

The Mayor's Message

Stronger Together: How Partnerships Are Shaping Beachwood's Success

Dear Beachwood Residents,

One of the greatest strengths of any community lies in its ability to work together and, here in Beachwood, collaboration continues to drive meaningful progress across every corner of our city. As mayor, I believe authentic leadership is built on partnership — working side by side with residents, city council, businesses, schools, safety forces, and regional allies to move forward together.

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This spirit of cooperation is most evident in the city's growing partnership with the Beachwood City School District. This year, we once again co-hosted the annual Juneteenth Community Celebration, a meaningful event that reflects our shared commitment to inclusion, education, and unity. We've also expanded collaboration between the district's summer school

program and our city's summer camp, giving students a seamless blend of academic and recreational opportunities.

We know that strong schools are the foundation of a thriving community. That's why we've deliberately structured our city's tax budget to keep taxes flat from 2024 through 2026. By collecting just 1.6 mills and suspending 2.4 mills, we're ensuring that our residents, local businesses, and the school district all benefit from thoughtful financial stewardship.

Safety is another area where partnerships are essential. Through mutual aid agreements with neighboring cities, Beachwood can expand its emergency response capabilities and share resources when seconds matter most. We also maintain a strong relationship with federal law enforcement; one of our officers is currently serving on the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). Additionally, our collaboration

with the Jewish Federation of Cleveland helps us stay ahead of emerging threats while building community resilience.

Economic growth doesn't happen in isolation; it's fueled by teamwork and regional vision. Through our partnership with Team NEO, Beachwood successfully welcomed Millennium Control Systems as they relocated their global headquarters to our city. We also work closely with the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, which continues to play a vital role in supporting our business community and hosting events such as the annual State of the City address.

Looking ahead, one of our most exciting developments is the result of Beachwood's partnership with the City of Cleveland to finalize the purchase of nearly 43 acres in Chagrin Highlands. This acquisition opens the door for new development opportunities that will strengthen Beachwood's position as a regional hub for innovation and investment.

Each of these initiatives is a reflection of what we can achieve when we work together. As we look to the future, I remain committed to leading with transparency and collaboration while advancing the partnerships that empower our community to thrive. Thank you for continuing to be an essential part of Beachwood's success. Together, we are stronger.

Sincerely,

Mayor Justin Berns
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Legislative Update

June 16 Council Meeting

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.

Public Safety: The City Council approved a temporary exception to add one extra Police Dispatcher position. This will ensure the dispatch center stays fully staffed while a new dispatcher is trained to replace a staff member who is expected to retire this fall.

Fiscal Responsibility: City Council voted to approve the 2026 tax budget. The city will continue to collect just 1.6 mills, with 2.4 mills suspended—deliberately structured from 2023 to 2026 to keep taxes flat, benefiting all Beachwood residents, our business community, and the Beachwood City School District. 2026 is the final year of this agreement with Beachwood Schools.

Community Engagement: Council members approved a contract with SuperGames to rent inflatables, games, and other equipment for the City of Beachwood's 2025 Fall Festival.

New Community Resource Available: The Citizen's Guide to City Council

Beachwood residents now have a new tool on the city's website to help them engage more actively with their local government: The Citizen's Guide to City Council.

This easy-to-use digital guide is designed to help community members understand how the Beachwood City Council operates, participate in meetings, and access key information. Whether you're new to local government or simply want to stay informed, the guide provides clear and helpful insights into the council process.

Active resident involvement is essential for a transparent and collaborative community. The Citizen's Guide aims to make participation more accessible for Beachwood residents.



Scan the QR code or visit BeachwoodOhio.com.

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.

2025 Summer Scenes & Celebrations



Beachwood Family Aquatic Center's June 26 Pool Party



BFAC Leaf Party Day



Mayor Berns pictured with the African American Affinity Group.



Teen Night at the Courts



See more about the Juneteenth Celebration on page 14.



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
Aug. 11 at 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
Aug. 4 at 4:30 p.m.
Aug. 18 at 4:30 p.m.

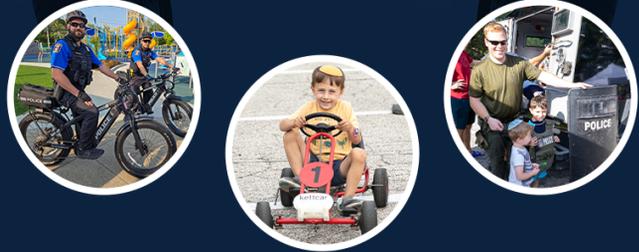
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CITY OF Beachwood



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 360° PAINTING

Patriotic Painting

Each Fourth of July, the City of Beachwood honors America with a patriotic tradition. The Community Services Department paints a massive American flag on the City Hall lawn, creating a unique tribute to the nation's birthday.

This display has been a Beachwood staple for over a decade, symbolizing both community spirit and national pride.

Special thanks to Community Services Director Derek Schroeder and Program Manager Shannon Diamond for their continued leadership in bringing this tradition to life each year.



An overhead look at the American flag painted on the City Hall lawn.



Derek Schroeder,
Community Services Director



Shannon Diamond, Program Manager

Stay Alert for School Zones and Traffic Laws

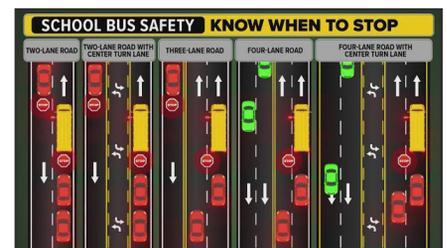
With the new school year beginning on Aug. 13 for Beachwood City Schools, the City of Beachwood urges all residents to stay alert and prioritize student safety, both on the roads and in school zones.

Children walking to and from school or waiting at bus stops are particularly vulnerable. It's everyone's responsibility—parents, students, and especially drivers—to remain attentive and cautious. Be sure to watch for pedestrian crossings, reduce your speed in school zones, and strictly follow all school bus stop laws. These simple steps can help prevent accidents and protect young lives.

To help ensure a safe environment, Beachwood Police and School Resource Officers will be actively monitoring traffic near schools. Drivers are reminded to come to a complete stop for school buses when students are boarding or exiting and to obey all posted speed limits in designated school zones.

Understanding and complying with Ohio's school bus laws is critical:

- **On roads with fewer than four lanes**, drivers traveling in both directions must stop at least 10 ft. from a stopped school bus with flashing lights and an extended stop arm. Drivers need to remain stopped until the bus moves or the driver signals it is safe to proceed.
- **On roads with four or more lanes**, only drivers moving in the same direction as the school bus are required to stop.



By staying informed and alert, we can work together to ensure every student enjoys a safe start to the school year.

Help Keep Our Neighborhood and Waterways Clean: Proper Disposal of Dog Waste

Dog ownership comes with many joys — and a few responsibilities. One of the most important is properly disposing of your pet's waste. While it may seem like a small act, where and how you throw away dog feces has a significant impact on both our community and the environment.

A Growing Concern

Lately, Beachwood Public Works noticed an increase in improper disposal of dog waste in our neighborhood. Some residents have been placing dog feces in:

- Other people's garbage or recycling bins
- Brown paper bags intended for yard and landscape waste
- Catch basins and storm drains

While these may seem like harmless shortcuts, they create real problems.

Why It Matters

Dog waste contains bacteria, parasites, and nutrients that can be harmful to people and the environment. When it ends up in catch basins or storm drains, it doesn't get treated — it flows directly into local rivers and lakes, polluting our water and harming wildlife.

Putting it in landscape waste bags contaminates organic material that's meant for composting. And using someone else's bin is simply inconsiderate — no one wants to open their trash to find a surprise.

The Right Way to Dispose of Dog Waste

Always bag your dog's waste and place it in your own blue garbage bin designated for regular trash. This ensures it's handled properly by the municipal waste system and doesn't interfere with recycling or composting.

Let's Work Together

Keeping our neighborhood clean and protecting our local waterways is a shared responsibility. By disposing of dog waste correctly, you're not only being a responsible pet owner — you're also contributing to a healthier, more respectful community and environment.



Use Your Recycle Cart

It might not seem like a big deal, but tossing regular rubbish into your recycling cart can cause a lot of problems. Even a few wrong items can mean an entire load gets sent to landfill instead. It also makes recycling more expensive and puts extra pressure on the people who have to sort it all out by hand.

When in doubt, throw it out (in the rubbish cart). If you're running out of space in your rubbish cart, you can buy an extra one for \$80, by credit card, by calling Beachwood Public Works at 216.292.1922.

A little effort goes a long way. Let's keep rubbish out of the recycling cart and make sure our recycling actually gets recycled!

Final Free Community Shred Day of 2025

Residents can bring personal documents, mail, and files to have them shredded on-site. This is a free service for Beachwood residents! Proof of residency (driver's license) is required. Please use paper bags and banker boxes only, no plastic grocery bags.

A Recycling Awareness Grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District supports this community service.

Join us Friday, Sept. 12, from 3 – 6 p.m. at the Fairmount Temple property (23737 Fairmount Blvd.) parking lot, rain or shine.



Our furry friends always have a great time at Barkwood, but want to remind you that, "We fetch, you scoop! Be a responsible paw-rent and keep Beachwood beautiful." (Photo: Alyse M.)



August Recreation Guide

Taylor Swift Takeover for Fall Festival Concert



Are you ready for it? Taylor Swift's biggest hits are coming to Beachwood's annual Fall Festival — with a twist! The Miss Americanas, an electrifying Taylor Swift tribute band formed in 2023, will headline this year's Fall Festival kickoff concert. Rather than impersonating the pop icon, this powerhouse group delivers high-energy vocals, creative mashups, and bold rock arrangements that celebrate all of Taylor's eras — from *Fearless* to *Midnights*. It's the ultimate *Enchanted* evening for fans of all ages, completely family-friendly.

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 7:30 p.m. outside the Community Center for an unforgettable night under the stars, capped off with a dazzling firework show. Admission is free and open to the public.

Before and during the concert, families can get in on the fun with friendship bracelet crafts, a photo booth, and other Swiftie-inspired activities. Light snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase.

The 2025 Fall Festival is proudly presented by Crestmont Automotive.

The Miss Americanas is the Ultimate Unofficial Live Band Taylor Swift Tribute. The Miss Americanas and all events are fan-sponsored and are not endorsed by or affiliated with TAS Rights Management, Taylor Swift, or their affiliated entities.



BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

Color. Light. Place. | July 14 - Aug. 31 | Located inside the Beachwood Community Center
An immersive exhibition featuring work by Maureen Lanza, Richard Litwin, and Marilyn Shaker.

DOG PADDLE
Summer's Final Pool Pawty

SEPTEMBER 4
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center

Time Slots:
4:00-5:30 PM
5:45-7:15 PM

Cost: \$8/dog

Pre-registration begins August 11.
Residents only. No sales at the gate. No human swimming.

Benefiting the Barkwood Fund!

City of Beachwood Register: [BeachwoodRec.com](https://www.beachwoodrec.com)

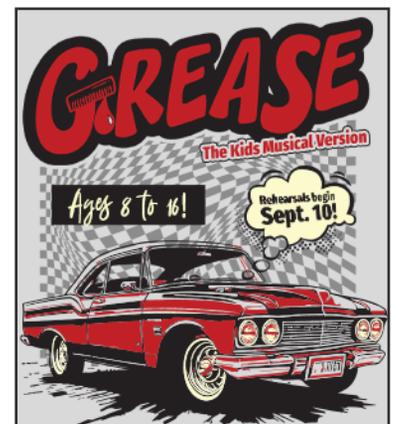
Beachwood Community Theater Announces *Grease: The Musical*

Calling all young stars! Beachwood Community Theater's fall youth production of *Grease: The Musical* is revving up for an exciting showcase of singing, dancing, and T-Bird-approved fun. Led by Marquee Showcase Productions, this high-energy program is open to kids ages 8-16 who are ready to shine. Great role opportunities are available for boys interested in singing!

Rehearsals will take place on Wednesdays, Sept. 10-Oct. 29, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Beachwood Community Center. The final performances are set for November 1 and 2 at 2:00 p.m. at Beachwood Middle School.

All registered participants will audition on the first day, Sept. 10, to determine roles. Audition materials will be emailed in advance, so kids can come prepared to steal the show.

To sign up, visit our website at [BeachwoodRec.com](https://www.beachwoodrec.com) or call 216.292.1970. The production fee is \$300 for residents and \$360 for non-residents. Don't miss your chance to be part of this iconic musical — because this fall, *Grease* is the word!



BFAC Back-to-School Hours

The fun in the sun isn't over yet! Please note our back-to-school hours at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center which are in effect from Aug. 13 through Sept. 1.

During this time, we do our very best to keep all amenities open and available as often as possible. However, certain areas of the pool may be temporarily closed or placed on a rotation due to attendance and/or lifeguard staffing levels. Our top priority is maintaining a safe environment for all patrons.

- **Monday-Wednesday**
CLOSED
- **Thursday-Friday**
6:15-8:30 a.m. (Lap Swim)
4:00-8:00 p.m. (Open Swim)
- **Saturday-Sunday**
9:00-10:45 a.m. (Lap Swim)
11:00-7:30 p.m. (Open Swim)



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Wed, August 20, 11:30 AM
Beachwood Family Aquatic Center

▶ COST ◀	▶ MENU ◀	▶ REGISTRATION ◀
Residents \$7 Non-Residents \$10 <small>Under Shaded Pavilions</small>	BBQ Pulled Chicken or Portabella Mushroom <small>Served with a fruit cup and pasta salad</small>	BeachwoodRec.com or call 216.292.1970 <small>No Swimming</small>

Includes special recognition for new 50-year city residents!

Outdoor MOVIE Nights

Showing at 5 pm!

FREE



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Harold & The Purple Crayon

Beachwood High School 📍 25100 Fairmount Blvd.

Beachwood Seniors

- **Seniors Create - Boho Flower Wall Hanging**
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1:00 p.m., Beachwood Community Center
New! Create a decorative flower wall hanging craft upcycled from egg cartons. Led by Shannon Diamond. Residents are \$15, non-residents are \$18.
- **Drawing Class - Insects**
Tuesdays, Sept. 9-Oct. 21, 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.
Beachwood Community Center
Drawing with Marlene Weinstein returns with a new insect inspired theme. All levels welcome whether novice or experienced hand. Residents are \$79, non-residents are \$89.

August Meet & Eat

Murder Mystery Lunch

Thursday, Aug. 21, Noon, Community Center

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

Register by Aug. 14.

Step right up into the center ring ... if you dare! Welcome to the most death-defying spectacle known to man as Beachwood's Murder Mystery Lunch takes on a circus theme. Can you uncover the killer among us during this interactive Meet & Eat experience full of twists and turns?

Meal choices include a quarter-pound kosher style hot dog, a one-third pound all beef hamburger, or a veggie burger. All entrees served with baked beans, chips, a beverage and an ice cream novelty.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business Compass Podcast: Fostering Economic Growth featuring Mayor Justin Berns



Left to right: Cathy Bieterman, Economic Development Director; Justin Berns, Mayor

The latest episode of the Beachwood Business Compass Podcast features an engaging conversation with Mayor Justin Berns, offering a look at the business opportunities on the horizon for Beachwood. Joined by the city's Economic Development Director, Mayor Berns outlines the strategic initiatives underway to attract and retain key businesses that align with Beachwood's growing and emerging industry clusters.

Listeners will learn about the city's thoughtful and proactive approach to economic development, including the use of targeted tools and partnerships designed to foster sustainable growth. Mayor Berns highlights the importance of collaboration between his administration and City Council to ensure that new developments not only enhance the city's economic base but also support the premier amenities for the residents of Beachwood.

Looking ahead, Mayor Berns shares his commitment to advancing long-term projects that strengthen infrastructure, support business expansion, and improve access and public safety, solidifying Beachwood's position as a top-tier community in the region. Tune in to hear how strategic leadership and forward-thinking policies are shaping the future of Beachwood's economy.



Millennium Control Systems Opens Global Headquarters in Beachwood

Millennium Control Systems, a leading provider of industrial automation and control systems, has officially opened its new global headquarters in the City of Beachwood. After an extensive search spanning over a year, the company selected the newly renovated facility at 23550 Commerce Park as its new home.

The building, revitalized through a public/private partnership between the City of Beachwood and Industrial Commercial Properties (ICP), proved an ideal fit for Millennium's operations. The city played a key role in supporting the relocation, recognizing the company's alignment with Beachwood's growing industrial sectors and its potential to diversify the local economy by bringing both manufacturing and corporate operations.

"Millennium's decision to headquarter in Beachwood highlights our city's strength as a center for innovation and growth," said Mayor Justin Berns. "We look forward to a lasting partnership rooted in shared values — advancement, opportunity, and community."

The grand opening event featured remarks from Beachwood Mayor Justin Berns, Lieutenant Governor Jim Tressel, Grenzebach President and CEO John Fluker, Millennium Corporation President and CEO Joseph Chuhuran, and Team NEO CEO Matt Dolan. Guests then toured the facility and joined in a celebration with more than 70 employees and their families — now proud members of the Beachwood community.



Ribbon cutting at 23550 Commerce Park.



Left to right: Mayor Justin Berns, Lieutenant Governor Jim Tressel, and Team NEO CEO Matt Dolan.

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