

The Mayor's Message A Year of Progress and Partnership in Beachwood

Dear Beachwood Residents,

As 2025 draws to a close, I am filled with pride and gratitude for all that our city has accomplished this year. Beachwood continues to thrive as a dynamic, forward-thinking community — one built on collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to excellence. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our department directors, city employees, and residents who work every day to make Beachwood a truly exceptional place to work, live, learn, and thrive. Your professionalism and service exemplify the very best of public stewardship, and I thank you sincerely.

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This year has been one of meaningful progress across many fronts. Beachwood City Council voted to approve the 2026 tax budget. I am proud to share that the city will continue to collect just 1.6 mills, with 2.4 mills suspended, through the end of 2026. This structure, established in partnership with

the Beachwood City School District, keeps taxes flat for residents and businesses while maintaining strong financial support for our schools and community. As we approach the final year of this agreement, I want to express deep appreciation to Superintendent Bob Hardis and the Board of Education for their continued collaboration and leadership.

A major milestone this year was the city's acquisition of 42.94 acres in the highly sought-after Chagrin Highlands business district — a vision more than two decades in the making. Approved by City Council on March 3, this landmark purchase strengthens Beachwood's standing as a premier business destination in Northeast Ohio and represents a strategic investment in our long-term economic future.

Innovation also continues to guide our public service efforts. The Beachwood Police Department advanced its commitment

to sustainability and modern policing with the introduction of two electric bicycles and our first fully electric patrol vehicle. In that same spirit, the city launched new cashless payment options — accepting Apple Pay, Google Pay, and all major credit cards — for faster, more secure, and convenient transactions. We also became the first community in Ohio to install a solar street lighting pilot program, located on Beachwood Boulevard and Ranch Road, as we explore energy-efficient solutions for future citywide lighting.

Finally, residents have complimented the changeable copy sign at Richmond Road and Fairmount Boulevard — a 105-square-foot display that enhances communication about upcoming events, meetings, and community updates.

As we look ahead to 2026, I remain deeply thankful for our continued partnerships with the Beachwood City Schools, City Council, and the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, led by Executive Director David Lapierre. Together, we are building a future rooted in collaboration, sustainability, and community pride.

Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season and a bright new year.

Sincerely,

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Congratulations to Tina Turick - NOACC Bright Star Award Honoree

The City of Beachwood is proud to recognize City Administrator Tina Turick as this year's Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) Bright Star Awardee.

Each year, NOACC invites its member chapters to recognize one outstanding individual who exemplifies leadership and service to both their Chamber and local community. The Executive Board of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce has selected Tina as their Bright Star.

Tina serves as the City of Beachwood's representative on the Chamber Board and as chair of the organization's Planning Committee. Her vision and leadership have helped shape countless chamber events and initiatives. Her leadership continues to strengthen the partnership between the Chamber and the City, fostering growth and community engagement throughout Beachwood.

The Beachwood Chamber of Commerce will recognize Tina as its Bright Star Award recipient during the Beachwood Chamber's Spirit of Success Banquet on Dec. 10. Congratulations, Tina, on this well-deserved honor — and thank you for your outstanding service to our community!



Left to right: Mike & Tina Turick with David & Janet Lapierre at the NOACC Bright Star Awards

Beachwood Welcomes Firefighter Cantrell

The Beachwood Fire Department welcomed Firefighter Tyler Cantrell, sworn in by Mayor Berns at the Nov. 3 City Council meeting. We're happy to have you, Tyler!



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

Oct. 20, 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.

Oct. 20 City Council Meeting

Innovative Partnerships:

City Council voted to approve the 2025-2026 Deer Management program. This year's program combines both professional deer culling and surgical sterilization in collaboration with the cities of Shaker Heights and South Euclid. Details on this year's plan can be found on the next page.

Infrastructure Improvements:

The Beachwood City Council has voted to adopt a comprehensive Cybersecurity Program designed to protect the city's digital infrastructure and information systems. This initiative strengthens defenses against cyber threats, including hacking, ransomware, and other malicious attacks. The new program aligns with current Ohio state law.

View Live & Recorded City Council Meetings



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

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
Dec. 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 15 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Architectural Board of Review:
Dec. 1 at 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 15 at 4:30 p.m.

Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

City Expands Collaborative Deer Management Plan

The City of Beachwood is strengthening its commitment to humanely and effectively managing the region's growing white-tailed deer population through its 2025–2026 Deer Management Plan. Partnering with the cities of Shaker Heights and South Euclid, Beachwood's updated approach continues to balance public safety, ecological health, and community input.

Over the past three years, Beachwood's deer management program has removed 230 deer, resulting in the donation of more than 9,000 pounds of venison, which has provided over 36,500 meals to local food banks. Building on this success, the new plan introduces a hybrid strategy that adds surgical sterilization as a non-lethal fertility control method alongside targeted culling operations.

In January 2026, licensed veterinarians and wildlife specialists from White Buffalo Inc. will conduct a four-night sterilization program to anesthetize, sterilize, and tag female deer across the participating cities. According to White Buffalo President Dr. Anthony J. DeNicola, this first year of sterilization is expected to reduce herd growth by lowering the birth rate, leading to gradual stabilization of the regional deer population.

Mayor Justin Berns emphasized the importance of regional partnership in addressing this shared challenge. "Deer management is an issue affecting every community in Northeast Ohio," said Mayor Berns. "By working together with Shaker Heights and South Euclid—and hopefully welcoming even more neighboring cities in the future—we can create a more effective and sustainable approach that benefits all of our residents."



SHAKER HEIGHTS

south euclid

Culling operations, conducted by Precision Wildlife Management, Ltd. under the supervision of the Beachwood Police Department, will continue in December 2025 in controlled, clearly marked areas. All harvested deer will again be processed and donated to local food banks.

Residents are encouraged to share feedback through the city's annual Residential Deer Management Survey, helping guide future efforts to maintain a safe and balanced coexistence with local wildlife.

HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION:

Rubbish and recycling will not be collected on Thurs., Dec. 25 (Christmas) and Jan. 1 (New Year's Day). Thursday collections will be delayed one day for those weeks only. All other days remain unchanged.

New Online Permitting System

The City of Beachwood's Building Department announces the launch of Clariti, a new online permitting system that will go live on Jan. 2, 2026. This upgrade will make it easier and faster for residents, contractors, and businesses to manage permits and inspections from start to finish.

What You Can Expect

Clariti is designed to simplify the permitting process for everyone. Through the new Clariti Public Portal, customers will be able to:

- Submit applications online
- Track progress in real time
- Schedule inspections

Why the Change?

The new system will improve communication and efficiency for both customers and staff. Clariti will also support licensing, code enforcement, plan review, and inspection coordination — creating a seamless process from application to completion.

Looking Ahead

Clariti will enhance transparency and convenience for everyone involved in the permitting process. More information and step-by-step guidance will be shared by the Building Department in the January 2026 issue of the *Beachwood Buzz*.



DECEMBER 1-15
PUBLIC WORKS DOOR #11
23355 MERCANTILE ROAD

Additional collection boxes at Beachwood City Hall and Beachwood Community Center (Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM)

We fight snow in the streets and hunger in our community — that's Public Works power!

Join us in helping provide a hunger-free holiday for individuals and families in need across Northeast Ohio.

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ONLY

Public Works
Donations Accepted
Monday - Friday
7:30 AM-3:30 PM

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

BEANS
PEANUT BUTTER
CANNED/ BOXED ENTREES
PASTA SAUCE
100% JUICE
CEREAL
CANNED PROTEIN
WHOLE GRAIN RICE/PASTA
CANNED FRUITS/VEGGIES

QUESTIONS? CALL PUBLIC WORKS AT 216.292.1922

Fire Department Empowers Public Works with CPR Training

This month, the Beachwood Fire Department took proactive steps to enhance community safety by partnering with the City's Service Department to provide comprehensive American Red Cross CPR and AED training for all service employees.

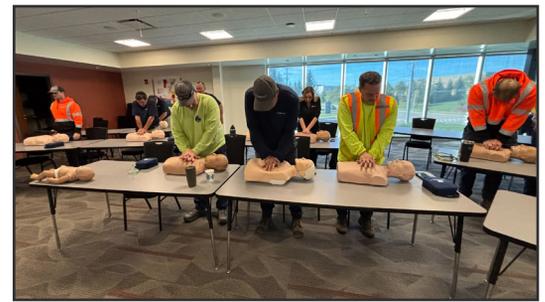
Because members of the Public Works Department are out in the community every day, they are more likely to encounter someone in distress. By learning these lifesaving skills, they can now take quick, confident action in an emergency before first responders arrive.



Chief Holtzman

"Our goal is to make sure every city employee has the tools to help," said Fire Chief Steve Holtzman. "You never know when these skills may save a life—whether it's a coworker, a resident, or someone passing through our city."

This initiative reflects Beachwood's ongoing commitment to safety, teamwork, and community care. With more trained eyes and hands ready to help, the city is even better prepared to protect and support one another.



Public Works putting their new skills into action.



Lt. Peterson leading the CPR and AED training course.

Snow Plow Season Underway

With dropping temperatures and snowfall, here are a few snow plow reminders:

- Give snow plow operators space to work. A fully loaded snow plow vehicle can weigh between 20-40 tons and cannot easily stop. Please stay at least 100 feet behind the plow when driving.
- Per Beachwood City Codified Ordinance 660.14: Advise private driveway plow operators to refrain from pushing snow in or across the roadway or sidewalks.
- Do not snow blow or shovel snow into the street.
- Place trash cans in an accessible area (such as side of apron). NOT in snowbank or in roadway.
- Children and pets should never play in snowbanks near roadways.
- Be cognizant of plows when clearing your driveway. Snowbanks can make it difficult for plows to see people and/or pets on the apron and snow off a moving plow blade can be dangerous as it may contain ice and heavy wet snow.
- Snow plow operators cannot effectively and efficiently clear roadways when obstacles are present. This causes a safety concern for all roadway users if snow response is delayed.
- Beachwood Ordinance states when snow falls over a 24-hour period to a depth of two inches or more, an emergency is declared and parking is prohibited on all city streets. The city will make a reasonable attempt to notify the public by using local press and social media. Vehicle owners are responsible to comply with the emergency regulations.
- If possible, please refrain from running or walking in the road during snow events and/or until the roadway has been cleared.
- As a courtesy, we will make every effort to make sure sidewalks are cleared; please remember plowing roadways is always our first priority.



Thank you for helping us keep Beachwood roadways safe!

Recycling Roundup

Paper & Plastic Cups Now Welcome

Good news! Paper and plastic cups can now be recycled. This update is part of a national initiative led by Waste Management to make to-go cups recyclable across the country.



Support this national effort by recycling hot/cold paper beverage cups and plastic cups made from polypropylene (such as cold drink cups for iced coffee or soda). Please note that foam cups, rigid polystyrene (#6), lids, straws, and stoppers are not accepted.

For a full list of recyclable materials, please visit beachwoodohio.com/recycling.

Recycle Broken Holiday Lights & Cords

Drop off broken holiday lights and power cords for recycling in January, Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. at the Public Works Department.

Recycle Christmas Trees

The city collects real (not artificial) Christmas trees from tree lawns and delivers them to the compost facility on Shaker Boulevard, where 100% are recycled into mulch for city grounds and planting programs. Please call 216.292.1922 to notify Public Works once your tree is placed on the tree lawn.

Together, we're keeping Beachwood cleaner and greener!

December Recreation Guide



Warm Up and Glow Out; Beachwood's New Winter Lineup

Beachwood is turning up the excitement with two brand-new events designed to bring families and teens together for some much-needed midwinter fun!

Winter Warm-Up: Disney Edition

Sunday, Jan. 25, 12:00-2:00 p.m., Community Center

Kids ages 12 and under, accompanied by an adult, are invited to embark on a day full of enchantment, where your favorite Disney moments come to life through themed games, magical crafts, whimsical activities, and tasty treats. Registration is just \$2 per child for residents and \$8 per child for non-residents at BeachwoodRec.com. Advance registration is required to experience the magic of Beachwood's Winter Warm-Up.

Teen Night Glow Dance Party

Thursday, Feb. 12, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Community Center

Teens ages 13–17 can light up the night at this high-energy glow dance party filled with neon lights, music, and good vibes. It's the ultimate winter hangout for friends who love to dance and have fun. Admission is \$2 for residents and \$8 for non-residents in advance at BeachwoodRec.com.

"These new winter programs are all about mixing it up and creating fresh, fun opportunities for our community to connect," said Community Services Director Derek Schroeder. "We're excited to see families, kids, and teens come out, have a great time, and make Beachwood the place to be this winter."

To learn more, visit BeachwoodRec.com or follow @BeachwoodOHRec on Facebook.



Beachwood Summer Camp; Resident Registration Opens Dec. 15

Beachwood Community Services has expanded its summer camp sessions to accommodate the 2026 Beachwood City Schools calendar. The city is pleased to announce an additional week of Kidz Camp, Bison Camp, Sports Camp, and Teen Travel Camp — bringing the total to eight weeks of fun, plus a resident-only Summer Sendoff Camp, Aug. 3–7, for campers entering grades K–6.

"With the change in the school calendar, we prioritized adjustments to camp to meet the needs of Beachwood families," said Program Manager Shannon Diamond. "For 2026 only, our Summer Sendoff Camp will feature a special week of themed days, swimming at the aquatic center, and two exciting field trips."

Resident registration for Beachwood Summer Camp opens Monday, Dec. 15, online at BeachwoodRec.com or in person at City Hall. Early-bird rates end Feb. 27 and non-residents may register for remaining spots beginning March 2.



Residents registering online must upload a current utility bill to their account within seven days of registration as proof of residency.

Beachwood
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Nights
Family-Friendly,
All Ages!

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
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

Programs & Events For All Ages

Recreation Guide

2025-2026
Winter

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Good beats, neon lights for teens on February 12.
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Summer Camp registration begins December 15.

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SCAN TO OPEN!
Visit: BeachwoodRec.com

Kick It Into Gear with New Fitness Instructor Ty Richardson

Ty Richardson, an accomplished fitness specialist and health scientist with over 20 years of experience in weight management and healthy lifestyle coaching, is bringing her expertise to Beachwood! Throughout her career as a personal trainer and group exercise instructor, she has helped countless individuals develop healthier eating habits, maintain a balanced weight, and lead more active lives.



Her professional philosophy centers on her motto: *"I believe that fitness should be fun!"* That vibrant energy shines through in every class she leads. Participants should "prepare to work hard — and have fun!"

Ty will offer two new classes at the Beachwood Community Center:

- **Power Cardio Kickboxing (8 Classes) - Mon./Thurs. at 6:00 p.m.**
Session I: Jan. 5 - Feb. 2 (No class Jan. 19)
Session II: Feb. 9 - March 12 (No class Feb. 12 and Feb. 16)
Residents \$129, Non-Residents \$155
- **PT Circuit Training (4 Weeks) - Tues. at 12:00 p.m.**
Session I: Jan. 13 - Feb. 3
Session II: Feb. 10 - March 3
Residents \$103, Non-Residents \$124

Local Recreation GO App Available

Developed by Beachwood resident Jonathan Bannet, the Local Recreation GO app makes finding your family's favorite programs and activities easier than ever with its calendar-aware interface.



Available free for Apple and Android devices, Local Recreation GO lets you experience your community like never before—connecting you to local events, classes, and happenings. The City of Beachwood is proud to be a flagship contributor, with all city programs available for discovery right within the app.

Local Recreation GO is a third-party app and is not owned or operated by the city. Terms and privacy policy available online at localrecreationgo.com/downloads.

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Local Recreation GO

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Beachwood Seniors

NEW: Cleveland Orchestra Matinee Shows

Resident priority registration through Friday, Dec. 12.

Join Beachwood Community Services for a pre-concert lecture, coffee and donuts provided by Severance Hall. Lunch, on your own, will be at the café at the Cleveland Museum of Art after the performance. Transportation included, meet at the Community Center at 9:30 a.m. Limited to nine attendees.

- **Feb. 20 - The Frenzie Tango** (Register by Jan. 16)
- **March 20 - Chan Conducts Bartok** (Register by Feb. 13)
- **May 8 - Wagner's Gotterdammerung** (Register by April 1)

Residents are \$44, non-residents are \$51, at BeachwoodRec.com.

December Meet & Eat

Akron Symphonic Winds Brass Quintet

Thursday, Dec. 18, Noon, Community Center

Residents \$14, Non-Residents \$17, Program Only \$6

Register by Dec. 11.

Experience the bold brilliance and warm harmonies of the Akron Symphonic Winds Brass Quintet! This talented ensemble will bring the power and charm of brass music to life with a diverse program featuring classical selections, patriotic tunes, and popular favorites.

Meal choices include Sheppard's Pie (beef and veggies) or mushroom pie (mushroom and veggies). All entrees are served with a side salad, roll, beverage and dessert. Gluten free available.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In.My.Bag Collection Brings Luxury and Innovation to Beachwood Place

Beachwood is proud to welcome In.My.Bag Collection, a brand known for its genuine leather handbags and accessories designed to boost style and confidence.

Owner Tianna Blackmon brings her vision and creativity from Tower City to Beachwood Place, offering shoppers an exciting showcase of handcrafted pieces that combine elegance, craftsmanship, and bold personality. In addition to its beautiful collection, the new Beachwood location features a unique innovation — Daley, a retail robot assistant. Daley guides customers throughout the store, helping them discover signature styles and highlighting special collections.

In.My.Bag Collection is more than a brand; it's an experience that celebrates individuality and the artistry of luxury design.



Mayor Berns meeting Daley, a retail robot.



The ribbon cutting with owner Tianna Blackmon.



Regional Connectivity Fuels City's Tech Growth

The City of Beachwood is strengthening regional partnerships to support its growing tech sector. This was showcased at the recent Beachwood Chamber AI Summit, where industry leaders shared insights on using AI to drive innovation. Keynote speaker Chris Berry of OhioX highlighted Ohio's unique ability to test bold ideas and scale them statewide. By hosting these discussions, Beachwood helps local companies stay connected to emerging trends and reinforces its role as a regional innovation leader.

David Lapierre, Executive Director of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce, welcomes summit attendees.

Ohio Life Sciences Designation

The City of Beachwood is taking a strategic step to elevate its role as a regional leader in life sciences and medical technology by applying for designation with Ohio Life Sciences, the statewide association representing nearly 5,000 industry establishments.

Modeled after Massachusetts' respected BioReady Community Program, the designation helps communities demonstrate strengths in infrastructure, workforce, real estate, and supportive policy — key factors in attracting high-value medical technology and biotech companies. By pursuing this status, Beachwood is signaling a clear commitment to expanding an industry that delivers high-paying jobs and life-saving innovation.

The evaluation will assess the city's readiness to support continued growth of life science companies, including zoning and available facilities, as well as access to talent and the business climate. For Beachwood, the designation is both a validation of its momentum and a tool to further position the city as a premier destination for companies seeking to innovate, expand, and collaborate within the life sciences environment.

Beachwood's Tech Ecosystem

The City of Beachwood is strengthening its position as a regional hub for technology-driven business growth, supported by strong talent access and proximity to major research and healthcare institutions.



Recent expansions underscore this momentum, including 911 Cellular relocating to Beachwood with



new research and development roles. Surgical Theater is also expanding its longtime presence by moving its headquarters to a new Chagrin Boulevard showroom and office. Together, these developments show that Beachwood is attracting innovative tech firms and giving them the environment they need to thrive.

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