

## The Mayor's Message

### A Strategic Approach to Advancing Public Safety

#### Dear Beachwood Residents,

Public safety has always been — and will always remain — my highest priority as your mayor. The safety of our residents, businesses, and visitors is the foundation on which our thriving community is built. I am proud to share the innovative ways our police and fire departments continue to expand and improve their services to meet the evolving needs of our city.

Under the leadership of Fire Chief Holtzman, our firefighters are receiving more comprehensive and advanced training than ever before. To date in 2025, 45 members of the Beachwood Fire Department have completed an impressive 4,781 hours of training. These sessions include hose evolutions, ladder training, pump training, victim rescue, and drills with our mutual aid partners. This fall, our firefighters will participate in live fire training at Willoughby's live fire training facility. These exercises, led by our specially trained department instructors, give firefighters invaluable hands-on experience in real-world fire scenarios — ensuring that when every second counts, our teams are prepared.

On the law enforcement side, Chief Grispino continues to advance the professionalism, capabilities, and community presence of the Beachwood Police Department. The department is actively working toward accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), a distinction recognized as one of the highest benchmarks for public safety agencies nationwide. Achieving this standard will further ensure our policing practices remain effective, transparent, and accountable.

In addition, the department has embraced innovation in the tools and tactics it uses to protect Beachwood. A fully electric vehicle has been added to our traffic enforcement fleet, along with two new e-bikes for park and neighborhood patrols. These additions help expand coverage sustainably and cost-effectively. We've also installed additional license plate reading cameras (LPRs), upgraded our officer body camera

technology, and enhanced community engagement efforts to maintain trust and transparency.

Our police officers maintain close working relationships with the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, allowing us to coordinate resources and intelligence that keep Beachwood—and our entire region—safe.

Recognizing the importance of uninterrupted emergency response, City Council recently took swift action to approve a temporary exception to add one extra Police Dispatcher position. Their action ensures our dispatch center will remain fully staffed while a new dispatcher is trained to replace a retiring team member this fall. Dispatchers are often the unseen heroes of public safety, and I am grateful for council's quick response in supporting this critical function.

I am proud of the dedication, professionalism, and innovation shown by both our police and fire departments. Their commitment — combined with strong community partnerships — ensures Beachwood remains a safe, welcoming, and forward-thinking city.

Sincerely,



**Mayor Justin Berns**

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# National Night Out Brings Community Together



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

On Aug. 5, over 600 residents and visitors gathered at Beachwood City Hall for the city's annual National Night Out celebration. Families enjoyed meeting and chatting with Beachwood police officers, taking part in a scavenger hunt, and watching local magician Rick Smith Jr. impress the crowd with impromptu tricks throughout the evening.

Children flocked to the Beachwood Fire Department's towering ladder truck and explored the city's safety services drone display. The event offered a unique chance for the community to connect with the dedicated safety personnel who protect and serve year-round.

Mayor Justin Berns praised the evening as an exceptional example of Beachwood's community spirit, saying, "While I take great pride in the exceptional safety services we provide, it's important to bring our community together — face to face — with the police officers, firefighters, and dispatchers who protect us every day. Events like this strengthen trust, build relationships, and remind us that public safety is truly a shared commitment."



Officer Bertone testing out gear with residents at National Night Out. Photography by Discovery Photo.



Officer Bell and K9 Jorik welcoming attendees.



Officer Majewski and Officer Szuhay discussing the department's drone program.

## HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION:

Rubbish and recycling will not be collected by the city on Monday, Sept. 1, due to Labor Day. Collections will be delayed one day for the week of Sept. 1 only.

## Beachwood Police Deploy First All-Electric Patrol Vehicle

The City of Beachwood and the Beachwood Police Department are proud to announce the deployment of the department's first-ever all-electric patrol vehicle. The high-performance Ford Mustang Mach-E has officially joined the city's traffic enforcement fleet, representing a significant step forward in sustainability and innovation for the community.

Primarily dedicated to traffic enforcement, the Mach-E will help officers keep Beachwood's roads safe. In addition, the vehicle will serve as a tool for community engagement, appearing at public events and programs to connect residents with the department. Residents can expect to see the distinctive new patrol vehicle on the road and at community gatherings throughout the year.



## UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

**City Council:**  
Sept. 2 at 7:00 p.m.  
Sept. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

**Planning & Zoning:**  
Sept. 25 at 6:30 p.m.

**Architectural Board of Review:**  
Sept. 2 at 4:30 p.m.  
Sept. 15 at 4:30 p.m.

# Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

## Beachwood Police Launches Blue Envelope Program to Support Autistic Drivers

The City of Beachwood has introduced the Blue Envelope Program, a Beachwood Police Department initiative designed to create safer, more understanding interactions between officers and drivers on the autism spectrum.

Modeled after a successful program from the Massachusetts State Police, the Blue Envelope combines practical organization with vital communication support during traffic stops. The specially designed holder stores a driver's license, vehicle registration, and a contact card, while the outside displays clear guidelines to help officers recognize autistic drivers and adjust their approach.

"The Blue Envelope is a simple tool that can make a big difference," said Beachwood Police Chief Dan Grispingo. "By giving our officers immediate information and communication tips, we can reduce stress for autistic drivers and ensure every interaction is handled with patience, respect, and understanding."



Lt. Kevin Owens (left), program ambassador, and Chief Dan Grispingo holding Beachwood's Blue Envelope.

The program's goals are to enhance understanding by providing officers with quick, identifiable information; reduce anxiety through a clear visual cue that promotes supportive strategies; streamline communication with practical, situation-specific tips; and encourage preparedness by keeping essential documents in one easily accessible place.

Residents can request their Blue Envelope online at [BeachwoodOhio.com/BlueEnvelope](http://BeachwoodOhio.com/BlueEnvelope). Visitors and those who work locally are welcome to stop at the Police Department in person at 2700 Richmond Rd. Scan the QR code to learn more.

**BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:** A Different Point of View | Sept. 8 - Oct. 17 | Reception on Sept. 14, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

A wide range of subjects reflecting the artistic pursuits of members of the Euclid Arts Association.

## Share Your Thoughts with Beachwood Police Department

The CALEA Public Comment Portal is now open for community input through Oct. 10, 2025. Residents are invited to share their thoughts and experiences with the Beachwood Police Department at [BeachwoodOhio.com/CALEA](http://BeachwoodOhio.com/CALEA). Comments are anonymous and help support our ongoing accreditation process.

### What is accreditation?

Law enforcement accreditation is a voluntary, professional process that recognizes agencies for meeting established standards of excellence in policing. It involves a thorough review of policies, procedures, training, and operations to ensure compliance with best practices in public safety, accountability, and community engagement.

### What is CALEA?

The Beachwood Police Department is currently pursuing accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA accreditation is considered the gold standard in law enforcement professionalism and helps build community trust while enhancing operational effectiveness. The CALEA Accreditation Program is a nationally recognized initiative that sets over 450 standards covering all aspects of law enforcement operations. Agencies must demonstrate adherence to these standards through policy development, documentation, and on-site assessments.



Beachwood Police Department personnel (Credit: Discovery Photo)

### Why use the public portal?

As part of our self-assessment accreditation process, the public is asked to use the portal link listed above to submit comments regarding our agency's engagement with the community, delivery of public safety services, and overall candidacy for accredited status. These comments can be in the form of commendations or concerns. The overall intent of the accreditation process is to provide CALEA and our agency with information to support continuous improvement, as well as foster the pursuit of professional excellence.

*Note: CALEA is not an investigatory body and subsequently the public portal should not be used to submit information for such purposes. Additionally, there will be no response other than acknowledgement of submissions; however, the information will be considered in context to its relevance to compliance with the standards and tenets of CALEA Accreditation.*

# City Moves Forward on Fairmount Temple Redevelopment



The City of Beachwood has signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with The Orlean Company, Payne & Payne, and Heritage Development to redevelop the former Fairmount Temple site at 23737 Fairmount Blvd. The LOI begins 60 days of exclusive negotiations toward a formal Development Agreement that aligns with the city's vision for a high-quality residential neighborhood on this historic property.

Plans call for at least 80 homes — primarily single-family detached units between 1,800 and 2,300-square-feet. Designed for long-term accessibility, many will feature first-floor primary suites, laundry rooms, and minimal steps, making them ideal for aging in place. Whenever legally possible, purchasing opportunities will be prioritized for current Beachwood residents.

“This milestone represents a major step toward transforming the Fairmount Temple property into a thoughtfully designed, age-targeted residential neighborhood that meets the needs of Beachwood’s current and future residents,” said Mayor Justin Berns.

Ken Lurie, principal of The Orlean Company, said, “This is an exciting opportunity to bring lasting value to Beachwood. Our team has deep roots in this community, and we’re honored to reimagine the former Fairmount Temple site with respect for its history and significance.”

Under the agreement, the developer will create a dedicated legal entity with the financial capacity to complete the project and reimburse the city for all third-party expenses.

The city will share updates publicly as negotiations progress, and the formal development agreement is finalized.

## Dr. Chelton C. Flanagan Sworn into Civil Service Committee

Dr. Chelton C. Flanagan was officially sworn in as a member of Beachwood’s Civil Service Committee by Mayor Berns during the Aug. 4 city council meeting. Pastor of Holy Trinity Baptist Church in Cleveland, Dr. Flanagan has been a dedicated resident of Beachwood for over 12 years. His leadership, community service, and commitment to the city make him a valuable addition to the committee. Congratulations to Dr. Flanagan on this well-deserved appointment.

*Dr. Chelton C. Flanagan being sworn in by Mayor Justin Berns on Aug. 4.*

## 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.



## Loose-Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup begins the week of Sept. 29 and (weather permitting) runs through mid-December.

- Leaves need to be raked into piles on the tree-lawn
- Keep piles free from other debris such as grass, trees or branches
- Vehicles parked on the street may impede the city's ability to collect leaves



# September Recreation Guide

Beachwood's 8th Annual  
**FALL FESTIVAL**  
 Pumpkins, Pirates & Plenty o' Fun!

**SUN, SEPT. 28**  
**NOON-5:00 PM**  
**BEACHWOOD CITY HALL**

INFLATABLES    TREASURE HUNT  
 SUPER SLIDE    ENTERTAINMENT  
 RIDES & GAMES    FOOD TRUCKS

**CRESTMONT**  
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BEACHWOODREC.COM

## New Fall Programs

The wait is over — Beachwood's Fall Recreation Guide is here! Discover new programs, exciting events, and unique experiences for every age and interest at [BeachwoodRec.com](http://BeachwoodRec.com). From family fun to fitness and creative classes, there's something for everyone this season. Check out a few highlights below!

- **Smarty Paws - Basic Obedience Dog Training**  
 Mondays, Sept. 8-Oct. 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
 Beachwood Community Center  
 Residents \$124, Non-Residents \$148  
*(No class Sept. 22)*
- **Communicate to Elevate - The Career Series**  
 Sundays, Sept. 14-Oct. 19, 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
 Beachwood Community Center  
 Residents \$168, Non-Residents \$202  
*(No class Sept. 28)*
- **Paint & Sip**  
 Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
 Beachwood Community Center  
 Residents \$36, Non-Residents \$44  
*(Includes two drink tickets for wine!)*
- **Apple Crisp - Adult & Me Baking Class**  
 Sunday, Sept. 21, 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
 Beachwood Community Center  
 Residents \$31, Non-Residents \$37
- **Gentle Stretch & Deep Rest**  
 Sundays, Oct. 5-Nov. 9, 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
 Beachwood Community Center  
 Residents \$89, Non-Residents \$106
- **Wellness Retreat with Julie Konrad**  
 Sunday, Oct. 12, 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
 Beachwood Community Center  
 Residents \$31, Non-Residents \$37
- **Halloween Monster Snack - Youth Baking**  
 Sunday, Oct. 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Beachwood Community Center  
 Residents \$39, Non-Residents \$47

Free Admission, Family-Friendly!

**FALL FESTIVAL**  
 Kickoff Concert & Fireworks Night

**The Miss Americanas**  
 "The Ultimate Unofficial Taylor Swift Tribute"

**SAT, SEPT. 27, 8 PM**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER**

*Bracelet Making, Photo Ops & More!*

An Unofficial Taylor Swift Event

# Screening for More Than Sun

Beachwood Family Aquatic Center patrons learned how to screen for more than just the sun at Akron Children's SpineScreen event on Aug. 10. During the three-hour awareness initiative, parents discovered that reapplying sunscreen to their child's back is also the perfect opportunity for a scoliosis check and early detection. In addition to screenings, families enjoyed free beach towels, sunscreen, crafts, and music from a live DJ.

Special thanks to Akron Children's for partnering with us to make this SpineScreen event possible.



Event photography provided by Akron Children's.

# Upcoming Youth Sports

Beachwood Community Services offers a variety of opportunities whether your child is new to a sport or taking their skills to the next level!

- NEW - T3 Performance Clinics & Camps:** Sept./Oct. for Ages 6-18  
 Gain a competitive edge with instruction at T3 located within the UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute. Sport specific opportunities include baseball, softball, basketball, and lacrosse in addition to speed camp and vertical jump camp. View the schedule and rates at BeachwoodRec.com.
- Beachwood Elite Wrestling:** Begins Oct. 27 for Grades 1-6  
 The Elite program has produced champions at the state and national level! Practices on Mondays and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. Residents are \$103, non-residents are \$124. Sign up at BeachwoodRec.com.

**Beachwood**  
**BINGO**  
**Nights**  
 Family-Friendly, All Ages!

"Leave your bingo dauber at the door; this is **Beachwood Bingo!**"  
 More Thrills. More Prizes. More Excitement.

**SEPT. 11 & NOV. 13**  
 6-8 PM at Beachwood Community Center

**Registration Required:**  
 17 Years & Under - \$5/person  
 Adults (18-59 years) - \$8/person  
 60 Years & Better - \$5/person

**Register:** BeachwoodRec.com

★ **BEACHWOOD YOUTH BOYS & GIRLS** ★

**BASKETBALL**

DECEMBER TO MARCH REGISTER ONLINE!

★★★★★ GRADES 3-6

★★★★★ CITY RESIDENTS \$75  
 ★★★★★ NON-RESIDENTS \$95

BeachwoodRec.com

# Beachwood Seniors

- Beginner Mahj Lessons**  
 Mondays, Oct. 6-Oct. 27, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Community Center  
 Mahj Jongg is a tile game with a rich history that helps develop critical thinking, situational awareness and more. Join expert instructor Fern Grunberger for this beginners-only class. Residents are \$49, non-residents are \$60.
- Sip into Wellness - Smoothies for Seniors**  
 Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Community Center  
 Learn how to blend simple ingredients into tasty drinks that boost energy, support digestion, and provide essential vitamins for seniors. Free! Sponsored by Prosper at Wickliffe.

# September Meet & Eat

**Tischler Klezmer Orchestra**  
**Thursday, Sept. 18, Noon, Community Center**  
 Residents \$14, Non-Residents \$17, Program Only \$6  
*Register by Sept. 11.*

The Tischler Klezmer Orchestra (TKO) invites you on a joyful musical journey through the vibrant traditions of Eastern European Jewish folk music. Under the spirited direction of Moss Stanley, TKO brings a high-energy performance that celebrates the joy, rhythm and soul of klezmer.

Meal choices include chicken pot pie or tuna noodle casserole. Served with a salad, beverage and dessert. Gluten free available.

# WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Business Compass Podcast: Building Prosperity Through Real Estate & Economic Synergy

In the latest episode of the *Beachwood Business Compass* podcast, Economic Development Director Cathy Bieterman sits down with Bryce Sylvester, Managing Director at CRESCO, to explore growth opportunities unfolding across Northeast Ohio. This insightful conversation dives into how a strategic city vision, paired with targeted industry support and thoughtful site readiness, can transform regional competitiveness.



At the center of this vision is Chagrin Highlands, a prime area positioned along the I-271 corridor — just minutes from Cleveland. Known for its impressive mix of office buildings, medical centers, hotels, and retail developments, Chagrin Highlands is poised for the next wave of corporate growth. Beachwood's recent acquisition of nearly 43 acres within the district underscores the city's forward-thinking approach to land use and economic development.

This episode offers listeners a behind-the-scenes look at what makes Chagrin Highlands stand out—and how the right combination of vision, planning, and promotion can create lasting prosperity. Whether you're a business leader, investor, or simply curious about the region's economic future, this conversation is filled with hyper-local insights.

## Ohio Artisan Collective Opens in Beachwood Place

The City of Beachwood warmly welcomed the Ohio Artisan Collective during their grand opening at Beachwood Place on Tuesday, July 15. Showcasing the creativity and dedication of more than 95 independent artisans, the Collective is a vibrant hub for high-quality, Ohio-made products. We look forward to seeing the Ohio Artisan Collective grow and thrive in the Beachwood community.



Left to right: Kelly McCoon (General Manager, Beachwood Place), owners Jason and Jessica Brown, and Mayor Berns



## Thank You to Our 2025 Summer Interns



Left to right: Economic Development Director Cathy Bieterman, Ritika Iyer, Lucia Martino, Sam Park, Mayor Justin Berns, Jessie Gao, Elizabeth Liu, Ida Chang, Clerk of Council Whitney Crook and Legal Assistant Martha Jones

The City of Beachwood extends its sincere thanks to the talented students who served as summer interns in the Economic Development Department. This year's group included both college students and Beachwood High School juniors and seniors, each bringing fresh energy, creative ideas, and a strong work ethic to our team.

Throughout the summer, these interns made valuable contributions not only to the Office of Economic Development but also to the Law Department. From research and data analysis, and behind-the-scenes administrative support, their efforts helped advance important city initiatives including support for an upcoming A.I. Summit, new A.I. integration into targeted marketing, data supporting targeted attraction efforts, data supporting the growth of the city's technology cluster, and integration of new industry identifiers within our customer service management system.

We are grateful for their dedication and enthusiasm, and we look forward to seeing the great things they will accomplish in the future. Thank you for spending your summer making a difference in Beachwood!

## Always Be An Insider, Stay Connected!

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