

The Mayor's Message A Message of Gratitude

Dear Beachwood Residents & Businesses,

As we begin a new year in the City of Beachwood, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to the many individuals who make our community such a special place to work, live, learn, and thrive.



Mayor Berns with Judge Goldberg following the swearing in ceremony on Jan. 5 in Council Chambers.

On Jan. 5, I was honored to be sworn in for a second term as Mayor of the City of Beachwood. Thank you to Judge Goldberg for her thoughtful remarks and for administering the oath. I am grateful for her kindness and for being part of such a meaningful moment as I begin this next chapter of service.

First and foremost, I would like to thank my family — my wife, Lisa, and our children, Caleb, Allie, and Sarah. Public service is never an individual effort. Their love, support, and patience make this work possible, and I am deeply appreciative of the sacrifices they make in sharing their husband and father with the responsibilities of this office.

I am also grateful to Beachwood City Council. During my first term, we built a strong, respectful, and collaborative relationship focused on doing what is best for our residents and businesses. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and look forward to continuing that partnership in the years ahead.

To our department directors and city staff: Thank you for your professionalism, diligence, and commitment to excellence. Beachwood is a well-run city because of your leadership and dedication. You continually challenge the status quo, seek

improvement, and set a high standard for municipal service — one that motivates me every day.

I also want to extend my thanks to the voters for placing their trust in me for another term. While the race was uncontested, I value every vote and remain humbled by the opportunity to lead this exceptional community. The progress we've made over the past four years is a direct result of collaboration across city leadership.

Looking ahead, our momentum continues. Major initiatives — from the Richmond and Chagrin I-271 Corridor Project to new economic development opportunities, redevelopment projects, and a new county library branch — will further strengthen our city.

There is still much work to be done, and I am excited to roll up my sleeves and get to work. I look forward to sharing our vision for Beachwood's future at the Mayor's Business Reception on March 11, with an updated State of the City presentation available online the following day.

Thank you for your trust, support, and pride that you place in our city. It is truly an honor to serve as your mayor.

Sincerely,

Mayor Justin Berns
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Beachwood City Council



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Swearing-In Ceremonies Mark Jan. 5 Meeting

The City of Beachwood celebrated a series of swearing-in ceremonies during the Jan. 5 City Council meeting, marking the start of a new term of service and leadership for the community.

Mayor Justin Berns was officially sworn in for his second term, with the oath administered by the Honorable Francine B. Goldberg. The city congratulates Mayor Berns and looks forward to his continued leadership and dedication to Beachwood.

Three City Council members were also sworn in. Council member Alec Isaacson was sworn in following his successful reelection, with the oath administered by Noah Isaacson. Newly elected Council member Alex Jacobs took the oath of office administered by her husband, Paul Jacobs, and Council member Pete Smith, elected in his first campaign, was sworn in by Hedy Rapaport.

In addition, City Council elected its leadership for the new term. Danielle Shoykhet was elected Council President, and Jillian DeLong was elected Council Vice President. Their leadership and commitment are expected to continue to strengthen the city and advance Beachwood's goals.

The City of Beachwood congratulates all those sworn in and looks forward to a productive and successful term ahead.

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Alec Isaacson (left) sworn in by his son Noah Isaacson.



Jillian DeLong (left), Council V.P. with Danielle Shoykhet, Council President



Alex Jacobs being sworn in by husband Paul Jacobs.



Pete Smith being sworn in by Hedy Rapaport.

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.

City Council Updates Committee Structure for 2026

To improve efficiency and better align city services with community needs, City Council has updated its committee structure for 2026. Several committees have been consolidated to streamline decision-making and reduce duplication, while ensuring all core services are represented.

The Finance & Insurance and Economic Development committees are now the Finance & Development Committee. Public Works and Building & Grounds have merged into the Infrastructure & Public Facilities Committee, which will also take on stormwater oversight following the elimination of the Stormwater Commission. In addition, Recreation and Communications have been combined to form the Recreation & Community Engagement Committee. Intergovernmental Relations matters will generally be handled by the Committee of the Whole, while all other Council committees remain unchanged.

In the coming weeks, the updated committees will meet to develop mission statements and align their priorities for 2026 and 2027, ensuring city efforts remain focused, coordinated, and responsive to residents.

2026-27 Committee Assignments

- **Audit Committee:** Chair - June E. Taylor
Pete Smith, Jillian DeLong, Ali B. Stern
- **Finance & Development:** Chair - Jillian DeLong
June E. Taylor, Danielle Shoykhet, Ali B. Stern
- **Infrastructure & Public Facilities:**
Chair - Danielle Shoykhet
Ali B. Stern, Pete Smith, June E. Taylor
- **Legal & Personnel:** Chair - Alec Isaacson
Alex Jacobs, June E. Taylor, Danielle Shoykhet
- **Planning & Zoning:** Chair - Alex Jacobs
Jillian DeLong, Ali B. Stern, Pete Smith
- **Recreation & Community Engagement:**
Chair - Ali B. Stern
Alec Isaacson, Alex Jacobs, June E. Taylor
- **Safety & Public Health:** Chair - Pete Smith
Danielle Shoykhet, Alec Isaacson, Alex Jacobs

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning:
Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Board of Review:
Feb. 2 at 4:30 p.m.
Feb. 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

Meet Beachwood's Newest Council Member: Alex Jacobs



Alex Jacobs, City Council

The City of Beachwood welcomes Alex Jacobs to City Council, who brings 18 years of community roots, professional leadership, and civic involvement to the role.

Alex has lived in Beachwood since 2005 and values the city's strong sense of community, where neighbors look out for one another. She also believes Beachwood offers exceptional value, with high-quality services supported by residents' tax dollars. In her view, the city's greatest strength is its diverse population of engaged and invested residents.

Motivated by a desire to make a meaningful impact close to home, Alex decided to run for City Council to apply her skills to the local community.

Alex graduated from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in 2012 and later helped build and run her family's condominium management company, overseeing nearly 100 condo and HOA communities in the Akron-Canton area. Her work included budgeting, project management, resident communication, and governance — experience she likens to managing “smaller versions of cities.” The company was sold in September 2024, and Alex is currently exploring her next career step.

On Council, Alex is especially excited to continue the pilot street lighting program, advance the Richmond-Chagrin corridor project, and improve Beachwood's overall walkability.

Family and community are central to Alex's life. She and her husband have been married for 19 years and were married at Beachwood City Hall shortly after moving to the city. He serves as a Director of R&D at GE Healthcare in Beachwood. Together they have four children, ranging from a college student to a preschooler.

In addition to her new role on City Council, Alex is deeply involved in Beachwood schools and youth programs. She serves as Treasurer of the Beachwood Schools PTO, President of the Beachwood Schools Support Organization, leads a Girl Scout troop, and coaches a Destination Imagination team. In her free time, she enjoys reading science fiction, board games, and cross-stitching.



Alex Jacobs pictured with her husband Paul and their four children.

HOLIDAY RUBBISH COLLECTION:

Due to Presidents Day, rubbish and recycling will not be collected on Monday, Feb. 16. All collections will be delayed one day for that week only.

Honoring Rochelle Hecht for Decades of Service

The City of Beachwood proudly recognizes Rochelle Hecht for her exceptional service on the Planning and Zoning Commission, where she has served with distinction since January 1999. For more than two decades, she exemplified professionalism, dedication, and a genuine love for the Beachwood community.

During her impactful tenure, Beachwood experienced significant growth and transformation. Major projects such as the Eaton Corporation Headquarters, Ahuja Medical Center, and the new Porsche dealership were completed during this period, helping shape the city's economic and civic landscape.

Rochelle was also a strong advocate for enhancements that improved residents' quality of life, including tournament-sized tennis courts, the Community Garden, the Public Safety and Dispatch Center on Richmond Road, and ongoing improvements throughout Beachwood's parks.

On behalf of the City of Beachwood, we extend our sincere thanks to Rochelle Hecht for her extraordinary service and dedication to our community.

Mayor Justin Berns recognizing Rochelle Hecht for her service at the Dec. 15 City Council meeting.



Council Member Josh Mintz Concludes a Legacy of Service



Left to right: Alec Isaacson, Josh Mintz, and Mayor Justin Berns

Beachwood marked Council member Josh Mintz's final meeting on Dec. 15. The Council member retired effective Dec. 31, 2025, closing a significant chapter of public service.

Council member Mintz's commitment to Beachwood reflects a deep family legacy of civic engagement. He followed in the footsteps of his father, Mark Mintz, who devoted decades to the community through service on both the Beachwood School Board and City Council. City leaders noted that the same values of integrity, dedication, and community-first leadership evident in Mark Mintz's service were clearly carried on by his son.

Josh Mintz brought that sense of purpose to every role he held, from his early service on the School Board to his tenure on City Council. As Chair of Public Works and Recreation, he played a key role in guiding infrastructure investments and ensuring residents continued to enjoy excellent city amenities and services. He also demonstrated thoughtful leadership on important issues, including gun violence prevention, through his work on the Fairmount Temple property selection committee.

On behalf of the City of Beachwood, the Mayor and City Council members expressed sincere appreciation for Council member Mintz's years of service and leadership, and extended best wishes to him and his family in the years ahead.

POWER OUTAGE REMINDER:

To report power outages, call First Energy at 888.544.4877 or visit outages-oh.firstenergycorp.com. You can also text REG to 544487. For electrical wires on the ground or dangerously low hanging, dial 911.

New Permitting System Goes Live

The City of Beachwood's Building Department officially launched its new online permit portal, powered by Clariti, on Jan. 2. The Clariti system streamlines the process of applying for and managing permits for residents, contractors, and businesses.

"We truly appreciate everyone's cooperation as we transitioned to this exciting upgrade," said Brian Roenigk, Building Commissioner.

"Clariti will greatly improve efficiency for both customers and staff, from initial application through project completion."

Residents are reminded to use the online permit portal before beginning work on common projects such as decks, fences, electrical alterations, swimming pools, generator installations, re-roofing, and window or door replacements. Garage sales and rain barrels also require permits.

The new permit portal is available at BeachwoodOhio.com/permit or by scanning the QR code above.



Snow Ordinance Reminder

Beachwood ordinances state when snow falls to a depth of 2 inches (or more) over a 24-hour period, an emergency is declared and parking may be 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 for complying with emergency parking regulations; vehicles parked in violation may be towed at the owners' expense.



Hometown Heroes

The Beachwood Historical Society and the City of Beachwood are proud to honor those making a difference through the Hometown Heroes program. 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 Garden Gateway Park (formerly City Park West).



Scan to nominate! 

February Recreation Guide

Teen Night GOOD BEATS, NEON LIGHTS

GLOW DANCE Party

STATEMENT CITY OF Beachwood
NAIL & WAX LOUNGE

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 SENIOR EVENT

Meditation and Mocktails

March 17, 11 AM
Beachwood Community Center

Unwind and reset with a guided meditation designed specifically for seniors followed by refreshing St. Patrick's Day-inspired mocktails.

Register: BeachwoodRec.com
Residents \$2, Non-Residents \$4



Meditation by:
Julie Konrad

Family-Friendly, All Ages Welcome!

Beachwood BINGO Nights

MARCH 5
6:00-8:00 PM
Community Center

17 & Under - \$5, Adults - \$8
60 Years & Better - \$5

Register: BeachwoodRec.com



BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY: Ileen Kelner Juried High School Art Show | February 22 - March 29
Inspiring work from students representing over 20 local high schools, presented by Beachwood Arts Council.

Last Call; Beachwood Summer Camp Discount Ends Feb. 27

Beachwood Summer Camp is all about fun, laughter, friendship, and memories! Don't miss your opportunity to secure the early bird resident rate for this summer, ending Friday, Feb. 27, at 4:30 p.m. Register at BeachwoodRec.com.

Non-residents may register for any remaining spots beginning Monday, March 2, at 9:00 a.m.

Please note: A waitlist is currently available for the resident-only Summer Sendoff Camp (Aug. 3–Aug. 7). Residents are encouraged to add their camper to the waitlist, and we will do our best to accommodate interest once staff has been hired.

Questions? Try our new 24/7 camp information line at 866.864.1153.

Now Hiring!



Hear why you should become a Beachwood Camp Counselor!

Scan to play video.



Instructor Spotlight: Beth Parnin, 50 Years of Fitness

With 50 years of fitness instructor experience, Beth Parnin has dedicated her career to helping people stay active and healthy. Since 2004, she has been teaching Fun with Fitness in Beachwood, tailoring her classes to meet the unique needs of seniors.

As a senior herself, Beth understands the physical and mental changes, from arthritis and balance to mobility and strength. Her classes encourage everyone to work at their own level — sitting when needed, skipping weights if preferred, and moving in a way that feels right. The oldest participant is an impressive 99 years young.

“When I walk into the room,” Beth says, “I can feel the bonds of friendship and support we’ve developed together.”

Fun with Fitness is offered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:15 a.m. at the Beachwood Community Center. To learn more or sign up, call Community Services at 216.292.1970.



Beth Parnin (middle with wreath) pictured with her class participants during the holidays.



MAD SCIENCE

READY, STEM, GO!

**Wednesday,
February 4-
March 18**

(No class Feb. 18)

Kids, grades K-5, will discover how science is at work in the world around them!

Bryden Elementary: Grades K-2
6 Weeks, 3:15-4:15 PM

Hilltop Elementary: Grades 3-5
6 Weeks, 2:40-3:40 PM

Residents \$142, Non-Residents \$170

Register: BeachwoodRec.com



Animals of the Land & Sea

Motion & Energy

Mixture Making

Technology



Upcoming Programs

- **Power Cardio Kickboxing**
Ages: Adult Class (No class 2/12 & 2/16)
M/Th., 2/9-3/12, 6-7 p.m.
Beachwood Community Center
Residents \$129, Non-Res. \$155
- **No-School Winter Treat Baking**
Ages: 6-12 years
Wed., 2/18, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Beachwood Community Center
Residents \$94, Non-Res. \$113
- **Tiny Movers Tap & Ballet**
Ages: 3-4.5 years
Tues., 2/24-3/24, 5:30-6:25 p.m.
Beachwood Community Center
Residents \$94, Non-Res. \$113
- **Future Fashion Stars**
Grades: K-2
Wed., 2/25-3/18, 3:15-4:15 p.m.
Bryden Elementary
Residents \$136, Non-Res. \$163
- **Future Fashion Stars**
Grades: 3-5
Wed., 2/25-3/18, 2:40-3:40 p.m.
Hilltop Elementary
Residents \$136, Non-Res. \$163
- **Pottery for Teens**
Ages: 12-18 years
Sat., 2/28-3/28, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Beachwood Ceramic Guild
Residents \$212, Non-Res. \$254
- **Smarty Paws Dog Training**
Ages: Adult Class
Mon., 3/9-4/13, 7-8 p.m.
Beachwood Community Center
Residents \$124, Non-Res. \$148
- **Barre FX**
Ages: Adult Class
Tu./Th., 3/10-4/9, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Beachwood Community Center
Residents \$57, Non-Res. \$68

Beachwood Seniors

- **The Mind Challenge**
Team Formation Deadline: Monday, March 2
The Mind Challenge is a tournament-style trivia competition where cities compete against fellow communities from across Northeast Ohio. Interested in joining Team Beachwood? Call 216.292.1911 by March 2.
- **Drawing Class with Marlene Weinstein**
Tuesdays, March 3-April 7, 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.
Explore still life drawing with instructor Marlene Weinstein! Demos, examples, handouts, and individual attention are provided. New students should enroll in the morning session. Just \$81 for residents and \$92 for non-residents.

February Meet & Eat

Vocalist & Recording Artist Von James
Thursday, Feb. 19, Noon, Community Center

Residents \$14, Non-Residents \$17, Program Only \$6
Register by Feb. 13

Von James is a powerhouse vocalist and recording artist with roots in opera, jazz, and gospel. She has graced stages at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Multi-Music Jazz Festival at Cain Park, and now she’s bringing her dynamic voice to Beachwood.

Meal choices include Cajun chicken with pasta and a side salad or tuna salad on a hoagie roll with a cup of tomato soup. All entrees served with a beverage and dessert. Gluten free option available.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Beachwood Business Compass: Two New Podcast Episodes

The Beachwood Business Compass Podcast delivers a double feature of insights to start your year on the right foot. Tune in on Apple Podcasts or Spotify.

Global Pathways: The City of Beachwood's Economic Development Department recently sat down with Nate Ward, Director of the Global Business Center and the SBDC Export Assistance Network, for an insightful conversation on international business growth. Drawing on his extensive experience in manufacturing and banking, Nate shares perspectives on today's export challenges, emerging global opportunities, and how local companies are leveraging the Small Business Export Assistance Network to expand into new markets.

Fueling Small Business Growth: Financing is a key part of any small business strategy. This episode highlights two local organizations making a big impact: the Economic & Community Development Institute (ECDI), a top SBA microlender creating lasting social and economic change, and HFLA of Northeast Ohio, providing interest-free loans since 1904 to help students, businesses, and residents achieve financial stability.



Renewed Vision for Beachwood Place



Trademark Property Company is taking the lead on operations and leasing at Beachwood Place with plans to enhance its retail, dining, and overall guest experience. Drawing on its national expertise in retail repositioning, Trademark will implement placemaking and remerchandising initiatives to refresh the center.

"Beachwood Place is an icon among the

Cleveland market's retail offerings, with a nearly 50-year history as a top shopping destination in the community," said Kevin Kessinger, President and Chief Operating Officer at Trademark and part-time Cleveland resident. "Our team could not be more excited to apply a thoughtful remerchandising strategy that reflects our shared vision with ownership to bring fresh perspectives to the center.

Under Trademark's leadership, Beachwood Place will continue evolving into a community-focused destination, with thoughtfully curated offerings and enhanced guest experiences.

Funshi Offers Fun, Fresh Experience

Beachwood welcomes Funshi Sushi, adding a dynamic new flavor to the local culinary scene at La Place. The location features a unique conveyor-belt service system, where plates of fresh sushi glide past diners for an interactive grab-and-go experience.



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Stay Connected!*

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