

The Mayor's Message Advancing Our Community in 2026

Dear Beachwood Residents,

Happy New Year! As we enter 2026, I am optimistic about what lies ahead. I look forward to working alongside residents, businesses, and city staff to ensure Beachwood remains a forward-thinking, collaborative city where progress is shared by all. Together, I am confident we will strengthen what makes us exceptional and achieve new milestones throughout the year.

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Over the past several months, my administration has reviewed the many community and special events that make Beachwood such a welcoming place to live. After evaluating participation, logistics, and resource allocation, we identified opportunities to improve efficiency and enhance convenience for residents and stakeholders. I am pleased

to share several updates that reflect our commitment to delivering meaningful, engaging, and accessible programming for all.

To best serve our community during the winter months, we have decided to retire the annual February Freeze event and introduce two new indoor programs tailored to our younger residents and their families. These events will encourage creativity, connection, and fun — without the unpredictability that often comes with Ohio's winter weather.

On Jan. 25, from 12:00–2:00 p.m., we invite families to join us inside the Beachwood Community Center for our Winter Warm-Up: Disney Edition. This festive afternoon will feature crafts, games, and hands-on activities



for children ages 12 and younger. Registration is required, and we look forward to seeing many of our young residents enjoy this new winter event.

Then, on Feb. 12, we are excited to launch our Teen Night Glow Dance Party for ages 13–17. This high-energy event gives our teens a space of their own to connect, celebrate, and enjoy a night of music and fun — registration is required. Together, these new programs allow our Community Services team to focus on impactful indoor activities while ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants.

In addition to updates to our winter programming, my administration is making a meaningful change to the 2026 State of the City Address. This year, we will combine the State of the City with the Mayor's Business Reception to create a unified event that brings together residents, business owners, and community partners. This combined format will foster dialogue, collaboration, and a shared vision, strengthening the connection between our business community and the residents who help Beachwood thrive. More details will be shared next month across all city information channels.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support. I look forward to working alongside each of you to make 2026 a productive, positive, and inspiring year for Beachwood.

Sincerely,

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Legislative Update

Nov. 17, 2025 - Dec. 1, 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.

Nov. 17 City Council Meeting

Fiscal Responsibility:

City Council has approved the City of Beachwood's 2026 budget, along with all related appropriations and expenditures. This approval follows a series of in-depth committee meetings between City Council and the Administration, during which leaders evaluated each department's budget proposal to ensure responsible stewardship of public funds and alignment with the city's long-term priorities.

Dec. 1 City Council Meeting

Public Safety:

City Council has authorized funding for 12 new ballistic vests for Beachwood Police Officers, ensuring our officers are equipped with up-to-date, life-saving protective gear. Each vest has a five-year service lifespan, after which it must be replaced to maintain safety standards. The city will pursue a 50% reimbursement through the U.S. Justice Department's Bulletproof Vest Partnership program, contingent on its continued availability.

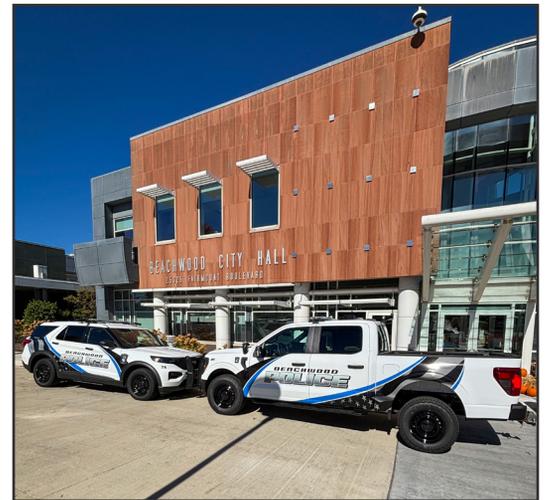
Community Engagement:

City Council has approved funding to refresh and modernize the graphics on all Beachwood Police vehicles. This rebranding initiative, led by Chief Grispio and Lt. Kevin Owens, strengthens both internal identity and community-facing visibility.

The updated design aligns with the department's strategic plan and replaces graphics that have been in place for over a decade.



Right: New Beachwood Police Department vehicle graphics on display in front of City Hall.



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.

Protect Your Home and Family: Smoke Alarm Safety Tips

Working smoke alarms are a critical part of home safety. A properly functioning smoke alarm can cut your risk of death or injury in a home fire by half! Unfortunately, nearly all smoke alarm failures are caused by missing or dead batteries. Regular maintenance and proper placement can save lives, so here's what every Beachwood resident needs to know:

Installation and Placement

- For the best protection, install a combination of hard-wired alarms with battery backup.
- If you are unsure where to install smoke alarms, use the Safety Corner guide located on First Alert's website: <https://www.firstalert.com/blogs/safety-corner>
- If anyone in your home is hard of hearing, consider alarms with strobe lights or bed shakers.

Maintenance Tips

- **Test Monthly:** Press the test button on your alarms every month to ensure they work properly.
- **Change Batteries:** If your alarms use regular batteries, replace them at least once a year. A chirping sound means it's time for a fresh battery.
- **Replace Alarms:** Smoke alarm sensors wear out over time. Replace each alarm at least every 10 years or sooner if there's no manufacturing date on the label.
- **Keep Them Clean:** Dust and cobwebs can interfere with the sensors.



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
Jan. 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
Jan. 5 at 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

Beachwood Earns State Auditor's Award with Distinction and Top Transparency Rating

The City of Beachwood is pleased to announce it is one of only 27 municipalities in Ohio to receive the Auditor of State Award with Distinction, recognizing outstanding financial management and a clean audit report. This honor, presented by Auditor of State Keith Faber, reflects the City's strong commitment to accuracy, accountability, and transparent service.

In addition, Beachwood earned a four-star rating—the Highest Achievement in Open and Transparent Government—through the Auditor of State's STAR Rating System. This program highlights public entities that excel in meeting Ohio Sunshine Law best practices.

Beachwood achieved all recommended standards for transparency, including:

- Tracking public records requests
- Using standard request forms and acknowledgment procedures
- Identifying and training a public records custodian
- Completing certified public records training
- Maintaining accessible online information on events, operations, and official documents

These accomplishments highlight the dedication of Beachwood's Finance Department and leadership in maintaining the highest levels of fiscal responsibility and open government.



Left to right: Harvey Rose, Audit Director; Mayor Justin Berns; Larry Heiser, Finance Director

HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION:

Due to New Year's Day (Jan. 1), Thursday rubbish and recycling will be picked up on Friday, Jan. 2. Due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 19), collection will be delayed one day for the entire week.

County Alerts Residents to ReadyNotify Security Breach; Users Urged to Update Passwords

Cuyahoga County is notifying residents of a nationwide cybersecurity incident affecting the OnSolve CodeRED platform, the third-party system used to distribute emergency alerts through the ReadyNotify app. The County's Office of Emergency Management learned in early December that CodeRED had been breached, potentially exposing personal information of ReadyNotify subscribers.

While Crisis24 — the firm contracted by the County to operate the platform — has not disclosed the full extent of the breach, the ReadyNotify database contains only basic subscriber information: names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, and alert subscription lists. It does not store Social Security numbers, financial details, or other sensitive personal identifiers. County officials also emphasize that the CodeRED system is not connected to any Cuyahoga County IT networks.

Because emergency alert platforms play a critical role — delivering urgent notifications about severe weather, evacuations, missing persons, and other life-safety events — cybersecurity experts stressed the importance of maintaining trust and system reliability.



Residents currently enrolled in ReadyNotify are urged to take the following precautions:

- Change passwords for ReadyNotify accounts
- Update passwords for any other accounts that use the same or similar credentials
- Enable multi-factor authentication wherever possible
- Monitor financial accounts for unusual or suspicious activity

Any concerning activity should be reported promptly to local law enforcement. Subscribers who have questions or need assistance may contact CodeRED by Crisis24:

- 24/7 Support Line: 866-939-0911
- Email: crsupport@crisis24.com

BPD Snow Day Fun

Beachwood Police Department Officer Liz Ryan stopped by to make a snow day memorable with some of our young residents. Friends don't let friends play in the snow alone!



Officer Liz Ryan helping residents build a snowman.

Recycle Your Broken Holiday Lights & Cords

Drop off broken holiday lights and power cords for recycling in January, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., at the Public Works Department, located at 23355 Mercantile Rd.



Hometown Hero Nominations Open

The Beachwood Historical Society and the City of Beachwood are proud to announce that nominations are open for the 2026 Hometown Heroes program! We're calling on the community to help us honor those who make a difference. Nominate your hero today by visiting BeachwoodOhio.com/HeroNominations. Submissions are open through Feb. 28.

A successful nominee actively displays the following characteristics:

- Must be a resident or individual who works in the city
- Makes a positive impact on the city
- Helps improve the city and society
- Shows dedication to helping others
- Displays courage, care and concern
- Contributions and accomplishments have enhanced Beachwood

Heroes will be celebrated in May with a special ceremony at the Hometown Heroes garden display in Beachwood's City Park West on Shaker Boulevard.

Pictured Right: Rosemary Nemeth recognizing 2025 Hometown Hero, Karen Berger Williams.



Scan here to
nominate!



2026 HOLIDAY COLLECTION

CITY OF Beachwood PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Rubbish and recycling will not be collected on the following 2026 recognized holidays:

JAN. 01	New Year's Day
JAN. 19	Martin Luther King Day
FEB. 16	Presidents Day
MAY 25	Memorial Day
JUNE 19	Juneteenth
JULY 03	Independence Day
SEPT. 07	Labor Day
NOV. 26	Thanksgiving Day
NOV. 27	Day After Thanksgiving
DEC. 25	Christmas

- Please note that Juneteenth, Independence Day, and Christmas all fall on a Friday. Regular rubbish and recycling will not be affected.
- For Thanksgiving, if your normal collection day is Thursday, your collection will occur on Wednesday, Nov. 25, for that week only.
- For Monday holidays, collection will be delayed one day for the entire week.

Questions: Call Public Works at 216.292.1922.

January Recreation Guide

CITY OF Beachwood

Winter Warm-Up

Disney Edition

STATEMENT NAIL & WAX LOUNGE

Sunday, January 25
12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Beachwood Community Center
25325 Fairmount Blvd.

12 & Under with Adult:
Residents - \$2/child
Non-Residents - \$8/child

Register:
BeachwoodRec.com

Register by Jan. 21!

Crafts
Games
Activities
Snacks

Teen Night GOOD BEATS, NEON LIGHTS

GLOW DANCE Party

STATEMENT NAIL & WAX LOUNGE CITY OF Beachwood

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12
6:00-8:00 PM
BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

REGISTER:
Pre-Registration Required, Ages 13-17
Residents - \$2/person
Non-Residents - \$8/person
BeachwoodRec.com
Register by Feb. 9.

BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY: A Tribute to Black Artistry & Culture | Jan. 7 - Feb. 15 | Reception: Jan. 11, 2:00 p.m.
A collection of local artists recognizing the global impact of Black heritage and creativity.

Amish Country Overnight Trip; Points of Interest & Registration

You're invited to embark on an overnight adventure with Beachwood Community Services in Amish Country on March 24-25! Pricing includes **deluxe motor coach transportation**, world-class accommodations with breakfast at the **Berlin Grande Hotel**, plus all dinners, tours, taxes, fees, and gratuities. Lunch expenses on your own. Register by Feb. 10 at BeachwoodRec.com or 216.292.1970.



Amish Country Trip Pricing:
\$400/person
Double Occupancy
\$480/person
Single Occupancy

- Day 1: Tuesday, March 24**
- Depart Beachwood Community Center at 9:00 a.m.
 - Explore Heinis Cheese Chalet & Downtown Berlin
 - Behind the Scenes Tour of the Amish Theater
 - Authentic Dinner in an Amish Home
 - Amish Country Theater's Greatest Hits Show

- Day 2: Wednesday, March 25**
- Breakfast at Berlin Grande Hotel
 - Visit Broad Run Cheese
 - Explore Roscoe Village & Lehman's Hardware
 - Dinner at Hartville Kitchen
 - Arrive in Beachwood at 8:00 p.m.

Be The Reason Summer Shines; Summer Camp Job Opportunities

Looking for a summer job that's anything but ordinary? Join the team at Beachwood Summer Camp and make a real impact on our campers! Lead fun activities and games, explore exciting field trips, share plenty of laughs, and help create memories that last a lifetime. If you love a lively, upbeat team atmosphere and enjoy bringing joy to kids every day, we have a place for you.

Don't just take our word for it, hear what our team has to say:



Madison Gray

"I've always loved Beachwood Summer Camp, first as a camper and now as a member of the staff. From the fun field trips to the amazing kids, it's an experience I never want to let go of. I plan to be part of this incredible team for years to come. This job has truly made my summers better, and I'm grateful for the fun bosses and great coworkers who make every day enjoyable."



Seth Guren

"I love working at Beachwood Summer Camp because I get to reconnect with so many amazing counselors, specialists, and campers. It's incredible to see how everyone grows and changes year after year."

Applications will be posted in early January online at BeachwoodOhio.com/jobs.



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

Beachwood Summer Camp; Early Bird Discount Ends Feb. 27



Resident registration for Beachwood Summer Camp is currently available online at BeachwoodRec.com or in person at City Hall. Early-bird rates end Feb. 27 at 4:30 p.m. and non-residents may register for any remaining spots beginning March 2.

And of course, don't forget to secure your spot for our resident-only Summer Sendoff Camp to accommodate the 2026 Beachwood school calendar. All camp information, rates, and a registration tutorial video are posted online at BeachwoodRec.com.

Reminder: Residents must upload a utility bill to their account within seven days of registration as proof of residency.

BEACHWOOD
Baseball & Softball

Boys & Girls Ages 5-14
BeachwoodRec.com

Beachwood Seniors

Valentine's Day Scavenger Hunt

Friday, Feb. 13, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Community Center

Search for hidden clues around the Community Center, enjoy sweet treats, and celebrate the holiday with friends and laughter. Sponsored by Prosper at Wickliffe. Register for free by Feb. 6.

Meditation & Mocktails

Tuesday, March 17, 11:00 a.m., Community Center

Unwind and reset at Meditation & Mocktails. Enjoy a calming guided meditation, led by Julie Konrad, followed by a flight of festive mocktails plus tips and recipes to recreate them at home. Registration opens Jan. 12.

January Meet & Eat

Hip to That

Thursday, Jan. 15, Noon, Community Center

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

Register by Jan. 9.

Hip to That is a Cleveland-based band that has been performing together for nearly a decade. Known for their high-quality musicianship and creative arrangements of songs from a variety of eras, they bring fresh and engaging energy to every performance. Audiences love their playful sense of humor and the lively atmosphere they create on stage!

Meal choices include meat lasagna or vegetable lasagna. All entrees served with a side salad, roll, beverage and dessert.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Cleveland Clinic Opens New Neurology Outpatient Center

Cleveland Clinic leaders, Beachwood officials, and members of the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce recently gathered to celebrate the opening of the Clinic's new neurology outpatient center at 3050 Science Park Dr. The facility expands neurological services at the Clinic's Beachwood administrative campus and brings 50 new jobs to the community.



The Cleveland Clinic Medical Outpatient Center includes 22 exam rooms, 14 consultation rooms, and advanced diagnostic technology, including MRI, CT, and electromyography. Patients can access a range of specialty services, including sleep medicine, neuromuscular and cerebrovascular care, spine and pain management, and rehabilitation.

The new Beachwood location complements the Clinic's forthcoming Neurological Institute on Main Campus, set to open in February 2027. At one million square feet, it will be the largest building on campus and provide comprehensive neurological care.

Beachwood Mayor Justin Berns commends the Clinic for its continued investment in the community. "This facility represents meaningful progress for patients and families across Northeast Ohio. By concentrating so many neurological services in one central, convenient location, the Cleveland Clinic is making care more accessible, more coordinated, and easier to navigate for patients, caregivers, and our residents," he said.



Left to right: Allan Balaara, Project Manager; Alyssia Ray-Huntington, Facilities Engineer; Tim Gibbons, Director Ambulatory Operations; Dr. Andre Machado, Neurology Institute Chief; Mayor Justin Berns; Dr. Jorge Guzman, Executive Vice President; Jolene Zografos, Executive Director Ambulatory Operations; George Lawrence, Senior Director Neurological Institute; Melanie Cook, Assistant Director of Nursing; Kristen Vargo, Director of Nursing

Start Strong with Small Business Support



The new year is an ideal time for entrepreneurs to reset — and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is a great place to begin. Through a partnership with the Cleveland State SBDC, the City of Beachwood offers no-cost counseling

and low- or no-cost technical assistance to support hiring, marketing, planning, and access to capital.

As business owners set goals and refine plans, the SBDC provides structure, expert guidance, and practical support, including help with regulatory compliance, exporting, e-commerce, and growth strategies.

To meet with a business advisor, call the Beachwood One-Stop Business Resource Center at 216.292.1915. More information is available at BeachwoodOhio.com/BusinessResourceCenter.

Beachwood Welcomes Farmers National Bank



Left to right: Catherine Bieterman, Economic Development Director; David Lapierre, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; André Thornton, Board Member; Kevin Helmick, President & CEO; Mayor Justin Berns; Peter Opperman, V.P. & District Manager; Dan Dempsey, Branch Manager

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@BeachwoodPublicWorks
@BarkwoodDogPark

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