

The Mayor's Message Meeting the Challenges of an Aging Infrastructure

Dear Beachwood Residents,

As we look around our city, it's easy to notice the busy parks, thriving neighborhoods, and active community spaces. What we don't always see, however, is the vital infrastructure beneath our feet — our roads, water lines, sewers, and utilities — that quietly support the safety, health, and function of our daily lives. Maintaining this aging infrastructure is one of the most important — and complex — challenges we face as a city. It requires careful planning, financial responsibility, and adaptability.

Over the past several months, we've made significant progress on several major infrastructure improvements across Beachwood. Enbridge Energy has completed the replacement of a gas main line on Greenlawn Avenue. The Cleveland Water Department successfully replaced lead service line connections on Greenlawn Avenue (Green Road to Beachwood Boulevard), East Groveland, East Silsby, East Baintree and North Woodland. Phase 2 of our Timberlane and Green Sanitary Relief Sewer Project has been completed. The sewer lateral lines on the north and south side of Greenlawn Avenue (Green Road to Beachwood Boulevard) have also been upgraded. These projects represent significant and long-term investments in the health and safety of our community.

From 2022 through 2026, the City of Beachwood has sourced \$4,953,000 in funding for sewer-related projects through the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's Member Community Infrastructure Program. This critical financial support helps us modernize essential systems while minimizing the financial burden on our residents.

That said, these projects are not without their challenges. After extensive evaluations of our sanitary and storm sewer systems and the discovery of a critical water main — originally installed in 1927 — that requires replacement, we decided to adjust the project timeline for improvements on East Groveland, East Silsby, and East Baintree Roads. Originally slated for summer and fall of 2025, these upgrades will now begin in spring 2026. While delays are never ideal, this additional time will ensure that both projects

are executed efficiently and meet the highest standards. The scope of this work includes resurfacing of streets and replacement of sidewalks, curbs, ADA curb ramps, and driveway aprons — vital upgrades that support the safety and livability of our neighborhoods.

Much of the credit for the execution and adaptability of these projects goes to our outstanding Public Works Department, led by Director Chris Arrietta. His team continues to show incredible agility, pivoting quickly when unexpected issues arise. They maintain strong lines of communication with residents and businesses, while working seamlessly with external agencies to acquire funding and deliver successful outcomes. I want to thank our residents for your patience and understanding as we work through these essential updates together.

In another proactive move to reduce costs and boost efficiency, the city has welcomed Joe Ciuni as our new staff engineer. Joe's expertise allows us to better oversee projects, lower inspection and construction administration costs, and ensure all proposed building and housing developments comply with Beachwood's city code.

While infrastructure improvements may not be as immediately visible — or exciting — as a new playground or pickleball courts, they are every bit as essential. They're the backbone of our city, quietly serving every home, business, and visitor. These investments ensure Beachwood remains a safe, modern, and thriving community for generations to come.

Sincerely,



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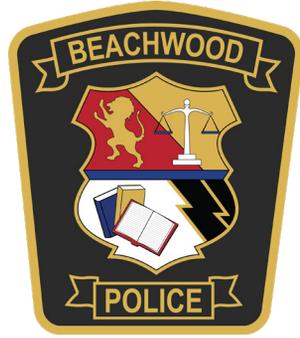
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Police Unveil New Vehicle Graphics



The Beachwood Police Department has introduced updated graphics for its patrol vehicles as part of a broader strategic initiative to enhance both internal and community-facing branding. Police Chief Dan Grispino, who developed the department's strategic plan shortly after his appointment, led the decision to refresh the decade-old vehicle graphics to reflect the evolving identity and vision of the department.

During Chief Grispino's meetings with officers, many expressed a shared interest in modernizing the fleet's appearance. A prominent theme in their feedback was the desire to incorporate the department's official patch into the vehicle design — an element that now features prominently on the new graphics.

The updated design also features an American flag on the rear of the vehicle, symbolizing the department's commitment to serving both the local community and the nation. It reflects the officers' responsibility, as outlined in the United States Constitution, to protect the civil rights of all individuals.

Additionally, the refreshed design retains key blue elements from the previous version. These elements align with the City of Beachwood's official colors, maintaining a subtle but important connection to the city's identity.

Residents will begin seeing the new graphics on police vehicles as they are gradually rolled out across the department's fleet.

A Beachwood Police Department cruiser featuring the new graphics at the Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 28.



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.



Unbranded fire engine photo courtesy of Pierce Manufacturing.

City Council Approves Purchase of New Fire Engine

The City of Beachwood is set to strengthen its public safety resources following the City Council's approval of a resolution to purchase a new fire engine.

On recommendation from the Fire Chief Steve Holtzman, City Council voted to move forward with the acquisition of one Pierce Fire Engine during the Sept. 15 meeting. The new engine is expected to cost approximately \$1.2 million.

This purchase comes at a crucial time, as current build times for fire engines are estimated at 51 to 53 months. By

acting now, the city positions itself to maintain a sustainable and proactive replacement schedule for emergency vehicles, ensuring long-term operational readiness.

Additionally, securing the purchase this year will allow Beachwood to avoid at least two scheduled price increases before the next budget cycle — a fiscally strategic move.



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
Nov. 3 at 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
Nov. 3 at 4:30 p.m.
Nov. 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

City of Beachwood Welcomes Staff Engineer Joe Ciuni



Joe Ciuni, Staff Engineer

The City of Beachwood is pleased to announce the hiring of Joe Ciuni as its new Staff Engineer. Joe brings over 44 years of experience in civil engineering, public infrastructure, and municipal operations, along with the technical expertise and leadership necessary to support the city's ongoing and future infrastructure initiatives.

A licensed Professional Engineer (PE) and Professional Surveyor (PS), Joe holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Notre Dame. Before joining Beachwood, he served as Principal and Director of Municipal Projects at Glaus, Pyle, DeHaven Group (GPD), where he oversaw work for 23 municipalities across Northeast Ohio — including several key Beachwood projects.

As Staff Engineer, Joe will play a vital role in planning, directing, and overseeing the construction and maintenance of the city's infrastructure. His expertise will help reduce construction administration and inspection costs, enhance project oversight, and improve the efficiency of Public Works. He will also review proposed building and housing projects for compliance with the Beachwood City Code, enabling the city to eliminate its current retainer with GPD while continuing to collaborate with the firm on major infrastructure projects.

Joe's first day was Oct. 6. Please join us in welcoming him to the Beachwood team!

HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION:

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, recycling/rubbish collections normally on Thursday, Nov. 27, will occur on Wednesday, Nov. 26. All other collections will remain unchanged.

Beachwood Police Department Appoints Two New Detectives



Det. Nolan Majewski

The Beachwood Police Department has officially announced the promotion of two new detectives, Officers Nolan Majewski and Jacob Bertone. Their selection follows a highly competitive process that involved an intensive, all-day assessment conducted by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.

Det. Nolan Majewski brings more than 14 years of law enforcement experience to his new role. Since joining the Beachwood Police Department in 2019, he has served the agency in multiple capacities. He is a certified crisis intervention specialist and has played a vital role in mentoring new officers as a field training officer. His technical expertise includes work as an evidence technician and as an FAA-certified drone pilot. In recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to the community, Majewski was recently named the 2024 Beachwood Hometown Hero.



Det. Jacob Bertone

Det. Jacob Bertone, who has served with BPD since 2017, brings nine years of law enforcement experience to the position. He is a former member of the department's specialized SPEAR Unit

and currently serves on the EDGE SWAT team. In addition to his tactical background, Bertone is a certified firearms instructor and is also assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

The Beachwood Police Department congratulates Detectives Majewski and Bertone on their well-earned promotions and looks forward to their continued contributions to the department and the community.

Visit Our Emergency Preparedness Webpage

Every second counts in an emergency. Make yours matter by planning ahead. Beachwood residents are reminded to visit the city's Emergency Preparedness webpage, located at BeachwoodOhio.com/EmergencyPreparedness or scan the QR code.

Disasters can happen without warning, potentially leaving you without essential resources or requiring evacuation. While first responders and local officials will respond swiftly, having your own emergency plan is critical.

The webpage offers practical guidance to help you prepare. For a printed Emergency Preparedness Guide, stop by the Beachwood Fire Department or City Hall.

Residents are also strongly encouraged to sign up for Cuyahoga County's ReadyNotify system for local emergency alerts online at cuyahogacounty.gov/ready.



A Love Story of Selflessness: The Journey of Don & Michele Noggy

A Childhood Bond

Don Noggy, a Public Works Mechanic for the City of Beachwood for the past eight years, shares a lifelong bond with his wife, Michele — a relationship built on decades of friendship, love, and sacrifice.

Their story began in early childhood. Don and Michele grew up side by side, raised by single mothers who were best friends. Nearly every childhood memory features the two families together, forming a foundation of connection and care that would endure.



Dan and Michele Noggy

Drifting Apart — and a Fateful Reunion

As they grew into teenagers, life naturally led Don and Michele in different directions. Though they drifted apart, they remained loosely in touch.

In 2015, fate brought them together again. When Michele's aunt passed away, Don and his entire family attended the funeral. That shared moment of grief reignited a spark between the two. Their first date, a motorcycle ride, marked the start of a new chapter. From that day on, they were inseparable.

"We are each other's best friend and do everything together," Michele says.

Love, Marriage, and a Delayed Celebration

The couple planned to marry on Aug. 1, 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they decided to postpone their wedding. They finally exchanged vows on June 12, 2021, celebrating their love with deep appreciation for their journey.

Love Put to the Test

In 2023, the couple faced their greatest challenge yet: Michele's kidneys began to fail, requiring her to undergo nightly dialysis. Daily life became physically and emotionally demanding — but Don remained a constant source of support.

At first, Michele's brother volunteered to be a kidney donor, given that siblings often have strong matches. Quietly, however, Don had already begun his own testing — just in case.

To everyone's amazement, Don turned out to be a perfect match.

The Ultimate Gift

On Sept. 10, 2025, Don made the ultimate sacrifice: He donated one of his kidneys to save his wife's life. It was a deeply selfless act of love — one that defined their relationship.

Don recovered quickly, and Michele's health continues to improve. While the donated kidney isn't functioning at full capacity yet, her lab results show encouraging progress. On Oct. 2, doctors removed Michele's dialysis ports: She no longer needs dialysis.

"I can never put into words the depth of my gratitude or how I'll ever repay my husband," Michele says. "But I will enjoy every minute of every day we have together like it's our last."

A Legacy of Love and Devotion

Don and Michele Noggy's journey is more than a love story — it is a powerful testament to the enduring bonds of friendship, commitment, and the rarest kind of selflessness. In a world where love is frequently tested by life's difficult moments, their story stands as a reminder that true devotion is not just spoken, but proven — in quiet sacrifices, acts of courage, and a willingness to give everything for someone you love.

Veterans Day Ceremony

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. 9, featuring dignitaries, local veterans and the presentation of colors. Please join us for this special occasion.



CITY OF Beachwood
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Plows FOR HUNGER

Greater Cleveland Food Bank
MEMBER OF FEEDING AMERICA

SECOND ANNUAL
DECEMBER 1-15
PUBLIC WORKS DOOR #11
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Plows for Hunger

Beachwood's Public Works Department is once again leading the **Plows for Hunger** food drive — and we're calling on all Beachwood residents and businesses to join in!

Last year, thanks to your kindness and the incredible generosity of our community, we collected over 500 pounds of food to benefit the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. Your contributions made a meaningful difference in the lives of neighbors in need.

This year, we're setting our sights even higher — with a **goal to collect over 1,000 pounds**.

Let's come together to support our Public Works team and help fight hunger. Every can, box, or bag of non-perishable food helps fill a plate and bring hope to a family in need.

Donations accepted Dec. 1-15 at Public Works door #11, Beachwood Community Center, and City Hall.

November Recreation Guide

A Record-Breaking Fall Festival Weekend

Beachwood's eighth annual Fall Festival, presented by Crestmont Automotive, brought the community together for an unforgettable weekend of family fun, music, and celebration. With picture-perfect weather and activities for all ages, the two-day event showcased the very best of Beachwood's community spirit.

The weekend kicked off on Saturday, Sept. 27, with Miss Americanas – A Tribute to Taylor Swift, a high-energy concert that had fans singing along to every hit. The evening concluded with a spectacular fireworks show sponsored by Akron Children's, lighting up the sky in dazzling color.

On Sunday, Sept. 28, more than 6,000 people gathered for the Fall Festival – the largest in Beachwood's history. The Community Center and surrounding grounds were transformed into a Treasure Island adventure, creating an immersive experience for festival-goers of all generations.

Inside the Beachwood Community Center, Velocity Clinical Research sponsored an elaborate Treasure Island display featuring more than 10 handcrafted installations and a visit from Spanky the Parrot, delighting families throughout the day. Outside, attendees were greeted by Captain Fairmount's Voyager, a 27-foot-long ship that welcomed visitors as they entered the festival grounds. The vessel was a collaborative creation by Beachwood Community Services and the Public Works Department, helping make this year's festival truly one-of-a-kind.

The event was made possible through the support of additional partners, including NOPEC, Wild Republic, Millennium Control Systems, Burns Pool Management, and GameDay Men's Health.

"Each year, our Fall Festival grows in size and excitement, and this year was truly one for the record books," said Mayor Justin Berns. "Seeing thousands of families come together to enjoy the weekend reminds us what makes Beachwood such a special place to work, live, learn, and thrive."

With live entertainment, activities, delicious food, and an atmosphere full of community pride, the festival was a shining example of what happens when creativity, collaboration, and hometown spirit come together. For upcoming events, visit BeachwoodRec.com or follow @BeachwoodOHRec on Facebook.



Event photography by Discovery Photo.



Arrr! No festival is complete without a pirate!



Nothing but smiles and fun for the Taylor Swift tribute band.

CRESTMONT
AUTOMOTIVE



Rick Smith Jr. bringing the magic to Fall Fest.



A captivating fireworks display on Sept. 27.



Captain Fairmount's 27-foot ship at the festival entrance.

Free Fitness Classes Through Renew Active

Beachwood Community Services is proud to announce the expansion of free fitness classes through UnitedHealthcare's Renew Active program. Participants with Renew Active coverage through their insurance can now enroll in SilverSneakers (SS) classes at the Beachwood Community Center at no cost.

Classes are offered every Tuesday and Thursday with instructor Julie Konrad. SS Classic begins at 10:00 a.m., followed by SS Yoga/Tai Chi at 11:00 a.m.

To check eligibility and enroll, contact Senior Adult Manager Jayme Jirousek at 216.292.1911. Those not covered by insurance are still welcome to participate — Beachwood Community Services offers a 10-class punch card for just \$41.



SilverSneakers Yoga/Tai-Chi offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Beachwood
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More Thrills. More Prizes. More Excitement.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 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

Scan to register!

T-BIRDS **BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY THEATER** *Pink Ladies*

GREASE
The Kids Musical Version

Showing November 1 & 2!
2:00 PM, Beachwood Middle

Come see the fall youth production! Free admission.

Director: Julie Matthews

Beachwood Seniors

- Seniors Create - Napkin Folding Class**
 Tuesday, Nov. 4, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Community Center
 Learn how to make those memorable folds frequently found at Meet & Eat with Program Manager Shannon Diamond! All materials are provided. Residents are \$16 each and non-residents are \$19.
- AARP and Alzheimer's Association Lunch & Learn**
 Wednesday, Nov. 12, 11:30 a.m., Community Center
 Discover the six pillars of brain health and 10 warning signs for early Alzheimer's detection. The latest research, lifestyle suggestions, and more will be shared. Registration is free. Sign up by Nov. 5.

November Meet & Eat

A Tribute to Frank Sinatra
Thursday, Nov. 20, Noon, Community Center
 Residents \$14, Non-Residents \$17, Program Only \$6
Register by Nov. 14.

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of live music featuring Sinatra Selects, a talented quintet led by renowned vocalist Lou Armagno — hailed as one of the finest interpreters of Frank Sinatra's timeless style. Backed by four accomplished musicians, Lou brings the magic of Ol' Blue Eyes to life with classic arrangements.

Meal choices include Chicken Francese (lemon chicken) with rice and a baguette, or Tuna Niçoise Salad with a croissant. Each meal is served with vichyssoise, a beverage, and dessert. Gluten free available.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Strengthening Our Community by Shopping Local this Holiday Season

The holiday season is more than just a time for giving gifts — it's a time for giving back to the people and places that make our community special. When you choose to shop locally, you're not just crossing items off your list. You're helping neighbors thrive, keeping dollars in your hometown, and fueling a stronger local economy.



Inside Beachwood Place



Antica Italian Kitchen & Bar



The Benefits of Shopping Local

Supporting small, independent businesses isn't just a "feel-good" choice; it's a powerful investment in your community's future. Local businesses hire local workers, source from nearby suppliers, and often reinvest profits right back into the neighborhood. That means every dollar you spend locally creates a ripple effect that supports jobs, schools, and other small businesses around you.

In fact, studies show that roughly 67 cents of every dollar spent at a local business stays in the community — compared to far less when shopping with large national chains. That's the "local multiplier effect" in action — your purchase at a boutique or café can indirectly benefit multiple businesses across Northeast Ohio.

Small Business Saturday

One of the best times to show your support is Small Business Saturday, which takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Created by American Express in 2010, this nationwide event shines a spotlight on the small, independent shops that give each community its unique character. Whether you're shopping for handmade gifts, dining at a family-owned restaurant, or booking local services, every purchase makes a difference.



Your Holiday Shopping Can Boost the Local Economy

When you Shop Beachwood, Shop Local, you invest in more than products — you invest in people. You help local businesses thrive, entrepreneurship grow, and individuality flourish. You're saying yes to a thriving community that mirrors your values and connects neighbors in meaningful ways. This holiday season, let your spending make a lasting impact on Beachwood.

Beachwood's Co-Working Spaces: A Fresh Way to Work



COhatch Beachwood

Working from home offers flexibility and comfort, but it can also blur the line between personal and professional life. Distractions, isolation, and limited space for collaboration often make it difficult to stay productive. That's why more entrepreneurs and remote professionals are turning to Beachwood's local co-working spaces for an inspiring change of pace.

Modern options like COhatch, Regus, OC2, and Executive Centers provide the structure and community professionalism needed to thrive. With private offices, shared work areas, reliable Wi-Fi, and access to printers, conference rooms, and coffee bars, these spaces deliver all the essentials of a traditional office.

Beyond amenities, co-working in Beachwood is about connection. Members benefit from networking events, workshops, and daily interactions that often lead to mentorships, collaborations, and new opportunities. Whether you're launching a startup, freelancing, or working remotely, Beachwood's co-working spaces offer the perfect balance of productivity, flexibility, and community.

Always Be An Insider, Stay Connected!

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