce a new monthly feature—Resident Spotlight—dedicated to highlighting incredible people, stories, and acts of kindness in our city.

Whether it's a coach who's changed your child's life, a local business owner who consistently goes above and beyond, or a community leader whose passion lights up Beachwood, we invite you to share these powerful moments with us via email at [MayorsOffice@beachwoodohio.com](mailto:MayorsOffice@beachwoodohio.com). Your story could make the next *Beachwood Buzz!*

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# 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.

**CANS**  
Empty & Rinse

**CARDBOARD**  
Flatten Boxes

**GLASS**  
Empty & Rinse

**PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS**  
Empty, Rinse & Replace Cap

**NEWSPAPER & MAGAZINES**

**OFFICE PAPER**

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

**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.

BEACHWOOD PUBLIC WORKS ● 23355 MERCANTILE RD ● 216.292.1922

# LEAF PICKUP REMINDERS

Just a gentle reminder that the city cannot pick up leaf piles on tree lawns that are obstructed by vehicles. Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not block leaf piles if you or a guest/landscaper are parking on the street. Allow at least two car lengths from leaf piles to provide access for the leaf removal equipment.

Loose-leaf pickup has begun and runs through mid-December, weather permitting. Leaves need to be raked into piles on the tree-lawn and free from other debris such as grass, trees, or branches.



# OCTOBER RECREATION GUIDE

## PAWS IN THE POOL; DOG PADDLE MAKES WAVES

On Sept. 5, the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center went to the dogs—literally! Our furry friends got their much-anticipated day at the pool during the annual Dog Paddle, which is held after the conclusion of the season. Dog owners register their companions in advance for this popular event. This year, the event sold out, with more than 100 dogs of all breeds and sizes taking part. Keep an eye out for next year's event.



Smiles all around as families enjoy time with their dogs at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center on September 5. Photography by Discovery Photo.

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# Youth BAKING

Ages: 3-8 years

Instructor: Elizabeth Rogers

Seasonal fun with your little one through our Adult & Me opportunities or turn your young baker loose with an Independent Baking Class! Our Halloween and Thanksgiving-themed one-day sessions teach basic baking skills, and the best part—no mess at home! Nut-free and gluten-free options available. Please report allergies during registration.

**Adult & Me (Ages 3-5)**

- Halloween Session**  
Chocolate Cake Truffles  
Oct. 27, 3-4 PM  
Residents \$30, Non-Res. \$36
- Thanksgiving Session**  
Pumpkin Oatmeal Bake  
Nov. 24, 3-4 PM  
Residents \$30, Non-Res. \$36

**Independent (Ages 6-8)**

- Halloween Session**  
Chocolate Cake Truffles  
Oct. 27, 4:30-5:30 PM  
Residents \$36, Non-Res. \$43
- Thanksgiving Session**  
Pumpkin Oatmeal Bake  
Nov. 24, 4:30-5:30 PM  
Residents \$36, Non-Res. \$43

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

## A GARDEN GATHERING

Beachwood Community Garden members gathered on Sept. 12 for their annual Happy Hour Recipe Exchange. Gardeners shared copies of their favorite dishes made with ingredients from the garden, received valuable tips from Master Gardeners, and enjoyed refreshments and music. The garden community is vibrant, and the plots are looking outstanding this year!



A group photo from the Happy Hour Recipe Exchange on Sept. 12.

## SILVERSNEAKERS: FUN & AFFORDABLE

The Beachwood Community Center is a designated SilverSneakers location, offering no-cost fitness programs for individuals aged 65 and better. Currently, the Community Center hosts

SilverSneakers Classic classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-10:45 a.m., and SilverSneakers Yoga/Tai Chi from 11:00-11:45 a.m. These classes are designed for all fitness levels, and first-time participants are always welcome. The programs are led weekly by certified instructor Tim Carney, fostering a supportive community environment.

SilverSneakers is often covered by insurance, and you can check your eligibility at [silversneakers.com](http://silversneakers.com) to see if you qualify for free classes. If it's not included in your insurance plan, Beachwood is still committed to making fitness fun and accessible. You are encouraged to join by purchasing a \$40 punch card, which is valid for 10 classes. Punch cards can be purchased by calling Beachwood Community Services at 216-292-1970 or in person at City Hall.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- **Adult Beginning Golf**  
Tuesday, Oct. 22-Dec. 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
The Clubhouse (23800 Commerce Park)  
Residents \$469, Non-Residents \$563
- **Kids Warrior Yoga (Grades 3-5)**  
Tuesday, Oct. 29-Dec. 10, 2:40-3:40 p.m.  
Hilltop Elementary  
Residents \$72, Non-Residents \$86
- **Kids Warrior Yoga (Grades K-2)**  
Thursday, Oct. 31-Dec. 12, 3:25-4:25 p.m.  
Bryden Elementary  
Residents \$72, Non-Residents \$86
- **Preschool Future Scientists (Ages 3-5)**  
Monday, Nov. 4-Dec. 9, 12:40-1:25 p.m.  
Fairmount Early Childhood Center  
Residents \$105, Non-Residents \$126
- **Little Hoop Stars Basketball (Ages 4-5)**  
Thursday, Nov. 7-Dec. 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Hilltop Elementary  
Residents \$120, Non-Residents \$144
- **Jr. GameBot Club (Grades 2-5)**  
Thursday, Nov. 7-Dec. 19, 5:45-6:45 p.m.  
Beachwood Community Center  
Residents \$169, Non-Residents \$203
- **Youth Karate (Ages 4-17)**  
Mon/Thurs, Nov. 7-Dec. 19, 5:45-6:45 p.m.  
Beachwood Community Center  
Residents \$89, Non-Residents \$107

★ **BEACHWOOD YOUTH BOYS & GIRLS** ★

# BASKETBALL LEAGUES

**GRADES 3-6**  **CITY RESIDENTS \$75  
NON-RESIDENTS \$95**

**SIGN UP TODAY!** [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com)

## BEACHWOOD SENIORS

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS & TRIPS

- **Intergenerational Experiences: Tea for Two**  
Sunday, Oct. 20, 12:30-2 p.m., Community Center  
Residents \$18, Non-Residents \$20, Register by Oct. 13  
Invite a favorite person, age 12 and over, to join you for the art of tea with hostess Julie Koenig, royal aficionado! Sample three teas, learn more about Buckingham Palace and taste sweet treats. Fee covers the adult and guest.
- **Mahj Tournament**  
Monday, Nov. 4, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Community Center  
Residents \$17, Non-Residents \$20, Register by Oct. 25  
A crowd favorite! Over 80 participants competed in our spring tournament and we're bringing it back for fall. Join in the fun. Registration includes snacks and prizes. Please bring a Mahj set if possible.
- **Art Adventure - Highlights of the Museum**  
Tuesday, Nov. 12, 10:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Departs from Community Center  
Residents \$12, Non-Residents \$15  
Take a docent-led walking tour of the spectacular Cleveland Museum of Art followed by lunch at the cafe. Lunch expenses are on your own. Transportation is provided. Space is limited, please register as soon as possible for this upcoming adventure.

## OCT. MEET & EAT

**Music From Our Backyard**  
Thursday, Oct. 17, at Noon  
Beachwood Community Center

Residents \$13  
Non-Residents \$16  
Program Only \$5  
*Register by Oct. 10.*

Enjoy the talent of four members of Beachwood's own Suburban Symphony Orchestra, Suburban Quartet, presenting a light interlude of familiar tunes and favorites. Truly an entertaining experience!

Meal choices include a Nicoise salad with bread or a chicken wrap with pasta salad. All entrees served with a beverage and dessert.

**Nov. Meet & Eat (11/21):** Looking ahead, a dynamite duo featuring vocalist Evelyn Wright and pianist Joe Hunter will travel with us through the Great American Songbook. Meal choices include turkey tetrazzini or vegetable lasagna. Sign up by Nov. 14.

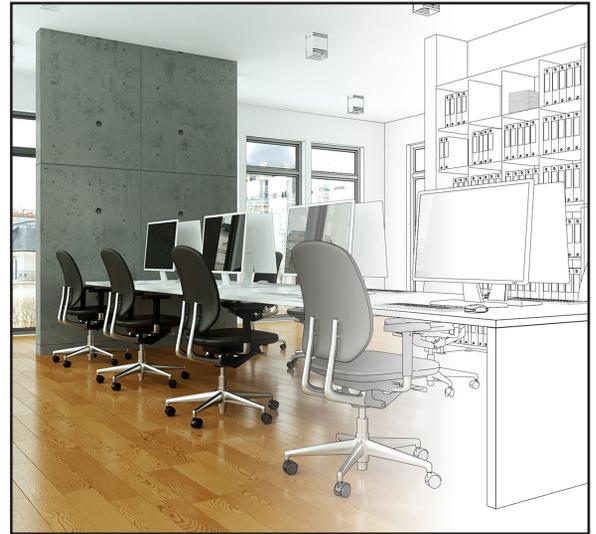
**Register for events at [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com),  
City Hall or call 216.292.1970.**

# WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## COMMERCIAL BUILDING REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

As a premier office community in the Cleveland region, the City of Beachwood's Office of Economic Development has launched a Commercial Building Revitalization Loan Program to support business investments within the city. This program is designed to encourage investment in commercial office buildings and further support commercial property owners who have invested in growing our commercial business district. The program includes a new resource webpage that is available at [BeachwoodOhio.com/CommercialBuildingRevitalization](http://BeachwoodOhio.com/CommercialBuildingRevitalization). The program offers a range of financing options to enhance operational efficiency in buildings. Additionally, forgivable loans incentivize new investments and create positive contributions to the community. For more information about this loan program, please visit the city's website or e-mail [Catherine.Bieterman@BeachwoodOhio.com](mailto:Catherine.Bieterman@BeachwoodOhio.com) for program details.



## DISCOVER BEACHWOOD MAGAZINE

Explore how innovation and technology elevate Beachwood to the forefront of a transforming business landscape, paving the way for a prosperous present and future within close proximity to downtown Cleveland. Open the latest edition of the annual *Discover Beachwood Magazine* by scanning the QR code with your mobile device.



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SAVE THE DATE

*Mayor's Business Reception*

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**THURSDAY, NOV. 14**  
**4:30 - 7:30 P.M.**

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*Porsche Beachwood*  
3750 Orange Place  
Beachwood, Ohio 44122

RSVP & DETAILS TO COME

## CITY TO HOST INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The City of Beachwood's Office of Economic Development will be hosting an international business roundtable discussion on Oct. 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Beachwood City Hall. The discussion aims to bring together global business leaders and international delegates represented by the Collective Chambers of Commerce (CCA) including French American, Chinese, and British American representatives who also work in a partnership through the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce.

This engagement will facilitate a collaborative and productive exchange, promoting business growth and creating new connections both in the U.S. and internationally. Companies operating globally and looking to strengthen their connections with U.S. regional delegates and international delegate networks are encouraged to register for this roundtable discussion. To RSVP for the business event, please email [Catherine.Bieterman@BeachwoodOhio.com](mailto:Catherine.Bieterman@BeachwoodOhio.com) or call the Office of Economic Development at 216-292-1915.

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

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@BarkwoodDogPark

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