

The Mayor's Message Leading The Way

Dear Beachwood Residents,

As we enjoy the summer months, I want to reflect on the extraordinary momentum our city continues to build. Beachwood's leadership takes great pride in being recognized not only as a leading community in Northeast Ohio, but also as a model of excellence across the entire state. We are upholding our reputation as one of the region's most vibrant and progressive cities — and expanding that legacy through thoughtful innovation, strategic investment, and leadership.

I'm proud to begin by celebrating a remarkable achievement by our Economic Development Director, Cathy Bieterman. Cathy was recently named the 2025 Team NEO Regional Economic Development Champion, a prestigious honor recognizing her outstanding leadership and Beachwood's innovative economic development efforts. Selected from a competitive field of professionals spanning 14 counties, Cathy has led transformative work in attracting top-tier businesses, including Millennium Control Systems and MasterBrand Cabinets.

Her strategic use of tools and partnerships has positioned Beachwood as a model for smart, sustainable growth. As Cathy mentioned during her acceptance speech, "This award isn't just about one person — it reflects the shared vision and commitment of our city, residents, and business leaders working together to shape a prosperous future."

Public safety remains a cornerstone of our community's success, and I want to congratulate Beachwood Police Chief Dan Grispingo on his graduation from the FBI National Academy. This elite 10-week leadership program is one of the highest honors in law enforcement training, and it speaks volumes about Chief Grispingo's commitment to excellence and service. His participation will further enhance our department's capabilities, promote innovative policing strategies, and ensure Beachwood remains one of the safest cities in the region.

Another exciting development is the launch of Ohio's first solar-powered streetlight pilot program — right here in Beachwood. Installed along Beachwood Boulevard and Ranch Road,

these solar SmartLights are more than just an infrastructure upgrade. They reflect our commitment to sustainability, energy efficiency, and responsiveness to community feedback. With nearly 70% of residents supporting improved street lighting, this project delivers modern technology that improves nighttime visibility and aligns with our long-term environmental goals. The majority of the program's cost was funded through a NOPEC grant, allowing us to implement this pilot program responsibly.

And finally, we're strategically preparing for Beachwood's future. Earlier this year, the city acquired nearly 43 acres of prime, development-ready land in the Chagrin Highlands area. This \$3.01 million investment — made entirely through the City's Capital Projects Fund without raising taxes — represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to attract new businesses, revitalize Commerce Park, and strengthen our local economy. It's a strategic move that will drive job creation, enhance our tax base, and ensure Beachwood remains a business hub for years to come.

Each of these accomplishments — from Cathy's regional recognition to Chief Grispingo's national training, from pioneering green infrastructure to smart land acquisition — emphasizes a fundamental point: **Beachwood is leading the way.** We are planning with purpose, investing with care, and looking forward.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are building a future worthy of our community's promise.

Sincerely,



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Police Chief Dan Grispingo Graduates from the Prestigious FBI National Academy

The City of Beachwood is proud to announce that Police Chief Dan Grispingo has graduated from the FBI National Academy—an elite and highly selective 10-week leadership program designed for top-tier law enforcement professionals. Chief Grispingo's successful completion of this training marks a significant milestone in his law enforcement career, highlighting his commitment to excellence in public service.

Held at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, the National Academy is one of the highest honors in law enforcement training. It brings together up to 250 law enforcement leaders from across the United States and over 160 international partner nations to promote advanced training, global cooperation, and professional development. Candidates are nominated based on stringent qualifications, including leadership ability, physical fitness, professional integrity, and a proven dedication to public safety.

Throughout the 10-week program, Chief Grispingo underwent comprehensive instruction in areas such as law, behavioral science, officer wellness, communication, health and fitness, and leadership. The course culminated in the challenging "Yellow Brick Road"—a grueling 6.1-mile obstacle run symbolizing the physical and mental demands placed on today's law enforcement leaders.

Reflecting on the experience, Chief Grispingo said, "The training I received will directly benefit our department and the community we serve. I am committed to implementing these proven strategies to strengthen and enhance our services to meet current and future challenges. This ensures Beachwood will remain one of the safest and most forward-thinking cities in Ohio."

This achievement reflects Chief Grispingo's dedication to professional growth and his commitment to leading the Beachwood Police Department with vision, integrity, and innovation.

Chief Grispingo (right) receiving congratulations from an FBI National Academy Instructor following the challenging "Yellow Brick Road" course as a culmination of the training program.



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.

Legislative Update

May 19, 2025

The city is focusing on six key areas essential for the city's advancement, which serve not only as a roadmap, but as a guiding light for our city's progress. Each legislative update highlights these areas.

View Live & Recorded City Council Meetings



Scan the QR code with your mobile device or visit our website at BeachwoodOhio.com/WatchMeetings.

Community Engagement: City Council is moving forward to expanding access to the Beachwood Community Center room rentals for civic groups. Eligible nonprofit organizations serving Beachwood or based in the city can now reserve rooms Tuesday through Thursday evenings at no cost. This proactive legislation has been placed on second reading to anticipate reduced space availability during the new Beachwood Library project, ensuring continued access for community meetings and events.

Infrastructure Improvements: City Council approved the bid for the 2025 Road Program to be completed by Tri-Mor Corporation. This project includes resurfacing and the replacement of curbs and aprons for the following streets:

- E. Baintree Road (Cedarview Drive to Halcyon Road)
- E. Silsby Road (Beachwood Boulevard to Halcyon Road)
- E. Groveland Road (Lyndway Road to Halcyon Road)
- E. Groveland Road (Green Road to Beachwood Boulevard)
- Shaker Boulevard (Large Area Resurfacing)

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
July 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
July 31 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

City Embraces Sustainability and Innovation with New Electric Police Vehicles

The Beachwood Police Department is moving toward a more sustainable and innovative future with the recent addition of two electric bicycles and the department's first fully electric patrol vehicle. These new tools reflect a forward-thinking approach to policing while supporting environmental responsibility.

The newly acquired electric vehicle, a Ford Mach-E, will be assigned to the department's Traffic Unit and used during special events. Its selection followed extensive research into successful electric vehicle deployments in law enforcement agencies nationwide. While other police departments in Cuyahoga County operate electric vehicles such as Teslas, Beachwood's Mach-E is the first of its kind in the area, chosen specifically for its rigorous law enforcement testing. The vehicle is expected to be delivered in the next few months.

"Beachwood continues to lead the way in sustainability and innovation," said Mayor Justin Berns. "Investing in electric police vehicles not only supports our environmental strategy but also enhances the efficiency of our public safety operations."

Electric vehicles offer a variety of benefits that align with the department's strategic goals. Traditional police vehicles experience significant wear and tear due to extended periods of idling and demanding use, resulting in high maintenance needs. Electric vehicles (EVs), with fewer moving parts, regenerative braking, and no need for oil changes, offer a solution with lower long-term maintenance costs. The Mach-E also enables the department to reduce its carbon footprint, aligning with the

efforts of many environmentally conscious Beachwood residents. "One of the goals in our strategic plan is to be innovative in our approach to policing," said Police Chief Dan Grispino. "These electric vehicles represent our commitment to thoughtful, future-focused decision-making that benefits both our department and the community."

Complementing the Mach-E are two electric bicycles that will enhance mobility and community presence, especially in areas less accessible by car. Officers assigned to these e-bikes will undergo specialized training, including a 40-hour basic police bike operators' course and a two-hour session tailored to electric bike operation. The e-bikes were funded through forfeiture funds.

As these electric vehicles are integrated into law enforcement operations, the city will closely evaluate their performance, with an option to expand the fleet if they prove effective.



Officer Matthew Shane and Officer Erik Marti utilizing the new electric bikes.

HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION:

Regular rubbish collection will **not** be impacted by Independence Day on Friday, July 4. However, there will be no availability for special pick-ups on July 4. Residents are asked to plan accordingly.

Sgt. Page Brings Joy to Local Birthday Party



Sgt. Matt Page providing lasting birthday memories.

Police work isn't always about emergencies, public safety, and enforcement. Sometimes, it's about a smile, a simple gesture, and showing up when it matters most — even if it's just to say hello. That spirit was on full display recently when Beachwood Police Sgt. Matt Page made an impromptu stop that left a lasting impression.

While patrolling a neighborhood on a recent Saturday evening, Sgt. Page noticed a 7th birthday party in full swing and decided to stop by. What followed was a moment of community connection. He spent time with the children, chatting and engaging with them in a friendly and approachable manner. His unexpected visit delighted not only the birthday girl and her guests but also the appreciative parents.

"Sgt. Page made an already memorable birthday even more memorable," one parent shared. "The kids and the parents loved the impromptu visit. It's a reminder that public safety is not just about response — it's about relationships."

Kudos to Sgt. Page for going above and beyond his duties and demonstrating the meaningful impact of community engagement.

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Beachwood



2025
NATIONAL NIGHT Out





TUESDAY, AUG. 5, 5-7 PM
BEACHWOOD CITY HALL

ADDRESS: 25325 FAIRMOUNT BLVD.

CELEBRATING POLICE & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
EMERGENCY VEHICLES ★ K-9 UNIT ★ ACTIVITIES
FOOD TRUCKS ★ ENTERTAINMENT



BeachwoodOhio.com



Special Rubbish and Recycling Pick-Up Guidelines

Beachwood Public Works offers special pick-up services to residents as a courtesy. To keep operations efficient and cost-effective, please follow these guidelines:

Request Only When Needed

Only request a special pick-up if your trash or recycling bins are full. Exceptions (like upcoming travel) are understandable—use your best judgment.

Same-Day Requests by 12:00 p.m.

Once items are at the curb, call Public Works before noon (Monday–Friday) for same-day service. Important: Do not place items out without scheduling a pick-up. Setting out items before 6:00 PM the night before your scheduled pick-up is a violation of Ordinance 660.21.

Need More Bins?

If you regularly need special pickups, consider purchasing extra containers: Trash Cans, \$80; Recycling Cans, \$70. Order by phone with Visa or MasterCard. Delivery is included.

Contractor Waste

Contractors are responsible for disposing of their own debris. Please ensure they handle cleanup after any work is completed.

Regular Pick-Up Tips

To avoid missed collections, place trash and recycling between 6:00 p.m. the night before and 7:30 a.m. on pick-up day. Collection times vary, so setting items out within this window is key.

Thank you for helping keep Beachwood clean and running smoothly!

Deer Management Survey Results

Thank you to all Beachwood residents who participated in this year's Deer Management Survey. Your input is vital as we explore the best ways to address our growing deer population. The City of Beachwood has partnered with the City of Shaker Heights on this issue, and over the past three years, our program has removed 230 deer and donated over 9,000 pounds of venison—providing more than 3,500 meals to those in need. This year, we are also evaluating surgical sterilization, a non-lethal option that may complement our ongoing management efforts.

To view the survey results and learn more about both management strategies, please visit the city's website using the QR code below or BeachwoodOhio.com/DeerManagement.

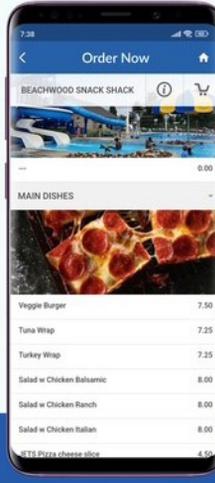




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July Recreation Guide

TEEN Night *at the Courts*

PICKLEBALL | VOLLEYBALL | YARD GAMES | DJ | SNACKS

Wednesday,
July 9 & July 30

6:00-8:00 PM

BEACHWOOD PICKLEBALL COURTS
25125 FAIRMOUNT BLVD.

Free! *Ages 12-17*

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE:
BEACHWOODREC.COM

REGISTER QR CODE

T3 PERFORMANCE
CITY OF Beachwood

Beachwood
BINGO
Nights

Family-Friendly,
All Ages!

"Leave your bingo dauber at the door;
this is **Beachwood Bingo!**"

More Thrills. More Prizes. More Excitement.

SUMMER EDITION: JULY 17
6-8 PM at Beachwood Community Center

Registration Required:
17 Years & Under - \$2/person
Adults (18-59 years) - \$5/person
60 Years & Better - \$2/person

REGISTER: BeachwoodRec.com
Registration closes one week prior to Bingo Night. Please sign up in advance.

STATEMENT
NAIL & WAX LOUNGE

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT: Showing: *Dog Man* | Sunday, July 13, 5:00 p.m. | Beachwood High School
Superhero night! Free admission. Bring your own chairs and blankets. Snacks available for purchase.

Yoga & Tai-Chi in the Park

Get moving with the Beachwood Historical Society this July! We're taking fitness outdoors with free yoga and tai chi classes at the Beachwood City Park West pavilion — open to everyone in the community.



Start your weekend strong with yoga led by Julie Konrad every Saturday in July at 10:00 a.m. Or find your flow with tai chi guided by Jen Stepien on Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Whether you're a total beginner or a fitness pro, all are welcome!

POOL Party Nights

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

JULY 24
TROPICAL TWILIGHT
8:00-10:00 PM

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

REGISTER: BEACHWOODREC.COM

STATEMENT
NAIL & WAX LOUNGE

Inaugural Senior Picnic, August 20

There's an exciting new addition coming to the Beachwood event lineup this summer! The Community Services Department will host its first Senior Picnic & 50-Year Resident Celebration on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 11:30 a.m. inside the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center.



The event promises food, fun, and entertainment under the pavilion and overhang areas of the aquatic center, providing plenty of shade and seating. As part of the festivities, the City of Beachwood will continue its tradition of honoring the newest 50-year residents with special recognition and a commemorative gift.

Residents may register for \$7 per person; non-residents are \$10. We challenge you to invite a friend — or maybe two! Sign up online at BeachwoodRec.com, call 216.292.1970, or stop by City Hall. No swimming available that day.

50-Year Residents: Have you called Beachwood home for 50 years? We want to recognize you! If you haven't previously been honored as a 50-year resident, please contact Jayme Jirousek, Senior Adult Manager, at 216.292.1911 to add your name to the list.

Sponsorship Opportunity: Are you a local business looking to connect with area seniors? Sponsorship opportunities for this new event are available. Email jirousek@beachwoodohio.com to learn more.

Specialty Youth Camps

- **The World, Science, and You**
Monday-Friday, July 21-July 25
Grades K-5, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.,
Beachwood Community Center
Residents \$375, Non-Residents \$450
- **Soccer & STEAM Camp**
Session I: Monday-Friday July 28-Aug. 1
Session II: Monday-Friday, Aug. 4-Aug. 8
Grades K-3, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Fairmount Early Childhood Center
Residents \$400, Non-Residents \$480
- **Create A Puppet & Puppet Show Camp**
Session I: Monday-Friday July 28-Aug. 1
Session II: Monday-Friday, Aug. 4-Aug. 8
Ages 7-12, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Beachwood Community Center
Residents \$240, Non-Residents \$288
- **Game Design with Classroom Antics**
Monday-Friday, July 28-Aug. 1
Ages 10-14, 1:00p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Beachwood Middle School
Residents & Non-Residents \$265



Beachwood Beats
Summer Concert Series

Live Music

- 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

6:30-8 PM, Beachwood Family Aquatic Center



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Beachwood Seniors

- **Bingo Bonanza**
Monday, July 14, 1:00 p.m., Community Center
Join us for a friendly and fun game of bingo for seniors! Enjoy the excitement, win prizes, and connect with friends. Residents are \$5, non-residents are \$6. Register today.
- **August Meet & Eat - Murder Mystery Lunch**
Thursday, Aug. 21, Noon, Community Center
Step into the center ring for a circus-inspired murder mystery lunch! Can you uncover the killer among us? Meal choices include a kosher hot dog, hamburger, or veggie burger. Reserve your spot by Aug. 14.

July Meet & Eat

Laughter, Creativity, and Fun

Thursday, July 17, Noon, Community Center

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

Register by July 10.

Get ready to laugh and learn with this entertaining stand-up comedy workshop! Dave Schwensen will share insider tips, techniques, and behind-the-scenes secrets from his comedy workshops. Whether you're a comedy fan or just looking for a unique experience, this is sure to bring plenty of laughs.

Meal choices include falafel or gyro; your choice of lemon tahini sauce, a yogurt dill sauce, hummus and baba ganoush and a small pita cut in half. All entrees are served with a green salad, beverage, and a dessert.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Primrose School Grand Opening

The Primrose School of Beachwood, located at 23825 Commerce Park, has officially opened, offering high-quality early childhood education to local families through its exclusive Balanced Learning curriculum, which combines play with guided instruction for children aged 6 weeks to 5 years.

Owned and operated by Jai & Divya Singh and Ramneek Singh & Inder Kour—two families who were first drawn to Primrose as parents seeking the best for their children—the school emphasizes both academic and character development. Their shared vision and personal experiences have now culminated in bringing trusted, research-informed education to the Beachwood community.



The ribbon cutting for Primrose School located at 23825 Commerce Park.

GEICO Expands in Beachwood with New Corporate Hub

GEICO is deepening its roots in the Midwest with the opening of a new corporate office in Beachwood, Ohio, marking a significant step in the company's continued national expansion. Located in the Landmark Center, the 6,300-square-foot space is designed to increase support for GEICO's operations nationwide.

As a key subsidiary of Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway and a leading name in the auto insurance industry, GEICO's decision to establish a presence in Beachwood highlights its strategy to tap into regional talent and invest in high-potential markets. The Beachwood office will serve as a hub for business functions, reflecting the company's commitment to long-term growth.



The move is part of GEICO's broader efforts to strengthen its footprint, which also includes the establishment of a new corporate hub in Chicago. However, the Beachwood expansion primarily reflects the company's confidence in the strong economic climate of Beachwood and the broader Northeast Ohio region.

Beachwood's Targeted Marketing Attracts New Business Investments

Attracting businesses requires more than just advertising available space—it takes strategic marketing and long-term relationship building. The City of Beachwood's Economic Development Office is doing just that by promoting the city's strengths: a skilled workforce, available sites, and a strong potential for growth.

The city's targeted approach focuses on delivering consistent, strategic messaging to carefully selected markets. Instead of seeking immediate results, we're focused on building trust over time through real success stories and customized marketing that showcases why Beachwood is a premier location for innovation and industry.

Summer interns have played a key role by researching and mapping out valuable connections and industries in these target areas. In partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, we're also strengthening networks and industry clusters to align with emerging market demands.

These efforts are starting to pay off. With new land development opportunities on the horizon, Beachwood is staying ahead of market trends and is fully prepared to welcome future business investment.



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