

The Mayor's Message Beachwood in Bloom

Dear Beachwood Residents,

Summer has arrived in Beachwood, and with it comes an exciting season full of activity, connection, and community spirit. Our Beachwood Family Aquatic Center is officially open, and it's already buzzing with families, friends, and neighbors enjoying one of our city's most popular gathering places. In addition to the pool, our summer camp programs begin June 9, teen night events are drawing significant participation, and our sports leagues are in full swing. We're especially excited to introduce a fresh take on our Beachwood Beats concert series—new energy, new performers, and the same great community atmosphere. Whether you're relaxing to live music or cheering from the sidelines at a game, there's something for everyone to enjoy this summer.

I want to thank our Community Services Department, led by Derek Schroeder, and his outstanding team. Their dedication to expanding programs and creating more places to play empowers our community to stay active and engaged. Beachwood is a vibrant place to live because of the work of city employees who consistently find creative ways to enrich the lives of our residents.

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Looking ahead, I encourage everyone to attend our annual Juneteenth Community Celebration on Wednesday, June 19. This event has quickly become one of Beachwood's largest and most meaningful signature celebrations. It's a day of joy, reflection, and unity; I'm proud of how our community has embraced this event. I want to thank the Beachwood Schools African American Affinity Group for their continued partnership in hosting this celebration. Their leadership and collaboration have helped elevate this event to new heights

each year. Be sure to read this month's cover story for a deeper look at our Juneteenth celebration's history and remarkable growth.

I also want to highlight another vital community event: the Beachwood 100 Scholarship Dinner. This annual event honors the achievements of scholarship recipients and the unwavering commitment of Beachwood's safety services. From our dispatchers—often the first voice in a moment of crisis—to our police officers and firefighters who protect our city with courage and compassion, their service defines the strength and values of Beachwood.

As Mayor and Safety Director, public safety remains my top priority. I am proud to support and advocate for our safety personnel every single day. The Beachwood 100's commitment to standing beside these heroes, especially during times of need, is a powerful testament to the spirit of our community. Their work reminds us of what's possible when residents come together in support of those who serve us.

Thank you for being an active part of all that makes Beachwood such a unique community. I look forward to seeing you around town this summer.

Sincerely,

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Beachwood Police Host First “Cookout with Cops” to Build Community

The Beachwood Police Department hosted its first-ever “Cookout with Cops” event on Wednesday, May 14, drawing over 500 attendees to the Beachwood Playground for an afternoon of food, fun, and meaningful conversation.

About a dozen Beachwood police officers were in attendance, grilling hot dogs and offering kosher-friendly options while chatting with families and residents. Children took full advantage of the playground while the city added to the festive atmosphere with yard games, a DJ spinning music, and an interactive display of police motorcycles, bicycles, and e-bikes for kids to explore.

Sponsored by 360 Painting and Hunter Wellness Center, the cookout provided free food and camaraderie, creating stronger connections between officers and the residents they serve.

“The event was a great success, and it was rewarding to see so many people come out and engage with our officers,” said Mayor Justin Berns. “Opportunities like these are essential. They allow our police to build trust and relationships with residents in a positive environment.”

Officers were grateful for the strong community turnout and are already looking ahead to future events promoting familiarity, communication, and connection between Beachwood residents and the police department.



Photography provided by Discovery Photo.



Officer PekarSKI with Jordyn and Ashlyn Erkins.

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.

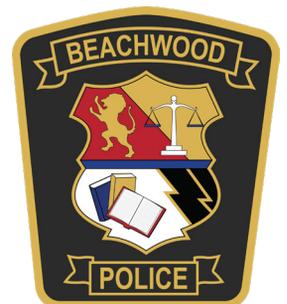
Beachwood Police Department Pursues State of Ohio Law Enforcement Accreditation

The Beachwood Police Department is proud to announce its participation in the newly expanded Ohio Collaborative Law Enforcement Accreditation Program, joining 19 other agencies across the state in a commitment to advancing excellence in law enforcement practices.

Launched by Gov. Mike DeWine in 2024, the program recognizes agencies that voluntarily meet or exceed nearly three dozen rigorous state standards in professional conduct, bias-free policing, crisis intervention, and community engagement. The initiative is the only state-run accreditation program in the nation that is free for law enforcement agencies to join, reflecting Ohio's commitment to accessible and accountable policing.

"Accreditation is a way for local law enforcement agencies to show their communities that they are meeting Ohio's high standards and are among the top agencies in the state," said Gov. DeWine. "I'm pleased to see these 20 agencies step up and take on the challenge of being among the best of the best."

The Beachwood Police Department is also nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), a recognition that demonstrates adherence to internationally recognized law enforcement best practices. This dual accreditation effort highlights the department's continued dedication to transparency, public trust, and operational excellence.



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
June 16 at 7:00 p.m.
July 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
June 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
June 2 at 4:30 p.m.
June 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

Beachwood's Cathy Bieterman Honored with Team NEO Award for Regional Economic Development Leadership

The City of Beachwood's Director of Economic Development, Cathy Bieterman, has been named the 2025 Team NEO Regional Economic Development Champion Award recipient. The award was presented during the annual NEO Rise Event on May 7, recognizing outstanding leadership across Team NEO's 14-county region in Northeast Ohio.

This distinguished honor places Bieterman among Northeast Ohio's top economic development leaders, celebrating her innovative strategies and transformative impact on the City of Beachwood. The award was presented by Matt Dolan, CEO of Team NEO, in recognition of the city's significant economic attraction efforts, including high-profile companies, such as Millennium Control Systems and MasterBrand Cabinets. The award also reflects Beachwood's forward-thinking use of economic development tools and resources to foster business growth, innovation, and support for emerging industries.



Cathy Bieterman (left) among the 2025 Team NEO award recipients with CEO Matt Dolan (right).



Cathy Bieterman, City of Beachwood, Economic Development Director

"Receiving this award is a tremendous honor," said Bieterman. "It truly inspires me to think more creatively and continue to move forward profoundly as we shape our city's future. Our department remains deeply committed to fulfilling the objectives set forth by our community stakeholders through the City's Master Plan and Economic Development Action Plan. This recognition bolsters the importance of that mission and the momentum we are building together."

The award is significant, given the vast pool of eligible candidates — economic development directors from across 14 counties in Northeast Ohio. Team NEO selected Beachwood and Bieterman for the city's innovative initiatives and exceptional results in business attraction, site development, and support for growing industries.

Mayor Justin Berns, who attended the event with other city representatives, expressed pride in the achievement. "Cathy's leadership has been instrumental in making Beachwood a destination for innovation and investment," said Mayor Berns. "This award is not only a celebration of her accomplishments but reinforces the vision and dedication of the city's economic development strategy."

Also in attendance were Economic Development Council Representative Jillian DeLong, City Administrator Tina Turick, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director David Lapierre, and Team NEO event sponsor Russ Balthis, who helped present the award.

HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION:

Due to **Juneteenth** on Thursday, June 19, rubbish and recycling collection will be delayed one day. Thursday collections will occur on Friday. Monday through Wednesday remain unchanged.

Successful Spring Shred Day

Thank you to all the residents who participated in our Spring Shred Day! 420 residents took part, shredding nearly 16 thousand pounds of documents, promoting both privacy and environmental responsibility.

This free event is made possible through a Recycling Awareness Grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District.

If you missed it, don't worry: Another Shred Day will take place this fall on Sept 12.

Mayor Justin Berns and Audit Director Harvey Rose with personnel from Beachwood Public Works at Shred Day on May 9.



City of Beachwood Goes Cashless, Expands Digital Payment Options

The City of Beachwood is officially going cashless for city-run services and programs. It now offers a variety of new digital payment options that make transactions faster, more secure, and convenient for residents.

From a city operations perspective, the move to cashless transactions increases efficiency and reduces the potential for fraud. “We’ve improved accuracy in balancing tills, eliminated the need to visit the bank for change, and no longer have to pull officers off the road to handle nightly deposits,” said Community Services Director Derek Schroeder.



New payment processing device at City Hall.

Residents have long requested the convenience of mobile payment options, and now they’re here. Apple Pay and Google Pay are accepted for all city-related fees, memberships, and program registrations. As long as your digital wallet is activated, you can take advantage of these payment options.

In addition to mobile wallets, the city accepts Mastercard, Visa, Discover, and American Express, ensuring fewer card restrictions. Many residents are credit card rewards users, and the updated system allows them to continue earning points with every transaction. While there is a slightly higher processing cost to the city for Amex, customers have no additional fees for using any accepted cards or digital payment methods. Checks will continue to be accepted as a payment method, although the city will no longer routinely accept cash at municipal facilities.

Please note, third-party vendors, including the BFAC concession stand and vendors at city events, will each have their own payment systems and options.

The shift to digital payments marks a major step toward modernizing Beachwood’s public services, creating a more streamlined and secure experience.



Snack Shack Debuts New Management & Order-Ahead App

This season, Beachwood Family Aquatic Center patrons will recognize a pair of new faces behind the Snack Shack, as longtime Beachwood residents Saree Doyle and Jen Ferns take the reins. After being operated last summer by the city’s Community Services Department, the concession stand is now in the hands of these experienced local entrepreneurs under third party management.

One standout upgrade this season is the introduction of a convenient order-ahead app — now available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play. The new app allows customers to browse the menu, place their orders in advance, and view real-time estimated wait times, making snack breaks quicker and easier. Google and Apple Pay will also be accepted.

Additionally, a dedicated playground menu will be offered at the opposite serving window, helping to better serve families enjoying the play area.

From classic summer treats to exciting new menu items, the Beachwood Snack Shack is looking forward to serving you this year.

Arbor Day Celebration

The City of Beachwood celebrated Arbor Day with a special event highlighting its commitment to environmental stewardship and urban forestry. Mayor Justin Berns, City Council Vice President Danielle Shoykhet, Council Member Josh Mintz, Beachwood Public Works Department members, and enthusiastic students from Fairmount School gathered to honor the city’s green legacy.

This annual celebration marks more than just the planting of trees—it reaffirms Beachwood’s 29-year designation as a Tree City USA, a national recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation. The event served as a hands-on learning opportunity for Fairmount School students, who participated in tree planting near the city’s community garden.



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.

An advertisement for the Beachwood Snack Shack app. It features the app's logo at the top, which says "BEACHWOOD SNACK SHACK ESTABLISHED 2015". Below the logo, it says "Search for 'Beachwood Snack Shack' on the App Store." and "DOWNLOAD AND SHARE OUR APP". There are two smartphone screens showing the app interface: one with a menu of food items and another with an "Order Now" screen. To the right, there is a QR code and logos for "ANDROID APP ON Google play" and "Available on the App Store". At the bottom right, there is a small version of the app's logo.

June Recreation Guide



Beachwood
Beats
Summer Concert Series

Live Music

- 6.10 THE NICK PUIN BAND**
Upbeat Jazz & American Songbook
- 6.17 REVIVAL ROCK BAND**
Maximum Energy Rock & Roll
- 6.24 3 BIRDS & THE WIRE**
Three Voices, One Harmony
- 7.01 SUBLINERS**
Jazz-Rock Fusion Band
- 7.08 ELVIS WONDER SHOW**
An Authentic Elvis Experience
- 7.15 NITEBRIDGE**
Jazz, Country, Blues, & More
- 7.22 TAKING OFF MONDAY**
Ultimate Pop Punk Experience
- 7.29 POP MACHINE**
Chart Topping Hits

FREE: Tuesdays, 6:30-8 PM
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center
25125 Fairmount Blvd.
Learn more at BeachwoodRec.com!

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Bring Your Own Chairs | Concessions Available | Inclement Weather Location: Community Center



JUNE 19
4-7 PM
BEACHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE TEENTH
BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

FREE FAMILY FEST
ACTIVITIES & GAMES
DJ & MOVIE TRUCK
LOCAL VENDORS
FOOD TRUCKS

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TEEN
Night at the Courts

PICKLEBALL | VOLLEYBALL | YARD GAMES | DJ | SNACKS

July 9 & July 30
6:00-8:00 PM
BEACHWOOD PICKLEBALL COURTS

TO PERFORMANCE
CITY OF Beachwood
FREE! REGISTER ONLINE:
BEACHWOODREC.COM

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT: Showing: *Piece by Piece* | Thursday, June 19, 5:00 p.m. | Beachwood High School
June's Movie Night is part of the Juneteenth Community Celebration. Bring chairs and blankets.

New Diving Board Installed

If you've visited the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center recently, you may have spotted a sleek new addition. A brand-new diving board has been installed, complete with upgraded steps, railings, and landings — all thoughtfully designed to enhance safety and improve the experience for our patrons.



We're excited to welcome thousands of swimmers this summer to test it out. Come make a splash! Learn more about the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center and view summer rates at BeachwoodRec.com.



POOL
Party Nights

SWIMMING • MUSIC & GAMES • POOLSIDE SNACKS • FAMILY-FRIENDLY

JUNE 26
ICE POP PARADISE
A Chill Night at the Pool

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

REGISTER: BEACHWOODREC.COM

STATEMENT
NAIL & WAX LOUNGE

Leaf Party Day Returns June 18

Leaf Party Day continues to grow as 23-year-old Bartu Hatipoglu will lead the eighth annual celebration on Wednesday, June 18, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center. Bartu, a resident who doesn't let autism get in the way of his unique ability to connect with others through nature, began bringing leaves to the pool in 2017 to share with now retired Pool Manager Missy Bystrom. The leaves quickly became a favorite of other children at the pool who would follow Bartu around the lazy river chanting 'Leaf Party' as they swung their branches around their heads.

Fast forward to today, the Leaf Party is an annual tradition with leaf-themed crafts, garlands, crowns, shirts and more. The event is attended by some of Beachwood's summer camps and is open to BFAC members only on June 18.



Bartu with his signature grand entrance!



BEACHWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2025

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JULY 12
Beachwood Pickleball Courts

Courts located behind the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center.

9 AM Doubles \$40, Rain Date: July 13
Register at BeachwoodRec.com!

CITY OF *Beachwood*

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:

- **Dennis Weyn's Soccer Group Camp - Ages 4-13**
June 9-13 or Aug. 4-8, Full Day or Half Day Options, Fairmount School
Residents \$175-\$225, Non-Residents \$210-\$270
- **LEGO Bots with Classroom Antics - Ages 7-9**
July 28-Aug. 1, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Beachwood Middle School
Residents & Non-Residents \$265 (ClassroomAntics.com)
- **Crayola Artblazers Camp - Grades K-5**
July 28-Aug. 1, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Beachwood Community Center
Residents \$375, Non-Residents \$450
- **Skyhawks Flag Football Camp - Ages 6-12**
July 28-Aug. 1, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Fairmount School
Residents \$163, Non-Residents \$196

Explore more summer specialty camps in the Spring/Summer Recreation Guide or visit BeachwoodRec.com.

Beachwood Seniors

Call for 50-Year Residents

Have you called Beachwood home for 50 years? We want to recognize you at a special event later this summer!

Beachwood Community Services is planning a Senior Cookout in August, and as part of the event, we'll be honoring our newest group of 50-year residents with a short ceremony, award, and gift. If you haven't been recognized in a previous year, please contact Jayme Jirousek, Senior Adult Manager, at 216-292-1911 to add your name to the list.

Spread the word—we hope to see you there!

June Meet & Eat

Magic & Music with Dustin Kaiser
Thursday, June 12, at Noon
Beachwood Community Center

Residents \$13, Non-Residents \$16, Program Only \$5
Register by June 5.

While we enjoy a delicious lunch, Dustin will captivate us with his incredible magic tricks, leaving us in awe and wonder. But, the entertainment doesn't stop there! After lunch, he will take the stage, as a one-man band, performing a lively and engaging set of tunes.

The meal includes a Super Spud Buffet with baked potatoes and toppings including grilled chicken, steamed broccoli, jalapenos, diced tomatoes, sauteed mushrooms and onions, salsa, bacon bits, and more.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business Compass Podcast: From Startup to Standout, Inside Tri-C's Center for Entrepreneurs



Left to right: Cathy Bieterman, Economic Development Director; Ronna McNair, Executive Director for the Center of Entrepreneurs; Josh Troche, Pedal Stomper Productions

This month on the Beachwood Business Compass Podcast, we explore the energy behind Beachwood's entrepreneurial success. This episode features an engaging conversation and advice on making your business stand out. We get valuable insight from Ronna McNair, Executive Director of the Center for Entrepreneurs, and Josh Troche, podcast connoisseur with Pedal Stomper Productions.

The Center for Entrepreneurs, located at Corporate College and powered by Cuyahoga Community College, has become a hub for innovation and growth. With a mission to empower entrepreneurs through resources, mentorship, and hands-on experiences, the Center offers programming that supports business structure development, branding, lending strategies, profitability, and much more.



Ronna McNair shares how this vibrant network, composed of business owners, creatives, investors, and students, impacts businesses by creating a culture of collaboration and resilience. From podcast storytelling to strategic workshops, the Center helps businesses unlock new levels of potential in an ever-evolving marketplace.



As Beachwood continues to lead with innovation, this episode reminds us that by investing in our entrepreneurs, we are building more than companies—we are shaping the future of our business community.

Beachwood Hosts Destination Cleveland's Coffee Hour

The City of Beachwood welcomed industry leaders for Destination Cleveland's Coffee Hour, a dynamic networking event to strengthen ties across Northeast Ohio's hospitality, dining, retail, and cultural sectors.

Held at La Place in Beachwood, the gathering served as a platform to highlight the city's growing role as a premier destination for visitors. From corporate travelers to concertgoers, Beachwood continues to offer top-tier amenities and experiences that support the local economy.

Tourism remains a key economic driver for the region, increasing the city's tax base and supporting a wide range of local businesses. As part of its ongoing collaboration with Destination Cleveland, Beachwood will be featured in this year's Beachwood Visitors Guide and prominently on Destination Cleveland's website.

With its strategic location and strong community partnerships, Beachwood is well-positioned as a premier destination in Northeast Ohio.



Attendees outside Nervous Dog Coffee Bar in Beachwood's La Place.

ERC HR Solutions Celebrates Grand Opening

The City of Beachwood welcomes ERC HR Solutions to its community with the opening of its dynamic new office at Site Center. ERC has been a trusted partner to Northeast Ohio businesses for over a century and is known for its exceptional service to foster regional success. ERC leadership continues to invest in initiatives like NorthCoast 99, that recognize and promote top workplaces across the region.



Mayor Berns presenting a proclamation to the ERC team during their grand opening event.

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