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The Power of a Positive Educator

We are all educators. Whether we instruct in a classroom or follow our own life's path, we are constantly interacting with individuals and teaching in one form or another. With the start of the school year, the following information, published by Jon Gordon, is timely.

Jon, a former teacher with a Master's in education, and an international best-selling author, speaker, and consultant, says we can all benefit from empowerment lessons, and we each have the ability to pass along lessons learned to family, friends, business associates, and others with whom we communicate.

When he reminisces about his teachers, Jon recognizes that the ones who made an impact were all positive.

"Positive educators have the power to transform lives and inspire young minds to believe they can and will change the world," Jon wrote.

In this spirit, he says that we can all choose to be positive educators; here's how:

Be Positively Contagious

Emotions are contagious. Sincere smiles, kind words, encouragement, and positive energy infect people in a positive way. Each day, you have a choice as to how you will interact. Those with whom you communicate will remember very little of what you said, but they will remember 100% of how you made them feel.

Take a Daily Gratitude Walk

It's simple and powerful. Just take a walk outside or on a treadmill and think about all the things, big and small, for which you are grateful. Studies show that when you combine gratitude with physical exercise, you give yourself a double boost of positive energy.

Celebrate Daily Successes

Instead of thinking of things that went wrong during the day, focus on what went right. When

you do this, you'll look forward to creating more successes tomorrow and will have more confidence to take on the day.

Expect to Make a Difference

When you expect to make a difference, you win in your mind first, and then you win the hearts and minds of others.

Believe in Others More Than They Believe in Themselves

The difference between success and failure is belief, and so often this belief is instilled in us by someone else. You can be the person who helps others see their potential rather than their limitations.

Develop Positive Relationships

Focus less on rules and invest more in relationships. To develop positive relationships you need to enhance communication, build trust, listen, make time, and

show others you care through your actions. When we give others our best, they, in turn, will give us their best.

Show You Care

When you create your own unique way to show others you care about them, you help build positivity in people who then produce a more positive world.

In closing, Jon says, "You only have one ride – enjoy it."

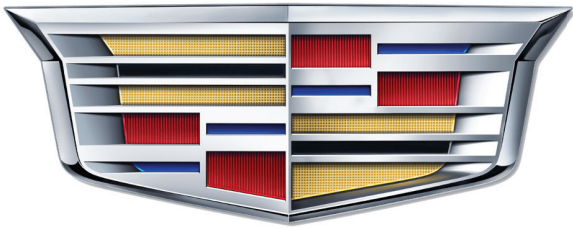
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Beachwood CAN to benefit Harvest for Hunger

Beachwood CAN is a community food drive to benefit Harvest for Hunger. Beachwood Place, the City of Beachwood, Beachwood Schools, and the Beachwood Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to support those who are food insecure.

The campaign will kick off with "Beachwood CAN Leave Hunger Behind," at the 5th Annual Beachwood Fall Festival, Sunday, Oct. 2, noon - 5 p.m., in the Beachwood City Hall parking lot. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods or nonperishables, and then help create a fall-themed art piece.

Dropoff locations throughout the city will be announced after the kickoff event. The drive will run through Saturday, Nov. 12,

when partners will hand off all donations to Harvest for Hunger.

The event is still in its planning phase. Organizers are creating new opportunities and competitions for everyone in our community to be involved: residents, businesses, retailers and students. Beachwood is the #1 suburb and Beachwood CAN's goal is to be Harvest for Hunger's #1 food drive. Watch for more information about how to get involved in next month's issue of *Beachwood Buzz*.



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That is Food Insecure

343,000

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BEACHWOOD PLACE

In the Spotlight: Beachwood City Council



Mike Burkons, Barbara Bellin Janovitz, Vice President Eric Synenberg, President Alec Isaacson, June Taylor, Josh Mintz, and Danielle Shoykhet.

By Debby Zelman Rapoport

Just a few months ago, Beachwood was named #1 in *Cleveland Magazine's* annual ranking of the best Northeast Ohio suburbs in which to live. The coveted spot was earned because of all the well-implemented programs and services that we, as residents, business owners, employees, and visitors, enjoy throughout the year. All of the great things that happen in Beachwood are created by design. They result from hard work by the city's administration, staff, and City Council – a seven-member group of Beachwood residents who took an oath to work in the best interests of our community. This council represents us to the best of their abilities, and works tirelessly to do what's best for Beachwood, today and tomorrow.

Much of what City Council does is behind the scenes, so this month we shine the spotlight on President Alec Isaacson, Vice President Eric Synenberg, Mike Burkons, Barbara Bellin Janovitz, Joshua Mintz, Danielle Shoykhet, and June Taylor. Together, they work long hours to make our city shine. We asked each of them why they ran for office, what their legislative priorities are, what their current passion project is, what Council's greatest challenge is, and what their future vision for Beachwood is.



Beachwood Buzz thanks City Council for their hard work and dedication, and proudly shares information about each of these public servants.

Alec Isaacson, President

Alec ran for City Council because he wanted to make a difference. “People who are in leadership positions need to be there for the right reasons and they need to be prepared to make positive contributions,” he told us.

When Alec first ran for office in 2013, most Council members had been in office for more than 10 years and it seemed clear to him that younger residents needed to step into leadership roles. “I felt that my skills and experience were relevant, that I had the time to devote to the job, and that I could do good things,” he told us. Alec has now served our city in this role for nine years. He is the senior member of council.

“This position is very rewarding. I’ve learned so much about things I never thought I’d know about, such as how our emergency services operate, the ins and outs of municipal finance, and more,” he said. “I’ve helped to make decisions that have positively impacted the lives of everyone who lives and works in Beachwood, and I’m continuously working to make our city a better place.”

Alec views one of Council’s biggest challenges as finding good people to serve in leadership roles. “Although Beachwood voters select our leaders, it’s important for our current leaders to help identify and

encourage potential successors,” he explained. “We need a deep pool of competent, positive, and productive people who can pick up the mantle of leadership and keep our city moving forward.”

Unfortunately, the toxic political climate at federal and state levels has created a situation where the people best suited to lead our community may be driven away from participating, which isn’t good because of the immediate impact city services have on our day-to-day lives.

“We need good leaders to keep our city moving forward, building on the strong foundation that prior generations have handed down to us,” he explained.

Alec’s passion project is to bring community broadband internet to Beachwood so there is an alternative to our two current providers. “I’ve spent time researching this. Although it’s a long-range project that will take a lot of effort and careful planning to implement, I know it will be a great differentiator for our city.”

Alec grew up in Maryland, near Washington, D.C, and moved to Ohio for college. He and his wife, Cheryl, moved to Beachwood just after they got married in



1999. They have two children, Noah and Emily. Emily graduated BHS in 2021 and now attends University of Maryland, and Noah will graduate from BHS in 2025.

Alec works for a California-based software company as a consultant. He enjoys reading, riding his bicycle, and working out at the J. He and Noah also enjoy finding and rebuilding old lawn mowers.

Eric Synenberg, Vice President

Eric has been serving on City Council since 2018. He chose to serve because he is very passionate and energetic about our city and the way it is run, and wanted to be a part of its government team. When he first ran, he was proud to have been a part of a new generation of leadership, along with Alec Isaacson, Brian Linick and James Pasch. Today, he’s grateful to serve with the most diverse City Council in Beachwood’s history.

“When I first ran, I knew it was a turning point in city leadership,” Eric said. “I’m proud to have been part of the changing of the guard to a younger, more diverse council that better reflects our city.”

Eric is proud of where the city is today. “It is difficult to have a long list of priorities when we live in a top-rated suburb,” he stated. “We already do so many things well and provide great services to our residents and visitors.”

One of his passion projects is to help develop community services and recreation because there’s always room for added opportunities. Since 2018, Eric is proud to have contributed to the development of Beachwood’s Community Gardens, Barkwood, and Fitness Park, and he looks forward

to being part of the team that will add more features to Beachwood City Park East, as well as pickleball courts and an updated playground.

“I also look forward to helping the city move to a more environmentally, eco-friendly future,” he said. “We need to consider the climate and our environment in almost every decision going forward. Our greatest challenge is to keep Beachwood a top-rated suburb.”

Redevelopment of Beachwood Place and other commercial areas in the city, including Commerce Park and Mercantile Road, are also top priorities, as well as working closer with the Beachwood Schools.

Eric’s future vision for Beachwood is to build upon the foundation that our city’s founders set up in terms of a perfect, suburban location that is zoned with residential, business, and retail components all playing important roles. “Prior mayors and City Council members have been good stewards of this original vision and we must maintain that vision in a changing, complex world,” he said.

Eric is a 43-year-old attorney. He and his wife, Jamie, are both third-generation Beachwood residents. They grew up in Beachwood and met



in high school. They have three children, Ari (14), Noah (12), and Asher (8).

“We love our neighborhood. Brian Drive is an old-fashioned street where neighbors call each other for favors and help each other out, and where kids are free to go from house to house playing with friends,” Eric said. “Beachwood is a great community. Neighbors and friends feel more like family and it is my honor to give back by serving on City Council.”

Mike Burkons

Mike is very proud of many things that we do very well in Beachwood, such as our excellent safety services, how we clear snow from the streets better than any other city, and our great pool, tennis courts, and dog park.

However, he told us that he feels the city's recreation facilities and offerings, including our community's sports fields/courts and playgrounds, are lacking and substandard, which is the main reason he ran for office. Mike wants to initiate change.

"In many suburbs, it's common for the community's sports fields/courts and playgrounds to be on school property," he said. "It's also common for cities to utilize their schools' gyms, pool, and auditoriums for community sports, swimming, community theater programs, and other recreation offerings."

Mike explained that other suburbs, like Lakewood, Brecksville, Lyndhurst, Solon, and Shaker Heights, realize that these assets are utilized as much by the community, if not

more, than the schools, and as a result, these cities are willing to be financial partners with the schools to improve and maintain the assets.

"However, in Beachwood, the attitude has always been that the schools are responsible for facilities on their grounds, which is a silo mentality that doesn't benefit the city, the schools, or its residents," Mike explained. "My legislative priority is to change this attitude."

To that end, Mike wishes to work cohesively with the schools to improve these community assets. He is also advocating to install sidewalks on one side of Bryden Road and better lighting on side streets, both to enhance safety.

When asked what he thought was the biggest challenge facing City Council, Mike responded, "I think City Council's biggest challenge is there are a handful of important issues, like offering tax abatements to developers to convert commercial properties into apartments or the \$18M traffic improvements project proposed for Bryden/



Richmond/Chagrin, where Council is out of step with the will and desire of residents."

Mike grew up in Shaker Heights. His wife, Nikki, is from Beachwood. They have two children, Ellie (8), who loves figure skating and softball, and Jack (10), who is into all sports, especially baseball.

Barbara Bellin Janovitz

Prior to running for office in 2015, Barbara was busy in her legal career, as an estate planner, and serving on nonprofit boards. When asked by a community member to run for Council, she did not immediately say yes. At the time, there were 13 men governing the city. She was surprised to learn that there had not been a woman on Council in more than 15 years.

"I understood the importance of having a diverse group of qualified individuals providing input when making decisions," Barbara told us. "Beachwood is a diverse community and I felt strongly that this diversity – gender, race, and age – should be reflected in our local government so that city leadership is representative of the community it serves. I am happy that June and Danielle serve with me during my second term."

During Barbara's first term, she was the driving force in the development of Barkwood, the dog park. She also spearheaded the trash pick-up program for senior and disabled residents. "As chair of the Community Services committee, I am excited about the recent addition of the outdoor Fitness Park and the expansion of our Community Gardens," she shared. "I am looking forward to the new pickleball courts, the renovation of the playground, and the addition of a pavilion and restroom in Beachwood City Park East.

"I am passionate about giving our residents and employees opportunities to engage with each other, both in our innovative programming for residents of all ages and the enhancement of our infrastructure," she said. "The challenge is determining priorities in these areas."

Barbara's additional legislative priorities relate to safety and economic development. She would like to see sidewalks and additional lighting throughout the city, both of which are crucial to the safety of residents. She also focuses on the city's economic development since it supports the incredible services provided to residents. "We must maintain and support our current businesses and attract new businesses to the city," she stated.

"Beachwood is an amazing city in which to work, live, and raise a family," Barbara said. Her vision for the future of the city is that it will remain vibrant by continuing to attract young families and new businesses. "In order to achieve this vision, we must maintain our financial strength and make decisions that are fiscally responsible. Council and the administration must work collaboratively toward our goals."

Barbara has been a proud Beachwood resident for more than 50 years. Her parents moved to Beachwood in the 1950s and she attended the



Beachwood schools. After graduating from law school in New York, she moved back to Beachwood. She and her husband, Lee, raised their daughter and twin sons here. "I am thrilled that my daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter moved to Beachwood from the East Coast a few weeks ago. Four generations of our family now reside in this wonderful community. I have not given up hope that my sons will eventually move here from the West Coast as well!"

Josh Mintz

Josh has a passion for serving our community. He had the honor and privilege of serving on the Beachwood School Board for 10 years and continues to apply his hands-on approach of leadership on City Council. "I enjoy solving problems and continue to be a commonsense voice that represents our residents' needs, while honoring Beachwood's values and traditions," he said.

Josh's business experience and background aid Council and administration in three categories: safety, economic development, and strategic partnerships. He prioritizes safety and security for all residents, religious institutions, and those visiting our community.

Josh's current passion project is to come up with a solution for a new police station. "Our current station has outlived its purpose and is at the end of its economic life," he explained. "Our Police Department has grown as our city has expanded, and staff requires a new state-of-the-art facility."

He further explained the importance of going above and beyond to support our safety forces. "Our officers are on the front lines every day and, given the times in which we live, stress and sagging morale of being an officer have become a national problem. As a community, we must be positive and supportive. We must let officers

know we care about them," Josh emphasized. "A new police station would provide improved training facilities, better security, and enhanced work efficiency. It would also create a better interaction experience with the public and stronger community relations, and would further support our officers, who are dedicated to maintaining a safe community and providing the highest quality of service to all of our citizens."

Josh also wants people to be proactive and trained in case an active-shooter situation arises. Currently, some Beachwood officers are ALICE (an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) trained and more are scheduled to be trained to assist businesses and other institutions in the training of their employees. Continued training is also planned for officers to be better prepared for an active shooter scenario and additional school safety. Once ALICE trained, individuals are more equipped and empowered to make their own life-saving decisions. "Mass shootings are happening way too frequently and this topic hits close to home for me and my family," Josh said.

Josh then addressed economic development. "Council must prioritize working with citizens, the administration, business owners, and leaders on redevelopment, stability, and safety," he said. "We must be proactive and focus on opportunities to reinvent our business districts and assets, like Beachwood



Place. With 25% of shopping malls expected to close in the next three to five years, we must be proactive."

Josh is a third-generation Beachwood resident. He and his wife, Elana, moved back to Beachwood to raise their children, Izzie (16) and Drew (14), because of the nurturing community, outstanding schools, and amazing city programs and services. As a local operator of commercial business, Josh is continually learning the tools necessary to navigate and assist in city affairs. When not attending community events, he enjoys hanging out with his family – and dog, Enzo – and attending Guardians games.

Danielle Shoykhet

Danielle was appointed to City Council in February 2022. She applied for the position because she wanted to proudly represent the second largest demographic in Beachwood – millennials.

"One of my goals is to ensure that our city continues to be a community of choice throughout Northeast Ohio," she said. "There are several critical decisions that must be made in the near future that will impact our city down the road: the Chagrin/Richmond/271 road project, the reimagining of Beachwood Place as a potential mixed-use district, the redevelopment of the DoubleTree Hotel at Park East, water mitigation projects, and the retention and growing of businesses in the city."

Danielle's business development background brings a unique perspective and skillset to help make a positive impact on the city of Beachwood. One of her legislative priorities is to help Beachwood's new Economic Development director establish a standardized development program that will attract and grow businesses in Beachwood. One incentive she came up with, which needs to be further developed, is to offer co-working-space memberships to Beachwood businesses.

A second legislative priority is around public safety. "I support the increased police presence at Beachwood Place, which resulted from a grant that Beachwood was recently awarded. There will now be consistent police presence inside of the mall," she said. "In addition, I want to examine water mitigation throughout the city and would like to see sidewalks installed on all roads."

Danielle also wants to support sustainable population growth by ensuring that zoning is in place to support home development and redevelopment, with opportunities for multi-family housing, townhomes, and condominiums.

Danielle brings creativity and out-of-the-box thinking to Council. Recently, she helped coordinate *Kickin' It With Kenny*, from Fox 8 News, to come and do a segment on Beachwood's new Food Truck Park. She also helped organize and participate in a fitness video to promote the health and well-being of our citizens by encouraging them to use the fitness equipment in Beachwood City Park East.

Danielle sees one of Council's greatest challenges as continuously being forward thinking. "We need to constantly be asking what we want Beachwood to look like in the next five, 10, or 15-plus years, and must always have that vision in mind as we work toward our goals and objectives," she said.



Danielle's future vision for Beachwood is one that is livable, smart, vibrant, sustainable, and innovative. She is passionate about getting to know Beachwood residents, attends many local events, and encourages you to say hello when you see her.

Danielle has lived in Beachwood since 2010, although she feels as though she grew up here since both sets of her grandparents lived here for her entire life. She works for American Express in the Global Merchant & Network Services division. Danielle enjoys being a member of and volunteering with Junior League of Cleveland, working out, traveling, and spending time with her husband, Jeff, and children, Wesley (5) and Chandler (18 months).

June E. Taylor

June serves on City Council to provide servant leadership, which focuses on the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong. As a servant-leader she strives to share power, put the needs of others first, and help people develop and perform as highly as possible.

Community-based activities are near and dear to June's heart. Three years ago, she participated in the establishment of the Beachwood Community Garden. "I am passionate about planning and developing community-based activities that will benefit our residents in safe, welcoming spaces," June said. "This year, I hope to pass legislation that will allow Council members to honor Beachwood residents and publicly celebrate the significant contributions they've made to our city."

During COVID, much has changed, but not June's commitment to continue to help our residents enjoy all this city has to offer. "My goal is to ensure our residents remain safe, and that visitors are always respectful and value what our citizens value – transparent communication, proper conduct, and acceptable behavior," she explained.

June is currently working on low-cost, high-return city events that allow our residents to use our city centers, sidewalks, parks, gardens, and open spaces

in positive, creative ways. "Our greatest challenge is to move the city forward so it lives up to its fullest potential as an unstoppable powerhouse," June said.

Here are some points of interest:

- Council must address our communication challenges and work efficiently as a team.
- We must treat all city employees with respect and understand stresses caused by the pandemic.
- We need to keep pace with modern communication technology and use our website for our citizens' benefit.
- We need more luxury housing, particularly for our seniors who wish to age in place. We also need a boutique hotel so we do not lose our visitors to downtown Cleveland. This requires serious study of Beachwood's vertical housing challenges and lodging opportunities.
- We need to consider redevelopment as a partnership model with our business community in terms of malls and unique eateries, complemented by bike trails, electric car charging stations, and other markers of a progressive, modern city.

June's vision is to create vertical construction housing for people no longer interested in home ownership; a lighted, gated park for families that will allow them to watch and/or participate in pickleball; more picnic pavilions; a teen park with activities; a bocce ball court; and more food truck events.



"I envision a city where people can walk, bike, or hike to safe, well-lit, secure streets and recreational spaces," she said. "Our goal is to remain Beachwood Strong."

June and her husband, Conrad Metz, moved to Beachwood 26 years ago. Their daughter, Elizabeth Metz, is a BHS graduate. June is chairperson, State of Ohio Casino Control Commission, and Chief of Performance & Strategy of Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, which oversees Medicaid in Cuyahoga, Lake, Medina, Lorain, and Geauga counties. Her hobbies include reading and traveling.

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Meet Lauren Meade, Beachwood City Schools Director of Communications

Lauren has always been a storyteller. Since childhood, she and her sister, Lesley, loved to create stories together and write books. Love for learning was instilled in them from their parents: her mom a speech pathologist and dad a mechanical engineer.

After graduating from high school in Cincinnati, Lauren attended what is now titled The Media School: Indiana University Bloomington, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism. She then chose Boston University to earn her Master of Science in Journalism because of its internship program. She studied abroad in London and worked for *The Independent*, a British newspaper, where she further built her passion for writing. When Lauren came back to Boston, she worked as a news correspondent for *The Boston Globe*, covering suburban and school news.



Lauren then met her husband. They eventually moved to Philadelphia for his medical residency. She became an online editor and social media strategist for *ADVANCE News Magazines*. The couple wed, and her husband was awarded various fellowship opportunities, which led them to live in Hamburg, Germany; Barcelona, Spain; Bern, Switzerland; and back to London, before settling once again in Philadelphia.

By then, with two children, Luke and Elise, Lauren enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom, utilizing creativity to entertain and educate her children. "When we moved from place to place, we packed lightly and got by with what we had," said Lauren, recalling how her son would make toys out of household items and things found in nature.

"Our lives were more about relationships than things," she added. "We spent quality time together. I learned about cultural and language differences, and my love for education grew."

In 2018, the young family relocated to Cleveland, and Lauren went back to school in 2019 to earn her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction at Cleveland State University, with the desire to be an elementary school teacher. She then landed a teaching internship in

Cleveland Metropolitan School District in a first-grade classroom, followed by a student-teaching position in a kindergarten classroom in Solon City Schools.

"My first reaction was, 'No, I love being in the classroom,'" Lauren told us. "Then, I walked away and realized that this job combines everything I love – teaching, writing, and storytelling."

Then, when it was time to apply for a full-time position, Lauren attended an online Job Fair presented by Cleveland State University, where she met Ken Veon, Beachwood Schools assistant superintendent. Although there were no elementary teaching positions available, Ken reviewed Lauren's resume, was impressed by her skillset, and told her he was looking for a director of communications.

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Lauren went through the interview process, was offered the job, and is now fulfilled in her new role.

"I am incredibly honored to join the Beachwood team as the district's resident storyteller. My goal is to support the mission of the Board of Education by telling the story of Beachwood Schools," she said. "Part of my role is to shine a spotlight on student, staff and alumni successes and create stories about the amazing educational opportunities we have in Beachwood."

For Lauren, this position is a dream come true. "My biggest inspiration for returning to work and pursuing a leadership role is my children. I want them to know that their futures are bright, with opportunities to pursue their passions and make a positive difference."

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Luke (10) loves woodworking and building model cars. Elise (7) is following in her mother's footsteps. She loves storytelling and writing books.

Do you have a story for Lauren? Please contact her at lmeade@beachwoodschoools.org.

Beachwood School District 2022-2023 Demographic Fun Facts:

Caucasian, 46% • African American, 23% • Asian, 19%
Mixed Race, 6.5% • Hispanic, 5% • American Indian, .5%

Pickleball Tournament 2022

On July 16, the Beachwood Historical Society and City of Beachwood sponsored their 5th Annual Pickleball Tournament. Congratulations to this year's winners! Prizes included gift certificates to tasty Beachwood restaurants.

Special thanks to Jim and Rosemary Nemeth of the Beachwood Historical Society who welcomed picklers to pick-up games all summer long.

Every Wednesday and Sunday night, picklers learned how to play the game at the courts located near the Beachwood Family Aquatics Center.

"We are all excited to hear that our #1 city is planning to build new, dedicated pickleball courts for dinking and doubles," said Rosemary. "Stay tuned for

more information from City Council."



Future pickleball player, Mackenzie, with her dad, Seth Weinstein



Dr. Mark Nosin and Nancy Hart, winners of mixed doubles.



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Real Estate Statistical Update by Sharon Friedman



"We remain in a Seller's market as the trend has continued for the past two years with July 2022 having 72% more closed sales than the previous month! The number of sold listings increased 11% over July of 2021. The Average Sold Price per Square Footage is up 18% compared to last year. The ratio of Sold Price vs. Original List Price has increased 2% compared to the previous year. Continuing in to 2023, National Association of Realtors (NAR) predict a "strong demand coupled with low inventory but heading to a more balanced market possibly by mid year."

It's still a great time to buy or sell a home!

- Sharon Friedman

Beachwood Market Update From May 13, 2022 – August 13, 2022. Data provided by Sharon Friedman, courtesy of NEOHREX. Data provided was accurate at the time of reporting. The source for the spreadsheet is MLS Now. The market data is from Trendgraphix, Inc. Information is believed to be accurate, but not guaranteed. Data does not reflect sales of property not included in MLS. Consult a Realtor® if you have questions about the market.

Homes SOLD in Beachwood May 13, 2022 – August 13, 2022

Street	Days	List	Sold	LP/SP%	Bed	Bath	Built
Cedar	27	250000	232000	93%	4	3	1956
East Groveland	45	250000	250000	100%	3	2	1950
Concord	7	286000	295000	103%	3	3	1956
Glenhill	5	275000	295000	107%	4	2	1956
Beacon	6	288000	300000	104%	5	3	1956
Edgehill	5	288000	300000	104%	3	3	1954
East Baintree	20	315000	305000	97%	5	2	1951
South Green	4	299900	307000	102%	3	3	1967
Concord	4	295000	310000	105%	4	3	1956
Concord	14	280000	312000	111%	4	4	1956
Bryden	3	299900	320000	107%	3	3	1952
East Groveland	5	329900	334900	102%	3	2	1955
Greenlawn	7	375000	350000	93%	4	3	1955
Letchworth	4	363000	363000	100%	3	2	1961
Shaker	18	385000	370000	96%	3	3	1974
Deborah	0	370000	370000	100%	3	3	1956
Buckhurst	82	375000	375000	100%	5	3	1956
Fenway	8	369000	402000	109%	4	3	1961
Havel	3	375000	411500	110%	4	3	1968
Halburton	46	429000	420000	98%	3	3	1981
Hendon	4	425000	425000	100%	4	4	1956
Duffield	21	440000	445000	101%	4	3	1951
Letchworth	8	450000	450000	100%	3	3	1960
Fairmount	63	479000	457000	95%	3	4	1954
Tunbridge	6	425000	473000	111%	3	3	1956
East Silsby	4	414900	476500	115%	4	3	1952
Greenlawn	8	469000	479000	102%	4	3	1963
Greenlawn	3	419000	482500	115%	4	3	1962
South Green	89	515000	515000	100%	4	3	1953
Maidstone	106	550000	536000	97%	4	3	1966
Richmond	181	538000	540000	100%	3	3	2018
Belvoir	4	550000	542000	99%	5	5	1954
Bridgeton	21	565000	576500	102%	4	3	1968
Allen	10	599900	600000	100%	4	3	1971
Somerset	6	575000	640000	111%	4	4	1951
Penshurst	122	670000	655000	98%	5	6	1979
Salem	7	795000	795000	100%	4	5	1990
Brian	5	725000	800000	110%	4	4	1969
Bryden	57	1195000	1170000	98%	5	7	2022

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24410 Greenwich Lane
List price \$799,900

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2436 Richmond Rd
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3 Bed, 2.1 Bath in Cranberry Court



14 Kenwood Court
List price \$475,000
3 Bed, 2.1 Bath Townhome

Sharon's 2021/2022 Beachwood Listings & Sales

- SOLD 7/22:** 22655 Chagrin Blvd in Stratton House #215 listed at \$144,900
- SOLD BEFORE PROCESSING 6/22:** 23990 Letchworth Rd listed at \$363,000
- SOLD OVER LIST 6/22:** 23219 E Groveland Road listed at \$329,900
- SOLD 5/22:** 25300 Letchworth Road listed at \$795,000
- SOLD 5/22:** 2647 S Green Road listed at \$299,900
- SOLD 3/22:** 26001 Hendon Road listed at \$379,900
- SOLD 11/21:** 24640 Cedar Rd in Community Gardens listed at \$549,900
- SOLD 10/21:** 3305 Havel Drive listed at \$489,900
- SOLD 7/21:** 24100 Woodside Lane listed at \$1,050,000
- SOLD 7/21:** 24061 Halburton Road listed at \$459,900
- SOLD 6/21:** 2402 Brian Drive listed at \$449,900
- SOLD 5/21:** 11 Kenwood Court in The Village listed at \$479,900
- SOLD 3/21:** 1 Sherwood Court in The Village, listed at \$349,900
- SOLD 3/21:** 21514 Halburton Road listed at \$349,900

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Don't Miss Voter Registration Deadline

by State Representative Kent Smith

Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said, "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

FDR knew that every vote mattered. This November, one vote will matter. Your vote will matter. I am certain of it.

How can I be so confident? Because from 2013-2017 there were 141 elections across the State of Ohio that either finished in a tie or with a one vote margin of victory. It will probably happen again, somewhere in Ohio, on November 8, 2022.

I published this information in September because the

registration deadline to vote is October 11. If you want your voice to be heard in November, act now! Please check your voter registration at www.iwillvote.com now so you will have time to re-register if needed.

Susan B. Anthony once said, "Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it!"

Voters have the power to write public policy that impacts our daily lives and power to control the purse strings of government

budgets. If you don't vote, you silence your voice and give others the influence over your life.

We need people from every community and neighborhood to cast their vote in November. Every race, creed, and culture needs to unite in support of the common good and a better tomorrow.

So talk to your friends, family members, and neighbors, and encourage them to get registered. Tell them their vote matters, just like it did 141 times between 2013 and 2017.

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State Representative Kent Smith represents Ohio's 8th House District which includes Beachwood, Euclid, South Euclid, Richmond Heights, East Cleveland, Woodmere Village, and a little bit of the city of Cleveland.



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Empathy, the Antidote to Fear

By Jen Stern

Every once in a while a voice so powerful, a spirit so strong, a light so bright gifts you with wisdom. Have you heard of Jackie Acho? If not, trust me, you want to know her. Eric Oliver recently interviewed Jackie on his "Nine Questions" Spotify podcast. His interview with Jackie is titled "The Bravest Person I Know." I learned so much from Jackie's answers. Her insight, vulnerability, and empathy are transformative and will stay with me forever as a challenge and a guide.

Jackie is president of the Acho Group, a strategy and leadership consulting firm. She was named one of the "Top 40 Under 40," by *Crain's Cleveland Business Magazine*, and "One of the 500 Most Influential Women in Northeast Ohio," by *Northern Ohio Live Magazine*. Her professional accomplishments are impactful. But, *who is she?*

Jackie is a teacher. A guide. An advocate. A messenger. A wife and a mother. A daughter. She says that she is "love wrapped up in skin and bones" and that "something will carry on when her body does not." She is more

than her struggling human body. Her purpose is to love and her default mode is resilience.

Two-and-a-half years ago, Jackie was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Twice she was told that she was out of options and should go home to hospice, a suggestion she didn't follow. Instead, she went to Istanbul. She was fully present and open, vulnerable and brave.

When Jackie came home, it wasn't for hospice. She came home to her husband and two children, to be present at her son's graduation, and to deliver the 2022 commencement address at John Carroll University.

Jackie is fierce. She is creative. She is love, perfectly imperfect, because she "is in a human body." Empathy, she teaches, is the antidote to fear. Empathy is not only the ability to understand the feelings of another but to also have an appropriate emotional response to those feelings. This awareness can change the way oncologists (and cancer institutions) treat the whole person who is living with a cancer diagnosis. Oncologists must show humility, presence, and empathy to truly practice patient-centered medicine. Doctors must have the fortitude to see each person as whole: to truly see, hear, and sit with someone where they are, without arrogance. They must be open and capable of thinking beyond the status quo in how they treat cancer and work beside the person living with cancer.

Jackie endures brutal chemotherapy every two weeks as part of her holistic approach to treating her cancer. She is doing it, she says, so that she can continue to watch the lives of her children unfold.

"There is still meaningful work I can do in this world. Conversations to have, love to give and receive." She speaks through the lens of grace, empathy, wisdom, and intelligence, and is refreshingly authentic and transparent.

How does she do it? Jackie describes her practice of staying in this moment, and not getting too far ahead, where she has no control. "As long as I am here I have got to live. In this moment, the essence of me is still here. I do not have to fear the future. *This day* is what is actually happening."

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— Jackie Acho

Jackie defines living as love and empathy, prioritizing where she puts her time and attention, and with whom. She finds this liberating and so do I! She introduces the notion of mutuality. She will no longer give to relationships that do not continue to evolve as life unfolds.

"I am done with anyone who can't be mutual with me. Mutuality is a prerequisite to vulnerability. Present yourself honestly in the world." Her boundaries resonate with me!

Jackie is so right, our anxiety stems from fear. Fear triggers and gets in the way of relationships and progress. I am forever changed, inspired, and motivated!

To learn more from Jackie, I recommend her book, *Currency of Empathy: The Secret to Thriving in Business and Life*. Also, visit her blog, *The Currency of Empathy* or listen to the above-mentioned podcast at <https://tinyurl.com/JackieAcho>.

Jennifer Stern, LISW, is a Loss and Bereavement Specialist at Ellen F. Casper, PH.D and Associates in Beachwood. For more information, call 216.464.4243, or visit www.transformativegrief.com and sign up for monthly posts.



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Beachwood Arts Council Music Programs



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Moises Borges Brazilian Jazz Band

Sunday, September 11 • 2-3 p.m.

Moises Borges is a gifted guitarist and vocalist born in Bahia, Brazil, and his South American Afro/Indigenous ethnic background forges a mix of cultural exposures of entertainment for all lovers of Brazilian jazz, samba, and bossa nova.



The Giambelli String Quartet of Pittsburgh

Sunday, October 16 • 2-3 p.m.

The Giambelli String Quartet of Pittsburgh features Tami Osborne Pederson, Katie Wickesberg, Louise Farbman, and Kathleen



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What's New in the Shaker Heights Municipal Court?

By Judge Anne Walton Keller

I have had the honor and privilege of serving the City of Beachwood as judge since being elected to the Shaker Heights Municipal Court in November 2021. The Court hears misdemeanor traffic and criminal cases, housing, civil, small claims, and eviction cases. I am glad to have the opportunity to provide the community with an update on some of the new changes taking place in the Court this year.

In February, we created the Court's first domestic violence docket. The mission of this docket is to reduce the risk of recurring domestic violence in our community. We accomplish this by giving extra attention to domestic violence cases, increasing offender accountability through status hearings, and expanding monitoring during the pretrial and post-conviction phases of a domestic violence case. We have increased collaboration with community partners, such as the Journey Center for Safety and Healing and Recovery Resources, to strengthen our resources in these cases.

As a suburban municipal court, we have access to Cleveland Municipal Court's state and federally funded specialized dockets. We have increased our use of these dockets, which include Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Veterans Treatment Court, and Human Trafficking Court. Our court can refer some individuals convicted of a criminal offense to these dockets, giving them access to specialized treatment and support services. This resource has been incredibly helpful when addressing an increasing number of mental health and addiction related cases that come to our court. Our probation department continues to monitor the progress of those participating in specialized dockets.

The Court has

expanded our use of community service. We are working with Court Community Service (CCS), a not-for-profit agency that arranges community service for individuals referred by courts. CCS schedules and closely supervises community service work ranging from litter collection, landscaping, maintenance, painting, and other specific tasks including skilled trades and tutoring. This allows persons convicted of a criminal offense to contribute to the community by working at not-for-profit and government agencies.

Another new initiative, which began in early 2022, is to have a public defender (a court-appointed lawyer for those who are indigent) present during criminal proceedings. People who appear in court for criminal cases are often unclear about the allegations, the law, their rights, and the court system. We now have a lawyer available to meet with people from their first appearance in court. This helps to protect the rights of the accused and increases their understanding of the process.

The Court continues to conduct hearings remotely via Zoom for many non-violent criminal and traffic cases. Contested cases are scheduled

for a telephone pretrial with the prosecutor.

If a case is resolved prior to trial, we offer the option of having the hearing on Zoom. All

persons scheduled for a



Judge Anne Walton Keller, Shaker Heights Municipal Court

What happens in this community is extremely important to me as a judge, a wife, a mother, and a resident. Protecting the welfare of our residents as well as the constitutional and other rights of people who appear in our court are some of my priorities.

Zoom hearing are also given the option to come to court. Evidentiary hearings and trials are conducted in person.

The Court's website is undergoing a renovation. This summer, we were awarded a technology grant from the Supreme Court of Ohio that will fund the website renovation. The website will include an improved online docket system that is user friendly for the public and attorneys. This system will show images of important case documents and make reviewing cases much easier.

On a personal note, I was born and raised in University Heights and have spent a lot of time attending community events and visiting many

establishments in Beachwood. What happens in this community is extremely important to me as a judge, a wife, a mother, and a resident. Protecting the welfare of our residents as well as the constitutional and other rights of people who appear in our Court are some of my priorities.

I am dedicated to continuing to improve the experience of those who come before the Court. The Court welcomes your comments about ways to improve our service to the community.

Anne Walton Keller is the Judge of the Shaker Heights Municipal Court. The Court's jurisdiction includes Beachwood, Hunting Valley, Pepper Pike, Shaker Heights, and University Heights.

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BAKED by Abbie

Sharlotka (Russian Apple Cake)

Last fall, this one-bowl, fat-free apple cake, originally made with just four ingredients, caught my attention. I am delighted to share it with you now.

According to legend, 19th-century French chef Marie-Antoine Carême, who worked for Russian Czar Alexander I, created a decadent and complicated, trifle-style treat to honor the Czar's wife. That confection, known as Charlotte Russe, became the progenitor for an everyday treat that Eastern European women created during the 1920s and 1930s. Those challenging years were dominated by scarcity of ingredients, time, and equipment. Yet, determined to uphold cultural hospitality, resourceful

women created a delicious dessert that only required a few eggs with equal amounts of sugar, flour, and apples.

Should you pick apples this fall, I hope you'll consider making this confection that comes out of the oven with a beautiful crisp and crackly top crust. Likewise, if you are seeking a simple and comforting cake to celebrate the Jewish New Year, this may be what you are seeking!



Recipe adapted from *The Nosh*, August 25, 2021

Ingredients

- 3-4 apples, Granny Smith are best but can use other sweet-tart varieties
- Juice of ½ lemon or 1 tablespoon (optional)
- 3 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- Pinch salt
- 1-2 teaspoons vanilla (optional)
- 1-2 teaspoons cinnamon (optional)
- ¼ cup sour cream
- Powdered sugar

incorporated. Repeat and avoid over mixing, which will deflate eggs.

- Pour batter over apples in the baking dish. Use a spatula to smooth batter evenly over the apples.
- Bake 40 – 60 minutes until golden brown and firm on top, or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool at least one hour before releasing sides. Dust with powdered sugar and serve.

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and line either an 8" or 9" springform pan with parchment paper.
- Cut apples into 1" chunks. (Peeling optional.) Toss with lemon juice and add to bottom of your baking dish.
- In a large bowl, using either an electric hand mixer or the whisk attachment of a stand mixer, beat eggs and sugar until eggs are pale and fluffy, and have doubled in size (3-4 minutes). Add extracts and sour cream if using and beat another minute.
- Sift the flour and salt together. Using a spatula, gently fold half of the flour mix into the batter until just



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Boosters' members also receive free admission to all home sporting events.

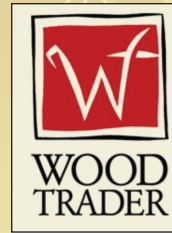
"We rely on community support for this program's success," said Sam Malek, president. "Whether or not you have children in the schools, we welcome your support!"

The Beachwood Athletic Boosters are part of the Beachwood Schools Support Organization, which is recognized

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Beachwood Resident Reigns Supreme

By Arlene Fine

Dr. Bessie House-Soremekun must be one of the 10 most interesting people living in Beachwood. With more degrees than a thermometer, Bessie is an award-winning professor, inventor, educator, entrepreneur, and author/editor of eight books. She is president and founder of the International Black Business Museum and is recognized globally as a leading expert on Black entrepreneurship and economic development.

Bessie was the former director of the Center for the Study and Development of Minority Businesses at Kent State University and the former director of the Entrepreneurial Academy of the Cleveland Empowerment Zone. She has been a full professor of Political Science for many years.

As if this wasn't enough, Bessie has three Yoruba chieftaincy titles in Nigeria, one of which was conferred on her by His Royal Majesty, King (Oba) Michael Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo. Her titles are Erelu Bada Asiwaju of Egbaland; the Iyalode of Bakatari Christians; and Erelu Maiyegun of Keesi. How has the Beachwood resident and media personality who grew up in the small town of Lanett, Alabama, accomplished so much during her lifetime?

The seeds were planted at the very beginning.

"I was raised by a large, well-educated, highly accomplished, cohesive, church-going extended family that surrounded me with love and taught me the importance of education and respect for myself and other people," said Bessie. "I'm grateful for the training and discipline I

learned at home, and the precious relationship I had with my grandmother, Mrs. Bessie Annie Fannings, who attended college in the early 1900s in Tuskegee, Alabama. I am a third-generation college graduate, and my daughter is a fourth-generation graduate."

Bessie, a life-long learner, said that learning new things and being an active member of a global community are essential to growing as a human being. These desires, along with her interest in Black entrepreneurship nationally and internationally, are what sparked Bessie's vision for the International Black Business Museum (IBBM), the first and only museum in the world whose mission is to preserve the history and honor the contributions of Black entrepreneurs and inventors in the United States and other countries of the world.

"Despite the many great accomplishments of African Americans throughout history, their tremendous contributions to economic development have been largely overlooked or ignored," said Bessie. "The IBBM, which is a Beachwood-based

enterprise, will showcase the impact that Black entrepreneurs had on local, national, and international economies and communities along with the many race-based challenges these individuals faced. Our goal is to break stereotypes and to offer hope and incentives to Black entrepreneurs who will be inspired by the role models and the stories showcased in our museum."

Bessie and her team of advisors continue to develop the museum virtually and are creating plans to establish a brick-and-mortar location. Preliminary information is available at www.theibbm.com.

Bessie will continue her Cultural Diversity Book Tour in the future to promote her seventh book, *Yoruba Creativity: Cultural Practices of the Modern-day World*, which discusses the multifaceted contributions of the Yoruba, one of the largest ethnic groups in Nigeria. The book explores the central role of men and women in entrepreneurship and economic development, and the numerous factors that have influenced their participation in trade activities. The book also describes



Dr. Bessie House-Soremekun has three chieftaincy titles, one of which was conferred on her by King (Oba) Michael Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo of Nigeria.

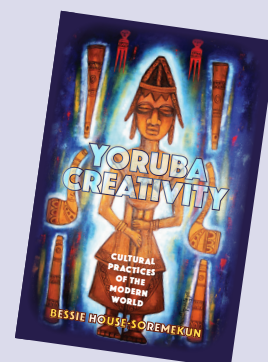
Despite the many great accomplishments of African Americans throughout history, their tremendous contributions to economic development have been largely overlooked or ignored.

– Dr. Bessie House-Soremekun

the critical role of marriage, mothering, and the family unit in the Yoruba society, and offers an insider's view of the role of the monarchy and the institution of the chieftaincy in the past and present.

Books published by Dr. Bessie House-Soremekun

- *Class Development and Gender Inequality in Kenya: 1963-1990*
- *African Market Women and Economic Power: The Role of Women in African Economic Development*
- *Globalization and Sustainable Development in Africa*
- *Gender, Sexuality and Mothering in Africa*
- *Confronting the Odds: African American Entrepreneurship in Cleveland, Ohio, First Edition*
- *Confronting the Odds: African American Entrepreneurship In Cleveland, Ohio, Second Edition*
- *Yoruba Creativity: Cultural Practices of the Modern World*
- *African American Entrepreneurship: Philanthropic Giving, Self-Help, and the Struggle for Economic Empowerment* (Under contract with Indiana University Press)

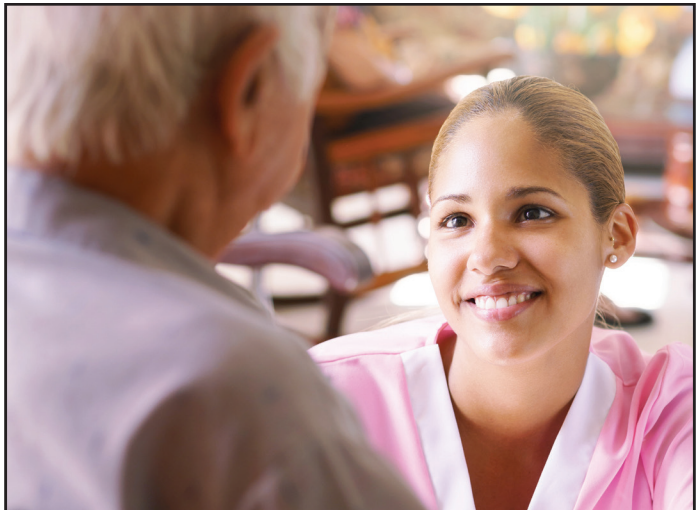


"I was drawn to Africa from my work with Black entrepreneurship and innovation, which were synergistic in the writing of this book," said Bessie. "The Yoruba people have a strong and robust history of business and commercial activities."

In *Yoruba Creativity*, Bessie also recounts the process through which she became Yoruba and was

given her chieftaincy titles. Bessie and her husband, Sir Chief Dr. Maurice Soremekun, are members of King (Oba) Gbadebo's inner circle of advisors and communicate with him on a regular basis.

"I am very grateful for the life I lead," said Bessie. "And I will continue to follow my grandmother's advice to be humble, to be positive, and to work hard."



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Garrett's most notable inventions were a three-position traffic signal and a smoke hood, which was a predecessor to the gas mask. He also created a chemical hair-processing and straightening solution, and eventually started a hair-products company.

Alonzo Wright • 1898-1976

Alonzo was the first black millionaire in Cleveland. He operated 11 gas stations in 1940 and had hired the largest number of black youths in the United States. He also established a real estate firm.

John Bustamante • 1938-2010

John was a Harvard educated attorney and real estate developer who partnered with investors to purchase the Diamond Shamrock building and create First Bank National, which became the largest Black bank in Ohio. The Black business pioneer was also the owner and publisher of the *Call & Post*, Ohio's largest Black newspaper.

Alan Cole • 1883-1970

Alan was a professional, award-winning photographer in Cleveland's Black community whose collection was acquired by the Western Reserve Historical Society and published in a book, *Somebody, Somewhere Wants Your Photograph*. His work is a vital source of materials for specialists in African studies, history, sociology, and urban affairs. He was the only Black member of the Cleveland Society of Professional Photographers.

J. Walter Wills • 1874-1971

John Walter Wills founded The House of Wills, a funeral home, which was one Cleveland's longest running African American businesses when it closed in 2005. John was also founder of the Cleveland NAACP and Negro Welfare Association chapters, and was a noted entrepreneur, philanthropist, and social activist.

Amanda Wicker • 1894-1987

Amanda was a preeminent fashion teacher and mentor in the predominantly African American Fairfax neighborhood, and was active with the NAACP, the National Urban League, the United Negro College Fund, and the Future Outlook League, and she served on the board of the Central Area Community Council. She was also involved in the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs and was honored by them with the Sojourner Truth Award for her service to the community and young people.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

When the Recreation Department's new Fall Guide crossed my desk, I took a moment to absorb everything in it, not only because it's my job, but because I'm always interested in our programming. We are surrounded by great communities, both bigger and smaller than us, that offer wonderful activities, and I like to know that we are competitive with them.

I realize that summer is an easy time to fill our community calendar with camps, outings and outdoor events, and fall may suggest a time to slow down. To the contrary, I dare say that some of our biggest, most entertaining and engaging events will occur over the next few months. I believe that our programming also holds appeal for a full range of residents' ages and interests.

We promote all of our events through multiple channels and platforms, so we're hoping that you are regularly apprised of what lies ahead. In the advertising industry, however, there's a strategy involving the repetition of messaging at least three times to actually attract people's attention. Ever notice how tv commercials are shown over and over again, even within a single break in programming? How about on your social media feeds? Same with terrestrial radio ads. The method is proven to be effective.

"I dare say that some of our biggest, most entertaining and engaging events will occur over the next few months."

Because the programming that lies ahead is of such great value, and involves lots of long hours and hard work by many staff members, I don't want anyone to miss out, so I'm highlighting here a collection of fall events for multiple reasons.

These events help build a deeper sense of community for all of us, and that sense of belonging, especially coming off such a long stretch of isolation, is extremely beneficial from an emotional and psychological standpoint. Plus, we all need activities to which we can look forward. Excitement and anticipation generate great endorphins, requiring very little effort. Without further adieu...

September is filled with many worthwhile activities, starting with:

Dog Paddle
Thursday, Sept. 8,
4:00 – 7:15 p.m.
Beachwood Family
Aquatic Center
Admission: \$5 per dog

Open to residents only,
no human swimming,
pre-registration
required by time slot at
BeachwoodRec.com or City Hall, proceeds benefit the
Barkwood Park Fund.

Shred Day
Sunday, Sept. 11, 9:00 a.m. – Noon
Beachwood Community Center Parking Lot

CLE Market
Wednesday, Sept. 14, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Beachwood City Hall Parking Lot

Honkin' Haulin' Truck Parade
Sunday, Sept. 18, begins at Noon
Parade route details and map: BeachwoodRec.com
Free goody bags will be distributed

Our biggest undertaking is the 5th Annual FALL FESTIVAL. It begins with a Kick-Off Concert on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 7:30 p.m., featuring Escape, the Journey tribute band. Food trucks will be present, along with options for beer, wine and other beverages, for purchase.

Then, the big event, the festival itself, is Sunday, Oct. 2, Noon – 5:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment, games, inflatables, pumpkin patch, over 50 craft vendors, unique boutique and other enjoyable activities, along with more food trucks. These events are free and ideal for all ages. Both events are located at the Beachwood City Hall Parking Lot and Community Center.

I hope you will take advantage of all Beachwood has to offer this fall. I look forward to seeing you enjoying yourself soon at these events!

Mayor Justin Berns
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CITY CELEBRATES POLICE OFFICERS WITH NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, Aug. 2 was a perfect evening for families to gather outside City Hall for National Night Out (NNO) with the Beachwood Police Department. NNO is a nationwide occasion to strengthen police and community partnerships. The evening was filled with activities, demonstrations and even a scavenger hunt that presented the opportunity to interact with the city's safety personnel.

Special thanks to the Beachwood Police Department, Beachwood Fire Department, Community Services, Public Works and all in attendance for a memorable evening.



Meeting Kai, a Beachwood Police K9, is always a crowd favorite. Kai loves the attention too!



Attendees learned about equipment used by the Beachwood Fire Department during a demo.



Left to right: Fire Chief Steven Holtzman, Police Chief Kate McLaughlin, Mayor Justin Berns, Deputy Police Chief John Resek and Assistant Fire Chief Shaun Lutz



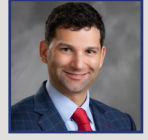
Children feeling the weight of heavy police equipment. Photography by Discovery Photo.



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RIBBON CUTTING AT BEACHWOOD TRUCK PARK

Mayor Justin Berns, along with City Council President Alec Isaacson and City Council members Barbara Bellin Janovitz, Josh Mintz and Danielle Shoykhet, attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on July 15 for the new Beachwood Truck Park, located in the old fire station on Chagrin Boulevard and featuring two food trucks daily.

In his remarks, Mayor Berns said, "After being a volunteer firefighter at this station for 12 years, I'll admit, I feel a special attachment to this building. I'm very excited to see this property revitalized and transformed into something new, and I hope it will be a popular gathering place for years to come."



Mayor Berns presenting a proclamation at the new truck park.

UPCOMING CITY MEETINGS

City Council:
September 6 at 7:00 p.m.
September 19 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Architectural Board of Review:
September 6 at 4:30 p.m.
September 19 at 4:30 p.m.

WORK-LIVE-LEARN...THRIVE

BEACHWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT SELECTED TO RECEIVE STATE GRANT FUNDS

Governor Mike DeWine's office announced that the Beachwood Police Department is one of 25 law enforcement agencies to be awarded funds from the American Rescue Plan Funding Grant through its fourth round of distributions. Beachwood will be receiving \$559,073 to be used to hire two full-time officers for a period of two years, covering their salary and benefits. This will allow the police department to assign two officers on a full-time basis exclusively at Beachwood Place, explains Beachwood Police Chief Kate McLaughlin.

"We are very happy with this outcome after applying for the grant. We believe a more visible presence at Beachwood Place will step up security and enhance community relations," states Chief McLaughlin.

Officers who work out of this location will provide increased visibility and serve as a deterrent to those who go to Beachwood Place for purposes other than dining and shopping, notes Chief McLaughlin. Mayor Justin Berns is pleased with this development and notes that it dovetails with his mayoral campaign pledges.



Photography by Discovery Photo.



Entrance sign to Beachwood Place.

"Early in my campaign, I discussed seeking funding opportunities from outside sources to assist with city operations and about the importance of Beachwood Place as an asset to the City of Beachwood," states Mayor Berns. "I appreciate our Police Department's diligence in applying for and obtaining the funding necessary to provide a permanent police presence at Beachwood Place."

Officer Jamey Appell was responsible for handling the fund's grant application, and he was assisted by other members of the Police Department's administrative team. The grant program is administered by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services within the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The funds are designed to help maintain current law enforcement staffing levels, recruit new officers and continue ongoing public safety services to prevent and investigate violent crime.

BEACHWOOD SHRED DAY:

Sunday, September 11 | 9:00 a.m. - Noon | Community Center Parking Lot

Free to city residents! Shred up to 6 banker boxes or 12 blue grocery bags. Bring proof of residency.

REMEMBER TO LOCK IT, DON'T LOSE IT

A friendly reminder from the Beachwood Police Department, do not leave your keys or fobs in an unlocked car. Valuables should not be left in plain view inside a vehicle. It increases your odds of theft. Remove valuables and keys, and lock your doors.



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SURPRISE CUSTOMER

Sergeant Andy Calvey recently patronized the entrepreneurial activities of brothers Michael and Noah Polantz on one hot summer day.

Their mom, Noel, reports that her boys were excited to have this special customer and were very grateful for his visit. She also noted that she is “grateful that there are always friendly officers patrolling our street and keeping our city safe.”



Michael (left) and Noah (right) with Sergeant Andy Calvey at their lemonade and popsicle stand.

COMMUNITY COMPLIMENT LETTER

Dear Fire Chief Holtzman:

My husband and I have been **Beachwood residents for 22 years**. Over that time we have come to appreciate the fine city services (as well as the low taxes). Never before, however, have we realized the importance of these services than on July 19th when we called 911 because I feared I was having a stroke.

The **EMS arrived in about 5 to 7 minutes** and we met **Dave Peterson, Mike Lucas and Jason Brooks**. They asked me a few questions and took me to the ambulance. **They were smart, efficient and even funny!** It's like they had this whole routine to make me laugh, yet calm me at the same time. Mike told me exactly what to expect when we got to Ahuja, a few short minutes away. When we got there, I went immediately for a scan and they wished me luck and departed.

Who knew they'd be back to the Ahuja ER three times after they brought me in! Each time they came back, I waved, and after attending to their current patient, Dave and Mike came into my room (I was there all day) and chatted with me and my husband, Paul. **I felt not only that they cared about me, but that they were lifelong friends.** Their kindness will stay with me always and I believe that they **helped save my life.**

I did suffer a small stroke. I was only in the hospital for three days, and anticipate a full recovery. Having the time to reflect back on this frightening experience, I realize how well your EMS functions, probably the **best in the business.**

In this day and age when people complain about anything and everything, and COVID is still with us to complicate life, I think it is important to commend individuals for a job well done and for **going far above their job description.** I will never forget the kindness of Mike, Dave and Jason and hope you realize what assets they are to your department and the City of Beachwood.

Thanks again for all you do.

Sincerely,
Phyllis and Paul Maron

INCOMING KINDERGARTENERS GRADUATE FROM SAFETY TOWN

Friday, Aug. 5 was a day of celebration for Beachwood's Safety Town participants as they graduated in front of their parents and guardians. The one-week course featured visits from the Police Department, a field trip to the Fire Department, pedestrian safety and more. Safety Town was proudly sponsored by Overbeke's School of Driving.



Graduation day for the morning session of Safety Town.



Camper Wesley with Mayor Berns and Program Manager Shannon Diamond during a trip to the Fire Department.



Police Officer Jamey Appell discussing important safety tips with the incoming kindergarteners.

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BEACHWOOD ART GALLERY: Parallel Views | September 6 - October 7 | Artists' Reception: September 18 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Featuring the work of Helen Wilson, Megan Frankenfield, Marilyn Farinacci and Malik D.B.

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

Looking to keep your children involved in activities throughout the fall? The Community Services Department offers a wide range of opportunities for all ages and interests. Some highlights are below. Details and registration at BeachwoodRec.com.

- **Fall Youth Theater Showcase:** *There's No Business Like Show Business* features singing, dancing and acting to unlock your child's passion for theater! Open to grades K-8. Rehearsals beginning September 14. Led by the experienced team of Julie Matthews and Debi Lewin from Marquee Showcase Productions. Concludes with live performances on November 5 and November 6.
- **Youth Basketball Leagues:** Opportunities for boys and girls in grades 3-6. Limited enrollment. Sign up soon!
- **Kids Yoga:** Carolyn Miller leads a variety of yoga programs beginning at age 3 through 5th grade. Sessions are six weeks long, beginning September 14, to improve flexibility, balance, coordination and more.
- **After School Chess:** Led by Progress with Chess and open to grades K-8. Improve cognitive and decision-making skills. Sessions begin August 29.

CALL FOR CULTURAL PERFORMING ARTISTS

Beachwood Arts Council and the City of Beachwood will shine a light on individual residents or groups who would like to share their cultural talents in a live performance on the main stage of this year's Fall Festival. Since our city has a range of backgrounds and ethnicities, we're looking forward to showcasing these cultural acts (i.e., dance, music or art) for all to enjoy. Performances should be approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

The Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, Oct. 2, from Noon to 5:00 p.m. in the Beachwood City Hall Parking Lot and Community Center. Want to sign-up? Have questions? Contact Paula Rollins at 216-789-3995 or email phonepr@aol.com.

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BEACHWOOD SENIORS



Having some fun at the community center playing mahjong during the August game get-together.

MAHJONG LESSONS OFFERED

Following a successful game get-together in August, Beachwood Community Services has added two programs for beginners to learn mahjong. The group is looking to grow and all beginners are welcome. To register, visit City Hall, call 216-292-1970 or go online to BeachwoodRec.com.

- **Mahjong Afternoon Lessons:** Offered on Mondays, beginning October 10 at 12:30 p.m. The six-week session is held at the Beachwood Community Center with instructor Fern Grunberger. National Mahjong League 2022 cards available for \$10 at the first class or bring your own. No additional cost. Register by October 3. Space is limited.
- **Mahjong Evening Lessons:** Offered on Thursdays, beginning October 13 at 4:00 p.m. The three-week session is held at the Beachwood Community Center with instructor Naida Levi. Residents cost \$38 and non-residents are welcome for \$47. Bring your National Mahjong League 2022 card. Register by October 10. Space is limited.

SEPTEMBER SENIOR DAY OUT

Delightful Dianne

Thursday, Sept. 15, at Noon (Register by 9/7)
Beachwood Community Center
Residents - \$13, Non-Residents - \$16
Program only with no meal for \$5.

Dianne Palmer returns to bring her delightful voice and engaging personality for an afternoon of music. Get ready for a feel good time! Featuring Ralph Turek at the piano.

OCTOBER SENIOR DAY OUT

Hello Ruth

Thursday, Oct. 20, at Noon (Register by 10/12)
Beachwood Community Center
Residents - \$13, Non-Residents - \$16
Program only with no meal for \$5.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg (RBG) was an American lawyer, jurist, and advocate for gender equality and women's rights, winning many arguments before the Supreme Court. Join Juliette Regnier from Women in History as she portrays this incredible woman.

SUPPER CLUB

Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 5:30 p.m.
North High Brewing Co. in Beachwood

Join us for delicious bites, shareables and more.
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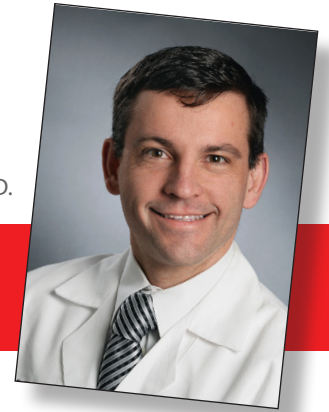
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How You Can Get Help for Your Hernia

// “I’m going to give myself a hernia!” You may have said something like that as you lifted a heavy object. Although said in jest, it’s true that incorrectly lifting a heavy object can cause a hernia

Hernia is a general term that means a hole or gap in a person’s muscle or connective tissue that allows another body part – such as fatty tissue or a loop of intestine – to push through it, into another space.

Hernias are named by the location in the body where they occur: umbilical (bellybutton) hernia, inguinal (groin) hernia, and hiatal hernia (between the abdomen and the chest).

“Hernias develop in areas where the muscle and tissues are weakened, which can occur with age, weight gain, or previous surgery,” explains Jeffrey Parks, MD, division chief of General Surgery and chair of Robotic Surgery at University Hospitals (UH) Ahuja Medical Center. “When pressure in the abdomen increases due to lifting a heavy object, coughing, sneezing, or straining, it can cause a hernia in that area of weakened tissue.”

Types and Risks

Abdominal wall hernias, including umbilical and groin hernias, are the most familiar type. They involve a portion of the intestine pushing through the abdominal wall and creating a lump in the abdominal wall.

Paraesophageal hernia is a type of hiatal hernia. In this condition, the top portion of the stomach bulges up into the lower chest through an enlarged gap in the diaphragm, the muscle wall that separates the chest from the abdomen. The esophagus is the tube-like structure that connects the throat to the stomach, passing down through the chest and the diaphragm.

A condition called incarceration is the main risk with hernias. Incarceration means a portion of tissue or organ pushes through the hole and gets trapped, or incarcerated. Incarceration can cause all kinds of problems, including significant pain, cutting off the blood supply to the intestine, or a blockage in the GI tract.

“Having a hernia repaired sooner rather than later can help you avoid these potential complications, and hernias tend to be easier to repair when they are smaller,” says Dr. Parks.

Hernia Repair

The standard procedure for repairing a hernia involves moving the intestine, stomach, or tissue back where it belongs.

“Whenever possible, we use a minimally invasive surgical approach and only do traditional open surgery in certain, specific cases,”

Dr. Parks adds. “For most patients, we reinforce the repair with a synthetic mesh that is safe to use in the body and designed for this purpose.”

Where to Start If You Think You Have a Hernia

If you think you may have a hernia, make an appointment with your primary care provider. He or she can diagnose a hernia based on a thorough physical exam and refer you to a surgeon if necessary.

Already know you have a hernia that needs repair? Putting it off increases your risk of life-endangering complications. Keep in mind that hernias do not get better on their own, and surgical repair is safe and effective.

“Having a hernia repaired sooner rather than later can help you avoid these potential complications, and hernias tend to be easier to repair when they are smaller,” says Dr. Parks.

Learn more about surgery repair and treatment options at UHhospitals.org/Hernia. To schedule an appointment with a UH provider in the Beachwood area, please call 216.508.8763.

UH Virtual Health Talks

UH is bringing our health experts to the community through a series of virtual health talks. The virtual seminars include a presentation by physicians who are experts in their field, followed by a Q&A session. These events are free but registration is required. **Visit UHhospitals.org/Health-Talks to learn more about health talks related to orthopedic surgery and other medical procedures.**

Welcome to the 2022 - 2023 School Year

Beachwood Schools welcomes new and returning families to the 2022-2023 school year. As we begin another exciting year of learning, we will continue our district-wide focus on the areas of intercultural awareness, mental health and student achievement.

To further these goals, our Director of Equity & Community Engagement **Kevin Houchins**, with the support of Administrative Assistant **Julie Felder**, created a one-of-a-kind cross-cultural excursion program for our 300 staff members. As part of a district-wide professional development day, we were out and about greater Cleveland visiting 17 unique sites. Among these excursions, staff toured AsiaTown, Old Stone Church, the Islamic Center of Cleveland and the International Women's Air and Space Museum. They learned to make diabetes-friendly meals at New Eastside Market and explored assistive technologies at the Cleveland Sight Center. The excursions not only deepened connections among our staff, they inspired us to celebrate the unique perspective every child brings to the classroom.



Also during our staff convocation, Beachwood Schools recognized two team members with Crystal Apple awards. This year's awards went to Head Custodian **Mark Parker** and Intervention Specialist **Meg Miller**. Both show a dedication

and pride in their work that goes above and beyond the call of duty. Their ability to create caring relationships with staff, students and families truly sets them apart. Congratulations, Mark and Meg!

As we begin a new year, school safety is understandably a topic on everyone's mind. We are grateful for our partnership with the Beachwood Police Department and the leadership of **C.J. Piro**, director of security for Beachwood Schools. School safety has always been a priority in Beachwood Schools. Officer Piro leads ongoing, hands-on training with our staff to ensure every employee understands the district's safety procedures and best practices.

We also recognize that students and families play a vital role in maintaining safe schools. This year we will continue to raise awareness on the importance of recognizing and reporting suspicious activities. Beachwood Schools, with the support of families and students, is committed to maintaining a safe, secure and healthy school environment.

On behalf of our school community, we thank you for your partnership in creating another wonderful year of learning and fun.



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COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic



Beachwood Schools recently welcomed the community to our board office by hosting a COVID-19 vaccine clinic operated by the Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland.

Dr. Karen Horowitz, Dr. Dennis Grossman, and Dr. Michael Rabovsky, all Beachwood residents, were among the volunteer caregivers providing COVID-19 vaccines and boosters to the public.

"I believe in doing this for our community," commented Dr. Horowitz.

Special thanks to **Nata Mendlovic** and the JFSA volunteers for their dedication in making the clinic a success. Beachwood Schools is grateful to serve the greater community.

Board of Education NEWS

Recent Resolutions:

- Safety and Security Presentation
- Hired ThenDesign Architecture for Elementary Facilities Project
- Approved 22-23 Bus Routes
- Hired Federal Grant Tutors
- Recognition of Students who Earned the Seal of Biliteracy

Future Resolutions:

- Approve Revised 5-year Financial Forecast
- Renew contracts for Administrators

Board Meeting Calendar:

- September 12, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
- September 27, 2022 @ 7:00 pm (Special Meeting)

2022-2023 Fun Facts District Demographics

Enrollment: approx. 1440

New Families (K-12): 76

Number of different languages: 27

46%	Caucasian
23%	African American
19%	Asian
6.5%	Mixed Race
5%	Hispanic
.5%	American Indian

Update: Elementary Facilities

NEW! Elementary Facilities Community Meeting Schedule

Please mark your calendar for the following public meetings and tours.

Tour: Bryden Elementary

Tuesday, September 6, 7 - 8 p.m.
Bryden Elementary, 25501 Bryden Rd.

Tour: Hilltop Elementary

Thursday, September 8, 7 - 8 p.m.
Hilltop Elementary, 24524 Hilltop Dr.

Community Presentation: Elementary Building Needs and Master Planning Concepts

Thursday, September 15, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Bryden Elementary, 25501 Bryden Rd.
* The community is invited to arrive 30 minutes early to tour the grounds and building.

Community Presentation:

Elementary Master Plan Options

Thursday, October 20, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Hilltop Elementary, 24524 Hilltop Dr.

* The community is invited to arrive 30 minutes early to tour the grounds and building.

Special Meeting: Facilities Master Plan Recommendation to the Beachwood Board of Education

Thursday, November 17, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Beachwood Board of Education, 24601 Fairmount Blvd.



The Beachwood Board of Education has approved ThenDesign Architecture – known as TDA – to develop master plan options that address the challenges of aging infrastructure at Bryden and Hilltop elementary schools. Both buildings were constructed starting in 1956.

TDA, which previously designed Beachwood High School's state-of-the-art stadium, will engage the public in conversations about the project scope and vision in a series of community meetings.

To welcome the widest public participation, the district has revised the schedule of community meetings, carefully considering a number of religious observances and holidays this fall. In addition, there are increased opportunities for the public to tour the elementary buildings and grounds. Childcare will be provided.

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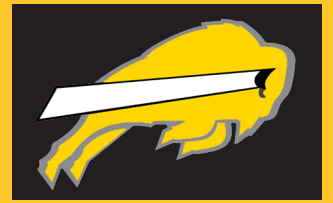


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Leticia Cardoso-Johnson
Special Education Assistant



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Speech-Language Pathologist



Arianna DeGeorge
Bryden/Fairmount Principal



Tomika Eason
Custodian



Rebecca Fleischmann
Office Assistant



Jeffrey Gacka
Bus Driver



Charlotte Grossman
School Nurse (Class of '09)



Hanna Hinrichsen
Intervention Specialist



Sara Krieger
Art Teacher



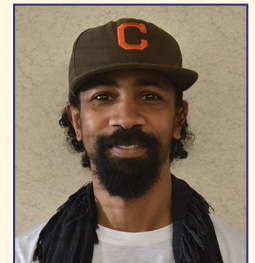
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Johnathan Luster
Intervention Specialist



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Director of Communications



Eddy Murphy
Bus Driver



Meshelle Nash
Bus Driver



Isaiah Parker
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Director of Pupil Services



Dr. Octavia Reid
Hilltop Principal



Allison Siekmann
Orchestra Teacher



Sunceriray Stallworth
Bus Driver



Alexandra Thailing
Special Education Assistant



Jessica Visger
Special Education Assistant



Anna Wilson
Preschool Assistant



Celebrating Jewish Life with Rabbi Rosie Haim

Rabbi Rosette Barron Haim, a Beachwood resident, struck a successful balance between the social and the sacred aspects of Judaism when she launched Celebrating Jewish Life, a six-dinner subscription series, to engage adults in ways that recapture the Jewish spirit and reconnect them to the Jewish community. The subscription-based series, now in its fifth year, kicks off the season with its Erev Rosh Hashanah event on Sunday, September 25, at Cleveland Marriott East.

Rabbi Haim, affectionately known as Rabbi Rosie, brings to the Cleveland Jewish community a wealth of life cycle, pulpit, and counseling experience. She instills a sense of Jewish pride, confidence, and connectedness in people of all ages, and was recently elected as the first female chair of the Israel Bonds National Rabbinic Advisory Council.

Rabbi Rosie came up with the idea for Celebrating Jewish Life after leaving her full-time rabbinical position at a local synagogue.

"I saw an opportunity to create an enriching program tied to the Jewish holidays because a lot of my contemporaries were no longer affiliated with a synagogue," she explained. "Many parents are driven by their kids' agendas and drop affiliations after their kids' B'nai Mitzvahs. Then, when their kids go to college, they miss being involved in a Jewish framework."

The idea for a subscription-based program came from Rabbi Rosie's subscription series to Playhouse Square.

"Sometimes I really only want to see a few plays in the series, but once I buy tickets for the season, I choose to attend shows that I may not have otherwise seen."

Celebrating Jewish Life replicates this concept by inviting subscribers to attend six holiday experiences.

"This model entices subscribers to celebrate holidays that they may not ordinarily celebrate," Rabbi Rosie said. "Plus, Cantor Laurel Barr and musician Chuck Fink participate to further enhance each experience."

With more than 150 subscribers, Celebrating Jewish Life is a community of empty nesters, full lifers, millennials, baby boomers, retirees, and those who want to share holidays with others and enjoy their Judaism.

Rabbi Rosie also hopes to channel her passion for social change that strengthens the Jewish community and creates Jewish leaders who may enjoy engaging with local and nationally based organizations, such as Jewish

Federation of Cleveland, AIPAC, Israel Bonds, Jewish National Fund, Na'amat, ORT, United Way, and many more.

The subscription series, which includes all six dinners, services, and experiences, is \$625 per person. Subscribers may purchase additional individual experiences for friends or family members at \$125 each, or \$100 for guests ages 36 and under. Experiences are fully transferable, but non-refundable. Subscribers are encouraged to transfer opportunities to others if unable to attend.

Celebrating Jewish Life will continue to follow best practices concerning the pandemic to keep everyone safe and healthy. The plan is to continue the in-person experiences at the various venues and make Zoom available.

To learn more, subscribe, or sponsor a holiday experience, please visit www.celebratingjewishlife.com, or contact Rabbi Rosie at 216.223.8736 or info@celebratingjewishlife.com.

"This model entices subscribers to celebrate holidays that they may not ordinarily celebrate," Rabbi Rosie said.

Rabbi Rosie and Neil Tramer, a Celebrating Jewish Life member, share some Purim jokes at last year's Purim Megillah reading at Topgolf.

Celebrating Jewish Life 2022-2023 Subscription Series Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 25 • 6 p.m.
Cleveland Marriott East
Beachwood

Begins with a festive dinner, followed by the Rosh Hashanah service and oneg.

Erev Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 4 • 6 p.m.
Cleveland Marriott East
Beachwood

Begins with dinner, followed by the Kol Nidre service and Yizkor.

Pre-Hanukkah Shabbat

Friday, December 16 • 6 p.m.
La Danse Cleveland
Beachwood

Begins with candle lighting, service, and dinner, followed by good music, fun spirit, and a chance to learn some new steps.

Purim

Sunday, March 5 • 4:30 p.m.
Topgolf Cleveland
Independence

Begins with Megillah reading, followed by dinner and delicious hamentaschen. Use of the golf bays is included for fun and entertainment.

Passover Second Night Seder

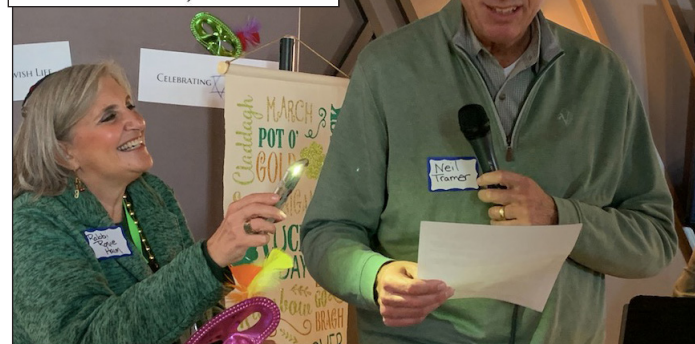
Thursday, April 6 • 6 p.m.
Café 216
Beachwood

Enjoy seder, dinner, and desserts.

Shavuot Shabbat

Friday, May 19 • 6 p.m.
Mayfield Country Club
South Euclid

Begins with a service, followed by a festive meal and oneg.



Celebrating 20 Years – Milestones Continues to Rock!

By Arlene Fine

If milestones are measured by significant changes or stages of development, Milestones Autism Resources has lived up to its name for the past 20 years.

Founders Ilana Hoffer Skoff and Mia Buchwald Gelles are trailblazers who created a nonprofit that has enriched, informed, and supported the lives of thousands of autistic individuals, their families, educators, and professionals in Northeast Ohio and beyond.

“When Ilana and I were grappling with the best way to help our pre-school-age children on the autism spectrum, there were few reliable resources in our community,” said Mia. “We knew that a resource network was needed to educate, coach, and connect parents like us to evidence-based information. Our children did not learn like neurotypical children,

but we were sure there were methods, interventions, and techniques that could help our kids achieve important developmental milestones.”

From their Cleveland Heights homes, the women first planned the inaugural Milestones conference in 2003 and then created the nonprofit that same year. “We brought in a nationally known keynote speaker and were overjoyed when 400 people attended,” said Mia. “Based on the overwhelming number of participants, we knew we had struck a chord.”

Milestones’ mission quickly garnered community, professional, and financial support. Each successive national



Milestones co-founders, Ilana Hoffer Skoff and Mia Buchwald Gelles.

conference has drawn impressive crowds and renowned speakers, and has provided professionals with thousands of hours of professional development. What has changed over the years is the role autistic individuals play either working for the organization, serving on its board of directors, and/or participating at national autism conferences.

“We’ve had autistic keynotes and speakers at our conferences who share first-hand experiences and have become invaluable resources in informing the work we do,” said Mia.

Ilana Hoffer Skoff credits the organization’s longevity to its strong, solid foundation made up of a highly engaged board of

directors, passionate and diverse staff, and an impressive, involved list of community partners.

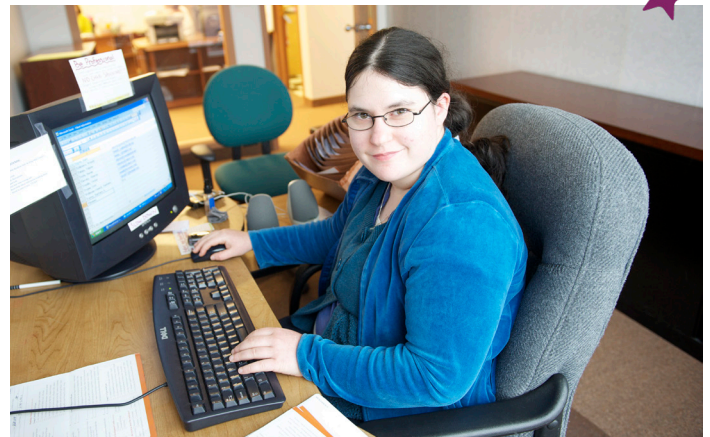
“Milestones is Cleveland born and bred and we are grateful that community members, established Northeast Ohio organizations, healthcare providers, and schools recognize Milestones as a place where autistic individuals, their parents, and professionals can turn to for trusted guidance and support,” she said. “We are unique: You won’t find an organization like ours in every city and state.”

Ilana’s attitude of gratitude for what she has learned from Milestones professionals and personal experience is evident when she speaks to parents of

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Exhibitors at the Milestones National Autism Conference.



Beachwood resident Hannah Shiffman, Milestones’ first autistic intern in 2009.

autistic individuals. "I realize the importance of focusing on each child's strengths and to look at the whole person – what are the child's likes and dislikes, and how they can contribute in their own way," said Ilana. "As much as we want our children to be independent, it is the interdependence of each of us, whether we are neurotypical or neurodiverse, that contributes to our individual success, personal happiness, and the enrichment of all of our lives."

Supporting diversity in all forms has become an important Milestones goal. It sparked the creation of a Diversity Taskforce to address disparities in diagnosis and treatment, as well as an online social group that was conceived and is staffed by autistic individuals.

"Communicating online reduces the stress of personal, face-to-face interaction for autistic individuals and lets them respond at their own pace," said Mia. "We

are working toward creating other online forums geared to the autistic community like one for LGBTQ+ individuals and another for people 45 and older."

The latest Milestones contribution is the Milestones Autism Planning tool (MAP), which provides free online information and advice for autistic individuals, their families, and professionals. This is a step-by-step guide with practical life-skills tips, goals, and information categorized by age. MAP is divided into the following categories: Life and Social Skills, Education, Physical and Mental Health, Law and Finance, and employment.

"Our ultimate goal is for autistic individuals to reach their full potential and lead meaningful lives," said Mia.

Mia and Ilana will be

Staff, volunteers, and families happily attended Strike It Big in April 2022, Milestones' first in-person event since the start of the pandemic.

honored at Milestones' 20th Anniversary Annual Benefit Celebration on Thursday, October 27, at Driftwood Caterers, Landerhaven, as supporters gather to honor the past, embrace the present, and

envision the future. Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are also available. For details, visit www.milestones.org, or contact Vanetta Perry at 216.464.7600, ext. 113, or vperry@milestones.org.

Milestones Autism Resources Provides:

- A free autism HelpDesk
- A yearly national conference
- A new online guide called MAP: visit milestones.org/map
- A self-advocates social group
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For further details, call Andy at 216.533.9715.



The War in Ukraine & the Fate of Its Jewish Community

Featuring Professor David Fishman of the Jewish Theological Seminary

Wednesday, September 14 • 7:30 p.m. • On Zoom



On the eve of the Russian invasion, there were an estimated 100,000 Jews in the country, with a diverse and active communal life. How has the Ukrainian Jewish community fared during the war and what are its prospects for the future?

Professor Fishman is a professor of Jewish History at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), the Conservative movement's rabbinical and cantorial seminary, in New York

Ukraine was for centuries a major center of Jewish life, but also a center of pogroms and anti-Semitism. With the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, a new chapter in Ukrainian Jewish history began, culminating in the election of Ukraine's Jewish president, Volodymyr Zelensky.

City. He is a specialist in Eastern European Jewry, and is also the director of Project Judaica, JTS's program in Ukraine, which is based at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy University.

The program is free and open to the community. We do encourage all attendees to donate to one of the following organizations that are helping all Ukrainians: Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), Doctors Without Borders, or World

Central Kitchen. Find out how to donate by going to their individual websites.

Pre-registration is required to receive the Zoom link. Register at www.parksynagogue.org. Please direct questions to Ellen Petler at epetler@parksyn.org or 216.371.2244, ext. 122.

Event co-sponsors are Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, Park Synagogue, Congregation B'nai Israel of Toledo, and Congregation Tifereth Israel of Columbus.



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Hakhel CLE • September 18

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Have you ever been to an event where you were both the audience and the performer? Probably not! Join hundreds of women on Sunday, September 18, for a night of camaraderie, music, and inspiration like you've never experienced before.

The event, called Kulanu Nashir (literally translated as "we will sing together"), will draw upon the power of music and singing as a unifying force. Just in time for the High Holidays, the event will aim to tap into the spiritual energy of the New Year and leave participants uplifted and tuned in for the holy days ahead.

Kulanu Nashir will be a massive women's jam session. Participants will learn two songs, together as a group, led by musical director Rachel Covitch, with a live band and choir as accompaniment. All voices, ages, and talents are encouraged to join and celebrate Hakhel!

What is Hakhel? The Shmittah year, or every seventh year in the

Jewish calendar, is considered a year of Sabbath. Just as Jews take the seventh day of the week to rest from their work, the seventh year of Shmittah is similar. Most famously, it is the year farmers put down their plows and wheelbarrows, and leave their fields alone. They "rest" from their work for a whole year.

The year after Shmittah is known as Hakhel, or "gathering." When the Temple still stood, during the Sukkot holiday, men, women, and children flocked there to listen to parts of the Torah read aloud. Swarms of people found the streets of Jerusalem lined with trumpeters, leading the way to the Temple. There was an infectious feeling

of unity, spirituality, and re- invigoration in the air, and the excitement was palpable. With the blaring trumpets, millions of people, and a holy atmosphere, the event echoed the most important hallmark of Jewish history: the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

Each person participating in the Hakhel celebration – from all walks of Jewish life and tradition, young and old, rich and poor – was deeply inspired and energized to reconnect to G-d and recommit themselves to observing the Torah with enthusiasm and honesty.

"Although we no longer celebrate Hakhel in the same way, Hakhel CLE will bring those same

feelings of solidarity, sanctity, and song to the community," said Rebbetzin Sheindl Chaikin, event chair. "Kulanu Nashir will be a night you'll never want to forget. Please join us on September 18th!"

Kulanu Nashir will be held at Yavne High School, 2475 So. Green Rd., Beachwood

Men's Event: Saturday, Sept. 17
Doors Open at 10 p.m.
Event begins 10:30 p.m.

Women's Event: Sunday, Sept. 18
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Menorah Park Celebrates Inspiring Volunteers

Steel drum music, laughter, and applause filled the air during a heartfelt celebration of volunteers with awards presented to Jerry Block and Meryl Kaplan, two outstanding individuals.

"This was a meaningful opportunity to show our gratitude to an amazing group of people who freely give of their time. They bring such passion, talents, and caring to our communities, enhancing each day for residents, clients, and staff," said president and CEO Jim Newbrough. "We are so lucky to have each and every one of them, and are glad to welcome them back after a hiatus due to pandemic restrictions."

"Because of our volunteers' compassion, our residents, staff, and family members are able to further enjoy time in our communities," said Vicki Snyder, director of volunteers. "They are our ambassadors and Menorah Park would not function as well without their help. Nobody expects anything in return. Today, I hope all volunteers enjoy the party, because they deserve it."

Gertrude Himmel Volunteer of the Year Award

"We appreciate the opportunity afforded by the Himmel family to honor an epitome of volunteerism, while we thank all of our volunteers for everything they do at this annual celebration," said Vicki Snyder, director of volunteers.

Gertrude (affectionately known as Gert) Himmel, of blessed memory, loved volunteering at Menorah Park's snack shop and the family found this award to be a perfect way to share her legacy and honor her memory.

According to Vicki, Jerry Block, who has volunteered at Menorah Park for seven years, received this distinction for his dedication. His warmth and spirit initially shone through when he volunteered as a cashier in the employee cafeteria. He then assisted in Pearl's Place, doing everything from cashiering to stocking to cleaning tables.

"If Jerry sees something that needs to be done, he just does it," exclaimed Vicki. "He's simply that dedicated."

Klein Bernstein Volunteer of the Year

It was apropos that the day of this celebration, July 13, was the birthday of Millie Klein, the beloved matriarch of blessed memory and first volunteer coordinator at Montefiore, who inspired this award. Daughters Judy Willensky and Leslie Klein Rosen shared fond memories prior to Jamie White, Montefiore volunteer coordinator, announcing Meryl Kaplan as this year's recipient.

Meryl began volunteering when she decided, after retiring, to continue the tradition of her beloved mother who proudly dedicating her time to the "caring committee" at her synagogue, and other worthy causes. As an active volunteer at Montefiore, Meryl has helped at bingo and with afternoon services.

"At a time when many were unable to volunteer during the pandemic, she bravely came back and assisted the Enrichment Department with transporting residents, and is now a beloved addition to the emotional wellbeing of those who she wheels down to the beauty shop each week," said Jamie. "She recently brought warmth and cheer by dancing with a resident right in the middle of shopping, demonstrating the instincts that make her so special."



Barb Himmel, Marty Himmel, Bob Himmel, and Barry Himmel present Jerry Block (center) the Gertrude Himmel Volunteer of the Year award.



Steve Willensky, Judy Willensky, and Leslie Klein Rosen present Meryl Kaplan (center, right) the Klein Bernstein Volunteer of the Year award.

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Stop the Hate

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Shine Your Light: 15th Annual Stop the Hate

Kick-off Event • Thursday, September 8 • 7 p.m. (ONLINE)

Free with Registration • Register at www.maltzmuseum.org

One story can create a ripple effect of positive change throughout an entire community. That's exactly what the Stop the Hate program and contest is all about – providing a platform for Northeast Ohio middle and high school students to share their stories of courage and compassion, with the chance to win \$100,000 in scholarships for themselves, awards for teachers, and anti-bias education grants for schools.

Join us for the Stop the Hate Kick-off Event to learn about museum tours, classroom workshops, and scholarship contests.

You'll hear:

- Past contest finalists reading their winning essays
- Teachers of the Year sharing how participation has improved their classrooms
- How to schedule a Stop the Hate Museum Tour, in-person or online
- How to participate in free essay and songwriting workshops led by teaching artists from Lake Erie Ink and Roots of American Music
- Access the do-it-yourself curriculum on our website
- Earn a Stop the Hate participant certificate, which is great for college or job applications
- Win \$100,000 in scholarships, prizes, and anti-bias education grants
- Have your questions answered!

Can't attend? The program will be recorded. Please register to receive a link for the recording, which you can watch on your own time.

For more information, email education@mmjh.org or call 216.593.0593.

Save the dates for these free online Stop the Hate events!

Stop the Hate Youth Speak Out Winter Break Writing Camp with Cuyahoga County Public Library
December 27, 28, 29 • 3-4:30 p.m.

Stop the Hate Teen Essay Writing Workshop with Lake Erie Ink
Monday, January 16

Stop the Hate Winners Ceremony
Monday, April 19

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Yarn Over Beachwood

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The group meets the first Friday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Beachwood Library.

Participants create varied projects that include hats,

bird nests, lapghans, and more – and yarn donations are always welcome! To participate or donate yarn, contact Iris November at lbrtyclub@gmail.com or 216.375.9111.



Volunteer at the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Fall Cemetery Cleanup

Sunday, September 18 • 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery
3740 Ridge Road • Cleveland

There's no greater mitzvah than caring for those who came before us. Join volunteers of all ages and honor our ancestors by raking, pruning, and beautifying a local Jewish cemetery. All cleanup supplies will be provided. Register today at www.jewishcleveland.org.



CWRU'S Siegal Lifelong Learning Celebrates 10 Years

In 2012, Case Western Reserve University and the Laura and Alvin Siegal College of Judaic Studies combined existing adult education programs to form a new initiative, the Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program at CWRU.

This new entity was formed to host an array of continuing education opportunities which has evolved to include personal enrichment courses and lectures in both general and Jewish studies, continuing professional studies boot camps and certificate programs, and a travel program for alumni and friends.

Although many of these programs have been developed over the past 10 years, some predate the formation of Siegal Lifelong Learning. The legacy programs that still run today include The Association for Continuing Education (ACE), The Course Audit Program (CAPSC), Senior Scholars, and the Origins Science Scholars series.

Over the past decade, Siegal Lifelong Learning grew and flourished, and today offers more than 400 courses, lectures, boot camps, certificate programs, and travel opportunities each year.

In March 2020, Siegal quickly changed course to offer remote programming, while recently rebuilding in-person learning on campus, in Siegal's Beachwood facility and in satellite locations including South Franklin Circle, Lakeland Community College, Judson Manor, The Normandy, and The Cleveland Museum of Art. All of these programs are administered by a dedicated nine-person staff.

On Wednesday, September 14, at 7 p.m., Siegal will mark 10 years of achievements with a celebration at CWRU's Tinkham Veale

University Center, 11038 Bellflower Rd., Cleveland. The program will include a series of 10-minute lectures from some of its top instructors, followed by a dessert reception open to the community. For more information, visit case.edu/lifelonglearning/anniversary.

CWRU's Siegal Lifelong Learning Program offers innovative and engaging programming for adults of all ages to pursue their love of learning. Classes, workshops, and lectures provide opportunities for participants to interact with internationally renowned scholars who share their cutting-edge research and to engage in lively conversation about current topics of interest. For more information, visit www.case.edu/lifelonglearning, or call 216.368.2090 or 216.368.2091.



On Wednesday, September 14, at 7 p.m., Siegal will mark 10 years of achievements with a celebration at CWRU's Tinkham Veale University Center, 11038 Bellflower Rd., Cleveland. The program will include a series of 10-minute lectures from some of its top instructors, followed by a dessert reception open to the community.

Classmates Reunite

Classmates from the Beachwood High School Class of '62, the school's second graduating class, recently met at the pavilion in Beachwood City Park West to celebrate 60 years since graduation.

"We got together because 60 years is pretty significant," Charleen Factor told us. "We had a picnic in the park for our reunion instead of a gala because we wanted something more casual."

Eight classmates attended the picnic, some with spouses. There were 56 people in the graduating class and, unfortunately, 15 have passed away.

"Our group was small but mighty," Charleen added. "It was fun to get together and reminisce about good times we had in high school."



*Pictured: Wayne Stokes, Gerry Orlove Rich, Don Wachsberger, Charleen Greenberg Factor, Roger Zeefe (second row), Sandra Vargo Wristen, and Howard Shanker
Not pictured: Jerry Spott*

"It was fun to get together and reminisce about good times we had in high school."

– Charleen Factor

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invite you to join them the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. to learn more about Democratic candidates who will be on our ballot.

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Jewish Cleveland Becomes First Faith-Based Community in the United States to Link Security Camera System Directly to 24-hour Emergency Communications Center

The Jewish Federation of Cleveland recently announced that its security provider, JFC Security, LLC (JFC Security), has launched a new, technology-based community monitoring system that is directly linked to a 24-hour emergency communications center. The system – which utilizes more than 700 sophisticated, 360-degree-view security cameras and 26 automated license plate readers – provides a live feed to the communications center, where trained security personnel watch for suspicious behavior or anomalies to typical day-to-day activities.

The system, created and implemented by JFC Security, comprises Jewish institutions across northeast Ohio and is the first of its kind in the United States. It is modeled after similar systems currently being used successfully in various European cities.

“The creation of this system is part of our ongoing efforts to help keep Jewish Cleveland open, welcoming, and safe to all in the face of growing Jew hatred and antisemitic violence in our society,”

said Keith Libman, chair of the Cleveland Federation’s Security Committee. “This advanced system transforms passive security cameras into a real-time monitoring tool. When it comes to community security, it is always better to ‘review and rule out’ than ‘respond’ after the fact.”

The system was recently featured at the 2022 National Homeland Security Conference in a session called Creating Public/Private Partnerships to

Protect Faith Based Communities. This annual conference brings together hundreds of professionals from across the country with backgrounds in homeland security, law enforcement, fire, and emergency management to learn best practices in homeland security and see new emerging technology to support their mission.

“Our new system accelerates the two-way communications with law enforcement at a time when Jewish institutions and lives

are under a greater threat,” said Oren Baratz, Federation’s senior vice president of external affairs. “It’s a natural complement to the extensive safety training we do throughout the community.”

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– Keith Libman

Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland Welcomes Deborah A. Katz as New President

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland (JGSC) is pleased to announce that Deborah A. Katz, JD, Ph.D. will serve as its new president. Dr. Katz previously held the position of first vice-president of programming and, in 2019, organized the first Katz Family Reunion in 114 years in conjunction with the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies conference held in Cleveland.

Dr. Katz grew up in Pepper Pike, the daughter of Dr. Gary I. and Nancy (Gilford) Katz and graduated from Hawken in 1980. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania and earned her JD, MA, and Ph.D. at The Ohio State University in Columbus where she lived and worked for 30 years. She is now retired in Medina, Ohio, and focused on her two favorite passions: genealogy and photography.

“Building Connections” is a top priority for Deborah Katz and she plans to update JGSC resources

and extend accessibility. JGSC will continue to offer world-class programming through Zoom and focus on partnerships with the broad Cleveland and Jewish genealogy-related communities.

The Jewish Genealogy Society of Cleveland is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Its mission is to foster Jewish family history and genealogical research. The Society educates the public and disseminates information on Jewish records, sources, techniques, archives, and libraries, and has done so since its inception in 1982. The Society maintains

its own research library, available to any researcher and housed at Anshe Chesed Fairmount Temple.

Please join us on Zoom for our next program, “Secrets, Lies, and Families ... Let’s Talk!” on September 7, 7 p.m. Noted author, Diane Cole, will discuss the genealogy lessons from *The Almost Legendary Morris Sisters: A True Story of Family Fiction*, by Julie Klam. To register, email rsvp@jgscleveland.org. For membership and general



information, visit our website at www.jgscleveland.org.

For more information, contact Deborah A. Katz at president@jgscleveland.org.

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Minor Boys League

Beachwood Recreation recently joined forces with Mayfield Heights, Orange, Cleveland Heights, and South Euclid to form the Minor Boys League, designed for children ages 9 and 10.

Two Beachwood teams faced each other in the championship game, and great game was played by all! The Beachwood team coached by Sam Ruskin

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The Beachwood Neurodiversity Family Network, a support group for families with special needs in the Beachwood City School District, invites you to kick off the school year by attending its second annual Ice Cream Social and Services Overview on September 18, 3-5 pm, at the Beachwood Board of Education, 24601 Fairmount Blvd.

The East Coast Custard food truck will be there, courtesy of Beachwood PTO, along with local service providers who will share information about their offerings.

For more information and a calendar of the group's upcoming events, please visit www.beachwoodschoools.org/neurodiversity.aspx.

Entertaining by Design is Back!

Friday, November 4, 12 - 7 p.m. • Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Ohio Design Centre, 23533 Mercantile, Beachwood

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Enjoy this two-day extravaganza and mingle with Cleveland's most talented interior designers as they showcase spectacularly themed tabletop, dining, and entertaining vignettes with as many as 20 different displays. This is a great opportunity to gather special occasion and holiday ideas, and vote for the best design. For details, contact Jennifer Allen at showroom@surfacematerials.com or 216.292.4242.

About Providence House

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About the Ohio Design Centre

The Ohio Design Centre is one of Cleveland's best kept secrets – a group of exceptional showrooms featuring beautiful products that inspire and that typically cannot be found at local retailers. The finest custom furniture, exclusive fabrics, wall coverings, artwork, rugs and floor coverings, lighting, and accessories from premier manufacturers are on display. Experience where the interior designers shop! Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The public is welcome.

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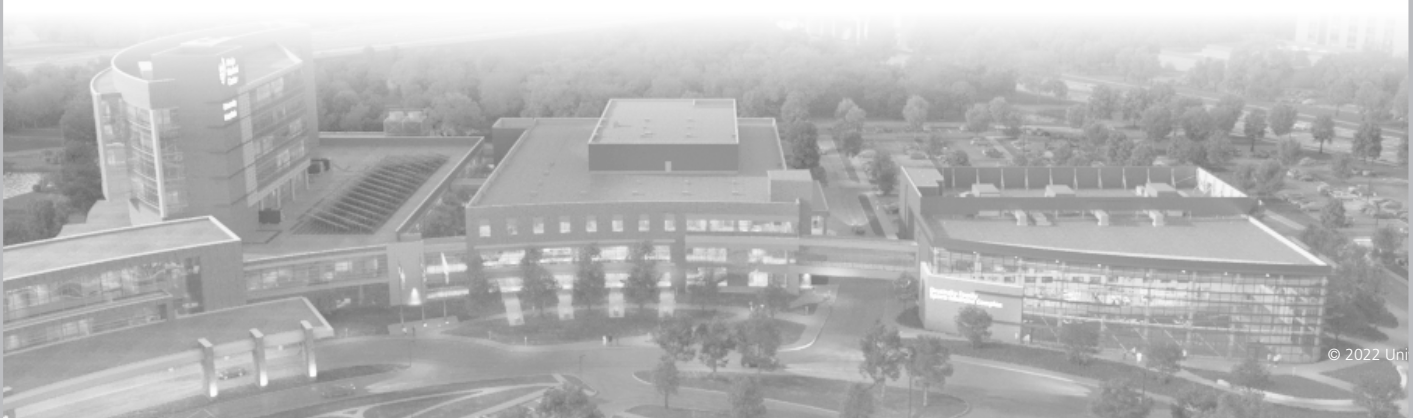
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