

The Mayor's Message Looking Ahead to Spring

Dear Beachwood Residents & Businesses,

With days getting longer and the first signs of spring appearing, I would like to reflect on our community's resilience this winter and share a look ahead at the exciting months to come. This season brought some of the most severe winter weather we have experienced in recent years, but it also highlighted the cooperation, dedication, and community spirit that make Beachwood an excellent place to live.

I would first like to thank our residents for their patience and continued cooperation during winter snow parking bans. While these restrictions can be inconvenient, they are essential in allowing our Public Works Department to clear streets safely and efficiently. Snow parking bans also ensure that our Police and Fire Departments have unobstructed access to homes and businesses when responding to emergencies. Your understanding and support are vital to keeping our community safe during challenging weather conditions.

I am also extremely proud of the Beachwood Public Works Department's outstanding efforts throughout this winter. Snowfall began as early as Thanksgiving last year and continued over several major weather events, requiring our crews to work long hours under challenging conditions. Many Public Works employees spent extended time away from their families to ensure that Beachwood's roads and sidewalks remained safe and passable. I commend their professionalism and dedication in making these sacrifices so that our residents and visitors can travel safely and spend time with their own families.

Looking ahead to spring, there is much to be excited about. Our Community Services Department is preparing to distribute the Spring and Summer Recreation Guide, which will highlight a wide variety of programs and activities designed to bring our community together. From youth and family programming to fitness and enrichment opportunities,

there is something for everyone.

In addition, Beachwood Community Services has announced a year-long lineup of new events created specifically for our senior residents. These programs will complement our popular monthly Meet & Eat gatherings and provide even more opportunities for social connection and engagement. Information and registration for each event will be posted at BeachwoodRec.com, and I encourage you to mark your calendars and join us.

As warmer weather approaches, preparations will also soon begin at the Beachwood Family Aquatic Center. Our team is already planning the necessary maintenance and upgrades to ensure the facility is ready for another safe and enjoyable season for families and residents. We are also proud to continue offering same-gender swimming events and evening pool parties reflecting our ongoing commitment to inclusivity for all residents.

Lastly, I invite you to watch for the upcoming April issue of *Beachwood Buzz*, which will feature a story on my State of the City address. This feature will highlight Beachwood's accomplishments in 2025 and provide a look ahead at our goals for the remainder of the year.

Thank you for being an engaged and supportive community. I wish you a safe end to winter and an enjoyable spring season ahead.

Sincerely,



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Legislative Update

Jan. 20 - Feb. 2

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.

Jan. 20 City Council Meeting:

Infrastructure Improvement

Council members confirmed the mayor's appointment of George Carr to the City of Beachwood's Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Carr is an experienced real estate attorney with a local law firm and serves on the city's Community Improvement Corporation.

Public Safety

City Council approved funding to ensure the city is fully prepared to respond to emergencies. The purchase order provides immediate access to up to \$250,000, allowing rapid action without additional Council approval during a major catastrophe or emergency.

Feb. 2 City Council Meeting:

Innovative Partnerships

City Council formally approved a resolution authorizing the city to enter into a Member Community Infrastructure Program (MCIP) Agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS). Through this strategic partnership, the city will secure \$278,300 in grant funding to support the design of the Bryden Road sanitary and storm sewer improvement project.

Infrastructure Improvement

Council members approved the renewal of the city's contract with Direct Business Technologies to continue providing critical software security services for the city's technology infrastructure. This action reinforces the city's cybersecurity position and enhances its ability to defend against ransomware attacks, hacking attempts, and other evolving cyber threats.



George Carr being sworn in to the Planning and Zoning Commission on Jan. 20.

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.

Ongoing Efforts Aim to Improve Traffic Safety Citywide

In response to ongoing resident concerns about traffic safety, the Beachwood Police Department (BPD) significantly increased traffic enforcement efforts throughout 2025. These proactive measures were designed to address speeding, reckless driving, and other traffic-related issues impacting neighborhoods across the city.

As a result of these efforts, BPD officers issued 2,219 traffic citations in 2025, a 48.2% increase from 2024 (1,497 citations). Despite heightened enforcement, the department still received 385 calls to dispatch regarding traffic concerns, highlighting the need for ongoing attention and partnership with residents to further improve traffic safety.

"Resident feedback plays a critical role in shaping our traffic enforcement strategies," said Police Chief Dan Grispino. "As enforcement efforts increase, our primary goal remains improving safety on Beachwood roadways. We will continue to adjust our approach based on resident input and statistical data, including crash and speed data, to ensure enforcement is focused where it is needed most."

Through targeted enforcement and an active response to community input, the Beachwood Police Department remains committed to improving roadway safety and reducing traffic issues throughout the city.



UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
March 9 at 7:00 p.m.
March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Architectural Board of Review:
March 9 at 4:30 p.m.
March 23 at 4:30 p.m.

Work - Live - Learn - Thrive

Mike Holtzman Named Firefighter of the Year



Beachwood Fire Chief Steven Holtzman announced the department's 2025 Firefighter of the Year, Mike Holtzman. He was honored during the Jan. 20 City Council meeting with family and friends present. The Beachwood Fire Department's Officer Corps votes to select the Firefighter of the Year. Mike is the nephew of Chief Steve Holtzman, who does not have a vote in naming the department's Firefighter of the Year.

Mike began his firefighting career immediately after high school, joining the Elyria Township Fire Department in 2001. In 2006, he advanced to a full-time position with the Sheffield Village Fire Department before bringing his experience and leadership to the Beachwood Fire Department in 2010.

Over the past 15 years in Beachwood, Mike has served several critical roles, including assignments with the Regional SWAT Team and the Regional Technical Rescue Team. He currently serves on the department's Training Committee, helping ensure the highest standards of readiness and safety.

Mike holds several certifications, including firefighter, paramedic, instructor, live fire instructor, and fire safety inspector. Even on his days off, he continues to give back, working as a safety instructor at Lorain County Joint Vocational School, where he helps train high school students to become the next generation of firefighters.

Mike was honored alongside his wife, Anne, of 17 years, and his sons, Aaron and Brandon.



2025 Firefighter of the Year, Mike Holtzman (left), pictured with Fire Chief Steven Holtzman (right).

BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY:

Ileen Kelner Juried High School Art Show | On display through Friday, March 27

Inspiring work from students representing over 20 high schools, presented by Beachwood Arts Council.

BFD Welcomes Shianne Wright



Left to right: Chief Steven Holtzman, Firefighter & Paramedic Shianne Wright, Mayor Justin Berns

The Beachwood Fire Department is proud to announce Shianne Wright as its newest member. Mayor Berns swore her in during the Jan. 20 City Council meeting.

Shianne's passion for emergency services began at the age of 7, when she first dreamed of becoming an ambulance driver. That childhood dream became a clear path at just 15, when she joined the Hamden Fire Department through the Explorer Program, an experience she says quickly felt like her second home.

Committed to serving others, Shianne continued pursuing her goals by earning both her firefighter certification and paramedic certification. She credits much of her success to the training and support she received from her mentors at the Hamden Fire Department.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Shianne Wright to the Beachwood Fire Department.

State of the City Content Available March 12

Residents who are unable to attend Mayor Justin Berns' State of the City address will still have an opportunity to learn about the city's progress and plans for the year ahead.

Beginning Thursday, March 12, the City of Beachwood will publish additional 2026 State of the City content on the city's website.

A short video presentation and a digital print piece will be available, offering residents a convenient way to review the key topics and information shared by Mayor Berns during his State of the City address.



Honoring Decades of Service to Beachwood

The City of Beachwood proudly recognizes the retirements of three long-serving employees whose dedication and professionalism have made a lasting impact on our community.



After nearly 30 years of service to Beachwood, **Tim Tremaglio** retired on Jan. 30, 2026. Tim joined the city in 1996 as Street and Sewer Superintendent after beginning his public service career with Cleveland Heights in 1980. Throughout his tenure, Tim has been a steady, knowledgeable, and trusted leader within the Public Works Department, helping to maintain and improve the infrastructure residents rely on every day.

In retirement, Tim looks forward to spending more time with his wife and three children, helping his son renovate his first home, enjoying plenty of golf, and taking his Corvette out for some well-earned joyrides.



Also retiring is **Rob Santucci**, after 22 years of service as a building inspector and in code enforcement. Before joining Beachwood's Building Department, Rob served the community for 20 years as a North Randall police officer. During his time in Beachwood, Rob valued the opportunity to work alongside fellow employees and to meet residents through his role as building inspector.

In retirement, Rob hopes to stay active and plans to escape Northeast Ohio winters by attending Major League Baseball spring training games in Florida.



The city also recognizes dispatcher **Robin Mueller**, who retired after 18 years of service with the Beachwood Police Department. As one of the first voices residents hear in moments of crisis, Robin has played a critical role in keeping the community safe. Dispatchers are the calm behind the chaos—gathering vital information, coordinating emergency response, and providing reassurance when it's needed most. Robin has done all of this with professionalism, patience, and dedication.

The City of Beachwood thanks Tim, Rob, and Robin for their years of dedicated public service and wishes them all a happy, healthy, and well-deserved retirement.

City Completes First Year of Regional Deer Sterilization Program

The City of Beachwood has successfully completed the first year of its deer sterilization program, implemented in collaboration with the cities of Shaker Heights and South Euclid. This regional approach to deer management reflects a growing commitment among our neighboring communities.

During the program's first year, the company White Buffalo, working with its team of licensed veterinary surgeons, successfully sterilized 52 does across the three participating communities. Of those, 43 were located in Beachwood and Shaker Heights, with an additional 9 does sterilized in South Euclid. All sterilization efforts for the year are now complete.



Example of the new state-issued deer tags.

This year also marked the introduction of new state-issued deer tags that include a state telephone number for identification and tracking. Each community uses a distinct tag color: yellow for Beachwood, white for Shaker Heights, and green for South Euclid.

Collaboration among the three cities has provided mutual benefits, including shared expertise, coordinated planning, and increased efficiency. Interest in similar programs continues to grow

regionally. Brooklyn initiated a deer management program this year, Highland Heights has resumed efforts after an initial pause, and Cleveland Heights is expected to join next year. University Heights has also expressed interest, and Beachwood has offered its program information to encourage participation.

As regional cooperation expands, Beachwood remains committed to working with neighboring communities to build a coordinated, long-term approach to responsible deer population management.

Composting Results

Beachwood residents are making a meaningful environmental impact through the city's free food scrap composting program in partnership with Rust Belt Riders. In 2025, public composting bins in Beachwood collected an impressive 69,600 pounds of food scraps from 307 participating households, keeping organic waste out of landfills and turning it into nutrient-rich compost.

Thank you to the residents who participated in 2025 and helped make this program a success. Residents interested in joining can register for free on our website at BeachwoodOhio.com/composting.



March Recreation Guide

A Touch of Disney Magic Warms Up Winter

More than 200 families gathered at the Community Center for Beachwood's first Winter Warm-Up, an afternoon filled with Disney-themed wintertime magic. Sponsored by Statement Nail & Wax Lounge, the Feb. 12 event transformed a chilly winter day into an enchanting experience for children and families.



Under the sea sand art! Photography provided by Discovery Photo.

Attendees stepped into their favorite Disney worlds through themed crafts, games, and interactive activities inspired by beloved characters and films. From Moana's Mask Studio to Lightning McQueen's Paint Shop, Winter Warm-Up offered something magical around every corner.



A magical meet and greet with Cinderella.



Solving the case with Zootopia.



All smiles meeting Tinker Bell!

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL: Grab a spot in the lineup and take the field! Divisions available for boys and girls, ages 5-14. Practice begins the week of April 27. Just \$75 for residents and \$95 for non-residents at BeachwoodRec.com.

Community, Connection, and Fun: Beachwood's Senior Event Series

Beachwood Community Services is excited to introduce a year-long lineup of new events designed for our senior community. These programs expand on our monthly Meet & Eat gatherings, offering even more opportunities to connect, socialize, and enjoy something new.

Mediation & Mocktails is proudly sponsored by King David Senior Living. Event details and registration will be available at BeachwoodRec.com.

- March 17 – Meditation & Mocktails
- March 27 – Senior State of the City
- April 30 – Ladies Tea at the Derby
- May 21 – Senior Taste & Cookbook
- June 1 – The Senior Game Show
- July 22 – Ice Cream Social
- Aug. 31 – Senior Picnic
- Sept. 14 – Diner Night
- Oct. 22 – Senior Harvest Fest
- Nov. 12 – Seniors Around the World
- Dec. 17 – Senior Prom

Meditation and Mocktails

Tuesday, March 17
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Unwind and reset with a calming, guided meditation designed specifically for seniors. Afterward, enjoy a festive flight of St. Patrick's Day-inspired mocktails.

 Beachwood Community Center
25325 Fairmount Blvd.

Registration Required:
 BeachwoodRec.com or 216.292.1970
 Cost: Residents \$2, Non-Residents \$4

Instructor Spotlight: Dennis Weyn



For 17 years, Dennis Weyn has been sharing his passion for soccer with Beachwood families through Pee Wee Soccer, Beginner Footskills, group camps, and more. A native of the Netherlands, Dennis grew up immersed in the sport before moving to the United States in 1986 to coach at Virginia Commonwealth University. He later became Director of Coaching for what is now the Cleveland Football Academy and has

led successful high school programs, including two state titles at Hathaway Brown and multiple winning seasons at Beaumont School.

Through his Weyn Soccer Group, Dennis has helped young athletes across Northeast Ohio develop skills and confidence both on and off the field. Despite his competitive background, what he values most about Beachwood is the relaxed environment of running skill development programs. "There's no pressure to win," he says. "It's simply about having fun and sharing my passion for soccer."

Outside of soccer, Dennis has been happily married for 40 years and is the proud father of two adult daughters. When he's not on the field, you'll find him watching professional soccer, traveling, collecting vinyl records, and enjoying time with family and friends.

T3 Sports Summer Sendoff Camp

Beachwood has partnered with T3 Performance to expand camp opportunities during the extended Summer Sendoff week, Aug. 3–7, which is being offered due to Beachwood's 2026–27 school calendar.



In response to high demand, T3 Sports Summer Sendoff Camp has been added to accommodate more campers. The camp will be offered to students in grades four through eight, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Beachwood Middle School.

The program will closely mirror Beachwood's standard Sports Camp, with the added benefit of instruction from T3's high-level coaching staff, many of whom are former Division I and Division II collegiate athletes.

Families currently on the waitlist will be notified. Registration will open on March 9 at BeachwoodRec.com. The cost is \$175 per camper.

THEATER Director Julie Matthews City of Beachwood

BUBBLEbaloo

On-Camera Happy Songs Sing-Along

Wednesdays, April 8-May 20
Beachwood Community Center
4:30-6:00 PM

Ages 7-15

Participants get a professional on-camera acting and singing experience plus a live performance on May 20!

Register: BeachwoodRec.com
Residents \$255, Non-Residents \$306

CITY OF BEACHWOOD
family aquatic center

2026 Memberships

On sale to residents beginning April 6!
Rates & Details: BeachwoodRec.com

Beachwood Seniors

- **Medicaid & Asset Protection Lunch & Learn**
Thursday, March 12, Noon, Community Center

Discover how to protect your home and savings from the rising costs of long-term care. Gain valuable insight while enjoying a complimentary lunch. Register for free by March 6.

- **Senior State of the City with Mayor Berns**
Friday, March 27, 10:00 a.m., Community Center

Join Mayor Berns for pastries, light refreshments, and an overview of the 2026 State of the City. Learn about the city's latest projects, initiatives, and more. Registration is free. Sign up by March 20 at BeachwoodRec.com.

March Meet & Eat

- **Chardon Polka Band**
Thursday, March 19, Noon, Community Center

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

The Chardon Polka Band brings a unique twist to the traditional polka sound! Known for their high-energy performances and playful sense of humor, this Cleveland-based group mixes classic polka favorites with surprising modern tunes. Their infectious enthusiasm makes them a hit with audiences of all ages.

Meal choices include turkey tetrazzini or angel hair pasta. All entrees served with side salad, roll, beverage, and dessert. Gluten-free option available.

WHERE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

THE LATEST NEWS FROM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Competitive Edge of Investing in Employee Well-Being

The most resilient and forward-thinking businesses understand a simple truth: investing in employee health is not a perk — it's a strategy. Organizations that embed wellness into their culture see stronger engagement, lower turnover, improved productivity, and teams that are better equipped to adapt and thrive.



Leading employers are taking practical, achievable steps to support their workforce, such as offering preventive care incentives, encouraging movement and healthy habits throughout the workday, expanding access to mental health resources, and partnering with local providers for screenings and educational sessions. Flexible policies that respect work-life balance further reinforce a culture where employees feel supported, valued, and empowered to do their best work.

These initiatives don't require massive budgets. They require intention, leadership, and strong partnerships within the local business community.

That's where the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce Health and Wellness Summit comes in. This one-day event, taking place on April 22 at the SITE Center building in Beachwood, is designed to connect local businesses with practical tools, expert insights, and community partners who can help turn wellness goals into actionable outcomes.



Whether you're a business leader seeking sustainable strategies or an employee interested in workplace well-being, the Summit offers meaningful opportunities to learn, connect, and lead with purpose. To learn more or register, visit Beachwood.org for full event details and engagement opportunities.

Free Entrepreneur Education

Beachwood entrepreneurs are invited to take advantage of a free professional development opportunity this spring through the Huntington Entrepreneur in Residence (EIR) Program. Hosted at Corporate College East, this four-week master class series is designed specifically for small business owners at any stage of growth.

Led by Manny Hall, the program provides practical, real-world guidance informed by the experience of successful entrepreneurs from across Northeast Ohio. The curriculum is designed to help participants sharpen strategic clarity, strengthen revenue growth strategies, enhance financial readiness, and improve execution across their businesses.

Program Details

- Days: Wednesdays
- Dates: April 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2026
- Time: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
(Dinner served 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.)
- Location: Corporate College East, 4400 Richmond Rd., Warrensville Hts.
- Cost: Free (Generously sponsored by Huntington Bank)

Registration for Spring 2026 is now open. Space is limited, and early registration is encouraged.

To register, visit tri-c.edu and search "Entrepreneur in Residence."



TUMI Expands in Beachwood

TUMI has expanded its presence at Beachwood Place, bringing an even broader assortment of its iconic travel essentials to the region. The newly enhanced space showcases a carefully curated selection of luggage, backpacks, totes, crossbody bags, briefcases, and travel accessories, designed to complement a range of lifestyles and personal styles. Highlights include TUMI's new ALPHA collection which has been reengineered for modern movement.



Shopping in-store allows guests to see and feel the exceptional craftsmanship firsthand, fully appreciating the materials,

organization, and thoughtful details. To make each piece uniquely yours, TUMI also offers complimentary personalization, including traditional monogramming and, on select styles, premium metal lettering.

Always Be An Insider, Stay Connected!

Official Social Media Pages



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- @BeachwoodOH
- @BeachwoodPolice
- @BeachwoodFire
- @BeachwoodOHRec
- @BeachwoodPublicWorks
- @BarkwoodDogPark

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- @BeachwoodPolice

Instagram Account:

- @BeachwoodOhio

LinkedIn Account:

- @CityOfBeachwood